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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

We wish everyone a wonderful, safe and happy New Year and hope to see you at 12th Night at Cadron. We will be having a "dirty Santa" gift exchange so don't forget to bring a gift to throw in the pile if you'd like to participate in this FUN activity.

We will also be having a pot luck on Saturday night as well. You can come there and camp if you'd like or sleep in the "ghostly" block house (if you can sleep with the snoring going on! LOL) It is always a GREAT time so hope to see you there. The date is the weekend of the 10th (Saturday) but I bet there will be folks there Friday. It doesn't matter what the weather is, we keep warm and dry in the block house.

PETIT JEAN

I think this was the 17th or 18th encampment at Petit Jean state park. Wow, what a wonderful event this always is. We had fewer camps this year than is "usual" but we had several traders and the weather cooperated and we had lots of interested public wander through. Several of our "regulars" were off in the nether parts as James Thompson and Teresa Lafferty had to go to Texas to No-Name City vouts to drum up some business for the SWRR. The Reedys weren't there as Tom had to work.

John Paul and Cindy Jordon were up from Louisiana with their grandson Landon, and as usual JP cooked a bunch of good things and did his wood carving and demo'd shooting for the park with his muzzle loader. Landon had his picture in the paper on Thursday but I didn't get to see a copy of it. I hope JP will send me a copy for the ST.

Glenn Cook and his Mini-Me Corrie Cook Edge were there, as well as his brother Keith, David Howlett and Andrew "Burnt Rod" Hooper camped, but I came home every night to sleep in a warm bed and take care of the critters. Tina, Jason and James Cathey were there and we all enjoyed Ms Tina's GREAT cooking. On Saturday night the park furnished us 3 cooked turkeys and we all pot lucked with more food than we could find tables for.

RJ Stanley was there with his son Eric, and his daughter Gwen and her husband Keith Armbrust were there as well. Gwen has taken over the office of treasurer for EARA and is getting things all ship shape, which we appreciate very much.

Carol and Heather and I hawked the quilt raffle tickets to everyone there, and I don't think I missed one of the public that walked through. David said I scared them so bad they had to buy tickets. We Got J. P and Cindy's grandson, Landon to pick the ticket for the wonderful queen sized pre-1840 correct design and material quilt. It was won by someone in Little Rock named Billye Burke. I think the final tally of sales was 358 tickets and \$469 cleared after paying for the materials. Thanks again to all the folks that contributed time and effort for this great quilt.

Clayton and Wabi were there from Oklahoma and he brought his blacksmithing tools to demonstrate for the public. Always glad to see him as he keeps up the smithy going all day. Keeps on pumping that huge bellows and keeps the iron hot!

We picked up several new members and passed out flyers for the SWRR.

The public seemed to enjoy the many activities we had for the kids including stories and hawk throwing.

The board had a meeting and discussed quite a bit of business for the club.

Glenn also roasted and consumed an entire rabbit over the camp fire. Actually, it was a baby rabbit though. I had a doe have babies the night it was 16 degrees and they froze so I froze them for catfish bait. So, you know how twisted my sense of humor is, and so I took some to the event to roast on a squirrel cooker. Glenn did the honors and said it actually tasted good. "Just like rabbit." Which is proof that Glenn will do anything for a laugh.

WOOD SPLITTING PARTY AT HEIFER CREEK FARM

For those of you who didn't make it to this par-tae you missed a great time! Tina Cathy joined David and me, Tom Reedy and James Thompson and Teresa Lafferty. We split and stacked about 3 cords of wood---that's cords guys, NOT ricks. Great mostly oak wood and the splitter and our "bucket brigade" to the stack worked great and the work was easy. The only injury we had was Teresa dropped a log on her big toe which is BLUE under the nail.

Tina and Teresa brought wonderful cookies and the best soup I have ever eaten. SWEET POTATO soup! Never thought about that but I will cook that often from here on out. It is as good cold as hot. Teresa also demonstrated "arm knitting" where you use your arms as "needles" and she made me a scarf out of some wool yarn I had. It's amazing what folks from EARA come up with!

From the count of cords of wood that will be needed for the SWRR, it looks like we are approaching nearly enough. That is sure a big job but many hands make light work.

EARA PROFILES

This is a series of articles giving information about our members so we can get to know each other better... so let's introduce ourselves and get better acquainted. When you

see someone at an event that you don't know, go up and stick your hand out and give them a howdy'do!

James and Tina Cathey

James and Tina Cathey live in Heber Springs. James met Tina when he was stationed in Germany in the service and brought her to the US. Their tall handsome son Jason is also an active EARA member and is in the National Guard. James and Tina started Vows-ing in 1993 or so, and have been active EARA members for quite some time.

Tina's wonderful German cooking is a special favorite with everyone in the camp and she cooks big wonderful dishes to share with everyone, and lots of camp dogs flock to her tent, plate or bowl in hand and there always seems to be enough and more to feed the hungry group. Tina has one of the best and biggest "camp kitchens" of anyone I've seen.

Tina also has many skills including knitting (European style) and is a willing teacher of anyone who wants to learn.

You may see James around wearing a black watch kilt and smoking a 3 ft long clay pipe, and he is always ready to help anyone who needs a hand.

James drives a truck long haul, and for the moment Tina is a housewife, but plans to go back to work soon as a truck driver herself.

If you haven't met these wonderful EARA member go up to them and say "howdy!"

John Paul and Cindy Jordon

John Paul and "Miss" Cindy Jordon (pronounced Jer-don) hale from Louisiana and have been members of EARA for quite a few years, though Woolly and Petit Jean are usually the only yearly meetings they are able to attend. We first met them years ago, can't remember how many, but a bunch, at Petit Jean.

JP has his own business and fixes and installs computer operated machine tools. Cindy has become an RN and works in a specialty clinic. They have one daughter Lori, and one grandson Landon and another grandchild, a girl who is due in March so they may not be able to make the Woolly vows this year.

JP is an enthusiastic member and has a great many skills including cooking and has made some wonderful dishes through the years. This Thanksgiving he made fried pies of meat and some of blueberry.

JP has also taken up wood carving and has become very skilled and demonstrates this at the Petit Jean and Woolly vows.

Cindy is great at cooking as well and keeping Landon occupied and fed.

JP is also a big LSU fan and is in for a "hiding" and a "skinning" anytime Arkansas beats them, but he takes it in stride because he expects it from his "loving friends" in EARA.

One of my favorite memories of any EARA meeting or camp included JP. I had asked him to keep his mouth shut about something and offered to "kis your arse any time and any place" if he would comply. Well, he named the time and the place, at Pinnacle vows. I had schemed and plotted on how I was going to do this and keep my word, but not ACTUALLY kis his arse...so about a week before the appointed date, I

came up with the brilliant way to do it. I had a donkey named Lavern, and a donkey is an ASS so if HE owned Lavern then I could kiss her and keep my word to kiss his arse.

So David and I hitched up Lavern and took her to the vous at Pinnacle and after the public left we had two weddings and between the two weddings we had the "great arse kissing" event.

I presented this big scroll presenting the donkey to JP and he tried to refuse the gift but Tom Reedy said he couldn't refuse a gift, so after the donkey "belonged" to JP I kissed her on the rump in front of our 100 closest friends to the amusement of all concerned.

Later JP said he told the story to his minister father who laughed so hard he almost wet his pants. JP still calls me "Smoochie."

2015 EVENTS

January 10th is our "12th Night at the Cadron Block house." This wonderful get together is a yearly event. Plan on bringing a gift for the "dirty Santa exchange. EARA will provide the meat and everyone else bring a side dish or desert. If you'd like to camp on the grounds or sleep in the "haunted" block house from Thursday on through the weekend come on. Pot luck will be 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call Teresa Lafferty Misshattie 501-247-6466

Jan 30 Colonial Days at Cadron Ed Williams 501-944-0736

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"
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.

April 16-19 Woolly Hollow Voo Tom Reedy 501-679-1636 (no email)

March 18 Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

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
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April 10-12

Attention all Mountain Men and Women: I would like to invite everyone to next year's Scout-o-Rama April 10-12. This event is free to all. It shows 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. This will be held at Spring Lake Park in Texarkana, Texas. 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

May 9 HAMM Glenn Cook 501-941-7910/350-6640

May 28-31 Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsh Kimery 501-860-3686

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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
cmacharliegir1@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 501-941-7917/501-350-6640

Dec. 6 Christmas at HAMM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736
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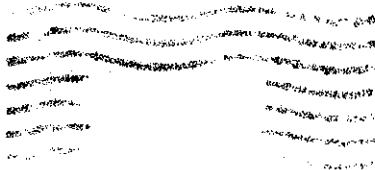
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