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Mountain Man Monthly

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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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**NEW LOCATION FOR
MONTHLY MEETINGS
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER
6; 7:00 P.M.**

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Colorado Springs, 80917**

**Muzzle Loading Hunting
Season: Sept. 10-18**

**Club Primitive Shoot - Sept. 16
Club Paper Shoot - Oct. 7**

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
CSMLA 2018 State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	August 31 - September 3	Camp fee \$20; www.csmla.net; patched round ball only
Club Paper Shoot	CANCELLED	Sept. 2	CANCELLED
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion Post #209	Sept. 6	New location for monthly meetings; come and see!!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Sept. 16	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am. Legion #209	Oct. 4	Planning for bird & buffalo
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Oct. 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Bird & Buffalo Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Oct. 20-21	camping after noon Oct. 19, potluck Saturday night, auction
Regular Club Meeting	Am. Legion #209	Nov. 1; 7:00 p.m.	club craft fair, FREE tables
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	TIME ENDS - - - -	NOV. 4 - - - -	CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Nov. 4	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Election Day 2018	your precinct	November 6	get out and vote!!!!
Veteran's Day	everywhere	November 11	thank you to all our veterans!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Nov. 18	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	December 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion Post #209	December 6; 7:00 p.m.	annual ornament exchange and goodies to share
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Dec. 16	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting & Wild Game Potluck	American Legion Post #209	January 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.	bring your favorite "wild game" dish, utensils, and tall tales.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Jan. 6, 2019	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Annual Board Meeting	Joy's House	Jan. 8; 7:00 pm	set annual calendar for club
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Jan. 20	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Feb. 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am. Legion #209	Feb. 7	annual white elephant exchange
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Feb. 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm

For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 442-0150 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

Well, July was a busy month and we didn't have a regular monthly meeting. Your editor was busy and out-of-state so we didn't even have a monthly newsletter. Hopefully we can rectify these issues this month.

High Country Hideaway Shotgun shoot was in July. No reports back yet, but would think this was a great event. Primitive Grainger camp out had to be rescheduled due to fire ban. See the report elsewhere in the newsletter.

August club meeting was conducted upstairs at the American Legion and not in the basement or parking lot. A good group was there to have a good meeting and a great presentation from the Women on Target team.

JULY PAPER SHOOT

By: Ted "Dances with Deer" Beaupre

It was a nice day to shoot; not hot, not windy, and for once what could you ask for except maybe someone to participate. I had only one shooter show up. Thanks for your support, Doug!

A note for all. I will not be holding a paper shoot in August as the paper shoot will be at the August Grainger camp out. August 5 will be the club primitive shoot. (In August we always swap the paper and primitive matches due to Grainger's.)

August 4 and 5 will be the return of the CSMLA's Masters Shoot in Ft. Lupton and I plan to attend. This is an open invitational shoot so anyone who wants to can attend and participate. Duane Jones is trying to get this event back on the schedule so let's all attend and help out and show our support.

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JULY 1 PAPER PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken West

Jim Murray and I showed up for the match and Doug Davis and Ted Beaupre joined us - - with our pistols! Ted shot "Tennessee's" Ruger Old Army and Doug shot my Kuchenreuter (I shot my usual LePage target pistol). The weather was as good as it gets! The scores were:

Jim Murray	80 2x
Ken West	80x
Doug Davis	75
Ted Beaupre	61

Not really great shooting but, there's been a lot of that lately.

Gossip: Jay Rathman and I survived the Cub Scouts in Nashville and the spring National shoot at Friendship. The Cub Scouts learned a bit about gun handling and safety - - and some of them actually hit the targets! I agreed with the regional Scout Director to have the older scouts shoot my muzzle loading pistols Labor Day (they were amazed that you could actually still handle a flintlock, much less shoot one!) My daughter-in-law gave us a gift card for the barbecue restaurant across the street from the BB-gun range in Nashville - - well worth the trip - - and I'm still trying to lose the weight I gained.

Friendship: Friendship the second week in June was incredibly humid and very uncomfortable. The number of shooters diminishes each year; but still enough to enjoy the shoot. While we did not feel it was worthwhile to stick around for the award ceremony Sunday, I'm sure that I won one match - - there is a Kuchenreuter match and I had the only Kuchenrueter! There may be more at the next match. Several eastern gun makers took pictures and measured dimensions.

The NMLRA Board has cancelled the Western National shoot in Phoenix for next year - - not enough participation to pay expenses.

Kuchenreuter: (kuk-n-ritter is the best I can

remember of Petra's pronunciation.) Bartholomaus Joseph Kuchenreuter, was the son of Joseph II and a member of the dynasty of gun makers for the Kings of Bavaria. The dynasty started making guns in 1640 and continue to make upscale guns today. Among Kuchenreuther's customers were Bavarian kings, the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, Frederick the Great, Prince Metternich, Emperor Napoleon I, the Russian Tsars and the Austrian Emperor. I was fortunate enough to find one of his target pistols in the May antique gun show in Denver in the perfect state of preservation (for me)! The gun is in shooting condition, but not so well preserved as to cause concern about diminishing its value by shooting it. It was (barely) within my budget - - after some hard bargaining!

The gun is the top of the top of the line of European target pistols. It looks more like those made by Joseph II than the one that Pedersoli chose to copy - - and handles better. B. I. Kuchenreuter is inlaid in gold and silver on the top of the barrel. Elaborately carved, inlaid and engraved; it has an 11 inch, hooked-breach barrel, a single-set trigger (two stage, with a trigger pull too small to be measured), rear sight elevation adjustable with a key for your pocket watch, and the hook on the trigger guard for the European hold. The front and rear sights are about half the thickness of a dime (the thickness of a silver 3 kueuzer coin of the time) - - - you need good eyes to see them!

This pistol was designed for the hand of an individual and strictly for target shooting; there is no safety (you don't carry a target pistol around loaded!). Your man carries it to the range in a box which also contains the loading tools. To ensure reliable ignition, a small hole was drilled through the snail that the nipple screws into to vent the flash - - the vent hole is embedded in the engraving. The gun is a 45 bore (45 balls/pound), or 47 caliber. The gun weights 31.3 ounces or 0.7 ounces less than 2 pounds.

If you haven't shot an original, the balance is unbelievable. With a .457 ball, 15 grains of 4F powder and a .015 patch, it groups well at 25 yards. Doug's hand did not fit the grip using the American hold; but he shot well when he switched to the European hold. The heavy ball and charge, with the very light trigger does take some getting used to. My hand, with the mandatory kidskin shooting glove, does fit the American grip.

4TH of JULY PARADE

By: Don Stoner

Once again we were appreciated for our performance at the 4th of July parade in Monument. So much so, that the powers-to-be thought of CSML as reliable enough not to even send us a parade packet. We got into town anyway!

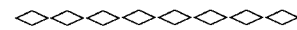
The Chief of Police has even mellowed out and uses our slow progress to stop the cruiser and let the kids jump in and see the inside and maybe even turn on the siren.

I am pleased to announce that we ended up with 14 participants BUT we can always use more. I know what it is like now to have a barrel almost melt down as 30+ blank loads were shot off by the kids along the parade route.

Participants were:

Ted & Delores Beaupre
Tom Newell
John & Carol Gloyd
Bob McCune
Doug Davis
Ken West
Tony Hecker
Connor Thurn
Jim Murray
Andreas Thurn
Jack Durbin
Don Stoner

A big thanks to all who came and helped out!!



Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug "Moose Milk" Davis

Due to the Stage 3 fire ban in Teller County,

we had to cancel the Grainger Primitive camp out in Victor. However, arrangements had been made with the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex at Ft. Carson. We didn't have much time to change venues. I found out about the fire ban on July 4th at the Monument parade. I discussed checking out the complex to hold the shoot with the members. We all agreed that a shoot without the camp out is better than no shoot at all. I visited the complex manager on the following Saturday and was given the okay to hold our shoot.

So we held the shoot, held the potluck, and gave out prizes; just didn't have a camp out.

Thanks to the following people who came out and shot the "mini-shoot":

Men:

Randy Ruyle
Ted Beaupre
Al Bartok
Tony Hecker
Gary Engman
Jim Murray
Don Stoner

Ladies:

Gwen Blanchard
Dee Beaupre

Juniors:

Andreas Thurn
Connor Thurn

Men's Pistol:

Jim Murray
Jay Rathman
Al Bartok
Ken West

Junior Pistols:

Andres Thurn
Connor Thurn

And thanks to Randy Ruyle and Tony Hecker for helping to set up the gongs. Ted Beaupre arrived and pitched in. Then the Blanchards arrived and Tim joined in for setup. As people arrived, they were put

to work. Thanks to everyone for helping tear down when we were done.

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**Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc.
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 2, 2018**

The August 2 meeting was attended by 21 folks who were actually admitted to the building and were allowed on the top floor instead of the basement. Joy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Nice to see Tom Miller, retired Air Force and Tom Foster who is just starting into muzzle loading. Welcome to you both!

No meeting held in July due to the holiday, so no minutes were made.

Treasurer's report was that the only bill was postage for the mailing of the *Mountain Man Monthly*. There being no questions or clarification needed, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Membership report notes that we have 57 current member families on the books. At this time, those not renewed will be dropped from the membership listing.

Old Business: Up first was a report of the Muley event. It was noted that it was not too warm. There were lots of kids and just barely enough people for the stations. Doug advised that we could really use a few more volunteers with this event. He thanked everyone who came and helped out.

The Primitive Grainger camp out was cancelled due to fire restrictions. HOWEVER, the group was able to put together a last minute shoot and chili cook off at the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex on Saturday. Notification of the event was sent via e-mail, so if you didn't get it, please give your current/correct e-mail address to Doug. The group enjoyed a good shoot and welcomed a new shooter who had some issues with his set-trigger. Randy Ruyl helped him clean it up and the shooting was better. A 13 year old girl was present and shot Joy's flint for a really good time. Doug advised that the chili cook-off was unusual and he lost control. (I still ask when

Doug ever really had control?) Any way all that came advised that it was a good time for a last minute thing.

Don Stoner advised that there were 14 folks who showed up to march in the Monument 4th of July parade. We could always use more but those present did a really good job. He noted that the traffic was much better this year. It was also noted that there was a very interesting young lady in the area who grabbed a lot of attention. (Guess you had to be there to get the whole picture.) Don has a picture of our group if you would like to see it.

New Business: It has been made clear to us that the time has come for us to find another meeting venue. Richard Stites and Joy visited another site and did some preliminary discussions with them. The location is on Jeannine Drive, off of Academy near Austin Bluffs. The cost of the location would be the same and there is much better and available parking. It is another American Legion Post and Richard has been a member there for 7 years. It is a very nice site and would offer us coffee, tea, water, and lemonade for drinks. There is no bar available on the floor where we would be meeting. Also there are no tables set up, only chairs. If we want tables they are available, but we would have to set up and take down ourselves. Motion made to have Joy contact and see if we can get a contract with the new site. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The Paper Grainger camp out is scheduled and at this time, is available at Victor. Remember the potluck on Saturday night, election of officers, and the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Ted noted that there will be shotgunning on Sunday morning after breakfast and it does not have to be a muzzle loading shotgun; any shotgun will do. Ted also told the group that he would be happy to accept all donations for the prize table; any items that you do not want or need, would be good prizes on the table. Ken West noted that the prizes for the pistols will be home-made pickles.

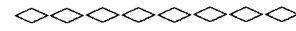
It was noted that there will be no club shoot on September 2. August 4 and 5 is the Master's shoot in Ft. Lupton, August 18-19 is Paper Grainger camp out, and September 6 will be the next membership meeting.

Joy and Gwen then gave the group a look at their part of the Women on Target classes that the

CSML hosts. It was a very interesting presentation and fully explained what the WOT is all about.

Motion then made, seconded, and unanimously passed for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Temporary Scribe, Doreen Webb



AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORT

If you are not currently a member of the American Legion, why not take a moment and consider becoming one. Yearly membership is only \$45 and you can continue to make a difference. Membership in the #209 Post would be a great show of support from our membership.

To be eligible for membership you must have had at least one day of active military duty from December 7, 1941 through the present day and be honorably discharged or still serving. For more information contact Membership chair: Eric Testorff at membership@legion209.org or visit the website at legion209.org.

Be part of the Legacy. Share the Vision. Join the American Legion today!!!

AUGUST GRAINGER Shoot & Camp Out By: Doug Davis

The August Grainger shoot and camp out is scheduled for August 18 & 19 and at this time is a go. The stage 3 fire ban for Teller County has been revised to a stage 2, which allows for shooting and camping but no open flame or charcoal use. We are looking to have 6 paper targets with 5 shots each for a total of 30 shots; all day to complete the aggregate. There may be a Schutzen target for another challenge.

The standard potluck Saturday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. and prizes to follow.

We will keep you informed if there are any changes in the fire ban status. Please be aware that the fire ban stage can change at any time. Check your e-mail for upcoming information.

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REMEMBER.....

The September Regular Monthly Meeting of the CSML will be at the American Legion Post #209, located at 3613 Jeannine Drive. The meeting will be on September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Muzzle Loader vs. Cartridge at 1,000 yds.

By: Jay Rathman

When you hear the name Creedmoor now days, you might think of the newest of wonder cartridges, touted by gun writers; the 6.5 Creedmoor. From the recent glowing accounts of this cartridge's long-range accuracy, many newly minted long-range target aspirants have drawn the conclusion that serious long-range target shooting is now finally possible. Perhaps that was something like the conclusions of the gun writers and long-range shooters had about their latest and greatest cartridges back in '74; 1874 that is! The seriously accurate 500 yard and longer target shooting of the early 1800s spawned the deadly accurate long-range rifles of the late 1850s and 1860s. The technology of producing an accurate sporting or military firearm - - at a given distance - - has been

present from the 1700s. It was never so much the gun but the shooter that determined the accuracy; same as now.

Fielding massed ranks of soldiers that were taught how to load and fire rapidly was a fast and easy group exercise. The term "marksman" denoted an individual's level of skill with a gun. The marksmanship of the average soldier has been conspicuously absent, by all accounts, in every army throughout the world until the 1870s, according to battle field reports. That includes America!

The first serious undertaking to remedy this problem was taken by Great Britain in 1869. It led to the formation of the British National Rifle Association in 1860. On Wimbledon Common July 2, 1860 her Royal Majesty Queen Victoria, herself, fired the first shot of this first long-range competition. So it began.

America's lack of average military marksmanship was no less than Great Britain's as documented in that American tragedy, the Civil War. In response on November 17, 1871, the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) was founded. Mr. Creed sold 70 acres of moorland on Long Island, New York to the NRA of America February 7, 1872. The first competition was fired on the "Creedmoor" range October 8, 1873. The stage was set for a historic event that immortalized the name of "Creedmoor" as the beginning of international long-range shooting.

How it came to pass: Mr. Author B. Leech, an Irish attorney, transformed the Dublin Shooting Club into the Irish Rifle Association in 1867. Some of the prominent members of the IRA included the renowned J. K. Millner and marksman and gun builder John Rigby. In 1873 the eight member Irish team, captained by A. Leech, won the coveted Elcho Shield at Wimbledon. The Irish team with Irish made rifles bested the finest marksman in the whole British empire! With this prestigious honor in hand, this eight member Irish Rifle Association team asked the NRA of America for a friendly contest to establish a World Long-Range Champion. The NRA of America accepted and offered their new Creedmoor range. The Irish/British Empire team were delighted to come to American and were certainly most graciously

accommodated.

The most notable rules were the American team members were to be native-born Americans and their rifles were to be American made. Rifles no more than 10 pounds, no scopes, no artificial supports, 3 pound trigger pull minimum. The number of shots would be 15 each at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards. The Irish team would be shooting Rigby's with 36 inch barrels in .451 bore, 530 grains, hollow (filled with plaster of Paris) base, paper patched, tallow and bees wax lubricated wad and bullet. The octagon bore was 1 in 18 twist. The powder was 86 grains of Curtis & Harvey's #6 at all distances. The Irish shot the whole match without wiping their bores.

The Americans fielded superbly tuned 1873/74 Sharps rifles; their bottle-necked 44-90 with a paper patched 520 grain bullet and Remington #2s in their bottle-necked 44-90 with a paper patched 550 grain bullet. The Americans had to wipe their bores after each shot, using American powder and patch bullets.

In front of a crowd of 8,000, the Americans won by 3 points because an Irishman scored a bulls-eye - - - on the wrong target! The American NRA hosted another match a week later and the Irish won by 6 points. John Rigby scored the overall highest individual score. The same day there was a no cleaning/wiping between 25 shots match. The lowest Irish score was better than the top American score. John Rigby was the highest scorer. Rigby challenged American top scorer General T. S. Dankin, to a 5-shot off-hand/free-standing 1,000 yard match. Rigby 11 points; Dankin 7. In another event, Mr. J. K. Millner of the Irish team scored 11 consecutive bulls-eyes at 1,000 yards. We won only the first match against the Irish all else to Ireland. The next year, all the factory tuned Sharps had Rigby barrels.

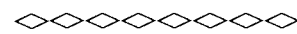
The muzzle loaders won many prestigious matches until 1880. In 1880 the big name cartridge firearms manufacturers had enough of muzzle loaders winning matches **they** sponsored. It was all about selling **their** guns. They prevailed upon all associations to institute requirements to shoot matched that would - - - for all intents and purposes - - - eliminate muzzle loaders. In 1880 you had two minutes between shots, for example. In 1880 the Irish shot cartridge guns by Rigby.

As in nowadays, the muzzle loaders

throughout the world banded together in their love of shooting all types of muzzle loaders accurately, even at the 1874 Creedmoor distances. I value performance in anything mechanical, but I also appreciate the aesthetics of the object. Muzzle loaders seems to exhibit the artisans blending of form and function that was crafted with love and talent.

As an aside: The Frontier Sportsmans Club is close to completing their 1,000 yard Creedmoor style range.

Keep your flint sharp, powder dry, and watch your back trail.



CALLING ALL MUZZLE LOADING HUNTERS.....

Muzzle loading hunting season begins September 10th. If you take any game (deer, elk, antelope) with a muzzle loader, you need to provide Joy with details as to which one, about how many pounds, and which sex. In January we will be awarding the annual big game trophies and you may be the winner.

Also you need to think about the tall tales trophy. This will go to the individual who can provide the most interesting hunting tall tale.

REMEMBER.....

The annual Bird and Buffalo event is rapidly approaching. We will have the auction and are looking for a willing volunteer to help with this auction. Time to clean out the closets, drawers, and wherever else you might hide things you no longer use. The only rule is that if it doesn't sell, you **must** take it back with you.

There will be a potluck on Saturday night just before the auction. While it has not been discussed yet, we will probably be offering an all-you-can-eat chili lunch on Saturday, with the leftovers going to the auction.

Make your plans now to attend this long-range shooting event. You won't regret it!!!!