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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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## MEMORIAL DAY EVENT IS UPON US!!!

**Info inside.....still looking for  
help & set-up**

**A new happening on Friday**

**Muley Deer Event - May 14**

**Women on Target - May 15**

**RSO Class - May 21**

**CSML Members only \$30**

**News on our friends**

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Ted Beaupre

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**Womens' Primitive Exec.**

Dee Beaupre

**Cannon Master**

Richard Stites

**Legislative Liaison**

Doug Davis

**Mountain Man Monthly Editor**

Doreen Webb

## UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
<b>NO CLUB SHOOT</b>	<b>IN MAY.....</b>	<b>NO CLUB SHOOT</b>	<b>Work on annual shoot!!!!</b>
Pistol & Revolver Shoot	Ft. Lupton	May 7	\$15 entry fee contact Ken Kleinsorge (970) 302-6676
MULEY Deer Event		May 14	
Women on Target	Cactus Flats Range	May 15	
Lancaster Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton	May 26-30	Booshway Missy (303) 748-7172
41 <sup>st</sup> annual Memorial Day Black Powder Shoot	Florence Mountain Park	May 28-30	shooting, potluck, fun, and festivities
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 2	review of the 41 <sup>st</sup> event
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 5	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Colorado Territorial Matches/NMLRA	South Platte Valley Range, Ft. Lupton	June 17-19	SPVHS fee for range & camping Info: Ron Ring (970) 692-4658
<del>Club Primitive Shoot</del>	<del>Ft. Melchert</del>	<del>June 19</del>	<del>pistols at noon, rifles at 1:00 pm</del>
Liberty Encampment 2016	Off Elbert Road Rd 74-82	June 19-25	contact Jerry Collins for details 719-347-3142/719-338-8262
<b>NO CLUB PAPER</b>	<b>SHOOT JULY 3</b>	<b>DUE TO JULY 4</b>	<b>HOLIDAY!!!!</b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 7; 7:00 p.m.	regular stuff & discussions
Grainger's Primitive Camp Out	Grainger property near Victor	July 16-17	camping, shooting, chili cooking contest, potluck supper, etc.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 4	regular club business & whatever
Grainger's Paper Camp Out	Grainger property near Victor	August 20-21	camping, shooting, potluck, election of officers
<b>NO Club Meeting</b>		September 1	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	Sept. 2-5	bracketed matches/csmla.net
<b>NO CLUB PAPER</b>	<b>SHOOT SEPT. 4</b>	<b>DUE TO LABOR</b>	<b>DAY HOLIDAY!!!!</b>
High Country Hideaway Shotgun Shoot	Kremmling, CO	July 13-18	Tom Hart sponsors this. Lots of shotgun shooting & classes.

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

\* Primitive Shoot cancelled in lieu of NMLRA Territorials, FT Lupton \*

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Day Shoot

This is it! The time for us to get ready and get set for the annual club event. With the cooperation of Mother Nature we will be in the Florence Mountain Park on May 28 for the biggest and best black powder shoot in Colorado!!!! We are gearing up and hope you are too.

Most of you know that club members can begin camping in the park on Thursday afternoon. First thing Friday morning will be the work parties to get the tents set up, the range set up, and get prepared. We **NEED** all the help we can to maneuver the three tents (scoring, registration, club) and get them staked down. We also **NEED** lots of help to drive the fence posts, pull the wire, and get the ranges ready to shoot. It will take all of us to get this done.

As an incentive to help us get the range and tents completed, Ted Beaupre, Range Officer, will open the range Friday afternoon for shooting by those who help set up. This will be an excellent time for events like the husband/wife shoot, mixed doubles, and those events that you want to shoot and don't have time to complete because you are working.

To get this event off-the-ground, takes a lot of people working behind the scenes. Here's a peek at that listing:

### Memorial Day Shoot Committees

**Shoot Book** - Doreen Webb & Joy Hicks

**Match Prizes** - Doreen Webb

**Aggregate Prizes** - Joy Hicks & Blake Schainost

**Club Tent** - Marilyn Stites

**Traders Row** - Gwen Blanchard **Treasurer**

**Registration** - Petra LaChance

**Scoring** - Joy Hicks

**Drawing Prizes** - Everyone

**Paper Range** - Ted Beaupre

**Primitive Range** - Doug Davis, Don Kenitzer

**Shotgun Range** - Tom Hart & Rady Dyer

**Cannon Range** - Richard Stites

**Knife & Hawk** - Don Stoner & John Gloyd

**Mountain Man Run** - Primitive Guys

**Mountain Mama Run** -

**Kids Events** - Dee Beaupre

**Spectator Shoot** - Bob McCune & Wes Jacobs

**Shooter Number Medallions** - Blanchard Family

**Opening Ceremony** - Ted Beaupre & Friends

**Tug - O - War** - Ron Melchert

This is just the beginning. Add to this, the listing of committees and their duties as described by our President, Joy Hicks:

We have chairpersons for all of the Committees involved in putting on a quality shoot. These people will need your help. I thought this would be a good time to let you know what goes on behind the scenes. The people I have mentioned here and the jobs they do are very important. A lot goes on that is not even talked about here.

For some we start thinking about the next shoot before we finish with the last one. If anyone has been left out I am truly sorry and it is not because we don't appreciate what you do; it is because sometimes I have CRS. Let me know, don't just get mad and feel bad let us know so we can make it right. You are all to important and the work you do for the Club is needed so we can survive and be the biggest and best club in the State.

We start something like this.....

#### Contact Florence - Joy

Contract in order - Joy

Ensure we have insurance - Gwen Blanchard

#### Flyers & Mailing

Folded, stamped, stapled, addressed

Flyers need to be done by December so we can send out beg letters and get ads in the appropriate places. Flyers are delivered to Winter Convention, *The Mountain Man*, Sportsman's Warehouse and wherever else we can think of. *The Mountain Man* is a big supporter and makes sure flyers get out to a lot of people.

#### Shoot Book

Doreen pulls it together. Joy will print at last minute.

**Club Tent**

Marilyn Stites gathers up your things, organizes them, and then spends time in tent to sell.

**Traders Row**

The Membership sends out invitations to traders, takes reservations, makes sure things run smoothly on Traders Row.

**Opening Ceremony**

Ted Beaupre, handles this very well. I feel a good opening ceremony is what gets us off on the right foot. Besides when we fire the cannon we are official; we wake everyone up and let them know it is time to play.

**Porta-pots (Sanitation Detail)**

Contact Canon Rentals every year and set this up for us.

**Registration**

Petra LaChance and her team spend their days getting people signed up. Before we even start, she makes sure her registration forms are in order, ensures she has all the equipment she will need (tables, chairs, pens, cash box); files targets in order, etc. One of the main things she does is PR (Public Relations). She and her team answer a lot of questions

**Scoring**

This is Joy's baby. Her team makes sure they have tables, chairs, target boxes, score boards, markers, cards, templates, score card box, calculators, etc. When the targets are shot the team scores them, enter the scores, and post them to a score sheet for all to see. When the shooting is over the team figures the winners lines up the prizes and gets everything ready for the Awards Ceremony.

**Targets**

Joy orders the targets from American Target at the end of March. A target painting party is set up, everyone meets, paints a stripe on each target to color code the range distance, the Match # and Shooter# are put on each target. We have a pot luck lunch and enjoy socializing while we get the job done.

**Prize Medallions and Aggregate Prizes**

Doreen and Joy figure out how many and what we need. Orders are placed with medallion vendor. Ron helps placing orders also. Doreen and Joy usually order beads, hair pipe and sinew from Crazy Crow for string the medallions. Aggregate Prizes are

designed and made

**Drawing Prize**

Prizes are gathered from donations. We need everyone's help with this.

**Drawing Tickets**

Tickets are bought at Walmart. We have to make sure we have enough. Need to have cans to put tickets in for drawing.

**Parking**

Need to make sure signs are made and put up

**Paper Range**

Ted Beaupre and his Range Officers have to make sure they have poles, wire, range stand, PA system and battery to run it. A work party is set up to check out the land, road, and to measure ranges. Prior to the shoot, celotex for backboards is bought, cut to size, and hauled to the sight. The club trailer carries most of what we need.

**Primitive Range**

Mister Primitive himself, Doug, Moose Milk or what ever we want to call him, starts way ahead of time. He repairs targets, purchases materials, finds a crew to help him pack targets and set up. He also makes sure he has good signs so everyone can find him up there on the hill.

**Knife & Hawk**

Don Stoner and John Gloyd spend a lot of time on the hill scoring. Before the shoot they have to make sure they have scrounged enough hawk blocks. Hawk stands are built. Score cards are made at the target painting party and coordinated with registration.

**Shotgun**

Team Tom Hart and Rady Dyer bring in their crew and take care of this for us. Be sure to visit and support this quality event.

**Clay birds**

Need to be purchased at the best price and transported to the site. Unused birds are taken back to Ron's and stored in the shed. We use about 15 cases of 135 count birds. Clay birds are also needed for Husband & Wife and Team Events

**Mountain Man & Mama Run**

Doug and The Primitive Team have set up a great MM Run trying to keep in mind this is also a spectator event. A course is laid out. Targets have to be hauled and set up. Score cards are coordinated

with scoring team and registration. A good time is had by all. Coordinator works with Doug on the Mountain Mama Run and uses some of the Mountain Man Run course for her women.

### **Mountain Man & Mama Run Prizes**

We have a lot of talented people in our group who make these prizes special. Every year we try to make these prizes special and anyone who can contribute their time and special talents is very much appreciated.

### **Cannon Range**

Years ago Richard Stites volunteered to help with cannons and he is still at it today which led to his name "Cannon Master"; he is the one and only. We are one of the only shoots to hold a cannon match and it is very much a spectator sport as well as fun for the special breed of people known as cannoneers. The Cannon Master scrounges large cardboard boxes and paints them for targets. He runs the camp as well as the range and safety is always first. He is in charge of PR with the cannoneers year around and has built a lot of lasting friendships with "his" people. He also has to do his own scoring.

### **Kids Events**

We try to have events for everyone, even the little ones, "Sprouts". The Sprout Runs works kind of like the Mountain Man and Mama Runs without the shooting. A course is set for the kids in two age groups: 12 yrs and below; 13yrs-16yrs. We have both girl and boy sprouts in each age group. We need to know what kind and how many prizes we think we will need keeping in mind everyone goes home with something. Thanks to Dee Beaupre for all the hard work she does working on this event and the prizes she makes.

### **Junior Mountain Man and Mama Runs**

For Juniors 13 to 16 years participation is done with the Mountain Man and Mama Runs and do involve some shooting and starting a fire.

### **Spectator Shoot**

A very popular part of our event. Sometimes it is the only time people have to fire a black powder rifle. This is very good PR for us. The Chairman helps people load and shoot guns that have been loaned to the Spectator Range. We try to have targets so everyone can take home the target they shot.

### **Shooter Number Medallions**

Each year we try to come up with a theme. The Blanchard Family has used leather and a stamp to make medallions and Sandra has used her lettering talents to personalize them.

### **Publicity**

Publicity starts as soon as one shoot is over. It is everyone's job to share the information. Please take flyers and information where ever you go and help get the information out there .

### **Tug - O - War**

Ron Melchert got this one dumped in his lap but he had such a good time he is going to do it again this year. He has to find a big long rope, gather up the kids (the easy part, they come out of the woodwork) and head for Traders Row. Once on Traders Row he has to line up the kids and run the match. When it is all over everyone gets something so he has to have enough prizes of some kind. The Traders like this event also.

### **Clean up**

Even though we are supposed to police our own area some one has to spiff up the place just a little. Florence Mountain Park people have always commented on how nice the place looks after we leave. We owe a special thanks to the people who stay behind after we all leave. Their team (I'm sure I didn't get all the names of the people who have helped them in the past) walks the whole area to make sure nothing is left behind to mar the land. Thank you for all you do to keep us looking good not only at the Memorial Day Shoot but all the other times that we might forget to say "Thanks".

### **Our Treasurer**

Gwen does a great job of keeping track of us and making sure the bills get paid, the money gets deposited, and when it is all over she lets us know how we came out. Thank you Gwen for keeping it all straight.

As you can see, there is lots of work and plenty of things to get done. We sure need and want all of you to plan to be there and help us out. Without you this event will not be the success that we have been. Come join us and we'll all have a great time. Remember that we have a potluck supper on Saturday

night for all the attendees. Be sure to plan and join us for that event as well.

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### MULEY DEER EVENT May 14

The MULEY deer event will be on Saturday, May 14 at Rocky Mountain Roosters, located at 19184 County Line Road 78, Calhan, CO 80808. We have a map we can e-mail to you if you need it.

Participants need to be there at 8:00 a.m. to set up. The youth will be shooting percussion rifles. CSML will provide powder, patch, and .50 caliber balls. We do have some .45 caliber balls and lots of percussion caps.

Primitive attire is great but not mandatory. If you have a shooting stand, please bring it. At 8:00 a.m. we set up gongs and our shooting stations. Between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. the youth start coming through.

If you bring your own rifle, you can either load for the youth or guide them through the loading process; your choice. At the shooting line they will be instructed on holding and shooting at a gong.

Lunch is provided. We usually are done by 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Doug Davis.

In years past we have had eight stations and could hardly keep up. One year we counted 209 youth and parents that went through our part of the event.

We really need your help!!!! We need a head-count of all the helpers so please let us know if you plan to be there. Helping with youth events is one way that we can grow our club.....even the parents are interested in the shooting we provide.



### WOMEN ON TARGET May 15

The shooting portion of the Women on Target is held at the Cactus Flats Shooting Range. Lunch is

provided for those who help out. Events begin around noon.

We need and encourage lots of help with the shooters and it is a good way to help them make a good decision about the guns. While the event uses mostly modern guns, it is always a hit for some of our black powder pistol shooters to come and show the ladies about the "black" other type of firearms.

More details can be obtained from either Doug or Joy. Please come and help if you can.



#### RSO CLASS

Due to some people being unable to attend the last RSO class, I am holding another one on May 21, 2016. The same offer still stands for CSML members: a fee of \$30 for the class. The last class conducted was over by 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested, please let me know. Those who have already indicated they are attending need not reapply.

Doug Davis

### APRIL PAPER SHOOT REPORT

By: Ted Beaupre

We had a paper shoot on April 3. The weather was nice and no wind by golly!

There were a total of three shooters who practiced for the up and coming Squirrel Shoot happening on the 23 and 24 of April. Thanks for coming out Tom, Doug, and Delores.

There will be no paper shoot in May due to the Memorial Day Shoot. See you there!

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*Are you ready to go to Florence Mountain Park on May 26 to help set up for the biggest and best shoot in the state????? If not, now is the time!!!!*

## APRIL 3 PAPER PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken West

Six of us enjoyed the break in the weather to shoot. The scores were:

Jim Murray	93-4x
Tom Gabor	91
Al Bartok	82x
George Greaves III	72x
Ken West	72
George Greaves IV	44

I decided to blame my poor shooting on a combination of powder charge and patch; but have subsequently proven that it was just my usual poor shooting. Al Bartok significantly underperformed with his new .36 caplock; says the sights were off. After his shooting with the .50 caliber flint, I'll buy that.

From Francis Parkman's *Oregon Trail*, here's an interesting account of gathering corn at Pueblo in 1848:

(Richard is a Santa Fe trader who has moved his wagons into Pueblo fort to wait for the U.S. Army to conquer Santa Fe so that he can continue trading.)

When we took leave of Richard, it was near sunset. Passing out of the gate, we could look down the little valley of the Arkansas; a beautiful scene, and doubly so to our eyes, so long accustomed to deserts and mountains. Tall woods lined the river, with green meadows on either hand; and high bluffs, quietly basking in the sunlight, flanked the narrow valley. A Mexican on horseback was driving a herd of cattle toward the gate, and our little white tent, which the men had pitched under a large tree in the meadow, made a very pleasing feature in the scene. When we reached it, we found that Richard had sent a Mexican to bring us an abundant supply of green corn and vegetables, and invite us to help ourselves to whatever we wished from the fields around Pueblo.

The inhabitants were in daily apprehension of an inroad from more formidable consumers than

ourselves. Every year at the time when the corn begins to ripen, the Arapahos, to the number of several thousands, come and encamp around the Pueblo. The handful of white men, who are entirely at the mercy of this swarm of barbarians, choose to make a merit of necessity; they come forward very cordially, shake them by the hand, and intimate that the harvest is entirely at their disposal. The Arapahos take them at their word, help themselves most liberally, and usually turn their horses into the cornfields afterward. They have the foresight, however, to leave enough of the crops untouched to serve as an inducement for planting the fields again for their benefit in the next spring.

### Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Regular Monthly Meeting April 7, 2016

Meeting called to order.

Secretary's report accepted as printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*.

No Treasurer's report. Treasurer did not get home after work to pick it up.

Membership reports 44 renewals, 78 members on the books. Report accepted.

**Old Business:** Gun show went well. Need flyers for Memorial Day.

Memorial Day: Most of the prep work is done from last year's cancelled event.

Work party will be May 27 in Florence Mountain Park. Need to set up tents and the range. Ted has promised that after all the work was done, the workers can shoot. The range will be open for workers to shoot targets for score.

Upcoming events: April 17 Primitive Shoot

April 23-24 Squirrel Shoot

May 5 Membership Meeting

May 14 - MULEY Deer Event

May 15 - Women on Target

Larry Mienenger did an excellent presentation on Living History at the Sutter's Fort in California. He talked about preparation, presentations, costume development, and how much fun it was. If you were

not there you missed a good presentation.

Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted by your Treasurer and temporary scribe (If you have a notebook, you can be scribe.)

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### AN INTERESTING TIDBIT OF INFORMATION

*The following is taken from the American Frontiersman magazine.*

#### *The MOLDING of CLAY*

**How does a student of mountain man history and lifestyles come to be standing on the banks of Alberta’s Bow River instructing actors like Leonardo DiCaprio on how to look and act like real mountain men?**

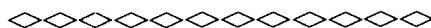
“It was just one of those things,” said Clay Landry, who had recently retired from a 30-year career of ranching and community banking. He lives in Whitehall, Montana, in the Jefferson River Valley, one of three rivers that join to form the Missouri, a location famous in the lives of mountain men.

“It all started when I got to Fort Carson, Colorado, in 1973 as a lieutenant returning from Viet Nam. My QM unit was part of the last 50,000 troops leaving ‘Nam. As we liked to say, ‘We turned out the lights in that place.’”

There, in Colorado’s Rocky Mountains, Clay became drawn to the outdoor lifestyle and especially interested in the mountain men. He joined the Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders’ group. When he left the service as a Captain in 1976, he moved to Montana. A 25-year quest for mountain man lore and legend was well under way.

Clay had attended Texas A&M and has both a BS and MS in Animal Science and Agriculture. Today, Clay is a consultant historian for the Museum of the Mountain Men in Pinedale, Wyoming, and works with the Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron, Nebraska on projects. He is also an associate researcher for the Fur Trade Research Center in

Tetonia, Idaho. He is a regular contributor to the *Rocky Mountain Fur Trade Journal* and has been a member of the American Mountain Men group since 1991.



### LET’S REMEMBER....

Please remember Terry Clark and his wife Janey in your thoughts and prayers. Terry is undergoing some chemotherapy and needs all our prayers for his speedy recovery. Janey is nursing him and doing all she can for him.

Ron Melchert, our benevolent benefactor from Ft. Melchert, had a real bad spell and landed in the hospital in early May. He had fluid on his lungs and had to have it drawn out twice. He is better now but still needs our thoughts and prayers. Ron has returned to the Fort and is recuperating there. (Just in case you didn’t know it, Ron turned 85 in April.)

Let’s remember all our service men and women and especially our Veterans. We are blessed to have a large number of veterans in our group and we are proud of them and the jobs that they did.

Remember all our club members. As we all know, life today is a struggle and sometimes can be overwhelming. It is only through prayer and continued support of our friends and family that we make it through anything.



Lots of events and happenings this month. We all need to mark the calendar and be at all that we can. Our group needs the help and the old saying that “many hands make light work” is definitely true. The MULEY deer event and the annual shoot are the labor intensive events. Let’s all get out and help with these.





**Colorado NMLRA**  
**National Territorial Matches**  
*Sponsored by Buckhorn Skinners &  
Fort Lupton Muzzle Loader Club*  
**June 17, 18 & 19, 2016**  
**SPVHS Range, Fort Lupton, CO**

- ◆ Bench ◆ Light Bench ◆ Offhand ◆ X Stick ◆ Pistol ◆ Junior ◆ Sub Junior ◆
- ◆ Musket ◆ Smoothbore ◆ Sighted Smoothbore ◆ Flintlock ◆ Hunter ◆
- ◆ Unlimited Hunter ◆ Youth Unlimited Hunter ◆
- ◆ Ladies Offhand ◆ Ladies Hunter ◆ Ladies Pistol ◆

**Registration Fees**

**Members of NMLRA, or NRA**

*(Must show proof of current membership of one of the above organizations.)*

\$8.00 per Shooter / \$13.00 per Family

\$8.00 Aggregates Fee - *(For every 4th agg PAID per competitor, the 5<sup>th</sup> is FREE.)*

**Non-Members**

\$12.00 per Shooter / \$18.00 per Family

\$12.00 Aggregates Fee - *(For every 4th agg PAID per competitor, the 5<sup>th</sup> is FREE.)*

NMLRA Memberships (New & Renewals) available at the Registration  
Tent.

SPVHS Fee for Range & Camping on the Range  
Potable Water & Some Electricity Available  
Fires in Fire Barrels Only

For More Information Contact:

Ron Ring, Director... 970-692-4658

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