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Old Sturbridge Village

The weekend of August 1-2 saw a loyal turn out at the site in Massachusetts. This year the Crown forces were on the outskirts of the town and the colonialists held the village. On Saturday we drove them from the premises only to have them retake it the next day. Those who failed to die gallantly in that second battle fought until their ammo was expended and then fell back. In between the two battles a wonderful evening was spent with good friends enjoying good food after which several of us closed the hotel bar and joked about crashing a wedding reception going on outside.

Boones Homestead

Your second event in August is this weekend at the Daniel Boones Homestead outside reading Pennsylvania. This is a wonderful site with a great mix of rolling hills, farm yards and open vistas to shoot from. 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.

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 well 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 as it is much more direct and you avoid all that messing around in reading. At rush hour the first 3 miles can be a little slow but after that it opens up nicely.

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.

Dennis Murphy is cooking and the lads from California will be coming east for this. If they can do that, it's the least we can do to drive up the Hudson River valley to meet them.

It's been a while since we've been up there in a big event and we've yet to see the new Montcalm monument. Long serving members will remember how important it is for us to pay the appropriate honors to this site.

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 with a free lunch.

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. I would really like to see a good turn out from our members in Fairfield and Westchester counties to support this. I intend to drive up from Philly for this so it can't be that difficult for someone virtually local. It is just one day. Justin has put a lot of effort into this in an attempt to revive interest on Long island where there isn't a dominant regiment for either side and if this comes off we can turn this into the RWFIA strong hold it was 15-20 years ago.

Hope Lodge

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

Putnam Park

This is still tenuous but I believe in giving as much of a heads up as I can. There is an attempt to revive the old events just over the Connecticut border from New York at Putnam Park.

I'll give you more details as I get them but it is tentatively set for the first weekend of November meaning it will clash with Hope Lodge.

The New Web site

If you missed it our new web site is up and running at RWFIA.org. It is really good looking with different sections. A lot of the text will seem familiar but the arrangement is good with current and upcoming events prominently listed. I will admit I had fun poking around at it when I should probably have been paying more attention to the Greek stock market. Oh well.

A Request

One note for the website. Does anyone have a picture of Goose Gosling for the memorial section? There was one on the old site but it disappeared. I somehow inherited a large collection of archival pics, the RWFIA at Dover castle and Peter Ford in modern RWF mess dress for example, but couldn't find any of Goose. So if you have any to share please send it on to me so we can give due honor to a great friend.