



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



May 1, 2009

Greetings to All,

The weather in these parts is about as confusing and unpredictable as ever, the recent wildfires in the general OKC area were raging while up the pike Tulsa plus parts to the South and East were getting severe thunderstorms, hail and twisters. Don't remember the exact figures they gave on the news regarding the confirmed twister count to date but we are way ahead of last year, not a good sign heading into the real weather season. Trying to get Shadow part time work as a weather forecaster to help pay off her Vet bills, can predict the severity of a storm hours in advance by how close she sticks to you, now if the old dog crawls in your hip pocket to hide best head for the basement pronto!

WHAT'S GOING ON, some of the following are re listings others are new.
May 1 – 3, 2009, Chetopa Creek Gun Club Spring Rendezvous, Altoona Kansas, contact info, Betty Jo Chapman 620-378-3285, Mark Eccles 620-336-3967.

May 1 – 3, 2009, Three Rivers Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous at their range near Peru, Kansas, contact Jon Faler at 620-515-0892 or 620-216-0624 also Louis Ross at 620-515-0892.

May 1 – 3, 2009, ark River Muzzleloaders Rendezvous near Ellinwood, Kansas, contact Cody Wornkey 620-564-2368 or Tim Wornkey 620-564-2066.

May 2 – 3, 2009, Pomme De Terre Rendezvous near Hermitage Missouri, for more info contact Rod Gates at 417-998-6535.

May 15 – 17, 2009, Missouri Fur Company Spring Rendezvous held at their range near Waco, Missouri, for more info contact Pat Payne at 479-273-3270 or Russ Mitchell at 417-642-5811.

May 15 – 17, 2009, Smoky Hill Free Trappers 15th anniversary camp and shoot, contact info, Glen Blanken 785-238-6084 or Tim Jeffery at 785-209-0633.

May 15 – 17, 2009, 3rd Annual Rendezvous at Rockaway Beach, Missouri, contact Junior Estenbaum at 417-561-1166 or Steve Johnson 417-683-0191.

May 16 – 17, 2009, Le Fete 'a Renault at Old Mines, Washington County, Missouri, info contact is Andy or Bonnie Daugherty at 636-585-6548 or Rick and Mary Rill at 573-438-7712.

May 16 – 17, 2009, Lewis and Clark Heritage Days at Saint Charles Missouri, for more info call 800-336-2427, never been to this one but their advertisement sounds interesting with plenty to see and do.

May 22 – 25, 2009 Devil's Ditch Renegades Memorial Day Primitive Rendezvous on the banks of the Arkansas River near Wichita, Kansas. JD Cox at 620-663-7106 or James Beckon at 620-259-6769 for directions or any other info needed.

May 22 – 25, 2009, Wright Station Rendezvous near Garnett, Kansas, contact Adam Sanford at 620-365-5676 for more details.

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.hprr.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.

WHAT'S OLD, fold this over into National News to follow as most if not all pertains to the National Gathering.

NATIONAL NEWS, well the 09 National Gathering is over with yet another great success, appreciate everyone that made the effort to attend it was a great time even though leaving early Saturday due to a Family health situation.

Believe we had seven Oklahoma members' present, great showing and hope that number grows. There seems to be minor debate over number of camps present, guess we'll have to trust Rooster's patented Jethro Math and call it good at 34 camps. The River Rats returned for another voyage on the Mighty Mo, everyone said it was a great float, Longarm got a new moniker

on the trip, he who sleeps in fire, and he'll have to tell you the story on that one. Don't have a lot to report on the Board and Membership meetings, some procedural, basic business and communication topics were discussed in the Board meeting. The general Membership meeting was short and to the point, covered where the organization is presently as in growth threw membership and financial status. I'm sure there will be a good write up in the next TTG to cover things much better. Missed the auction but would like to Thank Paul E. for successfully bidding on the shooting bag with horn and tools donated by Marty "Poking Turtle" Kayter, be putting that one to good use soon. Big Thanks also to Kiwi and Shelly with the help of Bryant and Kathy for hosting the SCT Friday potluck, tons of great food and friendship, did I mention a LOT of food, swelled up like a poisoned pup!

ADVERTISEMENT, from everything heard about the member's auction it was a ton of fun and brought in over 1,800 dollars, very much appreciate all the folks that donated items as well as those that spent their hard earned money. Also a very Big Thanks to Mr. Tod Wells, auctioneer extraordinary, guess he was in his usual festive form and preformed said duties with an always present big heart, glad it was lubricated efficiently.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITES, as schedule, wind and weather have allowed made a couple enjoyable outings to the turkey woods so far this season, haven't bagged a nice Tom yet but came very close a couple times. The first good outing was near perfect as far as weather, calm, clear and 50 degrees at first light on a new hunting place. Thought I had a general idea of the birds and their movements in this new area well guess what, as usual the birds roost two hills over from where I figured they'd be. At the first gobble cooned as quickly as possible that direction to an area previously scouted as a good calling point, at least I thought so when scouting. Twenty minutes later with basic calling could see some birds filtering down off the hillside towards a clearing with a small seep pond, things began to look promising. Only two hens ever came out in the open to feed, don't know how many other birds were with them as they stayed in the low brush moving along with the two hens, guessing last years broods. A Jake appeared from nowhere, as often happens while watching hens, then a decent sounding Tom cut loose gobbling back up the hillside and I played along. Things were progressing quite well at least the Tom was headed my way, while my luck was headed the other direction. Imagine an inverted V low hillside with me set up near the top on the right leg, you guessed it, when the Tom showed himself in the clearing below he was just left of the point of the V out about

40 yards and headed fast after those hens who were now behind me on the other side of the hill, it would have been a quick and probably careless shot so I let him move on. That was a very enjoyable morning and experience, they all got together behind me on the other side of the hill and did turkey talk for sometime, anything else will stay behind closed doors, polite as I can say it.

Save my other turkey adventures for future newsletters as I've probably worn you out on this one!

BOOK REVIEW, Robert Morgan's "Boone a Biography", Algonquin Books, ISBN-13: 978-1-58512-815-2. Without a doubt the very best thing I've ever read in regards to the true character and spirit of one of our original Folk Heroes. Mr. Morgan has done an excellent job of presenting the real Daniel Boone without all the hype and romantic silliness that so many other books have contained over the years, a very concise work that conveys the true spirit of such a great American pioneer, could rave on this one till the cows come home. Opinions are like backsides, we all got one mine says anyone interested will find this book an extremely informative and great read. As not to give away much, towards the end a part about his prized commissioned Cherry coffin will cause you to bust a gut.

Try to add some more over the summer months on this volume plus notes from a couple others.

In closing out yet another newsletter would just like to let the membership know that though not all that great at this stuff really appreciate everyone's help, guidance, support and most importantly friendship, it does make a sincere difference, Many Thanks to All Involved.

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