



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to all and wish everyone a Great Independence Day,

A bit slow getting this one out, been working on it off and on with several other things as of late plus forgetting to hit the "save changes" thingy didn't help matters so get to start all over, not the first time for that dose of AWDA! Everybody at least in this general area really enjoying the recent cool off though it actually returned to normal temps for the area. Those couple weeks previous with the mid to upper 90s and 110 heat indexes wasn't just a whole lot of fun for so early in the summer, lets hope we've had all that for this year, seriously doubt it though.

Our neighbors to the East in Arkansas have a new state rep in Tammy White of Twisted Thistle Traders fame (plus a few infamous exploits). I am sure Tammy will do a very fine job representing the membership, never known her to not get something accomplished efficiently when she sets out on a task or if necessary use a little backside realignment. Look forward to working and sharing info with Tammy plus help wherever possible with her duties.

We all need to send Bryant McIguire our sincerest appreciation for quite a few years of dedicated service as a state rep for the entire membership plus being a very fine friend that goes for Miss Kathy also.

I'd like to send out a big Okie Welcome to longtime member Bart Riegel who finally came to his senses and left the heathen texicans behind. Bart and his wife recently moved to Elk City which has worked out really good for them job wise as well as a lot closer to their kids.

June was pretty busy and fun visiting with some out of state members.

Early part of the month met up with Scott "Bean Counter" Carlson, his Dad and son Daniel for a rather wet adventure in Nebraska, did I mention it was wet?

We stopped in for a visit at the Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron which was very enjoyable and educational plus the fact it didn't rain on us there.

The next week found David "Longarm" Gilbertson, his wife and several friends down from Wisconsin for the Mid America Mustang car show, of course they were here when it was so oppressive with the heat and humidity. They all had a great time even with suffering with weather they rarely if ever deal with, one of the guys asked if he had driven into Hell and got the usual answer, "No, you have to cross the Red river to get there"

The last week of the month brought Arizona member Robert Pourier to town for a visit which is always a lot of fun and always quite the learning experience. Robert was impressed with my Lakota Dictionary, first he gave me the history of that project and those involved then started devising things to put it to use, got a feeling this volume is going to get a very serious workout!

The summer event season is in full swing in other parts of the country where it isn't quite as warm, several COHT members have plans for some events.

Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous is being held a short piece west of Creede Colorado July 10 - 18. The area is currently under fire hazard watch but as of this writing no fire ban has been issued, regardless be prepared with a propane stove and plenty of water as it is in limited supply, pretty much the same scenario as all Western events so plan accordingly.

July 28th - August 7th is the 2010 Midwest Primitive Rendezvous near Ontonagon in the UP of Michigan, for those in these parts curious what UP means it's an ancient Ojibwe word for "way the heck up there"

For those interested in historical pursuits in our area it'll be some serious windshield time to go have fun and escape part of the summer heat.

Closer to home we have some great Museums, historical societies / sites and very fine libraries to wet the history appetite so have at it.

With everything going on as of late haven't dug to deeply into any interesting volumes to report on, barely enough time to keep up with the regular periodicals and bouncing info back and forth on the magic box. Anyone have anything they would like to share or have included in the newsletter please forward it on.

Thought about including a picture of Longarm and myself
from their trip but then two ugllys don't make it right!

Best to All, Take / Give Care,
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