



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



April 1, 2009

Greetings to All,

Well how about the recent Winter Wonderland, quite the surprise for the 28th of March, set new snowfall records all across the state. Started out on the dog walk that morning in light rain, further we got the bigger the drops till finally they all turned white. With every step it just kept coming down faster, the last half mile was straight into the stuff, all I could see was my feet and to my side were these two four legged snowballs. I remembered to leave a pile of old towels at the front door which was one of my smarter decisions as of late, took some doing to get them presentable to be indoors. The mutts enjoyed some serious naked, no wet collar, carpet action, in dog speak it don't get any better!

Yet more evidence of last winters ice storm, the weak limbs that took a year of record wind, record wet snow give it up and came on down. There was a fare amount of nitrogen in that snow for as green as the grass is now, one good thing out of the whole mess. For those not aware, President Mark "Rooster" Roster lives just outside of Fargo, North Dakota, all are aware of what those folks are dealing with, hope that one ends without serious damage.

A Big Welcome to new member Mr. Robert Pourier from Arizona, an enjoyable and all around great guy, darn fine craftsman to boot, fellow NRA Life member plus an original American, Lakota Sioux born and raised in South Dakota with quite the Family history.

WHAT'S GOING ON, first off a quick reminder to the folks attending the National Gathering, don't forget your earplugs for the late night trains and heavy equipment, still can't figure out why they built the Fort so close to a power plant, what were they thinking. The Spring TTG has a very good schedule of events on page 7 to date don't know of any changes.

April 18 -26, 2009 Western Territorial Rendezvous near Blaine, Kansas for more info contact Ed Eler at 785-608-6159 to take part in the period horse ride contact Buster Schmitz at 785-799-3519.

April 24 -26, 2009 Barren Fork Territorial Rendezvous located near Gainesville, Missouri contact Bob Roach at 417-457-6248 or Jennifer Johnson at 417-294-1175.

April 24 -26, 2009 Cedar Creek Muzzleloaders Rendezvous near Westville, Oklahoma contact Darrell Jordan at 479-789-2291.

April 24 – 26, 2009 Spring Family Rendezvous hosted by the Chief Black Dog's Trail Muzzleloader Club at their range contact John Harris at 620-674-3554 or Ed Burns at 620-457-8628 or Beverly Dunn at 620-674-3290.

April 30 – May 2, 2009 Quapaw Creek Living History Rendezvous at the Sparks America Campground, Sparks America contact the campground at 918-866-2543 or Badger Henry at 806-676-3639.

May 2 – 3, 2009 Pomme De Terre Rendezvous, haven't been there for several years so don't have any particulars contact Rod Gates at 417-998-6535.

June 19 – 27, 2009 High Plains Regional Rendezvous near Sheldon, North Dakota www.hpr.org plugging this cause Rooster is hip deep in it.

WHAT'S OLD, vet bills for one thing, can't really think of anything leftover or undone at the moment, am I forgetting anything? Help me out here folks.

NATIONAL NEWS, email seems to be operating fine again as well as the web site, V still has a few pesky bugs there but has them pretty well cornered up. Enclosed is a renewal application as our dues are due June 09, please get these mailed back to Wart as quickly as your schedule allows.

Everything else on the National level is concentrated on the Gathering as its only two weeks out, best get to packing, see you there.

ADVERTISEMENT, again back to the Gathering, the members auction will be Saturday evening after the potluck supper with that slick tongued devil Mr. Tod Wells as auctioneer, ought to be fun, Tom Hansen better were his deep pocketed breech clout.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, Spring turkey season opens on the 6th and can't wait, hope we get some decent weather, what we've had as of late has the birds all mixed up. Kelly Bostian had a great article in last Sunday's Tulsa World B7, 3/29/09 at www.tulsaworld.com/outdoors, check it out.

BOOK REVIEW, spent a big part of the snow day gleaning thru Timothy J. Kent's "Ft. Pontchartrain at Detroit" volumes 1 & 2, have no idea how he got that much information crammed between the covers, they are a pair of pretty amazing volumes, artwork is fantastic also. I have plenty of notes to follow up on and sections to study much deeper as time allows.

In closing this one out wish everyone the best for their Spring adventures drive Safe and double Safe in the turkey woods, if it's warm enough for the birds to be out and about remember so are the twisty reptiles. I can tolerate the chiggers, skeeters and other bugs

it's those darn copperheads that give me fits, they just look for trouble and seem to go out of their way to find it, must be a genetic thing.

Take / Give Care, Your Friend,

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