



# Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

## Newsletter



September 2, 2008

Greetings to All,

What an August, goofy beyond belief, definitely one for the record book. Last edition we were dealing with 100 - 105 then the bottom fell out. Those mornings in the 60s with daytime high only in the 80s were unexpected but extremely welcome, since last week it has moderated to more normal temps. Several times the liars were predicting rain, it did so everywhere around except in our part of town and it really shows. They're talking we should see the remains of Gustav tonight thru early Thursday in this area. Had an email from Ken "Burnt Squirrel" Dodson the Louisiana state rep, they packed up and cooned on North to higher / dryer ground to wait it out. With another storm headed for the area doubt if they get in any big hurry to return just yet, probably a good idea for now. The tree rats are already working over our pecan tree, think they're cutting the wormy and bad ones for us, keeping the good ones for their own use.

Couple Saturday mornings ago was in the shop with back door open, heard this faint yelp a few times and went to investigate. Old Shadow had caught another tree rat, with her age, eyesight and sore mouth she didn't get the spine completely broke, rear wheels were done for fronts and fangs still working. When she'd dive to finish it off the rat would latch on with the front claws and try to bite her face. A square nose shovel traveling warp six took care of that problem, not a golfer but Tiger would have been proud of that drive!

WHAT'S GOING ON, well folks things are getting pretty sporty in the area.

September 5 - 6, 2008 the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Fort Osage.

September 12 - 14, 2008 the Grand Fete also at Fort Osage, know of several in the surrounding area planning to attend, trying hard on this end.

September 19 - 21, 2008 Beaver Creek Free Trappers Fall Rendezvous held east of Sterling OK, more info from Frank Kuntz 580-357-3491 or James Hawley 405-247-5026.

September 26 - 28, 2008 Historic Hunters Encampment at Mt. Magazine state park near Paris Arkansas. Don Simons is in charge and has particular rules for the event. Bryant has posted event info on the message boards (Arkansas) and also in their newsletter. Don can be reached at 479-963-8502 or [D.simons@arkansas.gov](mailto:D.simons@arkansas.gov) for more info. If you are not an Arkansas resident and want to hunt small game a 5 day nonresident license is 55\$ available at Ft. Sam Walton and other retailers.

September 26 - 28, 2008 Cedar Creek Muzzleloaders Fall Rendezvous near Westville OK, for more info contact Darrell Jordan, 479-789-2291 or Harvey Stewart, 479-824-0529.

October 3 - 5, 2008 the Woolaroc Fall Traders Rendezvous southwest of Bartlesville OK, everyone in this part of the world knows the particulars.

October 3 -5, 2008 the Strother Freetrappers Fall Rendezvous and shoot near Holden Missouri, for more info contact Tracy Smith at 816-250-2434 or [tsmith@midway.k12.mo.us](mailto:tsmith@midway.k12.mo.us). For those that didn't know, Tracy is also the COHT state rep for Missouri and has done a fine job of it for several years if available to help him out it would be greatly appreciated from both of us.

October 19 - 21, 2008 the Shawnee Branch Fall Rendezvous near Miami, OK, contact Bob and Tammy White, 479-271-7607 or [twistedthistle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twistedthistle@sbcglobal.net).

NATIONAL NEWS, if anyone has problems accessing the COHT website or message boards please let me know, I certainly can't help computer wise but will forward your concerns thru the correct channels. A direct link for help can be found at [moon@coht.org](mailto:moon@coht.org). The Executive board members have all been very busy as of late with events, seminars and other personal commitments, know they all keep in touch frequently and on top of things. As to the South central territory things are just ramping up for the Fall event season, with current predictions we could very well have a cooler early season to go play, hope so.

The bad news and sure most have heard, as of October 1, 2008 the state of Illinois will be closing historic Fort de Chartres due to lack of state funds.

Sixteen years short of a 300 year birthday plus being the oldest European establishment in said state or east of the

Mississippi outside of Detroit for the time period, let alone the fact Chicago wouldn't be a wet dream for another 75 years!! Guess them goofy frogs should have built closer to a major city, interstate or even better, a power plant,, what were they thinking??

ADVERTISEMENT, for the local area, Woolaroc is not that far off and usually a good place to dispense with unwanted or no longer used gear or make some decent trades, hopefully good weather will prevail. Anyone have something they want posted in the newsletter or the message boards just let me know the particulars and we'll get it done.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, didn't make the annual dove hunt and camp, the three main principles went to Colorado this year to chase Elk about the mountains, let you know how that went next edition. Though using modern gear and fancy tech stuff sure you'd enjoy hearing a good trekker story. One of the group plans had him doing things that very few would attempt in this day and age that we just get to read about in the exploits of those early mountain men.

Best dust off those smoke poles and send some lead down range, muzzleloader deer season will be on us quicker than a duck on a Junebug, can't wait. Keep folks informed but as of now the landowners of the property where my hunting lease and usual trek area are located have given permission to have at it on the late doe season in December, keep all advised, time for herd thinning.

BOOK REVIEW, well my dear friend, Arkansas state rep Bryant McInquire always gets a good laugh and plenty of ribbing over some of my industrial exploits, as well as most others. Not too far back while helping out a friend / business associate dropped a 2hp - 3hp motor on my foot, of course without my safety shoes on,,, OUCH (polite version) and then some.

Spent a lot of time rereading several of Mr. Eckert's, "Winning of America" series plus his "Dark and Bloody River", comfort reading made the discomfort easier to deal with, the spoiled pooches didn't help much though.

In closing, the last OK newsletter had a post script which was mailed to all current New York state members. John "Rifleman" Daigler even with health issues stepped up and did a fine job as state rep for the folks up there. Things haven't gone as well as John had hoped as of late and decided to let someone else give it a try. I, with the included Oklahoma membership decided to adopt our fellow members in New York while they find area representation.

I would encourage the SCT state reps as well as all other state reps and Governors to do the same. We all owe John a debt of gratitude for doing the best he could while he could and with dedication for those he represented. Reminds me of a darn fine bunch of folks down this way and my driving force to care and help where and when available.

Take / Give Care,

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My Old Sweetie, Miss

Shadow

