



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



January 1, 2009

Greetings to All,

Well now hasn't this been quite the weather roller coaster ride as of late, set new records for both high and low temps the last couple weeks, some in the same day, that 62 degree eight hour swing from 75 to 13 was a bit of a shock. It seems it can't decide to moderate, one extreme to the other, sure wish things would, hard to prepare when it very well could change within the hour.

Luckily we've been spared any of the severe winter blasts that have hit hard in many parts of the country, hope that luck continues through the rest of winter.

The vacuum cleaner could sure use a rest from the cold, been working overtime sucking up dog hair, one of them runs and hides the other growls, barks and tries to attack the machine. If you want to keep Mick occupied just roll it out of the closet and let it sit, that dog will lay about five feet away and never move, just growl real low, guessing some kind of doggie four letter words.

WHAT'S GOING ON, time as we have started yet another New Year, haven't figured out just where most of the last one went yet.

Know everyone will join me in sending out a big welcome to new Oklahoma member, Mr. Sam Hall, after a several year absence Sam, a seasoned trekker, is getting back out on the trail, look forward to sharing some hunts and great experiences with him as well as all other members.

January 16 – 18, 2009, Missouri Fur Company's Bucks Only Rendezvous held at their new site outside of Waco, MO, contact Pat Payne at 479-273-3270 or Russ Mitchell at 417-642-5811.

January 24 – 25, 2009, Woolaroc Bucks Only Rendezvous held on the Woolaroc Ranch southwest of Bartlesville, prepare for any kind of weather.

July 18 – 25, 2009, 28th Annual Midwest Primitive Rendezvous held near

Palmyra Missouri, this is a NRLHF/NMLRA event, more info below, wanted to let folks have some time to ponder on this one.

May 2009 the Museum of the Fur Trade will be opening anew exhibit, 'The Voyageurs' from information received it is going to be quite the special exhibit, they are presently raising funds to purchase a 36 foot birchbark canoe as an integral part of the new display, sounds like a road trip to me, for more info check out museum@furtrade.org.

Still gathering some scheduling info and other particulars as far as setting up some treks for late winter early spring, if anyone has some ideas on something they would like to do or put together please feel free to let me know, we'll get something worked out. I'm not at all opposed to a canoe trek, there is way plenty of water in the area to go play on, a lot of it very secluded if you don't mind putting in the effort to get there. I used to have some great canoe treks on the North Canadian before them heathens down in the City stole all the water.

WHAT'S OLD, mostly this mass of mutt laying on my feet while trying to put this together, trip to the vet this morning for blood work now she is in full needy mode, not spoiled a bit!

NATIONAL NEWS, as stated last issue the new flag panels are available, check with Scott Carlson at treasurer@coht.org to place an order.

Now that we've stated the New Year two E board officers have started their transition to new offices with full duty capacity scheduled for the National Gathering. Veronica Wiese is our new Communications Director and Ken Klabon as new Vice President, Veronica will be sworn in, Ken will be sworn at.

Not much else at present outside of daily maintenance happening on the National front.

ADVERTISEMENT, don't have an inventory or any descriptions yet but Sam Hall has some iron work of his own manufacture to sell, try to get some more details posted. Anyone have something to list just let me know.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, the hunting is pretty much winding down for another winter, waterfowl, pheasant, quail and some small game still legal with archery season coming to a close. Had a nice picture of a good friend with his monster buck taken with a bow, really top notch buck for this part of the country, notice the past tense, old computer klutz lost it somewhere in this goofy machine, as stated previously, put what I know about computers in a thimble and have room left for a 65 Buick Le Saber! If anyone has a picture they'd like to have in the newsletter send it to me with a brief description, hopefully I won't lose it. The ODWC is having their public invite information meetings on January 12, 13, 15 around the state about possible / probable season updates for 2009, these include expanded changes in antelope and elk hunting as well as the possibility of

adding a black bear season, that would be pretty cool.

BOOK REVIEW, finished off Angus Konstam's "Piracy the Complete Story" very well written without the romantic notions often flavored into so many books on the subject, as with his other works I've read, it's a straight forward, honest portrayal of the facts and it flows quite well. ****

Reviews to follow on these new additions to the library received over the Holidays, they include, William Clark, Indian Diplomat by Jay H. Buckley. Emperor of the North: Sir George Simpson and the Remarkable Story of the Hudson's Bay Company by James Raffan. Sentimental Journey: The Art of Alfred Jacob Miller by Lisa Strong. National Geographic Atlas of the World eighth edition. Have no idea how I was so lucky to obtain such fine volumes, just glad Santa didn't catch Mick with his leg hiked up near the sleigh or it would be another lump of coal for us!

If anyone has a book review or research reference they'd like to get into the newsletter send it on over and we'll get it included, don't have to be fancy, drawn out or all that professional, after all you're reading this!

In closing I'd like to add some contact information Bryan "Tater" Everhart has posted, please take a very good look at what are near neighbors are doing to help support some of the finest historical sites in Illinois that many of us have visited and enjoyed. Any help anyone could forward would be greatly appreciated by these fine folks and the entire Historical Community, Thanks in advance to all. www.saveillinoishistory.com

Take / Give Care, Your Friend,

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Received cover letter, seminar schedule draft and event fliers for the 28th Annual Midwest Primitive Rendezvous to be held July 18 - 25, 2009 near Palmyra Missouri. This is a NRLHF/NMLRA event, all rules and regulations apply.
nrlhf.org nmlra.org

They have invited all COHT members to attend and share thier skills, experience and historical endeavors, anyone interested and needing more info contact the following.

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