Message from the Annual Meeting Committee

We are very excited as over 170 people were registered for the 2012 Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting by June 22. The meeting is July 28 thru August 1 at the Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville, Indiana. We have an outstanding program of speakers and tours planned for everyone to enjoy. A few of the highlights are:

On Monday morning, Joshua Bennett will lead off our speakers with “Destined to be Victims: The Hard Fate of the Shawnee and Native American People.” Joshua graduated from high school at the age of sixteen so he could be a member of the Discovery Expedition St. Charles, Missouri on their 2003-2006 bicentennial re-enactment of the Lewis & Clark journey across America. Monday evening the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles and the St. Charles Fife and Drum Corps will join us at the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park for a barbeque.

On Wednesday evening, the closing banquet will be a star-spangled affair as we celebrate William Clark’s birthday. Clark was born 242 years ago on August 1, 1770 in Caroline County, Virginia. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, music by the Heartstring Ensemble, bourbon cocktails from Makers Mark, a cash bar and the silent auction. After the sit down dinner, Jay H. Buckley, the Foundation president, will speak on “William Clark: A Reflection.” The meeting will close with an invitation to the 2013 meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota.

If you are driving to the meeting, visit our website http://www.lewisandclark2012.com/and check out the historic places you can visit on the way. From the “Home” page on the website, scroll down to the bottom and click on each site to learn about it.
44th Annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meeting

Lewis and Clark
Trail Heritage Foundation
2012 Annual Meeting
July 28-August 1, 2012
Clarksville, Indiana / Louisville, Kentucky

Falls of the Ohio: Where they Met, Departed and Returned

Join us for the 2012 Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual meeting July 28 through August 1, 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Lakeview in Clarksville. The event is hosted by the Ohio River Chapter.

Visit the Falls of the Ohio River where Lewis and Clark joined forces before setting off on October 26, 1803, on their expedition to find a route to the Pacific Ocean. The co-captains returned to the Falls of the Ohio on November 5, 1806 before parting company and returning by separate routes to report to President Thomas Jefferson on the findings of their historic expedition.

This Web site will keep you up to date on the latest information about the 2012 meeting and the exciting things you will enjoy at the Falls of the Ohio.

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See website at http://lewisandclarkfallsoftheohio.com/index.htm
Find information on the following: Schedule of Events
Registration & Reservations    Hotel Information
Presenter Bios    Local Area Information
Special Events—Trough Spring, Future Explorers, Silent Auction
Minutes from the ORC Spring Meeting
Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center
Riverside Drive, Clarksville, Indiana
Education/Library Room
2:00 PM, May 19, 2012

Jerry Wilson, presiding in lieu of Bob Anderson who was ill and could not attend, called the Spring Meeting of the Ohio River Chapter to order with twenty-two members in attendance.

Minutes of the Lafayette, Indiana meeting as published in the On The Ohio newsletter were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report by Skip Jackson was itemized and reported. A total of $11,991.60 includes the Wellness Challenge monies, the Big Bone Plaque monies from ORC, Youth for Annual Meeting expenses, LCTHF Grant for Annual Meeting, American Heritage Girls Patch expenses, the Boy Scout Patch expenses, and a balance of Un-restricted funds. Jerry Robertson moved to accept the report, Janice Wilson, seconded. Motion carried by unanimous ‘aye’ votes.

I. Wellness Challenge. Janice Wilson reported there are adequate funds for awards at the Annual Meeting in July 2012. There will be a fundraiser of T-Shirt sales for the New Orleans Meeting planned for February of 2013.

II. Big Bone Park signs were reported on by Jerry Wilson. He says the project is moving on and the Chapter money has been returned because of the grant from the Foundation.

III. A grant was received by the Clarksville Convention and Tourism Bureau for the procurement of a keelboat replica for display. Jim Keith reported on details.

IV. New Orleans Regional Meeting was reported by Jerry Wilson. It is a joint venture with other chapters, particularly the Illini chapter. More details will follow. After discussion, Ann Bear moved the Chapter support the New Orleans Regional Meeting, Feb. 28th-Mar. 3rd, 2013. Skip Jackson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by voice vote was given.

V. A moment silence for memorial remembrances concerning the passing of Kay Williams, wife of ORC founding member Tom Williams of Temperance, Michigan and Elaine Prestholdt, wife of Richard Prestholdt of Bridgewater, New Jersey, all longtime LCTHF members was asked for by Jerry Robertson. All participated.

VI. On behalf of the ORC Nominating Committee (Esther Duncan (Chair), Brad Brakke, Jon Stealey, and Margaret Wozniak) the attendees received a copy of the Report and Election Ballot. Jerry Robertson led discussion of the report and ballot at the behest of the Nominating Committee. The ballot as listed was accepted with a motion by Skip Jackson and seconded by Linda Robertson. Jerry Robertson requested further nominations from the floor for Treasurer and Board Members. The ballot was voted on, excepting the President office, and the following Officers of 2012-2013 are: Margaret Wozniak, President-Elect; Chuck Crase, Vice President; Secretary, Julia Teuschler; Treasurer, Skip Jackson; Communications Officer, Lorna Hainesworth; Board Members Bob Anderson, Brad Brakke, Jim Keith, Bud Clark and Jerry Wilson.

Chuck Crase moved to postpone the decision on the Presidency vacancy until Margaret is contacted to decide how the Office will be filled. Skip seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Since holding office is contingent on a valid membership, the Treasurer will provide a monthly updated membership list for the ORC. Skip will contact errant members and publish a list upon request as needed.

VII. Appreciation was given the Clarksville group for the good events of this weekend at the Falls of the Ohio. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and concert on Friday evening in Jeffersonville; the well-organized and informative rundown of
the Annual Meeting plans given by Jim Keith and Linda Robertson and the tour of the hotel layout; the delicious box lunch at the Clark Cabin, and the visit to the Falls Interpretive Center and the gifts of pins.

VIII Future meeting plans: Vice President Chuck Crase will offer locations and ideas for future meetings to the membership. Open discussion followed.

IX Adjournment was moved by Skip Jackson and Jim Keith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Julia A Teuschler, Secretary

Special Request from Margaret Wozniak: Anyone with an interest and willingness to serve as our chapter president until next May should contact Margaret Wozniak at wozniak64@yahoo.com or at 231-882-0435.

LEWIS AND CLARK AT BIG BONE LICK
Among the many Euro-Americans that visited Big Bone Lick to collect fossils were famous explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. At the direction of the President, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis visited in October of 1803 on his way down the Ohio to meet Clark in Louisville for their expedition (1803-1806) across the American West to the Pacific Ocean. His fossils failed to reach the President. Clark, however, conducted a major dig for Jefferson in September 1807, collecting more than 300 bones and teeth that did reach him. Through the examination of the teeth, the U.S. and France determined that the mastodon and mammoth were two distinct species and thus helped Big Bone Lick lay claim as the birthplace of North American vertebrate paleontology.

Lewis and Clark at Big Bone Lick Sign
Jerry Wilson

Thanks to a Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council for the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project, support from the Ohio River Chapter, the Friends of Big Bone and hard work plus patience from individuals involved, the Lewis and Clark at Big Bone sign project is nearly completed. The Friends of Big Bone is the support group for Big Bone Lick State Park in Union, Kentucky. A few years ago the group undertook an extensive (and costly) project to upgrade the signage along their main trail. A total of 14 signs were needed to tell the natural and historic highlights of the area. Among the highlights, of course, was the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark connection to the area.

At this time the target date for the trail to be officially reopened with all 14 signs is
September 23-24. These dates were chosen as the Cincinnati area celebrates their outdoors with an event titled the Great Outdoor Weekend. I will certainly keep the membership up to date, and I will have a report our chapter meeting.
ORC member Bill Smith will be speaking at the 2012 Lewis and Clark Annual Meeting in Clarksville on the afternoon of August 1. He will be focusing on family members of Sergeants Charles Floyd and Nathaniel Pryor. His formal presentation will be posted on his website as an appendix at www.davisfloyd.info around the middle of July. Click on the table of contents and go to the last appendix item and click on that. It should come up. Copies of the presentation may also be e-mailed to persons attending the annual meeting and hard copies thereof may be available at the meeting.

He says that his talk will answer the following questions concerning members of the Virginia and Kentucky Floyd family:

1. Who saved the young Indiana Territory from slavery in the early 1800’s? Who were the antislavery proponents and who were the proslavery advocates? The governing document for the Indiana Territory was the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. It prohibited slavery!

2. Sgt. Floyd’s older brother was Davis Floyd. In 1806 Floyd joined Aaron Burr in Jeffersonville as his quartermaster. Floyd was involved in four federal trials concerning the so-called conspiracy. Floyd’s involvement was detailed by a young recruit who was on Floyd’s boat downriver. Who was the real perpetrator in the Burr conspiracy? What was Floyd’s involvement? Who was the only man who was convicted of a crime in connection with the conspiracy? Learn the real facts of the conspiracy. You probably haven’t heard them.

3. The Northwest Ordinance provided the way that Indians in the Indiana Territory should be treated which was humane and respectful of their rights. Learn how the Indians were treated in the Indiana Territory! One of the complaints of the Anglo-Americans including the Floyd family about Indians was their indiscriminate murdering of women and children. Thomas Jefferson complained in the Declaration of Independence that England’s King George urged the Indians to use this type of murderous warfare against the Americans. Who was the Indians’ advocate during the prelude to and the aftermath of the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7th, 1811? Where did he live and how were his opinions recorded?

4. Clay Jenkinson has written a wonderful book on the character of Meriwether Lewis. Bill believes it is the best book ever written about the Lewis and Clark adventure. But Bill claims he misses some critical facts, or rather the absence of some critical facts, which in his opinion settles the suicide/murder dispute. Learn what those facts are and what evidence proves them! Learn about the Anglo-American law enforcement and judicial system in existence at the time and place of Lewis’ death.

Bill, who is now a Florida resident, looks forward to seeing old friends at the meeting.

Attention!! Silent Auction Closet!
Promises have been made for the donation of many items!! Of course there’s room for more! Need ideas/info? email: jtriverwinds@yahoo.com Forms from website go here.
2012 Silent Auction, P O Box 910313, Lexington, KY 40591 Attn: Julia Teuschler
The LCTHF Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge, sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter, is raising funds to provide awards for participating Foundation members. A T-Shirt Sale Fundraiser will take place during the 44th Annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meeting on July 28-August 1, 2012.

T-Shirts are kaki with black design and sell for $15.00. All shirts MUST be pre-ordered. Send shirt sizes (S, M, L, XL or XXL) to Jerry Wilson at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com or call 812-689-5172 by October 15 or you can order one at the Annual Meeting. YOU GOTTA HAVE ONE!

Profits from the fundraiser will be deposited into the Ohio River Chapter checking account to offset any requested funds for the Wellness Challenge awards. Hopes are high that many Foundation members from throughout the country will participate in the challenge program and that many awards will be given at the 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting in Clarksville.

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**Additional Day on Saturday, March 2, 2013**

- All-day bus trip upriver
- Tour boyhood home of Jefferson Davis
- Enjoy optional hike to an old fort site OR hike to see some waterfalls at a state park
- Experience an 1810 duel reenactment
- Visit plantation house where John J. Audubon created almost 3 dozen of his famous bird paintings
- See other sites of historical importance

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**Visitors will get the chance to:**

- See some of the original Louisiana Purchase documents
- Tour the building/museum where the transfer took place
- Take a boat ride to and tour the Chalmette site of the Battle of New Orleans of 1815
- Visit a historic city plantation
- Walk through the French Quarter highlighting Lewis and Clark connections
- Enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of New Orleans!

Here Is Your Chance!!!

Thursday, February 28 & Friday, March 1, 2013

Fees are yet to be determined. A host hotel with a special rate has already been arranged.

Contact:
Lou Ritten at 708-354-7778 or lritten01@yahoo.com for further info or to make a reservation.

The total attendance will be capped, so it is very important to make your interest known early.
Prepared the Pipe of Peace very flasky. Wind rose at 10 oClock and blew from W. S. W. very pleasant all day. Several men gathering grapes &c. two men after the horses which Strayed the night before last. These Prairies produce the Blue Current Common in the U. S. the Goose Berry Common in the U. S. two Kind of Honeysuckle, the Bush which I have Seen in Kentucky, with a pale pink flower, also one which grow in Clusters about 4 or 5 feet high bearing a Short flour in clusters of the like Colour. the leaves Single. 3 Deer & an Elk Killed to day. This being my birth day I order’d a Saddle of fat Venison, an Elk fleece & a Bevertail to be cooked and a Desert of Cherries, Plumbs, Raspberries Currents and grapes of a Supr. quality. The Indians not yet arrived. a Cool fine evening. Musquetors very troublesome, the Prairies Contain Cherries, Apple, Grapes, Currents, Rasp burry, Gooseberris Hastlenuts and a great Variety of Plants & flours not Common to the U S. What a field for a Botents [botanist] and a natirless [naturalist].

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at noon Capt. Clark killed a mountain Sheep, on the side of a Steep redish hills or cliffs. the remainder of the flock run up the Steep cliffs. the one killed roled down Some distance So we got it and dined earnestly on it. it being Capt. Clarks birth day he ordered Some flour gave out to the party. we Saw Some timber along the Shores resembling ceeder which Some call Juniper, which had a delightfull Shade. I left my Tommahawk on the Small Island where we lay last night, which makes me very Sorry that I forgot it as I had used it common to Smoak in.

We Set out early as usial the wind was high and ahead which caused the water to be a little rough and delayed us very much added to this we had Showers of rain repeatedly all day at the intermiti on of only a few minits between them. My Situation a very disagreeable one. (‘Some Birthday, Huh?’—ed) in an open Canoe wet and without a possibility of keeping my Self dry, the Country through which we passed is in every respect like that through which I passed yesterday. The brooks have all Some water in them from the rains which has fallen. this water is excessively muddy.

From the Journals

Wednesday August 1st 1804

Thursday August 1st 1805

Friday August 1st 1806.

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. No fees have been determined yet, but set aside the dates on your calendar. 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.

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