



“On the Ohio.....

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Meriwether Lewis

Wm Clark

“on the river where the journey began”

President’s Message

Greetings to all ORC Members and all OTO readers. I hope everyone has made it through this most aggressive winter season safely and are looking forward to another fun and active Lewis and Clark Season.

The season kicks off with a Spring Chapter Meeting April 6-7, Greendale, IN then followed by a Summer ORC Meeting August 23-25 in Greendale. The LCTHF Annual Meeting will be October 7-10 in Astoria, OR. The ORC will host the “Lewis and Clark-the Handshake” event October 20-21 at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN. The third ORC Meeting of the year is usually held at the LCTHF Annual Meeting, but I am suggesting that we move that meeting to coincide with this event. Astoria is a long way off and it will be difficult for our members to travel that far, we have two October events, and we sure want everyone to support the Chapter’s sponsorship of “Lewis and Clark-the Handshake.” I believe we will have a better membership turnout in Clarksville. Let’s discuss this issue at the April meeting and make a decision.

The ORC will be electing officers for the 2019 year at the April Meeting. Anyone willing to serve the Chapter as an officer should contact me by email at afccecrase@roadrunner.com, or Richard Hennings at richardhennings@sbcglobal.net . It would be good for the Chapter if more members would volunteer their time and efforts to help with Chapter activities.

I am now working on the Agenda for the April Meeting. Please email me any item or topic that you want included in the Agenda.

I have been spending a lot of time working on membership for the Chapter and the Foundation this winter. Overall, membership is down slightly in most chapters and in the Foundation. Attracting new members and retaining current members is getting harder each year. Along these lines, we do have a new member, Darryl Smith, Kettering, OH, who comes aboard with lots of ideas that will be helpful. After joining the ORC, he studied our web page and Facebook page then wrote down his thoughts in an article, “A View From the Outside”. I want each of you to read this article. It is included in this issue. This will also be an interesting issue to discuss at our next Chapter Meeting.

Along these same lines, there is one new chapter and one reorganized and rejuvenated chapter in our Eastern Legacy Region. A new Chapter is in the planning stages in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. That

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group will have an organizational meeting in Bristol, TN at the end of April. The Meriwether Lewis Chapter in Hohenwald, TN is being re-organized. I will be in Hohenwald April 2 to attend their re-organizational meeting. If any of you are interested in helping these groups get off the ground and running, let me know and I will provide you with their contact information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Greendale.

Chuck Crase, President, ORC

The Eastern Legacy Extension

NPS Eastern Legacy Extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Sent to Congress. The National Park Service's recommendation regarding the eastern extension of the LCNHT known as the Eastern Legacy encompasses three segments from Pittsburgh, PA, to the Falls of the Ohio River in the area of Clarksville, IN/Louisville, KY, and then to the site of Camp DuBois at Wood River, IL. The Eastern Legacy thus recommended complies with current laws and includes the location of much of the preparation and recruitment related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) has gone on record in support of the NPS' three-segment Eastern Legacy recommendation along the Ohio River. The Department of the Interior reviewed the NPS' Eastern Legacy recommendation and has recently sent the recommendation to Congress to enact the law required to add the Eastern Legacy extension to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT).

LCTHF members from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia are currently working with Representative Luke Messer (IN) and Senator Todd Young (IN) to introduce the legislation that will transform the Eastern Legacy extension as recommended by the NPS and supported by the LCTHF and the LCNHT into the law of our land. When the bill formalizing the Eastern Legacy extension to the LCNHT is introduced into Congress, we will ask all LCTHF members and our trail friends to contact their legislators to request that they support the bill. The LCTHF will take a strong support position on this legislation.

LCTHF members may personally favor alternate additions to the LCNHT but the LCTHF supports the NPS Eastern Legacy recommendation. Individuals may express their personal opinion as individuals but not through official channels representing the LCTHF and our chapters.

Philippa Newfield
President
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

From the Journals

13th This morning being clear we pursued our journey at sunrise and after passing a few riffles over which we had to lift the boat we arrived at Marietta the mouth of the Muskingum river, at 7 o'clock in the evening observed many pigeons passing over us pursuing a south east course. The squirrels still continue to cross the river from N. W. to S. E.— Marietta is one hundred miles from Wheeling; lay here all night wrote to the President of U.S. dismissed two of my hands, one of whom by the name of Wilkinson I had engaged at Georgetown, the other Saml. Montgomery, I engaged at Wheeling, my party from Pittsburgh to Mackintosh was 11 strong from thence to Georgetown 10, from thence to Wheeling 11, from thence to Muskingum 13, from thence to Limestone 12, at Wheeling I engaged Montgomery and a young man come on board and agreed to work his passage, on the same terms I engaged another at Marietta on the mouth of Muskingum— This evening was visited by Colo. Green the Postmaster at this place, he appears to be much of a gentleman and an excellent republican.—

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

SPRING 2018 ORC MEETING/FIELD TRIP

LEWIS OFF THE (OHIO) RIVER PART II

Dear Sir,

Cincinnati, October 3rd, 1803

I reached this place on the 28th Ult.; ... having now obtained the distance of five hundred miles. On the evening of the 1st inst, I again dispatched my boat with orders to meet me at the Big Bone lick, to which place I will pass by land, it being a distance from hence only seventeen miles, which by water is fifty three...

Excerpt of letter from Lewis to Jefferson found in LETTERS OF LEWIS AND

CLARK WITH RELATED DOCUMENTS 1783-1854 Page 126

The Spring 2018 ORC meeting and field trip will take place at sites along the Ohio River within the Gore (think Treaty of Greenville) on April 6-7. Attendees will meet Friday evening for a group meal (restaurant TBD) and pre field trip orientation. Also, Friday evening we will be presented a program by Dearborn County (Indiana) Historical Society president Joyce Baer. The program will be the connection between Samuel Vance (founder of Lawrenceburg, Indiana), William Henry Harrison and Zebulon Pike, Sr. Saturday we will car caravan to various historic sites that Lewis would not have seen. We will begin at the Ohio/Indiana border (where we left off last spring) for the location of The First Principal Meridian (unfortunately the monument no longer stands at the location). We will then travel to the Zebulon Pike family owned land and grave sites to learn about L & C connections. The caravan will then travel through Lawrenceburg, Aurora and Rising Sun for great views of our river along with some discussions of life in 1803 of the area. Outside of Aurora we will visit the site of an Indiana historic landmark home of Jesse Hunt Lynch for a killer view of the Ohio River. The next stop will be at the mouth of Laughery Creek. A stop at the Riverview Cemetery will take us to the site of the Revolutionary War location known as Lochry's Defeat (Bud Clark has often mentioned this is some of his presentations). While at the Laughery Creek area we will take time to view the Triple Whipple Bridge (not a Lewis & Clark site, but it is a one-of-a-kind not to be missed). Next stop is Rising Sun where we will be given a tour of river sites by Ohio County Historical Society Executive Director Cliff Thies (the keelboat would have passed the area's Goose Bottoms as it descended the river). We will continue down the river to view our main detestation, the mouth of Big Bone Creek from the Indiana side, then cross over the river (at Markland) to view the mouth of Big Bone Creek from the Kentucky side. Lewis is now back on the keelboat and headed for the Falls of the Ohio to meet up with Clark. As an add on we will move on down the river with Lewis to Port William (Carrollton), Kentucky as well as a stop at the Markland Dam Locks. Return to Greendale Saturday evening for a group meal, then a chapter meeting.

Our accommodations will again be at the Riverside Inn. Remember how well they treated us last spring. When registering ask for the Lewis and Clark rate of \$70.00 plus tax. Contact the motel at: RIVERSIDE INN

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I have indicated to the Riverside to save up to 10 rooms. I have also indicated to our two presenters that we would have from 15 to 20 attendees.

Also, mark your calendars for August 23-25 for the 2018 summer meeting. This will be an extended meeting investigating 1800 Cincinnati then on to Big Bone Lick. Watch for more information in the summer ORC newsletter.

Jerry Wilson ORC Vice-President/Program Chair

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Program Chair note. These are important Lewis Ohio River connections. I have tried to picture the keelboat moving down the river without Lewis himself. He must have had much trust in Shannon and the others on board to fulfill their duties to meet him in order to make it to the Falls of the Ohio October 14th. I have spent untold amount of time for research and travel (I plan to retrace the route at least two more times), but it has been a joy, and I have learned so much. I would certainly encourage other chapter members to volunteer as the ORC program chair. Jerry



DAR/SAR memorial dedication of the Lochry's Defeat/ochry's Massacre

From the Membership

A View From the Outside
by Darryl Smith

As my wife and I are new members, we have not yet had the chance to truly immerse ourselves with the Ohio River Chapter and its various happenings. We are neophytes when it comes to the full Lewis and Clark story, but have a general interest in American history and have done some L&C site visits along with some reading on the Corps of Discovery. We are looking forward to attending future chapter events and meetings as our

schedule allows (we both have full time positions as well as many other interests), and in turn meeting the other chapter members.

In perusing some of the past issues of the chapter newsletter, there seems to be a recurring theme expressed about growing membership that we have heard within other organizations we are involved with and thought we could offer a few thoughts on how the ORC and in turn the LCTHF might be able to increase the membership rolls.

One of the simplest and immediate ways to grow members would be the ability for the chapter to accept online membership applications and payments. Many of us are impulse buyers and when we want to buy something, in this case a membership, we do not want to have to print and complete a paper form and mail it. If the ORC has a checking account and an email address, PayPal could be used as a way for the potential member to join and pay immediately. Create an online form and a PayPal button on the chapter page on the LCTHF website and those folks browsing will be more likely to join at the moment the impulse to be a part of a group is strong; a person is far less likely to join if they have to complete a paper form to join and pay. Call it instant gratification, but that is the world in which we live.

Facebook is also a great way to increase awareness and hence in turn membership. While the chapter has a Facebook page, the last post is, at the time of this writing, is nearly four months old. To utilize a more effective search engine optimization (meaning appearing near the top of online search results), Facebook needs to have a new post at least once per week. To keep content fresh, perhaps ask some of the members if any of them would be willing to be an admin for the Facebook page and share the workload. Make sure that all chapter and LCTHF events are posted on the page. Share pictures from events as well. This will help increase more interest and Likes for the page.

Another way to use Facebook is to create an advertisement on occasion. As an experiment I created an ad on Facebook, using eight Ohio River towns from Pittsburgh to Paducah with a fifty-mile radius from each town, and using "Lewis and Clark Expedition" as the search term, there were 3,000 Facebook users who have that term as an interest on their Facebook page. This number would of course increase if the search area was for the full area the ORC entails. Run an ad like this once a quarter for a week, spend maybe \$25.00 each time, and watch the amount of Facebook Likes increase. The members of this targeted group are more likely to become chapter members, especially if they can join online.

Events – In looking at the calendar, some of the events (like tours) start on a Thursday or Friday. This reduces the potential for those of us who work full time from joining in. This might also prevent younger attendees due to work commitments. If some of the tours and what not were offered on Saturdays and Sundays that might lead to more participation from those employed full time.

While the above may come across as criticisms, that is far from the intent. Seemingly the chapter is an active one, with interesting events, a nice webpage on the LCTHF site, consistent and informative newsletters, and a leadership that is engaged. The suggestions mentioned would just be a way to promote these positive experiences to an increased membership, allowing the Lewis and Clark story to be told to following generations. Using Facebook more often will help bring a younger element to the membership base, and would give the current leadership the ability to cultivate the future leaders of the ORC. Providing a way for new members join online will satisfy the instant gratification crowd. Having more events on weekends as opposed to weekdays would allow participation by those still working. In all cases, chapter membership would have the potential to grow, which is the intent of this article.

"Lewis and Clark-the Handshake"

In case you haven't heard, the ORC and the Falls of the Ohio State Park staff have joined forces to put together the First Annual "Lewis and Clark-the Handshake" event on October 20-21, 2018 at the Clark's cabin site on Harrison St. in Clarksville, In.

The intent and purpose of this project is to bring the recognition to this historic site it justly deserves, and put it forefront in the mind of the public. After all, this site has been deemed the beginning of the Lewis and Clark Expedition with the "handshake" between the two Captains. With this "handshake", they agreed to spend the next nearly three years of their lives exploring the area west of the Mississippi and searching for the elusive Northwest Passage, all in unknown and uncharted lands.

The plan is make this an annual event, and in so doing, we will be living up to the chapter's mission, of telling the "story". In order for that to happen, chapter members are urged to support and participate in any way they can.

As time moves forward, I will be sending out requests for certain activities that members can help with. For example we will need women of the Chapter to take turns running an apple and potato peeling contest which is for the public participation. We will also need helpers to run the children's games. The games are period correct and easy. Assigned times will be prepared for both days and would only require no more than two hours of anyone's s time for that day. All items for these contests will be provided. Also, we need a few men of the Chapter to volunteer to talk to the public about the "nine young men of Kentucky". Simply be able to know their names and where they were from and their skills, and why they were chosen for the expedition. We already have a "John Shields" signed up and he will be demonstrating the art of blacksmithig as well.

I am open to any ideas you may have that will contribute to the success of this event. The Clarksville community/city has been notified of this event and we are looking forward to their involvement in this project as well.

You may contact me at sandybear48813@yahoo.com or 517-231-3193

Sandy Hennings
Secretary of ORC
Chair "Lewis and Clark-the Handshake"



Loss of a Friend

We were saddened this week to learn the loss of one of our valued friends, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill, Else has been with us many years and for many of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, class to teach, or meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results, "Someone Else work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in the organization (church). Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth be known, everybody expected to much from Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do? Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember--we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

Glossary of Colonial Terms

Flock bed....A mattress stuffed with refuse of wool or cotton, consisting of coarse tufts

Fowling Piece....A light gun for shooting birds

Gimblet....A small auger turned with one hand that makes a round hole in wood.

Hogshead....A liquid measure, 63 gallons; a large cask or barrel.

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