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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27, 2013 (Saturday) **Parkin Archeological State Park** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The EARA keelboat will be at Parkin State Park, Saturday, April 27th. We are needing a crew of 3 to 5 folks. But all who want to help are very, very welcome. Plans are to launch into the St. Francis River, tie up, and do programming from the boat. This is an excellent event for those of you that have not been on the keelboat. No hard labor, no heavy rowing, just working with the public. Call me, 501-944-0736 or e-mail me if you can be there. BTW, the Park just rebuilt their button machine and will have it working. Buttons made from river clams.

MAY 2 – 5, 2013 **Pioneer Days** **Garland County – Hot Springs, AR**

Friends of the Garland County Courthouse are hosting "Pioneer Days: The History and Heritage of Garland County" on May 2-5 at the Garland County Fairgrounds in Hot Springs, AR. On Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3, we are opening for school field trips. And, of course, on Saturday, May 4 will be our big day for the general public. We would love to have reenactors participate in this event even if folks couldn't do it for all days, we would take what we could get. We are aiming for the 1800s time period. If you would like more information, please contact me. I would love to hear from you. Thanks.

****More Info**** – There is a \$25 reimbursement for gas mileage. Please contact Linda or Denice with your skill/presentation and let her know you are an EARA member. Think carpool!

Denice Davis
denisjamar@gmail.com / 870-942-4496

MAY 4 – 5, 2013 **Open House** **Pioneer Village – Searcy, AR**

Pioneer Village in Searcy is having Open House the first weekend of May, if anyone wants to come out for it. We can always use more volunteers for historical demonstrations. We have been given a source of logs for the new trappers cabin, and they are beginning to be brought to the village in preparation for building, if anyone wants to help with that project.

Melinda (mlaf@sbcglobal.net)

MAY 10 – 13, 2013 **Cadron Trade Fair** **Cadron State Park**

May 10th thru May 13th will be the annual Cadron Trade Fair. Come on out set your camp and throw out your trade blanket. Nothing you want to trade, no problem, come on out and just enjoy being at the blockhouse and visiting. We are planning to have a tea Saturday afternoon. We will have a fleece there to play with in various stages of preparation, from raw to ready to crochet/knit/or weave. We hope to have a walnut dye pot going to dye some reed. Have something else you want to throw in the dye pot, bring it on out.

MAY 16-19, 2013 **Saline County Voo**

****NEW DETAILS**:** This is the first Voo associated with the Saline Crossing Bridge Reconstruction project in Benton. It is a site on the Southwest Trail near the Saline River. We will be at the Old Benton Airport runway this year. There is a non-profit group in Benton developing a park on 35 acres at the Crossing Bridge. They need reenactors to come for a public event to support this project. It has the potential to develop into an event similar to Pinnacle. Please come and enjoy the beginnings of the growth of a potentially great event in an historic place centrally located in Arkansas history and the development of the Southwest on the Southwest Trail.

Wood, water and hooters will be provided. Bring tents and awnings (there are no trees). Please have a skill to demonstrate and a trade blanket to lay down. The address is Saline County Regional Airport, 1000-1099 Airline Drive, Benton, AR 72015, We will be in the field behind the Church, behind the Boy Scout Troops. Contact the following if you need more information: James Thompson (501-255-5801); Teresa Lafferty (501-247-6466); Glenn Cook (501-941-7917) or Marsha Kimery (501-860-3686). Look forward to seeing you all there!

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.

**4TH ANNUAL COLONIAL EVENT
AT WHITE OAK LAKE STATE PARK**



At White Oak Lake State Park, about 20 reenactors gathered on April 5-7th to reenact the life of Colonial Arkansas.



There were French Marines, Long Hunters, Militia, civilians, tradesmen, and British Soldiers from the 16th Regiment of Foote. On Friday there was a Rifle and Smoothbore Completion at the Gun range across from the park. In which participates shot ten

times and then ten more on Saturday morning for a total score on who would win the completion for each category. On Saturday, while the 2nd round of shooting was going on, other reenactors conducted a living history at the camps. Activities going on were trading, buying and selling of goods. By noon, the British Soldiers began drilling and the reenactors started to prepare for a battle.



At 2 pm, the British Forces began by moving into the woods closer to the French camp which lay on a hill. Their mission was to scout out the enemy and attempt to drive out the French. The French seeing the British movement sent their Marines and Milice to advance into the woods and encounter the British. The Loyalist militia in the front of the British lines started sniping at the French line. The French returned fire and the battle was on. After a few minutes of fighting the Loyalist Commander Steve Shore, asked the British Regulars (16th Regiment of Foote), commanded by William Hardage, to come up and support the Loyalist position. With muskets loaded the



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16th advanced up to the edge of the woods and gave a volley into the French Line. The French line was stunned by the volley, but held its ground. The Loyalist men put themselves on the left and right wings of the 16th Foote and began an advance on the French. The French line began to fall back up on the Ridge right in front of their camp. The French and British Forces fired volley after volley into each other. Finally, the 16th Foote fixed Bayonets, said "Huzzah,"



and made one final attempt to drive back the French. At first it started to drive the French back, but a French Cannon on the right flank was too much for the

British forces. Slowly the British forces retired into the woods with good order, firing volley after volley at the French. The British thinking the French may attempt to drive the British out of the woods setup a defensive position, but the French did not come, so both sides decided on a ceasefire and the battle was over. After the battle the reenactors took pictures, cleared muskets, and talked with the public about the battle, and the rest of the event was very laid back. Most of the reenactors took this time to clean their muskets and enjoy the beautiful day.

On Sunday, there were two main activities going on: Fire making and Tomahawk throwing. The Fire making completion



was exciting to see someone making fire and blowing on it in your hands. It almost seemed like a scene from Cast Away when Tom Hanks made fire. The winner of this completion was Steve Shore. The next completion was Tomahawk. A person got 10

throws and whoever had the most stick won. Steve Shore stuck 8 out of 10, but when Reed Kirkman came up from Texas, he stuck 10 out of 10, we had a new champion! After the Tomahawk completion, we had an awards ceremony, winner of the Smoothbore shooting was Jimmy Walker and the Rifle winner was Ed Williams. Congrats to all the winners! The weekend was awesome, beautiful weather and a "Good Group of Guys and Gals." The event has already been schedule for April 4-6th 2014. The next colonial event will be at The HAM July 4th and the next big Colonial event will be Battle of Baton Rouge 1779 at the Historic Auburn Site in Louisiana. Hope to see you soon!

Cpl. W. Hardage
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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.

QUICK THANKS

A quick and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who helped setting up camp at for Pam and Denise Woolly Hollow. Ms. Pam was a little under the weather that day and wanted to make sure that everyone knew how much she appreciated their help.

What a great weekend at Woolly. Thanks to the great keelboat crew.
Ed Williams

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.

MAY 2013

- 2-5 – Pioneer Days**, Garland County – Hot Springs, AR
- 3-5 – Rendezvous at Pomme de Terre Lake Damsite, MO.** Black powder shoot; hawk contest, etc.
- 4-5 – Open House - Pioneer Village**, Searcy, AR
- 10-12 – Trade Days at Cadron**
- 11 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron**
- 11 - Historic Arkansas Museum Spring Faire.**
Contact Ed (501-944-0736 / ed_laurine@juno.com) for more information.
- 16-19 – Saline County Voo**
- 17-19 – Rendezvous at Rockaway Beach, MO**
- 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

- 8 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron.** Undetermined event at this time
- 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).
- 13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron.** Undetermined event at this time
- 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

- 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@cr.tla.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, sherrman@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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