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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to the Editor. Thanks!

**VERY SPECIAL EVENT**

The **LEAD HILL community** one-time 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary event November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> is one of the more interesting places in Arkansas and the town and county are planning their events around us, with a parade and a great vous site!. Mr. Glenn went up

along with Corey Edge to visit with the promoters who are great historians and have written several books about the area. They will also be paying EARA a substantial honorarium for our group so we **NEED AT LEAST 25 CAMPS. PLEASE** make a commitment to attend this event. They are really gearing up for a great time and this will give us some great publicity. We are trying to get a nice article in the *Democrat-Gazette* for this event.

There were lead and zinc mines in the area in the years before the 1920s. Actually the person who invented the "roller coaster" got the idea from Lead Hill, where they took the mine carts, put a track down the hills and people would hold on tight (no safety barriers) and roll free wheeling down the hills to the bottom and then the carts were towed back to the top by mules.

When the big lake up there was built, the town was where the water would wipe out the houses, so the people put them on trucks and moved them up the hills. The movers had a contest to see who could move a house up the hill without spilling a glass of water sitting on the dining room table. The losers had to buy drinks for the winners.

## **NOVEMBER 2014**

**1 – Searcy Pioneer Village.** Call Melinda LaFavers

**1 – Old Washington Fall Civil War Days.** Call Washington St. Pk.  
**7, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> LEAD HILL, SEE ARTICLE above**

**22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, WOODCUTTING AT JOYCE'S FARM FOR SWRR** contact Joyce at 501-551-7556, there will be sleeping accommodations and a big pot of chili, so bring an appetite, your chain saw if you have one, gloves, and a strong back. The farm is located 30 miles north west of Conway, take the Plummerville exit, go right on hwy 92, until it T's into Hwy 9 then go left for ½ mile, turn left on to HEIFERCREEK ROAD, go about 3/8 of a mile and turn in the cattle guard on your left (the only place to

**turn left on that road) and drive down past the trees. You can not see the house from the road, the mail box has sign "288"**

**27-30 - Petit Jean Mountain Voo.** Petit Jean State Park. Call Glenn Cook  
501-350-6640

### **DECEMBER 2014**

**7 - Christmas at HAM.** Sunday only. Call Glenn Cook  
501-941-7917

**19-24<sup>th</sup>** December 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. **St. Francis River Encampment,** Shoot, and Keelboat float. Encampment and shoot (rifle and smoothbore) will be at the Mississippi River State Park, located between Marianna and Helena-West Helena. Time period is 1766 to 1815. The weekend will be the encampment and shoot, followed by a two to three day float down the St. Francis River to Helena-West Helena. All boats are welcome to join the Keelboat "Aux Arc." Contact Tara Gillanders at the Park ([870-295-4040](tel:870-295-4040); [tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov](mailto:tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov)) or Ed ([501-944-0736](tel:501-944-0736); [ed\\_laurine@juno.com](mailto:ed_laurine@juno.com)).

### **2015 EVENTS**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 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. Either contact the Park at [870-685-2748](tel:870-685-2748) or Ed Williams ([501-944-0736](tel:501-944-0736)) ([ed\\_laurine@juno.com](mailto:ed_laurine@juno.com)).

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## **KEEL BOAT KNEWS**

To All from Ed Williams

Due to having to build a new pole barn for the keelboat and to repair the hull, the time will be better spent in December on these projects. So, the keelboat float down the St. Francis River is Canceled.

The event at Clarksville, TN, the 3rd week of November is still on. I plan to leave on Friday and have room.

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### **Heard over the fence**

#### **Leslie was a RAIN-da-voo**

Leslie is one of the most friendly venues EARA has ever had and I was really disappointed that it was set to STORM all weekend and into the next week. Yea, I know "You're getting old and don't like rain, sleet, or tornadoes when you're at an event any more...what a wuss you are!" LOL

David and I did go up for a day trip on Saturday afternoon. The rain had slacked off some and we went around talking to folks at the different camps. Due mostly to the weather, attendance was down for this third Annual event, but folks were enjoying themselves mightily! Some of the folks we saw there were (and if I missed anyone please forgive me) Tim Richardson, Larry Layne, Shine and Jenifer Johnson and the girls, Larry and Mary Thompson, Carol and Heather Fritz, Glenn Cook and daughter Corey Edge, James and Sharon Ross and James Cody who is now (can you believe it )14 and taller than granny, Lorrie Bennet, Tina Cathy and Son, Matt Bell and Robert

who were Adventurer crew there from Texarkana, Teresa and Steve Flemming. Keith Cook, Glenn's brother, was also there, but hauled out Saturday night after the pot luck which had some great dishes to go along with the chicken that the group provided.

The town provides a trophy for the best camp, and Allen Powell and "Cat House" Frankie won that trophy. Laurie "5 Beavers Bennett" won the cooking contest with a pork pot pie, Heather Fritz won second with a hot potato Salad and Corey Edge and Andrew "Burnt rod" won third with an egg dish.

When we left out about 9:30 p.m. if David had not insisted we take the 4WD truck we would be stuck in the mud there yet! James "No Nose" Thompson and Teresa Lafferty ("Miss hattie") spent Sunday night at our house and they said everyone got out okay though. We sat up until the wee hours visiting around the table drinking decaf coffee.

## **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!**

**"segundo" (not sure how that is spelled, but it means "second in command" of the event.)**

### **William Hardage, our web site administrator**

I asked William to send me a profile and I was very much impressed with the one he sent. I've never actually met William, but I interact by E mail fairly often. William is an internet GURU and I'm an "Internet for dummies" kind of gal..so here is William's profile.

I am 29 years old and have been reenacting since 1995. Started reenacting as a Civil War Soldier in the 9th Arkansas. Became the Captain of the group in 2004 and have been doing that since. Recently, back in April 2014, I was promoted to Major with the re-created 1st Kansas Colored Infantry out of Camden Arkansas and have started a small Federal battalion of three companies of infantry and one gun.

Around 2005, I got into WWII and WWI reenacting and still do that on the side, and was one of the Founding fathers of the Southern World War II Reenactor Association. In 2006-2007, I met Ed Williams at a Civil War event and he told me about the EARA and what they do, so I showed up as French Marine with Ed at the Lake Dardanelle event. After going to the 2008, 250th Battle of Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York, after that event I was hooked into 18th Century reenacting.

When I was a kid, I loved British Redcoats, anything that had a movie with them in it I did it. I would go to the second hand store and buy Red Wool Dress coats and would put blue and yellow facings on them and march around the woods pretending I was redcoat. My mom and dad live right next door to the Ouachita Mountains and I can remember me and best friend building forts on the creeks and having battles with the Indians and French (the neighbors down the road) for control on the river. I remember one of the last few big battles ending up catching one of the forts on fire when some body's bottle rocket landed right into some dry pine needles.

In 2009, I started reenacting as a British Redcoat, then in 2010, I started the 16th Regiment of Foote that was historical stationed in 1768 to 1783 from the other side of the Mississippi River to Pensacola, FL. The group has gone from 1 to fielding up to 7 soldiers. I have really enjoyed doing this and hope to see Revolutionary War reenacting to grow more in and outside the state.

P.S. As you know I do the website for EARA and enjoy doing so. If you have questions or like to see added in let me know.

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