

Shinnin' Times

EARLY ARKANSAS REENACTORS ASSOCIATION

Happy 25th Birthday EARA and Shinnin' Times!!!!

Well we are a quarter of a century old this month. 25 years ago we published Issue Volume 1 Number 1 of the Shinnin' Times as a newsletter for a new group to promote history interpretation and events. The rest of this issue will be a trip through our past with excerpts from previous issues. Enjoy the trip through memory lane.

EARA Picnic

The picnic will be at the same location we used last year. The big Maumelle pavilion at Pinnacle Mountain state park. It is located at the boat dock down from the visitor center. Email or me if you need directions and they will be posted on Facebook. April Goff 501-590-2583 or email april.goff@arkansas.gov. (The tables will be disinfected beforehand)

Updates!! 1

The Shinnin' Times is going all digital.

Calendar 2

This will be the last print issue. Due to rising costs for supplies, equipment, and postage we will be emailing out a pdf copy of the newsletter and posting it on the webpage and Facebook.

Shinnin through the years. 3-6

Tid Bits 7

EARA Book Sale!!! The EARA book sale announced in a previous issue will be happening at the EARA picnic this August. I will have the items there for everyone to look at and purchase. Many issues of Muzzle-loader Magazine from back in the day and assorted other books and publications. Please bring some smaller bills as I will only have so much change.

Officers 8

EARA 2020 Event Schedule

Jan 11 12th Night Christmas Party 10 am until Idlewild House Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

Jan 25-26 Defense of Cadron Colonial Event at Cadron State Park, Conway Ed Williams 501-944-0736

Feb 14-16 Five Trail's Voo Historic Washington St. Park Lori Bennett 903-306-7781

March 6-7 White Oak Voo White Oak State Park Ed Williams 502-944-0736

(**March 14-22** ** SWRR Henderson, TX at Two Ball's Farm Jan Kitlinger 940-867-7432)

April 3-5 Saline Crossing Voo Benton, AR Doyle Richey 501-860-2544/Marsh Kimmerly 501-8603686

April 3 Keelboat Event at Lyon's College Scottish Festival Ed Williams 501-944-0736

Cancelled!! April 18-19 Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736

Cancelled!! Apr 17-19* Woolly Hollow Voo Woolly Hollow State Park Tom Reedy 501-679-1636 Tinker 501-351-0561

Cancelled!! May 15-17 Annual Pioneer Days Event: May 15th & 16th. (Friday and Saturday)

Venue: Educational Programming for Public NOTE: Setup on Thursday, May 14th and Break-Down on Sunday, May 17th. Norfolk, AR Call Tom Reedy 501-679-1636

June 5-7 Bennett's Wildcat Voo Billy's at Jordan, AR Billy/Cathey Bennett 8702972269/2547187410

July 4th Cancelled!! Celebration at HAM Scott & 6th St Downtown LR Ed Williams 501-944-0736

(**July 16-18**** MOJAM Marshall, MO City Park James 'Nonose' Thompson 501-860-2547)

Aug 8 Ice Cream Social Carol's Porch Call Carol Fritts at 501-3501706

Aug 22* Annual EARA Picnic and meeting

Sept 25-27 Soggy Bottoms Hist. Wash. State Park —Lori Bennett 903-306-7781

(**Oct 3**** Sorghum Cook off/Fall Festival Scott Ed Williams 501-944-0736

Oct 9-11 Leslie Voo Derk/Sherry Hettrick

(Ft. Critter's Voo Oct 16-18** Call Dianne Estrata 903-665-1672 David Pilgrin 903-276-8169/903-227-8302)

November 6-7 Wolf House Rendezvous November 6th & 7th (Friday and Saturday)

Venue: Educational Programming for Public NOTE: Setup on Thursday, November 5th and Break-Down on Sunday, November 8th. Norfolk, AR Call Tom Reedy 501-679-1636

Nov 26-29* Petite Jean Voo Petite Jean State Park Call April Goff 501-590-2583

Dec 6 HAM Christmas Folic Scott & 6th HAM Museum Call Ed Williams 501-944-0736

* 3 required meetings per EARA bylaws per year for club

** Not EARA events

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EDITION OF YOUR
NEWSLETTER!**

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information.)*

**SHINNIN' TIMES IS
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INTERESTED IN THE LIVING
HISTORY SPIRIT AND
ACTIVITIES OF
BUCKSKINNIN'.**

We hope you will join us!

How many times have each of us said that we wished we had known about a certain living history weekend, rendezvous, or other doin' that happened and we didn't know about it until afterwards - or at least too late to get there? What we have needed is some sort of communication rather than "smoke signals" and phone calls. Some of us got missed, and I can't read smoke signals!

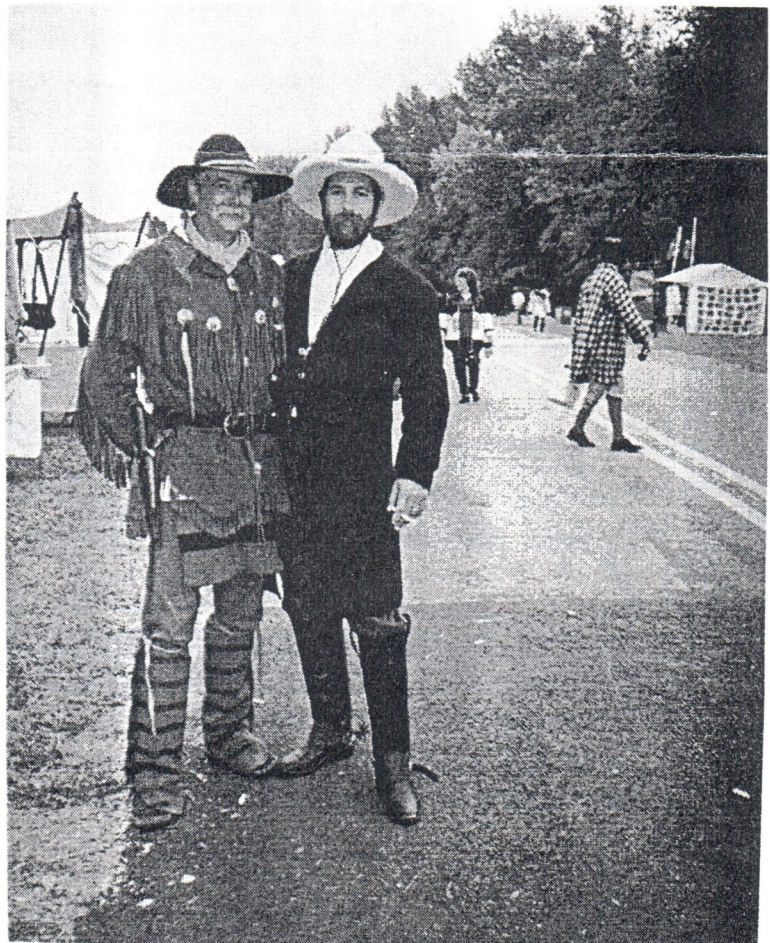
Well, I have found this nice woman, Gayle Donahue, who knows how to put together and get out a newsletter. It's her business. Also, her husband, Gene is almost a "skinner". He puts together and shoots smoke poles.

With the sponsorship of the Pulaski County Long Rifles, our plans are to publish once a month and provide a calendar of upcoming events, with dates, times, contact person, etc.

We also plan to write about the doin's and encourage everyone to send in an article about events in their areas. So, if you want to keep up with "whuz happenin' "... sign-up, and let us know about your doin's.

Moon

1996 "Moon" First EARA President



**"Moon" and Pete hangin' out at Pinnacle
Mountian! But who is Ed lookin' at!!!**

2002

CAMP DOG

Here are a few thoughts from a Camp Dog. Most men who come to camp have their own food but men are lazy when it comes to cooking. It is only natural to gather around a campfire and when someone ask them to eat, they do. If you don't want to feed

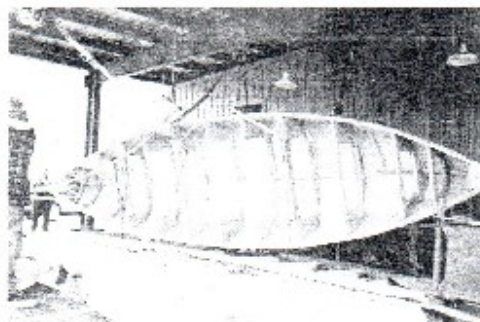
them then don't ask. It is not being rude to eat without asking any one to join you, they know you have probably brought just enough to feed your camp. If you ask them to eat and they do they might leave their dishes but that doesn't mean you have to wash them, leave them and they will clean them the next day. When you are at some ones home and they start to prepare food then you leave but at camp you don't. If you don't ask them to eat they might ask to use your fire and fix their own food. I see people fixing meals all the time and no one expects to be fed, they might beg coffee but most of the time that is all. Most of the time we just want your fine company so don't get so upset, just have a good time.

CHUCK (TRIPOD) MARTIN

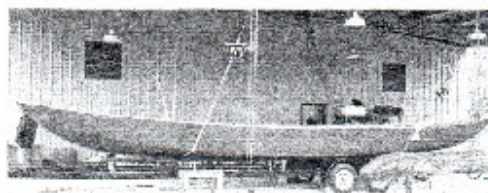
2004

Keelboat Update

We meet most Sunday's, 1-5PM, at the Plantation Agricultural Museum in Scott, Arkansas. Call Ed Williams, 501-666-4304, to verify workdays. The keelboat has been turned upright and onto the trailer. Now we are building the deck and cabin. Things should move quickly now, with a plan to launch in late April or May.



The keelboat was hoisted up and pulled over



The keelboat is turned and onto the trailer

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Arkansas

EARA's Louisiana Purchase
school program - May 16, 2003



Mr. Dunbar (Ed Williams) talks keelboat



Chuck Martin describes firearms

2008



Memories of the recreation of the Hunter Dunbar Expedition down the Ouachita River in Louisiana during December, 2007

Ed and Laurine pose for the camera on the riverbank at Monroe, Louisiana



Tripod Martin demonstrating a "shoot gun" for the public.



Group Picture (L to R) Laurine, Mary, Larry, Harvey, Bob, Robert the Younger, Ed, Andrew, Norajean, Person unknown, Earl, Robert the Older, Tim:

Photo submitted by Tim Richardson

2012 Excerpt from “Medicine in the woods “

MEDICINE IN THE WOODS Vinegar (Part 1) DISCLAIMER: All tips, hints and ideas are used at own risk. If you use Vinegar for cleaning, it doesn't matter what kind you use, except Brown (cider) Vinegar will stain porous materials. So use vinegar wisely!! GARDEN: • Grow beautiful azaleas: Occasionally water plants with a mixture of 2 Tab. vinegar to 1 qt. water. Azaleas love acidic soil. • Kill grass on walks and driveways. Pour full strength on unwanted grass. • Kill weeds. Spray full strength on growth until plants have starved. • Increase soil acidity. In hard water areas, add a cup of vinegar to a gallon of tap water for watering acid loving plants like rhododendrons, gardenias, or azaleas. The vinegar will release iron in the soil for the plants to use. • Freshen cut flowers. Add 2 Tab. vinegar and 1 tsp. sugar for each quart of water. • Prolong the life of flowers in a vase. Add 2 Tab. vinegar plus 3 Tab. sugar per quart of warm water. Stems should be in three to four inches of water. • Neutralize garden lime. Rinse your hands liberally with vinegar after working with garden lime to avoid rough and flaking skin. Clean pots before repotting, rinse with vinegar to remove excess lime. BUGS AND ANIMALS: • Fish bowl cleaner. Eliminate that ugly deposit in the gold fish tank by rubbing it with a cloth dipped in vinegar and rinsing well. • Eliminate animal urine stains from carpet. Blot up urine with a soft cloth, flush several times with lukewarm water, then apply a mixture of equal parts vinegar and cool water. Blot up, rinse, and let dry. • Deter ants. Spray vinegar around door & window frames, under appliances, and along other known ant trails. • Remove skunk odor from a dog. Rub fur with full strength vinegar; rinse. • Keep cats away. Sprinkle vinegar on an area to discourage cats from walking, sleeping, or scratching on it. • Keep dogs from scratching ears. Clean the inside of the ears with a soft cloth dipped in diluted vinegar. • Keep away fleas and mange. Add a little vinegar to your pet's drinking water. • Keep chickens from pecking each other. Add cider vinegar to their drinking water. • Clean milking equipment. Rinse with vinegar to leave system clean, odorless, and bacteria free without harmful chemical residue. MISCELLANEOUS: • Use vinegar in the steam cleaner to reduce soap bubbles. • Mix vinegar with linseed oil and use it to clean your wood. • Clean eyeglasses by wiping each lens with a drop of vinegar. • Soak new propane lantern wicks in vinegar for several hours. Let dry before using. Will burn longer and brighter. • Deodorize the air. Vinegar is a natural air freshener when sprayed in a room. • Turn a chicken bone into rubber by soaking it in a glass of vinegar for three days. It will bend like rubber.

2016 “My first Issue” Future Renedezvousers



Info from the Treasurer (and Membership Chair)

At our last board meeting, we discussed a lot of items that might interest you.

First of all, we voted on a slight change in when membership is due - beginning in January 2021, all memberships will be due in January. How does that affect you? If you are up to date on your membership as of the board meeting, your membership will be due the following January. So if your membership dues are due October of 2020, we are extending your membership so your dues will be due January of 2021. If your membership dues were paid as of July 2020, your next membership will be due January 2022. What does this mean for new members? There will be no prorating of memberships; no matter what month you join, membership due date will be January. If you need to get your dues to the club in a hurry, you can mail them directly to me at my home address: 2562 Nubbin Hill Rd, Leslie, 72645 - we still have the P.O. box, but I don't get to LR often, so your dues may have a delay.

Speaking of dues - what do yours go for? The first thing in most people's mind is "newsletter", which does pay for, but that's not all (and we are encouraging electronic newsletters, as there is no "free" printing). Other things it pays for: education, supplies for EARA sponsored events, meat for EARA potluck dinners, education, flyers, business cards, hooters...the list goes on. Your timely dues are greatly appreciated!!

The second item of interest is regarding the education fund. What education fund you might ask? We do have money that is designated for education. If you find a class that concerns our time period, and can advance your skill or can teach you a new skill, bring the details to the education committee chair -

Glenn Cook - your request will be reviewed and voted on.

The third item is a suggestion for a "New Member Packet" - which will contain contacts for skills, "vous on a budget" ideas, and references. What was your go to source when you first started? Do you have hints, tips, tricks for newcomers? Would you be willing to be a mentor for a new member?

The next item is regarding Volunteer insurance, which is one of the things that your membership dues pay for. Volunteer insurance covers you in case someone (a visitor) gets hurt as a direct result of your actions. Example - you have a fire at your cooksite, with a nice hot stew cooking; a visitor touches that hot pot, gets burned, has to go to the emergency room, and decides it's all your fault - the Volunteer insurance is going to help. That is why you need to sign in AT EACH EVENT.

A new Facebook group has been started for EARA members only. The original FB group was started to provide information to the public - to help educate, what we do, our events, and other helpful information for non EARA members. The new group will be for direct communication to and with EARA members. If you have not already joined, please submit a request to join to the group "EARA Members Only" or send a request directly to me. We will still be communicating through the Shinnin' Times, but as most members have access to FB, we thought this might be a "quick" way communicate.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments!

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To submit information for the events, recipes, tips and resources and any other items for the newsletter contact Editor April Goff at april.goff@arkansas.gov or call 501-590-2583

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