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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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## Regular Monthly Meeting

**May 5, 2011**

**“Final Countdown to Shoot”**

**NO Club Shoots in May!!!**

**Shoot Work Party - May 7**

**10 a.m. at Fred's House**

**Potluck Lunch After the Work**

**Boy Scouts Demo - May 14**

**34 Days & Counting to the  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Shoot!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
<b><i>NO CLUB SHOOT</i></b>	<b><i>IN MAY.....</i></b>	<b><i>GEAR UP FOR</i></b>	<b><i>36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOOT!!!!</i></b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 5	last meeting before the shoot
36 <sup>th</sup> annual work party for Memorial Day	LaChance Home 665 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Penrose	May 7; 10:00 a.m.	work party stuff followed by potluck lunch at noon
Boy Scout Demo	Big R @ Falcon	May 14	contact Joy for details
36 <sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendez.	Florence Mountain Park	May 28-30	lots of shooting, work, fun, and potluck on Saturday night
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 2	wrap up of the shoot
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 5	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches	SPVHS Range Ft. Lupton	June 17-19	Darrel Koleber (970)669-2599 Scott Drake (970) 635-9544
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 19	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
<b>No club shoot</b> on July	3 <sup>rd</sup> ..... Celebrate the	4 <sup>th</sup> of July with	family and friends!!!!
CSMLA State Shoot	Florence Mtn. Park	July 6-10	bracketed matches; lots of fun
<b>No Club Meeting</b> on	July 7 <sup>th</sup> - - - due to	CSMLA State Shoot	Plan to support the State Shoot!!
Primitive Grainger Camp Out	Grainger's Property near Victor	July 16-17	primitive camp out, chili cook off, lots of fun shooting.
NMLRA Territorial Trap and Skeet Matches	Blue Valley Sports Assoc. near Kremmling, CO	July 21-24	first time in Colorado; trap, skeet & 5-stand. More info @ csmla.org or (719) 275-8418
Bayou Salado Rendez.	Royal Gorge South Rim	July 27-31st.	Info: Bunny (303) 940-9747 or rondy1830@comcast.net
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 4	regular monthly meeting
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	August 7	regular club shoot
Paper Grainger Camp Out	Grainger's Property near Victor	August 20-21	potluck on Saturday night, lots of shooting and fun
Regular Club Meeting & Annual Elections	American Legion Colorado Springs	September 1	potluck dinner & elections; regular monthly meeting
<b>No Paper Shoot</b> on	<b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Support other events</b>	<b>over the Labor Day Weekend!!!</b>

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

The April meeting was fairly short and sweet. We collected the last of the ads for the shoot book and it is now in process of being finalized. Reminders given of all the upcoming things. Please check the event listing in the front of the newsletter and get the dates on your calendar. We need all the help we can get.

The paper shoot at Ft. Melchert hosted an impromptu birthday party for several of our March/April birthdays. Among them were Juanita Melchert, Joy Hicks, Ron Melchert, and several others who admitted to having birthdays. We had chocolate and white cake and lots of ice cream for everyone who was there. What a lot of fun there was!!!

Good to see both Tom and Fred up and around. They look very good after their recent surgeries and both are trying real hard to follow the doctor's orders. Not an easy task for these work-a-holics!!! Their wives are trying to keep them on track and that is a full time job.

Want to remind everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Shoot and Rendezvous. With Tom and Fred being sidelined, we will really need all the help we can muster. There will be plenty of work to be done on site and during the shoot and we'll need every hand on deck!!! Be sure to come on down and help out and volunteer often. It all starts with our work party on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Come to Fred's house and help us line out what we need to have done and get as much ready as we can.

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## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting April 7, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the CSML was called to order by President Joy. We welcomed our members who we hadn't seen for a while. We are glad that everyone joined us tonight!

Joy asked for a motion of acceptance of the March meeting minutes as printed in the *Mountain*

*Man Monthly*. Motion and second received from the floor. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Gwen provided a breakdown of the March, 2011 banking. Joy asked if any questions and since none were raised, a motion was made to accept. Motion seconded and unanimously passed. Gwen also noted that Stephen made it to Ft. Lewis, Washington and had reported to work and was settling in.

Ted did the membership report next and reported the 102 members were on the books; 54 have renewed. We have gained 12 new members.

Up next was Doug Davis with the Primitive Report. Nothing new to report.

Up next was the Memorial Day report, with the ads due at the meeting. The work party will be May 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the LaChance home with it also being a pot luck. The May 5<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting will be informing all the volunteers of what will be expected in all the areas and a lot of help will be needed.

Old Business: Tom Gabor thanked Ted and Doug for taking over while he has been out.

New Business: Gun show will be April 30 and May 1. Thanks to Ron Deurmyer for bringing in his old *Mountain Man Monthly* newsletters.

Boy Scouts at the Big R will be May 14. We need to support Mark and Liz. More information to come.

Women on Target will be May 15. Congratulations to Joy for becoming the Assistant. Great organization to have our members involved in because it is important to the Colorado Springs community. Doug still had 11 tickets left to fill the class.

Ken West displayed his gold aggregate from the Nationals Shoot in Phoenix.

Tom Gabor mentioned that he met James in Phoenix and plans to come from Iowa to Memorial Day shoot.

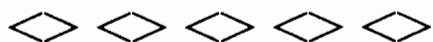
Upcoming Events: April 17 will be a primitive shoot; April 30-May 1 will be the Squirrel Shoot; no club shoots in May; May 7 is the work party; May 14 is the Big R Boy Scout event; May 15 is Women on Target.

Ken asked everyone to watch for anyone doing stupid shooting that would be destructive of the property at Ron's. Please help us to stop the destruc-

tion of the property where we are privileged to shoot. We are all charged with taking care of this property. Bring attention to those who violate the good conduct required on this and all ranges.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Schainost



# Paper Pistol Match

by: Ken "Suds" West

Really too windy to shoot well; but six of us tried. I only have scores - - - while collecting the shot targets one of them blew out of my hand and headed east. I chased it for a while and Ken McDonald, who can move faster than me, helped; but we both gave up when it sailed over the east wall of the arroyo. It is probably wrapped around a barbed-wire fence somewhere in Kansas!!!!

I don't have a score for Fred LaChance - - - Sorry Fred! The scores that made it back down to the office were:

Jim Murray	88-x
Ted Beaupre	74
Larry McCracken	73
Jorge Carbo	69
Ken West	58

First time that Jorge has shot in a

match with us. The wind was from directly behind and not that much of a problem. Would like to use it as an excuse; but the low score was just poor shooting on my part!

## APRIL PAPER SHOOT

By: Doug Davis

It's been a rough month shooting with the breeze at Ft. Melchert. But some hearty souls have braved the elements and came to shoot. The April paper shoot saw three new shooters join in the "paper target chase". You had to be there.....

Steve Sterner went with Fred LaChance to the club trailer to pick out some targets that would be somewhat successful to shoot at. Thanks, Steve. We were going to move to the 50 yard line for a couple of targets but with standing being a chore, we stayed at the 25 yard line.

Scores are as follows:

MEN:

Ted Beaupre	179
Steve Sterner	174x
Tony Hecker	171xx
Marlin Johnson	171x
Kenny McDonald	164x
Larry McCracken	161x
Todd Peterson	153
Steve Bingham	152
Randy Ruyle	131

LADIES:

Barb Johnson	163x
Judy Sterner	117

SUB-JUNIORS:

Alex Peterson	115
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# Primitive Pistol Match

by: Ken "Suds" West

April 17<sup>th</sup> was the primitive pistol match. When we went into the restaurant for breakfast, the sun was warm and the air was still - - - a perfect day for a shooting match! When we finished breakfast, the wind had come up. By the time that we arrived at Ft. Melchert, we all greed that it was too windy to shoot. Three of us decided to ignore our better judgment and shoot anyhow. The wind was gusty and changed directions often - - it swirls through that side canyon like a cyclone with hiccups. I watched the end of my pistol barrel rotate in a circle as I tried to settle the sights on a target. Several people agreed that my "tall tale" about the wind blowing a leather bag of lead shot off the loading bench gained a lot of credibility today.

Lon Mehle shot with us for the first time that I can remember. I had brought an extra pistol, a .40 cal. Kentucky with a 12" barrel and a wrist that I had fitted to my hand with the application of a lot of sandpaper. Lon seems to have a hand the same size! Not the first time that I have been out-shot with my own gun! Jim Murray hit 12 (out of 12) gongs, Lon Mehle hit 10 gongs and I hit 8. I was surprised that any of us hit anything! I have thought of bringing a smooth-bore .47 cal. Jukar with a 5 inch barrel as my "spare", but would be even more embarrassed when

someone out-shot me with that.

## APRIL PRIMITIVE SHOOT

By: Doug Davis

Not much change in the "Mira Effect" for the April Primitive Shoot. The idea was to shoot some of the targets that are used at the upcoming Squirrel Rifle Shoot, but keeping the targets on the boards would have been a chore, let alone impossible, so gongs were resorted to.

Tom Gabor and Fred LaChance did have an opportunity to "test" Freds new board mounting system and it held! Thanks Fred!!!!!!!!!!

Scores are as follows:

MEN:

Larry McCracken	15
Ted Beaupre	14
John Udovich	12
Fred Barraza	9
Steve Sterner	7

Four new shooters joined us and each said they had a good time, even in the breeze.

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**CALLING ALL  
Mountain Mamas & Junior  
Mountain Mamas**

It is time to start recruiting women to participate in this year's Mountain Mama and Junior Mountain Mama runs during the annual Memorial Day Shoot and Rendezvous. Participating in this event is a way to have fun and enjoy each other as we share our skills: shooting, knife & hawk throwing, and fire making.

Please plan to join us Saturday afternoon, May 28t, around 4:30 p.m. For the \$5.00 entry fee, we will all "yam" it up!!!

Judy "Buttershots" Sterner

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**Answers to Life's Little  
Mysteries**

1. BFZ ED WFJZ HCRR UW C WN  
LJW BFJM ZDO DMRZ KJW DMJ?  
*Why do they call it a TV set when you only  
get one?*

2. BFZ UL UW WFCW BFJM ZDO  
WICMLGDIW LDQJWFUMK YZ HCI,  
UW'L C LFUGQJMW, YOW BFJM ZDO  
LJME UW YZ LFUG, UW'L HCRRJE  
HCIKD?  
*Why is it that when you transport  
something by car, it's a shipment, but when you  
send it by ship, it's called cargo?*

3. FDB EDJL WFJ KOZ BFD  
EIUNJL WFJ LMDBGRDB KJW WD  
BDIA UM WFJ QDIMUMK?  
*How does the guy who drives the snowplow  
get to work in the morning?*

4. HCM CM CQYUEJPWIDOL  
GJILDM GCAJ CM DVVFCME  
IJQCIA?

*Can an ambidextrous person make an  
offhand remark?*

5. BFZ EDM'W WFJZ XOLW  
QCAJ VDDE LWCQGL JEUYRJ?  
*Why don't they just make food stamps  
edible?*

**Before & After Answers**

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Monarch        | <u>butterfly</u>   | Kiss               |
| 2. Happy as a     | <u>clam</u>        | Chowder            |
| 3. Lincoln        | <u>continental</u> | Drift              |
| 4. Tennis         | <u>court</u>       | Jester             |
| 5. Way off in the | <u>distance</u>    | Runner<br>of Labor |
| 6. Long           | <u>division</u>    | Jeopardy           |
| 7. Body           | <u>double</u>      | Penguin            |
| 8. Roman          | <u>emperor</u>     | Muffin             |
| 9. The King's     | <u>English</u>     | Of Speech          |
| 10. Go            | <u>figure</u>      | Of<br>Ceremonies   |
| 11. Fencing       | <u>master</u>      |                    |
| 12. U.S.          | <u>open</u>        | Sesame             |
| 13. Golden        | <u>opportunity</u> | Knocks             |
| 14. Surprise      | <u>party</u>       | Pooper             |
| 15. Picture       | <u>perfect</u>     | Pitch              |
| 16. Strip         | <u>poker</u>       | Face               |
| 17. That's a good | <u>question</u>    | Mark               |
| 18. Downward      | <u>spiral</u>      | Notebook           |
| 19. Acorn         | <u>squash</u>      | Racquet            |
| 20. Bumper        | <u>sticker</u>     | Shock              |
| 21. Nylon         | <u>stocking</u>    | Stuffer            |
| 22. I.Q.          | <u>test</u>        | Tube               |
| 23. Doubting      | <u>Thomas</u>      | Aquinas            |
| 24. Denzel        | <u>Washington</u>  | Post               |

**IN A STEW  
INGREDIENTS**

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|-----------|----------------------|
| RACTOR    | <u>  CARROT  </u>    |
| RUPINT    | <u>  TURNIP  </u>    |
| ATASP     | <u>  PASTA  </u>     |
| TOOTAP    | <u>  POTATO  </u>    |
| SEINASONG | <u>  SEASONING  </u> |

KELE  
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\_\_\_LEEK\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_CELERY\_\_\_

## Remember....

- May 5 club meeting; last one before the big shoot.
- May 7 work party at the LaChance home. Bring your chair & food & eating utensils & drinks. Work and then eat.
- May 14 Boy Scout demo at the Big R. Come help support our demonstrations for the boys. We do this for Liz and Mark.
- May 28 36<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendezvous.....lots of work and even more fun and festivities!!!
- July 3 NO club shoot this day.
- July 7 NO regular monthly meeting; go to Florence Mountain Park and support the State Shoot.
- July 16-17 Primitive Grainger Camp Out & festivities
- August 20-21 Paper Grainger Camp Out & festivities
- Sept. 4 NO club shoot this day. Support other clubs and their Labor Day activities.



## Memorial Day Shoot

I know that we are probably preaching to the choir, but we need to remind all of the work involved in putting on the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Shoot and Rendezvous. This truly is a labor of love and it takes all of us to make it happen.

Be prepared for no open fires!!! While

there is

a state-wide Stage 1 fire ban in place right now, no word has been received that we will have to cancel our shoot. Plan that there will be no open fires and everyone will need a fire bucket and shovel in their camp. If you have a weed sprayer, fill it full of water and bring it as well. We will be our own fire crew on site.

Come with your gloves and your gumption and help us set up on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We be setting up 3 tents, pounding posts, stretching wire, hanging celotex, hauling targets, and working to get ready for the event. The more of us that show up and do this, the less work for everyone involved.

On Saturday and Sunday, take a little time and help work on the range, in the tents, on the shooting line, and wherever you can spare a few minutes. Everyone needs a little time for a pit stop so volunteer to give folks a much needed break. Step up and help each of the events that is going on. We know that Tom Gabor is going to need lots of help on the shooting range. This is an easy job and everyone can do it.

Plan to help Dee with the kids' games and Ron with the tug-of-war. The kids love our events and they need help to participate. This is truly a rewarding time for us adults to see the fun and smiles that we bring to the faces of these future muzzle loaders!!!!

Remember that we are all grounds keepers. If it isn't natural, pick it up and put it in a trash container. Watch for any and all safety hazards. Keep your eyes open for the weary traveler on the road between the main and primitive areas. SLOW DOWN!!!

Don't forget that on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> right after the awards ceremony, we'll be tearing everything down. Stay around and help us pack it up and put it away. Again, the more hands we have the easier on all of us and the faster it will go.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR. We do appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do to make this the biggest & best shoot in the state!

Due to the hectic nature of the month of May, we will not be publishing the May issue of the *Mountain Man Monthly*. The next issue you will receive will be the June issue and we'll try to get it out a little early so that we can be back on track. Thank you for your patience with us!!1

## TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

### RENDEZVOUS.....

In 1822, Missourian William Ashley formed a partnership with Alexander Henry and recruited a brigade of about a hundred trappers to ascend the Missouri to its source and trap beaver. While the new enterprise suffered setbacks, it eventually made Ashley a wealthy man and in 1826 he retired to run successfully for Congress.

In 1823, Ashley's keelboats were attacked by Arikara Indians on the Missouri in present South Dakota; fourteen trappers were killed. This convinced him to re-supply his trappers in the mountains and pick up their furs by overland caravan following the Platte River across Nebraska.

On July 1, 1825, Ashley's caravan met his trappers on Randavouze Creek in southwest Wyoming. For sixteen years, until 1840, the annual rendezvous became a time to sell the catch, buy supplies, have fun, and count the dead. Usually more friendly Indians than trappers attended the gatherings, which sometimes lasted for two weeks.

### BLUE LODGE ON THE GREEN.....

Many of the mountain men and most of the leaders were members of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons. Special Masonic swords were sent to at least one rendezvous, and the fraternity probably had secret meetings during the festivities.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.....

During the months of bivouac in winter quarters, there was time for sports and games. Men learned to read and write, and others shared their knowledge of history, languages, religion, literature, and science with their friends. One beaver trapper referred to this time as his having attended "Rocky Mountain College".

Shakespeare, Burns, the Bible, and books on history, mathematics, geography, and botany, were available during the mountain man era. Many mountain men packed a book or two with them on their travels.

The rendezvous were times of gambling, drinking, racing, and feasting. Green Rio (South American) coffee, roasted in a pan and then pounded and boiled, sugar in cones, and rare spices such as cloves, peppercorns, and allspice added to the festive fare of the celebration. Hailstorms, mint juleps, shrubs, and bounces pleased the palates of those who preferred alcoholic beverages.

In 1821, the forty-year rivalry for control of the Canadian fur trade between the Hudson's Bay Company, headquartered in London, and the Montreal-based North West Company came to an end when the two firms merged into a great monopoly. The executives of the HBC were impressed with the quality of goods the NWC had been trading across Canada.

The HBC had supplied its customers with sturdy, good-quality English flintlock trade arms known as North West guns and identified by the brass serpent side plate, large iron guard, and light 2.4 gauge smoothbore barrels. The North West Company, doing some of its business with progressive mixed blood people, known collectively in Canada as Metis, provided the usual North West guns, but also sold what were termed "fine guns". The NWC inventory of trade goods turned over to the new HBC included: 440 North West guns; 15 neat fowling pieces, brown barrels to take out with false breech, ribs, roller locks, neat steel furniture; and 15 Do. Do. Platina (touch) holes, twisted (Damascus) barrels. These were all apparently made by Thomas Barnett of London. Platina was an early term for platinum, a then-rare metal that did not corrode.