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# Mountain Man Monthly

The Authorized Publication of the  
Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

The Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. was chartered in 1969 by a group of men and women interested in their heritage and dedicated to preserving and promoting the sport of muzzle loading and buckskinning. CSML is a family oriented club that holds a broad range of functions such as camp outs, potluck dinners, and black powder shoots. CSML is affiliated with the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association.

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Monthly Meeting - Aug. 2

Primitive Shoot - Aug. 5

Ft. Melchert

Grainger Paper Camp-Out

Aug. 18-19 near Victor

Monthly Meeting - Sept. 6

Potluck & Election of Officers

No paper shoot in September!

Support other events over

Labor Day Weekend

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide</b>			
<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 2	monthly meeting of the group
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	August 5	switch club shoots this month!!!
Grainger's Paper Camp-Out	Grainger Ranch near Victor	August 18-19	club camp out and lots of fun; potluck Saturday night
State Silhouette Shoot	High Plains Range	August 25	www.cslma.org for details
CSMLA State Shoot	Ft. Lupton, CO	August 31-Sept. 3	Bracketed matches; annual shoot
Bell's Fort Free Trappers Rendezvous	Off Hwy 69 and CR 119	August 31-Sept. 3	Bob Tristano (719) 564-4485 Dan Hoffman (970) 389-3939
Regular Club Meeting & Election of Officers	American Legion	September 6	potluck at 7; followed by meeting and election!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	September 16	pistol at noon; rifles at 1:00 p.m.
CSMLA Club Challenge Match	Rightmire Ranch near Agate	September 22	camping, shooting, pig roast, & bring a side dish to share
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	October 4	club business and whatnot
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	October 7	pistol at noon; rifles at 1:00 p.m.
Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot & Auction	Fort Melchert	October 20-21	potluck Saturday night; auction, lots of shooting; loads of fun
Annual Craft Fair & Regular Monthly Mtg.	American Legion	November 1	free tables to display & sell your wares; short business meeting
Club Paper Shoot & DST ends.....	Fort Melchert	November 4	Set your clock back 1 hr. Range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	November 18	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	December 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	December 6	ornament exchange; finger foods
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	December 16	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	January 3, 2013	wild game potluck; awards
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	January 6, 2013	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
2013 Board Meeting????	Joy's House	January 15, 2013	set club calendar for year & such
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	January 20, 2013	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm

For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 632-7690 after 9:00 a.m. on shoot day to be sure shoot is on!!!  
*Schedule is subject to change at any time and is based on information available at time of publication. On-line check csmlinc.org*

# PAST THINGS

Our Vice President Roy Crouse conducted the July meeting for us. Joy was out in Washington spoiling her new great-granddaughter!!!

Reports from those who were present were given. Todd Schainost told us of the results of his last paper shoot. Barb Johnson was the only woman present, but everyone there had a good time. There was a little rain and a cold breeze so they shot fast and went into the shop.

Since there were only a handful (9) of us present, Roy quickly ran through the business portion of the meeting. He reminded us all of the upcoming events and then we dispersed to our respective lodges.

The important news at the meeting was the reminder that the new State Association website is csmla.net and to get this word out to all our friends and neighbors. Remember it is csmla.net.

Remember that the next meeting is scheduled for August 2 so plan on being there and helping us to conduct our monthly business for the club.

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## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting June 7, 2012

The CSML membership meeting was held on June 7, 2012 with the meeting called to order by President Joy Hicks. The Secretary's report for may will be approved in July because of no *Mountain Man Monthly* being printed for May. May's issue is not printed because our great editor has put tons of hours into the great book for the Memorial Day shoot. THANKS, Doreen!!!

Treasurer's report by Gwen shows that the Memorial Day shoot showed a profit. Gwen had all the numbers broken down. Motion made to approve the report. Motion was seconded and carried. Thanks Gwen for all **your great work** on the books of our organization.

Ted reported that the club has 6 new members

this year with 77 paid members.

**Primitive Report:** Doug didn't have a primitive report.

**Memorial Day Shoot Report:** A comment regarding service dogs was heard at the event. Richard will be working on a new map to the site but it was noted that it will need to match the size on the current flyer as we only have a small space to fill.

**Old Business:** Boy Scout Day Camp at the Big R was cold again but had a great turn out. Next year the team will set up a tent also just for wind protection for the workers plus to show the kids.

It was noted that we speak with a lot of folks at the gun shows. It is a good way to get our information out to the public at large.

Congratulations to Gwen Petra, Michelle, Barb, and Louise who took the women's pistol class.

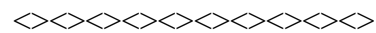
Upcoming events: June 17 primitive shoot, Steve Bingham will conduct due to the Territorial Matches. July 1 is a paper shoot; July 4 is the Monument parade with pancakes at 6:30 and line up at 9:30 a.m. July 5 is regular membership meeting and July 14-15 is the Grainger primitive camp out and chili cook off.

Joy then handed out the President's medals from the Memorial Day Shoot. A big thank you goes to Joy also for all her work behind the screen for the club.

Marlin announced that he and Barb are involved with Wounded Warriors which are talking about doing a shoot. They will keep us informed if they get one close so that the club can help out.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Schainost



## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting July 5, 2012

The CSML membership meeting was held July 5, 2012. Vice President Roy Crouse called the meeting to order.

No Secretary report was approved. Roy had one correction that it was not January, 2012.

Gwen gave a detailed treasurer report. A motion was made to accept it and then seconded. Motion carried.

No membership report.

Primitive report by Doug: He announced that Grainger’s camp out would be on. It is on private property and all fire bans will apply. Potluck Saturday night and he asked people to bring on the chili to best Ted out of his continued winning spot. Doug also apologized that the June primitive shoot report was not submitted; it was all Tony’s fault.

Paper shoot on July 1 had seven shooters and Barb was the only woman. There was also one Junior shooter so he was entered with the big guys. Scores were Jock Harmon 61, John Udovich 49, Blake Schainost 47, and Marlin Johnson 44.

Old Business: The Territorial Matches had a fair turnout. The Buckhorn Skinners did a great job of conducting the shoot.

There was no July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Monument due to the fire.

New Business: this was only the Grainger camp out and Doug had already discussed it.

Upcoming events were noted. It was also noted that the paper and primitive shoots in July are reversed due to the paper Grainger camp out.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Schainost



## JULY PAPER PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken “Suds” West

Had a pleasantly warm 95 degrees on the range with a slight wind. A cool November morning in Abqaiq!! Marlin Johnson showed up to keep me from having to shot against myself.

The scores were:

Marlin Johnson      82x  
Ken West              80

I’ve found a completely new excuse for poor shooting - - - gnats in the ear! Of course, you can completely avoid this problem by wearing hearing protection!

I’ve figured out what I’m doing right when I shoot well. Now if I could just figure out what I’m doing different when I shoot poorly! You can jerk the trigger with a 2 ounce trigger pull!



# Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug “Moose Milk” Davis

The July Grainger’s camp out and chili cook-off wasn’t as well attended as in the past, but those there had a good time shooting, socializing, and eating.

The Primitive Exec and Assistant finally managed to arrive early enough Friday to set the range up with the help of several people who were already there. Fred LaChance, John Udovich, Jock and Pat Harmon, Randy Ruyle, and Razor (you had to be there) helped us set up the range. With a slight change in the pulley system, the range was ready to go in record time.

Final touches were added Saturday morning and the range was open for use. Various targets and various ranges totaled 32 shots which could be done any time all day. The pistol range was some of the rifle targets.

The potluck started a little after six with a prayer by John Gloyd and a moment of silence for our fallen friend Al Main. There

was the usual fare and lots of it. There was even a strawberry shortcake with ice cream!!!!

Ted Beaupre won the tastiest chili and the hottest chili in the judging. I am now convinced that there is bribery afoot..... Randy Ruyle ended up with the mildest chili with his 239 bean version. Petra LaChance kept saying her entry was not chili but we judged it anyway.

Don Stoner dropped a bombshell on us all. He is *engaged!!!!* He can tell you all about it at the next membership meeting.

Ron Deurmyer brought a young man who he named Long Shot at the naming ceremony. Regrettably I didn't write down the mountain name Don gave to his fiancée; he can tell us at the meeting.

The nights were really great; cool so to say. Jackets came out as well as sweaters and sweatshirts. Sunday morning breakfast saw two pancake mixes and lots of food to go around, but no shortcake!

The range was torn down; people headed home and another Primitive Gainger's Camp Out and Chili Cookoff was done.

Scores are:

Men:

Ron Deurmyer	30
Fred LaChance	30
Ted Beaupre	30
Steve Sterner	28
Randy Ruyle	28
John Udovich	27
John Gloyd	27
Jock Harmon	27
Al Bartok	24
Tony Hecker	23
Don Stoner	21

Women:

Petra LaChance	29
Dee Beaupre	28
Joy Hicks	26
Judy Sterner	24
Gwen Blanchard	new gun

Junior:

Jimmy Roberts	28
Blake Schainost	23

Men's Pistol:

John Gloyd	8
Ken West	7
Ron Deurmyer	7
Jim Murray	6

Junior Pistol:

Jimmy Roberts	7
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Sub-Junior Pistol:

Connor Thurn	3
Andreas Thurn	3

Connor and Andreas are the grandsons of Jim Murray and they wanted to shoot. Of course, Grandpa could/would not resist that open door.

Ken West contacted with Dee Beaupre to make pickles for pistol prizes. Good looking pickles....you had to be there.

Joy Hicks also had her grandchildren at this event. Carson and Jordyn kept up their boundless enthusiasm. Camp will never be the same. Four, count 'em four bundles of energy in the mountains and wide open spaces.....again, you had to be there to fully enjoy the sites and sounds.

Randy Ruyle donated a Pikes Peak Hill

Climb ticket for a special shoot. He placed an X on the rear of his business card and posted them at a distance of at least 30 feet. Closest to the center won the card. A fee of \$1.00, which went to the club, was charged. Fred LaChance had the closest to center until he was beaten by a dead center shot by.....well, me of course!!!!

Be sure and make plans for the upcoming August Paper Grainger camp out and potluck. Same place, same weekend of the month.....more people!!!!



## Allen Paul Main

December 28, 1938

July 10, 2012

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of our friend and long-time supporter of the muzzle loading sport, Al Main. When Joy called me to tell me that she had heard of this news, we both shed many tears.

There is no way to summarize the huge life of a man like Al Main. He was a true gentleman in all ways and he loved the world in which he lived. He was first in line to help and last in line to leave. He always had something pleasant to share and you never saw him without a smile a yard wide.

Al was a family man and supported all his son, step-children, and grandchildren in whatever they did. He encouraged them and helped them all when and where he could.

Al was born and raised in Las Animas, Colorado and was never ashamed to be a good old country boy. He graduated high school, served in the Marine Corps, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education. Al taught for 32 years in Aurora and retired in 1995. He also received his Master of Arts in Guidance Counseling from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1968. Al continued on at CU and obtained his Doctorate in Education in 1974. Al coached wrestling and was a

starter at track meets for the Aurora public schools.

Most of us know Al through his love of black powder and shooting the muzzle loaders. He attended many of the shoots throughout the state and could always be found working at all of them in some capacity.

Al was the CSMLA's Muzzle Loader of the Year in 1990; President in 1991; Executive Vice President in 1987-1988; Vice President 2005, 2006, and 2007; Secretary 2001, 2002; Metro Director 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004, and 2005; and At-Large Director 1993, 1994.

Most of us will know Al more for his *Bit of History* articles that appeared for years in the CSMLA's newsletter, *Poke and Stroke*. I for one will miss his exciting and interesting articles on places and people of our history. He always wrote well and you could read his love for the information in every article. Many of the articles were written on his journeys to the places he wrote about.

Yes, I will miss Al more than I can ever say. I take comfort in the fact that he is with his son and family in that great land beyond this world and that he is with his shooting and golfing buddies gone before. We extend to Jeanne and his family, our deepest condolences.

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## UPCOMING THINGS.....

Be sure to note all the events and happenings as noted on the Upcoming Events page. We are getting into that time of year when things will begin to happen quickly; school back in session, daylight savings time returning back to standard time, craft fair, Bird & Buffalo shoot, and all the normal holiday activities.

Remember that the craft fair in November is not just for crafters. You can bring your stuff to trade and barter with. This is a time to get rid of some things and get new things. Tables are free and we encourage all of you to bring your friends as well.

Those of you that will be hunting need to give the details of your game success to Joy. We also want you to make some of those tall tales happen so that we

can hear about them at the January, 2013 meeting. You don't even have to tell a current tale, you can use one from years ago and no one will know the difference!!!!

September's meeting will be the annual Election of Officers. Please volunteer and take an office for a year. None are hard and all have their own benefits to enjoy. We encourage all of you to let us know if you want to continue in the position that you now have as well.

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## **A LITTLE MORE FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON.....**

Following are some quotes from Thomas Jefferson. Seems as though even in his time over 100 years ago, he had his finger on the pulse of a lot of things in the world.

“When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe.”

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.”

“It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.”

“I predict future happiness for American if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”

“My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.”

“No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.”

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.”

“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.”

“To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

In 1802, Thomas Jefferson said “I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”

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## **BEING OLD**

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60s and 70s and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach in a swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But then again some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself any more. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person that I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day if I feel like it!