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On The Ohio.....

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President’s Message

This message is coming to you from the beautiful mountain town of Coeur d'Alene, ID. The city sits on the banks of the Lake Coeur d'Alene with a backdrop of evergreen covered mountains and is truly one of the most magnificent scenes that Alice and I have ever seen. It is absolutely spellbinding. The lake is fed by the Coeur d'Alene River and is the headwaters of the Spokane River which heads on to the Columbia River. Mining and lumber were big industries here in times past, but this area and all of Northern Idaho is now considered a playground. Boating, water sports, hunting, skiing, hiking, sightseeing, all outdoor sports and tourism are big here.

This is the kind of place you never want to leave, but today we will do some sightseeing on our way to the LCTHF Board meeting in Clarkston, ID. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and getting on with the business of the Foundation. The ORC is now well represented with four Board members. After two days of meetings, we will have two days of local touring with the group before returning home to Kentucky.

The Clarksville event was a smashing success. There was truly something for everyone. I was most involved with the ORC booth. Richard and Sandy Hennings had a display of Indian artifacts that Lewis & Clark would have seen on their expedition and a display of Indian trade goods that L&C took to pass out as gifts. There was a lot of interest in these displays shown by the visitors. The booth also had an ORC recruiting station staffed additionally by Skip, Jan, Alice and Chuck. Using a team effort, members of our Chapter we were able to sign up 18 new ORC Members. We are so pleased to welcome these new members to our Chapter

I also signed on with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO., the boat people, and spent 4 days with them bringing the Keelboat and Pirogue down the Ohio River. The group left Clarksville after the Festival on a Wednesday and I joined them on Sunday at Newburgh, IN. The flotilla continued on down the Ohio River to Ft. Massac at Metropolis, IL. I got to experience both the keelboat and the pirogue, learning how to handle the boats and even took a turn at the tiller each day. I slept on the keelboat and assisted with security. Alice was part of the ground support team. It was a once in a lifetime experience and I look forward to continuing to work with DESC in some capacity. Great experience with a great group of guys. DESC are also great teachers, especially for the youngsters. I learned a lot on this adventure.



Alice and I also attended the Ft. Massac Encampment. There were tents and re-enactors everywhere, along with Fife and Drum Units, Boy Scouts, vendors, exhibitors, food booths and thousands of visitors. It was quite an event. I hope we can get a meeting there set up at the Ft. Massac Encampment one of these years.

**Secretary's Report
Ohio River Chapter
October 1, 2016
Clarksville, Indiana**

Opening:

The fall meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Chuck Crase. An invocation, *A Prayer for our Country*, by Francis Scott Key (4th stanza of the Star Spangled Banner) was given by Skip Jackson. Skip also led the chapter in the Pledge to the Flag and followed with an explanation of the design of the American flag.

Secretary Report:

A reading of the minutes of the summer meeting was waived since the minutes were published in the latest edition of the chapter newsletter. Sandy Hennings made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Skip Jackson, voted, and passed.

Vice President Report:

Jerry Wilson reported on the spring chapter meeting. The spring meeting will be one of three future meeting which will center around the approximate time period of September 28-October 4, 1803 when Lewis departed the keelboat at Cincinnati, Ohio and traveled by horseback to Big Bone Lick, Kentucky. Lewis described in a letter to Jefferson that the trip by horseback was 17 miles, and the keelboat trip mile by way of the Ohio River was 53 miles. Part I will take place in April of 2017. Parts II and III will take place in future Fall and/or Spring meetings. As of this date the host hotel will be in the centrally located Lawrenceburg, Indiana area. Planning is nearly completed for Part I. Planning for Part II is nearly completed as well. Planning for Part III will be a logistics nightmare, but if completed will be an important part of the Ohio river portion of the Lewis and Clark Trail. All meetings will involve a caravan to the sites, with a need to share expenses with the driver. Lorna Hainesworth will present her program, Corps in the War of 1812, as part of the April, 2017 meeting. Information on a specific date and meeting site will be sent out in January of 2017 and further information in a Spring 2017 OTO.

Jerry also reported on the Harpers Ferry meeting which was held in July. He reported that the meeting was a success and showed a good profit and that the meeting was well attended.

Treasurer Report:

Skip Jackson gave the Treasurer's report. He reported a balance of \$16,289.18. \$11,669.60 of the balance is from the Trail Heritage Foundation Grant for the Eastern Legacy Sign system project, \$82.50 is in the American Heritage Girls Patch Fund, and \$2.50 is in the Boy Scout Patch Fund. The chapter has \$4,733.28 in unrestricted funds. Skip reported that, as of right now, the dues cover any chapter costs. He reported 27 paid units in dues as of this date.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Communications Officer's Report:

Richard Hennings reported that ninety-one members are receiving the newsletter by e-mail. Fourteen additional are mailed as hard copies. He is also sending emails of the newsletter to thirty "friends of the Ohio River Chapter". Suggestions from the chapter included an additional newsletter to be sent out after each meeting and to include a short bio of members in newsletters periodically. Richard said that he would be able to send out the additional newsletter.

Committee Reports:

President Chuck Crase reminded all members to be sure to send him their volunteer hours.

There was no report on the Eastern Legacy Sign System due to the absence of Mike Loesch and Paige Cruz, however, a discussion did take place on the Eastern Legacy Legislation. Even though the comment period has expired, Skip Jackson made a motion that the Ohio River Chapter highly endorse the extension of the Eastern Legacy as put forth in the recent study. Sandy Hennings seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Janice Wilson gave a report on the Wellness Program which is sponsored by the chapter. She reported that the 2016-2017 Program began September 1 with 13 teams. More information will be available when teams begin to report their point November 1. Jerry presented a check for \$1,000 to Skip Jackson to be placed in the Wellness Program funds. This money is part of the profit of the Harpers Ferry meeting.

A discussion took place concerning the chapter's webpage and Facebook page. A question was raised concerning whether chapter members could post pictures or information without going through a third party as is the case at present. The discussion continued as to the purpose and most effective use of these social media tools. Chuck will check into this and report back to the chapter.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Wilson reported on the patch programs. He submitted three checks for American Heritage Girls patches and reported that the girls had also sent letters as to what they did to earn the patches.

A discussion was held concerning the advertising in Smoke and Fire publication. Richard Hennings reported that it is hard to determine at this point if the advertisements helped in getting any new members, but felt that it was a tool to get information on Lewis and Clark to people who might be interested. Richard reported that six new members had signed up at the Clarksville event this weekend.

Chuck Crase reported on the Chapter Logo, motto, and new membership rack cards. He felt membership cards were needed when recruiting new members. He is checking into prices of printing cards. (sample shown at summer meeting) Sandy Hennings made a motion to print membership cards. The motion was seconded by Linda Robertson, was voted and passed. There was also a discussion on the suggested chapter logo and motto, 'On the River, Where the Journey Began'. Sandy Hennings made a motion to accept the logo. Skip Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was voted and passed with one negative vote and several abstentions. Chuck also reported that he is investigation making patches and a banner with the new Ohio River logo and motto, and possibly, a hat and shirt.

Jerry Wilson reported on the Endowment Grant for Big Bone Lick. He said that Big Bone Lick State Park is in the process of upgrading their museum and Visitors' Center. They are looking for grant opportunities but have decided not to pursue the Lewis and Clark Foundation grant at this time, but may do so in the future.

New Business:

Skip Jackson made a report for Ester Duncan on the Bratton grave marker that had been damaged. He asked that an additional forty hours of volunteer time be added to what she had submitted due to her work on the restoration of the marker. (a copy of the email sent by Ester will be on file in the secretary notebook)

Chuck Crase presented some ideas for Regional Meeting along the Ohio River. One suggestion was for a meeting around the Fort Massac sight, possibly coinciding with the Annual Fort Massac Encampment in October. Another location Chuck suggested might be around Wheeling, West Virginia. Another member suggested Big Bone Lick during their Salt Festival.

Announcements:

The Board of Directors for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be meeting October 27-28, 2016, in Clarkston, Washington and March 30-31, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington.

The Annual Fort Massac Encampment will be held October 15-16, 2016. See metropolistourism.com for more details.

Each committee member should copy all correspondence on a committee topic to all members of the committee.

Official chapter business should be copied to all officers, ie executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Wilson/Secretary

SPRING 2017 ORC MEETING

Dear Sir,

Cincinnati, October 3rd, 1803

I reached this place on the 28th Ult.; it being necessary to take in a further supply of provisions here, and finding my men much fatigued with the labour to which they have been subjected in descending the river, I have determined to recruit them by giving them a short respite of a few days, having now obtained the distance of five hundred miles. On the evening of the 1st inst. I again dispatched my boat with orders to meet me at the Big Bone lick, to which place I will pass by land, it being a distance from hence only seventeen miles, while by water it is fifty three, a distance that will require my boat in the present state of the water near three days to attain.

The late reserches of Dr. William Goforth of this place at that Lick has made it a place of more interesting enquiry than formerly. I shall therefore seize the present moment to visit it, and set out early tomorrow morning for that purpose.

Letter found in LETTERS OF LEWIS AND CLARK WITH RELATED DOCUMENTS
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The Spring 2017 ORC meeting will take place April 28-30 at sites north of the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. As we can determine from the October 3rd, 1803 letter, Lewis did not descend all of the Ohio River on his boat. There was a distance, by his calculation, of 53 miles that the crew and the keelboat were without his guidance. The ORC will examine those sites along the north side of the Ohio River (Lewis at Big Bone Part I). During a later meeting, the ORC will examine those sites on the south side of the Ohio River (Lewis at Big Bone Part II). During the third meeting we will also examine, by his calculation, the 17 miles of land from Cincinnati to Big Bone that he did experience (Lewis at Big Bone Part III).

Watch for a January e-blast for updated information and the Spring OTO for final information on the upcoming meeting. The chapter lodging and meeting room will be located at the Riverside Inn 515 East Eads Parkway (US 50) Greendale, Indiana (where Zebulon Pike is buried, more on that later). We can begin making reservations after the January e-blast. The meeting will include War of 1812 connections, William Henry Harrison in particular, so we are very happy that Lorna Hainesworth has consented to present her program on Corps members in the War of 1812.

Tentative future ORC meetings:

- Summer 2017 Billings, Montana (LCTHF Annual Meeting July 22-26)
- Fall 2017 Falls of the Ohio (Locust Grove in particular late October)
- Spring 2018 Lewis at Big Bone Part II (April?)
- Summer 2018 Lewis at Big Bone Part III (July?)
- Fall 2018 Astoria, Oregon (LCTHF Annual Meeting October 7-10)

That will take me up to my final ORC meeting planning. Someone out there should be thinking about being the next ORC Vice-President/Meeting Chair. There are still many locations our chapter members can visit.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson ORC Vice-President/Meeting Chair

From the Journals

8th this day wrote to the President, purchased a pirogue and hired a man to work her, my men were much fatequed and I concluded it would be better to give them a days rest and let them wash their clothes and exchange their flour for bread or bake their bread in a better manner than they had the means of baking it while traveling. dined with Colo. Rodney and his suit, in the evening they walked down to my boat and partook of some watermellons. I here also met with Dr. Patterson, the son of the professor of mathematicks in the University of Phiilada. he expressed a great desire to go with me I consented provided he could get ready by three the next evening. he thought he could and instantly set about it, I told the Dr. that I had a letter of appointment for a second Lieut which I could give him but did not feel myself altogether at liberty to use it as it was given me by the President to be used in the event of Mr. Clark's not consenting to go with me but as he had I could not use it without the previous consent of the President; however if he thought proper to go on with me to the Illinois where I expected to winter I could obtain an answer from the President by the spring of the year or before the Missourie would be sufficiently open to admitt of my asscending it, and that in the event of the President's not consenting to our wishes, I concieved that the situation of that country was a much more elligible one for a phisician than that of Wheeling particularly as he stated the practice which he had acquired at Wheeling was not an object; the Dr. was to have taken his medicine with him which was a small as sortment of about 100 L value. remained here all night— The people began to top their corn and collect their fodder— From "the Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" by Gary E. Moulton/University of Nebraska Press

From the Membership

Dispatch from "Lewis and Clark Presentations" at Colters Creek

Triglycerides on the Lewis and Clark expedition:

Great news for Lewis and Clark Research! As some of you may know this past year, and against all odds, with approval from NOAA, L & C Presentations acquired blue whale blubber for blue whale oil exhibits across the country. Amazingly National Park Service museums were not interested in the oil for their Lewis & Clark exhibits so it went to other museums. An article on that project is undergoing final edit for a journal next year.

For years L & C P. has been turned down by the U S Fish and Wildlife Service for grizzly bear fat. But now Christmas in October! With the cumulative help of a WSU biologist who suggested the Alaskan Fish and Game Department, who suggested a helpful hunting guide who put me in touch with one of the leading Alaskan Taxidermist businesses; grizzly bear fat was finally acquired. All this is legal and a black eye on the USFWS for their lack of help in grizzly & Lewis & Clark historical and scientific research. Fortunately it is from a legally hunted inland grizzly whose fat should closely match the fat of a grizzly along the upper Missouri. Not perfect, but no one in the lower 48 could/would provide any.

A few days ago one of the leading taxidermy businesses here in Idaho, provided us with about 20 lbs. of black bear fat. So there will be plenty of fresh fat/oil to test against the grizzly fat and enough to prepare more Lewis and Clark medicine for 5-6 new walnut medical chests available for upgrading Lewis and Clark exhibits.

This November, I will be exploring in Columbia for emeralds and the Amazon for images of pirogue construction similar to the Expedition's and perhaps encountering the Zika virus. During that time another journal article about the importance of triglycerides on the expedition will be prepared. (The L & C Expedition's pirogues were actually dugout canoes. Ignored by a previous WPO editor, a heavily documented peer reviewed journal article appeared in the Quarterly Journal of the Museum of the Fur Trade, Fall 2012)

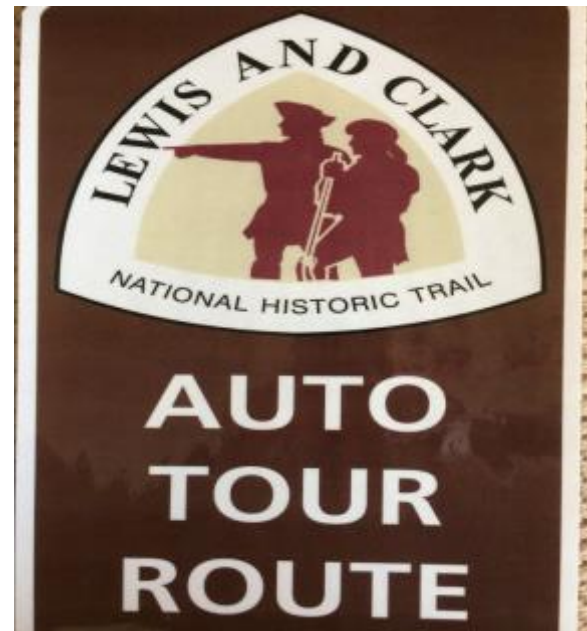
Thank You to the Ohio River Chapter Membership

The Ohio River Chapter deserves a Big Thank You for its early and sustained support for a coast to coast, 1803-1806, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Other Chapters of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation were to advocate for an extended National Trail, but it was the ORC that had a sustained message to Congress. From 2003 through 2008 your constant polite, but insistent communications to Congress made a difference. Eastern Congressional Leaders were joined by Western members of Congress in House and Senate bills that became Public Law 110-229-Section 343, in 2008. The law directed the Department of Interior through the National Park Service to conduct the Eastern Legacy Study.

Starting in 2010 the National Park Service Planning Office in the Mid West Region spent six (6) long years conducting the Lewis and Clark National Trail Extension Study. Early in the process many of you attended Public Hearings and spoke in favor of a coast to coast Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT), then later wrote letters asking your Congressional delegation for a status report on the study when it was moving extremely slow. The study was released for Public Comment on 15 August 2016 for 45 days. While the land routes used by Lewis and Clark and members of the expedition were not found by NPS Planning to be worthy of inclusion in the coast to coast LCNHT, the three river segments were found to be "significant," indicating NPS support. NPS Planning advises that over 300 comments were submitted during the 45 day period and will very soon be released for public viewing on the NPS Eastern Legacy web site:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=32773>

the good news is that Congress will be the final arbiter in the long and sometimes tedious process. NPS Planning has given assurance that the Extension Study will be returned to Congress before the end of 2016. Your continued communications to your respective U. S. Representatives and Senators will be needed in 2017, just as they were in 2003. We urge you to remind members of your Congress delegation that authorization to erect the Official LCNHT signs in addition to the marking of the eastern routes on the Official LCNHT Map/Brochure will support **(1) cultural**



heritage tourism (2) preservation of natural and cultural resources (3) health and wellness in the outdoors and (4) educational opportunities in the classroom and field. The numerous state historical markers, Eastern Legacy Signs, interpretive panels and public events are extremely helpful, but we need to use all the “tools in the box” to achieve the highest values from the LCNHT. The four points noted above get serious attention when discussed in Congress because they urge you to use these points and other points pertinent to your respective state in communications to Congress. As an example, Indiana is the only state that does not have a National Scenic or Historic Trail, a situation that should be corrected.

Again, we extend our sincere thanks to you for your leadership in the past and urge you to speak to your Congressional delegation as soon as the 2016 election is over. Your work is at the highest level of volunteer service to all people and is a bright shining light for other people to follow.

Respectfully,
James L. Mallory, Past President Ohio River Chapter
Vice Chairman, Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.

The tested course for Regional Cincinnati Tourism Ambassador Program was completed by Julia A Teuschler in September. This enables her to continue to serve the regional tourism community as needed. Julia's knowledge of regional tri-state history and cross-country historic destinations add multi-generational depth to her success as a tour guide to contemporary points of interest. She is an official CTA

Scenes From Clarksville





Glossary of Colonial Terms

- Chattels Any property, movable or immovable, except real estate
- Coulter The iron blade fixed in front of the share in a plough which cuts the soil vertically
- Cradle A frame attached to a scythe to catch the cut grain
- Flagon A vessel with a handle, spout and often a hinged lid used to serve liquids

From chaddsfordhistory.org/history/glossary.htm

Upcoming Events

- November 12-13, 2016 205th Anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe in Battleground, IN
- November 26-27, 2016 Winter Trade Fair at Fort Boonesborough in Richmond, KY
- January 21-22, 2017 Pre-1890 Indoor Trade Fair in Jackson, Ohio
- February 4-5, 2017 Living History Show in Fremont, Ohio
- March 18-19, 2017 Living History Show in Kalamazoo, MI

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Reminder: 2017 Ohio River Chapter membership dues are due.

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