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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 8
2nd Saturday at Cadron
Cadron State Park, Conway, AR

22nd Sat at Cadron on June 8 will a seminar on "How to Writing Ink" by Larry Lane. We will get started about 10:00 with the seminar. As always, please, bring food for a Potluck meal. We will be looking forward to see everyone again.

JUNE 29
Lantern Making Class
Carol's Barn

Carol's Barn will be hosting a work day June 29. We will be making candle lanterns. We will be getting orders for the size and style and having the precut pieces available for construction. Please, email nonoseou812@yahoo.com to let us know how many you want. We need to hear from one and all about your order. They will cost \$20.00. We will be making them out of Red Oak. They will be the traditional wooden style that holds a 6 inch candle. The kits will be cut out and we will stain and assemble them at Carol's. Tom Reedy, James Thompson, and Martin Hays will be constructing them at Martin's Shed.

JULY 13
2nd Saturday at Cadron
Cadron State Park, Conway, AR

Dr. D.F. Littlefield is the director of the Sequoyah National Research Center at 2801 S. University Ave, LR which is open from 8am-5pm M-F. It was established in 1983 with the support from UALR. He is coming to speak at one of our meetings at 2nd Sat at Cadron on Sat. , July 13, 2013. The SNRC is an archival repository for all forms of American Indian expression. It consists of two major components: The American Native Press Archives, the world's largest collection of Native American newspapers and periodicals as well as significant collections of manuscripts, writings, and other forms of Native expression and the Dr. J.W. Wiggins Collection of Native American Art, the largest collection of Contemporary NA visual expression in the region and one of the largest in the nation. He gave a talk in Bryant about the movement of the Removal of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians along the SW Trail from 1800-1850 in Feb. Misshattie was in attendance. He accepted my invitation to speak to our group. Many of his topics touched things that EARA would be interested in learning

about Arkansas History from our time period. It will be a great pleasure and opportunity to hear him speak at Cadron. Please, come and bring friends to the event. It will be GREAT. Bring your questions. He will answer many of them. I hope to have a lecture and a roundtable discussion of events, times, places. As always, we will have a potluck lunch. Please, all bring Voo dishes and chairs and come in period dress. It will be a great learning experience.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time of year again! If you have not renewed your membership, please contact Michael Bethea or one of the other EARA Officers/Board Members and get your membership renewed! Also, if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a member, contact us and we can get an application to you. We will have membership forms out at the Saline Voo.

SALINE COUNTY VOO

The Saline Crossing Voo turned out to be a great event. We had four days of fun. We got there and got set up for the 4th Graders and special needs class. There were 14 camp sites for the kids to see and hear our skills. The Saline Crossing members set up and told the stories of the Town of Saline Crossing's Old Bridge across the SW Trail. History tells that there was an annual picnic that 6000 people came there in the early 1900's. The bridge was built in 1890's and was used for many years. I believe that this event will become more of a "timeline" style event for Arkansas.

A local nuisance trapper came to show the kids many hides and traps. EARA had members demonstrate Rifles, Fishing and Angling, Knapping, Spinning, Weaving, Lucet, Knives, Firestarting, Fire Pit Cooking, Gun Flint Knapping, Candy Cannon, Firearms, Navaho Spinning, Braiser Cooking, Blacksmith, Chuckwagon Cooking and Camp life. Many stories about the 1800's history and skills were shared with 3 buses of kids and adults. (Even a group from a local retirement center came out, too.) We had 11 EARA camps - old and young alike. We signed up 6 new member. Some that had just seen our group and some that have been coming for months as observers. The weather was typical for an Arkansas Voo. We set camp between showers. After the late night shower on Friday morning, I measured a little over 1 inch of standing water in my kitchen box. Some of us should have turned the edges of the water barrier in our tents up a little higher - me included. I had a small river running

through my lodge. It looked like "laundry day" with sheets, rugs, ground covers, and items "strewn on the lawn" to dry on Sunday. The weather was really not bad - Cloudy to sunshine with warm to hot and pleasant winds all weekend. Mid-afternoon got hot, but not too bad for a "near summer" date. We were oblivious to the wind and bad weather in Texas and OK. We appreciated the cool breezes after they tore through the other states. The fog rolling in off the river bottoms was beautiful setting about 3 feet off the ground in the early morning hours on Friday. Many of us have a jump on our tans. Only some have stripes...Hugh? Jimmy?. Heather sold Aloe plants.

The Local Benton paper had pictures of Ed Williams and Carol Fritts demonstrating and a nice article on Saturday evening. Hopefully, we will have a copy of it later at an event. The Saline Crossing Club had donated Vans from Lander Automotive for tours of the Saline River/Saline Crossing/Old Bridge/SW Trail site. They heard the history and the plans for the park on the 35 acre site. We met many of the members of their Nonprofit club that are reviving the bridge and building the park. We enjoyed our members company. This event was for the Bridge and we didn't have a potluck or cooking contest this year. Thank-you to all who gave of their time and knowledge to help start what I hope to become a HUGE event like "Pinnacle" at the Saline River Bridge on the SW TRAIL. – How much more period correct could we get!!!!

Setting up in the Old Benton Airport made a good site for a festival-type event. We used our cooking skills to share food with each other as always. Carol made her Cornstarch Custard pudding...it started a small "war" between Nonose and MR. Glenn....PoleDancer and Hide Woman added to the skirmish for a small taste. So cute were our "little boys" ... Nonose and Mr. Glenn.... standing in the middle of the field licking the pot clean with fingers and spoons. We used our cooking skills to share food with each other as always. Carol made her Cornstarch Custard pudding...it started a small "WAR" between Nonose and MR. Glenn....PoleDancer and Hide Woman added to the skirmish for a small taste. So cute were our "little boys" ... Nonose and Mr. Glenn.... standing in the middle of the field licking the pot clean with fingers and spoons....We didn't have a potluck this time so that we could concentrate on our demonstrations. Maybe next year....

EARA was greatly appreciated and well taken care of by Doyle Richey, Marsha Kimery, and Lynn Moore. They provided ice, bottled water, and Hooters for our convenience. Marsha's grandkids, Kendal and Cody, were our Camp Runners. Kendal became a real Rendevoeer...She shed a few tears when she had to leave her new found Voo friends and go home... as we all have done in the past at the end of so many events. This is the last of the Spring Rendevoos. We will all be looking forward to the start of the Fall Rendevoos. We will see you at HAMM, Cadron and Carol's this summer...See you down the road.

Misshattie

HISTORY OF THE 16TH REGIMENT OF FOOTE



The 16th Regiment of Foot had a rather short and uneventful stay in North America during the Revolutionary War, but nevertheless distinguished itself on the few fields on which it fought. For much of its early deployment, the 16th and its light infantry company were spread out as detachments at various southern outposts. In the standing orders of 1775, the 16th was listed as having 477 men in 10 companies. The 16th Regiment of Foot arrived in New York in 1767. When war broke out, the regiment was recalled back to New York in 1776, but the locals of West Florida, angered over the 16th being moved to New York, demanded their return and so the 16th was sent back to reoccupy their original posts. By 1778,

the Regulars were defending small British forts from the small trading outposts on the Mississippi River to Pensacola, Florida. The Light Company was attached to Cornwallis' 2nd Battalion of Light Infantry and the Grenadier Company was in Savannah, Georgia, on garrison duty. The Light Company fought in the battle of Cowpens and the Grenadier Company fought in the Battle of Savannah.



Following the outbreak of hostilities with Spain in 1779, Bernardo de Galvez, the Governor of Spanish Louisiana, launched assaults on the British forces in which would be known as the Gulf Coast Campaigns. The 16th was overwhelmed by the superior numerical Spanish forces and slowly lost territory to the Spanish.

Here is the list of battles in order that the 16th fought in:



- Fort Bute, (Manchac, LA)
- Fort New Richmond
(Baton Rouge, LA)
- Fort Panmure (Natchez, MS)
- Fort Tompson and Fort Amitch
(North/Western Louisiana)
- Fort Charlotte (Mobile, AL)
- Siege of Fort George
(Pensacola, FL)

After the fall of these British outposts, General John Campbell, Commander of the British Forces in the Gulf, concerned over the condition of the defenses at Pensacola, requested reinforcements from General Clinton, and began construction of additional defenses. A huge Spanish/ French Army under Governor General Bernardo de Galvez laid siege to the British at Pensacola. At first the British repelled the Spanish/ French Army, but a lucky Spanish cannonball hit the powder room of the fortifications and huge explosion opened the way for the Spanish and French forces to take the fort. On May 10, 1781, the formal surrender was complete. More than 1,100 British prisoners were taken and another 200 casualties sustained. The Spanish and French army took over 400 casualties. The terms of capitulation included the entirety of British West Florida. The 16th Foote surrender to the Spanish army. The 16th was then exchanged and was recalled back to Great Britain for refitting.

Cpl. William Hardage at Fort George
May 2012

FOR SALE

Civil War (War Between the States) reproduction musket for sale. 1862 Richmond Musket percussion in 0.58 caliber. Complete with the bayonet; several accessories including bullet mold, caps, short starter and box of 0.58 ball. All brand new mint-in-box. Asking \$1000. Pictures available upon request. Should you desire more information contact Tim Richardson (*tim-shar@swbell.net*)

EARA COOKBOOK

Several folks have talked about getting together an EARA Cookbook (especially after the Bread Pudding incident at Woolly Hollow). Start gathering your favorite recipes together and either bring them to Saline (and/or to 2nd Saturdays at Cadron) or send them to Misshattie (*misshattie1234@gmail.com*) or Renee (*bubbamoore1208@gmail.com*) and we will start getting them together. It sure would be nice if we could have this completed in time for Christmas presents! Contact Misshattie or Renee if you have any questions.

NEWS & NOTES

The 2013 Cadron Creek Blockhouse trade fair was a great success. In attendance were Glen Cook, Tom and Ree Walker, James, Sally and Lucas Alumbaugh.

Tom Walker

Real good turn out and a real good time at the 1st annual Saline Crossing Encampment. In attendance were R.J. and Eric Stanley, Keith Ambrust, Larry Thompson and his grandson Gabe

and Gabe's cousin, James, Sally and Lucas Alumbaugh, Tom and Ree Walker, Tom Reedy, Jimmy Worden, Ed Williams, Glen Cook, Keith Cook and his son, Teresa Lafferty and James Thompson, Carol and Heather Fritts, Steve Holmes, Renee Moore and not last nor least Pam and Denise Zabicki. It was good to see Debra and Boyce Browning and their grandchildren walking through and visiting. The Saline Crossing host could not have treated us any better, they took real pride and care of the whole event and treated us as very welcomed guest. James and Teresa handed out several new membership forms and hopefully will mean new members soon, hats off to James and Teresa for having packets available to hand out. There was an uneventful skunk hunt one night and I recall the hunt was called off due to a smelly situation.

Respectively

Tom and Ree walker

P.S. thanks to all of the participants that I have listed above and please pardon me for any misspelled names and hopefully I haven't missed anyone. See you next outing

Thanks
Tom Walker

Some of you know Crazy Lady. some of you may not, but she is in dire need of all the prayer she can get. She is very sick right now and needs your prayers. Those of you that do know her, please do not call her or Mike right now. Any messages or cards or anything can be sent to me and I will pass them to her. If you wish to send cards send to:

Suzy Olson
c/o Jennifer Johnson
520 Monarch Road
Chadwick Mo 65629

If you just wish to send an email, send it to me and I will print them off for her. I know many of us love this woman so let pray and send healing energies her way so we can all have more Cinnamon Rolls soon. Also remember they do not have insurance so doctor's bills will be rolling in so if you wish to donate something to them let me know.

Thank you all soooo much

Jennifer Johnson

CALENDAR OF 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*.

JUNE 2013

8 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron – "How to Writing Ink" by Larry Lane @ 10:00 a.m. Potluck meal following seminar.

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

29 – Work Day – Making Candle Lanterns. Carol's Barn.

See article on page 1 for more information.

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).

13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Speaker: Dr. D.F. Littleton

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

AUGUST 2013

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

31 – The Battle of Baton Rouge 1779, **NOTE – this event has been moved to October 5-6.

SEPTEMBER 2013

7 – Annual EARA Picnic

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

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

20–22 (tentatively) – Old Washington Soggy Bottoms

21 – Celebrating the Outdoors, Felsenthal Wild Life Refuge, Old Beer Joint Access, under the River Bridge, Crossett Harbor, 10 AM – 3 PM. Contact Amanda Wilkerson (879-364-3168) or Ed Williams (501-944-0736 or e-mail ed_laurine@juno.com) for more details

OCTOBER 2013

5–6 – The Battle of Baton Rouge 1779. Contact Daniel P. Wilcox at Audubon State Historic Site (225-635-3739 or Audubon_int3@crt.la.gov) or William Hardage (britishofficer@yahoo.com) for more information.

8–12 – 2nd Annual Leslie Rendezvous, Leslie AR – early setup 8th-10th. **Please Note: We will be having a Ladies Tea. More info to come.**

11–12 – Cadron Days

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

18–19 – Ouachita River Celebration, Union Parish, Bayou D'Arbonne Lake State Park, Farmerville, LA. Contacts: Stephanie Herrman (318-368-9288/9226, sherman@state.lib.la.us) or Ed Williams (501-944-0736, ed_laurine@juno.com) for more details

18–20 – Hardy Voo, Hardy, AR

NOVEMBER 2013

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

11/28-12/01 – Petit Jean Voo

DECEMBER 2013

8 – HAMM Christmas

13–15 – Fort St. Jean Baptist, 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Natchitoches, LA. Contact: Rhonda Gauthier (888-677-7853)

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

26–29 – Keelboat Float Trip on the Ouachita River, Nix Ferry to Camden (40 miles). Contact Ed (501-944-0736 or e-mail ed_laurine@juno.com)

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