



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

Weather, well it's been bouncing back and forth without much of an idea on just where it wants to land, hot then cool, dry then a bit of wet, and then the wind, them days of 30 - 40mph were rather delightful, not!

I gave Scott Carlson heck over all his leaves that blew down from Nebraska into my yard, he responded by saying he had given Rooster the same heck for all the North Dakota leaves in his yard, we had a good laugh over that one.

The recent high winds have really worked over the damaged trees from last December's ice storm, a lot more broken limbs hanging or down.

All in all can't complain for what we've received in the area so far this Fall.

I read an article in the paper where "they" are predicting winter temps to be above normal with increased moisture. Rain, some snow is ok but had a gut full of the frozen ice stuff last year, my old chainsaw still hasn't recovered, sits in the corner with its tongue hanging half out.

WHAT'S GOING ON, first off I'd like to welcome new Oklahoma member Mr. Morgan Stephenson, very much look forward to sharing the trail and camp with an enjoyable young man, somebody has to keep track of us old farts!

If nothing goes to heck in a hand basket on this end plan to be in the woods next weekend, the 5-7th, for the Arkansas Tree Rat hunt, plan to converse with Bryant, Arkansas state rep, regarding schedules, ideas and trek scenarios for the upcoming new year plus early thoughts for the National Gathering 09.

As to the 09 National Gathering at Ft. Osage, Tater has confirmed and posted the dates as April 14 - 19, 2009 so it's not to early to start planning now.

Please watch the COHT website as more information will begin being posted after the first of the year, also, sure

hope Madam V has been practicing her Sun dance, took her a bit to get it right last year!

With the Holiday season upon us not a lot of scheduled events in the area, there are a couple "Bucks Only" camps coming up in January but not much else happening till February unless planning on some moderate windshield time. WHAT'S OLD, turkey sandwiches and leftovers, can't complain to much, sure beats the usual bologna or peanut butter lunch when the mutts end up with most of my carrots and apple,, not spoiled one bit. We did take an afternoon canoe trek recently, Shadow pranced like a pup when she seen a canoe on top of the truck, more on this adventure in a bit. NATIONAL NEWS, the new COHT flag panels have arrived to Mr. Carlson and ready for purchase. They are 20"x18" with 11" logo printed one side for \$7.50 each, buy a pair and sew them together to make a double sided flag.

I proposed a question to the Eboard regarding the possibility of a multiple item purchase with discount recently wait to here back from them as there schedules allow, to place an order contact, Scott at treasurer@coht.org.

We have elections coming up for the Eboard offices of Vice President and Communications Director as stated in last newsletter, voting can again be done efficiently via the website, other details to follow as received.

ADVERTISEMENT, well it isn't to far off to find out who's been naughty or nice, hedging my bet and saying 50 /50 on this end though the mutts always seem to make out well even with chasing the reindeer!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITES, opening weekend of current deer season was a bit warmer than what I'd of cared for but at least the wind wasn't howling. The two guys I've got to hunt with so far this year have been doe hunting mostly with the hopes of a real nice buck walking by, as for myself doing the same but that all goes out the tree stand to dust a nasty nest robbing coyote. I did see a medium bobcat last weekend the tree rats go crazy when a cat is in the area. As to the recent afternoon canoe trek went out to a secluded creek that drains into Lake Keystone where we've hunted quackers over the years, it was really good to be on the water with the dogs even though we weren't hunting. Shadow stood up on the front carry handle the whole afternoon just knowing there were some ducks around the next bend or back in one of the slews, Mick wasn't all that interested as he knew I wasn't packing iron. We stopped on a little island that the creek splits around to stretch our legs and sniff around, big mistake!

Not sure which one caught scent or spotted it first but a young raccoon came smoking down a sapling and headed across the creek for the timber, the chase was on. A chased raccoon in the same water with a dog definitely has the advantage, yelled "Boat" and Shadow froze but bonehead Mick bailed on in the creek luckily the young coon had a good lead, made it across headed for the first big tree of its liking. By now we're in the canoe headed across to catch Mick, as luck would have it, dealing with similar situations in the past, his float line was still attached and caught in the brush a feet from shore, he calmed down a great deal after Shadow and I reached him but was ready to continue pursuit in lieu of returning to the canoe for the trip back down stream.

I tell you, Life don't get no better than traveling with a couple wet, muddy, stinky, very happy dogs and appreciate the person who invented the shop vac!

BOOK REVIEW, a new title on an old topic has so far been very informative and enjoyable though not an area I would regularly read or research about.

Piracy, the Complete History by Angus Konstam, Osprey Publishing,

ISBN # 978-1-84603-240-0. Yet another and latest of Mr. Konstam's excellent and many works on Pirates, have one of his earlier works and have to say he does a very fine job presenting the facts. Following is the first paragraph of the introduction, like the way this gentleman thinks.

"It is hardly surprising that the main contenders for the title of the world's oldest profession - prostitution, law and journalism - all share a common bond. They all tend to operate on the margins of acceptable society, making money from, or producing stories about, an underworld of crime, corruption and sleaze. I am probably being a little harsh on prostitutes and journalists, but the point is that crime, and public fascination with it, is as old as civilization itself."

Now that one got a real good chuckle out of me, we are of the agreed opinion when it comes to lawyers - politicians, with an introduction like that no doubt it'll be a great read!

In closing this newsletter and yet another year Wish everyone a Very Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Season and the Best of Life and Happiness for the New Year and beyond.

Take / Give Care, Your Friend,

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