



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

Hot Tamales, when it finally decided to warm up it did so with a vengeance. We couldn't get the rain to stop not very long ago now sure wish we had some of that excess, front yard is like walking on a big wire brush, the garden and flower beds are getting pretty puny also. This last weekend noticed several neighborhood trees with brown leaves, a lot of them dropping, one hard maple that always looks healthy down the street thinks it's already mid October.

Up in the Northeast they have a groundhog to predict six more weeks of winter.

Wonder if we get six more weeks of summer if an Armadillo, possum on the half shell to the socialites, sees its shadow? Then have to wonder whether they can see at all by the volume of squished road kilt ones. Now they are saying cool off in the nineties for the weekend and possible showers, believe it when it happens.

WHAT'S GOING ON, Bryant has posted the dates and preliminary info for the 08 Arkansas tree rat weekend, Friday December 5th thru Sunday the 7th.

This is a great event, encourage folks that want to have some fun in the woods to please participate. Some details aren't complete as of yet, the Madison County WMA as in the past where exactly to meet is undetermined. I'm sure Bryant will get everything finalized and posted well in advance, my only question would whether we're doing the Bean Palace for lunch on Friday.

Hopefully get a better listing in the next edition, at a 105 not overly enthused about running thru the woods or running period!

NATIONAL NEWS, well not a great deal to report on or add since last month. Things seem to be plodding along without any major happenings. Scott "Bean Counter" Carlson received

information back from another insurance carrier which sounded rather dismal compared to where we're at for the present.

Miki has been working updating several of the electronic forms available on the web site that seems to be going very well. Not a whole lot of anything else of importance to report as of now, things moving along fairly smooth. As to SC territorial stuff, sent out letters briefly explaining positive changes with in the organization that some may not be aware of, also an application. These were sent to all inactive members per Wart's July 08 roster to let folks know the COHT is improving efficiency and procedures.

ADVERTISEMENT, anything to sell, peddle or trade out there? Let me know and we'll get it posted. After the most recent go round of Vet bills probably end up in a soup line and living under a bridge somewhere!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, as of September 1st the Fall hunting seasons officially open with Dove season, not sure of our usual camp and hunt as the ringleader will be bow hunting in Colorado, if it stays this hot just might join him to escape the heat. Don't have current info regarding the early Teal season but from reports it's not expected to be not all that great as well as other waterfowl seasons coming up later. The oppressive heat, dry conditions and lack of nuts do to ice storm damage will probably take a toll on the wildlife.

The copperhead population isn't hurting, have spoken with several people who have seen piles of them this year, not a good sign for muzzleloader season.

BOOK REVIEW, Twilight of Empire, Allan W. Eckert, ISBN# 1-931672-30-x,

Once again Mr. Eckert hasn't take any particular side just presented the facts in this the sixth historical narrative which covers up to and including the Black Hawk War of 1832, very enjoyable read and highly recommend the entire series.

Enjoyed them so back much went back and reread the "Frontiersman" for the third time then decided to reread "That Dark and Bloody River" also.

Well not much of a newsletter for this edition, sorry it's just to darn hot to get motivated much beyond what really needs to get done, just can't take the heat very well anymore. Stay cool and drink plenty of water.

Take / Give Care,

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P.S. after I had finished received word from very dear friends in Colorado that "Larry is an angel" my most sincere sympathy goes out to Joy, family and all friends. Larry is a special person and the muzzle loading community lost one of its very best.