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# Mountain Man Monthly

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

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**Monthly Meeting**  
**February 2 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Here come the elephants.....**  
**Club Paper Shoot - Feb. 5**  
**No Primitive Shoot in February!!**  
**Are your DUES current???**  
**See you at the CSMLA**  
**Annual Trade Show & Convention**  
**Feb. 18-19**

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide</b>			
<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 2	white elephant gift exchange
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 5	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
CSMLA Winter Trade Show & Convention	Holiday Inn Denver East, Quebec St.	February 18-19	traders, gun maker's fair, classes drawing, art show, & more!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	<b><i>NO SHOOT ON</i></b>	<b><i>THIS DATE.</i></b>	<b><i>CANCELLED!!!</i></b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 1	annual mailing preparation & Flute presentation by Karen
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 4	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 18	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 5	37 <sup>th</sup> annual shoot preparation
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 15	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championships	Buckhorn Skinners Range near Loveland	April 28 & 29	snow dates: May 19-20. .40 caliber or smaller event
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 3	last run-through for the shoot!!!
<b>NO CLUB SHOOTS</b>	<b>IN MAY.....</b>	NO monthly club	shoots during May
37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot & Rendezvous	Florence Mountain Park	May 26-28	lots of fun, work, and best shoot in the state!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 3	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 7	review the 37 <sup>th</sup> annual shoot
Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches	SPVHS Range Ft. Lupton, CO	June 15-17	lots of shooting; sponsored by Buckhorn Skinners & Ft. Lupton
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 17	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 5	monthly meeting of the group
Graingers Primitive Camp Out	Grainger's near Victor, Colorado	July 14 & 15	club campout & lots of shooting; chili cook-off & potluck on Sat.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 2	come and see what happens!!!

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

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

Welcome to 2012!!!! Can you believe that we are this far into the future? Did you ever think about being in the year 2012 when you were moving through time? Most of us never gave it a thought but here we are and still shooting muzzle loaders!!!!

January's meeting was a good one. The food was wonderful and we all had plenty to eat. The tall tales were fun to listen to and wait for the punch line. Good to hear that a few in our group made meat with their smoke poles.

Things are already starting to heat up. We have the Annual Trade Show and Convention, a Boy Scout-o-Rama, our own 37<sup>th</sup> annual Shoot and Rendezvous, and plenty of other shooting on the horizon. We're going to pickup all the flyers that will be available at the Trade Show and then we'll have even more thing to inform you about. Don't forget that we will have a trade table at the Trade Show as well. This will be a place for you to trade or sell off some of your stuff you no longer want or need.

At the board meeting at Joy's house on the 10<sup>th</sup>, your board set the calendar for the coming year. We also approved our flyer and will be publishing it. The theme for this year's annual shoot is the beaver so we are looking for things to use for camp registration medallions and such. Won't be long and we'll be getting ready for the work party to prepare for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual shoot. Be thinking about what part you want to help with and let us know.

We are still looking for people with skills or things to share with us at our meetings. We like to have something special at each of our meetings. If you have something you want to demonstrate or share, if you know someone who has something to share, or if you want to know more about something, let us know. We'll do our best to make it happen. We want our meetings to be informative and fun and the only way for that to happen is if we all work together.

We as a board are also thinking about creating a club business card so that you can hand them out to new prospective members. Watch for more information on this as it develops.

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The first regular monthly meeting of the CSML for the 2012 was called to order by President Joy. First order of business was the saying of grace by Marlin Johnson so that we could dig into the wonderful table of wild game specialities that was sending us aromas from the back of the room. There was elk sloppy Joe, venison, wild Hormel ham & scalloped potatoes, antelope stew, elk meatballs, tamale pie, lasagna, and lots of creative dishes available for the sampling. Several of our group were seen to go back for seconds and there was plenty to be had.

As everyone's hunger pangs began to dissipate, Joy began the business portion of the meeting. We welcomed Tom and Sandra Gabor's grandsons to the meeting. Also good to see Karen Emanuelson and Fred Barraza with us this evening.

The minutes from the December meeting are in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. However, due to a copy machine error, the December, 2011 issue has not been printed. It is available on the web page so Joy asked for a motion for of acceptance of the minutes of the December meeting as found on the website and will be printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. After some laughter from the group, there was a motion and second received from the floor. Motion was unanimously approved.

Gwen was asked to give us a reading of the funds we have. She provided us the totals for income and outgo and gratuities that we have. The outgo included reservations for a club table at the State's Annual Trade Show and Convention, postage for our mailings, and six months of rental of our meeting hall. Our insurance will be due shortly so that we can renew and have the proper paperwork ready for the contract with the city of Florence for the annual shoot. There being no questions raised about the report, a motion was made to accept. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Ted Beaupre told us that he had received ten renewals of dues and two new members this month. He also reminded us that all our dues are due in

January. Please be sure to get your dues to Ted as soon as you can. Motion was made to accept the membership report. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

When asked for a Primitive Report, Doug replied "It hasn't happened yet!" He did remind all that there will be no primitive shoot in February. Most of us will be at the State's Annual Trade Show and Convention and there will be no one available for the shoot.

**Old Business:** Reminder given that the CSMLA Annual Trade Show and Convention are fast approaching. If you haven't gotten your reservations made, please do so now. There are lots of classes in the works for this one, among which will be Joy's Capote Building class, Doug's Flint 101, Tom and Doug's RO class, Gwen's Finger Weaving, and Sandra's Beading Class. There will be lots to do and lots of old friends to see so plan to be there.

Question was raised about us having a club table there. The answer is yes. Marilyn Stites volunteered to help man this table. Bring your stuff to sell or swap but be sure that you mark who it belongs to, how much you want for it, and whether or not you will accept an alternate amount. This is a good place to get rid of things you no longer need or want.

**New Business:** Doug noted that the Boy Scouts are looking for RSO and instructors for April's Scout-o-Rama on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at Rocky Mountain Roosters and those that want to help must take the youth instructor on-line course first. Doug has the link for us to use to get this certificate which must be done for us to participate in the Boy Scout things. Doug guarantees us that we can pass the course and obtain the certificate. He will be the contact for anything with this Shoot-o-Rama and will be providing us with more information as it is available.

Next gun show is January 14-15 at the Freedom Center. Jay Rathman and Don Stoner will be working on this. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Don.

Board meeting at Joy's house on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting the club calendar and beginning work on the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Shoot and Rendezvous. Everyone is welcome and we would like to have lots of you there to help with the things

that keep our club interesting and fun.

Ad selling kits available now. There are also plenty of extra shoot books to take and show the prospective advertisers. Let's get started on this all important task for our annual event. We hope to make enough in sales to pay for the printing of the shoot book.

Ken West presented two statues to the group. His wife Kelly is making the donation of these items to the group if we want them. They are a mountain man and a cowboy. The group is thankful to Kelly for providing us with these and we'll find the perfect use for them. Thanks Kelly!

Time for the trophy awards. Joy called for all those that made meat this year to help us determine who the winners are. We had three hunters obtain elk; John Udovich at about 80 yards, Fred LaChance at about 40 feet, and Ron Deurmyer a cow elk that was about two years old. No decision could be reached on the winner because the details were sketchy. Dee Beaupre had the only success with deer and she bagged a 3 x 3 buck. There were no antelope taken (or at least that we know of).

Up next were the tall tales. Tom Gabor took the floor and told us the story of "Jurassic Park". Since this was his first hunt, he was very excited to tell the tale. Ted Beaupre told us the tale of cooking until someone complains or "Damn Good Chili". Ron Deurmyer was coaxed into telling us the story about "Running Them Off". Since the Tall Tale trophy is undergoing renovation with Buddy's help, we'll let you know later who the winner is. The storytellers were close in competition and the stories were great. If you weren't there you missed some good tales.

Upcoming events were noted for all. Don't forget that the February meeting will be the white elephant gift exchange.

Motion made for adjournment and was seconded and unanimously approved! So done!

Respectfully submitted,  
Temporary Scribe Doreen Webb

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Remember no shoot on February 19th!!!!

# Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug "Moose Milk" Davis

The January Primitive Shoot started out well enough. Randy Ruyle helped with set up, the range opened on time, and then Mariah showed up. By the end of the shoot, she was not nice.

Scores are as follows:

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|-----------------------|----|
| Merrill Radestock     | 19 |
| Randy Ruyle           | 17 |
| Doug Davis            | 16 |
| Fred Petro            | 12 |
| Ernest Poe            | 8  |
| Tom Scott (new flint) |    |

One lady was present; Joy Hicks and her score was 12.

Thanks to Randy for helping range set up and thanks to Merrill and Randy for range tear down.

Remember that there will not be a Primitive Shoot in February due to the CSMLA'S Annual Trade show and Convention. How about attending the Convention and support the CSMLA? Check <http://csmla.org> for more information.

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**TIME TO PAY YOUR  
DUES!!!!**  
**\$15 goes to Ted Beaupre  
for 2012 dues**

# PAPER PISTOL MATCH January 1, 2012

By: Ken "Suds" West

We did have a match on New Year's Day - - - and none of the participants seemed to be hung over! The weather was decent - - - for January. Had four shooters. The scores were:

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| Ken West   | 87   |
| Jim Murray | 84   |
| Doug Davis | **** |

\*\*\* had a fairly tight group at 12 o'clock high with a .45 semi-auto.

Lon Mehle shot with us - - - first time that I can remember - - but had a problem with his Ruger Old Army. Later detailed analysis indicated that his nipples were too big and his balls too small. When both were properly sized (later in the week), he shot very well!

I'm fairly pleased with my score - - - not that I won. No matter how bad your shooting and how good the competition, there will be a time when your good day coincides with their bad day - - but because at shots 6 & 7 I was way off due to performance anxiety. Consciously relaxing the shoulder muscles, I was able to recover and make good (for me) shots for the remainder of the match.

### Things everyone else already knew:

Not only is there a best temperature for the lead when you are casting round balls, there is a best temperature for the bullet mold! This just keeps getting more and more complicated!!

## BOARD MEETING BITS

The CSML Board of Directors met at Joy's house on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Among the many things that were discussed, we also discussed a membership drive. As we all know, membership is an issue with lots of the muzzle loading community and we want to do our part to keep the CSML numbers up. Todd Schainost has offered to make a custom possibles bag for the individual who brings in the most new members between now and January 31, 2013. All you have to do is be sure that your name appears on the application of each new member that you get to join us. Nothing to it. Just convince your friends and family to join us for \$15 a year and be sure that your name is on their application. Let's all get busy and see how many new members we can get and let's make it a real competition for this possible bag!!!!

The Board also decided that the club will purchase a single-shot black powder pistol for the drawing at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Shoot and Rendezvous. We will be getting with Ron Melchert to find a suitable pistol.

The State's Shotgun Championships will also be conducted again at our event this year. Tom Hart and Rady Dyer are planning on throwing lots of birds and are just waiting on all of you to join them in the breaking of those birds. Should be just as much or more fun than what was had last year.

The Board also decided that we will not be raising our prices for any of the events or matches at the shoot this year. We're trying to reduce our cost of operations through other means. We want to really encourage people to attend our shoot by trying our hardest to make it reasonable in cost. Ads for the shoot book will also remain the same for this year. Again, we are trying to keep the cost down so that we can have much more participation and make it a good time for all.

As is true for this time of year, we are always looking for volunteers to head the various committees for the annual shoot. If you are at all interested, please let us know. We will never turn away any volunteers and there are plenty of jobs to go around. Gwen is handling the traders this year and Dee is already working on the kids games. Join Gwen and Dee and get yourself involved early!!!!

## PRIMITIVE PISTOL MATCH January 15, 2012

By: Ken "Suds" West

The weather was overcast, cool, with a wickedly cool wind. Everyone but me exercised the good judgment to stay warm; however, somewhat anticipating this, I brought two pistols to shoot against myself. It was a good match!

The scores were:

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| LePage .44 target pistol | 13 gongs |
| Kentucky .40 pistol      | 9 gongs  |

The Lepage was shooting so well that I shot Fred's tie breaker at 54 yards. His hit in the center of the gong is still there. My hit was considerably further from the center (nicked it at 10 o'clock). I'll stick with the LePage for competition!

## FEBRUARY'S MEETING

Don't forget that the February meeting will be the annual white elephant gift exchange. Bring your favorite elephant wrapped in it's best paper. We'll draw numbers and reveal each elephant in order. During the opening period, each participant will be able to made one trade of elephant that has been revealed. Whoever draws #1 will have the ultimate glory of being able to trade his elephant for a bigger or better elephant from all the elephants present at the meeting.

Got it???? Good. We'll all be looking forward to seeing this herd in all its glory.

We'll also need all hands on deck to help get the March-April issue of the *Poke and Stroke* collated, stapled, taped, addressed, and stamped for

mailing. This is a lot of work and we need all the help we can get to accomplish it in a short period of time. Most of these are sit-down jobs so they won't be hard to do.



## UPCOMING THINGS.....

March's meeting will be special in that Karen Emanuelson has volunteered to bring her Indian flutes and give us some information on them. This will be a very interesting thing and you should make plans now to be at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

March is also the month when we will be doing our annual mailing of events. We'll need people to help us collate, staple, tape, address, and stamp these mailings.

April 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ads for our shoot book. You don't have to wait until April to submit your materials. The sooner you sell the ads the sooner we can get to our goal of having enough ads to pay for the printing of the book. Ad sale sheets are available as well as copies of last year's shoot book.

April 21<sup>st</sup> (or as far as we know now) will be participation by our group in the Boy Scout-O-Rama. Doug is working on details for this. Those that plan to attend and help will need to go on-line and take a test for a certificate. Contact Doug for the details.

April 28-29 is the Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championships at Loveland. Buckhorn Skinners host this at their range.

June 15-17 is the Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches to be held at the Ft. Lupton Range. Again the Buckhorn Skinners and the Ft. Lupton Muzzle Loader Club will be hosting this event.



## BUFFALO

Just some random thoughts on this magnificent beast.....

### The Spotted Buffalo

*There is power in a buffalo - spiritual, magic power - but there is no power in an Angus, in a Hereford.*

John (Fire) Lane Deer, *Lame Deer Seeker of Visions*, with Richard Erdoes, 1972

The buffalo were replaced by domesticated cattle and barbed-wire was strung up on fenceposts to divide the Great Plains into privately owned allotments. Called "spotted buffalo" by some, the domesticated cow was viewed with disdain by most Native North Americans. In his autobiography, Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance spoke of the end of the buffalo and the coming of the spotted buffalo:

*"I used to go to my room at night (in the mission school) and lie and think of the old days when there were buffalo and plenty of animals everywhere. . . then I would think of what my old grandfather used to tell me when I was a small child. He said that some day the white man would be everywhere on the plains. I did not believe him. He said that some day they would drive all of the animals away; they would put up fences everywhere, and the Indian would have to camp in one place all of the time. I did not believe him. But now I was beginning to realize that everything my grandfather said was coming true - - and I wondered if he could see it."*

In one of his several remembrances of things past, *My People the Sioux*, Luther Standing Bear recounted the first time he saw a cow - - and his revulsion:

*"One day we boys heard some of the men talking about going to the agency. They said the government had sent some spotted buffalo for the Indians. This was the name the Indians gave to the cows, there being no word in the Sioux tongue for the white man's cattle. Our own wild buffalo had been disappearing very rapidly, as the white people had been killing them as fast as possible. We were happy to learn that we were to receive more meat, this being our main diet. We had heard about these spotted buffalo, but had never seen them.*

*So we got on our ponies and rode over to the*

agency with some of the men. What a terrible odor met us! It was awful! We had to hold our noses. Then I asked my father what was the matter around there, as the stench was more than I could stand. He told me it was the odor of the spotted buffalo. Then I asked him if we were going to be obliged to eat those terrible animals.”

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“When the Creator made the buffalo, he put a power in them. When you eat the meat, that power goes into you, heals the body and spirit.

Now we have the poorest diet. We have alcoholism. We have juvenile and adult diabetes. When our spirituality comes back, when we see buffalo as our grandfathers saw them, then we’ll be on the road to recovery.”

Les Ducheneaux, former guardian and ceremonial slaughterer of the Cheyenne River buffalo herd, 1994.

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“The buffalo represents the people and the universe and should always be treated with respect, for was he not here before the two-legged peoples, and is he not generous in that he gives us our homes and our food? The buffalo is wise in many things, and, thus, we should learn from him and should always be as a relative with him.”

Oglala Sioux Holy Man, Black Elk

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**Creator Sun Makes the Buffalo From Mud**

At seventy years of age in 1985, Percy Bullchild, a Blackfeet from Montana, published a collection of stories entitled *The Sun Came Down: The History of the World as My Blackfeet Elders Told It*. Among the stories is a Blackfeet version of the creation of the buffalo, made from mud by the Sun.

Creator Sun took some of the mud again, as he had done when he made Mudman. And with his hands he molded a thing with four legs on it, a head and the body. The Mudman was astounded at his father’s making. After this thing was shaped by Creator Sun’s

skilled hands, he made the thing’s nostrils and held it up to his mouth. He blew very hard into this thing’s nostrils. Creator Sun, as he blew into the thing, said to it, “Now breathe the air from me, my breath, and live with it like my children are now living with it. Eat the food of grass and foliage to fatten you and those in the same likeness as you are that will all roam this land sometime soon. Abound this land and become the food for my children.” As this new thing came to life from that blow into its nostrils, it got up on its feet, and it too was very wobbly on the legs as it tried to walk away from them. This new thing fell back down but kept on trying to stand up and walk . . . This was the first flesh food given to the Mudman and all of their children to supplement those roots, berries, and the barks of food, which they ate for a very long time. This particular creature . . . became the food animal known as the buffalo.

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“I bought a beautiful white buffalo skin from Le Cedre, who had killed the young bull last January at Grandes Fourches; the hair was long, soft, and perfectly white, resembling a sheep’s fleece. . . They have a superstition that many superior virtues are contained in a skin of this kind, and imagine it to be the most essential article an Indian can possess.”

Alexander Henry the Younger, Northwest Company fur trader, Journals, April 25, 1803.

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“For it was the White buffalo Cow Women who, in the beginning, brought to us our most sacred pipe, and from that time we have been relatives with the four-leggeds and all that moves. Tatanka, the buffalo, is the closest four-legged relative that we have, and they live as a people, as we do.”

Black Elk, *The Sacred Pipe*, 1953.

“The buffalo was part of us, his flesh and blood being absorbed by us until it became our own flesh and blood. Our clothing, our tipis, everything we needed for life came from the buffalo’s body. It is hard to say where the animal ended and the man began.”

John (Fire) Lame Deer, *Lame Deer Seeker of Visions*, with Richard Erdoes, 1972.