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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's Springtime! It is now time for baseball, yard work, long walks, and more importantly, Lewis and Clark (and other historical) activities). I am anxiously awaiting the Ohio River Chapter Spring meeting at Shaker Village, Kentucky. I live so close, but have yet to visit Lewis and Clark sites in that area. I am particularly interested in learning about that section of the Wilderness Trail. Ohio River Chapter members have already received information from meeting planners Chuck and Alice Crase. If you have not yet done so, make plans to attend some, if not all, of the meeting.

Besides learning more about Lewis and Clark, this will be an important meeting for the future of the Ohio River Chapter. Several members have stepped up in an attempt to update and streamline our chapter. Our membership may be decreasing, but I feel we have a core group that that is really interested in the betterment of the chapter and spreading the word of "Lewis and Clark." I believe special thanks goes to those who worked on by laws and membership concerns. I say, "thank you." Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a tentative meeting agenda. Please be sure to contact me if you wish to have any additional items included. Also in the newsletter, is a slate of officer candidates for you to consider. We want all of the membership to know what to expect when it comes to discussing and voting on chapter activities.

Future chapter meeting locations may need to be discussed as well. It may be that Chuck will need to continue as vice-president. He may need some help from chapter members to find sites and to organize programs. I know there are still a few areas that we have yet to visit. New Harmony, Indiana (Karl Bodmer and Prince Maximilan) comes to mind. We do have one couple that is very knowledgeable on that subject. (How is that for a hint?) We are also in the time period of learning more about the War of 1812. I see no reason why we cannot revisit sites such as Mississinewa 1812 and Fort Meigs that have that 1812 theme with Lewis and Clark connections. However, meeting planning is completely up to the vice-president, but there are ways chapter members can help.

Jerry Wilson
Chapter President



ORC Spring Meeting

The ORC Spring Meeting will be held at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky near Harrodsburg (<http://www.shakervillageky.org/>) on April 26-28, 2013. Spring is a great time to be in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky and I invite everyone to attend all or part of the meeting.

The weekend will get started with a plated dinner Friday night at 6:00PM in the Trustees Building. After dinner we will have a presentation on The Wilderness Road by Brian Thompson. Brian is a local amateur historian with a special interest in Colonial America and the also the American Revolution. I will then share my slide show from the regional meeting in Fort Pierre, South Dakota sponsored by the Encounters On The Prairie Chapter. We will then review the schedule and the upcoming weekend activities.

Saturday morning starts with a buffet breakfast at the Trustees Building. Next, the group will caravan through historic sites of Boyle and Lincoln counties. One site is the William Whitley House in Lincoln County, the oldest brick house west of the Allegheny Mountains and an early fortress along the Wilderness Trail. On display will be Whitley's flintlock rifle, which according to Kentucky lore, was the gun that killed Tecumseh at the battle of the Thames. The group will visit the site of Logan's Fort, which is currently being reconstructed, for a presentation and walking tour. This was one of the three original forts built in Kentucky. Other historic sites will be visited as a drive by since time will be limited. There are also some sites Lewis and Clark used as they traveled along the Wilderness Trail that have been identified. We are anxious for the group to see these.

Saturday afternoon we will return to Shaker Village for a guided tour followed by a music demonstration. Dinner will be at 6:00PM at the Trustees House. ORC business meeting will be after dinner at about 7:30PM.

Sunday we will continue our touring, first at Fort Harrod in Harrodsburg then finish at Constitution Square in Danville. Carolyn Crabtree, our tour guide, has uncovered some interesting connections for Meriwether Lewis in the area.

If you can come early on Friday or stay late Sunday, Shaker Village is a beautiful, quiet and peaceful place to walk, meditate, relax and take in the sights. Your tour ticket will be good throughout the weekend to gain admission to the buildings and exhibits. If you can come even earlier in the week there is horse racing, the way horse racing was meant to be, at Keeneland in Lexington, KY.

A detailed schedule will be sent out in mid-April.



SHAKER VILLAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Print and complete one form for each attending person meeting.

Make checks payable to OHIO RIVER CHAPTER.

Mail completed form and check to:

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Registration is for meals and events at Shaker Village for which we must prepay.

Attendee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate the meals and events you will be attending in the amount submitted column then total these amounts for your registration fee. For the whole meeting, the registration fee is \$95.90.

Date Event Cost Amount Submitted

4/26/2013 Meeting Room \$5.00 \$5.00

4/26/2013 Plated Dinner \$28.50 _____

4/27/2013 Buffet Breakfast \$9.95 _____

4/27/2013 Guided Tour \$14.00 _____

4/27/2013 Plated Dinner \$28.50 _____

4/28/2013 Buffet Breakfast \$9.95 _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE \$95.90 _____

Hotel Registration is separate and is done individually by calling Shaker Village and speaking with Ann Voris, Group Sales Manager, at 859-734-1548. Room rates are \$80.00 single and \$90.00 double. We will have a block of rooms in the same area. Each room is furnished with reproduction Shaker furniture and furnishings. **This block of rooms will be held for our group until March 28, 2013.**

SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES

In anticipation of the membership approving the recommendations made by the by laws committee and having advance knowledge of officer candidates, the chapter nominating committee wishes to present the following as 2013-2014 chapter officers beginning October 1st, 2013:

President-Margaret Wozniak
Vice-President-Chuck Crase
Treasurer-Skip Jackson
Secretary-Julia Teuschler
Communications-Lorna Hainesworth

Submitted by:
Jerry Wilson
Skip Jackson
Janice Wilson

Tentative ORC Meeting Agenda

I have included a tentative agenda for our Ohio River Chapter Spring meeting. Please let me know if you have any items that you would like included.

Secretary report
Treasurer report
Bylaws committee
Membership committee
Eastern Legacy
New Orleans regional meeting
Boy Scout Jamboree
LCTHF Wellness Challenge
Future chapter meetings
Election of officers

Again, if you have an item you wish placed on the agenda, please email me at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com. And, of course, items can be presented at the meeting, as well.

LCTHF REGIONAL MEETING NEW ORLEANS



New Orleans Regional Meeting attendees from twenty-three states are pictured in front of the Battle of New Orleans Monument at Chalmette, Louisiana.

On Thursday, February 28 through Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Illini and Ohio River Chapters hosted a regional meeting in New Orleans as well as in parts of northwestern Louisiana and southwestern Mississippi. The evening before, an informational meeting was held at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel. The attendees were welcomed and were provided with an agenda of activities for the next three days. The attendees were also given needed materials such as streetcar passes, boat tickets, etc. It was then recommended that everyone get a good night's rest as the next three days were going to be very busy. The activities on Thursday started with a brisk morning walk to Cafe Du Mond for breakfast passing along the way the sites of Dr.

George Hunter's (Hunter-Dunbar Expedition of 1805) mill and distillery and Dr. Joseph Barrabino's (Karl Bodmer visited in 1833) home and pharmacy.

Upon returning to the hotel, we boarded a bus for the trip to Chalmette to visit the site of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans. Group pictures were taken first, then an outstanding presentation was given by a park ranger with a brief history of the War of 1815 and how the Battle of New Orleans played such an important part. The attendees then viewed the rebuilt earthworks, the monument and the visitor's center. The bus then returned the group to the hotel, and we immediately walked to a river dock to board the NATCHEZ Riverboat. As we moved down the Mississippi we were served a fine New Orleans set down meal. The riverboat made the turn in site of the Chalmette battlefield, then traveled back to the downtown area. Visits to two New Orleans headquarters were next.

First, the Historic New Orleans Collection (a museum) provided several historic documents for us to view. One document in particular made some Ohio River Chapters very excited. The museum had exhibited a historical survey document of the area made by Jonathan Clark. Could this be new, unfamiliar information to Clarkies"? Well, no. After some searching, the tour guide said, "probably not." Jim Holmberg concluded the same. On to the Williams Research Center (library) where again many historic documents were displayed. Another fine presentation was made; we were then allowed to view the documents. My favorite was a letter written by Blaise Cenas.

Part of the Williams Research Center is a refurbished hotel/boarding house and is located at 535-537 Conti (corner of Conti and Chartres). This was the location of William Clark's 1798 stay in New Orleans. This hotel was once called The Rising Sun Hotel, and several attendees were convinced this was the inspiration for the song "The House of the Rising Sun" (you know, "There was a house in New Orleans they call the Rising Sun. It's been the ruin of many a poor boy..."). Well, that made Lorna Hainesworth and Dan Sturdevant break out in song right on the streets of the French Quarter. We then made our way to the hotel to rest and recover for the evening activities.

That evening we strolled to the nearby Mulattes restaurant for a very filling Cajun dinner with a Cajun band playing in the background.

The activities on Friday again started with a brisk walk to another fine New Orleans French Quarter breakfast shop, Croissant d'Or Patisserie. We then walked through parts of the French Quarter with the Basin Street Visitors Center and St. Louis Cemetery #1 as destinations. One site in particular was noted, that being the residence of John James Audubon's stay in New Orleans. The group strolled through St. Louis #1 (which is the oldest above ground cemetery in New Orleans dating to the late 1700's) noting several tombs. The tomb that generated the most excitement was that of Blaise Cenas.

After the cemetery visit the group walked to the Cabildo (Louisiana State Museum) where again we were allowed to view many of their excellent displays. The next stop was one of the streetcar lines, which took us out to the City Park area. Lunch stops were provided at several local restaurants (attendees choice), then time was provided to visit the park, art museum, etc. The remainder of the evening was free time with advice given for a restful sleep.

The Saturday activities were to mainly take place in the St. Francisville, Louisiana and Woodville, Mississippi area. That meant a long bus ride with several presentations along the way. In particular we were happy to have Tulane professor Richard Campanella along. He provided us with much valuable information about the history and geography of the area. One of the historical events that took place in an area that we traveled through was a slave uprising that occurred in 1811. Again Blaise Cenas was involved. The first official stop was at a small plantation cemetery (Locust Grove Cemetery) where a presentation



Ohio River Chapter members in front of the Battle of New Orleans Monument.

Presentation at Locust Grove Cemetery near St. Francisville, Louisiana





Hikers in front of the Ft. Adams Blockhouse Hill Monument near Woodville, Mississippi

was given that included Lewis and Clark connections. We then stopped at the Audubon Historic Site for lunch, plantation tour and museum visit. Both the cemetery and plantation are near St. Francisville. We then made a short bus tour of the town including a pass by of the Myrtles Plantation. The Myrtles was built by Whiskey Rebellion notable David Bradford. Another St. Francisville stop was a bed and breakfast plantation tour which had in it's library an important Lewis and Clark book. What a fine! We then based on to the Woodville, Mississippi area where at the first stop we were given a presentation by a Moses Hooke descendant (you know, the expedition could have been named the Lewis and Hooke Expedition). We then divided into three groups depending on interest.

One small, intrepid group chose to climb the location of the old Ft. Adams Blockhouse Hill. The others took a nature hike or visited museums. Finally, that evening in Woodville, a local church provided us with a meal (and some much needed wine) that even included a few songs accompanied by their pipe organ.

Everywhere the group traveled we were treated with wonderful New Orleans and Southern hospitality. I know I will miss someone, but I will try to mention as many people/groups as I can. The Chalmette Battlefield, in particular their ranger (I should also mention our bus driver, Gregory. He took us to some unbelievable locations); The Historic New Orleans Collection; The Williams Research Center; the boat company that provided both the bus and the riverboat; Mulattes; Cabildo; Richard Campanella; various citizens of the St. Francisville, Louisiana and Woodville, Mississippi area. There are so many more.

I hope you noticed a mentioned the name of Blaise Cenas several times. Cenas, of course, has a Lewis and Clark connection especially to the Ohio River Chapter. It was the discovery of Cenas being buried in New Orleans that gave a start to this meeting. See how it morphed into a three day meeting.

Again, many thanks to the Illini and Ohio Chapters for co hosting the meeting. We had over 50 attendees from 23 states that took part. The meeting planners Lou Ritten of the Illini Chapter, Jerry and Janice Wilson of the Ohio River Chapter and Lorna Hainesworth of both chapters spent many hours, days, weeks and years as well as many trips to the wonderful city of New Orleans to fulfill our intentions of providing a once in a lifetime experience.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

Fort Adams

Wilkinson County, Mississippi



Forgotten Linchpin of the Lower Mississippi Valley

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Book Recommendation

FORT ADAMS WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FORGOTTEN LINCHPIN of the LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
by Louis N. Ritten

As part of the LCTHF New Orleans Regional Meeting of February 28-March 1-2, 2013 co-sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter and the Illini Chapter Lou Ritten authored a companion book centered on Ft. Adams, Mississippi. Much time was spent in research and travel to find and develop connections, however slight they may be, to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Ft. Adams was established in 1798 and was abandoned in 1811, which corresponds to the time period we all love to study. The reader will find many names that we know well. Read about William Clark's travels on the Mississippi River to New Orleans and Natchez. I will always believe the boarding house of Clark's 1798 stay was the inspiration for the song, "House of the Rising Sun". My opinion only. If Meriwether Lewis would have continued his 1809 Mississippi River trip, would he have stopped at Ft. Adams? Other familiar names mentioned in the book are Andrew Ellicott, Aaron Burr and, of course, James Wilkinson. But we learn about some less familiar names, as well. How about Blaise Cenas, David Bradford and Moses Hooke?

I believe this book will be a great addition to any Ohio River Chapter member. The information will allow us to further study and learn about the history of our country in the late 1700's/ early 1800's. I plan to make many more visits to the Old Southwest using this book as a reference. If you want to expand your knowledge of the history of the United States, I recommend you purchase this book. Attendees of the regional meeting received a book as part of the registration. Lou has a supply of first editions for sale. Hopefully, enough copies can be sold that a second printing will be needed. Lou can be reached at lritten01@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson



“...And A Little Child Shall Lead Them”—Isaiah 11:6

Submitted by Jim Mallory

On 25 March 2013 Kentucky State Capital Governor Steve Beshear signed an official proclamation recognizing 20 August as Sgt. Charles Floyd Day.

Thanks to an eleven-year-old student, Mary Ellen McKenzie, the daughter of Alicia and Mark McKenzie, annually on 20 August, Kentucky will recognize the contributions of Sgt. Charles Floyd to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Mary Ellen has already started planning and asking for help with ideas to make the day special. Mary Ellen and her parents have visited a number of Lewis and Clark Trail sights including Floyd’s final resting place in Sioux City, Iowa. In the near future she wants to visit the Wisconsin Historical Society at Madison to see Floyd’s Journal and will visit the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia to see the original Lewis and Clark Journals.

Mary Ellen’s excitement for the Lewis and Clark story and its preservation reflects the impact this story has on every generation. Children are and can be leaders.

ATTENTION

Ohio River Chapter Members

Write a check in the amount of \$10.00 per person/\$15.00 per family made payable to Ohio River Chapter.

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Reminder

Revised Chapter Bylaws will be discussed and voted upon at the Spring 2013 Meeting. Bring your copy with you to the meeting.

Enlightenment through Exploration

Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Annual Meeting

Sunday July 28, 2013 at 8:30 AM CDT

-to-

Wednesday July 31, 2013 at 8:30 PM CDT

<http://www.lewisandclark.org>

From the Journals

[Clark]

Friday April 27th 1804

prepareing to pack up Indians goods

[Lewis]

Saturday April 27th 1805

This morning I walked through the point formed by the junction of the rivers; the woodland extends about a mile, when the rivers approach each other within less than half a mile; here a beatifull level low plain commences and extends up both rivers for many miles, widening as the rivers recede from each other, and extending back half a mile to a plain about 12 feet higher than itself; the low plain appears to be a few inches higher than high water mark and of course will not be liable to be overflown; tho' where it joins the high plain a part of the Missouri when at it's greatest hight, passes through a channel of 60 or 70 yards wide and falls into the yellowstone river. on the Missouri about 2½ miles from the entrance of the yellowstone river, and between this high and low plain, a small lake is situated about 200 yards wide extending along the edge of the high plain parallel with the Missouri about one mile.

[Lewis]

Sunday April 27th 1806

This morning we were detained untill 9 A. M. in consequence of the absence of one of Charbono's horses. the horse at length being recovered we set out and [NB: passed above our camp a small river called Youmalolam riv & to] at the distance of fifteen miles passed through a country similar to that of yesterday; the hills at the extremity of this distance again approach the river and are rocky abrupt and 300 feet high. we ascended the hill and marched through a high plain for 9 miles when we again returned to the river, I now thought it best to halt as the horses and men were much fatigued altho had not reached the Wallah wollah village as we had been led to beleive by our guide who informed us that the village was at the place we should next return to the river, and the consideration of our having but little provision had been our inducement to make the march we had made this morning.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ORC 2013 Spring Meeting—April 26-28

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