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MOVIE NIGHT

Well we met at the Riverdale10 movie theater in Little Rock to see the movie about Hugh Glass's trek through the wilderness after being deserted by his trapping partners and left for dead after he was mauled by a grizzly bear.

I was extremely impressed by the photography which was simply breath-taking, to say the least, and I have a new respect for DiCaprio for the part he played. A GREAT movie, though it didn't stick "strictly" with what is known about Glass's experience. It was pretty close and the costuming and the articles of trade, scenes inside the fort, and the casting was pretty close to what we can imagine things looked like back then.

Glenn Cook, Jimmy Worten, Tim Richardson, David Howlett, Keith Cook, Andrew Hooper, James Thompson, and I watched the movie after Keith Armburst left because of his work schedule, and Ed Williams left before the movie started as he had already seen it.

We passed out fliers for EARA to the public, though the movie was not well attended on a Sunday night in a small venue, we did get some interest in EARA from some of the folks. We also had Mayor Mark Stoddala come by though to say hello and find out why we were dressed so funny! It was a great experience and we had a great time, as we always do when EARA members get together.

If you haven't seen this movie, I highly recommend that you do go see it, and hey, dress out in your pre-1840 duds, if nothing else, you will get some strange looks from the other people attending, and you can tell them you are with EARA. Tim Richardson had even printed up business cards for EARA to go along with the fliers Keith and Gwen printed up.

Smoke sent a link to an article from a Montana newspaper about Glass that reads in part "From what has been woven together, though, the museum created its own Hugh Glass website — hughglass.org — to help separate fact from the fictionalized version now showing on movie screens around the world. It is from that website and other historical books written about the period in history from which this story is pieced together.

Don't read this until after you have seen the movie though is my suggestion. Though not totally true to what facts are known, the movie still makes a great story and sticks fairly close. (But it is Hollywood after all!)

Here's an e mail from Smoke about some interesting books as well.

Good Books on Fur Trade History

Here are some other book suggestions for those wishing to read more about the fur trade, Hugh Glass, and Mountain Men.

The Saga of Hugh Glass: Pirate, Pawnee and Mountain Man.

John Meyers Meyers. 1963. University of Nebraska Press.

A Rendezvous Reader; Tall, Tangled, and True Tales of The Mountain Men 1805-1850

Edited By James H. Maquire, Peter Wild, and Donald A. Barclay. 1997. University of Utah Press.

Mountain Man & Grizzly.

Fred R. Gowans. 1986. Mountain Grizzly Publications.

Give Your Heart to the Hawks

Winifred Blevins. 1973 Nash Publishing.

A Majority of Scoundrels.

Don Berry. 1961. Harper Bros. Publishing.

All of the above are still in print in paperback.

Also check out the Jan/Feb issues of *Muzzleloader Magazine* and *The American Frontiersman Magazine* for great articles about "The Revenant" the true Hugh Glass story and Clay Landry, Technical advisor and American Mountain Man member.

The Museum of The Mountain Man, Pinedale, Wyoming has a great website and one specific page devoted to Hugh Glass.

www.museumofthemountainman.org

And of course we all have a copy of *The Journals of Lewis & Clark* to learn how the Corps dealt with the great silvertips

Teri also sent a link to an article about Indian Sign language, I can't reproduce the whole article here but for those who are interested here is the link, it really is a great article.

Found this article on www.mtmen.org and thought everyone might be interested in this topic. Please enjoy reading it as I did. The site also contains many traders of fur trade era clothing, goods, and equipment for making your camps and camping more authentic and enjoyable- Teri Pfeiffer, Russellville, AR, EARA member

Sign Language of the Indians of the Upper Missouri in 1832

[From Colonel Garrick Mallery's "Sign Language of the Indians of the Upper Missouri in 1832." in *American Antiquarian*, ii (Chicago, 1879-80), pp. 218-228.]

Thanks Smoke and Teri for contributing to the Shinnin Time, sometimes I run out of anything interesting to say.

Events Calendar 2016 Events

Feb 13 Saturday, Frontier 101 at Cadron Block house The event will be from 10 to 4 p.m. Come on out and bring a frontier skill to demonstrate

**Feb 18-21 5 Trail's Voo Washington State Park (School Days on Feb 19)
Misshattie 501-247-6466**

March 11th and 12th: Cook's Lake, set up on the 10th and will be open for school days from 9 til 4 each day. We need demonstrators, Ed is supposed to be there with the keel boat. They will feed us at the lodge both Friday and Saturday nights, and PAY A STIPEND TO EARA for our participation, so we need as many as we can get for this event. If you need more information, contact marlon.mowdy@agfc.ar.gov P: 870-241-3373

**March 9-20 SouthwesternRegionalRendzevous Henderson, Texas Mark Smith
"Two Balls" 903-720-5566 Nonose 501-269-5833**

**March 19-20 White Oak Lake Voo Ed Williams 501-944-0736
ed_laurine@juno.com**

???? Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736 "date to be posted later"

April 1-3 Scout-A-Rama Lori Bennett 903-949-8842

APRIL13-17 Woolly Hollow Voo Tom Reedy 501-679-1636

**April 29-May 1 Fort Bennett "Wildcat" Voo James "Nonose" Thompson
501-269-5833 Billy Bennett 245-718-7410**

**May 6-8 Jacksonport Demonstration/Voo Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466
Vicki S**

May 14 HAMM Ed Williams 501-944-0736

May 26-29 Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsh Kimery 501-860-3686

July 4 Fourth of July at HAMM Ed Williams 501-944-0736

July 7-17 Rocky Mt National Voo Gunnison, Co Lori Bennett 903-949-8842

August 6 Ice Cream Social Carol's Porch Carol Fritts 501-350-1706

August 27 EARA Annual Picnic Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466 (call or text)

Sept 8-11 Calico Rock Voo James Ross 870-615-3120

Sept 15-18 Soggy Bottoms Voo Lori Bennrtt 903-949-8842 (School day on Friday)

Sept 29-2 Critter's Voo Foulk, Ark . Bobby Cooper 903-908-5088

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

**Oct 19-30 Southeastern Regional Rendzevous Yadkinville, NC
Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466**

**Nov. 6-8 Civil War Days Washington State Park Charlene Pippin
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**Nov. 24-27 Petite Jean Voo Petite Jean State Park Glenn Cook
501-941-7917/501-350-6640**

Dec. 4 Christmas at HAMM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736

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