



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

Think it will rain? This part of the state is well over a foot extra for the year so far with yet more predicted for next week, my rain gauge has put in for hazardous duty pay. They claim radar had the rainfall at four inches an hour in the storm last Sunday morning, have no idea how they could measure as it was coming down horizontal. Yet more weakened limbs from the ice storm are falling, a new batch with every storm. The entire central plains area has really been hit hard so far this year, hopefully with a very soon end in sight.

WHAT'S GOING ON, first off would like to forward a Big Welcome to a couple fine ladies as new CoHT members whom I've known and received help from since starting out in this hobby, Vickie Clark and Marj Chowning. Most know these great gals as they have participated in many events all around the country though being hard to see in a crowd as neither casts much of a shadow.

June 13 - 22, 2008 High Plains Regional Rendezvous held in the flint hills of northeast Kansas near McLouth Kansas, check last month's edition for more contact info or www.HPRR.org

For those wanting to beat the heat out west later in the summer, July 12 - 20, 2008 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous on the Henry's Fork near McKinnon, Wyoming, www.rmnr.org/rendezvous2008.html.

August 2 - 9, 2008 Rocky Mountain College usually near Fairplay, Colorado,

check their website for current event info at www.csmla.org.

Not much else happening in our general area as we are now entering the dreaded "sticky season" hopefully short lived this year but seriously doubt it!

A couple of our Texas members have a couple ideas in the works for later in the year keep folks advised as details roll in.

NATIONAL NEWS, from info received from Paul, editor in chief, folks should be seeing their new National Quarterly anytime now, if anyone does not receive their current copy please let me know asap, will contact Paul and get things squared away. Madam VP has opened discussions based on a committee formed at Ft. Osage with regards to state rep instruction and related rep topics. Not a lot of extra free time as of late to participate, have a few ideas to include, some good stuff presented so far. Apologize to those that have emailed me recently and not heard back, receiving info fine but for some reason can not send or reply. Several other reps around the country are experiencing email problems also so hopefully get things lined out soon.

ADVERTISEMENT, Bill Hester still has his 16' Panther tipi for sale or trade contact Bill at spinweaver623@wmconnect.com for details.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, treerat season opened May 15th as it was pouring rain decided to skip opening day. The ODWC wildlife expo is coming up in September again to be held at the Lazy E arena in Edmond, more details later on this one or go to their website www.wildlifedepartment.com.

BOOK REVIEW, Gateway to Empire by Allan W. Eckert, published by Jesse Stuart Foundation Ashley, Kentucky ISBN# 1-931672-27-X. The fifth in the Winning of America series it covers 1763-1816 encompassing the War of 1812, the early settling of the Illinois region especially an area with a couple small and crude buildings later to be known as Chicago. One of the main characters is the well known Shawnee Tecumseh, there are countless volumes on this man with one of the best from this same author. Another highly detailed person is John Kinzie whom I've done other research on, he is credited as one of the founders or at least most successful of the earliest Chicago residents and

businessmen. Not finished with this one yet but so far it's as good as any of Mr. Eckert's other works.

Things been rather hectic around here which is usually the case this time of year haven't had just a great deal of free time to devote to fun things. Not much of a newsletter this go round, probably left out some things. Hopefully do a better job of it in a later edition, wishing the best to all and be Safe.

Take / Give Care,

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