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The 12th night Party at Cadron

As usual, the party for 12th night was a great success. A great pot luck was the feed Saturday night with the club furnishing a wonderful ham and everyone else bringing side dishes or desserts. Of course the group from the Texarkana Venture crew scouts came and Matt Bell and his friend Robert (didn't get Robert's last name) played on a guitar and bass guitar for our enjoyment.

Matthew Bell from the scout group has been teaching a Scouting merit badge class for history and he has dressed up in the dress of the various time periods in clothing that he has made himself from Colonial to pre-1840. Matt is one of the great young men and women in this group and always welcomed at the EARA gatherings. He is studying in college now and hopes to land a job at a state park as an interpreter. It's my guess that this young man will go far in the parks system.

As usual, the "Dirty Santa" event caused close friends to attack each other like rabid dogs to obtain the best gifts brought for the event. Gosh, with "friends" like these, who needs enemies, right? But of course even after the fight over gifts, we returned to being friends. Lori brought her FAMOUS basket of candy that everyone always fights for, and Teresa from Texarkana brought a basket of HOT canned goods big enough to need a donkey to transport it, Matt's friend Robert managed to finally get the really neat pocket made by Matt. Someone (not sure who) made a canvas travel/trecker spice do-lolly (that's my word for something I don't know what to call) and it changed hands frequently, No Nose brought a really nice knife and it changed hands frequently as well. Everything went so fast and furious that I'm not sure who all got what, or who made what, but it was really exciting. I came home with a really big armload of period clothing made by Suzie Anderson and luckily it FIT.

Unfortunately, Glenn Cook fell sometime during the weekend and broke a tooth and also knocked some other teeth loose so he left before we got there

for the big event. I brought my PERIOD computer to show everyone the great photos from the last two Petit Jean events that a pilgrim took and sent to me. I passed it on to Glenn via Correy and hope to have them up on the web site soon.

We did have one little problem though, Lynita Langley Ware posted an e mail on the list. Apparently the back door of the block house was left unlocked and it was discovered open a week later by a hiker. Years back vandals burned the block house down and this is a reconstruction by the community.

It is important that we make sure the house is taken care of and locked up when we leave or EARA could lose the use of the house for events. The Block House is an important and wonderful venue for many of our events so let's all be careful we don't lose it.

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

Feb 19-22 5 Trails Voo Washington State Park (School Days on 2/20-21) Misshattie 501-247-6466/501-255-5801

March 10-22 SWRR Leslie, AR James "Nonose" Bousway Thompsonnonoseou812@yahoo.com 501-247-6466/501-255 and DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT AND SAVE A FEW BUCKS. The site is wonderful, and if you've never been to a SWRR then you don't know what you're missing. We are predicting close to 200 camps and lots of great events are planned, and lots of prize money to be had for all sports! See the application in this newsletter and get your early registration in NOW!

March 27th - 29th, 2015. White Oak Lake Colonial Encampment and Shoot. This encampment commemorates Arkansas's Colonial time period and is held at White Oak Lake State Park located near Bluff City, Arkansas. All colonial reenactors are welcome. Friday and Saturday morning will be a rifle and smoothbore

competition. A tactical event on Saturday afternoon. **29** Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.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 Woolly 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 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 28-31 Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsh Kimery 501-860-3686

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 Lori 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
cmacharliegirl@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
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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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To be covered you need to sign the book or if not available, a sheet of paper needs to be signed and sent to Glenn Cook. All volunteer events are covered, whether in the state or not. If in doubt always sign a sheet and send it to EARA President, c/o Glenn Cook, 331 Mark Lynn Cir., Cabot, AR 72023



31st Annual
Southwestern Regional Rendezvous
 March 13- 21 2015
 Leslie, Arkansas



Scheduled Events Include:
 Rifle/ Pistol and Smoothbore Shooting, Hawk & Knife, Archery,
 Cooking Contest, Fire Starting, Highland Games, Round Robin,
 Demonstrations & Seminars, Kids Activities and Much More.

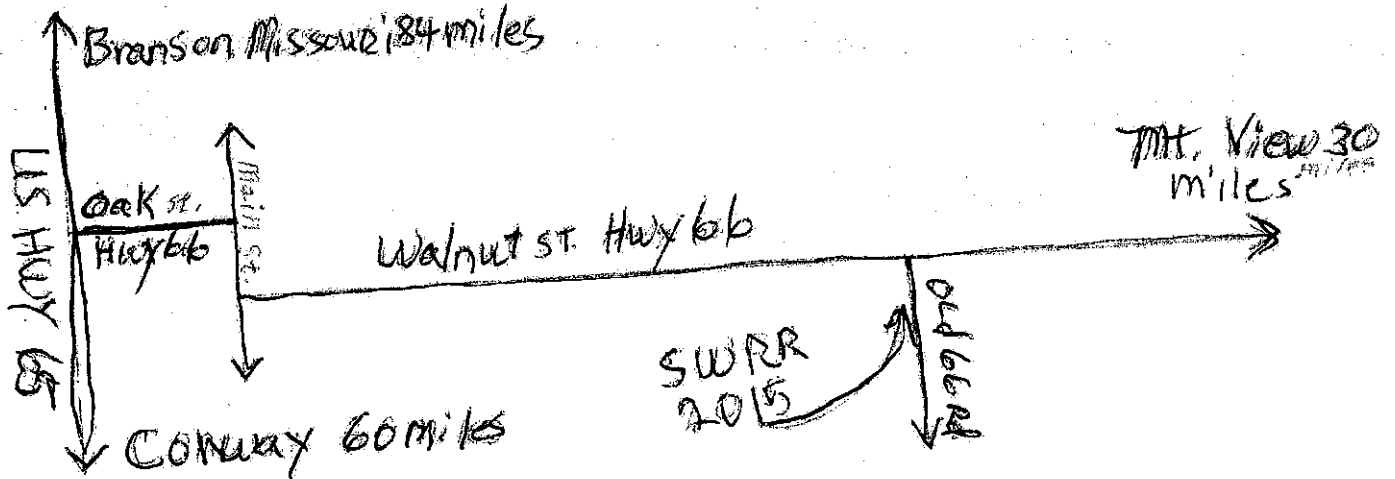
WOOD & WATER PROVIDED ICE SOLD DAILY
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---Early Set-Up March 11th ---Long-Term, Short-Term, Quiet Camp and Horse Camp Areas ---
 Gate Hours: Weekends 8:00AM-6:00PM Weekdays 8:00AM -- 10:00AM and 1:00PM-6:00PM
 Open to the public Saturday (11th), Sunday (15th), Friday (20th) and Saturday (21st)

Contact for more information:

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Name: _____	Registration Phone #: _____	E-Mail: _____
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Preregistration (postmarked by February 21 st 2015)		Registration after February 21st 2015
Adults _____ x \$20.00 = _____		Adults _____ x \$30.00 = _____
Children * _____ x \$5.00 = _____	* children = 12 and under	Children * _____ x \$10.00 = _____
Medallion _____ x \$10.00 = _____		Medallion _____ x \$10.00 = _____
Mug _____ x \$15.00 = _____		Mug _____ x \$15.00 = _____
Trader † _____ x \$60.00 = _____	† includes one adult registration	Trader † _____ x \$75.00 = _____
TOTAL = _____		TOTAL = _____

Make Checks Payable to: SWRR

Mail Registration to: SWRR c/o Don Kitlinger
 294 Spur 510, Henrietta, TX 76365

RULES OF THE RENDEZVOUS

1. All clothing, lodges and accouterments must be pre-1840. Absolutely no modern footwear or sunglasses of any kind, unless medically required. (doctors documentation must be available) Period eye wear is encouraged for those wearing glasses. Period attire is required at all times starting March 13th including setup and tear down.
2. All modern items (coolers, bottles, cans, plastic, etc.) must be kept out of sight at all times.
3. NO Vehicles in Long term camp from 6:00PM Friday March 13th. Until 7:30AM Sunday March 22nd. GATE HOURS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, excepting for emergencies. There will be a one hour time limit for loading and unloading from 6:00PM Friday March 13th. Until 7:30AM Sunday March 22nd.
4. Opening ceremony will be Friday March 13th at 5:00PM Period dress is required. NO vehicles allowed through gate during ceremonies.
5. Fires must be contained in a pit and attended at all times. A minimum of 2 gallons of water in an open period type container must be kept within 5 feet of fire pit at all times for fire control. No cutting of live trees or brush. Fill and level your fire pit before leaving and do not bury trash or partially burned wood. If you do not know how to remove sod and replace it for digging fire pit ask someone.
6. Horses, Mules and Oxen are permitted. Current Health and Negative Coggins Certifications will be required before unloading. There will be a separate area for camping with live stock under supervision of Horse-Camp Captain. Dogs, cats and other critters are welcome and must be one leash and under control at all times. All animals required to be attended to in a safe and healthy manner. Any animal that becomes a nuisance (runs lose, bites, barks or howls extensively, or in any other way disturbs others) shall be required to leave camp and or rendezvous (Head Dogsoldier has final say). ALL animal waste must be cleaned up by owner well enough for children and bare-feet. IF your animal is spooky, jumpy, or afraid of loud or strange noises LEAVE IT AT HOME.
7. Artillery will be permitted in designated areas only and must be inspected by Range Captain before it can be loaded. Range Captain must be present when firing.
8. The safety and conduct of all children under 18 are the responsibly of parent(s) or responsible adult with which they are camped with. ANY use of fire arms, Knives, hawks, axes, or any other weapon or tool must be under direct adult supervision. Hearing and eye protection is recommended and may be required on firing ranges.
9. Medical consideration can be made for flammable liquids and gases. but, must have doctors documentation available.
10. A modern camping area will be available in parking area for non-period camping with no facilities provided.
11. Ice will be available for purchase daily. You must have period covering to transport thru camp. A trash dumpster will be provided and you are responsible for transporting trash to dumpster and must be in a plastic bag and in period cover for transport. No trash will be burned or buried in camp. Clean up camp and remove ALL litter including cigarette butts and gum wrappers. Please preserve our reputation and yours by keeping a neat and clean camp and leave it better than you found it.
12. Photography equipment must be covered when not in use. ABSOLUTELY NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!
13. Your registration fees entitle you to entrance into all events, seminars, competitions, and camp feast. Preregistration ends February 21st 2015. All preregistrations received after that date will be returned and you will have to register at the gate.
14. Absolutely no modern firearms for sale or trade anywhere at rendezvous. Absolutely No throwing of knives, hawks, spears, rocks; shooting arrows; use of bull whips; loaded, primed or capped firearms in camp. No smoking or intoxicants on or near ranges. All decisions made by Range Captain including scoring, conduct and safety is FINAL. Hearing and eye protection recommended.
15. Infraction of camp rules may result in eviction from rendezvous and forfeiture of all fees.
16. All questions regarding camp rules should be directed to the Head Dogsoldier.
17. Public visitors will be welcome from 9:00AM till 4:00PM on March 14, 15 and 21. School day 8:30AM till 3:00 PM Friday March 20.
18. Closing ceremony will be Saturday March 21st at 5:00PM. Period dress required. Vehicles allowed in after 7:30AM Sunday March 22nd
19. Cell phones must be off or on vibrate. Limit use of phones to your sleeping area, vehicles or other areas out of sight and sound of others.
20. ZERO TOLERANCE of illegal activities. Thievery, fighting, use of illegal substances of any kind will not be tolerated. Violators will be turned over to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction. The unlicensed sale, trade or barter of alcohol is prohibited by the State and these rules.



St. Valentine-The Real Story

St. Valentine's Day is not and never was a religious holiday. It has historical roots mainly in Greco-Roman fertility rites. Young men of the day would sacrifice a goat and a dog and go about town whipping young women with the hides. The women would line up thinking this would make them fertile.

I have read several articles about the man or men by the name of Valentine. Most agree he was a Roman Catholic Priest that defied a Roman Emperor. For this he was tortured and executed on February 14th.

At this time in Roman history Claudius II persecuted the Church. He had an edict prohibiting the marriage of young people claiming an unmarried man made a better soldier. He actually liked Valentine and would spend hours speaking with him trying to convert him to paganism. Likewise, Valentine would try to convert the emperor to Christianity. This was his mistake.

In secret this priest would defy Roman law by marrying the young couples. In the year 296, he was caught and sentenced to a three-part execution.

Legend says while he was imprisoned he healed the blind daughter of his jailor, Asterius. Asterius and all of his house became Christians after this miracle. In a last letter to the daughter, he signed it, 'from your Valentine.'

Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, Ireland is one of the three churches claiming to have St. Valentine's remains.

At the end of the 5th century Pope Gelasius I declared February 14th to be St. Valentine's Day and later Chaucer and Shakespeare help to seal the deal in references to the day in their works.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed the holiday from the General Roman Calendar. This holiday is celebrated all over the world and on different days of the year.

The history of exchanging cards and other tokens of love on this day began to develop in England and France in the 14th and 15th century. So on this Valentine's Day please remember the priest who gave up his life to perform the sacrament of marriage: for love of love and the love of God.

I'm not sure how 'time-period' correct this following recipe is but I have made it several times and it is very good. These heart shaped scones will make a wonderful breakfast for your Valentine. They can also be enjoyed with afternoon tea and Devonshire Cream.

Cherries and Cream Sweetheart Scones



2 c plus 2 Tbsp plain flour
1/3 plus 2 Tbsp sugar
1 T baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
6 Tbsp chilled unsalted butter, cut into 12 pieces
2/3 c dried cherries
1 c heavy cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients. Add the butter, using your fingertips or a pastry blender and blend all the ingredients together until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Using a fork, stir in the cherries and then the cream to form a soft dough. Let stand 2 minutes.

Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Sprinkle the top of the dough with the two remaining tablespoons of flour. Using your fingertips, gently press out the dough into a round 1/2 inch thick. Using a floured heart-shaped cookie cutter 3 inches in diameter, cut out the scones. Transfer to an ungreased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Gather up the scraps and cut out as many scones as possible. Or you can score the round into triangles if you wish. Sprinkle the remaining sugar on top of the scones and bake about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack. Makes 12 scones.

This recipe comes from the book *Holiday Baking* by Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library.



**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 – 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)

March 7 – An ALHA Conference Session on the 1815 Survey and its 200th Celebration
8-9:30am at Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock

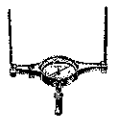
To Register: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

This session will help living history interpreters celebrate the 200th anniversary of the 1815 Baseline Survey at sites by providing interpreters information and ideas. This will be an interactive session comparing types of surveying and the problems with meets-and bounds type. It also will address various ways of interpreting the Survey to different groups.

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

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