



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



October 1, 2009

Greetings to All,

Now wasn't that a bonafide toad strangler last week, 4.5 inches in a very short time and that was with a 80% chance of rain, hate to see what we would have got had it been 100%. Been a strange go round this year with the weather but have enjoyed not having the usual broiler conditions of late summer and things staying so green. As cool as the mornings have been thinking the Fall foliage might get here a little quicker and brighter as the trees definitely haven't been starved for water.

We had us a pretty good battle with the flu around here, don't know for sure if it was the swine flu variety but it'll sure make your tail curl in a hurry, don't worry, gargled with Clorox before licking stamps and envelopes. Don't know if it's related but ended up with a heck of a good left ear infection after that, at worst kind of like a three day drunk with bouncing off things. In hopes that will be enough sick crud for quite awhile, plenty of outdoors doins coming up.

WHAT'S GOING ON, by the time folks get this some will already be at Woolaroc or on their way, chance of rain later in the week with decent weather for the majority of the weekend.

October 1- 4, 2009, Kansas Traditional Muzzleloading Association's State Rendezvous on the Arkansas river near Hutchinson Kansas. JD Cox at 620-663-7106, Keith Thompson at 620-960-4108, Leland Davis at 785-488-3466.

October 3 – 4, 2009, Trappers of Starved Rock shoot and rendezvous held in the Sioux Passage State Park near Florissant Missouri, contact Tony Smith at 314-458-9594 or Charlie Brandes at 636-95-6402 for more info.

October 9 – 11, 2009, Wildrose Rendezvous hosted by the Indian Creek Muzzleloaders west of LaPlate, Missouri, for more info call 660-665-4171 or 660-216-4504.

October 8 – 11, 2009, 11th annual White River Knap-In at the Bull Shoals campground in Lake View Arkansas, 870-405-3052 for more info.

October 9 – 11, 2009, Missouri Fur Company Fall 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.

October 15 – 18, 2009, Santa Fe Trail Plainsmen and Kansas Muzzleloading Association will host the Fall Rendezvous and State Shoot near Overbrook, Kansas, contact person is Randy Hittle at 785-966-2695.

October 16 – 18, 2009, Renegade Freetrappers Fall Rendezvous on the club grounds south of Coffeyville, Kansas, Gary George at 918-531-2272 or Donna Hannah at 918-801-2370.

October 16 – 18, 2009, Shawnee Branch Fall Rendezvous held near Miami Oklahoma, contact Bob and Tammy at 479-271-7607 for more info.

October 16 – 18, 2009, Rocky Mountain Fur – Rocky Mountain Men hosting a Fall shoot and camp at their range near Garnett, Kansas, Tom Conner at 913-731-3932 or Tony Smith at 620-365-3518.

October 17 – 18, 2009, Pinnacle Mountain State Park Fall Rendezvous, contact Latty Layne at 501-397-2208 or cell #870-917-7038.

October 23 – 24, 2009, Fall Family Rendezvous hosted by Chief Black Dog's Trail Muzzleloaders at their range, contact John Harris at 620-674-3554 or Ed Burns at 620-457-8628 or Beverly Dunn at 620-674-3290.

October 29 – November 1, 2009, Beaver Creek Free Trappers Fall Rendezvous located just east of Sterling, Oklahoma, Frank Kuntz at 580-357-34912 or James Hawley at 405-247-5026.

October 30 – November 1, 2009, Devil's Ditch Renegades Fall Rendezvous held on the banks of the Arkansas river outside of Withita, Kansas, JD Cox at 620-663-7106 or Keith Thompson at 620-960-4108.

October 17 – 18, 2009, The Nebraska COHT members are getting together at Ft. Atkinson just north of Omaha for the weekend and all are invited, contact Scott Carlson at treasurer@coht.org or Tod Wells at nc-gov@coht.org.

WHAT'S OLD, with the above listing that's not near enough complete for the area there is plenty to do, back to that heat of summer thing, nothing to do and now you can't swing a cat without hitting an event or several at the same time. Oh well it's always the same come Spring or Fall in this part of the country.

Do my best to get old Shadow out for probably her last canoe trek / duck hunt or whatever else we can get ourselves into, she has been my most sincere, trekking partner for quite a few enjoyable years and then some, tons of great memories with the goofy old hairball. (note to self, never let a dog that done ate a raw tree rat sleep under the same blanket,, regardless!)

NATIONAL NEWS, well folks not a whole lot to report on, several of the Eboard members have been hot and heavy at several events, gatherings and historical seminars. Seems there haven't been any major hiccups with much of anything so things are going along just fine. Any concerns or questions please forward the info on, get it to the correct person asap. As stated several times over the years, not that great with the computer but we can't help without knowing the problem, luckily we have folks that can / will help you out.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, things about to get pretty sporty in these parts, our Archery deer season is now open along with the new Black Bear season. Please pay attention to all the rules / procedures for our new Bear hunt. Done a lot of checking on this one

hunters you call in #21 and your hide will be tanned better than the Bear's and ODWC will be more than happy to display it for all to see.

Our muzzleloader season opens on the 24th and continues through November 1st, the last weekend Fall turkey season opens so most certainly can't wait regardless of what the weather throws at us, been there done that.

BOOK REVIEW, with everything else going on had hopes of sending my particulars on a very enjoyable piece that's not only historical but a very fine read, save it for later. Member Judith Clarke with an e sent some info to pass on to the membership so hopefully get that included here. (computer skills?)

The interesting website - www.trailsofindianterritory.com belongs to a retired avionics mechanic from Tinker AFB who has taken on the project of plotting the trail taken by Washington Irving and group. He has plotted distances from the published journals and reports and using topographical software and surveys from the 1870s has plotted lines of sight - with different results than the already held theories. (My aim of hiking at Lake Thunderbird "Dirtybird", looking for Mr. Irving's party, may be more accurate than I used to think.) Anyway, I thought you might find it of interest and you may want to put a link to the COHT on his site.

Did it take? Darn the bad luck, this old dog learned a new trick, can't say the same for the ones under my feet. Something else yet learned to file away of course remembering where you put it and how it works help.

ADVERTISEMENT, please see above

Let you all go for this go round plus wishing safe and happy times on your trekking adventures for this Fall. With hunting getting revved up might well be out of pocket for a bit, will get back to you as soon as the critter is skinned.

The Best to All, Take / Give Care,

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