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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great organization we have! I love the historical time period that relates to Lewis and Clark. It seems to be endless how much we can learn about our country as we extend our knowledge relating to the time before, during and after the expedition. I had no idea that Southeastern Louisiana (New Orleans area) and Southwestern Mississippi would be such a treasure trove of related history (see related articles about the upcoming regional meeting co-sponsored by the Illini and Ohio River Chapters). Other recent events have also extended our knowledge of history. I still hear from attendees at last November's Tippecanoe meeting about the knowledge gained relating to Indiana's involvement in the War of 1812. And how about the LCTHF Annual Meeting in Clarksville! I will always remember the comment made by one attendee relating to the fact that he did not know such a wonderful monument existed, as did the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes. Again, many thanks to Jim Keith and his crew and other Ohio River Chapter members involved in the execution of the meeting. I anxiously await future chapter meetings as well as LCTHF annual meetings.

Members of the Ohio River Chapter continue to be involved in other related activities as well. I know that some are still working with school programs. The Boy Scout Patch program continues to introduce Lewis and Clark to future generations. The Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge encourage healthful habits for our members. There are still members who are working on promotions for important Lewis and Clark sites, especially at the Falls of the Ohio area in Indiana and Kentucky and the Meriwether Lewis National Park along the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee.

I wish to recognize two chapter members. Bruce Bowden was a very solid "Clarkie". I know he loved the story and loved telling about his own Lewis and Clark expeditions. I hope Barb will be able to attend some future chapter meetings and tell us some of the adventures Bruce and she experienced "on the trail." Bob Anderson spent two years as our chapter president. There is probably no one who loves (or has experienced) the Lewis and Clark story as much as Bob.

Speaking of president, as a reminder I am president for one year only. After last year's nominating committee was unable to present a complete officer slate, I believed it best that our chapter have a president for at least the annual meeting. Thank you to the chapter members who had the confidence in me to fulfill that position. We will have a complete candidate slate to present to the membership at our spring chapter meeting. Hopefully, that candidate list will be ready and published in the spring newsletter for all to see.

Happy Holidays to all, and I hope at least one of your presents has a Lewis and Clark theme.

Jerry Wilson
Chapter President

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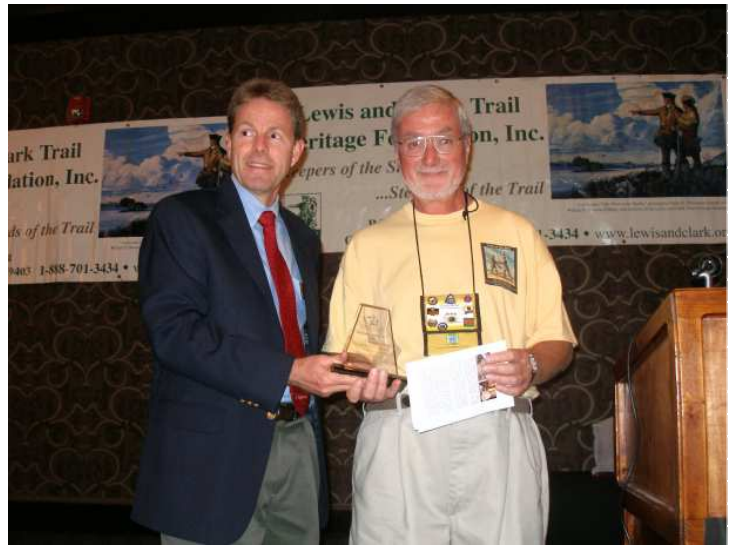
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From the Journals

Upcoming Meeting:
New Orleans—
February 28 and
March 1, 2013 with
March 2 add-on

Michigan's Fort Clatsop Earns National Award

On September 6, 2012, Skip Jackson and Stan Spencer went to the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout Council Headquarters near Grand Rapids, Michigan to present the LCTHF Meritorious Achievement Award. The award was given to the council for their re-creation of Fort Clatsop in the woods of West Michigan. The council used the journals and the dimensions of the Oregon model to make the fort as exact a replica of the original as possible. After visiting the fort, Stan started the rigorous process of applying for the award. After several months of letter writing, contacting officials and completing the required documentation, Stan sent the package to the LCTHF Awards Committee on behalf of the Ohio River Chapter. The application was approved and the award was presented at the 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting in Clarksville, IN. The scout officials were very appreciative of the recognition, as they could not attend the annual meeting to accept the award at that time. Michigan's Fort Clatsop, the dynamic Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, the local muzzle loading rifle club and various other sites in the area would make great venues for a future Ohio River Chapter meeting.



On behalf of the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout Council, Ohio River Chapter President Jerry Wilson accepts award from Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation President Jay Buckley at the 2012 LCTHF Awards Ceremony in Clarksville, IN



The Meritorious Service Award from the national office of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is presented to The President Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 6, 2012. Pictured from left to right - Skip Jackson (treasurer of the Ohio River Chapter), Mike Melinn (Ford Council President), Ron Willett (President Ford Council Program Director), and Stan Spencer (Lewis and Clark Ambassador).



In front of a statue of President Gerald R. Ford as an Eagle Scout, Skip Jackson thanks council president Mike Melinn for helping to build a full-scale replica of Fort Clatsop at Camp Gerber north of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ohio River Chapter Meeting
July 30, 2012
Lewis and Clark Park
Clarksville, Indiana

Call to Order by Margaret Wozniak, President Elect

Secretary's Report as printed in the OTO newsletter was approved as published after a motion to do so by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Jerry Robertson. Vote was by voice: all ayes.

Skip Jackson gave the treasurer's Report. The present balance shown is \$5415.52.

Vice President's Report; Chuck Crase.

The next meeting will be at Maysville during the Kenton Festival, Sept. 15-16, 2012. The ORC will meet for dinner on the 14th and the Hampton Inn is offering special rates when ORC is mentioned. He suggested the Kentucky Heritage Museum, a guided downtown Maysville tour, a visit to confluence of Limestone Creek and the Ohio River. Boyer's Restaurant on the Ohio side will have a dining room for us. A complete itinerary will be provided nearer to the meeting day.

Future meeting options were given: Spring meeting in May, date to be decided: Shaker Village on Rt 62 south of Lexington. Features include lodging, a guided tour of the unique village, a "Lewis and Clark on the Wilderness Trail" presentation, driving tour day to Crab Orchard, Whitley House Station, Stanford Historical Society special collections. Other activities may be added as suggested by members.

Communications Officer Report: Lorna briefly recapped the transition from 106 hardcopy newsletter mailings to now only 21 with the rest of the membership served via e-mail newsletters. She urged all to be sure emails are current. If not, please update your emails promptly.

Wellness Committee Report: Janice Wilson recounted the awards to be given at this Annual Meeting. Next year the awards will be changed to hiking stick medallions. She also told the meeting our Wellness Committee has been asked to plan the walks during the Bismarck meeting next year in July.

Boy Scout Patch report: Linda Robertson said 50 patches were sent to her, and only 11 have been used. No additional funds are necessary from the ORC Treasury due to this limited distribution.

Heritage Girls have not used patches and a liaison is needed to move this program forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election of a 2012 President:

Jerry Wilson, in response to the Newsletter announcement for someone to fill the presidency, waited a week and checked with President-Elect Margaret to see if someone had offered to take the job. After learning that no presidential candidate came forth, he volunteered for the position. A call for a voice vote to accept his nomination for the presidency was made and the 'ayes' vote made Jerry Wilson the new president. Margaret passed the gavel and Jerry took over the presiding of the meeting.

2. Board of Directors vacancy was noted since Jerry moved to the presidency. He called for nominees and Margaret nominated Doug Wozniak to fill the vacancy. Her motion was seconded by Janice Wilson. By a voice vote, Doug Wozniak is now a Board member of the ORC.

3. Big Bone Signage report: Jerry Wilson read a communication dated Sept. 22, 2012 from Bob Gatten congratulating the Chapter on the Big Bone Lick signage. With the Foundation grant, \$990.00 purchased a new sign for the interpretive walk at National Historic Site.

4. The February, 2013 regional meeting in New Orleans, in cooperation with the Illini Chapter was reported by Jerry Wilson. He urged people who wanted to attend to get the flyer and indicate your desire for a reservation since there are some limitations as to number allowed.

5. The Foundation Grant for the concrete boat at Lewis and Clark Park near the Clark Cabin was reported by Jim Keith. The boat was dedicated before this meeting and the children immediately have begun to enjoy it. The ORC was the conduit through which the monies moved to fund the project.

6. Discussion on the need for a parliamentarian occurred. Skip Jackson moved to not elect a parliamentarian; Lorna seconded the motion. The motion carried after a voice vote of 'ayes' with no 'nays' voiced.

7. Doug Wozniak brought up the issue of a complete membership list containing current member information. After some discussion on how the other chapters handle a list as reported by Margaret who attended the Chapters Officers meeting with Clay Smith presiding, the ORC Secretary Julia Teuschler volunteered to make such a list. A concern this list would be used only for communication of Chapter affairs was voiced by several members. Maintaining privacy is an issue for internet users. Julia Teuschler reported the new Foundation Executive Director, Lindy offered a technique to thwart 'hackers': use a diverse combination of capital letters and numbers in your e-mail passwords, etc.

8. Lorna moved that the Future Explorers of the next Annual Meeting in Bismarck be given the \$910.00 from ORC Treasury as seed money to support the Fort Mandan Lewis and Clark Foundation's Young Explorers program. Janet Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Skip Jackson moved for adjournment; a unanimous vote by voice seconded and passed the motion. The meeting was adjourned and most all boarded the Shuttle back to the Holiday Inn Lakeview.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Teuschler, Secretary

Ohio River Chapter
2012 Fall Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012
Maysville, KY Hampton Inn
Occasion: Simon Kenton Festival
17 members and 1 guest present

Call to Order by President, Jerry Wilson
Welcomed all to the meeting

Secretary's Report from the previous meeting was given. Accepted as read with two corrections: Janice Wilson, not Janet on her second of the motion under section 8 of the minutes; and the Big Bone Lick sign grant was for \$820.00, not \$990.

Treasurer's Report was not reported since the Treasurer was absent.

Old Business:

1. Jim Keith submitted a report on the Annual Meeting, which was a re-cap of the events with an explanation of behind the scenes thinking on several events. Jim expressed appreciation for all who helped make the convention a success. Additionally, the chapter received \$1000.00 from the meeting.

2. A motion was made to congratulate the Ohio River Chapter members on their successful Annual Meeting: Ellen Boruff so moved, Doug Wozniak seconded the motion and a unanimous 'aye' vote followed.

3. Jim Keith submitted a letter from Dani Cummins, Executive Director of the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center, asking for Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation grant of \$7,500.00 to help fund Lewis and Clark Multimedia Experience exhibit planned for the Center. Jim made the motion to apply to the Foundation through the Ohio River Chapter for such a grant. Phyllis Yeager seconded and a voice vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4. Jerry Wilson reported the new name for the Big Bone Lick area as The Big Bone Lick Historical Park. The new signage will be dedicated at a special ceremony whose date can be found on that Website.

5. The Wellness Challenge will have a fundraiser at the New Orleans Regional Meeting to further support the program. Janice Wilson reported Bismarck Annual Meeting invited the Challenge to take charge of its fitness program in 2013.

6. At the suggestion of the President, a committee for updating the by-laws as appointed and will include Margaret Wozniak, Jim Mallory, and Doug Wozniak. A report will be given at the Spring ORC meeting. A motion by Jerry Robertson, seconded by Jim Keith, carried by an "aye" vote.

7. The Membership List of current paid members was distributed before the meeting to the attendees by the Secretary. This list was based on information from the Treasurer. Email addresses and known telephone numbers were added by the Secretary.

Linda Robertson also had an updated list. After some discussion, the President appointed a committee consisting of the Treasurer, Skip Jackson, and Linda Robertson. The communication officer Lorna Hainesworth will work with the Membership committee to streamline the method of membership payment. Margaret Wozniak urged a Member Only e-mail list be used to communicate Ohio River Chapter news. Linda mentioned that if dues are not paid, no news should be sent. The consensus agreed.

8. A report of the future LCTHF Annual Meetings was reiterated by the President: 2013, Bismarck, ND, 2014 Washington State location, 2015 to be determined. He reminded members of the New Orleans Regional Meeting in February 2013.

9. ORC Meeting report for Chairman, Chuck Crase included the Shakertown location in the Spring. Date to be announced. This would include a speaker on the Wilderness Trail and a road trip to historic sites (Stanford, Crab Orchard, Whitley House, etc.) along the Wilderness Road emphasizing stops by Lewis and Clark.

10. Ellen Drouillard Boruff shared a set of heirloom table service with bone handles. She told they had been in her family for many, many years. The bone handles and three pronged fork looked old enough to have been carried on the Trail. We thank Ellen for sharing such a family treasure.

11. President Wilson introduced Jim Mallory who had one of the National Park Services maps (the others were on display at Clarksville during Annual Meeting) as part of the on-going efforts to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to the Atlantic Ocean. He told of his experiences with legislators and the NPS to keep the effort alive and moving toward the goal of a Coast-to-Coast Lewis and Clark Trail. He showed examples of signage that would be offered to states with significant Lewis and Clark locations.

In 2008, a study was funded and the last meeting for input from the public was held at Charlottesville, Virginia where a hundred people attended. He said there was lots of discussion and the result was a computer generated NPS Newsletter about the people and places of interest to Lewis and Clark enthusiasts.

Jim is working closely with Mark Weekley,

superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Ian Shanklin, landscape architect for the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study to expedite the process for trail completion, maps, signage and literature. A geographically, culturally and historically focused trail would extend to include significance through 1814. Jim distributed information with the Internet address where the Eastern Legacy maps and the study can be accessed.

Chuck Crase asked Jim to meet with the ORC in the spring at Shakertown and give an update on the bill to the membership.

12. Meeting was moved to adjourn by Doug Wozniak and Chuck Crase seconded: Meeting adjourned about 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julia A Teuschler, Secretary

New Orleans Louisiana Regional Meeting

A few spots remain for 2013 Regional Meeting in New Orleans cosponsored by the Ohio River and Illini Chapters. Sign up now to take advantage of a fun learning experience that will highlight Lewis and Clark connections with people and events in the lower Mississippi valley.

Events:

In New Orleans, we will visit the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Louisiana State Museum at the Cabildo on Jackson Square, take a riverboat trip to and tour the site of the Battle of New Orleans of 1815, tour one of the historic cemeteries, ride a streetcar, and enjoy the fabulous New Orleans cuisine. Expect to do a great deal of walking in order to experience the French Quarter up close.

The field trip on Saturday will include two brief tours of separate plantation houses, a museum devoted to John James Audubon, the opportunity to hike in one of the prettiest areas in Mississippi, a short tour of a small country cemetery, several short talks on local items from the L&C time period, and we will witness an 1810 duel reenactment. A few other very special treats will be included that you will not want to miss.

Dates:

Informational meeting on the evening of Wednesday, February 27. Meeting proper starts

Thursday morning, Feb. 28 and runs through Friday, March 1, 2013. An additional all-day field trip will take place on Saturday, March 2 for an extra fee. You may attend either part separately or attend both.

Fees:

The first two days in New Orleans will cost \$160. This includes lunch both days and dinner on Thursday. Friday evening you will have the opportunity to choose your own dining location at your own expense.

The Saturday field trip day alone costs \$130. This includes transportation, admissions, lunch and dinner.

Attending both parts will cost \$250, a discount of \$40.

Lodging:

An extremely limited number of discounted hotel rooms are still available. You can attend the meeting without staying at the headquarters hotel. You must make and pay for your own lodging reservations.

Questions:

Please contact Lou Ritten lritten01@yahoo.com

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The New Orleans Regional Meeting of February 28-March 2, 2013 co-hosted by the Illini and Ohio River Chapters is quickly approaching. Plans have been in the making for over two years, and there is much more yet to do. There are so many books one can read in learning about the history of New Orleans that it would be very difficult to narrow down such a selection. Thus, I am going to recommend three books that are related to our Saturday, March 2nd field trip.

AMERICAN UPRISING: THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICAN'S LARGEST SLAVE REVOLT by Daniel Rasmussen tells of events that mostly took place upriver from New Orleans. At the turn of the century the German Coast (named so because of a large German population) had become a major agricultural center with a huge emphasis on the growing of sugar. Many of the planters with their spacious plantations became extremely wealthy. Of course, as with many plantations, most of the actual work was furnished by enslaved Africans. Rasmussen tells of how the slaves were

able to organize and carry out their plans. He also tells of the fear the revolt caused for the people of New Orleans and how the revolt was eventually ended. In reading this book, I was not able to find any link to Lewis and Clark, however it does give an insight as to the fear felt by both those enslaved and by those who enslaved. As we travel west of New Orleans, we will experience some of the present day German Coast and there will be a short talk on this slave revolt.

A SUMMER OF BIRDS: JOHN JAMES AUDUBON AT OAKLEY HOUSE by Danny Heitman tells of Audubon's short, but productive stay at Oakley Plantation near St. Francisville, Louisiana. This area of Louisiana had an ideal climate and geography for Audubon to work on his bird drawings. Audubon was hired to be a tutor for the daughter of the plantation owners. In free time he was able to roam the countryside and increase his knowledge of the local flora and fauna. Again, I was unable to find any direct link to Lewis and Clark, but of course both men knew Audubon. We will make a nice stop at Oakley House at lunchtime for a visit to their museum and a tour of the house.

THE ROGUE REPUBLIC: HOW WOULD-BE PATRIOTS WAGED THE SHORTEST REVOLUTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY by William C. Davis tells of West Florida (basically parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida) becoming part of the United States. It seemed to many Americans that it was unclear if the area mentioned was part of the Louisiana Purchase. West Florida was populated by not only Americans, but also French, Spanish, British and of course, Indians and enslaved Africans. The Spanish government was very unstable and most people were in favor of an American takeover. For a short time we did have the Republic of West Florida with its seat of government in St. Francisville. There are a few Lewis and Clark connections found in this book. David Bradford of Whiskey Rebellion owned property on Bayou Sara along the Mississippi River. He owned land in St. Francisville as well, and his home, The Myrtles stands to this day. I do not believe he was directly involved the West Florida revolt, but he was certainly knew many of the participants. Thomas Rodney was Meriwether Lewis's old friend from travels on the Ohio River. Of course Lewis was on his way to the Falls of the Ohio to meet with Clark while Rodney was headed to the Mississippi Territory to begin his judgeship.

Rodney handled many of the legal decisions concerning the West Florida revolt. We will pass by the Myrtles Plantation with a short talk about Bradford. We will then learn more about the West Florida Revolution with our stop in the Woodville, Mississippi area.

I mention two other books that are enjoyable and informative. The plan is to have author Richard Campanella included in the field trip. He is a professor at Tulane University and has written much on the geography of New Orleans. Even though neither book has any Lewis and Clark connections, they both are great reads. I recommend BIENVILLE'S DILEMMA: A HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF NEW ORLEANS and (my favorite) LINCOLN IN NEW ORLEANS: THE 1828-1831 FLATBOAT VOYAGES AND THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY.

Jerry Wilson

Deaths of Chapter Members

Don Meldon, a founding member of the Ohio River Chapter passed away last summer. He is survived by his wife Pat. Condolences may be sent to Pat Meldon at 350 Cherrywood Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324.

Bruce Bowden, long-term and very active member of the Ohio River Chapter passed away on November 27. Bruce's love of the Lewis and Clark history lead to his portraying Sgt. Ordway at many public events in Connersville as well as his attendance at Lewis and Clark meetings. Condolences may be sent to Barbara Bowden at: 151 South Villa Road, Connersville, IN 47331.

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.

LCTHF Wellness Challenge

The Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter is off to another great start. There are 10 teams registered with a total of 40 participants. Seven chapters are represented in the challenge this year. Once again, Mouth of the Platte has 3 challenge teams registered. Individuals earn "miles" by doing various activities and following healthy nutrition guidelines. Teams have sent in "miles" accumulated for the first two months of the challenge. Ocean in View from California has set the bar high, turning in 2313 "miles" and given all other teams a goal to work toward. The Ohio River Mile Trackers is currently in third place but hopes to improve their position in the coming months! It is still possible to form a team for this year's challenge. If you are interested please see the foundation website for challenge information.

Janice Wilson



NOAA Monument dedicated November 3, 2012 at Courthouse in Fincastle, VA to commemorate the home of Julia Hancock and Lewis and Clark's visits to the area.

Please send your mailing address, phone number and email address along with your check to:

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From the Journals

[Clark]

Sunday December 25th 1803

Christmas 25th Decr: I was wakened by a Christmas discharge, found that Some of the party had got Drunk (2 fought) the men frolicked and hunted all day, Snow this morning, Ice run all day, Several Turkey Killed Shields returned with a cheese & 4 lb butter, Three Indians Come to day to take Christmas with us, I gave them a bottle of whiskey and they went off after informing me that a great talk had been held and that all the nations were going to war against the Ozous [Osage?]

[Gass]

Tuesday December 25th 1804

The morning was ushered in by two discharges of a swivel, and a round of small arms by the whole corps. Captain Clarke then presented to each man a glass of brandy, and we hoisted the American flag in the garrison, and its first waving in fort Mandan was celebrated with another glass.— The men then cleared out one of the rooms and commenced dancing. At 10 o'clock we had another glass of brandy, and at 1 a gun was fired as a signal for dinner. At half past 2, another gun was fired, as a notice to assemble at the dance, which was continued in a jovial manner till 8 at night; and without the presence of any females, except three squaws, wives to our interpreter, who took no other part than the amusement of looking on.

[Ordway]

Wednesday December 25th 1805

rainy & wet. disagreeable weather. we all moved in to our new Fort, which our officers name Fort Clotsop after the name of the Clotsop nation of Indians who live nearest to us. the party Saluted our officers by each man firing a gun at their quarters at day break this morning. they divided out the last of their tobacco among the men that used and the rest they gave each a Silk hankerchief, as a Christmast gift, to keep us in remembrance of it as we have no ardent Spirits, but are all in good health which we esteem more than all the ardent Spirits in the world. we have nothing to eat but poore Elk meat and no Salt to Season that with but Still keep in good Spirits as we expect this to be the last winter that we will have to pass in this way.—

UPCOMING MEETING

The Illini and Ohio River Chapters are co-hosting a two-day meeting in New Orleans on February 28 and March 1, 2013, with an optional add-on day for a separate fee on March 2, 2013 that will include an all-day trip to southwestern Mississippi. Lewis and Clark connections will be highlighted in both locations. Space will be limited and interested parties should contact Lou Ritten at lritten01@yahoo.com or 708-354-7778 to reserve space or for more detailed information. Additional information is available in this newsletter. See article on pages 5 and 6.

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