



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

Think it'll rain boy howdy we've had a couple toad stranglers as of late, luckily for the general area none of the killer sized hail or severe wind as in other parts of the state. The hot sunny days with so much moisture the grass grows back so fast kind of hard to figure out when you're finished mowing, be just the opposite before long when you park the mower due to the dry heat.

Borrowing from Scott Carlson's latest Nebraska newsletter like to include part of it as planned to include the same info, Thanks for saving me some typing Scott much appreciated.

After nearly 4yrs of service, Rooster has announced he's not running for re-election as President. Rooster's term will expire the end of this year, with official turning over of the position at the 2012 National Gathering. A very special thank you to Rooster: it's been a pleasure serving with you. If you have someone in mind to nominate to the President position, please let someone on the ExecBoard know ASAP.

After several years of being the Arkansas state rep, Bryant McIguire will be stepping down and appears to have found a replacement with Tammy White (of Twisted Thistle). Many thanks to Bryant for all the years he offered his services and turned out a really nice newsletter. Tammy has big shoes to fill... but I'm confident she can & will do well.

Nebraska member and tinsmith extraordinaire, Chris Hageman, has been in contact with Fort Atkinson State Historical Park (Ft. Calhoun, NE - just north of Omaha) asking if they'd be willing to possibly hold a CoHT National Gathering there (perhaps on an every-other year basis with Ft. Osage). So far it seems they would be interested in that possibility, so discussions will be progressing with the superintendent and staff. Hopefully we'll have more to offer in the next issue or so. The hope is by alternating with Ft. Osage that folks won't get burnt out by going to the same location every year. Thank you Chris for all your efforts!

As of now communications with the folks at Fort Atkinson are just getting started, sure there are plenty of questions from both sides to be answered. It is my understanding the Eboard will have sorted all the info by next April's 2011 Fort Osage National Gathering, no need to speculate on this one for now confident the Eboard will present what needs to be then.

There are several COHT members attending different events this summer that am sure will be some top notch fun, playing with the schedule here to see how much of that fun I can stand and still stand.

June 13 – 20, Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous near Raton New Mexico.

June 19 – 26, 2010 the High Plains Regional Rendezvous in the Black Hills of southwestern South Dakota.

June 30 – July 4th, 2010 14th annual 4 Moons Rising Family Rendezvous southwest of Gary South Dakota.

July 10 – 18, 2010 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous near the town of Creede, Colorado several plan to make this one.

July 28 – August 7, 2010 Midwest Primitive Rendezvous near Ontonagon Michigan in the UP, as in way up near the North pole for us on this end.

As it's now getting ready to be the usual real Summer for folks in this area might want to think on making one of these events, might be warm of a day but sure cool off of an evening.

Please check all the great info available both in print and online, there is definitely plenty to do as schedules fit with your historical endeavors.

The May newsletter had an attached membership renewal application included, as our dues are due (thinking that would make a great C&W song) in June, just another reminder folks if you've not gotten that mailed off.

Sure wish there was more important stuff to report on and include, several of the state reps with much better computer skills produce some really good info to share. Guess oughta buck the idea on up to the "powers to be" for a space on the website where all reps can post newsletters for all to view, yet another reason for using your membership dues wisely, please do the simple registration process to access the membership boards, darn good stuff there.

With that said, realize some members have poor if any access to internet services, please let me know what you feel would work the best to get COHT info to you, can't help fix the problem with out knowing where it is.

Guessing we'll have to see what the next newsletter has to offer, try to get together with the folks next door to the East, several others in the area and go from there. By the way Judith with an E, do believe you owe a couple book reports to be included??

In closing will ask yet again, what does the OK membership want? Better newsletter with a different format / content / quality? Did the monthly 1,2,3 trek series a ways back, had a great time without much participation, oh well. Have asked for suggestions and ideas over the years, sincerely respect all members with their historical pursuits however they may be, just trying to do the best as available for the membership.

Best to All, Take / Give Care,

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