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SWRR RECAP

For those of you who missed the SWRR you missed one of the larger events for SWRR with about 200+ camps and 61 Traders plying their wares. **James "No Nose" Thompson** and his crew did a great job dealing with all the weather complications that arose. **Tom "Pole Dancer" Reedy** was Segundo and **Miss Betty and the girls** came up when school schedules for the girls allowed. At the end of the event though, some nasty nurse (I won't say who) sent Tom Reedy to the ER because he was sicker'n snot! They sent him down to the VA for further treatment and tests and discovered he had some kind of tick fever, but I talked to him this morning (3/26) and he is doing much better and they are going to send him home. David and No Nose and our friend from NC, John Lammons, packed up Tom's camp and drove truck and trailer back to Tom and Betty's house.

David Howlett, is now known as **BRUISER** after 20+ years of voicing without a camp name, because he was humping large targets, etc., up and down the ridge for the shooting sports over which he presided. A big help on the range was **James Cody Ross!** **Glenn Cook**, who has managed to always get by without a camp name was also given one **"Thunder Stick"** at the closing ceremony.

"Slaves of All work," **"Burnt Rod" Andrew Hooper** and **Joe Shuffield**, known as **"yellow dog,"** were big helps to No Nose and the event in general. They had so much to do that their own camp tent wasn't put up for 3 or 4 days after they arrived. **Keith Armburst** was also a "slave of all work" and about worked himself to death! He also cooked dinner for other campers. And of course **Miss Hattie," Teresa Lafferty**, worked her fingers to the bone in many different venues at the event. **Carol and Heather Fitz** were in charge of the adult games. Carol also gave a seminar on

skinning. Carol and Heather also helped host the men's social. she and Heather were really duded up as saloon girls. Lori Bennet was on the gate. Gwen Armburst and Teresa prepared the gate book. Tim Richardson gave several seminars, one on knives for the period. Larry Layne did a seminar on working horns and Ree walker did one on weaving.

James Ross prepared all the bratwurst and pork for the pot luck. Martin Hayes did the cooking contests. Poor baby had to eat all that food! Shine Johnson was the head dog soldier. Jimmy Allen came out and did some Native American kids games. David Pilgreen also helped out in many areas and drove tractor. Jimmy Worden came out and did a flint knapping seminar. Tamara Walkingstick from the UA Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service did a seminar on native plants, and Dr. Littlefield came out from the Sequoia National Research center of U of A and did a seminar as well. Billy Bennet furnished us his 4-Wheel gator (or whatever brand it was) which made it possible to deliver wood and water and ferry in and out those people who were handicapped.

The almost continual rain offered some big obstacles to the event though, but the good people of Leslie are so supportive of EARA and any event we bring there that one of the neighbors loaned us a 4-WD tractor to pull folks in and out, as well as tow the hooter cleaners both into and out of the event. When we left, the whole former hay pasture looked like it had been plowed. Hay was secured to make "paths" through the mud and to line the bottoms of tents, which actually worked out very well.

In one portion of the field there was a low spot that filled up with water, making a small "pond." Tim Richardson, ever the clever guy, posted a sign that said "Lake Leslie." The owner of the field was (thank goodness!) not the least bit worried about the ruts in his pasture and invited us (SWRR) back again at any time. No Nose presented him with a beautiful knife for the group with his initials on it. He was really pleased with the gift and we were pleased he wasn't killing us for the damage done to the field.

Little Old Me was the big ticket seller for the raffle items, which included the flint lock smoothbore that Glen Cook had made for the raffle, and for the first time ever the SWRR broke even on the raffle and even made a bit of money. I sold over \$1,000 worth of tickets and Miss Hattie and Lori got after the rest of

it. All in all we raised over \$2,000. According to several folks, though, I scared people into buying!

At the closing ceremony we were all surprised when the ticket for the gun was won by the ONLY BLIND MAN IN CAMP. LOL Glenn patiently showed the winner how the gun works and let him feel each individual part. The man was really excited with his prize!

It was wonderful to visit with friends I hadn't seen in about 8-10 years. Like James says, "SWRR is more like a family reunion than any thing else." I was also "out" of Sprinkle mugs and coffee doesn't taste the same in any other container, so I'm back in the coffee drinking business now.

Thanks to ALL those who participated, but an especial thanks to the EARA members who volunteered to help out our own James "No Nose" Thompson, who gives ALL the credit to his volunteers, but you know, James, without a person to organize the chaos, all the volunteers in the world wouldn't have been able to pull off this challenging SWRR. Several long time members who are no longer active campers came by to visit, among which was "lonesome" Allan Ashley and his lovely wife Cassie, along with their fearsome dog Kusjo, all 3 pounds of him. PS If I missed anyone that helped, someone please remind me and I'll put it in next month's newsletter. EVERYONE who helped deserves the credit for all they did.

The 2017 booshway is Jennifer Johnson, but a site has not yet been fixed.

2015 EVENTS

Lots of great events planned for 2015, including the first SWRR held in Arkansas for quite some time. If you know of any events that are not listed here that would be appropriate for EARA members, please let me know at joyce@heifercreek.com

April 10-12 Scout-o-rama, Springlake Park, Texarkana, TX

Attention: all Mountain Men and Women: I would like to invite everyone to Scout-o-Rama April 10-12. This event is free to all. It show cases what scouting is all about. We need lots of folks to come down and do demonstrations. Weaving, fire building, tanning, etc. We have permission to fire weapons for demo

purposes only. Powder/patch but no ball please. You may start setting up on Thursday. If you have any questions please feel free to call **Teresa at 903-671-2450** or email at **gwynnfeodre@yahoo.com**

April 11-12 KEELBOAT JUANT. The first is the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town of Old Davidsonville. In addition to working with the public, video and photos will be taken for use in the new visitors center. These two events will receive \$500 each for bringing the Keel Boat Contact Ed Williams at ed_lauraine@juno.com

April 16-19 Wooly Hollow Voo Tom Reedy 501-679-1636 (no email)
APRIL 18 Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

May 9 HAM Glenn Cook 501-941-7910/350-6640

May 18-19th a MONDAY AND TUESDAY for History days, also at **Old Davidson**, contact Ed at ed_lauraine@juno.com

for this event as well, He may have problems getting off work so we may need to recruit someone to pull the boat.

May 29-30 Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsha Kimery 501-860-3686 or Lynn Moore 501-778-8661 this is the 4th annual Rendezvous and it is free. It is put on by the Dutch Oven Cooking Association and EARA as well as being sponsored by "Friends of the Bridge" and Saline Crossing regional Park and Recreation area.
Location: Old Saline County Airport off Airplane Drive behind the Holland Chapel Church, Benton, AR. It is off I-30 exit 116. The bridge is one of the oldest in the state and funds are being raised to restore it.

July 4 HAM Glenn Cook 501-941-7910/350-6640

Sept 5 EARA Annual Picnic Glenn Cook 501-941-7917/501-350-6640

Sept 10-13 Calico Rock Voo James Ross 870-746-4030

Sept 17-20 Soggy Bottoms Voo @ Washington, AR Teresa Lafferty/Misshattie 501-247-6466/255-5801

Oct 1-4 Critter's Voo @ Foulke, AR Bobby Cooper 903-908-5088 Leri Bennett 903-949-8842

Oct. 9-11 Leslie Voo @Leslie, Ark. Glenn Cook 501-941-7910
gc1760@yahoo.com

Nov. 6-8 Civil War Days @Washington State Park Charlene Pippin
cmacharliegrrl@yahoo.com 870-983-2307 there are GREAT vendors at this event for just about anything you might want, from period correct buttons on.

Nov. 26-29 Petit Jean Voo @ Petit Jean State Park Glenn Cook
501-941-7917/501-350-6640

Dec. 6 Christmas at HAM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736
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2016 Events

Saturday, January 31st. Colonial Days at Cadron contact Ed Williams
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WILD RECIPES
Sent in by Teresa Lafferty

Wild and Native Recipes from Tamara Walkingstick UA Division of
Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service

Fried Dandelion blossoms

As many flower heads as you can find
1 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. salt, hot cooking oil, 1 egg, 1 c. flour,
pinch of pepper, cayenne,
and maybe some peppergrass seed if you've got it.

Pick new dandelion blossoms, those on short stems, and rinse
well in cool, lightly salted water. Cut off the stem ends close
to the flower heads, leaving only enough
to hold the petals together, because the stems and greenery are
bitter. Roll the dandelion flowers in paper towels to blot up
the excess moisture, then dip each one in a batter made of 1
egg, beaten, with milk, 1 flour, salt and pepper. Drop the
batter-coated blossoms into deep hot fat (375 degrees) and fry
until lightly browned. Blot on paper towel and serve!
Drain on absorbent paper; Sprinkle with more salt, if needed.
Serve and eat!

(from <http://nuannaarpog.wordpress.com/thalassas-herbal/dandelion/>)



**Join in the Celebrations of the
Louisiana Purchase Land Survey
Bicentennial 1815-2015
"THE Point of Beginning"**



Living-history interpreters will be needed for these celebrations during the year.

THE BIG EVENT:

October 17 – Arkansas is celebrating the Louisiana Purchase Land Survey Bicentennial with a public event hosted by the Mississippi River State Park. This event will have several venues. 1) At the Mississippi River State Park/St. Francis National Forest Visitor Center, visitors can meet 19th-century characters like those who might have lived or worked in the area in 1815. 2) At the Confluence of the St. Francis and the Mississippi Rivers, visitors can help an 1815-period survey crew. 3) At the Louisiana Purchase State Park, visitors can meet surveyors involved with the 1922 resurvey as well as all those ladies and gentlemen involved with the 1926 dedication of the monument marking *THE* Initial Point. 4) At the St. Francis National Forest Base Line Trail, visitors can learn about the various plants and animals mentioned in the surveyors' journals while meeting some of the survey crew – the hunter and the camp keeper – those who were responsible for feeding the survey crew.

This celebration is only the culmination of several scheduled events which will be announced next month with more information!

Example:

October 16 – Living history interpreters also are needed for a school day at Mississippi River State Park on Friday, October 16.

These specific interpretations are under the direction of the MS River State Park and, to assure all living-history interpreters are on the same page, some coordination sessions or training will be available.

Training Sessions for events:

**March 6 –7th An ALHA Conference Workshop on 19th-century Surveying
1-4pm at Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock**

To Register: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

This will provide an understanding of the process of 19th-century surveying and the adversities surveyors faced and the importance of the 1815 Baseline Survey. This will be a very hands-on experience, both with the use of equipment and with the actual involvement in measuring and laying out lines.

Location: 1850s Farmstead (Rain Location- Hands-on History Room)

To Register: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

Please contact us if you are interested in or have questions about being involved in the once-in-a-lifetime series of events. Tim and Sherlene Richardson

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