



## *The Flash*

*Col's Co, RWF in America*

**July 2015**

While July is very quiet and we hide from the heat, there are two events in early August. We don't expect people to make both of them, but if you do that's fine too. However we do want people to try and make at least one of them. With the big event at Ticonderoga in September and far too few events so far this year we really need the practice so please, look at the events, where they are, where you are and decide where you want to make for.

### **Making it better**

We know, heck I know, that it can often seem like events are all too similar: Show up, stand in sun, shoot guns, sit down. And this can add a level of sameness to events. This similarity is reassuring if you really are a period soldier but it can be boring for hobbyists. We are taking steps to change this, to add a bit of a spark back into these procedures and we're certainly available for suggestions! As a previous officer was fond of saying "it's your club too" and we want to make it fun for everyone.

### **Old Sturbridge Village**

August 1-2. This is a wonderful site just over the Massachusetts border about 2 ½ hours' drive from New York/Westchester. An early American town on rolling hills with great farm lands around it for maneuvering and fighting. It's invitation only and we've had great fun there in prior years.

Beyond the site itself there are a lot of tourists here. This is a major draw for the

site and there is a great opportunity to talk to the public and help educate them.

You will need at least 2 full boxes of ammo for this event, more couldn't hurt as last year we had two full battles and a skirmish

Ken Siegel is generously providing a number of hotel rooms for those who do not want to tent it and at this time there are still a couple open but he needs to be contacted beforehand if you plan to use them.

To reach the site from New York take either I-95 or the Hutchinson River Parkway E to **I-91 North**. Follow this to I15 via exit 29 follow this to **I-84 E** in Hartford. Follow this for 36 miles. Take **exit 2 to MA131**, keep left onto River rd then right onto Shattack rd. follow this 2/10's of a mile to Old Sturbridge village rd into the park.

### **Boones Homestead**

The second event in august is at Daniel Boones Homestead the weekend of August 14-16. You will need at least two boxes of ammo for this event, three would be better as the plan for the weekend is for a skirmish and two battles.

A pig roast is planned for Saturday dinner. They've used this vendor before and it was very good.

This is great site with many good memories for the RWF with rolling hillsides, great open fields and period farm dwellings. It is also, if you know the region, only a little bit further on than Hope Lodge.

To reach the site take the Jersey turnpike south to exit 6 for the **Pennsylvania Turnpike**. Follow this about 30 miles to the **King of Prussia** exit. As you get off stay will to the right. Just past the toll booth you want to get on to **422W**. Follow this about 30 miles, to a right turn onto **Daniel Boone rd**. Follow this for a little over half a mile. The site is on the left. Yes these are not the official directions but trust me on this. This is part of my daily commute and 422W is a much better way to go.

### **Fort Ticonderoga.**

The weekend of Sept 12-13 this is the event of the year. The one British Brigade and THE one event to make if you can't make any others. This will be Major Morgan's last outing as an officer of the RWFIA and formally passing the baton to Major Riley. It's been a while since we've been up there in a Brigade event and we've yet to see the new Montcalm monument.

### Germantown

Saturday October 3. Familiar fall battle. It use to clash with the burning of Kingston New York which divided people's sentiments. The New York event has now been moved off to be 2 weeks later removing this clash and leaving us to only clash with the colonials, whom we get to beat, twice.

### Long Island

Justin Parker has been working hard to set up a one day event on Long Island at Old Beth Page on October 10th. More info to follow.

### Hope Lodge

November 7-8 traditional close to our season just north of Philadelphia

### Dues

Shooting has started. Most of you have sent in the dues and I thank you. For those who haven't if you want to take the field with us, you have got to get in it in to me. I'm sorry you have to keep reading this but feel free to feel smug that you have done you bit.

The information hasn't changed.

Regimental	\$30
Col's company	\$10
Total	\$40

If you want to also have BAR membership for 2014 that is an additional \$25.

For a total of \$65

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