



Oklahoma Chapter

Coalition of Historical Trekkers

Newsletter



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Greetings to All,

It seems Spring has finally sprung or at least trying, many of the early bulbs are poking their heads up out of the ground with this warmer weather. With as much ground moisture that there is things should green up quickly if the warmer temps hold out, sure hope so tired of the winter stuff.

There are two very fine current area exhibits that I highly recommend. The Masterworks of Charles M. Russell: a Retrospective of Painting and Sculpture at the Gilcrease museum here in Tulsa. This is an excellent exhibit that runs threw May 2, having viewed it three times find new details with each encounter, a great exhibit to visit.

A Time of Transition, a Cherokee town in the early 1700s at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah running threw April 4. Visiting midweek pressed for time didn't get to spend as much as possible thus a return trip is planned. Really looking forward to that, what I did get to see makes the return visit well worth the effort.

Other area Rendezvous coming up quickly are,
March 14 – 21, South Western Regional Rendezvous held near Stringtown.
March 31- April 4, Fort Washita Rendezvous, east of Madill.
April 9-11, Woolaroc Spring Rendezvous southwest of Bartlesville.
April 16-17, Beaver Creek Free Trappers Rendezvous near Sterling.

As a reminder, the National Gathering at Fort Osage is just a short ways out so please get your pre-registration forms back to Scott by the 1st to save a few bucks. Believe it was Rooster that suggested a return trip to the Steamship Arabia museum it will be cool to see what new items they have restored and added to the collection plus updates on their searches for other sunken ships.

We'll try to get more details in the April newsletter as Gathering activities get more finalized, yes Mr. Wilde will be hosting tavern night again this year.

At present would have to say the membership meeting will be Friday evening and the auction Saturday evening after supper, that's the way it's been last couple years and seems to work out quite well. Several of the other "usual activities" will fall where they best fit.

Our Spring turkey season will be here in just a few weeks, can't wait short of the copperheads also getting active and hiding out in my favorite mushroom patches. Have done a couple day trek scouts and have seen good bird populations in several areas, as usual that don't mean they'll be there when the season opens. Found a real nice right dropped antler on one of these outings hope the other half is as nice and wonder where he was at during deer season, as the saying goes, they don't get big by being stupid.

Without including the entire paragraph like to quote a sentence from Dale Van Every's The Final Challenge, "Such a man soon learned the simple lesson that hunting can be more fun than working"

Speaking of Mr. Every dug out his four volume set The American Frontier and have read them again, many times thinking oh I remember that or oops I forgot about that, a couple that come to mind and can't believe forgotten. From the mouth of the St. Lawrence to the mouth of the Mississippi is a voyage of 2,500 miles with two land portages totaling less than 25 miles. Westward expansion from Jamestown to the year 1766 progressed at 1 mile a year after that date it increased to 33 miles per year. Must be the old fart's syndrome kicking in as it's hard to believe misplacing a couple simple but important items like that, yes have to admit there are more.

In the recently received April/May 2010 Muzzleloader magazine there is an article or as they list it, Special Report, on pages 62-64 that is a must read to all involved by Mr. Mike Nesbitt a longtime contributor on blackpowder firearms, it is titled A Blown Nipple. It'll sure get you to thinking and am very appreciative of Mr. Nesbitt getting the article published so quickly for safety's sake, we can never be to careful with things that go boom!

Tried to add a couple recipes from the latest Nebraska "Pains Talk" newsletter but couldn't get the machine to cooperate, check with Scott to figure out that goof and hopefully remedy. You can read their newsletter on the North Central webpage in the meantime, have made something similar to the stuffed squash recipe before but this one sounds better.

Guess that's about it for this go round and hope this new found weather holds out for awhile, like to have a little buffer before twisting cloud season hits which is always so much fun in this part of the country.

Best to All, Take / Give Care,

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