



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

Well we are about to close out yet another year seem to have misplaced a couple months this time as the last twelve really flew by in a hurry. The nice thing with time moving so quickly its only four months to the 2010 National Gathering at Fort Osage so best get to planning, it will be here darn quick.

Folks after seven volunteered years, five official, two unofficial I'm hanging up the South Central Governor's hat as of the first of the year. Don't know how well it was ever worn but at least kept the thing warm for awhile. I consider myself lucky and privileged to have had a small part in several of the positive changes in our organization over the last several years plus of course working with some of the most dedicated, enjoyable, darn fine, really good folks.

If anyone in the Territory is interested in fulfilling the Governor duties please contact Vice President Ken Klabon vice-president@coht.org you can also contact me, happy to forward on to Ken and the Executive Board.

Several states outside of Oklahoma have received this newsletter via post rider for some time, for those folks interested in reading what goes out of here the online version will still be posted on the SCT page of the COHT website.

As of now plan to continue the state rep duties for another year unless someone would like to step up and give it a go, heck if I can do it this long it ought to be a breeze for anyone else!

Bryant, Arkansas Stat Rep, and I have had some basic discussion on combining our efforts in ways to help each other and keep the membership informed. With the Family and Holiday obligations we haven't got a lot sorted out just yet, extra time has been kind of scarce, will keep everyone informed on things.

The ballots have been counted and confirmed in an extremely close election, we have a new Membership Director in Mr. Jim Pecott. Congratulations to both Jim and Tom a couple of the best guys in my book. Wart has things lined out so well that the transition period should be rather short and sweet.

The hunting adventures as of late have been very enjoyable but then any time in the woods is always a great relief from the everyday stuff. There have been some really nice deer taken in the area, a few real wall hangers. One of my best friend's daughter took her first deer recently, a nice 7 point buck at just over 120 yards, luckily she shoots like her Mom and not her Dad. Another friend of ours took a very nice bull elk in Colorado but hasn't shown up at the door with any photos or meat yet. I've had several younger bucks with in range but decided it best to let them mature some more, one 4 inch spike better

wise up some if he plans to live to retirement, silly thing will just walk up to a stand and stare at you. I've also had a young doe do the same several times but not as close, the way she acts pretty sure this is her first breeding season, doubt if she's that bold next season with little ones following her. Don't forget about the two Holiday doe only hunt weekends, last year the deer were pretty active after a couple weeks of no pressure. Recently dug threw photos from past adventures that brought back some very fond memories, maybe some day, with more computer smarts of course, try to put them together in one complete album. Try to get a few stuck on here taken on outings from around the area over the years.

Not a lot happening event wise in the area for awhile, another month before cabin fever sets in for real and you just have to get out and about. The mid January to early March period has always been favorable to me for scouting about the woods, just seems nature is more relaxed and peaceful then.

With everything going on this time year haven't spent much time exploring threw many really good volumes though I did dig out Harriette Simpson Arnow's "Seedtime on the Cumberland" again for some comfort reading.

Anyone run across a book or research material they've really enjoyed please feel free to let other folks know of your find, always interested in others pursuits.

In closing the December newsletter I'd like to Wish Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and Blessings for the New Year.

The Best to All, Take / Give Care,

Brad Pickle
Oklahoma State Rep

