



Kentucky Rough Riders

Theodore Roosevelt Club

March 2015

TR on Screen



Far Left: Steve Crone shared an interesting and informative presentation about the various ways in which Theodore Roosevelt has been portrayed in movies during the March 17 meeting of the Rough Riders.

Left: Brian Keith brought President Roosevelt to swaggering life in his portrayal of TR in "The Wind and the Lion." The 1975 movie was a dramatic interpretation of the 1904 Perdicaris Affair but provides a good sense of TR's "Big Stick" foreign policy and his view of America and Americanism.



Above: Steve Crone's presentation included scenes from "The Rough Riders," featuring Tom Berenger as TR. Our club is planning a screening of the full film; watch your emails and newsletters for details!

Right: Steve Goodrid and Schley Cox teamed up to get the technology working as our members watched film clips and enjoyed popcorn and snacks.

More photos from our March meeting on Page 4.



Ky. Rough Riders meeting schedule

Mark your calendar with this meeting schedule and join the conversation! Unless otherwise noted, the Kentucky Rough Riders meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the DCPS Learning Center, 1700 Parrish Plaza Drive. Invite a friend; everyone welcome! Don't forget to check our website at <http://kyroughriders.wix.com/theodoreroosevelt> for all the latest announcements and updates!



“Let’s Talk About It!”

6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21

“Let’s Talk About It!” Our April meeting will feature an “open floor” format during which members may bring up topics of current events and interest for discussion and debate. Everything is on the table tonight, including politics, religion and all the other topics we usually avoid in polite conversation! As always, our guiding principles of respectful dialog are in place, with a reminder that “what we see here, what we say here, when we leave here, let it stay here.”

Rough Riders Public Speaking Contest

11 a.m. Saturday, May 16

**Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center
Owensboro Museum of Science and History,
122 E. Second St., Owensboro**

The Kentucky Rough Riders are proud to sponsor a Public Speaking Contest for all local/area high school students. Cash prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners. Entry deadline is April 17, 2015. Everyone is invited to attend to hear original speeches shared by these outstanding young people. For more information or to download an entry form, visit <http://kyroughriders.wix.com/theodoreroosevelt> See Page 4 of this newsletter for more information about this event and how you can help!

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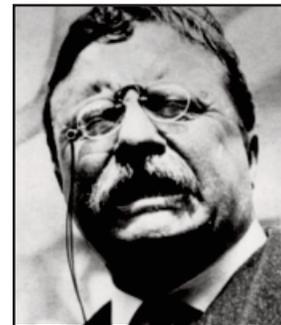
“Words that Changed the World”

6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19

This special meeting will feature winners of the Kentucky Rough Riders high school speech contest. Students will be invited to share their award-winning speeches on topics related to Theodore Roosevelt with our club.

We will also review and discuss some of history’s most famous speeches, including a few of TR’s, and talk about how these powerful messages have changed our lives, and the world.

Is there a speech that has been especially meaningful to you? Contact Lora Wimsatt and we will be sure that message is included as part of the discussion at our May 19 meeting.



Strenuous Life Spring Hike

Spring 2015 — Date to be announced

Local naturalist Obbie Todd will lead the Rough Riders on a leisurely hike through the nature trails at Yellow Creek Park, as we enjoy the buds and blossoms of our local plant life and look for signs of wildlife. The hike will include an optional picnic lunch. Everyone is welcome to invite friends and family to join us for this special activity. Watch for details!

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“Our Past, Our People”

6 p.m. Tuesday, June 16

Lee and Aloma Dew are our special guests as they share reflections and interesting stories about our community’s history! The Dews are respected local historians and authors, and are members of the 2015 Daviess County Bicentennial Committee. Everyone is invited to learn more about the people, places and events of the past (including Theodore Roosevelt’s visits to Owensboro) and what the future holds for Daviess County, Kentucky. The meeting will also include an opportunity to share memories about our hometown!



“Travels with TR”

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21

Lora Wimsatt and Steve & Cindy Goodrid will share stories of their “Travels with TR” in a lighthearted review of visits to TR’s Elkhorn Ranch; Theodore Roosevelt National Park; attendance at national TR Association meetings in Buffalo and New York City, including meetings with Ken Burns and Edmund Morris; mornings on horseback in the Dakota Badlands; and how a hurricane, a dumpster and a mirror inspired the launch of the Kentucky Rough Riders. The program will also include a conversation about how travel enriches our lives – a belief TR most certainly would have shared.

TR Public Speaking Contest



The Kentucky Rough Riders are sponsoring a TR Public Speaking Contest for high school students in Owensboro/Daviess County and the surrounding region.

The contest is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center, which is located in the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, 122 E. Second St. Todd Reynolds, executive director of Theatre Workshop of Owensboro, will serve as our master of ceremonies.

Dr. Angela Gunter is the contest chairman and is lining up a panel of judges to determine our winners.

Cash scholarships will be awarded: \$500 to the first-place winner; \$200 for second place; and \$100 to the third-place winner. The first-place winner will also receive a bronze bust of TR; and all participants will be presented with a personalized gift.

Students may register until April 17. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to download a registration form.

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration and serving light refreshments at a reception to follow. For more information, contact Lora Wimsatt at 270-316-0192 or Angie Gunter at 270-952-1691 or angie.gunter@daviess.kyschools.us

Would you like to contribute to meetings but don’t want to facilitate a discussion?

Volunteers to provide snacks for club meetings are always welcome. Contact Lora Wimsatt at 270-316-0192 if you’d like to bring refreshments to an upcoming meeting.

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Above: Kentucky Rough Riders members Virginia Morgan, Connie Nugent (back row) and Judith and Shannon Jasper (front row) attended our meeting on St. Patrick's Day.

Right: From top to bottom, Steve Goodrid, Cindy Goodrid, Julia Hobbs and Schley Cox listen as Steve Goodrid introduces film clips from "The Rough Riders," starring Tom Berenger as Theodore Roosevelt in this 1997 two-part made-for-television miniseries. This fun meeting included popcorn and snacks as part of the festivities.



Eleven members were in attendance at our March meeting as Steve Crone presented clips from films portraying our 26th President. Scenes from "The Wind and the Lion" and "The Rough Riders" were a highlight of this meeting.

Steve also brought his first-edition copy of "The Story of the Rough Riders" by Edward Marshall, who was an "embedded journalist" with the troops in Cuba; and a beautiful limited-edition sculpture of a Rough Rider titled "Remember the Maine," distributed by the National Rifle Association in 2005.

The meeting also included a brief summary of movies and plays in which TR has been portrayed.

Click on the Kentucky Rough Riders logo to view PDF version of PowerPoint that was presented at our March 2015 meeting, featuring some of the documentaries, movies, plays and television shows in which TR has been portrayed. Many of these films are available through websites such as Amazon and eBay.

