



Lt George Ewing Chapter (Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Counties, Ohio) Sep Oct '18

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WEBSITE, please visit: <http://www.sar-ewing.org>

Meetings for the future:

Oct. 6 th 2018	Ohio Society BOM	Pt Pleasant WV
Oct 7 th 2018	Ohio Society and WV Society, wreath laying Pt Pleasant Battlefield	
Oct 25 th 2018	Joint Chapter Meeting, Lt. G Ewing & Marietta, Marietta hosting 630pm	
Nov 12 th	Veteran's Day Parade, Athens (note for the first time ever the parade is Monday 12 th)	
Nov 15 th	630pm	Chapter meeting and Program, Chester Academy and Court House

Scott will provide a talk on the wildlife of the Ohio River Valley 240 years ago as witnessed by early settlers and explorers, including George Washington when he surveyed in 1770. ABSTRACT BELOW.

Dec 2 nd , 2018	Regional meeting with James Neal & Marietta Chapters, Vienna WV (details later)	
Jan 24 th	TBA	speaker? Activity? (installment of new officers, if any)
Feb 18 th	President's Day combined luncheon program with Nabby Lee Ames DAR Chapter	
March 28 th	TBA	speaker? Activity?
April 25 th	TBA	speaker? Activity?
May 23 rd	TBA	speaker? Activity?

Report of actions approved at the September Chapter Meeting (planning session) attended by Jim Smith, Carl Denbow, George Benz, Jim Lochary, Preston Denton, and Scott Moody

Nominating Committee for slate of officers for 2019 was formed to present a slate for 2019 at the November Chapter meeting.

Notice of dues for 2019 have been emailed out (and snail mailed to those without email), dues for chapter, state and national remain at \$55, due November 30th

Essay contest rules are on Ohio Society website and essays due to State Committee in December

Eagle Scouts two levels, all attaining Eagle Scout to receive certificate, then encouraged to apply to the Knight Scholarship Compatriot Scott has talked with District Executive about this and will coordinate with the several troop scoutmasters.

American Flag recognition: we agreed to present the Living Water Worship Center past OU Airport on SR 32 south of Albany with the certificate; they are always flying lots of flags, both national and state.

Report from our combined October meeting with the Marietta Chapter October 30th

Unfortunately, only four of our members (Jim Lochary and Susan, Jim Smith and Diane, Preston Denton and Suellen, Scott Moody and Rose) came to this event. The rest of you missed a great dinner aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler t at the Ohio River Museum, wonderful conversations, and a nice program presented by an 8th grade girl helped by her grandfather (a retired history teacher at St. Mary's HS WV). Jean Yost also reported on the planning for the 250th celebrations in Marietta not only Campus Martius Museum, but the city and the walking/biking pathways along both rivers and up through the historical areas. We need to do the same with the City of Athens. I will make an appointment with Mayor Steve Patterson and get the ball rolling.

Disappointing our low turnout but the Marietta chapter didn't fare well as well; only 5 of their members were in attendance. Remember that everybody may bring guests to our meetings and programs.

Annual report for 2018 from President Scott Moody:

I have attended all four Board of Management Meetings during the year of 2018 including the annual spring meeting. At the winter meeting I was one of the judges for the Eagle Scout Essay Competition and at the spring meeting I was one of the judges for the History Oration Contest. I hope to continue volunteering for these state committees in the future applying my talents as a University Professor.

I was a member of the State of Ohio Color Guard at the Fort Laurens Memorial Service held in July in Bolivar and presented our Ewing Wreath. Also, in October I marched with the National Color Guard unit and laid our chapter wreath at the monument honoring the fallen at the Pt Pleasant Battle of October 10th 1774.

I have spoken with history teachers from Athens and River Valley High Schools and hopefully we will be seeing more participation from these schools in the SAR History Contests (posters, essays, oral presentations).

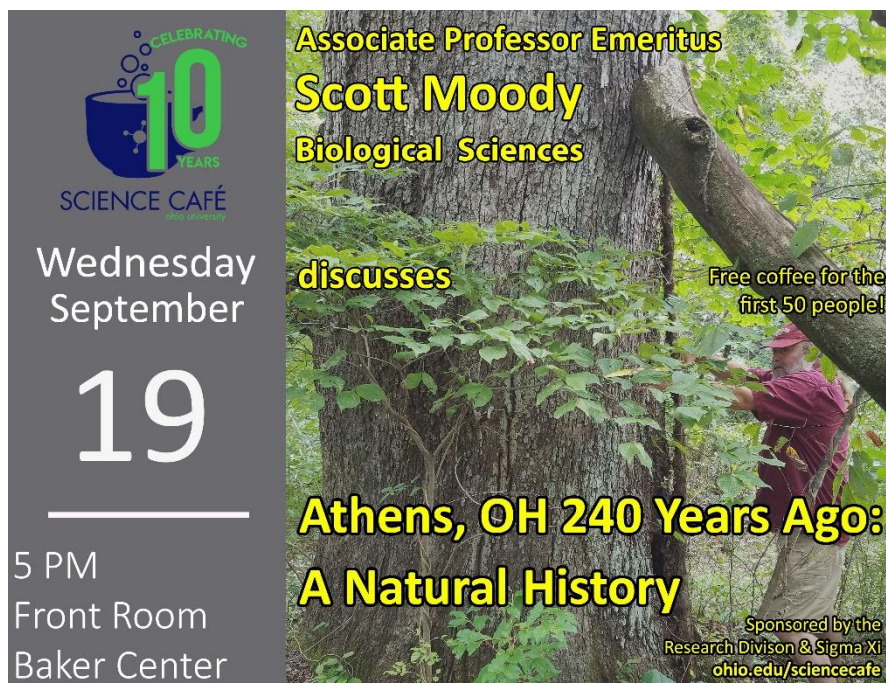
I have been contacting Scout Masters with Boy Scout Troops in Athens County (need contacts for Meigs) to coordinate the presentation of Certificates to boys who have been awarded the Eagle, and then encourage them to apply for the Eagle Scout Contest annually.

I volunteered to help the newly formed Publicity Committee of the State Society of SAR and will develop programs for presentation at public libraries, civic organization, e.g. Rotary Clubs, and high schools. I hope this may result in new members for our chapter as well.

Scott Moody was the first presenter for the academic year of 2018 2019 at the Science Café at Ohio University on 19 September 2018. The Science Café is celebrating its 10th anniversary and all of the monthly speakers this year are returning performers, those who had the best presentations in the past.

The one hour talk can be viewed at: <https://livestream.com/ohiocas/events/8338063/videos/180517083>

TITLE: Natural History of the Athens area 240 years ago: bison, elk, lions, and bears, oh my!



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark grey background and contains the following text: 'CELEBRATING 10 YEARS' with a logo of a blue cup and green bubbles; 'SCIENCE CAFÉ' in white; 'Wednesday September 19' in large white font; and '5 PM Front Room Baker Center' in white. The right section features a photograph of a man in a red shirt and hat standing next to a large tree trunk in a forest. Overlaid on this image is the text: 'Associate Professor Emeritus Scott Moody Biological Sciences' in yellow; 'discusses' in yellow; 'Athens, OH 240 Years Ago: A Natural History' in large yellow font; 'Free coffee for the first 50 people!' in yellow; and 'Sponsored by the Research Division & Sigma Xi ohio.edu/sciencecafe' in small white font at the bottom right.

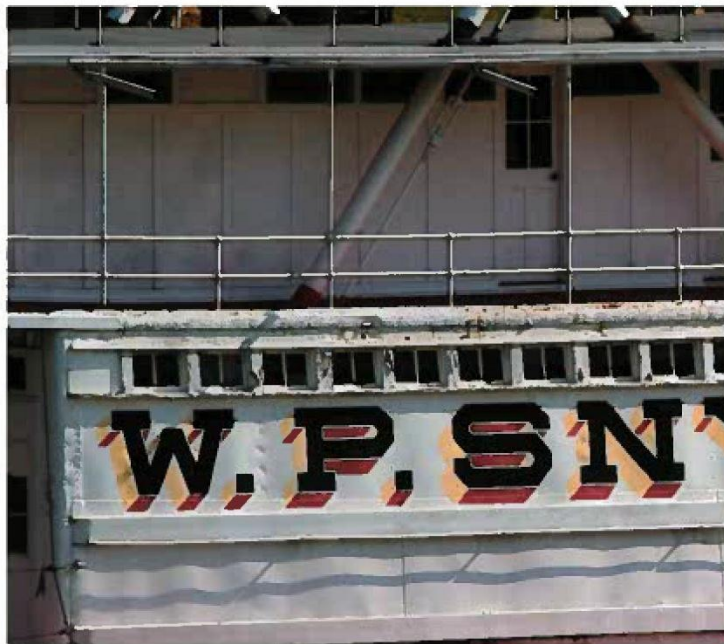
Abstract: Following the settlement of the Revolutionary War with the British in 1783 and then the founding of the Northwest Territory (Ordinance of 1787) large numbers of European Americans migrated west from the eastern colonies predominantly New England. Many were veterans of the Revolution and had been given land grants for tracts along the Ohio, Muskingum, and Hocking Rivers. Also, many had been officers thus were highly educated and wished to establish a College of Higher Learning equivalent to Harvard and Yale as soon as possible thus the founding (on paper) of the Ohio College in 1804. At that time the forests, rivers and tall-grass prairies were remarkably different and wild with large mammal carnivores as well as large herbivorous prey that no longer live in Ohio.

Dr Moody will take you back to that time period, representing what the pioneer founders, notably Cutler, Brown, Ewing, Nye, and Putnam, would have experienced. The current status of reintroducing once extirpated amphibian, reptilian and mammal species will be discussed, as well as recreating appropriate natural ecological habitats of the state and federal forests and riverine tall-grass prairies. A selection of preserved specimens from the Zoology Museum will be on display.

I chose 240 years ago (1788) to highlight the trip which Rev. Manasseh Cutler made a 751 mile journey in a single horse sulky from Ipswich MA to Marietta OH (29 days) to inspect the lands that would be provided to veterans of the Revolutionary War as their payment for service. He was the head of the Ohio Land Company and made a lot of money, and his efforts led to the establishment in 1803 of a college in Athens now known as Ohio University the oldest university outside of the original 13 colonies. The oldest building on campus was built in 1816 and is named Cutler Hall and looks as if it were transplanted from Harvard Yard although Cutler himself was a Yale graduate. His sons however went to Harvard and it was Ephraim who chose the design of Cutler Hall for the Ohio College. Thomas Ewing, son of George Ewing, was the 2nd graduate of the Ohio College and went on to a great career as state and national political leader.

Happy 100th, W.P. Snyder Jr.!

Moored at the Ohio History Connection's Ohio River Museum in Marietta, the *W.P. Snyder Jr.* is a National Historic Landmark and the last remaining steam-powered, stern-wheeled, pool-type towboat in existence. This year, it's turning 100 years old.



◆ A BOAT MADE FOR WORK

The *Snyder* didn't carry passengers. Instead, it pushed coal and steel barges up and down the Monongahela, Ohio and Mississippi rivers from when it was launched in 1918 to 1955, when owner Crucible Steel Co. donated it to the State of Ohio. The *Snyder* carried a small crew of about 20 people including a captain, pilot, mate, engineer and assistant engineers, deckhands, maids and a cook—all in service to the powerful coal and steel industries.

In Ohio in 1872, mines produced more than five million tons of coal and that total increased to 10 million tons by 1886. Coal was extremely heavy, which made transporting it by land expensive and time-consuming. The inland waterways of America, and towboats like the *Snyder*, became the cheapest way to move coal from mines to the mills.

◆ A PIECE OF HISTORY SAVED

The *Snyder* was built by Rees of Pittsburgh, PA, as the Carnegie Steel Co. towboat *W.H. Clingerman* in 1918. In 1938, it was renamed *J.L. Perry* and, in 1945, *A-1*. In August 1945, it was sold to Crucible Steel Co. of Pittsburgh and was renamed *W.P. Snyder Jr.* in September. Crucible retired the *Snyder* in 1954. As was the fate of its kind, it probably would have been scrapped. However, in 1955, W.P. Snyder Jr. and the Crucible Co. donated the boat to the Ohio History Connection. The *W.P. Snyder Jr.* arrived in Marietta on Sept. 16, 1955.

NAUTICAL NAMES

The *Snyder* is the last intact steam-powered, "pool-type," stern-wheeled towboat in the United States. What does this mean?

- A **towboat** is a boat designed to push barges, flat-bottomed boats for carrying freight, typically on canals and rivers.
- A **steamboat** is propelled primarily by steam power and typically driven by propellers or paddlewheels.
- A **stern-wheeled boat** has one large paddlewheel located at the back of the boat.
- A **pool-type boat** is a towboat with the pilothouse built on the forward end of the cabin rather than on top of the roof, so called because this type was developed to bring coal out of the Monongahela River pools where low bridges dictated low superstructures.

◆ STEP ABOARD A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED BOAT

We have much to celebrate with this centennial thanks to years of repair and preservation work to return the beloved boat to pristine condition. After the fragile condition of the *Snyder* was identified and assessed in 2006, the towboat underwent a multi-phase restoration that included ensuring its structural integrity and making significant exterior and interior repairs—from replacing the paddlewheel to repairing the electrical system to painting and restoring the crew quarters.

The *Snyder* was restored with funding support from the State of Ohio; the National Park Service through the Save America's Treasures program and the National Maritime Heritage program; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and private donors, including the Snyder family, the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, members of the Marietta community and many others.



From Ohio History Connection Collection

◆ SEE A NEW EXHIBIT

The Friends of the Museums and the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen have developed a special exhibit for the 100th anniversary. *From the Banks of the Allegheny to the Banks of the Muskingum: A 100-year Legacy of the Steamer W.P. Snyder Jr.* tells the fascinating stories of the Snyder through historic photos and nautical artifacts. See it at Marietta's Ohio River Museum.

◆ CELEBRATE THE SNYDER

On Sat., Sept. 15, from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., join us in commemorating the 100th birthday of the Snyder with an old-fashioned community picnic. Celebrate as we re-christen the boat, hear the calliopes play and bells ring throughout all of Marietta, and grab a celebratory cupcake to mark this momentous occasion. This free event is perfect for the whole family—just bring your own picnic blanket.

◆ EXPLORE THE OHIO RIVER MUSEUM

You can explore the *W.P. Snyder Jr.* at the Ohio History Connection's Ohio River Museum at 601 Front St. in Marietta. The museum features exhibits recounting the history of the Ohio River and the many different types of boats that have been transporting people and cargo for hundreds of years. Experience the history of the Ohio River and its importance in the expansion of our country, the Golden Age of luxury travel on steamboats and the natural history of inland rivers.

For more about the Snyder and the museum, call 800.860.0145 or visit mariettamuseums.org. Through Labor Day, the museum is open Monday and Wednesday–Saturday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday Noon–5 p.m. After Labor Day, the museum is open weekends through October, Saturday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday Noon–5 p.m. Museum admission is \$7; \$4/student; Free/Ohio History Connection member or ages 5 & under. The Ohio River Museum closes from November through March.

