



# Oklahoma Chapter

*Coalition of Historical Trekkers*

## Newsletter



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Greetings to all,

Well now haven't we been blessed with very welcome weather, really enjoying this stuff, hope it hangs out for awhile till a good frost to get rid of all the nasty bugs! Tolerate a good bit out in the woods but the pesky little insects always find a way to get under, over, or worse in the darn blanket!

Use to really enjoy the early part of bow season but tired of losing a pint of blood every outing though have done so also during the muzzleloader and rifle seasons a few times.

As the first order of business like to extend a very warm welcome to new Oklahoma members Steve and Karen Lockwood of Stigler, look forward to sharing the trail and a good fire with them.

Secondly a big Thanks to members Rod & Marj Chowning from the Grove area for forwarding the brochure and information regarding the northeastern part of the state, great stuff at [www.grandriverhistory.com](http://www.grandriverhistory.com), check it out, well built and informative site with a lot of our members participating.

Now that it's starting to act more like Fall took to the woods for the day Sunday with the 36 to chase some tree rats. (Just because it's dated the first don't mean it gets done on the 1<sup>st</sup>) I had a great time slowly wondering about the woods with no real plan outside of relaxing and enjoying nature. There was plenty of that with the cooler temps, several deer, turkeys, momma bobcat with two kits a few minutes after spooking a swamp rabbit, guessing she was teaching them to hunt. Checked out the two river crossings for activity and there was plenty of it with the low water, lots of deer tracks one of which is a good sized mature buck, hope he hangs out for awhile. Also found mountain lion tracks, as a note, if you ever have a feral hog problem get you one of these big cats, the pigs will vacate

pronto. Near one of these crossings there is a large area of old wild grapevines and beyond that a persimmon grove, not the best of tracks but pretty sure they were made by a black bear, report that info to the game warden as he lives real close to the area, at least in bear miles.

As to the tree rat hunting, scared the heck out of several with three in the skillet, one with a broke neck he received from falling out of the tree while laughing at my shooting! Need to get with Kiwi for some help, know it's not the gun but my goofy eyesight, at horizontal everything is fine as the elevation increases so does shot placement to the left, go figure.

As to the lone coyote for the day luck would have me sitting up in a deadfall munching on some jerky and dried apples, the yote was following an old roadway from years past sniffing for a snack of it's own. Being one to never pass an opportunity to dust a nest buster this one was pretty iffy for a 36 flinter at every bit of 200 yards, dialed in the howitzer elevation and let fly, have no idea if that little .350 lead ball got out there but the coyote wasn't going to stick around for another try, hot footed it right on down the trail.

On the way out of the woods for the day and not far from where the horse was hobbled run across an armadillo, possum on the half shell for the elites, digging around one of the out buildings. I have never figured out why the silly things with a great big patch of woods to burrow in decide its better to do so in the yard or try to tunnel under a building, well this one don't have to worry about making that decision anymore.

All in all it was a great day just wish they came around more often, with the Fall hunting getting started sure there will be. Our black bear season was short lived this year, opened and closed on the same day, glad to see the population is growing and doing so well, hats off to the ODWC for the fine management.

With archery season in full swing and muzzleloader season not far off, October 23-31<sup>st</sup> wish everyone a successful and safe time out in the deer woods and for whatever pursuits you may have out of doors for the rest of the year.

Encourage everyone to get out and about be it as simple as a leisure walk down a nature trail, visiting a historical site, a day or part of it enjoying the woods and nature, leaned against a tree with a good book, build a fire and prepare a small meal with a cup of coffee or tea, all time well spent and as we never know just how much time we get, make the best of it.

For those visiting the CoHT website sure you've noticed some changes, some things in a different place and some

things easier to access, Thanks to the Eboard for doing so. My understanding is there are other good updates planned to help the membership on the website. Paul and staff are in the process of getting the next issue of the TTG put together and ready to go to press.

Paul is always looking for good material to include, at times the well gets a little low to draw from so if you would like to try your hand on even a short article on a how to project, an adventure or trek, a book review or just about anything pertaining to our historical hobby please forward them to [submissions@coht.org](mailto:submissions@coht.org), or get them to me, I'll get them on to Paul.

That goes for the OK newsletter also, have changed the format over the years for better or worse and yes it could very well change up yet again, any ideas for improvement out there?

In closing try to get some more solid area info in the next issue as several ideas have been bounced around, get with Bart and other area state reps for updates.

Best to All, Take / Give Care,  
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