



## C.O.H.T. OHIO CHAPTER

### *Quarterly News Letter*

*1st Quarter 2003*

*Representative Dave McGee*

#### *President*

*We the members of the Ohio Chapter of COHT, would like to congratulate Mr. Thomas Swan "Swanny" on his appointment to President of the COHT. Swanny takes office as of January 1, 2003. I am sure under his leadership and direction that the COHT will continue to grow and strive towards our goals. We look forward to the trail you take us on Swanny. We would also like to thank Mr. Ken Klabor for his years of work and dedication to the members of the COHT, thank you Ken. You have brought us quite a trail... And we thank you for getting us where we are today.*

*It has been moved by Jerald and seconded by Ole that we amend Article III of the COHT Constitution to allow us to accept votes by absentee ballot. On the message board there is a thread to provide us an informal forum in which to discuss the issue. Please keep in mind that the proposed amendment will have to be discussed and voted on by the members attending our gatherings and will require a 3/4 majority of members voting at those meetings in order to pass. (Robert's Rules of Order).*

*Motion shall appear, "Shall the COHT amend it's constitution to allow members who are not present at the general membership meeting at either the Eastern Gathering or Western Gathering to cast absentee ballots, through a method to be determined by the Executive Board and Territorial Governors, on motions placed before the membership at those meetings."*

*The clause "through a method to be determined by the Executive Board and Territorial Governors" was inserted by me (possibly improperly based on Robert's Rules) so that those of us responsible for collecting and counting the ballots can figure out the most efficient way of doing the job, given that we are scattered literally from coast to coast*

*The more you contribute, the greater your chances. Ed Robey*

### PA State Representative

*Hi all, I'd like to ask your help in writing some positive letters, or send positive emails about Old Bedford Village, to the Bedford Gazette. Those of you who have been there know what a great place and resource this place is and if we lose it we all lose. The "media" once again casts negative BS about what they do not know. Please show your support and write the editor of the Bedford Gazette and tell him/her what you think of the village, Roger Kirwin, and the volunteers at Old Bedford Village. It's time for us trekkers/reenactors to take a stand and fight. Thanks, Lane Savage*

### Up Coming Events

*COHT PA Chapter, 3rd Annual Winter Camp will be held at the Mike Slease (Col. Armstrong) Cabin. It is near Williamsport in Lycoming County. February 21-23, 2003. Members and non-members are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$15.00 each person and covers the Grand Saturday night meal, wood, and water. Bring warm clothes and suitable sleeping gear/tent/lean-to. This year we are having a woodswalk shooting event so bring your firelock, powder, patch and ball. Contact Lane Savage for registration form and directions. Address is POB 609 Hastings, PA 16646 or 814-247-8692, or [pa-rep@coht.org](mailto:pa-rep@coht.org). See the winter camp pictures of the past two years at <http://www.coht.org/pa>.*

*COHT WV Chapter, Winter Wv Gathering, Feb 15-16, 2003. Offers members of WV chapter and near by states the opportunity to exchange information, network, fellowship with like minded folks and trek. There is no set itinerary yet; it will depend on how many sign up and what they are interested in. I want to keep it low key and informal. At a minimum, we can use the weekend as a "get together" so that we can get to know other members, discuss COHT related issues, begin to plan treks for 2003, etc.. Let's keep this a "period" (1750-1790) event and stay in period clothing and use period shelters. Tents can be pitched outside the palisades. We will have use of one or more of the large cabins in the fort with working fireplaces. Admission is free for COHT members attending the event. Donations to the Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation, either cash or in trekking-related items suitable for auction at the school of the Longhunter, would be appreciated. Please visit the gift-shop and check out their selections of books and other items This is a COHT ONLY event, memberships applications will be available. Pre-registration is required. Please RSVP by January 10, 2003 to Ed Robey, 66 Fairmor Drive, Westover, WV 26501, [wv-rep@coht.org](mailto:wv-rep@coht.org).*

*COHT NY Chapter, Guys I want your input on this... I want to make this happen. I have a few people already committed. I'll be looking forward to your responses. Email me at [ny-rep@coht.org](mailto:ny-rep@coht.org). Or you can call me at 845-344-0453 in the evenings if you can not email. Event March 21-23 of 2003, along the Delaware River. Event, Maple Syrup-Sugaring Camp/Trek... Experience 18th century living first hand.*

Two Day Shoot and Camp, May 3-4, 2003, OH. Sponsored by the Great Miami Longrifles of Ohio. Woods walk both days. Primitive pac in ONLY camping... 300 yards. Wood and limited water on site, contact Don Taylor at 937-596-5252 or Joe Cramer at 937-843-5578.

Siege of Fort Randolph, May 16-18, 2003. 3rd Annual Siege of Fort Randolph, Point Pleasant, WV. Contact Craig Hesson, 304-675-6389, [chesson@charter.net](mailto:chesson@charter.net).

Old Bedford Village, May 17,18, 2003. Old Bedford Village, PA. "Bedford 1776" Revolutionary War encampment between Washingtons army and the Redcoats.

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, May 17-18, 2003, Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, OH. Please join us once again at the "Fair on Caesar's Creek". Applications for sutlers will be available, anyone wishing more info can contact CCPV through their website [www.geocities.com/caesarcreekvillage](http://www.geocities.com/caesarcreekvillage) or by contacting Dorothy Corkill at 1315 Hemlock Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324. Or 937-754-4437, or [bobplusweave@aol.com](mailto:bobplusweave@aol.com).

Old Bedford Village, May 24-26, 2003. Old Bedford Village, PA. Colonial Market Fair.

Sons of Liberty Rendezvous, May 23-26,2003, Jackson, OH. Larry Zomes at 740-286-2743 or [larryh@xoomnet.net](mailto:larryh@xoomnet.net).

Old Bedford Village, May 31-June 8th, Old Bedford Village, PA. "Belleville" Civilian re-enactors from all over the country and Canada re-create civilian life in Bedford in 1764.

18th Century Trade Fair, June 7-14, 2003, Morgan County, OH. Contact Mike Tharp 740-653-6081.

B&A Summer Rendezvous, June 13-15, 2003, Roswell, OH. Contact Duane Winkler at 206 Barnhill Rd, NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

Muster on the Maumee, June 14-15, 2003, Perrysburg, OH. Contact Adam Sakel or Lynn Bova at 800-283-8916 or 419-874-4121 or email [fortmeigs@yahoo.com](mailto:fortmeigs@yahoo.com).

West Virginia Primitive Rendezvous, June 16-21, 2003, Czar, WV. 16th annual rendezvous will be held at Beech Mountain Sportsman's Club just outside of Czar, WV. Gate opens at 7:30 June 15, 2003. It is a pre-1840 rendezvous. Pre-registration is asked but not required. Pre-register fee is single \$12.00 and family \$17.00, at the gate fee will be single \$17.00 and family \$20.00. Pre-registration cut off date is June 4, 2003. You will need a \$15.00 value blanket prize for the woodswalk, camp fee covers all other events. Woodswalk runs all week, last shoot at 10:00am on Saturday. There will be kids games, womens events, hawk and knife throw, fire starting, canoe races, smooth bore... Fun for

*re-creation of 18th century highland life.*

Coon Creek Festival, September 20-21, 2003, Spencer, OH. Pre-1840 event, wood and water provided. Camp Pot luck on Saturday, hawk and knife throw, highland games, long bow competitions, kids games. Contact Gary Flagel at 330-648-2627.

Eastern Primitive Rendezvous, Sept 26-Oct 5, 2003, McConnellsville, OH. Located in Morgan County in McConnellsville, OH. Come celebrate Ohio's Bi-Centennial "1803-2003" with us. All kids under 18 yr old are free, pre-registration fee for NRLHF is \$35.00 per person, pre-registration fee non-NRLHF member is \$45.00 per person. At gate fee for non-member is \$55.00 per person, member is \$45.00 per person. Early set up fee of \$5.00 per adult/per day. Trade fee is \$35.00 plus registration fee, commercial blanket trader fee is \$10.00 plus registration fee. Must pre-register 30 days before event. Booshway is Don Davies "Hunter" at 740-425-9201 or [epr2003booshway@yahoo.com](mailto:epr2003booshway@yahoo.com), Clerk is Roseann Vance "Critter Woman" at 412-787-7366

Sons of Liberty Rendezvous, Oct 17-19, 2003, Jackson, OH. Pre-1840 event Wood and water provided, contact Larry Zornes at 740-286-2743 or email [larryh@xoomnet.net](mailto:larryh@xoomnet.net).

Old Bedford Village, October 18-19, 2003, Old Bedford Village, PA. "George Washington and the Whiskey Rebellion". A re-enactment of events leading up to the Whiskey rebellion in Bedford of 1794.

Pathways Womens Rendezvous, Oct 18-20, 2003, Grand Rapids, OH. Event at Mary Jane Thurston Park. Seminars, workshops, entertainment by "Sweet Water". Exclusively for women, daughters and sons under 8 years old. Fee is \$20.00 per person, under 12 is free. Registration deadline is Oct 11, 2003. Fire wood and water provided. Contact Barb Daily at 419-352-4417 or email [pathways2003@hotmail.com](mailto:pathways2003@hotmail.com). See this months issue of "Smoke and Fire" for write up.

Old Bedford Village, Dec 12-14, 2003, Old Bedford Village, PA. A 18th century Christmas. A Christmas celebration in the candle lit village. Carols, entertainment and food.

### Trail and Camp Recipes

#### LONGHUNTER STEW

4oz. Parched corn (broken up)

1 beef bullion

1/2 cup dried vegetable flakes

4oz of cut up jerky (more or less to your taste, Shadows jerky recipe works well for this)

Mix it all together at home and put it in a stuff sack, on the trail dump contents into

*November 8th a Saturday, the morning was unusually warm and the wool leggin's I had wore were a bit much (knew I should have worn the leather ones). We located a nice rock over hang as I had mentioned before and proceeded to bring in wood for fires as it was looking like rain and if it cooled down, a hot meal would be good. The over hang was protected on three sides, with a short wall to the front of it for protection also. It had a hill to the back of it and a stream about thirty yards to our front.*

*We enjoyed a light breakfast of jerky and parched corn after gathering our wood and filling our canteens, and proceeded to scout to the North and Northeast of our base camp. We came across several abandoned camps, that had been so for quite some time for there was no ash left in the fire pits. We also came across a wagon path that had not been used for some time along with another large game trail and several Beaver ponds. Game seems to be plentiful in this area so if our trip is prolonged we should be able to sustain ourselves easily. We ended up back at our base camp so we enjoyed a leisurely lunch of jerky, dried fruit and parched corn. After a bit of lunch and a pipe of tobacco we filled our canteens and proceeded with a North/Northwest scout of the area were we picked up another wagon trail that may join with the one found earlier, but we are unsure at this point. We also found several more heavily traveled game trails and crossed several more buffalo trails and made it back to camp around dark, having only come across two Moravians hunting for deer to feed their village. That night we enjoyed a hot meal having seen no hostile Indian activity. With the night air getting chilly we stoked the fire up a little to get the chill out and wrapped ourselves in our blankets to bed down for the night.*

*The early morning hours brought cooler temperatures and RAIN!!! We enjoyed a spot of coffee and groats for breakfast and proceeded to break camp and make our way back to the canoe and make our way back home to the settlements. Having seen no activity of hostile Indians in this area and the abandoned camps being the only sign we had found, we assumed that they must be the Moravian's old hunting camps.*

*As I sit here in my cabin by candle light and prepare this report, a serious rain is fixing to fall outside. I look forward to our meeting in February at Prickett's Fort and hope to bring a few more scouts into this area in the spring and establish a hunter's camp or scout for more activity.*

*YMHOS,  
Mark A. Wetzel*

*(We get the name "Soggy Bottom Boys" cause every time we go anywhere, it rains. We have had several beginner treks planned together and have been rained out or come home on Saturday morning completely soaked.)*

*If you have any interesting websites to contribute, email Dave McGee at [oh-rep@coht.org](mailto:oh-rep@coht.org)*

*THANKS to those that submitted material!!*

*Be sure and check the date of expiration on your membership...  
We welcome again those that just renewed, and our new members as well!*

***WELCOME!***

*Check out the new strings and posts to the message boards.*

*Think about supporting the COHT by submitting your pictures, stories, recipes, etc..*

*Dave McGee at [oh-rep@coht.org](mailto:oh-rep@coht.org)*

*Thanks! Happy New Year!*