

February 2020 McKinley Mountaimen Schedule of Upcoming Events

Date	Category	Event	Location	Contact
8-9 Feb (Sat-Sun)	Gun Show	Matanuska Valley Sportsmen's Gun Show Sat-Sun: 10:00am - 5:00pm	Palmer State Fairgrounds Raven Hall 2075 Glenn Highway Palmer, AK 99645	Kelly Mears: ph. (907) 232-3447 Email: idpaak@yahoo.com
11 Feb (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
15 Feb (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
20 Feb (Thurs)	Meeting	MMMLRC Monthly Meeting	Basement Eagle River VFW (7:00 pm) Indoors	Mary Mathis: ph. 907-715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net
10 Mar (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
19 Mar (Thurs)	Meeting	MMMLRC Monthly Meeting	Basement Eagle River VFW (7:00 pm)	Mary Mathis: ph. 907-715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net
21 Mar (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
21-22 Mar	Gun Show	Eagle River Lions Club Sat-Sun: 10:00am - 4:00pm	Eagle River Lions Clubhouse Eagle River Rd. - Mile 1.2 Eagle River, AK 99577	Bruce Morinitti: ph. (907) 694-1780 Email: bmorinitti@gmail.com

President's Message

February is a cold month as we work our way to SPRING! Even the groundhog is in favor of this cold winter being over as an early spring is now predicted by a "shadow". We as a club need to be thinking in the terms of rebirth as our working membership grows tired. Activities are put on by a very constant few for all to enjoy and participate in, try to be one of the FEW, as we need help. Gun shows, monthly shoots, rendezvous, community youth events are a few of the activities our club is involved in, so come on out and help.

Your President Mary "2 Fires" Mathis.

Secretary's Report

- The monthly meeting for January 16, 2020, was called to order by President Mary Mathis in the basement of the VFW in Eagle River AK. Besides Mary there were 10 members present for the meeting. Attending besides the President were Keith Mathis; Rob Bargewell, Bear Kelsey, Jeff Binegar, Bob Lochman, Sonny Makalena, Joe Coe, Keith Bayha, Tim Pauloski, and Pat Reed.

Rob Bargewell motioned to accept the minutes for the December Meeting as published in the January Newsletter. Joe Coe second the motion and it passed.

Shoot Reports

- The Monthly Pistol Shoot for January 14th, 2020 from Rob Bargewell & Keith Bayha:

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Jan 14 th 2020	1 st Target		2 nd Target		Total		
	Score	Tens	Score	Tens	Score	Tens	
Pat Reed	52	0	50	1	102	1	Flintlock
Steve Anderson	89x	5	89x	4	178xx	9	Percussion
Mike Kelly	92xx	5	91	3	183xx	8	Revolver

Rob Bargewell served as the Range Safety Officer. Bear Kelsey was official score keeper. Keith Bayha announced Steve Anderson will be taking over as Pistol Shoot Chairman and be responsible issuing beads for each 10 shot at the monthly shoots.

- The January 18th Monthly Rifle Shoot Report at Mat Valley Sportsman's Range, supplied by Rob Bargewell.

Rob Bargewell ran the shoot and served as the Range Safety Officer and Bear Kelsey was official score keeper.

Shooter	Postal Shoot 6-shots 25 yds.	Mike Fink 5-shots 25 yds/	Fun 1 1shot each 25 yds.	Frying Pans 6-shots 50 Ft.	Various 5- shots 25 yds.	Totals	Total Shoot Standings
Mary Summersill	28	-5	8	0	10	41	7 th
Tim Wood	47x	-10	-2	8	8	51x	5 th
Dan Guiney	49	13	11	7	6	86	3 rd
Bill Odem	27	-15	20	16	0	48	6 th
Sonny Makalena	50xx	18	6	29	6	109xx	1 st
Justin Patterson	39	-15	10	26	8	68	4 th
Steve Anderson	50xx	5	25	16	8	104xx	2 nd

Also attending the January 2020 Rifle Shoot but not shooting were Bill Odom, Rob Bargewell, South African professional hunter Flippi (don't recall his last name), Denny Gum, Bear Kelsey, and Chris Tomsen.

Old Business

- As for the matter of combining the monthly rifle shoot and pistol shoot, Pat Reed said he had initiated pistol shooting also at the rifle shoot for the past two months and there seemed to be no interest in it. Pat also reiterated the rifle shoot was in trouble as he was the only person involved enough to sponsor the shoots. If he wasn't available one time, the rifle shoot wouldn't happen that month. He urged someone else to step up and join him sponsoring the shoots. Rob Bargewell reminded Pat he was authorized and willing in emergencies but agreed others needed to get qualified and assist sponsoring the shoots. Anyone wanting to get NRA Range Safety Officer qualified contact him for the course. Pertaining to the pistol shooting, Keith Bayha stated Steve Anderson had been strongly in favor of continuing the 2nd Tuesday pistol shoot, that is why Keith pressured him into volunteering to be Chairman of the Pistol Shoot.
- The motion to return the time of our annual Christmas Party to evening instead of noon was tabled at the last meeting. Tim Pauloski checked with Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and there is no restaurant in Eagle River that can provide the same type venue as the 36th Street Bistro is providing, and at no charge for the room. The matter was briefly discussed and decided the Secretary would brief everyone in the club in the February newsletter on pros and cons of the times (afternoon & evening) of the 2020 Christmas Party and then there would be a vote at the February meeting to settle the controversy. Anyone with preference should attend the February Club Meeting to vote on the matter.

New Business

- President Mary Mathis stated we must have candidate nominations tonight for Club Officers for the coming year, 2020-2021. By our BYLAWS, candidates must be posted in the newsletter one month before the elections. The February Newsletter will come out the first week of February and our elections will be at the March Club Meeting. Jeff Binegar meekly raised his hand volunteering to run for the presidency. Mary Mathis said she would be willing to serve as Vice President as the By-Laws permitted her to be Vice, not a third term in a row as President. Keith Mathis said he was willing to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. So, those are the only candidates we have at the closing of the January 2020

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Meeting. Technically, anyone desiring to run for one of McKinley Mountainmen's Officer positions has until February 19th to get their name on the ballot by encouraging our Newsletter Editor to publish it. February 19th is one month before our election at the March Monthly Meeting.

- Rob Bargewell informed the club he would not be in-state for the MVSr semi-yearly range scheduling meeting. February 17th. Bear Kelsey was his alternate however Bear just had his eyes operated on was did not know if he would be fully recovered enough to drive at night for that meeting. Mary Mathis volunteered to drive Bear to that meeting if necessary.

- Rob also informed the club the MVSR again this year requested he run for MVSR Officer at the Annual Members Meeting February 13th. He wanted to remind MMMLRC members if they wished to vote in that MVSR election they must have a voting MVSR membership paid up before the 1st of February to be eligible to vote at that meeting the 13th of February. Bob Lochman suggested anyone with interest in that shooting range should attend that membership meeting as trouble was brewing between range management, RSO's, and members concerning profiteering by certified instructors over classes conducted at the range. Seems Range Policies are being ignored by some in management and if it continues, experienced long standing members may be leaving.
- The MVSR Gun Show is February 8th & 9th at Raven Hall on the Palmer Fairgrounds. MMMLRC will have our usual two club tables and one sales table for those wanting to display or sell items. Rob Bargewell volunteered chairmanship and Keith & Mary Mathis volunteered to assist setting up and manning tables.
- The Bob Levine "1830 Rifleman's" knife being raffled at 2020 State Rendezvous was there again tonight both Sonny Makalena and Keith Bayha purchased tickets. Anyone interested in tickets for the raffle contact Mary Mathis, email: marym@mtaonline.net or ph. 715-6352.

Good of the Order

- Rob Bargewell informed members he will be out of state February 15th thru March 1st and again March 15th thru April 1st. Keep this in mind as Rob does a lot for club activities and won't be available during these time periods! Mary Mathis also stated she and Keith would be out of state March 30 thru May 5th, so again they will not be eligible to participate in club activities during that time frame. Take notice, we have so few active members others must step up to cover their abstinence when it happens.

Meeting Adjournment

- Rob Bargewell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40, Bear Kelsey seconded, no one objected, and the meeting adjourned.

Split-the-Pot

- Paul Brown's name was drawn for the Split-the-Pot drawing. He was not present so \$220 will be carried over to our February meeting's drawing.

Other Information

- Condolences to JoAnn Fugatt, significant-other of Douglas W. Beaty, of Willow AK. Doug Beaty passed peacefully in his sleep January 16, 2020. Funeral Services are pending. Doug and JoAnn jointed McKinley Mountainmen at our Territorial Shoot in June 2018. Doug and JoAnn listed several guns for sale in our September and October 2019 Newsletters. The guns have not sold but will temporarily be tied up in the estate and not for sale. We'll list them again for JoAnn when they are available. If anyone has other transactions pending with Doug Beaty contact JoAnn at 907-5212806. Call after 10am and before 7pm!
- Jeff Binegar donated \$9 to pay for the new PO Box key purchased January 16th.
- The 2nd Amendment Rally and Protest on "*shooting rights and range regulations*" throughout the borough came off orderly and peacefully Friday afternoon, January 31st. No accurate headcount was given, however, at least 500 soles attended the 5-hour rally at the Mat-Su Borough Building parking lot. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and coffee were supplied for attendees all afternoon. Also, heaters and handwarmers were supplied to comfort the protesters. A shotgun, an AR15 lower receiver, and other items were both raffled off or given as prizes to the attendees. The crowd was steady at about 100-150 people all afternoon, most filtered through only staying a couple hours due to the cold. The Proposal originated from a neighbor of L.D. Howard's on Palmer Fish Hook Rd. who objected to LD setting up a small range on his property for clients of his gun business in Wasilla (North Fork Supply LLC). The neighbor complained to Tamara Boeve, Mat-Su Borough Assembly Woman, and the Draft Shooting Proposal grew from there.

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There were a lot of petitions signed and delivered to the Mat-Su Council protesting this backdoor gun control and property rights violations at the rally. A second draft of the Proposal will be submitted the Borough Assembly Board at their next meeting, February 18th, so contact Assembly Members prior and voice your opinion on the Shooting Proposal:

District #1: Tim Hale
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StephanieNowersDistrict2@gmail.com 907-831-6239

District #3: George McKee
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907-373-3630

District #4: Ted Leonard
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Tedleonarddistrict4@gmail.com 907-373-2860

District #5: Dan Mayfield (solidly for)
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Big Lake, AK 99752
dan.mayfield@matsugov.us 907-861-7845

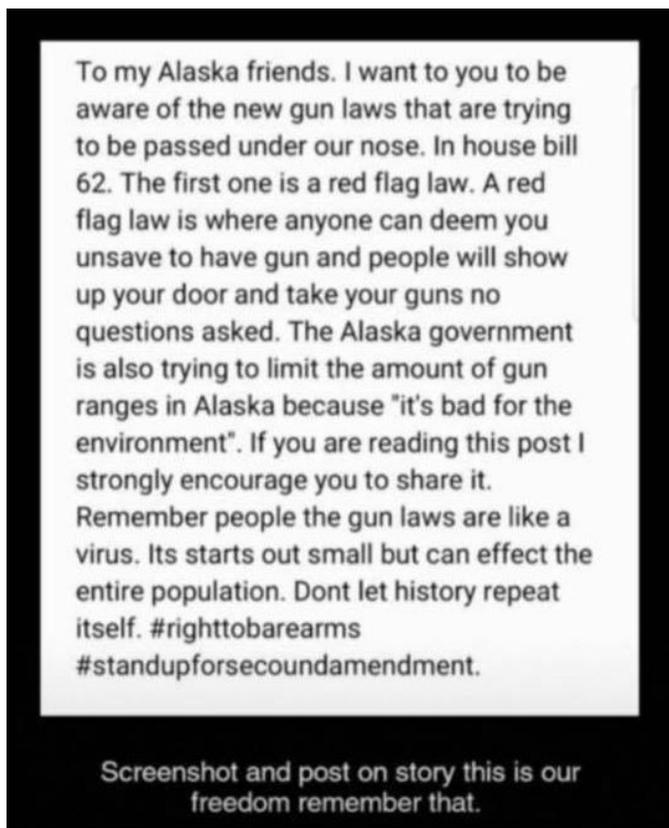
District #6: Jesse Sumner
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JesseSumnerdistrict6@gmail.com
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District #7: Tamara Boeve (solidly for)
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Tamaraboevedistrict7@gmail.com
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Mayor: Vern Halter
P.O. Box 389
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Vern.halter@matsugov.us
907-861-7845

- This is a Facebook entry by Daniel Dovba of Wasilla Alaska. He also attended the 2nd Amendment Rally January 31st. As MMMLRC Newsletter Editor, I want to remind everyone everything posted on Facebook is not always factual. However, without access to the information we cannot investigate and determine for ourselves the truth of what is going on with our government; borough, state, or federal. If interested research the current "Alaska In House Bill 62"

Posting Daniel Dovba's Facebook page just as a wakeup call for members to follow up on and find out the facts.



David Wilson 907-465-3878
Mike Shower 907-465-6600
Josh Revak 907-465-3879

A further worry of the organizers of the 2nd Amendment Rally is this Borough Shooting Proposal could pass on to

Juneau and combine with the "RED FLAG" House Bill 62. This is a list Alaska State Representatives and Senators distributed at the Rally. Contact them and let them know your opinions and concerns to prevent encroachment on our 2nd Amendment Rights to the Right to Bear Arms at State level!

VETO PROOF COALITION

House

Lance Pruitt (minority leader)	907-465-3438
Ben Carpenter	907-465-3779
David Eastman	907-465-2186
Mel Gillis	907-465-4931
Sharon Jackson	907-465-3783
Delana Johnson	907-465-4958
Kelly Merrick	907-465-3777
Mark Neuman	907-465-2679
Sara Rasmussen	907-465-3892
George Rauscher	907-465-4859
Laddie Shaw	907-465-4945
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard	907-465-4833
Dave Talerico	907-465-4527
Cathy Tilton	907-465-2199
Sarah Vance	907-465-2689
Tammie Wilson	907-465-4797

Senate

Mia Costello	907-465-4968
Shelly Hughes	907-465-3743
Peter Micciche	907-465-2828

- Keith Bayha's proposal concerning changing the date and time of next year's Christmas Party:
Keith mentioned to his son-in-law who works for 36th St. Bistro, Jeff, that we might be requesting a change for next year depending what will be decided on our tabled motion. He said it would make no difference from his point of view so long as we decide early, like in the next month or two. If we wait until next fall it may present some problems as this time of year reservations are very competitive.

Keith's suggestion is as follows: Conduct an email or phone call poll of all members to give everyone an opportunity to weigh in. This could be initiated in the ~~January~~ newsletter with a summary of the alternatives and the pros and cons of each. I will offer a first draft here and you can embellish it as you see fit.

In the past we have held our annual December meeting/dinner/ auction on Friday night, Saturday night and for the last two years on Saturday "noon"; and we have held it in the first weekend of December, the second weekend and the third weekend. Here are some pros and con arguments for each:

First weekend: Pro: usually early enough to avoid conflicts with other organization and family gatherings.

Second weekend: Pro: avoids our monthly rifle shoot

Con: conflicted this year with a gun show

Third weekend: Pro: years ago this was favored to avoid our rifle shot on the second weekend

Con: now it would conflict with the rifle shoot

6 pm dinner: Pro: allows those who work days to attend

Con: makes The drive home more hazardous for those with long drives

and/or night blindness.

Noon dinner: Pro: most recent change two years ago was because most attendees are getting older and wanted to avoid night driving.

Con: conflicts with work for some.

There are probably additional factors that should be considered, and you are invited to add to the pros and con and express your preference. Send your responses to Keith Bayha via email, nohorn@gci.net, or via phone, 907-746-6662, and he will tally them and report at the February meeting. We will raise the tabled motion to the floor during "old business" and discuss and decide what we want to do next December.

If anyone has concerns notify Keith Bayha as he stated, and/ooooo --

Attend our February Meeting at the Eagle River VFW and VOTE!

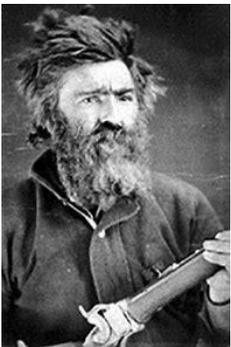
McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club Membership Application							
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Name:				Spouses Name:			
Mailing Address:				City, State, Zip:			
Email:				Home Phone			
I want the newsletter EMAILED to me:			YES	NO	Cell Phone		
Please circle your muzzle 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					
Circle one: New Member Renewing Member Life Membership							
Names / Ages of Children if family membership:							

MMMLRC January 2020 Rifle Shoot



Sonny Makalena, Steve Anderson, Bill Odom, Rob Bargewell, South African professional hunter Flippi (don't recall his last name), Justin Patterson, Mary Summersill, Daniel Guiney, Tim Wood, Denny Gum. Bear Kelsey and Chris Tomsen were also at the January 2020 Rifle Shoot but not in the picture.

Liver-eating Johnston



There have been multiple historical writings or descriptions of the mountainman John "Liver-eating" Johnson. Even the movie "Jeremiah Johnson" was based on his legend. Here is one I haven't read before so I'm posting it for your entertainment. You decide what image you believe of the legendary man! One point I submit, he was born about the same time Jim Bridger went up the Missouri River

from St. Louis. So, he was out west 20yrs later than Bridger and 40yrs after Lewis & Clarke! Barely fits in to the 1840's genre!

Liver Eating Johnson was a violent, drunk, mountain of a man who didn't have a very high reputation but was by no doubt the most fearless fighter and he became a legend. Johnston was built like a brick wall with a towering height over six feet tall and weighing 280 pounds none of which was fat.

There are not very many books written on "Liver Eating" Johnson. There was the fictional movie Jeremiah Johnson and then the fictional Crow Killer: The Saga of Liver Eating Johnson by Raymond Thorpe and Richard Bunker. Finally, I found a knowledgeable researched source that was just published in 2008: The Avenging Fury of the Plains by Dennis John Mclelland Ed.D.

Liver Eating Johnson's real name was John Garrison Johnston. Johnston was born in Little York, New Jersey in July of 1824 to Isaac and Eliza Garrison. He had 5 sisters and may have also had a brother who died in Virginia during the Civil War. Of Irish or Scottish descent, Johnston's father was an alcoholic and nearly worked young Johnston to death. The brutality of his father when Johnston was young and helpless may have had a part in making him the adult capable of doing almost any violent act that he became. The apparent rage inside him most of the time shows that his father also toughened him. Isaac would send his son to farms to work off his own debt. Johnston tired of this treatment and began working on a coastal schooner hunting whales. He was then at sea for 12 or 13 years. This is where he developed his powerful frame.

The high sea became boring for Johnston so he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Mexican War. It is not known how long Johnston served as a sailor but was obviously not very long because of his temper. Johnston was an impulsive man with a lack of self-control and a very hot temper. When the Lieutenant in charge struck one of his comrades with a sword, Johnston, in a fit of rage, struck him in the neck, which laid him out senseless on the deck of the ship. When the Lieutenant came to, he didn't know whether lightning or a spar had hit him, but he thought it was Johnston. Because of being suspected of striking a superior officer, he didn't get any shore leave for 30 days. When he finally was allowed to go to ashore, he never came back and ventured off into the unknown west.

The events described above were taking place when, in the movie Jeremiah Johnson and in the book by Thorpe and Bunker, Johnston's squaw the Swan and Johnston's son were supposedly being killed by the Crow. This proves the story was false. After this, came the myth that Johnston sought revenge and went on a rampage against the Crow. Supposedly, this made a Crow chief mad, so he sent 20 of his best warriors after Johnston one at a time. Johnston, they said, killed them all. Johnston's military record also proves there was no Crow Vendetta against him for that reason. Johnston was actually friends with the Crow most of the time, so it was all a big tall tale. The "Crow Chief" that supposedly induced 20 warriors after Johnston wasn't even Crow.

Johnston changed his name to Johnston from Garrison because he was now a deserter on the run and would be hung if caught. Johnston then joined the gold rush. He mined in California then (dates unknown) moved east and ended up in Colorado. He later moved up through Wyoming and into southern Montana where he mined, hunted, trapped, wolfed, bootlegged, peddled whiskey, cut wood and worked as a scout for General Miles Nelson and many others. But mainly he fought Indians. This is where he met his friend and partner J.X. Beidler. The two men had two things in common: whiskey and violence. Johnston was with Beidler on and off until he retired. Johnston like his father was an alcoholic despite the other stories from Thorpe and Bunker's book. It was now when Johnston's legend began.

Johnston was a legend in and after his time, which resulted in many "fairy tales". Of the many things Johnston did, his nickname proved a lie for he never consumed a human liver. He was tagged with his false name during a battle with the Sioux in 1868. Some claim the battle was in 1869 or 1870, but Johnston himself stated it was in 1868. Johnston and 15 other woodcutters were attacked by the Sioux as they were

cutting wood to fuel steamboats on Sioux land. At the end of the battle Johnston stabbed a warrior in the side. When he withdrew his knife, there was a bit of liver remaining on the blade. As a joke Johnston turned to his friends, held up his knife, and then asked if they “wanted a chaw”.

In the winter of 1863 Johnston joined the 1st Division 2nd Colorado Calvary 4th Brigade Private/Scout in the Civil War. He lied about his age and said he was 33 when he was really 39. Johnston deserted only 5 days after he enlisted. It is suspected although uncertain that the reason he deserted was to go spend all the money he had been paid on whiskey. Johnston eventually came back to find the Second Colorado Calvary just staying at the fort awaiting orders. Later Johnston was reassigned to the 2nd regiment. In October of 1864 Johnston was shot in the leg and shoulder in the battles of Westport and Newtonia in Missouri. Johnston fought in the war until he was discharged on September 23, 1865.

Johnston returned to Montana territory not sure of anything that lay ahead. He ended up going back to the gold fields and fighting Indians. When he left the gold fields, Johnston spent all the money he owned on whiskey in Fort Benton. After he ran out of money to fuel his drunk, he went back to work as a teamster delivering supplies to miners. Johnston then met up with his old partner J.X. Beidler. Johnston and Beidler set up camp and wood hawked on the Missouri river right in the middle of Sioux land. Wood hawking was dangerous anyways but right in the middle of Sioux land it was almost suicide. They were attacked on a regular basis and soon decided to take a break. Beidler went his own way and Johnston went out alone hunting and trapping for awhile. Johnston was one of a kind to still be hunting and trapping into his 60s. Eventually, Johnston and Beidler were back to their wood hawking camp. Johnston was often seen with Indian skulls on stakes next to the river trying to sell the body parts to tourists passing on the steamboats. Being a wood hawk meant being fearless. In the summer of 68 seven woodcutters were killed.

Johnston returned again to the wilderness to trap and hunt. Sioux would steal Johnston’s beaver traps and pelt, which angered Johnston so he would set up traps for them and outsmart them. Sometimes he would make a tent and make it look like he had left quickly and leave a piece of poisoned meat for the Indians to eat. Once when three Sioux waited inside Johnston’s cabin for his return, he outsmarted them by climbing in a pre-dug tunnel and shooting one of the Indians through the floorboards. Johnston continued this lifestyle for years participating in every big fight there was. Johnston also served as a scout for General Miles several different times participating in catching Chief Joseph and fighting in many more battles. But Johnston, bored with this life, looked for different work.

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In 1868 Johnston and J.X. Beidler got together and peddled bootlegged whiskey to Indians until about 1873. There was a territory called Whoop Up Territory, which was one of the most dangerous places that rarely a white man dared to go. Johnston didn’t care. Since the Indians knew him as a bad spirit, he was allowed a free ride across some of the most dangerous hostile lands in the west. During this time Johnston was peddling whiskey under the cover of nightfall and hiding the whiskey during the day. After Johnston now in his 50s gave up the dangerous game of bootlegging whiskey, he guided some trips into the mountains in south central and southeastern Montana since he knew the area better than any man alive. After these trips he went back to scouting for General Miles and many others. In the years to follow Johnston scouts, hunts, traps, and runs a stagecoach line on and off. He became a lawman in Coulson, Montana (now known as Billings) and then joined a Wild West show, which also lead to a dead end so Johnston returned and resumed his job as a lawman in Coulson. He decided he didn’t want to work anymore and was tired of the social life so built a cabin in the mountains where he could live the rest of his life. Johnston built that cabin in Red Lodge where he hoped to never work again. But later he hired on as Sheriff, having much trouble from his shoulder wound obtained in the civil war, he retired at the age of 70.

Johnston went on one more trip to Tombstone, Arizona. He returned to Red Lodge and almost overnight they say got old. In the last year of his life, 1899, Johnston moved to a veteran's hospital in Los Angeles, California where he died on January 21, 1900.

Johnston's body was buried in California for years but with much negotiating and dispute it was moved to Old Trail Town in Cody, WY. Cody is near some of Johnston's favorite stomping grounds being only 65 miles from Red Lodge, MT. Between Red Lodge and Cody was one of Johnston's favorite mountain ranges, the Beartooths, where some backwoodsmen today claim to notice the smell of pipe tobacco drifting into camp and they then report seeing the ghostly figure of Johnston leading a pack string down an ancient trail smoking a pipe in the moonlight.

This year's raffle item to support the 2021 State Rendezvous



Bench Copy of an "1830 Rifleman's" Knife

Maker: Robert Levine

"Custom Knives and Leatherwork"

Tullahoma, TN (*originally of Anchorage, AK*)

Bob prices this Knife is over \$1000.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20

Drawing will be held Saturday, July 18th at the
Alaska State Rendezvous, Pt. McKenzie AK. (July 11-19, 2020) *You*
need not be present to win!

For Tickets Contact Mary Mathis ph. 907-715-6352