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Mission Statement – *The purpose of the Arkansas Quilters Guild is to promote the appreciation of the rich heritage of the art of quilting and to enhance each member's own quilting skills and knowledge. It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations and preserve the existing quilts.*

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

I know it is hard to think about Christmas in the heat of the summer, but maybe the thought of tree ornaments might divert our attention from the 100 degree weather. At least we can enjoy staying indoors and making the cone ornaments for the CARTI tree project! They are to be made from a Christmas print on one side and a solid red on the other.

The instructions have been updated to include fusing the slit closed; that saves some time and hand work! Also, it may be easier to slit the print fabric before sewing the sandwich together. (Do whatever works for you!) The solid red fabric will be on the outside of the cone and the print on the inside. We will need at least 100 of these ornaments to create an attractive and enticing entry in the Tux and Trees event. We want our tree to inspire a high bidder! Please make some squares for this project; Christmas is coming soon!

Judy Tipton Rush

REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER

The Family Motor Coach Association's "Rally at the Rock" will be in North Little Rock September 24-28, 2008. There are over 500 coaches already registered to attend the rally. Think how many quilters there could be living in 500 motor coaches!

The North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce has asked for our help in entertaining this group. Along with Q.U.E.S.T., we will be providing quilting demonstrations. If you have a Demo you could present on any of the above dates, please contact Lavern Schaap, rhschaapjr@aol.com, 227-0472.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO THE MEETINGS!
REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG – NO DOOR PRIZE!

AQG Board Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Little Rock Main Library, West Room, 100 Rock St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

AQG Meeting: Monday, August 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m., North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Back to School. Back to Basics.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

Are you looking to expand your career or network with others? Well, I've got a job for you! The AQQ newsletter editor position is available for next year. The responsibilities include sending gentle reminders for article submission after the meeting, then forwarding those responses to Pam Hall, our formatter, sending the final edition to our web master, uploading it to a print service, retrieving and mailing the printed copies. This work is mostly done on the computer and requires access to e-mail. (I have lost my ability to receive personal e-mails at work which greatly hinders my ability in this job.) For the last 2 years, I've shared the job with another member, who is more mobile than I. Marty takes care of picking up and mailing out the hard copies. Our team approach has worked for us as we juggle 'real' jobs and the newsletter responsibilities.

I can coach you as my year ends, copying you on all correspondence, so you'll know the ropes of the job. Pam has so much experience with our newsletter; she generally reminds us of what's needed.

The future president will need a hand in filling this role, so please contact me if you'd like more info. I'd like to make the transition so no editions are skipped. Thanks!

Jackie Bibbs
851-4749
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FREE QUILTING MAGAZINES – Kelley Davis, has lots and lots of old and fairly new magazines that need a new home. If you would like some or all of them, just let her know. There's enough for several dozen people. Call 888-6692 or kelleydavis3@wmconnect.com.

AQQ UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS by Carol Ann Wilbourn and Vivian Higgs

August 2008 – Back to School. Back to Basics.

September 2008 – Bag Sale!

October 2008 – Carol Ann Wilbourn.

November 2008 – Jim Gatling.

December 2008 – Christmas Celebration!!

The Program Committee needs your ideas and input for future programs. Please send any program ideas to: Carol Ann Wilbourn, 501-812-4868, carolsquiltcase@aol.com.

AUGUST PROGRAM, “BACK TO SCHOOL” – GET READY!

There are a lot of wonderful ways to make a Beautiful Quilt. Our Panel of “Experts” will share some of the techniques they use to create the beautiful, finished Quilts we all admire. LaVerne Schaap, Wilma Richter, Marilyn Weaver, Carol Ann Wilbourn, and Judy Tipton Rush will share some of the great tips that help them produce the Quilts they make. All these ladies are award winners. Come see their First Quilt and one of their most recent creations. This Program will be fun and Informative. Come have fun with “The Girls” as they Share their secrets.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM, BAG SALE! BAG SALE! BAG SALE!

It's that time Ladies and Jim. We are having a BAG SALE/Silent Auction for our September Meeting. Bring a sealed Bag, (Large Brown, Tote Bag, Shopping Bag) filled with SEWING IMPLEMENTS, FABRICS, THREADS, BOOKS, PATTERNS, etc. You all have them, stuff that was wonderful when you got it, and now you've moved on, or changed your mind. Fill a Bag or several and bring them to the Sale! All the proceeds go to the Guild to fund future events that benefit the entire Guild. This has always been a lot of fun. Come, stake out your choice and bid for the right to discover what's inside. We will also have the Folks from the “Rabbits Lair” as Vendors. What a wonderful opportunity to get rid of some of the old stuff to make room for some new!

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TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2008

| Assets | June 30, 2008 | May 31, 2008 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Twin City Bank | \$ 7,979.27 | \$ 7,917.98 |
| Twin City \$10000 CD | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Total Checking/Savings | \$ 17,979.27 | \$ 17,917.98 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 17,979.27 | \$ 17,917.98 |
| | June 2008 | Year To Date |
| INCOME | | |
| Advertising | \$ 0.00 | \$ 520.00 |
| Retreat | | |
| AWOL 08 | 0.00 | 1,450.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| From Savings | 0.00 | 91.75 |
| Fund Raising | 42.00 | 255.10 |
| Interest Income | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Membership | 150.00 | 1,700.67 |
| Memorials | | |
| Heidingsfelder | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cory W Sale | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Quilts Arkansas 08 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Workshops | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Schamber Workshop | 0.00 | 1,283.89 |
| Eckley Workshop | 0.00 | 535.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 192.00 | \$ 5,836.41 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administration | \$ 0.00 | \$ 215.91 |
| Retreats | | |
| AWOL 08 | 0.00 | 1,446.50 |
| CARTI | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Donations | 50.71 | 81.11 |
| Fund Raising | 0.00 | 241.32 |
| Membership | 43.65 | 83.71 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter | 0.00 | 335.93 |
| Programs | | |
| Meals & Mileage | 0.00 | 701.15 |
| Speakers | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Quilt Show Awards-Heidingsfelder | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Quilt Show 08 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Quilts Arkansas 09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Rent | 0.00 | 580.00 |
| Tax Preparation | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tomorrow'S Treasures | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Web Hosting | 0.00 | 704.00 |
| Workshop Expenses | | |
| Schamber Workshop | 0.00 | 1,862.37 |
| Eckley Workshop | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 94.36 | \$ 7,602.00 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 97.64 | |

Nancy Hicks, Treasurer
6/30/08

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DEMO TEAM REPORT

If you are not getting to the guild meetings early, you are missing some great learning opportunities.

This last month Kelley Davis used glue for every part of making a binding and attaching it to a quilt. I'm surprised Kelley herself is not glued inside that quilt somewhere. She learned the techniques from watching Sharon Schamber's video instructions.

Also, Betty Bradford showed us ideas and techniques for making postcard quilts (Yes, you can send a quilt in the mail.) What fun! And, if you watched the quilting shows on AETN on Saturday morning, you saw how to make cloth from paper. Wouldn't that be the perfect fabric to use for your postcard quilt?

Marilyn Weaver was our "expert" handing out answers to our quilting dilemmas.

This month bring your "Dirty" questions to the Pre-Meeting time (5:30 – 6:30 pm). Karen French from The French Seam in Stuttgart will be giving a demo on "The Care and Cleaning of Sewing Machines." Maybe now we can keep those threads and "gunk" out of our machines so they will keep purring perfectly and never miss a stitch.

Nancy Hicks, our first "Teach Me Please" instructor, will have patterns available and can give you information on classes she has available.

See you August 11.

Come Early, Have Fun, Learn
Lavern Schaap for the AQG Demo Team

AQG KNOTS

A list of Knots, their addresses and people to contact.

Knot Necessarily Sew – Knot Necessarily Sew. Meets every Monday night except AQG meeting night. Contact Debbie Haley, 834-1019 (home) or 835-3939 (work) for location.

Material Girls – Pam Davis, 501-825-7545

Piecemakers – 4th Monday night, 7:00 p.m. – Sarah Ziegenbein, 1023 Claycut Circle, North Little Rock, AR 72116, 501-758-1340

The New Knot – 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4-5 p.m. – Carol Ann Wilbourn's house, 5009 Fairway Avenue, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116, 501-812-4868

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Tipton Rush, who read our mission statement. Treasurer Nancy Hicks stated that we had income of \$192 during the previous month, expenses of \$94.36, leaving us with a net income of \$97.64. We also have a \$10,000 CD. It was moved by Jim Gatling that we accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Wilma Richter, which was then approved by the membership. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the membership, upon a motion by Geannine Ott and a second from Marilyn Weaver.

Jim Gatling discussed the results of his and Nancy's investigation of the possibility of a bus trip to Quilt Congress at Mountain Home. It proved to be too expensive for us to consider doing so this year. Pamela Davis stated that registration has closed at Quilt Congress, due to space limitations at their meeting facility.

Wilma Richter, Challenges, stated that the winner of the 18 blocks for our July patriotic block drawing was Marty Stanchi. She announced the theme of Quilt Arkansas 2009 – Mardi Gras, and told everyone that one of our challenges for Quilt Arkansas 2009 will be a mask. She showed the start of her mask, and said that she'd return each month with a little more done.

Lavern Schaap thanked Kelley Davis and Betty Bradford for their demos tonight, and Marilyn Weaver for being our quilt expert. Kelley demonstrated how to glue bindings, and Betty showed us how to make postcard quilts. Next month's demos will be in our next newsletter.

Nancy Hicks reported on the progress of our Heroes quilt project. 32 quilts have been completed or are on the way to being completed. She passed out kits for more quilts, as well as tops that need binding or quilting. The evening work sessions and the Saturday sessions were very productive. Nancy thanked everyone who attended, especially Lois Hall who attended all three. More work days will be scheduled in August or September.

Cloie Morgan reported on our upcoming quilt show, which will begin November 14 probably at the Cox Creative Center of the Central Arkansas Library System, and run through January 9. Entry forms are available tonight, and on our web page. Entries will be accepted September 8 through October 12. Quilts can be no longer than 96 inches, and no wider than 65 inches. Members can enter two quilts. A new category will be an unjudged section. Cloie also stated that Jan Dougherty has had to withdraw as volunteer coordinator, and asked for volunteers.

Judy reported for Carol Ann Wilbourn, programs, that we had to cancel Cynthia England's class in September due to scheduling programs on Cynthia's part. Plans for August and September programs are in the works.

Toni Baker shared with us that Jan Dougherty has cancer in her spine and in her breast. She urged everyone to keep Jan in their thoughts and prayers, and to please drop Jan a card from time to time.

Toni also said that we had 5 guests and 46 members tonight. Guests included Debbie Clay, Pat Pettry, Marie Henry, Lei Lani Van Proyer, and Charlotte Skinner. Fat quarters were won by Wilma Richter and Mona Neal.

Door prizes were donated by Blossom Quiltworks, Pinwheel Fabrics, and various members. They were won by Debbie Clay, Pat Pettry, Debbie Teague, Marilyn Adams, Sharon Winsinger, Desi Gipson, Mary Jane Beard, Sharon Danner, Betty Bradford, and Lavern Schaap.

Judy reminded us that we'll need about 100 ornaments for our CARTI tree, and that directions will be in our newsletter.

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MINUTES

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Show and Tell: Lynn Johnson, Jackie Bibbs, Jim Gatling, Pamela Davis, Lavern Schaap, Kathryn Kohnstadt, Leah Sample, Lois Hall, Geannine Ott, Desi Gipson, Nancy Hicks, Charlotte Skinner, Vivian Higgs, and Betty Bradford.

The program was presented by Marie Henry, who spoke on Civil War Quilts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Ziegenbein, Secretary

JJIBBLES

- ❖ The heat of summer is upon us. Boy, is it ever upon us! In late afternoon, the heat seems almost tangible. It's a perfect time to work inside on the sewing room. I have recently rearranged the furniture and have been tackling the fabric storage problem with a new bookcase. (I've decided to store magazines in a file cabinet tucked away under the table.) I will have to remember to close the curtains to prevent fold fades. Any suggestions?
- ❖ Do you enjoy quilting forums? One of my favorites is Quilters Paradise newsletter, "where you can meet warm-hearted and talented quilters and their projects." The conversation is engaging and the pictures add to the connection. One recent post included Rookie Mistakes: What not to do! Check out the top 10 here: <http://www.quilting-board.com/posts/list/8823.page>. Do any of them sound familiar?
- ❖ Are you a fan of Ebay or Craigslist? Then you'll like www.quiltsy.com, an online quilting marketplace where members can sell their quilt-related items to other members through auctions and/or classified ads. They can also offer their items for trade. Quiltsy was the brainchild of owner/editor of BlockCentral.com, a quilting information web site staple. She sought to create an online niche auction site and her result is well done. Its home summary page shows the number of items in each category. Free final sales fees should increase the inventory, but the web pages and navigation were nice.
- ❖ A recent news item spurred me to pass this on to you. A 12-year-old girl in Bend, OR began a nation-wide wave of food donations for needy animals. She is one kid who's made a huge differ-

ence in the lives of many dogs and cats. Every click, every day on this web site equates to food for the hungry animals: www.freekibble.com.

Members to Remember

- ❖ Please remember Donna McBryde in the loss of her husband Mac, who passed away July 21, 2008. They were married for 59 years.
- ❖ Please keep Jan Dougherty in your thoughts as she battles cancer. Her address is in the membership roster if you would like to send her a card.
- ❖ The June 12th edition of the Democrat Gazette had a nice article on Leon Stout, our 92-year-old member, who volunteers at the Conway Regional Medical Center 4 to 4 1/2 days a week. He still manages to create beautiful quilts!

Jackie Bibbs
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HEROES PROJECT

Our community service project for families of soldiers who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan is progressing nicely. At last count there were 26+ quilt tops in progress. If you can spare the time, join us so that we can finish up these tops or start new ones. We need sewers, cutters, pressers and could probably use a few "supervisors." This is an opportunity for you who work to spend quality time with quilting friends and help with a worthwhile project. Please bring some of the following: sewing machine, neutral thread, cutting mat, rotary cutter, iron, scissors, miscellaneous sewing supplies.

Work Days

~~Saturday, August 2, 9 - 3 Canceled
Judith Rickard's Studio, 1501 Macon Drive, Suite 400
(Formerly Bruce McIntyre's Design Shop)~~

Monday, August 11, 1 - 5 (Before Regular Meeting)
NLR Community Center

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Bernadette Lange Reiger | August 2 |
| Gwen Kaegi Wiggins | August 3 |
| Kelley Davis | August 5 |
| Martha Fewell | August 11 |
| Sue Choitz | August 19 |
| Barbara Sample | August 22 |
| Debbie Chance | August 25 |
| Dianne Edelhuber | August 28 |

VENDOR NEWS

Don't even think about buying fabric or notions at the Maumelle Wal-Mart. That department doesn't exist. How about supporting our local quilt shop owners instead???

The French Seam is sewing again! Stop by Karen's store in Stuttgart and welcome her back after the destruction done by spring storms.

The Conway Sewing Center is no more. The phone number is no longer a working number.

Sharon Schamber's free web site will have some great videos for the beginning quilter. Instead of the usual web site (www.SharonSchamberNetwork.com), check out her new temporary site: www.BeginningQuilter.com for topics like Cleaning your Iron, Magic Triangles, Truing a Block, Magical Basting, Stretching and Shrinking a block. At her network site, there is a free video on dying fabric (available only until August 9th).

HAVE SOME FUN... MAKE A "MUG" CAKE!

Pat Eaton

I recently made this cake for my husband - I'm allergic to chocolate and I wanted to make it just to see it bake. He says it is very good, especially considering how it is made. I got the recipe from my friend, Sharon, at allnorahsart.blogspot.com. When asking permission to put this in the newsletter, she said she got it from www.dizzy-dee.com/recipe/chocolate-cake-in-5-minutes and it probably goes down the blogging line, so we deduced it was ok to print it.

Mug Cake

4 T. cake flour (or, use all purpose flour and add 1/4 t. baking powder)
4 T. sugar
2 T. cocoa
1 egg
3 T. milk
3 T. oil
1 Mug

Mix all the ingredients in the mug. Pop into the microwave and zap for about three minutes. Can serve two, if you don't eat it all yourself! (It's fun to watch it rise!)

You can sprinkle with powdered sugar, add a pat of butter and some cinnamon or a variety of "toppings." Richard says ice cream, while the cake is warm, although you have to eat half the cake first to do that as it fills the mug!



CONE ORNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Cut 3 layers 7 1/2" square (batting, top, and back). Last two layers are right sides facing. Batting is placed at bottom of the stack. Top layer fabric will become the inside of cone. Sew around square 1/4". Trim corners almost to seam line to reduce bulk in corners.

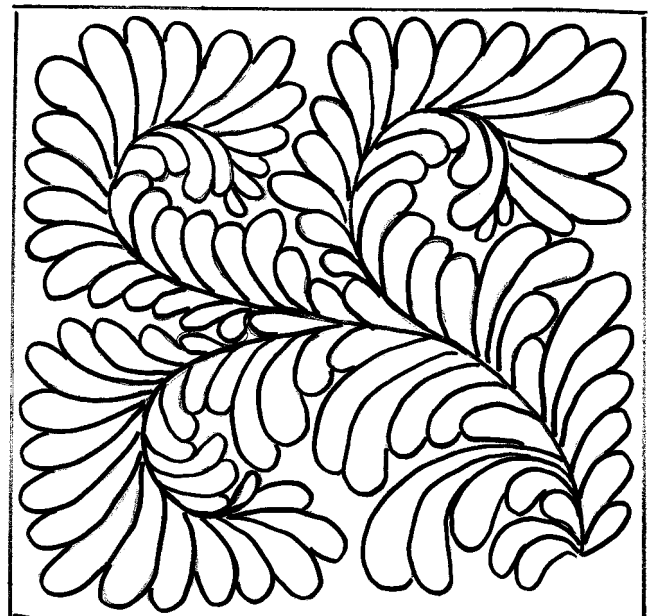
Step 2: Slit top fabric in corner 1 1/2" up two sides (not all the way to edge). Turn the two fabrics right sides out encasing the batting in middle. Hand whip stitch or fuse the slit closed.

Step 3: Quilt the square using your own pattern or the one Judy has drawn (printed below). Ladder stitch by hand two sides together (slit should be at lower point and inside.) Your cone is formed. Decorate and add hanging strap.

Judy Rush

Quilting Pattern Judy Rush

Enlarge to fit 7 inch block



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008

- Sept. 24-28 Family Motor Coach Assoc. South Central Area Rally at North Shore River District in NLR.
 Oct 30-Nov 2 The BIG ONE: International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX. Register at www.quilts.com.

2009

- March 20-22 AWOL quilt retreat at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale, AR. Bring your project and enjoy the company! If you're curious about AWOL, you can get a second-hand view of what goes on at our site: <http://www.arkansasquiltersguild.com/awol08.html>
 Sept. 10-12 Quilt Arkansas 2009! We'll be celebrating Mardi Gras in the fall! The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009, and goes until after lunch on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The setting will be the C.A.Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale. Our featured teachers will be Sue Nickels, Jaynette Huff and Barbara Olson. Mark your calendars now!

MARIE HENRY PROGRAM NOTES

Marie began her talk by saying there are no stupid questions. She is primarily a hand piecer and loves Civil War fabrics and patterns. If there is really reincarnation, she feels she probably was living during the Civil War. She was born in Iowa and has been in Arkansas 40 years. Her favorite quilt pattern is 7 sisters which represents the first seven states to secede from the Union.

The first sewing machine was patented by Issac Singer and cost about \$125. The Northern women were more likely to be able to afford a sewing machine. They also made more quilts because of the colder climate in the north. A Southern lady who lived on a plantation did not sew clothing or quilts. They were more likely to have slaves to do other sewing or were able to hire a seamstress. The southern quilts with southern symbols in the pattern were burned to keep from being ostracized. Southern plantation ladies were ladies of leisure and did not do any kind of labor. Quilts were made for soldiers to keep them warm and from becoming sick quicker. As the war progressed, southern women began to do more household labor and some gardening when necessary. Because of the blockade on goods going into the southern ports, southern women began to make their own clothes out of such items as tablecloths, draperies and carpets. They also began to make their own cloth for clothes. Because the cloth was a dull color they experimented with dyeing the cloth. They used 2 techniques – splattering the dye on the fabric and dabbing which was done by chewing on an elderberry twig until the end resembled a brush and using it to brush the dye onto the fabric. Because pins and needles were scarce, they used locust thorns as pins. Sewing needles were a smuggled item.

Quilts made before 1860 were densely quilted in the background. After 1860, the backgrounds were not as densely quilted. Southern quilts had no batting because of the warmer climate while Northern quilts had much more batting. When a quilt was beyond repair, it was used as batting in a new quilt. There were very few sampler quilts before the war. Most quilts were appliqué. Log cabin quilts came along after the Civil War. The quilts had lots of red, white, blue and stars in them. Blue and gray were common colors for the south. Signature/album quilts were quite popular. Black ink was all they had to use. The black ink faded to sepia color. Women made good spies and smugglers because no one would suspect them or mess with them. They would hang items from the hoops of their skirts. Popular colors of the Civil War were red, pink, orange, purple, dark brown and blue. Madder plants were used to make red, pink and orange dyes.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – QUILTER'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are the quilters for they are the piecemakers.
 Blessed are the quilters for they make ends meet.
 Blessed are the quilters for they know how to cut corners.
 Blessed are the quilters for they keep you in stitches.
 Blessed are the quilters for they make great comforters.
 Blessed are the quilters for they patch things up.
 Blessed are the quilters for they cover you with warmth.
 Blessed are the quilters for they pick up the pieces.
 Blessed are the quilters for they save you energy.
 Blessed are the quilters for they put color in your life.

(I got this from the Stitchin' Heaven Quilt Shop in Quitman TX.)
 Sarah Ziegenbein

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DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

August 15, 2008



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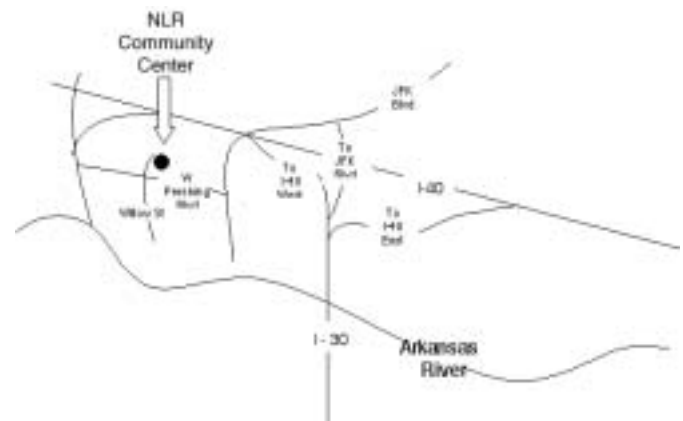
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