

# Shinnin' Times

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## 2017 EVENT CALENDAR

**January 7—12<sup>th</sup>** Night Christmas Party, Reed's Bridge Contact Teresa "Miss Hattie" Lafferty at 501-247-6466 for info.

**January 14-21**—Alafia River Rendezvous, Homeland, Florida, Early setup January 11. Contact Booshway2017@yahoo.com

**January 20-22** — Colonial Days at Cadron Ed Williams Contact No.

**January 28**—Colonial Event, Cadron Settlement Park, Ed Williams 501-944-0736

**February 16-19**—5 Trails Voo, Historic Washington State Park (School day Feb. 17) Contact Teresa "Miss Hattie" Lafferty at 501-247-6466 for info.

**March 3-5**—White Oak State Park Colonial Event, Ed Williams 501-944-0736 or ed\_laurine@juno.com Friday practice shooting at range, Saturday morning Rifle and smoothbore competition, Early Afternoon fire start& tomahawk competitions, late afternoon firearm or battle demonstration, potluck for supper. Sunday trail walk.

**March 18-25** (Early setup starting March 15) Southwest Regional Rendezvous—Bartlesville, OK Jennifer Johnson 417-294-1175

**April 6-9** — Mansker's Station Goodlettsville, TN 615-859-3678

**April 13-16** Woolly Hollow Voo, Tom Reedy 501-679-1636

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post. All come to celebrate the last battle of our Revolutionary War against Great Britain. Contact Ed Williams at 501-944-0736 or [ed\\_laurine@juno.com](mailto:ed_laurine@juno.com)

**April 21-22**—Scout-A-Rama , Texarkana Setup on 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Teresa Fleming 903-671-2450

**April 20-23**—2017 School of the Lady, Powhatan Historic State Park

**May 5-7**— Jacksonport Demonstration/Voo Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

**May 6**- Lake Dardanelle Resource Day Ed Williams 501-944-0736

**May 11-15** The raid at Martin Station, Virginia 276-445-3065

**May 13**—Territorial Fair, Historic Arkansas Museum Ed Williams 501-944-0736

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## 2017 EVENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

- June 2-4** —Fort Bennett “Wildcat” Voo Contact James “Nonose” Thompson 501-269-5833
- July 4**—Territorial 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Historic Arkansas Museum Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- July 7-16**—Rocky Mountain National Rendevous, The Elkhorn Ranch, near Montpelier, Idaho, Contact [Booshway2017@gmail.com](mailto:Booshway2017@gmail.com)
- August 12**—Ice Cream Social Carol Fritt’s Place, 501-350-1706
- August 19-** Lake Dardanelle Cultural Celebration(Day Event), Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- August 26**—EARA Picnic Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466
- September 7-10--** Calico Rock Voo Billy Bennett 254-718-7410 /870-297-2269
- September 15-17**—Soggy Bottoms Voo Lori Bennett 903-949-8842
- September 22-24** Bledsoe Fort Rifle Frolic Gallatin, TN 615-461-0222
- September 29-October 1**—Critter’s Voo Fouke, AR Bobby Cooper 903-908-5088
- October 6** — Cabot School Day Glenn Cook 501-941-7910 [gc1760@yahoo.com](mailto:gc1760@yahoo.com)
- October 13-15**—Leslie Voo Glenn Cook 501-941-7910 [gc1760@yahoo.com](mailto:gc1760@yahoo.com)
- October 19-23** — Boonesboro Rifle Frolic and Frontier Skills, Kentucky 859-527-3131
- November 3-5**—Civil War Days Historic Washington State Park Charlene Pippen 870-983-2307 [cmachariegirl@yahoo.com](mailto:cmachariegirl@yahoo.com)
- November 22-26**—20<sup>th</sup> Annual Petit jean Voo, Petit Jean Mountain State Park, Glenn Cook 501-941-7917/501-350-6640
- December 2**—Christmas Frolic, Historic Arkansas Museum, Ed Williams 501944-0736 [ed\\_laurine@juno.com](mailto:ed_laurine@juno.com)

Further details on events will be added in future issues. Any events that member would like to add please email to me at [april.goff@arkansas.gov](mailto:april.goff@arkansas.gov) or call me at 501-590-2583 Thanks April Goff

**Attention Members:**

**At Petit Jean Voo the board created a committee to design flyers for the big rendezvous events to help advertise them better. If you are the contact person for any of the events. Please send me details about any planned activities or things that need to be added to the flyers to really push these events to the public and our members. Thanks April**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

EARA has been gifted many great books through the years. We have had them in the EARA trailer for years. Joyce Hetrick has offered to put them in her hanger and check them out to the members for loan to read. She will check them out to someone for usage. Please, take advantage of these books to learn more history and skills. Thank-you, Joyce for your hard work and caring for out items and trailer.

The EARA trailer has been storing numerous clothes items for use at our events for new members or prospective members that want to dress at the Voo events. We would like to have more sizes of men's, women's and children's clothing donated to be kept in the EARA trailer to be used by prospective and new members for loan when they come to VOO for the first time. Please, look in your closets and donate your out grown old items for use by new prospective/new members.

EARA is looking for a vendor to print and supply EARA flags. We need a headcount of all who want an EARA flag. We want to get about a 18x22 inch Cotton fabric flag to hang on our lodge poles. Please, notify Nonose if you want a flag. We will find out how many are wanted and go from there to getting a price and availability of where we can get a flag made. If you know of a reasonably priced flag maker, let Miss Hattie know the name/number/email/address. Thank-you.

Petite Jean Voo was a great success. We had 5 traders set up. Thank-you to Popo and Doug/ Teaton Traders, Chick (who is now our newest Member of EARA), Wabi and Clayton/ Blacksmith and His wife who is an Amazing Sweetheart (painter/basketmaker/does it all), Oregon Traders, and Professor Dummond /Tintype maker. We had 20 Lodges of buckskins from Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Oregon. Thank-you as always to the wonderful hospitality of the Petit Jean Park workers. They provided us with wood and wonderful Turkey's roasted at the Lodge's Kitchen for the very tasty potluck on Saturday night. There were wild edible plant seminar, musket loading demo, tall tales storytelling, hawk throwing demo, and fire starting seminar by the park officers assisted by EARA members. We had over 500 public come to see the event. The weather was cloudy and cool, but the rain held off until Monday. The fires and hearts kept us warm. We all got out of there leaving the Oregon Traders to stay and enjoy our wonderful Arkansas landscape and activities at the park without wet canvas.

We will see you down the road at the next VOO event in 2017. Teresa "Miss Hattie" Lafferty

## *Information about Reed's Bridge, site of the 12th night event*

<http://www.reedsbridgebattlefield.com/militaryroadtolittlerock.htm>

The area around the Bayou Meto was occupied by Native Americans until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Arkansas Territory was formed in 1819. The Southwest Trail, a Native American path, crossed into the northeast section of the Arkansas Territory at the Current River and then extended southwest through what is now Pulaski County to the site of Little Rock. The Southwest Trail crossed the Bayou Meto just southwest of the future site of Jacksonville. As Arkansas was settled after 1819, this crossing became the center for a network of roads.

During the winter of 1820-1821, the Gray family from Tennessee settled in the area and began clearing the land for cultivation. Led by Jacob Gray Sr., the family consisted of four daughters and three sons. One son, Samson Gray, became prominent in the community and he built a log building to serve as his residence near the Southwest Trail. Known as the Samson Gray House, this building stood until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. When Pulaski County was subdivided into townships this area was named Gray Township in recognition of the Gray family.

In 1824, the United States Congress approved a survey for a road connecting Memphis, Tennessee with Little Rock. The road was designed to be part of the military road system assisting the federal government in removing Native Americans living east of the Mississippi River to lands west of Fort Smith. The following year a commission was appointed to survey the route and formulate plans for hiring contractors to build the roadbed and bridges. The roadbed was designed to extend northeast from Little Rock, cross the Bayou Meto and continue northeast passing in front of the log dwelling of Samson Gray. Samson Gray formed a partnership with two other nearby residents and submitted a bid for the construction of the Bayou Meto Bridge of 130' in length for a cost of \$710. This partnership also offered bids for the construction of several sections of the roadbed as well.

Gray's partnership received the contract to build the bridge and sections of the road which became known as the "Military Road." In November of 1827, Lt. Charles Thomas, assistant quartermaster and supervisor for building the road, reported that "Gray and company have opened twelve miles of the road and are now at work on the Bayou Meto Bridge." The bridge appears to have been completed by August of 1828 when it was reported that the first mail from Memphis was transported along the completed Military Road. The Military Road attracted hundreds of settlers to the state in the late 1820s and early 1830s and Samson Gray operated a prosperous U.S Mail Route, Stage-coach stop and Public House at his residence facing the road.

Reed's Bridge received its name from its association with John H. Reed and his wife Fredericka Reed. Following the rebuilding of the bridge in 1838, John H. Reed purchased the charter from Thomas W. Gray to establish a toll bridge and began its operation. Reed came to Pulaski County from St. Louis in 1833 and served as a clerk to the Army during the Native American removal. While living in Little Rock, Reed met Fredericka Held, a native of Germany, and they were married on October 16, 1834. After his tenure as an Army clerk ended, Reed entered the newspaper business and became co-editor of the Little Rock Times. Reed retired from the newspaper business in 1838 and he then purchased the charter to operate the Bayou Meto Bridge.

Toll Bridge Fees: Each wagon of four wheels with more than two horses, mules or oxen - 50 cents; Barouche or Phaeton with four horses - 50 cents; Each Dearborn, Carriall or other four-wheeled pleasure carriage with two horses or mules - 50 cents; Each ox cart with one yoke of oxen - 12 1/2 cents; Each additional ox or horse - 6 1/4 cents; Each mare or horse - 3 cents; Each foot passenget - 3 cents; Each head of horses, mules or asses - 6 1/4 cents; Each neat cattle - 3 cents; Each head of hogs or sheep - 2 cents.

Reed operated the bridge along with a relative, Milton J. Reed, during the early 1840s. John H. Reed and his family resided in the Samson Gray house at this time just to the north of the bridge. John H. Reed died on December 15, 1845 and was survived by his wife Fredericka and their four children. Milton Reed sold his interest in the bridge and several tracts of land to Fredericka Reed in February of 1847 and the deed included "certain structures, buildings, and bridge known as Reed's Bridge, across the Bayou Meto, about twelve miles from Little Rock and on the road hence to Memphis, Tennessee."

# Recipe

## To Make an Onion Soup

If you are familiar with French onion soup, you might like this English variant. Both versions rely on dairy combined with onions to carry the flavor, but the English recipe uses an egg yolk liaison and a splash of vinegar to add richness and depth.

## 18th Century

“Take half a pound of butter, put it into a stew pan on the fire, let it all melt, and boil it till it has done making any noise; then have ready ten or a dozen middling onions peeled and cut small, throw them into the butter, and let them fry a quarter of an hour; then shake in a little flour, and stir them round; shake your pan and let them do a few minutes longer; then pour in a quart or three pints of boiling water, stir them round; take a good piece of upper crust, the stalest bread you have, about as big as the top of a penny loaf cut small, and throw it in. Season with salt to your palate. Let it boil ten minutes stirring it often; then take it off the fire, and have ready the yolks of two eggs beat fine, with half a spoonful of vinegar; mix some of the soup with them, then stir it into your soup, and mix it well, and pour it into your dish. This is a delicious dish.”

- Glasse, Hannah. “The Art of Cookery made Plain and Easy” 1796

## 21st Century

- ½ lb. butter
  - 8 small onions (2" diameter)
  - 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
  - 6 cups water
  - 1 cup bread crumbs
  - 2 egg yolks
  - 1 Tbsp. white vinegar
  - salt to taste
1. Peel and chop the onions in a ¼ inch dice. Boil the water in a medium stew pan. Put the butter into a large stew pan (4 quart size is good) over a medium high heat.
  2. Let the butter sizzle a little without burning. Add your onions and cook them for about 15 minutes until translucent. Stir in the flour and thoroughly incorporate it into the onions.
  3. Cook about another 5 minutes, then add the boiling water and stir it well. Add in your bread crumbs and blend everything thoroughly.
  4. Season with the salt to your taste. Let it cook another 10 minutes or so.
  5. In a small bowl whisk up the egg yolks with the vinegar.
  6. Temper the eggs to prevent them from scrambling by adding a couple big spoonfuls of soup to the yolks very slowly while stirring. Then, very slowly add that mixture to the rest of the soup while stirring and blending it well.
- Once the egg mixture has been absorbed and the soup is smooth, it is ready to be dished.

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwestern Regional Rendezvous

March 18-25, 2017

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Early set up will be March 15, 2017 Long term and Short term areas,  
Long and Short term set up 8am-6pm March 15-17, Short term 10am-4pm March 18-24  
There will be a horse camp area with scheduled trail rides for those that bring their horses.  
Open to the Public Saturday March 18, Sunday March 19, 10am to 4pm  
Closed camp March 20 and 21  
Open to Public March 22-25 10am to 4pm

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#### **Sequndo**

Gina (Buffalo Woman) Kelly  
918-845-7888

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For More Direction : [www.woolaroc.org/pages/hours-and-directions](http://www.woolaroc.org/pages/hours-and-directions)

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Medallion	X \$10.00= _____	Medallion	X \$10.00= _____
Mug	X \$15.00= _____	Mug	X \$15.00= _____
Trader **	X \$65.00= _____	Trader **	X \$80.00= _____

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