Square Route
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This puzzle is actually in honor of a different event, not too far from the BCPT. In this puzzle,

(1) Some of the clues have answers that must be entered with some letters removed from the front.

(2) Some other clues (an equal number) contain a sequence of one or more extraneous words, which you must remove before solving; each such sequence is a definition of one of the modified entries from (1).

The remaining clues all work normally and have normally entered answers. When the grid has been filled, the shaded squares will provide a route to the site of the other event; the three Down answers that cross those squares will give more details of the route. In addition, the Oblique answer will tell more about the setting of the other event, a key word from this answer will quantify (1) and (2), and synonyms for both key words in this answer will tell you what letters to read in the rest of the normal clues, and how to read them, to find out what the other event is.

Finally, for each (2) clue, if it has n extra words, take the nth removed letter from the corresponding (1) answer; together, these will provide the dedication for this puzzle.

ACROSS
1. Last from each old Eurasian realm to embrace a European soldier
4. Substitute heading for old, weird toff (2 wds.)
8. Ritual can rip asunder, specifically (2 wds.)
12. A sun god claiming he is Zeus’s mother
13. A piece of chili dog tasted right
14. In turn, Cassius Clay is more like a young bull
15. Those who direct recipe writer to enter McDonald’s, say
16. Ought to sign speech in pen?
22. Eat in sound environment, at first of meetings
25. Gripping soil, Ned’s turned and gone on foot
28. A boy from the east prevaricated and dawdled
29. Approximately 40% of udder and almost all of the tail
30. Jeered at magical power a man

manipulated
31. Pertaining to ownership of spoon Lassie’s mangled
32. Claim, at first, to turn more sore
33. Able to be reached by everybody following fantastic con (2 wds.)

DOWN
1. Had to take train around Virginia school
2. Parish cleric in tears misdescribed component of tallow
3. Nicer compatriot hugs a Greek character
5. Far lower, oddly fanciful term for a flint dart-head (2 wds.) [NI12]
6. Battle force with laser beam, say
7. Cows’ kin is about to inhale xenon
9. Republican male aviation workers in German river in Germany
10. Joint-related rule-breaking results in draw
11. Zany gent’s multi-country economic association (abbr.)
13. In the middle of Penny, Rod, and Albert
17. Hip moon deity Gary, etc.
18. Circle in figure associated with Barbie becomes a square
19. Device that distributes red pears all over the place
20. Five couples will have provided about 50–51 phylacteries
21. That’s surprising an upsetting actress named Davis
23. Mia Gershwin, Esq. finally provides land near Turkey
24. Radical turned up gloomy nutritional specifications (abbr.)
26. March Madness group can hurt one lector (abbr.)
27. Mnemosyne’s daughter Cat cries audibly

OBLIQUE
32. Blue letters in shaded squares paper shows essentially will lead to setting for the other event (3 wds.)