

NEXT EVENT - BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE, NORTH YORK JUN 16,17&18

This is really our All-Up Canadian event for 1995. If you miss this one - you're nuts!

THE BATTLES:

All of you have heard by now of how the Black Creek event has been totally revitalized. The most exciting change is the inclusion of about 1/3 of the village in the tacticals. We now will have a complex of fences, trees & buildings to work with which will entirely change the progress of the battle. In addition, our Gun will be an integral element of the attack!

The battles will be broadly scripted to ensure that the audience gets to see lots of action; however, the details of how each Brigade Wing and individual unit accomplishes its tasks will be free-form.

You will want to have 70+ cartridges pre-prepared for this event. You might also bring a pair of dry socks, your Sun Screen, Bug Juice, Roll-Aids & Tylenol. RECRUITS - if you're missing some piece of kit, pls remind me early in the week so that I can try to look after it.

THE ENCAMPMENTS:

Another major change is the placement of the encampments. Providing that the ground isn't soaking wet, the rebel camp will be down along the creek bed where the battle often ends. It's an ideal camp site and gets them out of the village. Again, assuming that the weather cooperates, we will not camp on the Common, but instead each company will be assigned its own small campsite beside or behind a building. In this way, the whole of the north and east sides of the village will have the feeling of being occupied. While this somewhat works against socializing in the evenings, it will give a totally new feeling to the encampment.

GARRISON LIFE:

A number of you will remember that about five years ago we set a programme of activities that resulted in the whole village coming to life at 0930. Every unit had special activities to perform and there was room for the actors in each unit to get in on some shenanigans. We are returning to this concept. Officers and NCOs should plan to line up their extroverts, male and female, to take on some special duties.

On Saturday, a scuffle at a Bordello; some nastiness during wood and bread details; the Provost break up a rebel political meeting; the Gun moves to the flats for a demo; a thief is caught on Sutler's Row; drills on the Common and in the roadways; Posting of Proclamations, etc..

On Sunday, a volunteer Church Parade; a Recruiting Party at the Tavern and a full Northern Brigade Punishment Parade on the village Common featuring the banishment of a female thief.

DRUMMERS & FIFERS:

I want to make a special appeal to all of our Drummers and Fifers to make a particular effort to attend both days of this event. If you've transferred to one of the fighting companies, it would be appreciated if you could perform some special duties during the garrison life portions of this event, so pls bring instrumentation and your drums' uniform. Give me a call if you've outgrown your coat and I will see what we can do from Regimental Stores. I would hope for the following Duty Calls - Drummers' Call; The Troop; Church & Recruiting Call; The Preparative and the Rogue's March.

SUTLERS' ROW:

A row of craftsmen's stalls will be set up on the main roadway so that off-duty personnel can enjoy some period shopping. Frank Packer will have a set-up. He has now gone into the wedge tent business and we all know the high quality we can expect from his work. His price is better than our American supplier!!

LACROSSE GAME:

At 1700hrs on Saturday, those fanatics with more energy and hostility than brains, are invited to participate in the Northern Brigade Ball Tournament. The halt & lame are encouraged to attend cuz Scott Paterson likes someone to hit. Would everyone with a lacrosse stick please bring it whether you want to spectate or play - that way we'll get enough sticks to 'play ball'. Everyone is encouraged to give this a try - you don't have to have experience - it just helps a bit.

GROG ISSUE:

During the day there will be a free issue of Birch Beer (very much like Root Beer) which is a great treat in hot weather. I think this libation will be dispensed in Sutlers' Row.

To mark & celebrate the 20th Birthday of the Mighty Green Machine, LtCol Watt is providing some kegs of Connors' finest FREE - GRATIS for all Yorkers, our fellow units of the Northern Brigade, the British Line and the Burning of the Valleys Military Assoc. All you need is a mug and a dry throat. Issue of this commemorative grog will be at the Town Hall Driveshed after village closing, after lacrosse, after dinner and when Himself decides it's bloody well time. The Grenadiers, who are Provost at this event, will decide when you've had too much - so all of you know who to cultivate.

FOOD

An evening meal will be supplied (likely by our Grenadiers) for about \$3.00 cash money on Saturday. No credit allowed. All other meals are your problem. During open hours - There's a new, gawd-awful-lookin' concession stand for sausages, etc... at the Town Common which is likely good, inexpensive food. Also, the restaurant in the Visitor's Centre is a possible. If you want to eat cheaply - bring your own.

FOLLOW-ON EVENT - WESTFIELD VILLAGE, ROCKTON, ONTARIO 24,25 JUN 1995

As attendance in the last two years has dropped off dramatically, we decided to develop some new 'local' venues. Consequently, we organized Westfield and then discovered that the only weekend available this year was immediately after Black Creek. Sacre bleu! But, like Scott Paterson's Backus Heritage Conservation Area at Port Rowan and Keith Croucher's Fanshawe Village in London, we really have the possibility of creating a more local calendar of events. BUT, they need your support!!!

Westfield is a beautiful village with a superb attitude about reenactors. The buildings are laid out in pockets which allows for a few small camps that are apart and can live their own life. Some buildings are very close to our period, a few are not. A steam locomotive is an anachronism which they would cover up if we could organized a large event to warrant the effort. The site hosts very large American Civil War events every year. Last year in the pouring rain they had 700 folks watch the battle; the next day it was sunny and 2000+ visited.

This first event of ours is only MAMH units. So, the good guys will fight the good guys again. But, we've got to start somehow. I would really appreciate as many as possible making an appearance for both days, but if that's impossible for you, please come for one. At the same time as we're in the village, they have a Georgian weekend with a period circus and fair. Really good fun for the family. We will play-off of what they're doing and fit in with little scenarios of our own.

The village has 350 acres of fields and bush which they are happy for us to use for wargames when they're not open to the public. That may mean an early start to the day, or a game in the evening, but the facilities are there for an excellent tactical competition.

HOW TO GET THERE: The village is only a short distance from the African Lion Safari - so whatever direction you come from - watch for those signs.

From the 401 Hwy. Exit at Hwy 6 SOUTH. (there are two exits, north & south) Go south to Freelon area watching for Regional Road #97 west. Take it. There's a Lion Safari sign there. Go along about 8Km to Regional Road #552 south. It only goes south. There's a Lion Safari sign. Take it. Just after the turn-off for the damn Safari, the Village comes up on the west side. In you go.

From the QEW going west - exit onto Hwy 403 and go north at Hwy 6. Go to Hwy 5. Turn west. Turn north-west onto Hwy 8. After Rockton, Regional Road #552 comes up quickly. Go north. Watch for Village on the west side.

From the QEW coming east. Exit at Stoney Creek and pick up Hwy 8 west. Follow to Rockton and after that turn north on Regional Road #552 to the Village on the west side.

REGIMENT NEEDS MONEY, NOW!!

You have likely noted that it has been a very long time since I sent out an advice note of your personal debt. Well, expenditures have more than caught up with us. The Royal Yorkers pays the complete Insurance bill for every Royal Yorker AND every other unit in the MAMH. And, guess what? Suddenly, we're out of money. At an absolute minimum, every member of the KRR owes \$7.00 for this year's Insurance. Of course, lots of you owe much, much more and we need you to confirm the amount and pay as much as you can. We cannot go on without CASH.

BLAST!! - ANOTHER CALENDAR ERROR

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