



# On The Ohio.....

The Newsletter of the Ohio River Chapter

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## Message from the President

Dear Ohio River Chapter Friends,

This is the last message I will write to you as your chapter president. I thank all of you who have supported the chapter by your attendance at meetings. I thank all of you who have worked tirelessly to make those meetings possible, to keep our finances straight, to keep accurate official documents and to keep us in touch with each other. One of the things I truly enjoy about our chapter is that no matter how long it has been since we last saw each other, it seems like it was just yesterday, and we all get in step to continue our relationships.

Here are some items that will appear on our meeting agenda in Kansas City in early August: The usual officers reports, including an updated list of members (alert to Skip Jackson to get this to Janice Wilson); Old business from the March meeting including interest in a Facebook page, new member drive including an ad in "Smoke & Fire," and a Boy Scout Initiative at the local troop level. (Some of these were tabled from the March meeting due to lack of time.) New business: Two requests from Paige Cruz-1) that the chapter provide a one-year free membership to those organizations who partnered with her (and Mike and Lorraine Loesch) in their recent Trail Stewardship Grant for signage along the Ohio River Corridor and 2) that when she applies for a follow-up grant to continue the project it will again be submitted under the name of the Ohio River Chapter with her as project leader. These requests are win-win for the chapter and for those current and future entities who partner with the project. Please send any additional agenda items to me by July 27.

To any of you who are interested in the culture and archaeology of the Southwest. Here is an excellent book: House of Rain by Craig Childs. It follows the movement of the Anasazi (now called Ancestral Pueblo) through the Four Corners region and into Northern Mexico and connects these movements to drought. The parallels in building types and artifacts are amazing.

Until Kansas City,

Margaret Wozniak

## **ORC 2015 Fall Meeting**

Lewis and Clark on the Wilderness Road

Berea, KY

October 1-4, 2015

The ORC Fall Meeting will be held in Berea, KY October 1-4, 2015 and will focus on Lewis and Clark's post-expeditionary travels along the Wilderness Road. The group will get to see some sites along Wilderness Road that the Captains used and other sites that they likely used. The early exploration and settlement of Kentucky will be reviewed. The attendees will get to visit many historic sites and hear the stories of the people and events that made these sites historic and enduring. The evolution of the early animal traces and Indian trails into settlement trails and traces, then into roadways will be demonstrated. The Wilderness Road is still present and in use today, it is just covered with a layer of blacktop.

The meeting will be centered in Berea, KY at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant where we will lodge and dine. The group will spend Friday touring Berea College, the town and the environs. There will be a scheduled historic tour of the college followed by a tour of the college student crafts industry. This should give everyone an idea of what this college on the Wilderness Road has done for people of the Appalachian Region. Dinner will be at the Boone Tavern Hotel Restaurant. There will be an introductory program afterwards at the hotel.

Saturday will be tour day. The group will ride in vans to tour Wilderness Road and associated historic sites from Laurel River to the Kentucky River. There will be several stops along the way with viewing of historic markers and sites, on site discussions, a tour of the Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, a walk on the original Boone's Trace and original Wilderness Road, and a tour of Fort Boonesborough State Park, just to mention a few things.

Saturday evening the ORC will gather in the Skylight Room on the lobby level for dinner, followed by the Chapter's business meeting.

Sunday will be unstructured but will afford attendees the opportunity to visit additional historic sites, museums and activities. A list of some of these will be provided to you at a later date. I am also planning a 2.6 mile hike to the East Pinnacle of Indian Fort Mountain where many of the early explorers stood and gazed on the sprawling Kentucky countryside.

A more detailed schedule will be provided later to everyone registered for the meeting. I encourage everyone to come to Berea a day early, relax, tour the college, explore the town, visit the antique shops, galleries, craft displays, student industries and take long walks.

Submitted by Chuck Crase/ VP-ORC-LCTHF

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# REGISTRATION BEREA 2015

Ohio River Chapter Fall Meeting 2015

Lewis and Clark on the Wilderness Road

October 1-4, 2015

Attendee information: Complete this form and mail it along with your check, payable to the Ohio River Chapter, to Chuck Crase, 106 Oakwood Drive, Stanford, KY 40484. Call Boone Tavern Hotel at 895-985-3700 to reserve your room.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

LCTHF Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Registration	Fee	Enclosed
Registration fee.....	\$35.00 per attendee	\$ _____

### Group Meals at Historic Boone Tavern (prices are inclusive of tax & tip)

Friday Dinner.....\$29.00 each person.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast.....Choose Continental \$9.00 or Hot \$15.00 each person..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner.....\$29.00 each person.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast.....Choose Continental \$9.00 or Hot \$15.00 each person.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Registration

BOONE TAVERN HOTEL: Group name Lewis and Clark. Group Number 106590. Room rate is \$102.00 per night for October 1-4, 2015, no meals included. Call 895-985-3700 for reservations. Cut-off date for this rate is September 1, 2015. The Historic Boone Tavern Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Make your check for registration fee and meals payable to the Ohio River Chapter, then mail along with this completed registration form to:

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106 Oakwood Drive

Stanford, KY 40484

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### From the journals

Sept 3rd

Verry foggy this morning. Thermometer 63° Ferrenheit, immersed the Thermometer in the river, and the mercury arose immediately to 75° or summer heat so that there is 12° difference is sufficient to shew the vapor which arises from the water; the fogg this prodused is immenetrably thick at this moment; we were in consequence obliged to ly by until 9 this morning Mr. Gui Briant arrived with two boats loaded with firrs, he informs me that if I can reach, and get over the George-town barr 24 miles I can get on; this is some consolation. We set out at 9 this morning and passed a riffle just below us called Atkin's got over with tolerable ease passed the mouth of big beaver creek and came too ancor off Mackintosh being 2 ½ miles. — discharge one of my hands. — passed the riffle below Mackintosh. — about three miles from this we stuck on another riffle the worst I think we have yet passed were obliged to unload and drag over with horses. — staid all night having made only six miles. —

Capt. Meriwther Lewis

From *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* by Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska Press

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### Book(s) Recommendation

from

Jerry Wilson

We all read the recent book review of NOT WITHOUT MY FATHER: ONE WOMAN'S 444-MILE WALK ON THE NATCHEZ TRACE by author Andra Watkins. The book review appeared in the May

2015 WPO and was written by Editor Robert Clark. I completely agree with Mr. Clark. I recommend the book for everyone's Corps of Discovery bookshelf. Janice and I have been traveling the Natchez Trace Parkway biannually for the past several years (since our retirements). We always stop at Grinders' Stand to pay honor to Meriwether Lewis. After reading Ms. Watkins' book, I decided to imagine for myself what it would have been like to walk the entire 444 mile trip from Natchez to Nashville. It takes us two overnights to drive, there is no way I can walk it. Well, needless to say Ms. Watkins (and her father and mother and husband and many supporters) is to be commended for her feat.

I would also like to mention Ms. Watkins' other book as well. The title of that book is TO LIVE FOREVER: AN AFTERLIFE JOURNEY OF MERIWETHER LEWIS. Like many of our chapter members, I try to read any and all books that have Lewis and Clark or Corps of discovery (or Thomas Jefferson) in the title. Unlike her other book this book is historical fiction. I realize we need to be careful with such books, but it is fun (and to me thought provoking) to read occasional novels.

Thus, I would like to recommend both books to our Ohio River Chapter members. Maybe by reading one or both books you may develop an additional interest in the Natchez Trace.

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While on the subject of books, Butch Bouvier notified me the other day that his book, Brown Water, is finally finished. I am sure most of you know of Mr. Bouvier and the great work he has done over the years with the boats of Lewis and Clark.

In speaking with him, he mentioned that the first printing is about half gone already, so if you would like to have a copy of his interesting story, you should contact him soon at [www.keelboat@longlines.com](mailto:www.keelboat@longlines.com) or by phone at 712-420-3180. The book sells for the \$20.00 plus \$5.00 postage.

While I have yet to finish reading this book, I can highly recommend it. A most enlightening and informative read, with a touch of humor sprinkled throughout. Rich

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### **From the membership**

#### **On the Origin of Rush's Pills**

Dispatch from Colter's Creek

As I prepare a Power Point for the 2016 annual meeting on the purchases from the Apothecary Shop in Philadelphia I have been researching Dr. Benjamin Rush. According to research done by Thomas Danisi, Rush's Pills were never referred to as "thunderbolts" during that era. As we educate our public about the expedition we should refrain from using that term.

As a medical student of 17 Rush noted the ineffectiveness of yellow fever treatments in the Philadelphia epidemic of 1762. While treating thousands during the epidemic of 1793 he discovered his blisters, mercury ointment and (Cinchona) barks were ineffective. Researching his personal library Rush found an account of a 1741 epidemic by another physician that recommended powerful

purging measurers. Rush then developed the heroic treatment of his now famous pills, 10 grains of calomel and 10 to 15 grains of jalap. Those pills, assisted by bloodletting, proved sufficient enough to aid in recovery of his yellow fever patients. His biographer reported that subsequently he saved 4 out of five patients and perhaps 6000 were during the latter months of the epidemic of 1793. Looking back, of course, we would question that assessment.

After a long discourse on his “Defense of Bloodletting” Dr. Rush commits the whole to his pupils, to be corrected and improved; and his final observation:

“We think our fathers fools, so wise we grow.

Our wiser sons, I hope will think us so.”

Biographer Dr. James Thatcher, 1828

Keep this in mind as we read the too frequent inadequately researched books and articles about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

John W. Fisher



### **Meriwether Lewis and Elvis Presley**

Yes, Meriwether Lewis and Elvis Presley have something, or some place, in common. That, of course, would be Memphis, Tennessee. We all know the story of the trip Lewis planned in 1809, from St. Louis to Washington via New Orleans. Instead, Lewis exited the Mississippi River at Fort Pickering, present day Memphis. Presley’s final home was named Graceland which is in today’s Memphis.

However, I have recently “discovered” another link between the two. In a recent online poll conducted by USA TODAY readers were asked to vote for their favorite southern attraction. Such sites as Mount Vernon, Monticello, Arlington National Cemetery and Colonial Williamsburg were among the given choices. The winning site was Graceland, and second place went to Harpers Ferry National Park. So, Elvis Presley (Graceland) and Meriwether Lewis (Harpers Ferry) are linked by this popularity contest.

July 24-27, 2016 the LCTHF ANNUAL Meeting will be held at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The meeting activities will emphasize the armory and arsenal that Lewis visited in 1803 in order to prepare for the expedition. Skip Graceland and plan for Harpers Ferry. Besides the annual meeting activities, you will be able to enjoy the unique combination of attractions-cultural, educational, historical and recreational-that the site has to offer. Nearly 500,000 people visit the area every year. Plan now for your visit in 2016.

To all Ohio River Chapter members; we in particular need to prepare for 2016. Not only should we plan to attend the Harpers Ferry meeting, but we need to encourage others who have an interest in promoting the Eastern Legacy to attend as well. 1803 is an important year for us. In 2016 we need to show all the value of “Sea to Shining Sea”.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson





## Ohio River Chapter Members at Clark Days in Clarksville, IN

The last weekend of June ushered in the 4th Annual Clark Days at the Falls of the Ohio George Rogers Clark home site. While Friday's late afternoon storm lowered expectations of having a decent weekend, the re-enacting gods smiled on the Falls area. Campers and guests were treated to two days of fantastic weather

With the skies clearing early Saturday morning, five buses brought members of the Sons of the American Revolution to the camp. Stepping from the buses, a leisurely stroll took them on an excursion back in time. All seemed eager to learn the story that each camp represented with numerous questions posed. Many a thank you was heard from these appreciative relatives of our American heroes.

The Ohio River Chapter was represented by Meriwether (Skip Jackson) Lewis, Richard and Sandy Hennings and Chuck and Alice Crase. Visitors to the Lewis & Clark display viewed the presentations of Lewis at Harpers Ferry and the time when Clark lost his "ellegant fuse", and almost his life, at the Great Falls in June of 1805. Also included were a collection of items pertaining to the women of the time period.

Last year a gentleman from Poland visited the L & C display. He came to America just to travel the L & C Trail. This year we were honored by the presence of two young women. One was from South Korea and the other lady was from Germany.

The L & C display was of interest to one person in particular. Mindy Christian. She is now the ORC's newest member. Two others also expressed an interest in joining our Chapter. Hopefully, they too will soon add their names to the ORC membership rolls.



Meriwether Lewis inspecting the "short rifle"

Submitted by Richard Hennings

## ATTENTION: INDIANA LCTHF MEMBERS

Please show your support for the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation. If you do not already have Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery license plates for your Indiana vehicles, please consider their purchase. The state needs to sell a certain number of plates, and if that number is not reached, the program could be discontinued. With your purchase of the plates showing the two captains shaking hands when they met at the Falls of the Ohio (“  
Ohio (“  
Expedition began” quote from UNDAUNTED COURAGE written by Stephen F. Ambrose) you will be able to remind people of the importance of Indiana to the expedition. William Clark, York, Charles Floyd, John Shields and William Bratton all have Hoosier connections. And least we not forget the year 1803, a well. Proceeds will help fund Indiana Lewis and Clark events especially to educate (educate is the key word) Hoosiers and the nation of the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Thus, when it is time for you and your friends, neighbors and relatives to purchase new plates, think Lewis and Clark. 2016 will be an exciting year for us Hoosiers. Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, York and the other Corps members need to be a part of the celebration.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

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### Interesting Information

**GLASS.** Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times

**GOLD.** Gold is the only metal that does not rust, even if it is buried in the ground for thousands of years.

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### Colonial Terms

**BASIN...**A bowl shaped container used to hold pudding, stew or other semi-liquid foods

**CADDIS...**Woolen yarn or fabric made of it in tape form for binding

**CHAFF...**Grain husks

**CHAFF BED...**A mattress stuffed with grain husks

**CHaise...**A one horse luxury vehicle. Any light carriage for pleasure driving. Also known as a “shay”