



# Oklahoma Chapter

*Coalition of Historical Trekkers*

## Newsletter



May 2, 2008

Greetings to All,

Yikes! Think the wind will blow? Well it's always breezy this time of year but don't remember day after day of 30 - 40 mph winds, seems every morning there are more downed limbs damaged from last winter's ice storm all about the neighborhood. Hope no one got caught or had damage from last night's go round of weather, that was some kind of a spooky and intensive system, covered a rather large swath through area and on to the North / Northeast.

With all the rain and runoff looking like I'll have to get a good set of mud tires for the lawnmower, get done with the backyard and where you began mowing looks the same as when started. No garden planted yet, still a mud bog but the mutts enjoy digging around in there.

WHAT'S GOING ON, following is a partial area listing, the price of fuel and economy in general travels might be limited for some.

May 16 - 18, 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rockaway Beach, Missouri Rendezvous for more info contact Booshway Junior Estenbaum, PO box 553 Rockaway Beach, MO 65740.

May 16 -18, 2008 Missouri Fur Company's Spring Rendezvous located near Joplin, MO contact Pat Payne at 479-273-3270 or Bill Alexander at 620-235-0742 for more info.

May 23 - 26. 2008 Devil's Ditch Renegades Memorial Day weekend Rendezvous located on the Arkansas river, contact Booshway Jim Ewertz at 620-728-2935 for more info.

May 23 - 26, 2008 Wight Station Rendezvous located near Garnett Kansas, contact Adam Sanford at 620-365-5676 or Dallas Davis at 620-365-2478.

June 9 - 15, 2008 Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous held near Raton, New Mexico.

Shay Lynne Stone 512-755-9716 or Jody Stodghill 719-845-4082 for more info.

June 13 - 22, 2008 2008 High Plains Regional Rendezvous held in the flint hills of north east Kansas near McLouth Kansas, contact Bill Karl 913-796-6268, Joe Johnston 785-748-9747, or Jim McCulloch 816-279-8615.

June 13 - 22, 2008 Mid America Rendezvous held at Arlington River Resort Newburg, Missouri, Shari Bearce 314-849-5251 or Jim Maloy 573-759-2287.

NATIONAL NEWS, first off, as our membership dues are up June 08 enclosed is a renewal application with notes, please get them back to Wart asap.

The National Gathering, well there are so many folks to thank for helping make the event a great success doubt if I could get all the names listed properly, to start with though, Madam VP aka the right hand of the Almighty for scaring the rain clouds away and providing the most welcome sunshine. Of course Bryan "Tater" Everhart our main man with the fine folks at the Fort let alone pretty much orchestrating the entire event, his help and friendship is greatly appreciated by all. Bryant and Kathy for hosting the SCT potluck as well as Bob and Tammy for the most generous use of their marquee tent so we could enjoy the meal in the dry. Special Kudos to all the great cooks in our extended family, especially the "cookie princess" Thanks to our laugh a minute auctioneer Tod as well as all those that donated items for the auction and those that purchased some really great plunder yet again this year. The enjoyable skullduggery award goes to Tom Hansen for his fine donation and presentation to Dick, he light up like a Christmas tree and was thoroughly surprised! Special Thanks to all the folks that volunteered their time and expertise to present some really great seminars, we had some fantastic presentations even with the not so pleasant weather at times.

The Arabia Steamboat museum was outstanding addition to the event schedule with Fine Accolades to the entire museum staff they went out of their way to answer tons of questions and treat us special.

My sincere appreciation to all of our extended family from all over the country for participating in our 2008 National Gathering / Family Reunion, it was the best one yet and already looking forward to 2009.

As to business matters from the Gathering don't have the final reports as of yet but will get them posted as soon as available, both Paul and Scott got hammered hard on their return home with family and business concerns which is considerably more important. President Rooster is preparing a letter outlining recent changes and updates concerning

our Coalition, this also will be posted on arrival with other reports.

For those that missed the Gathering you also missed meeting my camp buddy, "Mini Me Wart" we had a great time visiting with folks, the laughs and comradeship, now if I can just figure out the picture thing be in good shape!

ADVERTISEMENT, member Bill Hester has a nice 16' Panther Tipi with door and liner for sale he can be contacted at [spinweaver623@wmconnect.com](mailto:spinweaver623@wmconnect.com).

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, didn't get as much time in the turkey woods as had hoped but did harvest a nice younger tom, he ate quite well. I am very pleased with the modifications to the 12ga Caywood game gun, Danny and Mike got her to pattern near perfect. My first batch of deck doves have flown the nest, noticed Mom cleaning house getting ready for more. Had to ding a bluejay a time or two so it would leave the doves out front alone, bluejays are just feathered coyotes in my book. From the ODWC website several record book fish have been caught so far this Springs, hard to believe with the record water levels, guess they were awful hungry. Also from their website don't forget deadline for the online special draw hunts is May 15<sup>th</sup>, same as opening day for treerats.

BOOK REVIEW, The Conquerors, a Narrative by Allan W. Eckert published by Jesse Stuart Foundation ISBN 1-931672-06-7, also Mr. Eckert's The Wilderness War, same publisher, ISBN 1-931672-14-8.

The Conquerors, the third volume in the Winning of America Series picks up at the close of the F&I war with the English occupation and reestablishment of former French areas in the Great Lakes and Ohio River regions. The Native Americans held nothing but contempt and resentment for the English and their way of doing business. With the help of old friends in the French and many other disgruntled Indians a firebrand war chief of the Ottawa named Pontiac unleashed unholy heck for all involved. Mr. Eckert has presented an unbiased factual account from both sides on what is now known as Pontiac's rebellion.

The Wilderness War, fourth volume in the series starts as the previous mentioned closes in 1763 and deals primarily in the lands of the great Iroquois League through a good part of the American Revolution. Kind of funny that two of the most important and opposite men involved in this struggle were actually brother in law, you'll need to read the book to find out how that situation turned out.

Number 5 in the series, Twilight of Empire and number 6, Gateway to Empire are on the way, not sure of upcoming available time but will give them the once over on arrival.

In closing I would like to again say Thank You to everyone involved with the National Gathering and to those that could only attend in spirit.

The dedication, support, volunteering and sincere generosity to help all involved with the COHT is really amazing, very darn proud to call all Friend.

Take / Give Care,

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