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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

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Monthly Meeting - Nov. 1

CRAFT SHOW

Free Tables

Bird & Buffalo Success!!!!

December 6 - Ornament Exchange & finger foods

Nov. 4th - Paper Shoot

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 18 - Primitive Shoot

Did you hunt & have a success?????

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide			
WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Annual Craft Fair & Regular Monthly Mtg.	American Legion	November 1	free tables to display & sell your wares; short business meeting
Club Paper Shoot & DST ends.....	Fort Melchert	November 4	Set your clock back 1 hr. Range opens at 1:00 p.m.
<i>ELECTION DAY</i>	Everywhere	November 6	<i>Get out and vote!!!!</i>
CSMLA Board Meeting	Village Inn Castle Rock	November 17	10:00 a.m. board meeting; need to plan to purchase a meal
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	November 18	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	December 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	December 6	ornament exchange; finger foods
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	December 16	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	January 3, 2013	wild game potluck; awards
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	January 6, 2013	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
2013 Board Meeting????	Joy's House	January 15, 2013	set club calendar for year & such
Club Primitive Shoot	Fort Melchert	January 20, 2013	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Fort Melchert	February 3, 2013	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 7, 2013	white elephant gift exchange
CSMLA Annual Trade Show & Convention	Holiday Inn Denver-East Stapleton	Feb. 16-17, 2013	State Association annual meeting; loads of things to do
No Primitive Shoot	due to CSMLA	Trade Show &	Convention in Denver!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 7	regular monthly meeting
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 4	regular monthly meeting
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 21	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Colorado Squirrel Shoot	near Loveland	April 27-28	www.buckhornskinner.com

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

First of all, I want to thank all of you for allowing me as your Editor to skip the September newsletter. I appreciate your patience and understanding. Charlie's passing was not totally unexpected, but it was unexpected if you know what I mean.

The outpouring of love and cards has been a tremendous comfort to me. It makes me know that we are both loved and appreciated. I am one lucky, lucky individual in that I do have such great friends and family. Wherever he is at this moment in time, I know that Charlie is finally accepting that he was missed by many and appreciated by most. Thank you all again for your thoughts, stories, pictures, and hugs. It is only with this outpouring that I can continue and write a new chapter in my life.

The agenda given to me for the October meeting shows the normal things. There was a note about the Heritage Days, Women on Target, and a demo by Marlin & Barb on October 3. I hope someone will write a few notes about these events for those of us who missed the meeting. It would be nice to know the details or as Paul Harvey would say, "the rest of the story".

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## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting September 6, 2012

The September CSML membership meeting was held on September 6, 2012 with 20 members enjoying the wonderful potluck. Joy Hicks called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and Mark Serpa introduced his friend Rickie.

Secretary's report was printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. A motion from the floor was made to approve as printed and seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer report given by Gwen. Motion made to accept the report as read with a second from the floor. Motion carried.

Ted was out hunting so no Membership report.

Primitive report September 16 Steve and Tony are taking care of it. Doug thanked Doreen and her brother for making it happen for the sand to be delivered for the backstop at Melchert's on a Tuesday. Next day, John Udovich was there pushing up the 32 tons where it was needed. A big THANKS goes out to everyone who makes things happen!

**Old Business:** Todd Schainost reported on Grainger's and that he thought everyone had a great time. We had 29 shooters. Prizes were given to everyone who shoots. Thanks for all the great donations for the shoot. The camp fire was great but next year the teenage guys will have to clean their own kills. It was a beautiful weekend.

State Shoot noted by Joy. She handed out the Grand Aggregate prize. This went to Mark Serpa. There were 54 shooters, more than usual. A few women and grandkids were at the State Shoot. It was also noted that this shoot will continue at Ft. Lupton. Gwen commented to watch out for doors!

**New Business:** Motion was made and seconded that the current board of directors stay the same. Motion was carried unanimously. Joy noted that "the train runs through here but also it takes everyone in the group to get the job done!"

Gwen announced that the State Association now has a new printer which is housed at Joy's house. Bircham gave this \$9,000 copier to the State with CSML paying the maintenance.

Heritage Days are September 15-16. Need help with this.

Women on Target is September 16. The class is full.

October 3 Barb and Marlin are doing a demo for the handicap children by Calhan. They need help. Starts at 10:30 a.m.

Gun show on September 8-9. Club Challenge Match is September 22 and we need more teams from our club.

Bird & Buffalo is October 20-21. Start cleaning out your things that you don't use and donate them for the auction.

October 4 is the membership meeting & remember that November will be the craft fair. Come and start your Christmas shopping.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers,

all of the service members how are serving for our freedom, especially Stephen and everyone who is enduring some health issues.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Schainost

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## Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug “Moose Milk” Davis

Lost track of time and didn’t get the shot results in for the Primitive shoot in August, which was the first Sunday due to the Grainger’s Paper Camp out.

*Scores are as follows:*

Ladies:

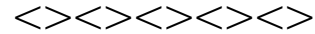
|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Barb Johnson    | 14 |
| Delores Beaupre | 12 |
| Judy Sterner    | 10 |

Men:

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|----------------|----|
| Fred LaChance  | 22 |
| Tony Hecker    | 20 |
| Steve Sterner  | 19 |
| Jock Harmon    | 18 |
| Tom Gabor      | 18 |
| Marlin Johnson | 14 |
| John Udovich   | 13 |
| Ted Beaupre    | 11 |
| Aaron Eymann   | 9  |

Thanks to all who helped set up and

tear down the rand and also attending.



Below is the report from Steve Bingham who hosted the September Primitive Shoot while Tony Hecker and I were at the Women on Target range day. Several club members gave up their shoot day to help out and I thank them very much. Gwen Blanchard, Joy Hicks, and John Gloyd assisted at the orientation and the range. Doreen Webb met us at the range in her SASS outfit and six shooters. She helped set up, make one heck of a showing for the ladies that, yes you can, and helped tear down. Thanks to all!!

### *Steve’s Report of the Primitive Shoot*

We had seven shooters which is more than I thought we would have. We had pretty good weather except for the heat. The wind didn’t blow very hard.

*Here are the results:*

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Jock Harmon                       | 20  |
| Fred LaChance                     | 17  |
| Steve Bingham                     | 11  |
| Earnest Poe                       | 10  |
| (He won the tie breaker with Art) |     |
| Art Baca                          | 10  |
| Clay Vandenburg                   | 9   |
| Al Bartok                         | DNF |

Art and Clay helped me set the range up. They were nice guys. I hope they join the club.

Earnest helped me take the range down. He lives in Penrose after 30 years in Arizona. Shot a Harper's Ferry flint.

After we were done, I went up to the house and thanked Ron and Juanita.

That's all for now.....

Steve

## SEPTEMBER 16 PRIMITIVE PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken "Suds" West

The weather was as good as it gets. We were pleasantly surprised when a couple of old friends showed up to shoot with us. The usual gongs were shot; 12 in all. The scores were:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Jim Murray  | 12 hits |
| Al Bartok   | 11 hits |
| Vic Olek    | 11 hits |
| Ken West    | 10 hits |
| Jorge Carbo | 7 hits  |

Jim donated the prize money to the range fund. Jorge is getting the mechanics down pat - expect some great shooting from him in the future! Haven't seen Vic for a few years, he's going to be hard to beat when he gets a decent target pistol!

**SPORTS NUTRITION:** It's really easy to get dehydrated at this altitude and dehydration gives you a shaky shooting hand! Carry a bottle of water and sip as you shoot! When you realize that your shooting is shaky because you forgot to eat lunch, eating a candy bar will make the problem worse.

**ROTOR CUP STABILIZER MUSCLES:** Rotor cup stabilizer muscles hold your arm steady - - or not - - when you are shooting. My favorite personal trainer has taught me some exercises to strengthen these muscles - - I expect great improvement in my shooting, after cataract surgery!

**BIRD & BUFFALO PISTOL MATCH:** Tennessee Moonshine is now sold in Gattlinburg, Tennessee. Two quarts are included in the pistol match prizes as well as a quart of single barrel Bourbon from Heaven-Hill, Kentucky. These are on display in Ron's shop at Ft. Melchert. Paper taretts, one-hand or two, caplock, revolver, or flint; male or female - - give it your best shot.

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## BIRD & BUFFALO October, 2012

Driving to Ft. Melchert on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> the day was clear and beautiful. You needed long sleeves due to a little cool in the air, but with the sun pouring from above it made it feel great.

Upon arrival at the site, there were several campers in the yard and a few vehicles parked at the lot. Not as many as years ago, but enough that we would have a fair to middling event.

As I was pulling up, Doug realized that if he moved his van I could park my truck right next to where we would do the chili for lunch. Thanks Doug! This was a real treat as I could use the tailgate for a table as well. While unloading all the fixins, I was informed that the two-burner stove that had been lent to us was no longer available. Hmmmmm, time to fall back five and punt!

Being the resourceful group that we are, we found one older propane burner and Marlin Johnson brought us the burner for his turkey deep-fryer. We would be able to cook the chili after all. Marlin also contributed a metal table for us to use the burner on and it made it nice to have things at waist level. The only thing left for us to do was gather the materials and set up a wind break to keep the flame from going out. That too was successfully done by the witches!!!

While we were busy with the chili, the shooters could be heard up on the range. A few targets were brought down along with some comments about windage and such, but it seemed that those participating were having a great time. Lots of cars with day shooters appeared and they paid their fee to play as well.

Around noon or so, we began the serving of the chili.....all you can eat for \$5.00 which included chips, tortillas, cornbread, ice tea, and peanut butter cookies. The line formed and we had several who came back for more. This year, the leftovers were not as plentiful, but we did have a few jars to auction off later in the evening.

At 1:00 p.m. the crowd gathered on the range to send Charlie Webb off with a grand bang! Tom Hendricks, dressed in his finest bib & tucker, started the event with a cowboy poem. Several of Charlie's cowboy friends came and were armed with their pistols. Thank you all for mixing the two passions in Charlie's life....muzzle loading and cowboy shooting! There were certainly more than 21 guns on the line when the range officer called for the salute. I know it was heard high and low and what a tremendous tribute to Charlie!!!! Thank you all who participated in this. You done me and Charlie real proud!!!!

The group finished up their shooting for the Bird & Buffalo and the rest of us began getting ready for the evening's frivolities. The shop sure smelled good with all the crock pots a cookin' and the refrigerator was filled with cold goodies as well.

When supper was called around 6ish, there were 34 folks present in the shop. Ron and Juanita (in her spiffy new wheels) joined us in the shop for some of the best vittles around. As folks began to feel that full feeling, the evening's festivities began.

First up was the drawing for the pistol. Tim Blanchard, who was celebrating a birthday, drew a

ticket - - which was Jane Lewis. Jane donated the pistol back to the club so we drew a second ticket. This one was in the hands of Lon Mehle who took the pistol and thanked Jane for donating it back.

Jane advised the group that she is closing out her stained glass studio. She will be bringing all her wares to the November craft fair and offering everything at 50% off. Be sure to be there for this.

Todd noted that he conducted a fun "spider" shoot. The target was an upside down paper plate with a spider on the side you could not see. The closest to the spider won. He had three shooters come really close.....Blake, Ted, and Alex. It was only a "spider's hair" difference that gave Blake the win, which was confirmed by measure by Joy.

The auction conducted by Snake Shot and Fire Ant Dancer was a lot of fun. There were items of high and low bid and only a couple that were not bid on. During the auction, tickets were drawn for the table decorations made by Lois Schainost.

If my notes are correct or close, the winner of the guessing game was Ted Beaupre.

Ken West told us about the pistoleros on the range. Jim Murray won with a 91x and took home a fifth of Burbon moonshine from Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Lon Mehle got blackberry shine and Ron Deurmyer won the cherry shine, which he donated back to the auction.

Lois made a beautiful king-size quilt for the auction. The beginning bid was \$75 and it went up from there. The lucky winner was Petra LaChance.

When the totals were tallied, the auction netted the CSML \$847.50 which is pretty good. Thank you to all who donated and who bid and won. We appreciate each and every one of you.

After paying for the materials for the chili, the group made a profit of \$31. We thank you all for your purchase of the lunch and to help us out.

The group then broke up and went to their respective beds for the night. What a wonderful day we all had.

Sunday morning was a potluck breakfast in the shop. When I arrived there were a few leftovers but it sure looked like a great feast had been held. The gravy that I sampled and the scramble eggs left over were really good even though they weren't hot. The

shop smelled of maple syrup so there must have been some hot cakes of some kind. Glad to hear that there was a few still there and having fun.

Wasn't long before the ranges were coming down and things were being stored away. Thank you to all who helped put the chairs, tables, targets, and such away. We really appreciate all your hard work.

The sad thing is always to say good bye when the event is over. This was a really good one and if you missed it, you missed a lot of fun and shooting and friendship. Mark your calendars now..... we'll be planning this for next October.

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### **Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting October 4, 2012**

President Joy Hicks brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. with the sad announcement of the loss of Charlie Webb on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Doreen sent her love to all and she hopes to see you all at the Bird and Buffalo Annual Shoot at the Melchert's. The plan is to have a 21 gun salute for Charlie. Please make parade loads with aluminum foil.

The meeting continued without a Secretary's Report as no report was received. (*Editor's note: the minutes were received for the September newsletter but it was not published.*)

Gwen Blanchard provided the Treasurer's Report, which was short and sweet.

Per Ted Beaupre's Membership report, we now have 85 members; 18 new and 67 renewals.

The Primitive report from Doug Davis was no report. He was at a class for obtaining more certification and skills for shooting classes.

**Old Business:** Joy reported that Heritage Days had a good turnout for her demonstration. The kids and parents were really excited and all said thank you to her for coming. Thanks Joy!

Doug reports that the Women on Target event had 32 shooters. He thanked the CSML club for supporting these ladies in their endeavor.

Barb and Marlin Johnson also thanked club members for assisting them in the demonstration for the handicapped children's event on October 3. Once again the kids and club members report having a great time. Event and coverage include: Steve and Judy - rifle demo. Gwen & Michelle - fire starting. Don Stoner & Marlin - hawks. Barb did a cooking demonstration. They did such a good job with this event that Marlin was contacted by another group - the Wounded Warriors. Consider leaving your calendar open to help Marlin and Barb with all the demonstrations. I think lots of folks are hooked on the "warm fuzzies" from doing demonstrations. Check the next *Mountain Man Monthly* for the upcoming events calendar.

Last but not least, Don Stoner reminds the group of the upcoming gun show on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

**New Business:** The great Annual Bird & Buffalo at the Melchert's is coming up fast. So make sure to clear your calendar and come out and enjoy this members event. Especially do not miss the Witches' chili on Saturday at noon and the potluck and auction on Saturday night. Sunday morning will be a potluck with eggs and pancakes planned. Shooting will be rifle, pistol, and primitive. So there will be lots to do for all, especially visiting with our friends. This weekend event should offer a great time for all.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for your review & corrections.

Substitute Scribe: Sandra "Falling Star"  
Gabor

# **HUGE STAINED GLASS SALE**

## **NOVEMBER 1 at the CSML CRAFT SHOW**

**Selling ALL the stained glass I have made over the last 32 years. Large pieces as well as sun catchers, candle holders, etc.**

# **50% OFF OF EVERYTHING!!!!**

**Installment payments welcome on all large artwork.**

**Jane Lewis  
(719) 836-9353**

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Don't forget that this will be the annual club craft fair. All crafters are invited to show their wares. You can even bring old stuff you want to try and trade or sell. The meeting will be short and we'll spend time shopping for the holidays.

Items do not have to be muzzle loading related. This is open to anyone who wants to participate.

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**HUNTERS.....** Did you make meat this year.....with a muzzle loader? You need to provide the details



to Joy so that you can be entered into the awards given in January. We award trophies for the largest elk, deer, and antelope.

Don't forget that you storytellers can also compete for the George Bennett Tall Tale Trophy as well. Come and share your favorite hunting story with the group. Winners chosen by loudest applause (or groans) from the group present. (No the trophy no longer has the deer ear, courtesy of Buddy!!!)

The meeting in January is also the wild game potluck so you hunters can bring us a taste of your trophy. Those of us who no longer hunt are just more creative in the "game" we provide.



Remember that December 6<sup>th</sup> will be the annual ornament exchange and finger foods. Bring a wrapped ornament and you can take your pick from the table. The only rule is that you must open the package and show the group what you chose.

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This is the time of year when Mother Nature can wreak havoc on our shoots. Be sure to check the shoot hot line before you come down. If you are not already on the list, you can submit your e-mail address to Doug and he'll e-mail you whether the shoot is on or not. For us old fashioned folks, the hot line number is **719-632-7690 after 9:00 a.m.**

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### **Creamy Chicken Tortilla Soup**

2 10 oz. cans Rotel diced tomatoes & green chilies, undrained  
 2 cans (14 oz.) Chicken broth  
 1 can (16 oz.) No fat traditional refried beans  
 ½ cup canned whole kernal corn, drained  
 2 cups cooked chicken, shredded  
 Fried corn tortilla strips and shredded Monterey Jack cheese (optional)

Combine tomatoes and broth in medium saucepan. Stir in beans and corn; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes, stirring

frequently.

Add chicken, heat through. Serve topped with tortilla strips and cheese, if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

### **Taco Soup**

1 lb. ground beef or turkey  
 1 large onion, chopped or diced  
 1 can (16oz.) each:  
     Kidney beans  
     Chili beans  
     Garbonzo beans  
     Diced tomatoes  
     Corn (undrained)  
 1-1/2 cups water  
 1 each 4 oz. Can of green chopped/diced chilies (undrained)  
 1 pkg. Taco seasoning  
 1 pkg. dry Ranch style dressing

Brown beef/turkey and onions; drain. Add all other ingredients. Simmer about 20-25 minutes over medium heat and serve. Can be put in a crock pot on low and allow to cook all day.

### **Eggnog Spice Bundt Cake**

1 box spice cake mix (18-1/4 ounces)  
 1 box instant vanilla or cheesecake pudding & pie filling (4-serving size)  
 1 cup non-fat vanilla yogurt  
 1/4 cup canola oil  
 1 cup light eggnog  
 1 egg  
 3 egg whites  
 1-1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans  
 powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a nonstick Bundt pan with cooking spray.

Combine cake mix, pudding mix, yogurt, oil, eggnog, egg, and egg whites in a large bowl. Mix until creamy. Stir in pecans.

Pour in prepared pan. Bake 40-45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack and dust with powdered sugar.