

“On the river where the journey began”



# On The Ohio.....

## The Ohio River Chapter

Lewis and Clark trail Heritage Foundation

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### President’s Message

#### EVENTS

I want the Ohio River Chapter Members to be aware of several Events that are scheduled for this year along the proposed Eastern Legacy Extension Project (ELEP) of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT). I plan on attending these Events and have a display presence for the ORC. I believe it is important to advertise and display the ORC, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF), the LCNHT, and the ELEP within the Chapter’s general service area. It is also good time to recruit new members for the ORC and the LCTHF as well as gather support for the ELEP. However, these Events are not official Chapter Meetings. None the less, they will be fun and a good time for Chapter Members to get together and promote our Chapter and talk about the Lewis and Clark Story. The first Event will be the Kalamazoo Living History Show (KLHS), March 18-19,2017 in the Expo Center at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. You should have recently received an email notification about this program. The Chapter will have a table with brochures, maps, handouts and a Sacagawea display. Adjacent to the ORC will be the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles LCDESC) making their first appearance at the KLHS. This should provide a good Lewis and Clark presence at the Show. Some of our group will be doing presentations. The ORC has 7 members committed to the Event and several that are thinking on it. We would love to have you join us. Just contact Chuck Crase, [afccecrase@roadrunner.com](mailto:afccecrase@roadrunner.com), or Richard Hennings, [richardhennings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardhennings@sbcglobal.net) for further details.

The second Event will be the Inland Waterways Festival at the Ohio River Museum in Marietta, Ohio on August 5-6, 2017. The Event Chairman has contacted me and invited the ORC to participate in the Festival since there is significant Lewis and Clark history on the Ohio River and our interest and programs overlap. The ORC will again have a display table and setup similar to the KLHS. Get more details at <http://www.campusmartiusmuseum.org/iwf.html>. Any member interested in attending and assisting with this Event contact Chuck Crase or Richard Hennings.

A third Event is the 44th Annual Ft. Massac Encampment at Fort Massac State Park near Metropolis, IL on October 21-22,2017. This Encampment focuses on 1700’s and 1800’s history and is a really big outdoor Event. This year’s reenactment focuses on the Battle of Drouillard Creek. The Encampment includes many reenactors, vendors, Drum and Fife Corps, Boy Scouts, historians, visitors and Lewis and Clarkers’s. The Posting of Colors ceremony is especially moving with Drum and Fife Corps representing each country that has had possession of the Fort raising that country’s flag and playing their anthem. LCDESC will be there with a large contingent and man several teaching stations. The ORC will have a booth and display setup similar to KLHS. This is a significant Lewis and Clark site that each Chapter Member should visit at least once. This Encampment weekend allows the Fort to come back to life and with the reenactments makes it easy to envision what it must have been like for Lewis & Clark and the Corps in 1803. Contact Chuck Crase or Richard Hennings to participate in this event. If any of you ORC Members know of an event where you think we should have a presence, let me know. I will be glad to assist you in setting up a booth and display, or attend with you if my schedule permits. I will discuss events in detail at our next Chapter Meeting.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ORC will elect officers at the next Chapter Meeting in April. Officers include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and communications officer. Any ORC Member is eligible for these offices. The general responsibilities of each officer is listed in the by-laws. If anyone has a question about any office, feel free to contact me. I will be appointing a nominating committee to oversee the process and recommend candidates for each office. The nominating committee will present its recommendations at the April Chapter Meeting Chapter Meeting. Any member that wants to serve the Chapter as an officer should contact Chuck Crase, [afccecrase@roadrunner.com](mailto:afccecrase@roadrunner.com), or our communications officer, Richard Hennings, [richardhennings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardhennings@sbcglobal.net). Personally, I would like to see several dozen members applying for these offices. That would be great for the Chapter.

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### From the Journals

9<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Dr. could not get ready I waited until three this evening and then set out had some difficulty in getting over a riffle one mile below the town, got on six miles and brought too, <sup>[1]</sup> I was now informed that by some mistake in the contract between the Corporal <sup>[2]</sup> and the woman who had engaged to bake the bread for the men at Wheeling that the woman would not agree to give up the bread being 90 lbs. and that the bread was left I instantly dispatched the Corpol. and two men for the bread and gave him a dollar to pay the woman for her trouble; about the time we landed it began to rain very hard and continued to rain most powerfully all night with small intervals: had my perogues covered with oil-cloth, but the rain came down in such torrents that I found it necessary to have them bailed out frequently in the course of the night; in attending to the security of my goods I was exposed to the rain and got wet to the skin as I remained until about twelve at night, when I wrung out my saturated clothes, put on a dry shirt turned into my birth; the rain was excessively could for the season of the year—

From “the Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition” by Gary E. Moulton/University of Nebraska Press

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### From the Membership

#### Eastern Legacy Up-Date February 2017

In the Fall Issue of *On the Ohio* we received the status of the Eastern Legacy Study. Progress has been made, but not to the extent hoped for after the Public Comment Period in 2016. The Study was transmitted to the NPS Washington Office from the Midwest Office where the study was conducted, but it has not been sent to Congress. On 13 February 2017, NPS Acting Director, Mike Reynolds, acknowledged that the Study was in the Washington office and would be acted on “soon.” The exact date was not divulged.

The good news comes from a series of Congressional meetings. One a joint Congressional Leadership meeting, in which we found great interest remains for a coast to coast Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Congressional Leaders assured us that NPS would be asked for the status of Eastern Legacy Study. We have confidence that Congress will take action on the Study, and, surely, that will not take as long the Study has been tied-up within NPS Planning.

Your supporting voice advocating for an 1803-1809 LCNHT will be needed when bills are introduced in the House of Representatives and Senate. Your calls and letters to members of Congress are recorded and have an impact. We personally witnessed the recording of calls in a Congressional Leadership Office during our last visit.

Please remember that the Lewis and Clark Trail already exists coast to coast, we just need the Official Signs and Maps to link the “pearls.” A. K. A., historic sites and interpretive centers/parks/opportunities, along the 1803-1809 route used by Lewis and Clark or members of the Corps of Discovery. As volunteers, we have a great deal of work in front of us promoting cultural heritage tourism, preservation of cultural and natural

resources, health and wellness in the outdoors and educational opportunities in the class room and field.

Be assured, we will share all news about the Eastern Legacy Study, hopefully in the near future.

Respectfully,

Jim Mallory, Vice Chairman  
Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.

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### **Off the Trail: The Louisiana Purchase Historic State Park**

On a recent adventure through the Mississippi (and Arkansas) Delta, Janice and I made a side trip that took us to an off the trail Lewis and Clark site. Actually, the Louisiana Purchase Historic State Park is not listed as such, but in my opinion, it is a location where anyone who travels to that area can relate to the Lewis and Clark story.

Louisiana Purchase Historic State Park commemorates the initial point from which land surveys of the U. S. territory acquired through the 1803 Louisiana Purchase were surveyed. In 1815, President James Monroe ordered a survey of the territory to permit orderly award of the land in the territory to veterans of the War of 1812. Two teams of surveyors were commissioned to identify a starting point for the survey work in what is now eastern Arkansas. One team started north from the mouth of the Arkansas River, while another team started west of the St. Francis River. The Fifth Principal Meridian was established where the two survey lines crossed. Two trees were blazed to mark the meeting point of the two survey lines.

Louisiana Purchase Historic State Park is located at the end of Arkansas Highway 362 off of Highway 49 in the Brinkley, Arkansas area. Highway 362 is approximately two miles long and was built specifically as an access to the park. The roadway leads to the park which is made of a headwater swamp with many large tupelo and bald cypress trees. Once you have reached the terminus of the road, a parking lot is available. An elevated boardwalk then takes you through the swamp to the site.

The Louisiana Purchase Survey Marker is six feet in height and typically stands in about one foot of swamp water. When Janice and I were there in the fall of 2016, it was obviously the dry season, as there was no water in the swamp. The land itself was wet and there were water marks on the monument and the nearby trees. The inscription on the monument reads, "This stone marks the base established November 18, 1815, from which the lands of the Louisiana Purchase were surveyed by United States engineers. The first survey from this point was made to satisfy the claims of soldiers of the War of 1812 land bounties."

The park is far of the official trail, yet I believe it has important Lewis and Clark connections. When the subject of famous surveyors is discussed, the names of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark are normally mentioned as well-known and respected surveyors. One of the many purposes of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition was to make it possible to open up the Louisiana Territory for settlement, which means survey lines need to be established.

Thank you to Lorna Hainesworth for alerting me to this Off the Trail site, and I believe it was Della Bauer and Mary Langhorst who alerted her to the site. These people are proud to pass on their knowledge.

Thank you all.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson



## **ORC member, Phyllis Yeager receives special recognition**

In reading the recent message from Chuck Crase where he applauds the naming of the new Lewis and Clark Bridge, I will share more about it.

Mark Newman, the Executive Director of Indiana Office of Tourism Development presented me with a large framed and signed Executive Order by Governor Mike Pence naming the bridge over the Ohio River the Lewis and Clark Bridge. Thanks to all who contacted Governor Pence, urging him to name it the Lewis and Clark Bridge. Your calls, e-mails and letters certainly must be credited with convincing him to do it. It was thrilling to attend the opening ceremony.

Phyllis Yeager

This is the wording on the executive order:

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### **Executive Order 16-06**

#### **FOR: NAMING OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE OHIO RIVER ON STATE ROAD 265 AFTER LEWIS AND CLARK**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

**WHEREAS**, this Order honors the service and history of two great American explorers by naming the new bridge connecting Indiana and Kentucky after Meriwether Lewis and William Clark;

**WHEREAS**, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned the expedition in 1803 that sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to find “the most direct & practicable water communication” from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean, and, along the way, to map and study the great American Eden;

**WHEREAS**, William Clark lived in Clarksville, Indiana when he was recruited by Meriwether Lewis to join the expedition in 1803;

**WHEREAS**, Lewis and Clark met on October 14, 1803 at the Falls of the Ohio in Indiana where the co-captains recruited the core of their team from Indian and Kentucky;

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor the important role that Indiana and Kentucky natives played in exploring, mapping, and categorizing the “face of the country” and the Pacific Northwest;

**WHEREAS**, construction of the new East End Bridge began in 2012 as part of the Ohio River Bridges project, a collaboration between the State of Indiana and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to build a new East End crossing near Utica, Indiana and reconstruct the downtown Ohio River crossing at Louisville, Kentucky;

**WHEREAS**, this bridge, like the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will connect people and spur economic development and commerce and is the result of tremendous teamwork, organization, and an unflinching pursuit of success;

**WHEREAS, I, Michael R. Pence**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

This bridge over the Ohio River on State Road 2654 be named and known as the “Lewis and Clark Bridge” and further order the Indiana Department of Transportation to execute all documents and signage to effectuate the

same. The National Bridge Inventory number for the bridge is 080663, and the INDOT structure number is (265)265-13-10231.

State of Indiana Seal

### IN TESTIMONY

**WHEREOF, I, Michael R, Pence,** have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016

Michael R. Pence

Governor of Indiana

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### The Lewis & Clark Bridge

Alice and I took a walk on the Lewis & Clark Bridge over the Ohio River last Saturday along with many other outdoor enthusiasts. It was a beautiful early spring day with lots of sunshine and clear, blue sky. The bridge has a combination walking and bike path located on the downstream side of the bridge. The pathway is thirteen feet wide and provides gorgeous views of the river, but access on both the Indiana and Kentucky sides is a problem. Access to the path is currently only available on the Indiana side of the bridge. There is currently no access to the path on the Kentucky side of the bridge. Cars filled the parking lot for the path at the Maintenance Center on the Indiana side and lined the access road off OF Indiana 265, Old Salem Road. The walk from the parking area to the bridge is 1.3 miles along the pathway lined on each side with traditional Kentucky white board (plastic) fencing. It is another mile to the Kentucky side of the bridge. The view of the Ohio River from the pathway is fabulous. This day the river was muddy with a lot of trash and the current was very swift. River traffic was light, but we did watch a tugboat pushing a convoy of barges upriver. The engineering details on the suspension bridge are remarkable. We passed a weather station at the midpoint. There were construction barges and cranes on both banks of the river under the bridge working on shore projects. There were remnants of an old limestone quarry near the Indiana shore. It is a fun walk, mostly downhill going out and a little uphill coming back. This is a walk well worth the time and effort that should be on all Lewis and Clarker's bucket list.

Submitted by Chuck Crase.



## Spring 2017 ORC Meeting

Dear Sir

Cincinnati October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1803

I reached this place on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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 1<sup>st</sup> instant. I again dispatched my boat with orders to meet me at the Big Bone lick, to which place I will past 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 ERELATED DOCUMENTS." 1783-1854 PAGE 126

The spring 2017 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1803, letter, Lewis did not descend all of the Ohio River on his boat. There was a distance, by his calculation, of fifty-three 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. On Saturday, April 29, we will caravan to Cincinnati to the site where Lewis and his crew left the keelboat. I will attempt to explain and describe what Cincinnati was like in 1803. In particular, I will discuss Lewis' connection to the city. We will then return downriver via the auto caravan to North Bend, Ohio and Shawnee Lookout Park. The village of North Bend often describes itself as the Home of Presidents. That would be William Henry Harrison and grandson, Benjamin Harrison. Nearby Shawnee Lookout Park is another stop with great views of the Ohio River. Bring your hiking shoes and clothing as the plan is to hike to the locations of those views.

As an added bonus, Lorna Hainesworth has consented to present her program on Corps members in the War of 1812 at our host hotel. Final plans are still in the works, however, tentatively Lorna will present her program Friday. Saturday will be our field trip. Saturday night will be the chapter meeting. One of our meals, probably Saturday dinner, will be at the nearby Maverick Western Grill. Lawrenceburg area has many restaurants, including at the nearby Hollywood Casino. The motel serves typical motel breakfasts. If you have yet to make overnight reservations, you can now do so. Our guest motel is Riverside Inn, 515 East Parkway (US 50) Greendale, Indiana (where Zebulon Pike is buried, more on that later.)

Contact the motel at:

RIVERSIDE INN  
515 EAST PARKWAY (US 50)  
GREENDALE, INDIANS 47025  
812-537-4441

The motel is giving us a special rate of \$70.00 plus tax. Ask for the special Lewis and Clark rate. There is no special preregistration for this meeting.

LOOK FOR A SPECIAL E-BLAST IN EARLY APRIL FOR MORE EXACT INFORMATION

### Future ORC meetings:

Summer 2017 Billings, Montana (LCTHF Annual meeting July 22-26)

Fall 2017 Falls of the Ohio (this meeting will take place the last weekend in October with a particular emphasis on the Locust Grove living history event. Also, the LCTHF Board of Directors will meet in the Falls area with the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation, Falls of the Ohio State and Indiana University Southeast as sponsors. Of course, all ORC members will be invited to attend these events. More on this meeting later.)

Spring 2018            Lewis at Big Bone Part 2  
Summer 2018         Lewis at Big Bone 3  
Fall 2018             Astoria (LCTHF Annual Meeting October 7-10.)

Submitted By Jerry Wilson, ORC Vice-President/Meeting Chair

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**Glossary of Colonial Terms**

**Auger**        A tool used for boring holes in wood.  
**Awl**            One hand tool/pointed instrument for making small holes in wood or leather  
**Card**         Implement for raising nap on cloth, essentially an iron instrument with teeth. A similar instrument used to part, comb out and set in order fibers of wool and hemp.  
**Colly**         Black-like soot, coal black.

From [chaddsfordhistory.org/history/glossary.htm](http://chaddsfordhistory.org/history/glossary.htm)

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**Reminder: 2017 Ohio River Chapter membership dues are due.**

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