



## **Coalition of Historical Trekkers, Ohio Branch newsletter**

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Great lakes territorial Governor, John Covert  
Ohio State Representative, Dave McGee

### **Words from the Great Lakes Territorial Governor**

I am looking forward to the New Year. I have been busy since the end of summer with Festivals and re-enactments. I have been hunting some. Bow Deer season here in Ohio started a while back. I have been getting reports that a large number have been taken. Gun Deer season is upon us, I'm planning on going for a few days.

The winter months I spend repairing my kit and doing scouts. I visit Trade Shows and meet new friends along with old acquaintances. This also is the time to replenish my supplies.

Well I see the fire is burning low and the tea is cooling, so I will wish you a "Bountiful New Year!", And close until I can pen you again.

YMHS,

John Covert

### **Words from the Ohio State Representative**

Well my fellow members of the C.O.H.T., Here we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year that has managed to creep up on us. Where did the last year go? We had some great events last year didn't we... Yes we did. I want to thank you for being so much apart of them, and I look forward to sharing a few campfires with you this year. I would like to welcome our new members to the camp, I know I speak for all the members when I say "I hope you get something out of being apart of one of the best organizations there is,

hope to see you on the trail.” On that note, I would also like to thank the members that continue to support the C.O.H.T. By renewing their membership. So lets all take a moment to check our expiration on our membership cards.

Enough of that, Lets get onto the important matters at hand... Trekking. In February we will be holding a meeting at the Ceasars Creek Pioneer Village (CCPV). It will be to get in touch with the membership, discuss the treks and plans we started last year. We will also do some recognizing of members that have went above and beyond for the Ohio Branch of the COHT. So I hope we find you there on Saturday.

There are lots of changes taking place and even some being tried to be done for the COHT. It is important for you as a member to voice your thoughts and opinions to your state representative. Either via email, or letter. It comes to the same with your newsletter and quarterly. If you do not share information with us to include, it is that much more boring to us all. We can not make it any easier, we are willing to spell check and grammar it for you... You just have to provide the story or information. You need not be a profound author, just be yourself. But share what you are doing... Let it be a trek for a day or a week, event you went to or hunting trip you took, some bit of information you find interesting. You will get out of the COHT exactly what you put into it. So consider submitting to your newsletter, quarterly.

## **Words from the West Virginia State Representative**

Members, I am holding yet another contest! I am here by announcing yet another contest, which will be decided by the COHT member who submits the most trek stories to my quarterly. It can be a day trek, week end or week long trek.... But it needs to be done in period correct form. Pictures may also be submitted with the trek story. I would like to thank those that have submitted in the past for their support, and I look forward to new supporters in the future, thank you. Lets get trekking!

Ed Robey

## **Upcoming Events**

CCPV Winter Trek, January 23rd - 25th, 2004; Waynesville, Ohio, CCPV. CCPV will be hosting a winter trek for trekkers, living historians, and experimental archeologists. The cost is \$10.00 for firewood. Trekker camps are welcomed and the Meeting House will be available for those wishing to be indoors. Please pre-register with Shelley McClanahan at 1830 Murray Road, Oregonia, Ohio 45054. Call 513-933-9952.

Freemont Trade Show, February 7- 8, 2004; Freemont, Ohio, COunty fair Grounds. The Governor of the Great Lakes will be on hand at the COHT table as always. Feel free to stop in and volunteer or chat.

CCPV Winter Trek, February 20th - 22nd, 2004, Waynesville, Ohio, CCPV. Please see the above listing, the information is the same, thank you.

CCPV Winter Trek and Pancake & Maple Syrup Brunch, February 27th - 29th, 2004, Waynesville, Ohio, CCPV; Please see the above January listing as the information is the same except that it will coincide with the Pancake Breakfast, thank you.

Ohio COHT Member Meeting, February 27th - 29th, 2004, Waynesville, Ohio, CCPV; Please see the above listing for CCPV January event as the information pertains to this event. The meeting will be Saturday. Please make contact if you intend on attending for up to date information. Thank you.

CCPV Winter Trek, March 19th - 21st, 2004; Waynesville, Ohio, CCPV. Please see the above January event for information is the same, thank you.

School of the Longhunter, April 2nd - 4th, 2004; Fairmont, WV, Prickett's Fort. Annual school will be held around and inside of the fort. Wood, water, facilities will be provided. There will be competitions, lectures, demos... And a COHT Sponsored event by Ed Robey and Dave McGee. Trekkers, living historians, beginners and interested public are welcomed. Call 304-363-3030 for more information.

Jackson's Mill Spring Historical Market Faire, April 22-25, 2004; Jackson's Mill, WV. Early set up on Wednesday, school visit on Friday, no pets allowed. Costs adult \$20.00, under 18 yr old free. Call Rick or Linda Blizard at 304-349-2292 for sutler information and pre-register by March 1, 2004.

SPring Turkey Shoot, April 26, 2004, Chillicothe, Ohio. COnatct Dave Felter or Dave McGee for details. It will be off of route 50. Must have a valid hunting license, period dress, meet all of Ohio game laws.

Blennerhassett Island Rondezvous, May 4th - 9th, 2004; Blennerhassett Island, WV. Must be a West Virginia Muzzle Loader Association Member to camp this event. Visiotrs welcomed, water, some wood, restrooms facilities,

free tour of mansion with registration fee. Contact Monte Pearson 304-564-5497 or Dave McGee 330-532-4926 for applications and information.

West Virginia Primitive, June 14 - 19, 2004, Czar, WV. Wood and outhouses provided. 16th Year at Beech Mountain Sportsman's Club. The camp is located in a beautiful and picturesque location at the top of the mountain, along side of a 2 1/2 acre lake. Canoes are welcomed with the wearing of life jackets by state law. There will be canoe races if we have two canoes present. No swimming allowed. Gates open at 7:30AM to campers, visitors at 9:00AM until 4:00PM daily. This is a pre-1840 rendezvous. Primitive dress is required. Woodswalk, stationary hawk and knife, hawk and knife woods walk, fire starting, camp dinner, potlatch, kids games, smoothbore, traders. NMLRA rules apply, bring a donated prize of at least \$15.00. Costs are single \$15.00 and family \$17.00 with pre-registration, at gate \$17.00 and \$20.00.

Tom Run Rendezvous, July 15th - 18th, 2004; New Manchester, WV. Thomlinson Run State Park is the location, the camp is in a beautiful and picturesque hollow. Wood, water, facilities are provided. Free drawing for a prize just for registering, showers and pool available. Pre-1840 encampment with hawk and knife throwing competitions and other games for children and wives also, stationary and fire starting. Sutlers will be on hand and are welcomed. Raffles and auction will also be held, as well as the famous bean soup, corn bread and sassafras tea for \$1.00 sale. All proceeds benefit the childrens program at the park. Contact Monte Pearson at 304-564-5497 or Dave McGee 330-532-4926 for more information.

## **Recent Event Reviews**

### **Christmas In The Village**

This event hosts a pre-1840 encampment as well as Clvil War encampment, craft show and even parade, annually. It is held in Eldersville, Pa by that small but big hearted community. I have been to it a couple of times with friends of mine, only missing the year before. It is a home town touch of a community wishing the upcoming holidays season in. We hold a walk through of the camp discussing and demonstrating the facts of pioneer life. It a chance for us to meet and see ole friends that we do not get to see any other time of the year. The food is great from roasted chicken to barbecue ribs. The crafts are a show case of local artisans skills and ideas, lots of presents can be picked up here for loved ones. The parade is full of floats, groups, and ole Santa Claus himself.

This year we got to witness "big magic" as the lunar eclipse took place

this weekend. It was amazing to be able to sit and witness the event as it happened. As we stood there and watched the phenomena happen, we wondered what the Native Americans of long ago had thought of it. What big magic did they conjure up? It really made one feel so small in the universe. Well, if you have nothing to do come the close of the year, and would like to attend a great small town event, this is for you... Come have some fun with us. Dave McGee

## **Robey's Tavern**

I had the distinct privilege to being invited to a friends tavern for a Thanksgiving feast. The family and I traveled to the Pennsylvania territory to meet some other friends at Robey's Tavern. A nice little properly attired 18th century tavern. Once we where all gathered and greeted and caught up with what has been happening with all of us as a few last minute items for the table finished warming or cooking, we feasted! The table was burdened and was properly broken in... This being its maiden meal, with all sorts of period correct foods. SO many i shall not try to remember the names, but we had equal ammounts of deserts to taste as well, and fine drinks to toast with. It was a honor to be in the presence of such fine colonists and a few Indians, to share in the bounty that the Lord hath provided us. The laughs and cheers and stories went on through the meal. And after having our fill, we all retired to the hearth to warm beside the fire. There the talk switched to travels of the frontier and books. It was a grand day of food and friend, and I was sadden to have to start the long journey home. It was a great treat to share among friends, and I look forward to the next time that we are able to join in one anothers company. My family and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our host - Ed Robey, and all our friends who gathered, thank you. Dave McGee

## **November Ohio Bow Camp, 2003**

Back last spring we decided to have a fall bow hunt on November 6-11, 2003, right during prime rut season. I have been trying to get this a yearly event with Bushwacker and my son - St. Mac.. Two years ago we seen "monsters" at every bend of the trail with their noses up some running doe's behind. "It was like a dream!" But as of now I was the only one, like my message board saying, "In the end, there can only be one!" Not funny, prime deer season is not the time to get weak of the flesh... Tell mamma and yer boss, "I'm going hunting!"

I decided not to go it alone, I would take one of my kennel dogs named "BlackFish" with me. I named him after a famous dog in his pedigree, King