**Mark Your Calendar**

October meeting Wednes. Oct. 11 Soule Live Steam Festival Meridian Fri & Sat Nov. 3-4 November meeting Wednes Nov. 8 Veteran’s Day Sat Nov. 11 Big Buck Wildlife Seminar Carthage Thurs Nov. 16 THANKSGIVING Thurs Nov. 23 Christmas Social Wednes Dec. 13

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 **DRGHS Raffle**

Just a reminder about our current fundraiser. We are selling raffle tickets on 2 prizes to be awarded at the Wildlife Seminar held the evening of Thursday, November 16. We have a 10’ electric Remington Ranger Pole Saw, donated by Bob and Ruth Summerlin, and a 5’ Cedar Lawn Swing that we purchased at a reduced price from Phillips Woodworking of Sebastopol. A ticket provides a chance on either prize. Asking price is $1.00 per ticket and they will be available at the October meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like tickets to sell or purchase, please contact us by mail or phone. Sold tickets and money received must be received back before November 16, the day of the drawing. Contact Robert Evans at 601-253-3300 or Kathy Heidorn at 601-267-4804 or send your request to DRGHS, P O Box 166, Carthage, MS 39051. Proceeds go toward restoration and upkeep of the Sudduth House.

 **SPECIAL SALE**  We are having a sale on our **popular** book, *Tombstone Inscriptions.* This will provide an excellent opportunity for that special holiday gift. Normally priced at $65.00 per copy, the book will cost $39.95 plus $6.00 shipping and handling, through December 31, 2017. Mississippi residents must add 7% sales tax. An order form is available at our website [www.drghs.org](http://www.drghs.org) or you can mail a request to DRGHS, P O Box 166, Carthage, MS 39051

 **OCTOBER IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY**

**October 1820**  Choctaws traded more than 5 million acres, one third of their remaining lands in Mississippi, for land across the Mississippi River. Mississippi’s capital and its county, Jackson and Hinds, were later named after negotiators, Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hinds. **October 1, 1893** Cheniere Caminada hurricane hits Gulf Coast. After destroying a small community near Grand Isle, LA, the hurricane reached landfall in Ocean Springs, MS and washed away the railroad bridge that crossed the Biloxi Bay. The official death toll was 2,000, of which at least 100 were Mississippi residents. **October 29, 1909** The Mississippi Library Association was organized by Whitman Davis, librarian at Mississippi A&M College. **October 7, 1927** Charles Lindbergh lands Spirit of St. Louis at Davis Field in Jackson. Lindbergh was on tour of 82 American cities, flying a distance of 22,000 miles. **October 16, 1940** Ingalls Shipbuilding launches its first ship, the SS Exchequer. The Pascagoula firm designed the ship with the world’s first all-welded hull. This manner of construction revolutionized shipbuilding and design. **October 2, 1944** First cotton crop was produced without hand labor at Hopson Planting Company near Clarksdale. Machines planted the cotton and chopped it and eight International Harvester cotton pickers harvested the crop. **October 2, 1944**  Tech. Sgt. Van T Barfoot of Edinburg was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions on May 23, 1944. From *Mississippi History Timeline, MDAH*