



# On the Ohio.....

## The Ohio River Chapter Newsletter

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“on the river where the journey began”

*Meriwether Lewis*

*Wm. Clark*

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### President’s Message 2019-06

The Ohio River Chapter is now officially on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The really big Lewis and Clark event of the year was held May 13, 2019 at The Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center, Clarksville, IN. The Eastern Legacy Media Event announced to the public that the legislation had been completed to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail along the water route from the Woods River Camp, IL, down the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, then up the Ohio River to Pittsburg, PA. This trail extension added about 1200 miles to the LCNHT. The LCNHT now extends from Pittsburg, PA to the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River. This means that the Ohio River Chapter is officially on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Terms like Eastern Legacy, Eastern Legacy Trail and Eastern Legacy Legislation can be relegated to the history books. Lewis and Clarkers came from far and wide to help celebrate the public announcement. The Keelboat was brought in from St. Charles, MO. to provide an appropriate backdrop for the outdoor ceremony. The speaker’s platform was adjacent to the Handshake Statue. Speakers included local sponsors of the event, elected officials who led legislative process, NPS representatives, the head of the LCNHT, leaders of the of the committees and organizations that pushed longest and hardest for the LCNHT extension and lastly, a William Clark descendent, Bud Clark. Naturally, the event was closed by a re-enactment of “The Hand Shake”.

The atrium of the Interpretive Center provided space for display tables for local L&C supporters and light refreshments. The event was covered by print, electronic and broadcast media. There was a large enthusiastic crowd present that mingled, chatted and snapped selfies. It was a very nice ceremony. I wish that all of the ORC members could have attended.

Now, the ORC is officially on the LCNHT. I live in Prospect, KY, right on the Ohio River and now right on the LCNHT. How about that!

The ORC has two more meetings planned for the rest of this year. I think we should use these meetings to especially showcase the newly expanded Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Naturally, we will also showcase the Lewis and Clark Story, the ORC and the LCTHF.

The next meeting will be the "Inland Waterways Festival" at Marietta, Ohio, August 2-4, 2019. On Friday August 2, the ORC members will check into the Quality Inn Marietta and set up display tables for the event. Saturday, August 3, 2019, will be the event day, "Inland Waterways Festival", from 9am to 5pm. The ORC business meeting will be Saturday evening after the event at the Lafayette Hotel at 6:30 pm followed by dinner and a guest speaker. Sunday, August 4, 2019, will provide free time to tour the area Lewis and Clark sites.

The last scheduled ORC meeting will be "The Handshake" at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN, October 4-6, 2019. The hotel is the Best Western Green Tree Inn. Greenway construction should be completed this year and we will be able to use the entire park facilities. This will make for a much nicer setup and presentation.

The ORC owes a big thanks to Sandy Hennings for all of her hard work putting this event together, including lining up all the vendors, and coordinating activities with the local sponsors.

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### **Vice-Presidents Report**

Mother Nature was well behaved for the National Park service recognition of Clarksville, Indiana as the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A estimate of nearly two hundred guests were present, as were many dignitaries from the State of Indiana as well.

Many thanks are due to Phyllis Yeager of the ORC for the many hours she dedicated in seeing that the trail included the Ohio River and for seeing that Clarksville received the respect it deserves in the L & C story. THANK YOU PHYLLIS. A JOB WELL DONE!

Next on the agenda is our summer meeting in Marietta, Ohio on August 2-4, 2019. The town of Marietta is mentioned by Lewis in a letter to President Jefferson as he slowly made his way down the Ohio River. It was here that he picked up eighteen year old George Shannon. George was from Barnsville, which made him the only member of the Expedition to have come from the Ohio country.

Rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn, 700 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio. The phone number is 740-374-8190. The hotel offers a free hot breakfast and has a bar/grille on the premises.

On Saturday, the Chapter will be hosting a table at the Island waterway Festival at the Ohio River Museum. You can volunteer to help, and no period clothing is required for this. Richard and Sandy Hennings will also have an exhibit there.

The Chapter meeting will be held Saturday evening at the Gun Room Restaurant in the Lafayette Hotel at 6:30 PM. The hotel is just down the street from the festival site. Glenna Huff, who is the director at the Ohio River Museum, will be joining us that evening. She will lead a discussion about Meriwether Lewis on the Ohio.

Sunday, at your leisure, take a tour of the Campus Martis Museum and/or take a tour of the town of Marietta. There is plenty of history here. See you next time at the Handshake event in Clarksville in October.

Update on the "Lewis and Clark-the Handshake." The event this year will be held on October 5 & 6. This year the event will take place in two different locations. First, at the Falls Interpretive Center will be a play based on the Lewis and Clark story and is being produced by a local musical director/teacher who grew up in Washburn, N D. Also, the Center for Cultural Resources of ISU will be on hand to greet the public and will be presenting two educational programs for educators/youths on the story of Lewis and Clark.

The second part of the weekend event will take place at the Clark Cabin site where historical presentations will be held, which will include vendors, docents at Clark's Cabin, an expedition medical display, a working blacksmith, hawk and atiali demonstrations and a weaver. Local Boy Scouts will be offering lunch on Saturday and Sunday at the Cabin site. Last, but not least, will be your opportunity to speak with Captains Lewis and Clark and York.

A shuttle service has been arranged to provide the visitors a scenic ride between the Interpretive Center and the Clark Cabin site. This should be a fun experience for all.

Hours for the event are from 11:00 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, and from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday. A special surprise is in the works for the Saturday night meeting. More information will follow. Hope to see all ORC members supporting our event.

For those of you that have not renewed your membership in the Ohio River Chapter, please renew now. It is more important than ever that you support the ORC. Our Chapter now has the opportunity to become a major player in the telling the story of one of America's greatest adventures, the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Our "Handshake" event will help keep the story alive, but not without your help.

Sand Hennings-Vice-President  
Chair of the "Lewis and Clark- the Handshake."



**Secretary's Report**  
Minutes- ORC  
Saturday, March 16, 2019  
Four Points by Sheraton Inn  
Kalamazoo, MI

Sandy Hennings, Vice-President  
Skip Jackson, Treasurer  
Richard Hennings, Communications Officer  
Hasan Davis  
Mandy Dick  
Jerry Wilson

Call to order: Sandy Hennings, VP, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

OPENING CEREMONY: Presented by Skip Jackson.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of previous meeting of 8/24/2018-amended and 10/20/2018 were accepted by voice approval.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Vice-President;

Sandy indicated that an update on the next two meetings will be sent out to members in the next two weeks.

Treasurer;

Skip reported that the chapter was in the black.

It was clarified that the monies from the Handshake Book Sale were deposited in the ORC account and posted to the Wellness Column.

Skip reported that the ORC Membership is at 42.

Communications Officer: Richard asked if he should continue sending email newsletters to nonpaying members. Skip recommended that the chapter continue with this mailing policy.

It was also reported that President Trump signed the Eastern Legacy Trail Extension Bill, which was included with the Public Lands Bill, on March 12, 2019.

It was also noted that the ORC needs someone to handle social media listings for the chapter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee Report was presented and accepted as read. The officers elected for the ORC Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 are as follows:

- Chuck Crase, President
- Sandy Hennings, Vice-President
- Skip Jackson, Treasurer
- Alice Crase, Secretary
- Richard Hennings, Communications Officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ONGOING PROGRAMS:

ORC-BSA Patch Program;

Jerry indicated that he would continue as scout program caretaker until someone else steps up. Jerry also asked to buy additional American Heritage Girl Patches, which the ORC approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Meeting Notes taken by Mandy Dick  
Transcription by Alice Crase, Secretary.  
March 25, 2019

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**From the Journals**

*18<sup>th</sup> September*

*The morning was clear and having had every thing in readiness the over night we set out before sunrise and at nine in the morning passed Setart's falls; this being nine miles distant from our encampment of last evening— this rapid is the most considerable in the whole course of the Ohio, except the rapids as they are called opposite to Louisville in Kentucky— the descent at Setart's falls is a little more than 4 four feet in two hundred fifty yards.*

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

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**EASTERN LEGACY – IT'S OFFICIAL!**

President Trump signed it into law on March 12, 2019. LCNHT Superintendent Mark Weekly made it official on May 13, 2019 (60 days out). His comment was, "Wow!". The Lewis and Clark National Historical Trail now has 1200 additional miles and extends from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Astoria, Oregon. The official ceremony was held at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville, Indiana.

Thank you to the speakers at the morning ceremony (see the photo). At the podium is Jim Keith, the chair of the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation and the Indiana Lewis and Clark Commission. Also, in the background are

(from left to right) Paul Fetter (president of the Clarksville town board who, along with his staff, organized the events), Bud Clark (William Clark descendant, ORC member and LCTHF Board member), Mark Weekly (LCNHT superintendent), Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (she represented the state of **Indiana quite well and made** sure there were no last minute slip ups), behind Jim is Indiana U.S. Senator Todd Young (it was Senator Young's S 47 legislation that was the finale that made it happen, thank you Senator Young), Indiana Congressman Trey Hollingsworth and Indiana Congressman Greg Pence (both of their districts border on the Ohio River, the Trail).



Your Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Eastern Legacy committee would like to thank everyone who did anything to have our trail extend the 1200 miles from Pittsburgh to Wood River. If you have not done so yet please thank any person that you contacted that had anything to do with the passage of this legislation. Pictured are the members of the LCTHF Eastern Legacy committee (from left to right): Mike Loesch, Paige Cruz (chair), Jerry Wilson, Phyllis Yeager, Lou Ritten. Not pictured and unable to attend the event are Philippa Newfield and Lindy Hatcher.

Thank you Ohio River Chapter members and look forward to future events.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson




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**A Book Recommendation**  
**The Pioneers: The Heroic Story Of The Settlers Who**  
**Brought The American Ideal West**  
**by David McCullough**

I am recommending this book to anyone who plans to attend the Marietta, Ohio, August 2019 Ohio River Chapter meeting. Or to anyone who enjoys reading about our country's westward movement. Or to anyone who likes books written by one of my favorite authors, David McCullough. McCullough is, of course, the author of Theodore Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and John Adams biographies, and recently a biography about the Wright Brothers.

The story behind THE PIONEERS fits in with our upcoming Marietta visit. In the book, McCullough narrates the story of the early settlement of the town, in particular concentrating on two pioneer families, the Cutlers and the Putnams. Like all of McCullough's books, it is an easy and fun read.

Being an early Ohio River settlement, would have been visited, or at least viewed, by both Clark (on his way down the river with Anthony Wayne's Legion in 1794) and Lewis (keelboat 1803.)

So, if you can locate a copy of the book before your visit, great. Or, maybe after viewing the town, you may want to learn more.

Submitted by  
Jerry Wilson

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### Ohio River Chapter Patch Program

After several years as the Ohio River Chapter Scout Patch coordinator, I am now passing the position on to another chapter member (an actual Scout Master, good.) I consider the Chapter Program a success on both the national level and the Chapter level. The Chapter has been involved in awarding both Boy Scouts patches and American Heritage Girls patches. The Chapter has a very thorough list of requirements for a national patch, and has recently made it possible for scouts to earn a special patch at the *Lewis and Clark-the Handshake* festival held in Clarksville, Indiana. I will be more than happy to work with the new coordinator, especially at the October *Lewis and Clark-the Handshake* event.

Thanks to Linda Robertson, KAY Williams, Bob Anderson and Sandy Hennings for their past help with the program.

Submitted by  
Jerry Wilson

Note: the new ORC Scout Patch coordinator is Steve Driver and is from the Clarksville area. He is also our newest member.

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### Big Bone Lick Historic Site Celebrates Lewis and Clark

Big Bone Lick State Historic Site and its Friends of Big Bone support group have long interpreted the Meriwether Lewis 1803 visit and the William Clark 1807 visit as part of their mandate. Now, with the official Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail extended along the Ohio River, efforts are being made to increase the awareness of Lewis and Clark in the area.

Saturday, May 25, 2019 the first of a three part series of Lewis and Clark events was held. The program was free to the public and approximately 125 park patrons attended the three hour event. Those involved showed and explained Lewis and Clark and other time period items to give the public an idea of what was taken on the expedition, what was seen on the expedition and what was brought back on the expedition. Thanks to property manager Amelia Hulth and Friends of Big Bone Woody and Cindy Schuster and Jerry Wilson for their time and energy in making this program a success.

Part two will take place on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, highlighted by a “Lewis and Clark hike.” Part three will take place on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, highlighted by a “Lewis and Clark overnight campout,” with an appearance by Meriwether Lewis himself.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson  
Ohio River Chapter



From ORC member Ron Laycock comes an interesting bit of trivia relating to Captain Clark.

It seems that during the early years of our War Between the States, and continuing on until 1876, there was a shortage of metal from which the government could produce coins. In order to fill the demand for fractional money, the U. S. Treasury started printing paper money in three-cent, five-cent, ten-cent, twenty-five-cent and fifty cent notes. During the third printing of the five-cent note, Congress requested that the bill contain a likeness of William Clark as a way of honoring him.

Unfortunately, it is alleged, they did not include his first name, and the Superintendent of the National Currency Bureau at the time, Spencer A Clark, took it upon himself to use his own image on the five-cent note. Surely this "gentleman" was aware of Congress' intent, but it seemed to matter little to this person of questionable character.

As one might expect, members of Congress were outraged at such egotism displayed by this person, and quickly set about correcting the matter, and on April 2, 1866 they passed a law that no image of a living person can be placed on U. S. currency.

So it was, that through the actions of this most dishonorable person, Captain Clark lost out on being honored with his likeness on U. S. currency.

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### **Lewis and Clark come to Jonesville, MI**

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, ORC members George and Carole Bolton and Richard and Sandy Hennings took part in the Jonesville River Festival. There were many attractions scattered throughout the town, but the Living History Camp seemed to garner much attention.

The camp hosted a Civil War camp, a WW1 set up, and the aforementioned ORC members. George had on display his collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century medical equipment, while Carole demonstrated the art of wheat weaving. The Hennings' had several items relating to L & C on display, but mainly concentrated on the Michigan Connection, George Drouillard. The Camp was set up on the grounds of the Grosvenor House, which in all reality was the star of the weekend..

The house was built between the years 1872-74 for a cost of \$37,500. (today's cost would be estimated at between five and six million dollars.) The house is on the National Register of Historic Places.





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### Glossary of Colonial Terms

Kneading Trough..... A wooden trough or tub in which to knead bread

Linsey-Woolsey.....A coarse cloth of woven linen and wool or cotton and wool threads

Metheglin.....A spiced mead (a liquor made of honey and water):

From chaddsfordhistory.org

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Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see everyone in Marietta or Clarksville.