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The President's Message

I want to thank the members of the Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for their vote of confidence in electing me as their official representative to the office of President. I take the office of President seriously and will work hard to serve the membership of the Chapter. I hope my work will help to strengthen and increase Chapter membership, expand and add to the on-going Chapter programs, and attend to the Chapter's business in an efficient and timely manner.

The Chapter membership can be strengthened by more face to face contact. I will propose adding a fourth meeting annually to this end. This would be one per quarter and with some rotating and perhaps some fixed sites, this should be doable. I also think that having more people involved in Chapter planning and activities would be helpful. Chapter members must be more involved in the Chapter's activities to strengthen and grow the Chapter membership.

Facebook and advertising avenues are also being explored as a means to tell people who we are and what we are about. I appointed a Facebook Committee at the Berea 2015 Meeting to gather facts about improving the ORC webpage on the Foundation's website and adding a Facebook page linked to that site. I encourage each of you to look at the Foundation's website and specifically look at the Chapters site and webpage and Facebook page for each Chapter. Decide for yourself what the ORC website and Facebook page should contain, and what it should look like. Send me your thoughts and suggestions to (afccecrase@roadrunner.com), and we will make every effort to make some decisions at the Kalamazoo 2016 Meeting and move ahead.

Advertising in magazines and printed media will be discussed. Suggestions are needed on how to put together this ad with a few words that capture the essence of who, what, where and why, given we have a bulky name and broad base. I am going to propose that the Chapter move ahead with this project, but suggestions are needed. Send suggestions by e-mail to me and I will work on this. (afccecrase@roadrunner.com)

Another area I want the Chapter to consider is creation of a Chapter Logo and Motto, which can be used on a patch, an advertising board, hat, shirt, stationary, website, Facebook page, business card, or anywhere the Chapter approves. There is a Chapter Patch that some members have from previous years, but is no longer available. That could be a starting point. I have several ideas to share

with the Chapter at the Kalamazoo 2016 Meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions, e-mail them to me (afccecrase@roadrunner.com) and I will include them in my presentation at Kalamazoo.

Lorna Hainesworth gave a presentation at the Berea Meeting on a National Park Service initiative “honoring Tribal Legacies”. This is an educational program utilizing information and presentations from multiple entities over the course of the bicentennial years. The NPS has created a website (<http://honoringtriballegacies.com/>) that explains the program. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail has compiled two books to help explain and teach this history and legacy,

Vol I- Foundation Document for Honoring Tribal Legacies: An Epic Journey of Healing answers the question, “Why design a curriculum Honoring Tribal Legacies?”

Vol II- Guide to Designing Curriculum for Honoring Tribal Legacies: An Epic Journey of Healing answers the question, “How does one design curriculum Honoring Tribal Legacies?”

I want to discuss this further at Kalamazoo. I want the chapter to start a study program to be held during our chapter meeting weekends, somewhat like a book club. I have scanned the information briefly and find it fascinating and interesting. I believe it would be educational and rewarding and a good group activity. I also invite the Chapter members to check out this website and this program.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting at the Kalamazoo Living History Show in Kalamazoo, MI, March, 2016. Other meeting sites next year are at Harpers Ferry 2016 Annual Meeting and The Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY, fall 2016.

Submitted by Chuck Crase/Stanford, KY/President-ORC_LCTHF

.Secretary’s Report

OHIO RIVER CHAPTER

August 3, 2015

Kansas City, Missouri

The summer meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Margaret Wozniak.

Vice President Chuck Crase gave a report on upcoming meetings. The fall meeting will be held in Berea, KY, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Information and registration for this meeting was in the last issue of the newsletter as well as on the Foundation website under the Event Calendar/October. The meeting will include tours of the college and Wilderness Road. Dinner will be at Boone Tavern in Berea. The spring meeting which was originally scheduled to be held at the Filson Museum and other sites in the area will need to be moved, possibly, to the fall of 2016 since renovations to the museum are not scheduled to be completed until the end of March 2016. The spring meeting will, instead, be held somewhere in Southeastern Indiana. Lorna Hainesworth will be giving her

presentation "Corps in the War." Another topic included in the meeting might be William Henry Harrison. More details of this meeting will be presented at the next ORC meeting.

A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Doug Wozniak to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the latest edition of the OTO. The motion voted and passed.

The Treasurer report was sent by Treasurer Skip Jackson and presented by Margaret Wozniak. Unrestricted funds total \$4,176.43. Wellness Fund \$45.57. American Girls Patch \$75.00. The full report can be found in the Secretary notebook. A current membership list was sent and filed in the Secretary notebook. Chuck Crase made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Lorna Hainesworth, voted and passed.

The Communication Officer's report was sent by Richard Hennings and presented by Margaret Wozniak. Rich reported that he is mailing twenty copies of the OTO, but only six have paid the five dollar fee. A discussion was held noting that some copies are mailed to nonmembers. It was decided not to worry about the cost of mailing the copies to those who have not paid if they are printed in black and white and not in color.

Jerry Wilson reported on the 2016 annual meeting in Harpers Ferry. The planning committee is on track with the planning of the meeting. He reminded members that a motion was passed at a previous meeting to make a monetary donation toward the meeting. He suggested that the chapter might want sponsor a cash bar preceding the banquet and during the silent auction in the sum of \$300.00. This money will pay for the labor costs of the workers at the bar. The planning committee would list the chapter in the meeting program as a sponsor and could also put signage at the bar noting that it was sponsored by the chapter. A motion was made by Doug Wozniak to sponsor a cash bar at the Harpers Ferry meeting in the sum of \$300.00/ the motion was seconded by Ginny Koss, was voted and carried.

Janice Wilson gave a report on the Wellness Challenge program. It was noted that this is an official Foundation program. Janice announced that thirteen teams had participated in the program for 2014-2015, with the Ohio River team finishing in third place. Incentives for 2015-2016 would be notebook and pen sets with Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge printed on the cover. The chapter was thanked for their continued support and sponsorship of this program.

Old Business

A discussion was held concerning a new member drive. Suggestions were made as to how to help with this, including using Facebook and advertising in the monthly publication, Smoke & Fire. It was decided that more information needed to be obtained, possibly from Richard Hennings, about the cost of taking an ad in Smoke & Fire before making a decision. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Business

Margaret Wozniak reported that she had received information from Paige Cruz regarding the Trail Stewardship Grant for signage along the Ohio River. The signage has been completed and Paige requested that the chapter provide a one-year complimentary membership to each entity that partnered with the grant. These include people involved in the design and production of the signs and brochures, state tourism bureaus and the contact persons of the twenty-five sites where signage was placed. Jerry Wilson made a motion that Paige's request be honored. The motion was seconded by Doug Wozniak, was voted and passed. Paige also asked for approval to apply for another grant to continue the project under the sponsorship of the Ohio River Chapter. Jerry Wilson made a motion that the chapter sponsor a grant application to continue the signage project. The motion was seconded by Chuck Crase, was voted and passed.

Announcements

Thanks were given to all who sent birthday wishes to Eugene Gass Painter. Margaret said that she had some of the new Foundation brochures and asked that members be sure to take several to distribute.

Jerry Wilson reported on the Chapter Officer's meeting held by the Foundation. Jim Rosenberger had challenged each chapter to give financial help to the Foundation by making a contribution to one of the Foundation funds. Chuck Crase made a motion to donate \$5.00 per member each year to the Foundation. The motion was seconded by Jan Huff. A discussion was held with different suggestions as to the amount and how to make a donation. The motion was voted and was not passed. It was decided to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Chuck Crase read a passage from Ordway's journal from May 29th, 1806. He then presented Margaret with a replica necklace, similar to that from the above journal entry. The necklace, made by Richard and Sandra Hennings, was given in appreciation of her service as President of the Ohio River Chapter. Margaret presented the new Chapter Handbook from the Foundation and an Ohio River Chapter sign to Chuck Crase as the incoming President.

A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Jan Huff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wilson

Secretary

Ohio River Chapter

October 3, 2015

Berea, Kentucky

The fall meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Chuck Crase. Skip Jackson recited the 4th verse of the Star Spangled Banner and led the members in the Pledge to the Flag.

A sheet was passed around for all members to sign. Guests were recognized and welcomed. Tom and Alice Gasque, from the Carolina Chapter, and Terri Purcell, who was involved with the Corps of Discovery II during the Bicentennial. New members, Bill and Jennie Forehand were also recognized.

President Crase thanked all those present for attending the meeting. He read an excerpt from a publication written by the founder of Berea College concerning what a college should be. He also gave a short reading from a book by Randall Jones on the history of the DAR signage project along the Daniel Boone Trail.

The minutes of the summer meeting in Kansas City were read. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Officers Reports:

Vice President Jerry Wilson gave a report on upcoming meetings. Chuck is working on a meeting for the fall of 2016 at the Filson, which will also include the Falls of the Ohio area. Jerry reported that it had been published in The Orderly Report that the spring 2016 meeting would be in Kalamazoo, Michigan. No one was sure how this happened to appear in The Orderly Report as it had not been sent this year. However, he would proceed with plans for the meeting to be held there. The meeting will be March 19th and 20th. Jerry will work out the details and contact Richard Hennings who will see that the information is in the newsletter. Jerry also announced that Lorna Hainesworth will be giving a presentation, "Corps in the War" at some future date. That meeting might also include William Henry Harrison and Zebulon Pike, the mouth of Big Bone Creek, and possibly Lochry's Defeat. He asked that members contact him if they have any ideas for future meetings. A suggestion voiced was to have Hasan Davis speak since he has a new book soon to be published. It was mentioned that a member might be able to apply for a grant to pay for the presentation.

Treasurer Skip Jackson gave the Treasurer's report. Skip said that he had received a member registration, but there was no check included. He asked if anyone had e-mail information for that person. Linda Robertson will e-mail her and let her know the check was not included. Skip reported that the chapter account has a balance of \$4,452, \$4,422 of which is unrestricted funds, \$45 in the Wellness Fund and \$75 in the American Girls Heritage Fund. He collected some dues at the meeting and thanked all those who had already paid. Skip reported that the chapter has about fifty paid members at this point. Jerry Wilson reported that he had additional money from the Boy Scout Patches and Skip explained how the patch and wellness funds were handled. He also explained how the grant money for the signage project was handled.

Committee Reports:

Chuck indicated that he had received information from Mike Loesch, who was unable to attend the meeting, stating that a grant application had been submitted by the ORC Project Team to the Trail Heritage Grant Committee to continue the Eastern Legacy Uniform Sign System. We are now awaiting the committee's decision.

Janice and Jerry Wilson gave a report on the Wellness Program. Thirteen teams have signed up as of this date. Jerry reported that notebook and pen sets had been purchased as a program incentive (one for each person participating in the program) and that he would present the bill to the treasurer. He also said that he had received a sample of a different type of notebook that might be purchased so that the program would have incentives for the next couple of years. Janice and Jerry are planning to sell meeting t-shirts for the Harpers Ferry meeting as a fund raiser for the challenge program. These shirts would be available on a pre-order, pre-paid basis only.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Wilson reported on the Boy Scout Patch Program. He said that he had requests for forty Boy Scout patches last year and he needed to purchase more patches to meet this request. He has had no orders this year. He did receive orders for American Heritage Girls patches. He had two checks for the treasurer for these patches. One group requesting patches was from a group in Maryland who did a project at Harpers Ferry. The other request was from a group in Oregon. It was asked if this resulted in any new members. The answer was "no." The question was asked if there was some way of being more proactive with the Boy and Girl Scouts and if anyone worked with these groups. It was suggested to send ORC brochures with the patches or advertising on the website. Jenny Forehand asked for more information and will discuss this with Jerry later.

Jerry Wilson reported on the upcoming annual meeting to be held in Harpers Ferry. He reported that planning is going well. There has been a minor hitch in the handling of the finances of the meeting, but felt it could be resolved and not hinder planning of the meeting. He advised everyone that would be attending the meeting to make hotel reservations early, as the hotel will only open 60% of their rooms. The planning committee is hoping that if many reservations are made early, the hotel will open more rooms. The hotel information can be found on the Foundation website.

At a previous meeting, a discussion was held on possible ways to increase membership in the ORC. One way was to advertise in the publication Smoke & Fire. Since Richard Hennings was unable to attend this meeting, Chuck Crase felt this matter could be resolved at the next meeting in Kalamazoo when Richard will be present. A discussion was held on updating the Chapter website and creating a Chapter Facebook Page linked to the Foundation's website. This could be used as advertising and recruiting tools. A committee consisting of Terri Purcell, Ken Jutzi and Chuck Crase were appointed to study this issue and will report back at the next meeting. Ken Jutzi also suggested that ORC members look at the various chapter websites and Facebook pages on the Foundation website to facilitate the next discussion.

New Business:

Skip reported that he had been contacted by Mike Loesch concerning annual meeting funds for the Harpers Ferry meeting. The first seed money might be put in a special ORC account to pay small bills, similar to how the signage project money was handled. He stated that the ORC would not be Treasurer for the Harpers Ferry meeting nor would they be accepting credit cards or Pay Pal payments.

A question was asked as to what the ORC was doing in regard to the Eastern Legacy Legislation and that we need to know what can be done to help get the legislation passed. Chuck said that he would try to get more information on that subject.

Announcements:

Lorna Hainesworth gave a report on the Honoring Tribal Legacy Curriculum Guide. She described the guide and members were given handouts with information and websites for obtaining the guide. She encouraged everyone to promote the use of this material. Lorna also gave a report on the event to dedicate a monument to Joseph C. Brown in connection with the initial point for the survey of the Louisiana Purchase.

President Crase suggested starting a listing of upcoming Lewis and Clark events. Two events coming up are Fort Massac Encampment, October 17th & 18th, 2015, in Metropolis, IL, and the Kalamazoo Living History Show, March 19th & 20th, 2016, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Skip announced that he had Eastern Legacy brochures. If anyone is interested they should contact him.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wilson/Secretary

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**From the Journals**

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1803

Morning foggy, obliged to wait. Thermometer of the river water 73° being a difference of ten degrees, but yesterday there was a difference of twelve degrees, so that the water must have changed its temperature 2d in twenty four hours. coolder, at ¼ past 8 the murcury rose in the open air to 68°. the fogg dispeared and we set out; the difference therefore of 5° in temperature between the warter and air is not sufficient to produce the appearance of fogg — from the watermark we fixed last evening it appeared that the river during the night had fallen an inch perpendicularly — the Perogue was loaded as has been my practice since I left Pittsburgh, in order as much as possible to lighten the boat. the man who conducted her called as in distress about an hour after we had got

under way, we came too and waited her coming up found she had sprung a leak and nearly filled; this truly distressing. as her load consisting of articles of hard-ware; intended as presents too the Indians got wet and I fear are much damaged; proceeded about three miles further got fast on a bar below Georgetown, and with the assistance of some of the neighboring people got over it with much difficulty; at Georgetown purchased a canoe compleat with two paddles and two poles for which I gave 11\$, found that my new purchase leaked so much that she was unsafe without some repairs; came too about a mile below the riffle on the east shore pretty early in the evening where we stayed all night having made about thirteen miles this day. opened the articles which had got wet and exposed them to the sun; set some of my hands to repairing the canoe which I effected before night had the articles well oiled and put up in oilcloth baggs and returned to the casks in which they were previously were, hired another hand to go with me as far as Wheeling— the articles were not so much damaged as I had supposed—

About two miles above the camp passed the line, which divides the States of Virginia and Pennsylvania on the east side of the river, and on the West that of Pennsylvania from the State of Ohio; this one is made vible from the timber having been felled about sixty feet in width, the young timber has sprung up but has not attended the height of the other that it can with ease be traced with the eye a considerable distance— it passes the Ohio River at the mouth of mill Creek The water is so low and clear that we can see a great number of Fish of different kinds, the Sturgeon, Bass, Cat fish pike, &c. we fixed some spears after the indian method but have had too much to attend to of more importance than gigging fish—

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

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## **From the Membership**

### **GEORGE ROGERS CLARK: LAUGHERY CREEK, INDIANA**

### **MERIWETHER LEWIS: BIG BONE CREEK, KENTUCKY**

I recently attended the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Kansas City. As usual, there were many fine and informative presentations, along with other activities, given by very knowledgeable presenters. One presenter, in particular, was a fellow ORC member Bud Clark. A portion of Bud’s talk included my part of the country, Southeastern Indiana.

Fighting in the American Revolution ended in 1781 at Yorktown. However, the peace treaty was not finalized until 1783. In the meantime, troubles continued in the Ohio River Valley between the Americans and the British with their Indian allies. G. R. Clark believed most of the trouble was instigated by the British who still occupied Detroit. His plan was to gather troops, supplies, etc. and attack Detroit. Clark led an expedition down the Ohio River with a destination being the Falls of the Ohio. There they were to organize, train, etc. Attached to the expedition was a militia unit from Pennsylvania led by Colonel Archibald Lochry. When the group became separated, Lochry was lagging behind; they were attacked by Indians led by Joseph Brandt. All of the militiamen were either

killed, including Lochry, or taken captive. The location of the attack was at the mouth of the present named Laughery Creek (notice how we have changed the spelling) in Indiana. This in itself could make for a Lewis and Clark connection.

If we were to travel a few more miles down the Ohio River from Laughery Creek, we would come to the location of Big Bone Creek. Included in Jefferson's instructions, Lewis was to make a stop in Cincinnati and then travel overland by horseback to Big Bone Lick in Kentucky (Big Bone Lick State Historic Site has been the site of two previous ORC meetings). After his investigations in Cincinnati and the Lick, he was to rejoin the boats on the Ohio River. It was at the mouth of Big Bone Creek where this took place.

Thus, the mouth of Laughery Creek as it flows from the Indiana side and the mouth of Big Bone Creek as it flows from the Kentucky side, to me, can be considered Lewis and Clark sites. Maybe some time, these locations could be part of an ORC meeting.

Presented by Jerry Wilson

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### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival at the Blair Historical Farm in Homer, MI**

On Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015, ORC members George and Carole Bolton and Richard and Sandy Hennings were part of the Fall Festival. There was much interest in the Lewis and Clark display, with several people mentioning that they had been on at least part of the trail.

The lost art of wheat weaving as demonstrated by Carole Bolton always draws much attention.



### **Book Review**

**Submitted by Jerry Wilson**

## Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip

One of the things I like about Lewis and Clark is the many references that can be found in the most unlikely places. After attending the 47<sup>th</sup> LCTHF Annual Meeting in Kansas City, we were a part of a post meeting trip to The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, as well as The Natural World War I Museum in Kansas City. We were delighted with the information garnered at both. When visiting a museum, if time permits, I normally try to visit the gift/book store as well. A book is usually what I will purchase. The purchase that I made at the Truman Museum is the above mentioned title authored by Matthew Algeo and published in 2009.

Algeo retraces the Truman travels from Independence to New York City and back in Harry's car, a 1953 Chrysler New Yorker, soon after he left the presidency. Harry and Bess wanted to experience the "plain American" road trip. The route taken was basically US 24, US 36 and US 40, etc. through such cities as Hannibal, Missouri, Decatur, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana, Columbus, Ohio and Wheeling, West Virginia, then with stops in Washington, Philadelphia and New York City. The return was similar with an interesting stop in Richmond, Indiana. The Truman's stayed in hotels and with friends and even experienced a motel. They ate meals with friends in local diners and in fancy restaurants.

Well, much to my pleasant surprise, actually it should not be a surprise, on page 85 I found references to Lewis and Clark. The author mentioned the American Road Trip as the quintessentially American activity. To quote from the book: "Meriwether Lewis and William Clark embarked on the first great American road trip. Lewis left Pittsburgh on August 31, 1803, picked up Clark somewhere along the Ohio River, and set out for the Pacific Northwest-accompanied by a crew of more than thirty, including Clark's slave York." The writers note: how is this as advertisement for the 1803 Eastern Legacy? The book's author also describes the Truman route on US 40, The National Road which could be considered part of the Lewis 1803 route from Harpers Ferry to Wheeling.

So, to conclude, again it seems as if Lewis and Clark can be referenced to so many other important American events. I do recommend Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure. It is fun to read, and I am sure you will be as excited as me when you come to page 85.

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On the subject of books relating to Lewis & Clark, recently I was reading the April 2015 newsletter from the Badger State Chapter, when I came across an article by Jack Schroder that caught my attention. Mr. Schroder was reviewing a book titled "Edge of Survival" by John Toenyas and Phil Scriver.

The book discusses the various cooking methods that might have been used during the expedition. Even if you are not all that interested in cooking over an open fire as did the cooks of the Corps of Discovery, it is a good, interesting read.

It is, or at least it was when I purchased mine, available at Amazon, and is reasonably priced.

Richard Hennings

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# Spring 2016 ORC Meeting

Kalamazoo Living History Show

Kalamazoo, Michigan

The spring 2016 chapter meeting will take place March 19-20 at the Kalamazoo Living History Show in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This has been a very successful location for the education and advancement of our knowledge and interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the related time period. We will make the same hotel, meals meeting arrangements, etc. as we have in the past. We are in the process of including the following as part of the meeting:

1. Two display tables emphasizing new member recruitment
2. ORC members presenting programs
3. Boy Scout and American Heritage Girls display
4. Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation license plates (there are many attendees from northern Indiana)

More exact information will be sent the first of the year. However, you can now place on your calendar March 19-20,, 2016 for the next ORC meeting. Even if you have attended the Kalamazoo Living History Show in the past you may want to consider attending again. Besides being such a wonderful event it is very possible we can gain some new members. With your attendance and engagement with other attendees you may just find someone (or someones) to advance our chapter.

## Future ORC Meetings

Falls of the Ohio: Filson, Locust Grove, Clarksville

Corps in the War: Lorna

Ohio River from Cincinnati to mouth of Big Bone Creek (unseen by Lewis)

Shields: West Point, Kentucky-Corydon, Indiana

Fort Meigs: (?) Vincennes: (?)

Ft. Massac: (?) Connor: (?)

How about other suggestions?

Submitted by Jerry Wilson ORC Program Chair



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