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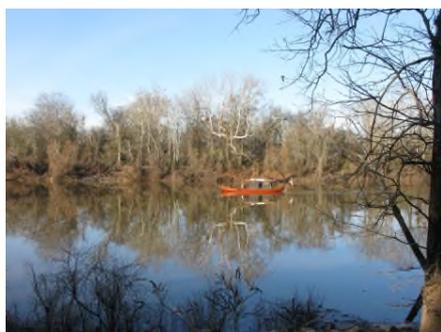
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2012 OUACHITA RIVER TRIP



Well to say the least, we did not start on time. Plans were to leave for Cypress Bayou on Wednesday, but instead did not start the trip, due to the weather, until Saturday, December 29th. And, we had to shorten our trip from four days to two days on the river. The six of us, Tim Richardson, Harvey Alexander, Kevin Morrow, Norajean Harrell, Earl Harrell, and Ed Williams converged at Moro Bay State Park on Saturday. We were hosted by the Park and had a nice camping area. The folks of Zet Inc of Crossett, plus Bill Runyan met us with hot food and firewood, as that night the temperature dropped to 22 degrees.

On Sunday morning, we roused up early, in spite of the cold, with Norajean having a hot pot of coffee and warmed up dough-nuts on the fire. We packed up and launched the keelboat Aux Arc by 9:15 am. There was a about a 2 mile current and very little wind. Our motto is that if we cannot have a tail-wind, then we do not want any wind at all. So, we had no tail wind, but some headwind. Fortunately the Ouachita river does a lot of curving at this point, thus we were able to hold to one bank or the other to buffet against the headwind. We had two crews of two each, with Earl at the tiller and Norajean feeding us cookies, sausage and fruit. At times the wind did kick up a bit and we had all four rowing. We did change around a bit, with all getting a chance to row and those who wanted a chance at the tiller. The highlight of the day was sneaking up on a very large river otter. The otter was beautiful, with an silver throat of beautiful fur. As we floated past, the otter gently slipped into the water. Saturday night found us to have traveled about 22 miles. Plans are to begin looking for a camping spot at 4 pm., with sunset at 5:30 it gave us time to find a spot and set-up camp, before the moon comes up. While rowing about 4:15 pm, Kevin said, "Ed, time to stop." Not a question, I looked over my shoulder, as when you row you face the back of the boat, and said, "Looks like a great place right over there." We landed with Tim and Earl put their blessing on the spot. while Norajean cooked up a batch of her famous chicken-en-dumplings, the rest of us set-up a sleeping and potty tent, and gathered firewood. After a short-course on using the high-tech potty, we all brought our bowls for steaming food. We talked around the fire, till Ed fell asleep and almost slipped off his stool. Ed felt sleeping on the ground, in his bedroll, and in the tent, was safer. Off to bed went Ed and the others soon followed.

Monday, was thankfully a short day of 15 miles as we knew a storm front was moving in. We made Crossett Harbor by early afternoon and were greeted by several dozen folks from the Crossett area. Bill Runyan shuttled Tim and I back for our vehicles. We loaded up and as we pulled out of Crossett the sky opened up with rain. That night we had gumbo at our house for the crew. I took Harvey and Kevin to the airport the next morning for the flight back to New York. While the trip was short it was Grand. Would like to float the coming year starting above Camden. Who wants to go?

Ed Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Audubon Colonial Market Faire May 25th, 10 AM-4 PM

Celebrate spring at the Market Fair and colonial militia muster. See cannons roar, the militia drill or even try your hand drilling with them. Later in the evening visitors are invited to a dance in 1810 as music fills the air. Purchase herb and flower plants and shop for the latest fashions in 19th century clothing, jewelry, potions and soaps. You may bob for apples, play games or other lawn games. During the day visit the Blacksmith, have your fortune told, or visit the town doctor. Lemonade and other drinks provide a break from shopping and the other business of the Fair and Muster.

An 1812 Independence Day Celebration July 6th, 1 PM -4 PM

Experience Independence Day in the year 1812 when war loomed and the country was still young. Special activities include militia drills throughout the day and musket ball-making demonstrations. Visitors are invited to learn how to drill and march with muskets in the plantation yard. Children may participate in stilt walking, sack races, and other lawn games. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence from the galleries of Oakley House.

The Battle of Baton Rouge 1779 August 31st, 10 AM until 4 PM

Visit Audubon State Historic Site and step into the American Revolutionary War. Explore Louisiana's role in the revolution and the 234th Anniversary of the siege and battle for Baton Rouge through Living History Demonstrations of frontier and military life in British West Florida.

We need Living History volunteers and period crafts people appropriate for the period for all three of these events. We provide hay, firewood, and one meal. No registration charges but preregistration is required. For more information please contact the Site Manager at the following:

John R. House III.
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Audubon State Historic Site
Louisiana Office of State Parks
Office: (225) 635-3739
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WANTED: FOLKS TO TAKE A CANOE TRIP DOWN THE OUACHITA RIVER

We want to float the Keelboat Aux Arc later this year, 2013, between Christmas and New Year's, down the Ouachita again, but this time put in above Camden. There are three boat ramps above Camden: Arkadelphia, Nix's Bluff, and Tate's Landing. There are also two bridges one each at Nix's Bluff and Tate's Landing. The bridge at Nix Bluff is too low for the keelboat to fit under. Thus we want to scout out the Ouachita River from Nix's Bluff to Camden. It is 11

miles from Nix's Landing to Tate's Bluff and 22 miles from Tate's Bluff to Camden. The former is a one day trip and the latter either a long one day or a two day trip. I am looking for folks to canoe scout these two trips with me. I would like to do them either in February and/or March of this year. If you want to join in this great adventure, call me at 501-944-0736 or e-mail me at ed_laurine@juno.com. See you soon.

Ed Williams

MEDICINE IN THE WOODS

CLOVES

Cloves are a highly prized medicinal spice that have been used for centuries in treating digestive and respiratory ailments. Cloves contain good amounts of vitamins A, C, K, and B-complex as well as minerals such as manganese, iron, selenium, potassium, and magnesium. Cloves also contain powerful antiseptic, antiviral, anti-inflammatory and anesthetic properties making them tremendously useful in helping to heal a wide variety of illnesses and health conditions. Cloves are particularly beneficial for the digestive tract and are great for indigestion, gas, constipation, bloating, nausea, and countering the effects of heavy, rich food. Cloves are excellent for relieving muscle spasms, headaches, and nerve pain. They are also often used to disinfect gums, teeth, kidneys, liver, skin, and bronchi. Clove oil contains eugenol which is a powerful anesthetic and natural pain reliever and is commonly used to help relieve toothaches and to numb gums in dentistry. Clove oil is also beneficial for the circulatory system and is a potent platelet inhibitor which prevents blood clots. Clove oil is also excellent for athlete's foot and for healing cuts, bruises, burns, rashes, and psoriasis. Essential oil of Clove is an effective decongestant and should be used in a vaporizer, humidifier, or aromatherapy machine to help disinfect the air and to help benefit respiratory conditions such as sinusitis, tuberculosis, bronchitis, asthma, colds & coughs. Cloves are often combined with other herbs to create seasonings such as Curry Powder and Garam Masala in India, Chinese Five Spice in China, and Worcester Sauce in Great Britain. They are also the ideal addition to deserts, fruit salads, smoothies, and savory dishes alike. Clove tea is helpful for strengthening the immune system and detoxifying the body. Steep 2 tsp of whole cloves in two cups of hot water for at least 10 minutes, sweeten with honey if desired.

Teresa Fleming

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to Renee at bubbamoore1208@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 2013

9 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

14-17 – Washington 5 Trails Voo

MARCH 2013

6-16 – After the End of the World – Southwestern Regional Rendezvous, Graham, TX (early setup 6-8)

9 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

APRIL 2013

5-7 – White Oak Lake State Park Colonial Event. 1700s Colonial/ Rev War living history and skirmish
Contact William Hardage (501-627-6313 or britishofficer@yahoo.com) or Ed Williams (ed_laurine@juno.com or 501-944-0736)

5-7 – Twin Bridges Mountain Man Spring Rendezvous, near West Plains, MO

13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time.

19-21 – 2013 Woolly Hollow Rendezvous. Contact: Ree Walker (tomandree@yahoo.com)

MAY 2013

3-5 – Rendezvous at Pomme de Terre Lake Damsite, MO. Black powder shoot; hawk contest, etc.

17-19 – Rendezvous at Rockaway Beach, Missouri

10-12 – Trade Days at Cadron

11 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron

25 – 2nd Annual Audubon Colonial Market Faire, 10 AM-4 PM. For more info, contact Audubon State Historic Site, St. Francisville, LA (225-635-3739).

Late May 2013 – Saline County Bridge Voo

JUNE 2013

15-22 – High Plains Regional Rendezvous, Blaine, KS

JULY 2013

4 – 4th of July at HAMM

6 – An 1812 Independence Day Celebration, 1 PM -4 PM. For more info, contact Audubon State Historic Site, St. Francisville, LA (225-635-3739).

18-22 – MOJAM (not an EARA event, but we have had interest as a needed skill/learning event)

13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

AUGUST 2013

10/13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

08/31/13 – The Battle of Baton Rouge 1779, 10 AM until 4 PM. For more info, contact Audubon State Historic Site, St. Francisville, LA (225-635-3739).

SEPTEMBER 2013

09/14/13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

09/13-15/13 – Indian Heritage Days Rendezvous, Calico Rock, AR. (Contact James and Sharon Ross (870-368-2273, his cell 870-615-3120, or mountainmanrss@aol.com)

09/20-22/2013 (tentatively) – Old Washington Soggy Bottoms

OCTOBER 2013

10/12/13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

10/18-20/13 – Hardy Voo, Hardy, AR

NOVEMBER 2013

11/03/13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

11/28-12/01/13 – Petit Jean Voo

DECEMBER 2013

12/08/13 – HAMM Christmas

12/14/13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

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