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Welcome to the March 2026 issue of the Red-Eyed Raven Gazette!

Spring is coming and I'm sure ready. We've had the windows open a few nights, and even had to turn on the air conditioning when it got so unseasonably warm. Hope you enjoy whatever transitions occur where you are.

When it comes to this newsletter, there's never a shortage of things to talk about. In this issue, I've got an update on progress on my next book, *Letters from Glen*. Then on the Exclusive Access page, I decided to answer a question about the scheduling of my presentations, and a little sneak peak into an ongoing project. As usual, keep an eye on The Presentation Update page. It has all the latest info on when I will be giving talks which are open to the public.

As always, thanks for your encouraging messages sent when these newsletters are released. Your support is very much appreciated.

# A PROGRESS UPDATE ON *LETTERS FROM GLEN*

My upcoming book *Letters from Glen* (or at least that's what I think I'm going to call it) is coming along nicely. It was a bit of a daunting task wading through Glen's fifty-nine letters written during his wartime service, plus sixty other non-wartime letters that help shape the story of his life with his wife Dora.

Plenty of other details have been discovered along the way, so it's been interesting to get to know him all over again through this research.

I'm thrilled to say that I will soon spend a full day researching at the National Archives just outside of Washington, DC, to take a deeper dive into the POW camp where Glen served. I'm anxious to see what records are available. Glen's mementos from that time include a handful of postcards with images of the camp. I am hopeful that the archives will have more images.

As always, it's important to also delve into his early life, his marriage to Dora, and then their lives together after he returned from wartime service. Fortunately I continue to discover details of his personal life that have been hiding in plain sight among his mementos. I look forward to including those discoveries in the book.

I don't have a cover design yet to share with you. I want to make sure I plan to stick with the working title *Letters from Glen* before I get my cover artist working. Titles are a funny thing; I think I know what I want to call something, and then suddenly an idea hits me and the original plan goes out the window. Don't worry, though. Once the cover design is complete, you will be the first to know!



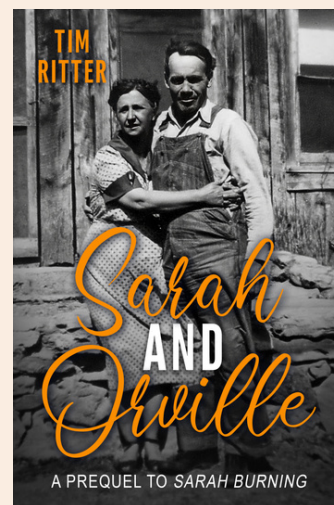
# EXCLUSIVE ACCESS: A COUPLE OF ITEMS...

Recently, a subscriber to this newsletter asked me, pertaining to my live presentations, if dates and subjects change from time to time. The answer to that is most definitely yes.

It doesn't happen quite so much with specific organizations and the subject matter they request. That usually is pretty well set when they ask for me to speak. But when I do my talks in Fair Grove, there's a bit of freedom in the schedule where I can change things around a bit. That's especially good when I have a new talk that I think people would enjoy.

Also, as you might guess, sometimes things happen and we have to change the date or location. That's just part of planning speaking engagements. I aim for consistency, but sometimes schedule issues arise and we have to make adjustments.

That's why I always recommend you keep track of changes in the Presentation Update page.



## Some news about my book "Sarah and Orville":

When I published *Sarah and Orville* a couple of years ago, I didn't make any plans to do an audiobook, since that particular book was so full of photographs. However I have begun to rethink that.

I contacted my dear friend and voice actor Paul J. McSorley, who was the voice of *The Screamer Down the Hall and Other Tales*, and we discussed whether or not it would be possible to edit *Sarah and Orville* sufficiently, removing references to photos, but still remain a cohesive story to make an audiobook. After reviewing the original manuscript, he felt like it was possible. So he and I will be collaborating to develop a revised manuscript, and over the next few months I look forward to announcing that *Sarah and Orville* is available on audio for those of you who love that format. Paul does an excellent job, and no doubt will bring that book to life.



# PRESENTATION UPDATE

This year is another busy one!

## April:

**21st: American Legion Post #38, Fair Grove, MO - 7:00p.m.** - I'll be giving my talk "What Really Happened at the Battle of Little Bighorn." Or I guess as many people know it, "Custer's Last Stand." This is a wild one. We're going to talk about what led to the battle, and tackle, as best we can, what happened throughout the day and into the next. You'll want to be there.

## May:

**12th: Daughters of 1812 Meeting, Bambino's, Springfield, MO 11:30a.m.** - This will be my first time presenting to these ladies, and they have selected my talk "When Pirates Ruled the Seas". We'll talk about guys like Blackbeard, Black Bart, Stede Bonnet, and two famous female pirates, Anne Bonny and Mary Read.

## June

**23rd: American Legion Post #38, Fair Grove, MO - 7:00p.m.** - To help celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, I'm going to give a special presentation at the American Legion Post on "Paul Revere, and the Ride You Thought You Knew." There's way more to the ride than you think. Be sure to make plans to attend this one.

## September

**22nd: American Legion Post #38, Fair Grove, MO - 7:00p.m.** - This time I'm going to give my talk on "What Really Happened at The Alamo." This is another wild one that you won't want to miss. I didn't thoroughly understand what happened during the battle till I started researching for this talk.

**26<sup>th</sup>: Civil War Tour, Ava, MO - 9:00a.m.** - Once again I will be hosting the annual Civil War Tour in Ava, Missouri. You use your own vehicle, and we visit several sites in and around Ava to discuss Civil War activity specific to the region, and explore the little-known ambush that took place there in May of 1864, when the area was known as Militia Springs.

## October

**6<sup>th</sup>: Fair Grove Chamber of Commerce, Location TBA, 12:00p.m.** - I'll be giving a brief talk entitled "Tell Your Story, or Someone Else Will Tell It For You."

**20<sup>th</sup>: American Legion Post #38, Fair Grove, MO - 7:00p.m.** - This time the topic will be "The Young Brothers Massacre." I can't believe I haven't given this talk before in Fair Grove! It's time to do it.

***Stay tuned for updates! There's more coming!***

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*My regular speaking engagements, twice each month, continue at the four Elfindale senior living facilities in Springfield. Also, I present monthly at these other senior facilities: The Preston, Mission Ridge, Turner's Rock, and Springhouse Village.*