

November 2019 McKinley Mountainmen Schedule of Upcoming Events

Date	Category	Event	Location	Contact
2-3 Nov	Gun Show	Eagle River Lions Gun Show	Eagle River Lions Clubhouse E Mile 1.2, Eagle River Rd Eagle River, AK 99577 10am – 4pm	Contact: Bruce Morinitti Phone: (907) 694-1780 Email: bmorinitti@gmail.com
9-10 Nov	Gun Show	CERSC Gun Show	Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center; 22424 N Birchwood Loop Rd. Chugiak, AK 99567 10am – 4pm Sat & Sun	Contact: Monika Dahlberg Phone: (907) 688-2683 Email: cscadm@mtaonline.net http://www.chugiak.org
12 Nov (Tues)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6 pm) Indoors	Keith Bayha: ph. 907-223-1993 Email: nohorn@gci.net
16 Nov (Sat)	Rifle Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (9 am) Indoors	Pat Reed: ph. 376-6826 Email: patreed@mtaonline.net
21 Nov (Thurs)	Meeting	MMMLRC Monthly Meeting	Basement Eagle River VFW (7:00 pm)	Mary Mathis: ph. 907-715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net
30 Nov -1 Dec (FriSun)	Gun Show	Alaska Veterans Gun Show	Lumen Christi High School 8110 Jewel Lake Rd Anchorage, AK 99502 10am – 5pm Sat & Sun	Contact: Craig J Wade Phone: (907) 441-4770 Email: wayupnorth@acsalaska.net Contact: Linda L. Lee Phone: (907) 982-0928 Email: lwfrog@yahoo.com
6-7 Dec (Sat-Sun)	Gun Show	AGCA Anchorage Gun Show	O'Malley Sports Complex 11111 O'Malley Centre Dr Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Jeremy Wise: Ph. (907) 310-3602 Email: akguncollectors@gmail.com http://www.agca.net
10 Dec (Tues)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6 pm) Indoors	Keith Bayha: ph. 907-223-1993 Email: nohorn@gci.net
14 Dec (Sat)	X-mas Party & Monthly Meeting	Annual MMMLRC Christmas Party and Fundraiser Auction	36 th Street Bistro Anc. AK Social 11:30am/Dinner 1pm Tickets \$30 – Keith Bayha	Keith Bayha: ph. 907-223-1993 Email: nohorn@gci.net
14-15 Dec (Sat-Sun)	Gun Show	Alaska SCTP YESS 2019 Gun Show & Christmas Extravaganza 10am-5pm both Sat & Sun	Alaska State Fairgrounds Raven Hall 2075 Glenn Highway Palmer, AK 99645	Contact: Jana Littlewood Phone: (907) 355-7474 Email: susitnashooters@gmail.com
21 Dec (Sat)	Rifle Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (9 am) Indoors	Pat Reed: ph. 376-6826 Email: patreed@mtaonline.net

President's Message

Keith and I are “OUTSIDE” we went to the last AGCA gun show then headed to Iowa. After here we will go to Las Vegas for yearly trip to PBR Rodeo, then on to Phoenix before heading back to Alaska. Our children report Wasilla weather in the 40's and 50's on Oct. 31 while we have had measurable snow the last 3 mornings in Iowa, and 39 degrees reported overnight by our niece in Phoenix. So, enjoy your warm fall in Alaska and we will be home the 19th of November to have our Thanksgiving with family. We look forward to seeing you all at the November Meeting and/or the Christmas Party. Mary “2 Fires” Mathis

Secretary's Report (Minutes supplied by Rob Bargewell)

- The monthly meeting for October 17, 2019 was called to order at 7:00pm by VP Jim Anderson in the basement of the Eagle River VFW. Present were Rob Bargewell, Jim Anderson, Bear Kelsey, Tim Pauloski, Keith

Bayha, Pat Reed, Steve Anderson, Sonny Makalena, Ken Yehlik, Jeff Binegar, Joe Coe and Calvin Pope. Bear Kelsey made motion to accept the minutes for the September Meeting as published in the October Newsletter.

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Shoot Reports

- The Monthly Pistol Shoot for October 8th by Keith Bayha. Mike Kelly and Keith Bayha inaugurated the indoor season, with Rob Bargewell serving as RO. Pat Reed stopped by on his way home from Seward and signed in. That way the club only had to cough up \$10.00 to make up the \$50.00 fee for the range.

Results: Mike shot a 91x [5 tens] and a 89 [3 tens]
Keith shot 84x [4 tens] and a 78 [1 ten]

We need more shooters to make this work! Keith says he is ready to turn the pistol shoot chair over to someone else who might have fresh ideas to bring the shooters out.

- Pat Reed gave report for September shoot report. Five shooters were there. Pat could not recall who all were there. Both Keith Bayha and Pat Reed mentioned were two new potential pistol shooters for future shoots but again, they could not remember their names.
- The Monthly October Rifle shoot will be Saturday October 19th.
- Alex Connors reports on Snowshoe Gun Club Shoots in Kenai: The blackpowder group at Snowshoe Gun Club in Kenai continues to shoot every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. At our August shoot we had 12 shooters, this month (October) we had only 6 shooters. We are planning a regularly scheduled pistol shoot for both single shot & revolvers, probably on the 4th Saturday of the month. We expect to begin shooting from a heated bldg at outdoor targets from now until warmer weather. A great big thank you to Ed & Marianne for hosting and serving as Bosh way at the September rendezvous. Alex & Mona Connors ph: 907 355 3080

Old Business

- Jeff Binegar put on the AGCA Fall Gun Show for McKinley Mountainmen. All rifles and accruements displayed belonged to Jeff. AGCA awarded us an honorable mention for our (Beans) display. Joe Coe helped Jeff man the tables Friday and Saturday, and Mary & Keith Mathis assisted Saturday and Sunday. The gun show seemed to be successful as crowd was light but consistent right up till closing on Sunday. We sold 3 adult hawks, 1 mouse hawk, and 2 club patches for a total of \$145. Bob Lochman & Jon Elmore had their own table as well as Rob Bargewell. AGCA has added another gun show to their schedule December 7th & 8th of 2019. We have purchased 1 sales table at that show and will receive our normal 6 display tables for a total of 7 tables. Let's see if Beans can get some help this time with theme & display! There will also tentatively still be a spring AGCA Gun Show in 2020 also but the venue is undecided at this time.

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New Business

- AGCA is sponsoring a December gun show the 7th and 8th at the AT&T Sports Center on O'Malley location they did this past spring. 11111 O'Malley Centre Dr. Anchorage, Alaska 99515
- We need to discuss Range Officers for our monthly shoots. At present we have three members who are capable to conduct RO duties at MVS Range. Rob Bargewell, Pat Reed and Pal Brown. In order to comply with the range RO criteria we need to be NRA RO certified and NMLRA RO certified. To become NRA certified you will need to attend a NRA RO certification class that the range puts on. They are scheduled

quite frequently during the year. The club will pay any fees but last time the range did not charge us as we are helping them out. For NMLRA certification see Rob Bargewell.

- Discussion ensued about possible combining the Pistol and Rifle Shoots on the same day, Saturday, in hopes to get enough people to show up. It was agreed to continue the November pistol shoot on the second Tuesday but also have a pistol shoot on the third Saturday as well. Depending on participation, further discussion will determine whether it would be worth continuing the pistol shoot on the second Tuesday.
- Keith Bayha stated he would like someone else to take over the Tuesday pistol shoot.
- Rob passed around a paper that the president of MVS Range, Dave Young, sent to the membership. It appears the MAT-SU assembly is considering a Conditional Use Permit for Commercial, Educational, and Nonprofit Outdoor Shooting Facilities. Dave indicates we need to research to candidates that will be on the ballot on November 5, 2019. Districts 1 and 2 in particular.
- The MVS high power range is having its grand opening on Friday October 18, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- Christmas Party, December 14, 2019, 12:00pm at 36th Street Bistro. \$30.00ea. Money to Keith Bayha by December 7th. Same menu as last year.
- Territorials: Cross sticks Rule change, Only for Territorials, that you can shoot from a chair, stool, or bucket in order to shoot the cross sticks. The sticks may be modified in order to accommodate this change. The same criteria must be used. Cartridge was not eliminated as previously reported.

Good of the Order

- Tim Pauloski discussed a possibility of doing a Memorial Day Rendezvous. HOWEVER, Tim Wood had already volunteered.

Meeting Adjournment

- Tim Pauloski made motion to adjourn with Jeff Binegar seconding. Motion carried and the October Monthly Meeting was adjourned.

Split-the-Pot

Mike Deland won the Split-the-Pot drawing but was not present. \$144.00 went back in the pot for the November's meeting drawing.

Other Information

- Pat Reed's Shoot Report for Saturday October 19th: "We had a pretty good turnout for this month's shoot. We had ten that shot all the targets. Martin brought his neighbor, Curtis, so we had a new shooter with the group. He said that he had a good time, so we expect to see him more in the months to come.

Rob won the poker shoot for the pound of powder with a pretty good hand (3-4's). By the time I shot, all the good cards were gone. Others with bad hands probably have a better excuse than mine. Bear won the Bean's prize of \$25. Here again my luck was bad as I was in a tie with Bear, Steve, and Curtis for this prize and finished second (second sounds better than last and also better than fourth which it might have been). Anyway, one of the other three had to be second, and since I am writing this, it's me. Second pays the same as last by the way.

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Justin Patterson won the real shoot with 185. The others in order were Steve Anderson 184xx, Sonny 181, Bear 165x, Mason 160, Pat 154x, Curtis 139, Martin 138, Beans 132, Tim Pauloski who didn't shoot the whole program. Rob shot off the bench for a score of 209x. For those that don't know, all our indoor shoots are off hand, unless stated otherwise in the program. We welcome other, such as bench, but it won't be included in

the aggregate finishes. Before the start of the next shoot, the NMLRA definition of "off-hand" will be read to clear up any questions one might have.

A couple of notes to finish this out. Bear finally got his front sight to stay in one place and as a result his score seemed to go up. Steve didn't mention it, but he would probably have liked to trade one of his x's for another point for a 185 and one x. It is always good to see Mason show up. His groups (and scores) are getting better all the time. Even though Tim didn't shoot everything, it was good to see him in attendance. It is always worth taking note of the gun that Tim shows up with. He has some very nice rifles that are historically well connected.

Thanks to all that attended our shoot as we can't have a shoot without shooters! Pat Reed"

McKinley Mountainmen at the AGCA Fall Gun Show at Sullivan Arena October 4-6.

L/R - Charlie Peters, Keith Mathis, Mary Mathis, Bob Lochman, Mike Deland, Jeff Binegar, Bear Kelsey, Rob Bargewell, (Joe Coe, John Elmore, & Ken Acheson also attended but not around at time taking of the picture)





The picture at the left and the following experience were taken from a thread from a group in Facebook, "Mountain Man Traditions". A few of you have probably seen it, but I thought we all should, as that "one in a million spark" has been forewarned a million times, and 1,000,001 is not too many. "Chris McDaniel"

This is what happens when familiarity leads to carelessness. 51 years old and been shooting black powder since age 12. First Accident. A doozy! Was centering new muzzleloader for customer and laid powder horn on bench next to rifle. Stopper wasn't fully in and that one in a million spark hit right and blew it up right next to me. Fortunately I had longsleeves and only got singed hairs and very slight burns across knuckles. Ears still ringing. Gotta make sure everything is secure and in its place. Got lucky. Had horn been half full or more, I would be covered in severe burns or worse."

- The following article was published from the web site The Squaredealer.com, which I also found on the Facebook Group, "Mountain Man Traditions". "Mountain Man Traditions" is a group of people from all over the world interested in black powder guns & crafts, as well as rendezvousing pre-1840. The Squaredealer.com publishes actual "first-hand" accounts of happenings during the founding and setting of our great nation. Mountain Man Traditions connects Buckskinners from all over to share ideas and crafts of rendezvousing!

October 2, 2013 Image

Indian Scalpings



Since the Indian tribes had been exterminated or driven out of the Hudson Valley well prior to the Revolutionary War, this area was largely spared the horrors of the tomahawk and scalping knife. A few valley settlers were scalped at Minisink, Fantine Kill and at Pine Bush, in Orange county, and at Shawangunk, Shandaken and in the Town of Rochester, in Ulster county, but we escaped the large-scale massacres such as those at Cherry Valley and Wyoming.

History indicates that the Indians, long before the arrival of the white man, had occasional lifted and preserved the scalp of a particularly valorous enemy but the ritual was

by no means as widespread as it later became through the encouragement of the whites. The French, the British – and, yes, the Americans – hired the Indians to kill whichever other white group with which they were warring and they wanted proof of murder before they paid out the King's or the Congress' good hard gold – so the Indians were encouraged to produce scalps, just as you take a pair of wolf's ears to the County Clerk to collect the wolf bounty.

Scalping became a business, a bloody business, and was carried on in a strictly business-like way during the Revolution, as was proved by the inventory accompanying a bale of scalps captured by the Americans from a small British Army detachment on its way to Canada.

Bale #1 was listed as containing “43 scalps of Congress soldiers...stretched on black hoops...the inside of the skin painted red with a small black spot, to note their being killed with bullets. Also 62 of farmers, killed in their houses; the hoops painted red – the skin painted brown and marked with a hoe – a black circle all around, to note their being surprised in the night – and a black hatchet in the middle, signifying their being killed with that weapon.”

Bale #2 contained scalps of “98 farmers” marked similarly to those in the first bale except that they were painted with a “great white circle and sun, to show that they were surprised in the daytime.” They were also marked with “a little red foot, to show that they stood upon their defense, and died fighting for their lives and families.”

Bale #3 also contained farmer’s scalps, 97 of them, painted as heretofore except that the hoops were green “to show that they were killed in the fields.”

Bale #4 was listed as containing scalps of 102 farmers, “18 marked with a little yellow flame, to denote their being of prisoners burned alive, after being scalped.” “One of these latter, supposed to be of an American clergyman, his band being affixed to his scalp.” The inventory notes, with satisfaction, “Most of the farmers appear by the hair to have been young or middle-aged men, there being but 97 very gray heads among them all; which make the service more essential.

”Bale #5 contained “88 scalps of women; hair long, braided in the Indian fashion, to show they were mothers – hoops blue, skin yellow ground with little red tadpoles to represent, by way of triumph, the tears of grief occasioned by their relations – a black scalping knife or hatchet at the bottom, to mark their being killed by those instruments. Seventeen others, hair very gray, showed “the short club or casse-tete, to show they were knocked down dead or had their brains beat out.”

Bales #6 and #7 contained, respectively, “193 boys scalps of various ages” and “all girls’ scalps, big and little” and these, too, were marked to show how the victims met their deaths. Bale #8 contained “a mixture of all the varieties to the number of 122; with a box of birch bark, containing 29 little infants’ scalps, of various sizes.”

Today, we only have to worry about holding on to our hat – in those days, you worried about hanging onto your hair!

McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club Membership Application							
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Name:				Spouses Name:			
Mailing Address:				City, State, Zip:			
Email:				Home Phone			
I want the newsletter EMAILED to me:			YES	NO	Cell Phone		
Please circle your muzzle loading experience level				Novice	Intermediate	Expert	Range Officer
NRA membership? Yes / No	Member Number:			NMLRA Member? Yes / No	Member Number:		
Membership Rates:							
Individual: \$30 / yr	Family: \$35 / yr	Life: 10 x annual rate					
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