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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A year after attending the 2012 Fur Trade Symposium in Pinedale, Wyoming, I was happy to finally receive our copy of the Proceedings. The symposium commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Astorians and consisted of a series of presentations and field trips much like those presented at an annual meeting of the LCTHF. Distinguished scholarship, “feet-on” visits to historic sites, and panel discussions comprised this four-day event last September.

As I read through the 11 papers of the Proceedings, I could not help but compare the experiences of the Astorians with those of Lewis and Clark. Here are some of my reflections.

Astor had a two-pronged approach to the Pacific Fur Company’s business—an overland expedition and a sea expedition. It is the overland party of which I write.

Knowing the importance of employing strong, hardened men, Astor opened a Pacific Fur Company office in Montreal to recruit French-Canadian voyageurs from the Hudson Bay Company and hearty Scotsmen from the Northwest Company. These men would seem to be the equals of those tough Army enlistees and frontiersmen recruited by Lewis and Clark. In addition to these Canadian fur traders, additional men were hired in St. Louis to trap furs and do subsistence hunting.

Leading the Astorians was Wilson Price Hunt, an inexperienced outdoorsman, in fact a merchandiser, but one who had the necessary qualification of being an American. This was important because it was unclear if Jay’s Treaty extended the commercial rights of British citizens to lands of the Louisiana Purchase. The PFC was, after all, an American endeavor and should be led by an American! So, lucky Mr. Hunt was selected. More seasoned frontiersmen such as Donald McKenzie, Robert McClellan, and Joseph Miller assisted him.

Like Lewis and Clark, the overland party spent one winter upstream from St. Louis, in this case at the mouth of the Nodoway River 450 miles to the north. When the party embarked the following spring, there were six PFC partners, 56 additional men including naturalists John Bradbury and Thomas Nuttall, and Pierre and Marie Dorion and their two children. Remember Pierre? The Dorion’s third child was born en route and lived only a few days.

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Hunt's original plan was to follow Lewis and Clark's Missouri River route. However, in late May two groups of seasoned trappers joined the party. Both groups were on their way downstream to St. Louis. Benjamin Jones and Alexander Carson were returning home after many years in the fur trade. Edward Robinson, John Hoback, and Jacob Reznor, three Kentuckians, had similar experiences working for the Missouri Fur Company and had been as far west as Henry's Fort on the Snake River. They also reported a negative contact with the Blackfeet, resulting in Robinson's scalping. These newcomers told Hunt that a better course west was to go overland from the Arikara villages. Hunt agreed to it. With five guides, what could go wrong?

This new plan puts a new perspective on things! Horses, horses, now they needed horses! They were purchased from the Arikara and nearby Cheyenne--a total of 82 horses. Seventy-five were packed with trade goods, equipment, food, and traps. Only the leaders and Marie Dorian rode.

The travails of Hunt's group are enough to make a river of tears. The group split into many subgroups, made wrong choices when crossing the Rockies, found that horses and goods left in the care of the Shoshone were not to be found when needed, and had many tragedies in traveling on the Snake River—even in Hell's Canyon! They dribbled into Astoria between January and May of 1812. Only 45 of Hunt's original group made it.

What happened to these seasoned outdoorsmen of the HBC and NWC? Where was the discipline? The planning? Where was the geographer? Ah, William, how we yearned for thee! Wilson Price Hunt did meet with Lewis and Clark shortly after their return to St. Louis in 1806. But, oh, he had so much to learn, much more than he realized.

I have made notes from the Proceedings, jottings of names of people and places that I want to read about this winter. It will be interesting to continue making comparisons between the two expeditions which occurred so close on the timeline, but were widely separated in achieved outcomes.

Copies of the Proceedings of the 2012 Fur Trade Symposium are available at the Trading Post, museumofthemountainman.com for \$24.95.

Did you know that John Jacob Astor was born in Walldorf, now a part of northwest Germany? Remember that the next time you lodge at the Waldorf Astoria! (Yes, two different spellings.)

Happy reading,
Margaret Wozniak

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Ohio River Chapter October 12, 2013
Minutes of Meeting

4:30 p.m in the Conference Center of the New Harmony Inn, New Harmony, IN

Margaret and Doug Wozniak of Michigan generously offered a Great Gala Apple Sharing prior to the Call to Order...a delicious beginning.

Pres. Wozniak welcomed all to the meeting and commented very favorably on the activities of the evening before and the previous tour activities today.

She asked speakers be recognized before speaking out during discussions to lend order to the meeting proceedings.

The next announcement was a reading by Jerry Wilson. He had found the Lewis Memorial information in Donald Jackson's "Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," which he felt would also impress the members as it had himself. In conclusion, he asked for help to become better informed regarding Trail information and, currently, more sharing as to what is happening concerning our chapter.

ORC Founding Member from Lexington, and a past President of the chapter, Jim Mallory requested a slight reordering of the meeting agenda so as to share information from the Boy Scout Jamboree of July and particularly the mountain top Living History encampment near Beckley, West Virginia. He said the Boy Scouts hiked half an hour from the bus drop-off to the encampment. They received the medallion after visiting the various stations of the re-enactors. He said it was a very well-liked and meaningful activity for the several thousand Scouts who visited. He reiterated his appreciation to ORC for contributing to the funding the medallions. (His thank you note was read at the meeting—Secy. note)

In addition, Jim reported on a GPS Bronze marker placed at the gravesite of William Bratton in Waynetown, Indiana to mark the 10 year anniversary of the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Jim Keith of Clarksville and Jerry Robertson of Sellersburg also were a part of the school program dedicating the the dedication marker. The students and

administration were excited that Lewis and Clarkers were visiting for the dedication.

The Vice President's Report/Future Meetings Chair included a review of the Sunday events planned for the group from VP Chuck Crase. He also updated members on possibilities for the 2014 meeting on March 14th and 15th weekend when ORC will attend the Kalamazoo, Michigan Living History rendezvous at The Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Skip and Bear Hemmings have attended this event; Skip vouched for its singularity due to its many vendors of items interesting to period interpreters and Lewis and Clark enthusiasts, such as ORC members. The meeting center for our groups will be a Sheraton Hotel in Kalamazoo. Chuck will have a complete schedule closer to the Spring Meeting.

Other sites for future meetings include a Regional Fall meeting at Ft. South West Point as described in a letter from Chuck Crase to Trent Strickland, President of the Carolina Chapter. Brian Thompson, who did such an excellent research for the Shakertown Meeting, will be researching the four Expedition members recruited from this post near Kingston, Tennessee. They met Lewis and Clark who had stopped at Ft. Massac to assess them. (Reference: Michael Haynes artwork depicting the selection of recruits and George Droulliad at Ft. Massac on the Ohio.) One of the meeting goals is to dedicate a historic marker based on this location at the confluence of the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers and add it to the ever-increasing Eastern Legacy's importance to the Lewis and Clark Expedition's success. Chuck will be finalizing plans and reporting more for this 2014 ORC Meeting location.

The **Secretary's Minutes** were not read since they had been included in *On The Ohio* newsletter. They were, however, accepted as reported.

The **Treasurer's Report** gave a balance of \$3410.18. This large amount is directly related, Skip Jackson said, to the minimal expenses for our OTO newsletter since it is sent digitally by Lorna and there is very little postage or printing costs as previously expended for a hard copy.

The **Communications Officer** suggested a November 15th deadline for articles to include in the next newsletter. She also reported that on Nov. 9th she would present her slides showing Fort Southwest Point at the Carolina Chapter's meeting in Greensboro, NC with the intention of giving that chapter a better view of what this location has to offer.

Other Reports to the Chapter included:

The Wellness Challenge is now up to 13 teams after adding 3 new teams. The Bismarck Annual Meeting Walks included about ten people for each 6 a.m. meeting of the three walks scheduled.

The excess proceeds of \$200.00 from the New Orleans Regional Meeting was given by Jim Koss to the ORC. Jerry moved this amount be added to the Wellness Challenge. Lorna seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice.

Unfinished Business

Jim Snyder reported the Boy Scout Patches are with Tom Williams, and he thought a member should have them. Jerry Wilson volunteered to take over the BS Patch project.

Update on the Trail Stewardship grant application requested by Paige Cruz with Mike and Lorraine Loesch for *Marking Ohio River Corridor Primary L&C Preparatory Expedition Sites with a Special Keelboat/Pirogue Sign*. Paige will inform the chapter as soon as she knows about the status of the grant.

New Business

The issue of Chapter condolence cards was discussed pursuant to the notice of the passing of Ann Bear in August. After discussion, Skip moved the chapter NOT send cards. Georgia seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice.

The reading of a letter to Jerry Wilson, immediate past president, from the Lewis and Clark Ft. Mandan Foundation marketing coordinator, Nicolette Borlaug, stated how

appreciated the ORC sponsorship of the Future Explorers program at the July 28-31st 45th Annual Meeting was to the Foundation. A balance of \$450.00 will be transferred to the 46th Annual Meeting Future Explorers program in 2014.

With no further business to transact and the buffet being moved into the hall, Doug Wozniak voiced a motion to adjourn; Skip Jackson seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia A. Teuschler,
Secretary

Addenda for fun

As a measure to share news about members' lives, Pres. Margaret asked all present to share an unknown fact about him/herself. Each would put this secret on a piece of paper which would then be put in a hat, passed out to other members, etc. A round table of discovery was held with guesses by members of whom the clue might describe. All enjoyed this sharing and the rafters of the great room almost trembled with the surprising information.

Julia in the Bluegrass

A moment of silence was shared at the meeting in remembrance of member

Ann P. Bear

July 19, 1943 - August 25, 2013

Indianapolis, Indiana | Age 70

<http://flannerbuchanan.tributes.com/obituary/read/Ann-P.-Bear-96325870>

ORC Upcoming Meetings

Spring 2014: Kalamazoo Living History Show
Four Points Sheraton, Kalamazoo, MI
March 15 & 16, 2014

Summer 2014: LCTHF Annual Meeting
Tri-Cities Region, WA
July-August 2014

Fall 2014: Fort South West Point
Kingston, TN (Exact Dates TBA)

Spring 2015: Berea, KY
Lewis & Clark on Wilderness Trail
(Exact Dates TBA)

Representative Listing of Meriwether Lewis's Harpers Ferry Acquisitions

- ① 40 Fish Gigs with a Single Barb Point
- ② 36 Pipe Tomahawks "for Indian presents"
- ③ 24 Pipe Tomahawks
- ④ 24 Large Knives
- ⑤ 15 Rifles
- ⑥ 15 Powder Horns and Pouches
- ⑦ 15 Pairs of Bullet Molds
- ⑧ 15 Wipers or Gun Worms
- ⑨ 15 Ball Screws
- ⑩ 15 Gun Slings
- ⑪ 1 Small Grindstone
- ⑫ 1 Collapsible Iron Frame Boat
- ⑬ Extra Parts of Locks
- ⑭ Tools for Repairing Arms



Meriwether Lewis obtained many critical supplies here at Harpers Ferry. He supervised their preparation between mid-March and mid-April 1803.

He returned on July 7, 1803, to make a final inspection before the items were transported to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The supplies from Harpers Ferry were instrumental in the success of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

MERIWETHER LEWIS AT HARPERS FERRY

Meriwether Lewis relied on the U.S. Armory and Arsenal at Harpers Ferry for guns and hardware that would meet the unique requirements of his western expedition. On March 16, 1803, Lewis arrived in Harpers Ferry, Virginia with a letter from Secretary of War Henry Dearborn addressed to Armory superintendent Joseph Perkins (Perkin?):

Sir:

You will be pleased to make such arms & iron works, as requested by the Bearer Captain Meriwether Lewis and to have them completed with the least possible delay.

Lewis was to procure 15 rifles, 15 powder horns, 30 bullet molds, 30 ball screws, extra rifle and musket locks, gunsmith's repair tools, several dozen tomahawks, 24 large knives and other items including the branding iron and, of course, the iron boat (more about the boat at a later time).

Later, on April 20, 1803, Lewis wrote to Jefferson:

My rifles, Tomahawks & knives are already in a state of forwardness that leaves me little doubt of their being in readiness in due time.

Finally, on July 8, 1803, Lewis again wrote to Jefferson:

Yesterday I shot my guns and examined the several articles which had been manufactured for me at this place, they appear to be well executed.

We all know the importance of Harpers Ferry to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Be prepared to attend either a regional or annual meeting at this historic place sometime during the year 2016.

Jerry Wilson

Kalamazoo Living History Show

Richard "Bear" Hennings

For the past thirty-eight years, the third weekend in March has been the date when thousands of re-enactors, black powder shooters and history buffs gather at the Expo Center located on the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. They come each year to be part of the largest, juried show of its kind in the Midwest, the Kalamazoo Living History Show.

Over the years the Show's attendance has continued to grow. Today more than ten thousand visitors from eighteen states and Canada make it their destination point each spring. It is the place to meet with old friends and also make some new ones. This is where you can purchase the latest "must have" item, or that one thing that has been on your wish list for so long. With over two hundred and seventy of the finest craftsmen and dealers from around the Midwest displaying their wares, one is sure to find that one item that will help make them and/or their camp stand apart from the rest.

Entering the newly remolded building that is host to the show, one gets the feeling that they have become a voyageur in time, that they have entered a place where the modern world is left outside the door. Slowly proceeding on from one room to the next, you begin to realize that this journey is a far greater experience than first believed. You begin to sense that you are making your own voyage of discovery through a marriage of historical lectures, art, music and museum quality items. All coming together in perfect harmony.

The Living History Show is limited to pre-1890 original or reproduction muzzle loaders, living history supplies and related crafts. In short, if you are involved in the sport of black powder shooting, the hobby of re-enacting, or if you have even the slightest interest in the history of this great country there is something at the Living History Show that will appeal to you.

Should you find that while viewing the myriad of display tables, you are suddenly overcome by an attack of hunger, fear not, for there is a food court inside the building that can rescue you from any such an attack.

The Show in 2014 will be held on the 15th and 16th of March, and will have an extra attraction this year. Members of the Ohio River Chapter will be on hand to promote the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. As of this writing, we are uncertain exactly how many tables will be allotted our group, but volunteers will be needed to help man them nonetheless. Additionally, if you have a Lewis and Clark related item that would add to the display, or if you would like to volunteer to spend a little time behind the table(s), please let Chuck know. It is a Show policy that any one working behind a table must be dressed in period clothing.

The admission price is \$7.00 for a day pass and \$10.00 for a weekend pass. I can tell you from experience though that the weekend pass is the better buy, as you most likely will want to return on Sunday.

As many of you know, Michigan's weather in mid-March can be sixty degrees or there can be a foot of snow to deal with, so plan accordingly.

Hope to see you there, helping to support the Ohio River Chapter.



Ohio River Chapter Spring Meeting
Kalamazoo Living History Show
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
Kalamazoo, MI
March 14-15-16, 2014



The Spring Meeting of the ORC will be March 14-15-16, 2014 in Kalamazoo, MI. The Members will congregate Friday at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, just off I-94 at exit 80. Friday evening will be a time of catching up and enjoying dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Saturday morning we will attend the Kalamazoo Living History Show at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on the grounds of the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. This is very close to our hotel. At the Show, we will have tables set up to display our Lewis and Clark items to attract visitors and stimulate interest in Lewis and Clark. Our members will be in period dress, pre-1890's, and will man the tables to answer questions for the curious and to talk Lewis and Clark. As Keepers of the Story, we want to tell the story, explain the significance of the story, and use this opportunity to recruit new members and followers for the ORC and LCTHF.



Attendees are asked to wear period dress which you can order from Jas. Townsend and Son, Inc. (<http://www.jas-townsend.com/>). Please, bring a Lewis and Clark treasure from home to display and discuss. Attendees should also wear their Lewis and Clark nametags to clearly identify whom we represent. We will man our tables in shifts to give everyone time to browse. Vendors will be selling all sorts of goods and the Food vendors will be serving a lunch menu.

There will also be Living History Presentations throughout the Show which we can enjoy. Skip will be doing Meriwether Lewis. This is a really large event, well-staged, well attended, and should be a lot of fun for our group.

The ORC Business Meeting will be Saturday evening about 5:30pm, after the Show closes, at the hotel. After the Meeting, we will have dinner, site and time to be determined.

There are a lot of interesting things to do in Kzoo. Museums include the Gilmore Car Museum (<http://gilmorecarmuseum.org/index.php>) in Hickory Corners; Air Zoo (<http://www.airzoo.org/>) in Portage; Kalamazoo Institute of Art (<http://www.kiarts.org/>) in Kalamazoo; and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum (<http://kvm.kvcc.edu/info/>) in Kalamazoo. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum (<http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/>), in Ann Arbor and in Grand Rapids, would make an interesting day trip. A guided tour of Western Michigan University is in the works. The town of Marshall has an interesting collection of preserved period and ethnic architecture in its Downtown Section, now home to galleries, antique shops, and cafes. Schuler's Restaurant and Louie's Bakery are must see stops.

KALAMAZOO REGISTRATION FORM
Ohio River Chapter Spring Meeting 2014
Kalamazoo Living History Show

Attendee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Email: _____

Registration:	Fee	Enclosed
Registration Fee/Meeting Room _____	\$15.00 _____	\$ _____

Total Registration Fee for this Meeting is \$15.00 per attendee.

All Meals will be paid for individually either at the hotel or local restaurant.

Hotel Registration:

Four Points by Sheraton Kalamazoo, (Exit 80 off I-94), 3600 East Cork Street Court · Kalamazoo, MI 49001 · United States · Phone: 269-385-3922 · Hotel Reservations: 866-716-8133. Website: <http://www.fourpointskalamazoo.com>. Mention Lewis and Clark Foundation for special Room Rate of \$79.00/night, plus taxes. Breakfast NOT included. On site restaurant is open for breakfast and dinner.

Kalamazoo Living History Show:

Kalamazoo County Expo center (<http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/expo/index.htm>) and the Kalamazoo Living History Show (<http://www.kalamazooshow.com/>), **2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048, 269.383.8778.** Expo admission is \$7.00 for one day, \$10.00 for two days; you will pay individually at the door. Hours are Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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From the Journals
Thanksgiving Day—November 28, 2013

[Clark]

November 28th 1803

Set out this morning of 8 oClock from the lower point of the horse Island, which Island is Situated opposit the mouth of Kaskaskies River Commonly Called *Aucau* Creek— passed the mouth said River at half passed 8 oClock— the high lands make near the Mississippi below the mouth of said River, a bold and rocky shore

[Lewis]

November 28th 1803

This morning left Capt Clark in charge of the Boat

[Clark]

28th Novr. Wednesday 1804

a cold morning wind from the N. W river full of floating ice, began to Snow at 7 oClock *a'm* and continued all day at 8 oClock the *Poss-cop-so-he* or Black Cat Grand Chief of the Mandans Came to See us, after Showing Those Chiefs many thing which was Curiosities to them, and Giveing a few presents of Curioes Handkerchiefs arm bans & paint with a twist of Tobacco they departed at 1 oClock much pleased, at parting we had Some little talk on the Subject of the British Trader Mr. Le rock Giveing Meadils & Flags, and told those Chiefs to impress it on the minds of their nations that those Simbells were not to be recved by any from them, without they wished incur the displeasure of their Great American Father— a verry disagreeable day— no work done to day river fall 1 Inch to day

[Ordway]

Thursday 28th Nov. 1805

a hard Storm. the wind high from the N. West. Several men went out to hunt the but killed nothing hard rain all day—

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