



# Oklahoma Chapter

*Coalition of Historical Trekkers*

## Newsletter



June 2, 2009

Greetings to All,

Well things seem to be drying out in these parts after the twenty two days straight of measurable precipitation or at least that's what the weather gurus called it, probably be wishing we had some of it back come August.

The high levels have played havoc with the fishing, where you could launch a boat and general lake activities, not the first or last time to paddle a canoe around in some camp grounds though have seen it worse in some places.

It seems summer is finally starting to take over with the temps rising just a bit each day, with all the ground moisture it should stay pretty green for awhile.

WHAT'S GOING ON, it's now the time of year when not a lot is happening event wise in the general area unless you don't mind some windshield time, with the darn gas prices creeping up again might curtail some folks plans. All in favor of an open season, no bag limit on oil speculators say Aye, all opposed expect the same!

June 14 – 20, 2009, Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous near Raton, New Mexico, wonderful country and from everything heard a wonderful event, lots of cool stuff to see out in that area. If interested contact Jerry Stodghill at 719-868-2124 or Jeremy Stodghill at 719-276-2682.

June 19 – 27, 2009, High Plains Regional Rendezvous held near Sheldon North Dakota, [www.hpr.org](http://www.hpr.org) if you're wondering it's about a 18 hour pull out of Tulsa so adjust accordingly. Kirk Redmond at 701-349-4194, Jan Zaeske at 701-232-2714 or our very own Rooster and Jeanne Roster at 701-428-9985.

July 1 – 5, 2009, Four Moons Rising Rendezvous held near Gary South Dakota, for more information check out their website, <http://fourmoons.org>

July 10 – 12, 2009, Fur Trade Days in Chadron Nebraska sponsored by the Museum of the Fur Trade, 6321 Hwy 20, [museum@furtrade.org](mailto:museum@furtrade.org)

September 25 – 27, 2009, Historical Hunters Encampment held at Mt. Magazine State Park in west central Arkansas. A little early for posting more particulars as of now, sure Don will get things squared away and info forwarded in plenty of time for folks. As a reminder, this event is exactly what it's named, plan accordingly, it's already on my calendar, can't wait.

There are several really good and some quite large events this summer out West, try to get an updated listing in next months newsletter.

WHAT'S OLD, as stated previously, this might not be the greatest of volunteered newsletters but have tried to get something reasonably worthwhile out to the members on a regular basis. A quarterly is the requirement and that works extremely well for our National TTG, personally and again volunteered, on a more local level feel there needs to be a bit more communication to keep everyone informed, updated and more importantly just check in with folks. You ask where this is going, well it's the same concern we all have now a days, the almighty dollar! With the cost of production and mailing need to make some changes, what exactly and how many there will be hasn't been determined yet. First will probably be a return to standard old white stock materials without any color pictures. As far as retaining a monthly format that won't change for now though there is also the possibility of the mailing list being shortened in the future, this would not affect the electronic version that Moon posts on the SCT webpage,

<http://www.coht.org/territorysites/SCTerritroy/index.shtml>.

Take another good look at things and post more on this situation next issue. NATIONAL NEWS, it's June so everyone's dues are due and must say one of the better and more efficient changes made as of late. Working off Wart's recent June roster some will have an enclosed renewal app some won't, if your renewal is in transit I'll get the roster update from Wart asap, he's darn good at that. Really appreciate so many folks getting this taken care of already this system sure saves a lot of confusion and paperwork.

If I can get it crammed in at the bottom will include Wart's letter to the membership regarding how and what he sends out, makes perfect sense to me. As to any recent officer discussions, most of late have been over some basic procedural / operational issues, just the day to day stuff pretty much. Not that great with the "magic box" but there have been a couple really good topics of discussion on the member's message boards as of late, suggest folks take a good visit and participate, hey this old dog has learned a few new tricks.

ADVERTISEMENT, Mr. Richard Javine has a couple really nice long guns for sale, posted the information on the message boards try to do the same here.

- American Fowler by Jack Garner

Stock is walnut w/figure through out with wood patch box true-oil finish  
20gax42 Oct/rd tru-bore barrel  
Round face lock  
Single trigger /14" pull  
Iron mounted polished & browned  
Yager style rear sight  
\$950

2- Tennessee Rifle

Stock is curly maple full stock  
13/16 x 40cal x 42" long Gr. Mtn. Barrel

Steel mounted and browned

Small Siler lock

Double triggers w/ 14" pull, nose cap and entry thimble, \$650

Shipping extra on both guns (normally about \$45)

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, tree ray season opened May 15<sup>th</sup>, try to get out and scare the heck of some while the mornings are still reasonable otherwise them varmints get to take it easy till early Fall, probably get a limit in the backyard with a dip net though. Most have heard by now that we now have a black bear season in the Southeastern part of the state. ODWC has posted the preliminary regulations, final stuff to be out shortly. Another new change is an archery antelope season, now that should challenge your hunting ability to the extreme, wonder if there are any out there carrying white canes, using nose plugs and a severe limp? One can always hope when dealing with them easy to spook, fast footed prairie rockets. The last outing of Spring turkey got skunked twice, first was from a real skunk headed home after a night on the woods, waddled within fifteen to close feet before changing course which am very thankful for. Got onto what sounded like a nice Tom as I never got a good look at him other than short glimpses threw the woods, guess didn't have anything he wanted to hear, he'd stop, turn and start my way, hang up for a bit then off another direction, that late in the season really felt the bird was going to walk right on over for a look see. This new hunt area really shows some great promise for the future, landowner says to take all the legal does wanted, sounds good.

Spoke with several people that have had first hand close encounters so far this year, seems we again have an abundance of copperheads with an aggressive attitude, never seen one that wasn't hacked off or needed hacked up, consider copperheads the coyote of the reptile world thus they are treated the same.

BOOK REVIEW, encourage folks to send in even a short review of any particular volume they have enjoyed or learned something new or interesting from to share with the membership. Presently have a couple more research titles on order, extra book time has been rare around here with trying to keep the pasture cut down between rains and all the other outside chores. Recently was digging up answers to a question, run across something totally different and interesting that took me off on another topic, don't even ask, start with compass and end up with thermal properties of various coal deposits.

Books are Man's second best friend, the way these mutts behave sometimes that can easily be reversed!

Tried to get Wart's letter off the website but getting the "page cannot be found" message so guess that's it for this go round, hope to have a better handle on some of the items expressed here for the next issue, till then,

The Best to All, Take / Give Care,

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