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WINTER NEWSLETTER

Hello the Lodge! Wishing you all the warmest, family-filled holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Registration is open for all of our 2026 events! Need a gift for that hard-to-figure-out, special person in your life? How about a pre-registration to one of our events? Head on over to www.nrlhf.org OR for your ease of use, print the preregistration forms at the end of this newsletter!

Your NRLHF Board of Directors are actively seeking new Rendezvous sites – especially for the Northeastern...If you have a site possibility, please reach out to a board member. Don't know who that is? Click here: <https://www.nrlhf.org/foundation-info>.

2026 NRLHF SOUTHEASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS

April 10-17, 2026

Reavis Family Farm

297 Reavis Road

Yadkinville, NC 27055

Ronnie Willis, Booshway

336-521-5461

ronald_willis@hotmail.com

The 2025 event was held April 10-17, 2025 at Fort Mitchell, Alabama located at 561 AL-165, Fort Mitchell, AL 36856. Jim Turley, Booshway, ran an awesome rendezvous and a fine time was had by all – here are a few pics to recap:



Photo by Vivian Rowe



Photo by Greg Bagshaw



Photo by Dan Nesbit

In 2026 Ronnie Willis will be taking the helm as the event heads back to Yadkinville, NC to the Reavis Family Farm running April 10-17. Ronnie and his team have already started cutting wood! Time is flying and it is time to get those preregistrations in! Click here for more info:

<https://www.nrlhf.org/2026-southeastern-primitive-rendezvous>



2026 NRLHF CORPS OF DISCOVERY

May 13-17, 2026

Krepps Covered Bridge Field

5 Covered Bridge Rd

McDonald, PA 15057

Don Ricetti - 724 622-0599 -

Segundo98@earthlink.net



The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundations (NRLHF) will be hosting the 21th annual Corps of Discovery teaching event starting Wednesday, May 13 through Sunday, May, 17, 2026. Due to an added day, plus rising costs, preregistration fees were raised for our 2026 event to \$30 for NMLRA members and \$35 for non-members. Paying at the gate costs will be \$35 for NMLRA members and \$40 for non-members.

NRLHF Corps of Discovery is a great way for those interested in getting started to attend. We are slightly more relaxed in historical accuracy than other Rendezvous. We also try to add something new each year for those of our long-time participants! This year we have contacted a local history organization to come and speak with us on local forts in the area – with one just down the road! We hope you will find Corps a compelling idea and attend – our past newbies and grey beards alike have greatly enjoyed it! NRLHF Corps of Discovery is free to the public, visiting hours will be 10:00am-4:30pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and closed to the public on Sunday. More info and preregistrations forms can be found:

<https://www.nrlhf.org/2025-corps-of-discovery>



2026 OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS (ONWTPR)

June 26 - July 3, 2026

*Located in Friendship, IN, with a physical
address:*

7436 South Co Road 575 East

Versailles, IN, 47042

Chris "Panda" Peterson - Booshway

937 407-4284

c.h.peterson9311@gmail.com



The NRLHF is excited to announce that the Old Northwest will be held at the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association's grounds in Friendship, Indiana! Click here for more info:

<https://www.nrlhf.org/2025-old-northwest-primitive-rendezvous>



The 2025 Old Northwest Territories Primitive Rendezvous was held at the Hidden Hollow Camp near Lodi, OH. While 90+ degrees temperatures hit camp, everyone made do - whether they escaped to a nearby restaurant to enjoy some much-needed air conditioning or sitting in front of a huge fan brought in by NRLHF Board Chairman Gary Flegal. When the weather gives you lemons, sometimes you just have to make some lemonade...or ICE CREAM!

Photo by Andy Huey

2026 NORTHEASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS

July 24-Aug 1, 2026

2911 Stoney Run Road

Sugar Grove, PA 16350

Bonnie Curry - Booshway

bcurry4@verizon.net

(814) 688-4021



Photo by Russell Buck

The 2025 Northeastern Primitive Rendezvous to be held again in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. It is a wonderful site with nice views whichever direction you look. Bonnie Curry will be taking over as Booshway. A note from Bonnie "I am so excited to be able to start planning. I am a communicator and a very much planner. I have been the Sec /Tres of the Garland Ridge Runners Muzzleloader Club since 2006, and main person to do most of everything at the club. I run the shoots. And 2 major fundraisers for our Club each year. I prefer texting if I can get away with it or messenger as I would notice that right away. Email not so much. I will check it more often, but texting is better."

More information and preregistrations forms can be found: <https://www.nrlhf.org/2025-northeastern-primitive-rendezvous>





2026 EASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS (EPR)

September 25 - October 3, 2026

2787 Lakes Corners-Rose Valley Rd

Clyde, NY 14433

Edwina Czadzeck - Booshway

315 548-2516

gwinnie8@yahoo.com

Can anyone believe it will be the 50th EPR in 2026? The event is in very good hands with the Czadzeck family taking the reins.

The 49th annual Eastern Primitive Rendezvous was held on the Independent Mountain Men of PA's (IMMoP) property near Emlenton, PA from September 26 through October 3, 2025. The site was mowed by long-time member and president of the IMMoP, Ed Kavulic who also assisted with some of the preliminary set up for the Eastern. Thank you to the IMMoP and to Ed for all of his hard work in helping the National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation (NRLHF)! It was an outstanding week of clear skies, little to no wind and spectacular sunrises and sunsets on the rolling hills in Pennsylvania.

Special thanks to Booshway George Fischer who put together a wonderful staff including Isaiah Czadzeck as Segundo and Luke Czadzeck as Scribe – these two gentlemen worked their butts off delivering ice, picking up trash and being the Booshway's right hand men. Greeting you upon arrival with a smile was Gate Captain Dianna Gatz – who managed the gates for each of the NRLHF events in 2025.



The range was run by Vennie Hotchkiss and many a shot could be heard throughout the week. Dakota Kelly and Noah Czadzeck worked hard to put together an exciting Hawk and Knife course. The archery course was run by Jeff and Carol Brodbeck and it was quite the hit. All of our competitors during the Eastern were quite happy with the challenges each range provided.

Other activities during the Eastern included Ladies Tea and Ladies Games run by Juanita Smith and Claire Moore. Claire also handled and ran seminars. Ladies' tea was centered around the

Monarch butterfly. Juanita explained "Our theme is monarch butterflies because last year I brought home a cocoon that had attached itself to my table - I carefully removed it placed it in my cup holder and attached it to a stick when I got home, and it hatched it into a butterfly." The men couldn't be outdone and had their own "stink bug social".

Children – and we had 18 youth – had fun and games each day with candy, candy and even more candy! The games were run by our ladies of fun: Hannah Czadzeck, Edwina Czadzeck and Kathy Huey. While maybe not quite as fun, Carrie Ann Coldwell ran the weekday school. Highland Games were coordinated by Kim "Hawk" Trytten – who may or may not have accepted one too many "bribes." The IMMoP log cabin hosted evening activities of card playing, spirited conversation, and wonderful music and was overseen by Andy Huey and Jimmy Postlethwait. Mark "Ditto" Adamik kept a close eye on camp as Captain of the Watch.

One of the Eastern's highlights was Sunday morning church service officiated by Ron Yost. Parson Jim Burow retired last year and was lifted up in prayer for his past service.

A new memory created! Emery Harriger and Gerry Haskins met up at the Eastern - Emery has the knife from the very first EPR in 1977 and Gerry who has been to every single Eastern and is the last one still to attend for the entire event. Gerry has a hide -which he tanned himself - that was used as a record and was signed by each person who attended since the beginning. Lots of fantastic history here!



All in all – the 2025 Eastern Primitive Rendezvous was fun filled with amazing weather and a wonderful feeling of like-minded camaraderie – a real community developed. Definitely shinin' times! If you missed it, make plans to join the fun September 25 – October 2, 2026 at 2787 Lakes Corners Rose Valley Road, Clyde, NY 14433.

THE TIDES ARE CHANGING!

Shinin' Times are happening again, our numbers are increasing and with the America's 250 Celebration, we're getting an uptick of interest in folks looking to start out! We'd like to invite anyone who left because of previous decisions or politics (aren't we all sick of *politics*?). Allow the past to be the past and come back – we are a much-improved organization.

BLUE JACKET 2024 GRAND WINNER

Gary Flegel, the Board Chairmen presented the Blue Jacket 2024 grand winner Luke Fair the powder horn.

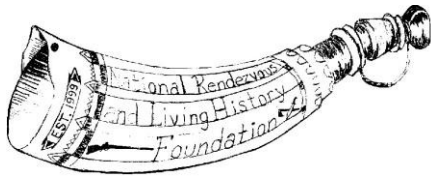


The blue jacket match is shot at four of the NRLHF events, three shots on a wooden shingle which the competitors mark of an X and powder and spit to make an aiming spot on the shingle. The distance is 50 yards. There must be three shots on shingle to be scored. The distance from center or the three shot holes to the X intersection is measured, the three measurements are added together for score. The competitor with the smallest measurement wins the match.

RAFFLE WINNER!

And our winner for the 2025 NRLHF Raffle is....Randy Dilday. Congrats Randy – I'm sure many a meal or pot of coffee will be prepared on that beautiful brazier.





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PRE-Registration form 2026

NRLHF Corps of Discovery

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____
Email Address _____ (Where you want your confirmation sent)
Commercial Trade Name & type of vendor (food, period sutler) _____

NMLRA members & Spouse 18 & over \$25 each **Children 17 & younger - Free**
Non NMLRA Members & Spouse 18 & over \$30 each

All Traders are responsible for knowing & complying with NRLHF trade rules

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____
Medical or Physical Disabilities/Medications (optional) _____

NMLRA membership number & expiration date must be posted for each member

Name _____	NMLRA # _____	Exp. _____	age ()	fee _____
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Total Amount Enclosed _____

Skills you would like to volunteer for - FIRST AIDE - GATE - WATCH - RANGE - HAWK & KNIFE - ARCHERY

Would you conduct a Seminar? _____

Where will you be camping? Primitive _____ Sutler _____ Modern _____ Both _____

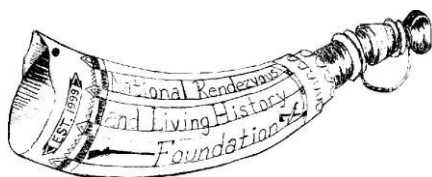
VEHICLE LICENSE # _____ STATE _____ MODEL _____ MAKE _____

UTILITY TRAILER LICENSE # _____ STATE _____ COLOR _____

TRAVEL TRAILER/MOTOR HOME LICENSE # _____ STATE _____

► I (we) listed above, agree by signing this form that the National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation, Inc. (NRLHF) is not liable for loss, damage, or injury, to myself or my Property during the NRLHF event that I attend, and that I will Abide by all of the rules and regulations of the NRLHF. I will also hold harmless the NRLHF for all losses resulting from my acts or omissions or those of my minor children.

Signature _____ Date _____



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For gate use

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Circle One : Southeastern Old Northwest Northeastern Eastern

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____
Email Address _____ (Where you want your confirmation sent)
Commercial Trade Name & type of vendor (food, period goods, etc.) _____

NMLRA members & Spouse 18 & over **\$60 each** **Children 17 & younger - Free**
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Name _____	NMLRA # _____	Exp. _____	Age (_)	Fee _____
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Pre-Registration Instructions and Definitions

Payment: Make checks/ money orders payable to **NRLHF (US funds only)** and mail to:
NRLHF Business Office
P.O. Box 5073
Statesville, NC 28687

Forms must be filled out in BLACK or BLUE INK only. Please print legibly.

ALL Pre-Registration forms must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the start date of the Rendezvous. Forms that are postmarked after the 21st day deadline will be returned to sender.

► PayPal transactions must be dated 21 days before the start date of the Rendezvous. Funds will be refunded on transactions dated after the deadline. (9/2024)

The NRLHF provides a reduced rate for NMLRA members and their immediate families. Immediate family includes spouse and legal dependents. Any person expelled or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded from the preferred rate for their selves and their family members. **If more than one person/family is listed on a pre-registration form the membership number must be listed for each person/family. Participants attending a NRLHF event must show a current NMLRA membership card of a member of that family in order to obtain the reduced rate.**

Participants who are not NMLRA members may attend NRLHF events and participate in all activities and competitions fully and on an even basis with NMLRA members.

ALL CHILDREN 17 AND UNDER ARE FREE

Other:

- Anyone who attends NRLHF events and are under the age of 17 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. They may not camp alone.
- There is no early set up fee for participants who are pre-registered
- NO ONE, not on the Boosway staff will be permitted to set up prior to the Wednesday preceding the start of the event, with the exception of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate.
- NO PETS IN THE PRIMITIVE AREA. The NRLHF follows the ADA rules and regulations. Pets in the modern area are subject to the NRLHF's nuisance rule. (9/2011)
- Traders must comply with all NRLHF trade rules. Visit our website at www.nrlhf.org for a list of the rules.
- In the event that someone does not attend the Foundation event for which he/she was pre-registered, he/she may request **in writing** a refund of the pre-registration fees **within 21 days prior to the event.**
- Refund requests are to be submitted to the Business Office.
- NO refund checks will be distributed before the event.