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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 AUGUST 1

7:30 p.m.

Richard Stites to do  
flintknapping

## Aug 4 - Primitive Paper Shoot @ Ft. Melchert

## Aug. 17-18 Paper Grainger Camp Out & Saturday night potluck

## September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is a potluck and elections!!!!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 1	Richard Stites demo on flintknapping
Upper Rio Grande Rendezvous	near Creede, Colorado	August 3 <i>Cancelled due to Fire Damage</i>	sponsored by Bells Fort. Contact Michelle (719) 783-0332
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	August 4	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Paper Grainger Campout	near Victor	August 17-18	lots of shooting and fun!!!
State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	August 30-Sept. 2	Annual state shoot
Ft. Bridger Rendezvous	Fort Bridger, Wyoming	August 30-Sept. 2	Black powder shoots, mountain men, Native American dancers, and such.
NO Paper Shoot	Labor Day Weekend	support other events	and shoots this weekend.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	Sept 5	Potluck & election of officers
Hunter's Widow Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton	Sept. 13-14	contact Valerie (303) 995-5989
Muzzle Loading Rifle Hunting Season	Statewide	Sept. 14-22	Good luck to all of our hunters!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Sept. 15	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
CSMLA Club Challenge Match	Rightmire Ranch near Agate	Sept. 21	shooting, food, & fun. Potluck Saturday with roast pig
Colonial Encampment	Ft. Lupton	Sept. 27-28	Stuart & Pat Wier are Co-Booshways
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	Oct. 3	Come see what happens!
Hot Irons Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton	Oct. 4-5	no other details at this time.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Oct. 6	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot & Camp Out	Ft. Melchert Penrose	Oct.19- 20	long range, shotgun, and primitive shooting, potluck Sat.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Nov. 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Annual Craft Fair & Regular Monthly Meet	American Legion	Nov. 7	Free tables to display your crafts; anything accepted

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

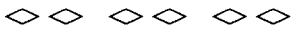
Since I didn't make it to the June meeting and we didn't have a July meeting, there is not much past information to share. This is where each of you could send us information to share with our members. I'm sure that there are some things that have happened but we just don't have enough reporters to tell us about them.

We do know that several of our friends and family members were caught up in the Black Forest fires. Bonnie Hidy lost her home; Karrie and Mark (Tom Hendricks daughter & family) lost their home right on the heels of the first fire that took their garage and cars. Joy's brother and nephew lost their homes. This truly was a tragedy that affected many of us and our friends.

While the devastation was tremendous and lots of family heirlooms and memorabilia were lost, there was no loss of life for our friends and families. This is the most important part of the whole process. Like the kids viewpoint "we get all new clothes and stuff!" it might be a good idea to think in terms of the new. Our memories will not diminish nor be lost in the ashes of the fires.

We understand that there was a great Facebook interview with El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa and Bonnie Hidy. Makes us even more supportive of our Sheriff and his staff. They are truly awesome!

Marlin and Barb Johnson have sent us information on the Outdoor Buddies programs that they conducted on May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for that information elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you all for your participation in this event.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.....

By: Don Stoner

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Monument went by with very little problems. First, one of our members found that Pyrodex would not fire when packed.

Second, another found that 30 rounds just isn't enough parade loads no matter how many he had used the last time we marched. And third, once again we didn't have enough members to take care of all the kids.

Doug asked the Chief of Police, who came right after us, to delay for a while so that we would not have to run so fast and maybe that is why we shot so many loads.

We all got there in time to partake in the pancake breakfast before the parade. Dee Beaupre and Carol Gloyd carried our banner and did a great job of not getting too far ahead of us. The shooters and walkers included Don Stoner, John Gloyd, Ted Beaupre, Ashton Miller, Aubrey Miller, and Ken West.

Come on, is that the best we can do? Of course, the ever popular Doug Davis with his cannon. To help Doug, my neighbor Aaron Behrman and Doug's neighbor Sam (Samantha). Apologies if I left anyone out.

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## DON'T FORGET....

The CSMLA State Shoot and Club Challenge Match are fast approaching. These are two very fun shoots and provide lots of opportunity to use up lots of black powder.

August is the club's Grainger Paper Camp Out and potluck. Come out and see what kind of fun things will be happening. The potluck on Saturday night is always fun and there is always good food to share.

With the muzzle loading hunting season coming up, we sure hope that some of you hunters will provide us with stories to share. Keep track of your success as in January, you could be the recipient of the annual big game trophies that are awarded.

November 7<sup>th</sup> will be the club's annual craft fair at the meeting. This is just a little over 3 months away. Get your crafting on and get ready to bring and sell it. Tables are free and there is no limit on the type of crafts that you sell. This is also a good time to begin thinking about what to buy for the upcoming holidays.

## CAMPING TIPS

With the Internet available to all and the remaining social media, it is always amazing what you will find when searching or what someone will send you. Here are some camping tips that were sent to me. Maybe you'll recognize some and maybe you'll discover one or two that you didn't know.

Mountain Dew plus baking soda, plus peroxide will make a lantern.

Make your own tick deterrent: mix one part tea tree oil to two parts water in a spray bottle. Spray on your shoes, socks and pant cuffs.

Glue sandpaper to the top of your match container. Be sure you buy strike-anywhere matches.

Use empty TicTac boxes for storing spices.

Cut up straws and fill with antibiotic ointment or toothpaste for single use packets. Use a lighter to seal the ends.

Make single use soap leaves by shaving a bar of soap with a vegetable peeler. You can also rub soap on mosquito bites to relieve the itchiness.

Pack a mini-first aid kit in an old prescription bottle or Altoids tin. Add Band-Aids, ointment, tweezers, and cotton balls.

Add bundles of sage to campfires to keep mosquitos away.

Cotton pads dipped in wax are easy ways to make portable fire starters.

Freeze gallon jugs of water and place in coolers. These provide cooling and water as they melt. Other things you can freeze are pasta sauce, chili, pesto. They serve dual duty as coolers and food.

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## CLUB ELECTIONS

Now is the time to begin thinking about filling one of the positions in the club. There are always openings and we are looking for new folks to help keep us going.

Elections will be held at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like to announce your candidacy, please send or give your information to Doreen by no later than August 22. That will give us a little time to get it into the newsletter so folks know what you intend to do.

This deadline includes those of you who will or want to continue on in your current position. Let us know so that we can be sure to include your information.

Please help us out. Volunteer to take on an office for a year and see what it takes to keep the club going. No one will let you fail; we'll all still be there to help and assist.

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October is the annual Bird and Buffalo shoot. This is where we do long range shooting and some of just about everything else. Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck followed by the auction.

Speaking of auction, now is the time to begin cleaning out the garage, closet, and all those old places where you hide things you no longer need or want. We'll take it and see what we can get for it. You might want to be saving up your loose change so that you can buy the next "treasure" that is up for auction. You just never know what will show up and be the hottest item of the night.

You can camp at Ft. Melchert beginning on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> after noon. Be sure to leave space for others when you park.

Even if you can't camp with us, be sure to come and enjoy the day with us and stay for the potluck and auction. We always have such a good time at this event.

## PRIMITIVE CHAPTER NEWS

by *Doug 'Moose Milk' Davis*

The Grainger's Primitive Campout was a real success! The most people I have seen in years. We arrived late Friday evening with the privy and targets. Setup commenced first thing Saturday morning. The gongs went up quickly with all the help. Thank you to all that helped set up the range.

Rain only fell once while the range was open, and not for long. We had our potluck chili supper without a cover, there were 48 in attendance. The winners of the cook off were: Hottest-Sandra Gabor, Mildest-Terry Clark, Tastiest-Lois Schainost. We had plenty of prizes to go around thanks to all who had donated items for the prize table. With dinner done and prizes given we then had the Naming Ceremony. The stories were great and the new names were given: Blake is now known as Two Hawks from here on Gabby will be know as Fast Pony and Terry Clark we be known as Cougar Bait.. I was proud to introduce the new Muzzle Loading Rifle Instructors present: Tony Hecker, Craig Thomas, Don Stoner and Cori Quevillon.

We did perform a flag retirement ceremony since we were permitted to have a fire since there is a large ringed fire pit in the camp area.

Sunday morning was the traditional pancake breakfast with potluck breakfast items. What a spread, as usual. Thanks to all who brought food for the both the supper and breakfast.

We had several new shooters and members at the campout. You will notice new names in the 'telling of the scores.' I received emails that they all had a very good time and are looking forward to the Paper Campout.

And thanks to the fire watchers who saved the flames during the rain that fell after the flag retirements ceremony so there could be smors.

### SCORES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### The Mens 'P' category

1	Tom Gabor	30
2	Ted Beaupre	30
3	Leon Basdekas	30
4	Steve Sterner	28
5	Ron Sanchez	27
6	Ron Deurmyer	26

7	John Udovich	24
8	Craig Thomas	21
9	Terry Clark	19
10	Don Stoner	19
11	Brendon Ewals-Strein	19
12	Joe Unnerstall	15

#### The Mens Flint category

1	Fred LaChance	30
2	Josh Verrucose	21
3	Al Bartok	

#### The Ladies category

1	Petra La Chance	29
2	Peggy Basdekas	27
3	Alexis Unnerstall	27
4	Jane Lewis	24
5	Corisa Quevillon	22
6	Judy Sterner	20
7	Crissy Vercruyssen	14

#### The Juniors category

1	Katie Basdekas	11
2	Gabby	7

#### The Intermediate category

1	Blake Schainost	24
2	Zoe Thomas	22
3	Justin Clark	20

#### The Mens Pistols category

1	Fon Deurmyer	10
2	Jim Murray	10
3	Fred LaChance	8

4	John Udovich	8
5	Ken West	6

#### The Intermediate Pistol category

1	Justin Clark	6
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#### The Sub-Junior Pistol category

Jim Murray's grandsons Connor & Andreas tied with 3 hits each

Thanks again to all who attended, helped set up the range, dinner tables, did the cooking, and helped with tear-down and cleanup.

*I would like to add: Doug needs a great big thank you for a great shoot but mainly for bringing the Port-a-Potty, it was quite an adventure, just ask him.  
Joy*

## JULY 7 PAPER PISTOL MATCH by Ken "Suds" West

The weather couldn't have been better-and hasn't often! Nine of us shot pistol the scorer were:

Clay Vandenberg	87
Fred LaChance	86
Al Bartok	85
Lon Mehle	82
Jim Murray	80
Tom Gabor	74
Ken West	73
Don Anderson	DNF

In the Junior division. Conner James Thurn, scion of the Murray clan, Shot 56, taking the prize in that division.

THINGS EVERYONE ELSE ALREADY KNEW  
A dull Patch knife can be very frustrating!

I received several unsolicited comments that the muzzle-loaders were the high-point of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Monument.

Apparently, older people have a tendency to suffer potassium deficiencies-which makes them feel tired and listless. My doctor prescribed Potassium Chloride pills, which have reenergized me: but you can get the same effect by eating bananas, or salting your food with Potassium Chloride salt (salt substitute in the grocery store) NOTE: This is not a public admission that I'm old!

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PREZ...

Doug and I do things with Sheriff Terry Makita, I have always liked the man, he is a very down to earth and personable, easy to talk to and definitely a champion of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights . During the Black Forest Fire I admired the way he handled the information especially since that was my stomping grounds during my growing up years and I have family there. When I read this Facebook post about our Bonnie Hidy. Well you judge....

*Today, like many days, was busy but full of great experiences. This morning, I had the privilege of being a guest on the Jeff Crank Show on KVOR. That is always a treat and we had a great discussion about the Black Forest Fire and the uniqueness of that community and more importantly, the resilience of its residents. I then drove some of the streets in the area and witnessed the beginning of the rebuilding process. While driving north, I saw a long line of cars parked along the road, which caught my attention and stirred my curiosity. I had driven this road many times during the fire and witnessed the devastation and observed the remains of the many homes. In most cases, I never knew the owner, nor did I have a real sense of the memories lost within those homes. When*

*I observed a large number of people working diligently to clear and clean a lot, I pulled over to get a closer look at the activity. It was an incredible sight to witness, as it defined the truest meaning of the word, community. Members of three churches gave up their Saturday to come to the aid of a very sweet woman who had lost her home. The volunteers, covered in black soot and sweat, consisted of a mixture of generations from young children to grandparents. To be surrounded by so many people says a lot about the woman they were there to help. More touching was the story behind the homeowner these amazing people were helping. She, like many, was evacuated late that Tuesday afternoon, the day the fire began its path of destruction. This owner not only lost her home, earlier that very same day, she attended the funeral of her late husband. She lost everything that day and met me with a smile. I was hesitant to share this story, but felt compelled because of the strength this woman demonstrated, but more importantly, the inspiration she projected. I could not begin to imagine the way she must be feeling to suffer such a massive loss. Yet, as I mentioned, she met me with a smile and words of strength and appreciation. I had the pleasure to meet other members of her family and they too are special people. She may or may not rebuild her home, but she will continue on a path of building a new life, she said. We shared a*

*hug and even some watery eyes. She is an amazing person and one I feel truly honored to have met her, even under such trying circumstances. Mrs. Hidy, you are a true inspiration, and so courageous. I have no doubt that is why so many people came to your aid. I was honored to have met you. Thank you! To those people that were there to help her, you are the fiber of a what is a community. All of you made a lasting, positive impression on me. I hope it's ok that I shared this story. I had heard about Mrs. Hidy's story on the second day of the fire, but had no face to put with it, until today. Every now and then, I am fortunate enough to meet a special person like her. Mrs. Hidy, you are a hero in my eyes!*

The posting was followed by a picture of Terry and Bonnie.

What do you think?

Joy "Ten Ponies" Hicks

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The regular membership meeting of the Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders was held on June 6, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Joy.

The secretary report was not available since the MMM was not printed since our great writer done a fabulous job with the shoot book. Thank You Doreen you do a very special job at everything you write. Your words are enjoyed by many.

Gwen treasure report was accepted

with a motion and seconded. Motion carried.

Ted reported for the membership that year to date we have 20 new members and 59 renewals.

Nothing happened on the primitive side since the Memorial Day event.

For old business the Boy Scouts @big R was another great event a little chilly at first but with Dee and Ted bringing the tent was very helpful. And gave Ted a place also to tell the 250 cub scouts Mountain Man stories. One thing for next year we need to take safety glasses along for the kids to use. It was a bit windy. Thank you to everyone who helped spread the word through the cubs and parents of what our club is about. Marlin reported that the Outdoor buddies event held on the 16th of May was about 200 in attendance. and looking forward to the shot on June 22. Which the powder and balls will be supplied by the state organizer. Just bring your rifles.

Under new business No meeting July 4th enjoy the time with your families and attend the Parade.

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Then the report of the Memorial Day was given by Joy, Doreen, and Gwen, and Dee. Dee had a lot of kids with great games and everything she prepare to entertain the small ones. Doreen reported that the shoot book cost \$53.00 under what we sold ads

and all for plus a lot of her hair. But Doreen the book was a great one. THANK YOU! Gwen reported that the net of the week end was a gain of \$311.00. Ideas of how the club could improve on

Increase the cost of the shot gun prices to \$4 -\$5.00 because the cost of the clays. Make the Book like the State Book. Cut the times the Porter Potties are cleaned and the number we have. The engraving on the back of the medals. Use a sticker on the back in stead of engraving. There will be a meeting to reconsider ideas to cut down on the expenses.

Then the Great President we have recognized everyone who helped that week end. But we all need to Thank Joy for her GREAT leadership and detailed thoughts that makes everyone willing to pitch in and enjoy themselves. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and ran the range when needed.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Lois Schainost, Scribe*

## **ONE MORE THING.....**

We are lucky to have a beautiful person in our Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Family, she brings so much to how well our group works.

She gives so much of her time and herself, without her we would not have this great news letter. We can help out by sending articles, reporting on the fun things we do, and how we help in the community.

*Doreen*, I hope you had a wonderful visit with your son, Jon.. Thank you for all the work you do! You are the Best!!!





**Outdoor Buddies Time.....**

It was a beautiful day in May (the 18<sup>th</sup>) and we were about to experience something even more rewarding. We spent the day at the beautiful Painted View Ranch in Westcliffe, CO. This was the annual Outdoor Buddies Family Day. The Outdoor Buddies program supports Wounded Warriors, youth and women. The picnic was attended by approximately 300 "guests". They had a variety of demonstrations, including the wild wolf, alpaca's and horses. Ft. Carson was also in attendance and provided several displays too. They also had a bow & arrow shooting range set up. We (Fire Ant Dancer and Snake Shot) also put out a display. We were lucky enough to have two large tables full of Mountain Man goodies. We were kept busy the whole day with lots of questions and comments, and gave out lots of flyers and club applications for those who were interested. We even had a few who were going to go out and get a muzzleloader! At the end of the day everyone commented on what a great exhibit we had and how they wanted to learn more. And learn more they did.....

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we were joined by Joy, Doug, Steve S., Tom, Gwen & Tim and Todd & Blake at Tarryall Reservoir. Some of us actually went up a few days earlier and got in some fishing. We camped at the lake and around 10 am we crossed the road to the Outdoor Buddies cabin. The OB

President, Larry Sanford and his wife Penny were our hosts. We had a 25 yd. range set up, hawk and knife, and fire starting table. Several of the guys were in wheelchairs, but nothing could stop them from trying everything. What a remarkable group of people. We didn't have a lot (about 8 guys came) but they are sure to spread the word about what a great time they had. They even talked about going out and getting a muzzleloader now that they know how much fun they are. Larry wanted us to convey to our group how much they appreciated all that we did and he's looking forward to a bigger one next year. OB even provided lunch for us all! Can't begin to tell you all what a rewarding experience it was and how amazing everyone was. A big thanks go out to all our volunteers....we couldn't have done it without you.

If anyone is interested in spending some time with this group, they do some amazing things. They have a family day fishing at Swift's Pond, a golf tournament, Antelope hunt, and lots of fun things throughout the year. Can't begin to tell you how rewarding it is! Let us know and thanks again to all our volunteers.....

Fire Ant Dancer (Barb Johnson) and Snake Shot (Marlin Johnson)

