

**On Aug 24, 2010, at 9:37 AM, Linda Jamison wrote:**

**From: Linda Jamison - lindajamison....**

**Subject: Two day attendance?**

**Hi Dave,**

Dick is really interested in coming [to *Rabbitstick*] for a couple of days. I need to let you know that he is experiencing some physical/mental problems, so would need to bring a friend to help with driving, etc. (I'm unable to come due to work.) His friend Jared, is involved in outdoor ed and is a youth rehab counselor. He attended the outdoor program at BYU as well, so some of your staff may know him. He's getting ready to move to Georgia the end of Sept, and would love this opportunity to meet the (famous) *Rabbit Stick* folks.

Could Dick bring his small trailer (not a camp trailer) so they can use it to sleep in? Can you give me a price for the two people for two days? I'm not sure yet which days they would come, however.

Our best to you all,

Linda

That would be no problem at all. Give me a call and we'll work it out. DW

**From: David Wescott**

**To: Linda Jamison**

**Sent: Sun, October 10, 2010**

**Subject: Re: New Gathering**

**Linda**

I have been trying to call over the past few weeks to talk about Dick. We all hoped that he would make it up to *Rabbitstick*. Larry was called away to California and didn't make it anyway. Paula and I have been talking the past 3 years about adding a third gathering to our plate. Because of the recent surge of interest in what is called "Bushcraft," we have decided to focus on that aspect of the skills audience for our new event. We are merging it with what I have been passionate about for the past 10 years, and that is classic camping. We have set a date for it - July 8-14, 2012 -to kick it off. Mors Kochanski (kind of the patron saint of the movement) will be coming to be the keynoter.

We have yet to make a final decision on a name for it, but with our history of maintaining the "*Rabbits Stick*" name in honor of Larry, I was wondering if you would consider allowing us to call it "*Woodsmoke*" in honor of Dick? Larry has been very pleased with the fact that we have kept it going all these years, and is still a strong supporter. There is a natural historic progression at work, and we'd love to help keep the name alive through this connection. *Woodsmoke Conference* evolved from *Rabbit Stick* 30 years ago, and we'd be excited to see it come back again in this new form.

Let me know what you think, as we are trying to get a jump on marketing and would love to start by announcing this honoring if it would be OK with you. I'd still love to speak with you and catch up on how things are going.

**From: Linda Jamison**  
**Date: October 20, 2010 5:28:27 PM MDT**  
**To: David Wescott**  
**Subject: Re: New Gathering**

Hi there,

I think it would be wonderful to call the new gathering "*Woodsmoke*," but what about YOU? You are the one who has kept this alive all these years ... not Larry or Dick! We are so soft these days that if my shower in the camper isn't working, I'll just go find a motel. But you have been the stalwart, and I think the name of the event it should reflect that fact! I know Dick would feel the same way.

We did have our *Woodsmoke* videos transferred to DVDs recently. Dick kept giving people the videos and they couldn't even watch them because few people even have VHS players anymore, ha ha. So, we had 50 copies made and Tom Elpel carries them in his inventory now. We were thinking of trying to get a *Woodsmoke* website going but it would be hard for me to maintain while I'm still working full time. I hope to be able to retire the end of this coming February, but it will depend a lot on whether we have a need for our good health insurance here through the Church. It's a hard decision because I really want to be home with Dick and he does much better when I'm there ... I don't think men, in general, much like to sit at home while their wives work! Still, I sure love my job and it is a great respite.

As for Dick deciding not to come to *Rabbitstick* this year: He and our son Scott and Jared ended up going down to Blanding where we have our camping trailer permanently stored at the old Kampark RV park. Dick worried a lot that he wouldn't remember people he should know, or that he wouldn't remember how to do things that people might expect him to know. He gets pretty confused and it is embarrassing for him. But the 'boys' took good care of him and they had a good time together riding the 4-wheelers and poking around the ruins down in Comb Wash for a few days.

Thanks a bunch for all you do and have done over the years. BTW, we visited the Edge of the Cedars Museum last time we were in Blanding and saw that they are carrying the SPT books ... they are great!!! We used to have *Woodsmoke* books there, but then Horizon closed down and now Cedar Fort publishes them. We haven't had any copies ourselves for years, and I think we got a royalty check for \$17 last year ... but they are still being sold someplace (probably just by Granny's Pantry). Also, they sold the rights to our last WS book to another publisher without our knowledge. We got an attorney to try to prevent it, but it ended up that there was nothing we could do about it.. so, that is apparently OK to do from a legal standpoint. We didn't like what they did, and both that company and Cedar Fort have changed the covers, and we haven't been happy with that either. But there isn't much we can do about it because the publisher owns the rights. I just hope none of the original contributors get upset.

If you do something with the new 'event' next summer, I will make sure we are there. Even if Dick isn't as 'cognitive' as he used to be, I know he would love to come and since it's pretty obvious that he isn't his 'old self,' I think people would be

patient and kind to him and he would enjoy the whole experience. And he isn't a  
'basket case; just not his old self anymore, ha ha.  
Take care and give our best to Paula.  
Linda