

November 2025 McKinley Mountainmen Newsletter

Schedule of Events

| Date | Category | Event | Location | Contact |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|---|---|
| 6 Dec (Sat) | Meeting | 2025 Christmas Party Dec Monthly Meeting Fund Raising Auction | 1550 S. Elizabeth Dr, Wasilla AK 99623 Keith & Mary Mathis's Home) | Mary Mathis: ph. 907 715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net |
| 9 Dec (Tues) | Pistol Shoot | MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Outdoors | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heyanderson@gci.net |
| 20 Dec (Sat) | Rifle Shoot | MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot 2nd Saturday/not 3rd | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am) Outdoors | Pat Reed: ph. 376-6826 Email: patreed@mtaonline.net |
| 13 Jan (Tues) | Pistol Shoot | MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Outdoors | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heyanderson@gci.net |
| 15 Jan (Sat) | Rifle Shoot | MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot 2nd Saturday/not 3rd | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am) Outdoors | Pat Reed: ph. 376-6826 Email: patreed@mtaonline.net |
| 17 Jan (Thurs) | Meeting | Monthly MMMLRC Meeting | Basement of the Eagle River VFW 7:00 pm | Tim Pauloski: ph. 688-4018 Email: timpauloski@outlook.com |

President's Message

Our last club meeting consisted of three members. I attribute the low attendance to having switched the Saturday rifle match from the third to the second Saturday of the month of October to aid our friends, the Cowboy Action Shooters. The first Thursday of the month actually fell on the second day of the month which may have had folks not realizing the third Thursday was a week earlier than is often expected and of course we had folks visiting America. Be that as it may, you are important and your input as to club functions is even more important; for you are the foundation and backbone of the muzzleloading shooting sport not only in Alaska and the MMMLRC but also the NMLRA and black powder shooting across the United States. You are important, because without each and every one of "You," there is no MMMLRC, no NMLRA and a piece of American history will then be lost. I'll be seeing "You" at the next meeting and maybe even for dinner at Chepo's. Food is always better with great conversation, when folks like "You" are at the table. President but still "The Mayor" Tim Pauloski.

Secretaries Report for November 2025 Club Meeting

- The November Monthly Meeting of McKinley Mountainmen was held in the basement of the Eagle River VFW, November 20th. Attending were members Jeff Binegar, Pat Reed, Keith & Mary Mathis, Tim Pauloski, and Steve Anderson, plus guest Tim Evers. Five active members besides the president were present, so, a quorum was met, and the meeting was called to Order by the President Tim Pauloski at 7:10pm.
- Mary Mathis motioned to approve the Minutes for the September 2025 Club Meeting which were published in the September Newsletter. Tim Evers seconded that motion. Motion unanimously approved all ayes!

Shoot Reports

- The October Monthly Rifle Shoot was held on the 2nd Saturday instead of the 3rd because of the one-time trade with the Cowboy shooters. Pat Reed reported as follows:

"We were scheduled to shoot indoors, but it was such a beautiful fall day that we opted to squeeze in another outdoor shoot before being confined indoors for the winter. Not that shooting indoors in the winter is a bad thing, because it for sure isn't. One must remember that the mountain men aren't near as tough as they once were (please!!, turn up the heat).

We had six shooters and they were in the order that they finished: Pat Reed 237x, Steve Anderson 190x, Mike

Grigsby 170, Jeff Binegar 161, and Tim Pauloski 45. A couple of notes, Dan Gedig was getting ready to do his hunter ed qualification so worked on that and Tim didn't shoot the whole match. Mike brought his indoor, short range rifle, so he struggled a bit at the longer ranges.

For me, it was great to get to shoot outside. Most everybody else welcomed the opportunity that the weather gave us to do one more outside shoot. We shot two targets at 50 yards and two at 100 yards (can't do that indoors).

Thanks to all whom participated and helped to keep our sport going." Pat Reed

- The November Pistol Shoot Results by Steve Anderson were:

| | 25 | 25 | 25 50 | |
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| S Topp | 91x | 94xxx | 82 | 267xxxx |
| Tim Evers | 87 | 91xx | 95xxx | 273xxxxx |
| Pat Reed | 78 | 75 | 76 | 229 |
| Paul Brown | 73 | 69 | DNF | 142 |
| Mike Grigsby | 85 | 89xx | 92xx | 266xxxx |

Old Business

- There were not enough members present to establish a forum to have an October Club Meeting. Three souls showed up for the October meeting, Jeff Binegar, Tim Pauloski, & Mike Grigsby! The three did shoot-the-bull for about an hour and draw for Split-the-Pot. Though no official meeting, having the drawing was viable as the purpose was to award those showing up and encourage others to attend! Scott Crockett's name was drawn but he was not present so there was \$126 to be carried on to the November meeting. Also, due to the Newsletter Editor being out of State the entire month of October and the first half of November, and no official Monthly October Meeting, there wasn't enough new information available to justify a Newsletter for October.

- Jeff Binegar assisted by Sonny Makalena represented MMMLRC at the AGCA Fall Gun Show October 18-19 at the Sullivan arena in Anchorage. Jeff reported it was a good gun show! He had sales table income of \$220 from the sale of 3 Adult Hawks, 3 Mouse Hawks, and 5 MMMLRC Patches. From these receipts Jeff paid the \$60 fee for our sales table for that show.

New Business

- Tim Pauloski was contacted by Dennis Tayman who had received his name from the MMMLRC Rep at the AGCA Fall Gun Show. He requested MMMLRC partner with him to put on a 250th National Celebration Event for our nation's birthday here in Anchorage June 27th, 2026. It will be a free event and held at the Mountain Academy Gym. He felt the McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loaders Club would have material that would enhance the historical event. Tim said he agreed and felt he had enough material himself to assist. If any of MMMLRC members want to assist Tim at this event, contact him prior.
- Steve Anderson reported that the NMLRA has requested MMMLRC supply information on their intentions concerning the 2026 Alaska Territorial Shoot. Mainly they need dates of our shoot, aggregates we intend on shooting, and what metals needed replenished. There is only one change this year with the re-addition of the Primitive Aggregate. Steve has sent them the information they requested. It's of no consequence but he requested we shoot all aggregates as well as the Women's Aggregates so as not to discourage any possible participants we may have! So far, only five other Territorial have reciprocated! Our Territorial Shoot will be the last weekend of June as in the past, outdoors June 25-28 at the MVS range. Of all the states that shot last year, Alaska shot the most aggregates (46)!

- Steve also emphasized the 2026 Alaska Territorial Shoot dates, and the 1000 Pt Pistol Shoot dates are on the MVS Range Schedule for June 25-28 and May 1-2 respectively!
- Since the State Rendezvous Booshway Funds are still with the 2025 Booshway and no one from the Anchorage area wants to Booshway the 2026 State Rendezvous, the Booshway funds will stay with the Fairbanks Rondiers (passed to the 2026 State Ronly Booshways). Tim Pauloski was the Treasurer of dismantled ASMLA and currently controls the ASMLA funds, he suggested we combine the Booshway Emergency Funds and the Memorial Rendezvous Funds instead of being two different entities. Tim has brought this up before, and just as before, though briefly discussed, no decision was made or voted upon concerning combining these two funds.
- Mary Mathis asked for verification of those coming to the Christmas Party, and spouses or guests accompanying. She desperately needs to know how many to prepare the dinner for. The MMMLRC Annual Christmas Party will be held in Keith and Mary's home Saturday December 6th. Dinner will be served at 4pm so come early to socialize and be seated for dinner. Following the meal will be our December Club Meeting followed by our Annual Fund-Raising Auction. Be sure to bring items to be auctioned. Crafts, edibles, clothes, anything to do with primitive camping or shooting, primitive or modern guns or shooting accruements, etc. are all welcome donations for the auction. Anything new or used you think other members might be interested in. Funds from the auction will be used to pay the MMMLRC insurance premium for 2026. Keith and Mary's physical address is 1550 South Elizabeth Dr, Wasilla AK 99623. (Elizabeth Dr. - Mi. 51 ½ Parks Hwy.)
- Steve Anderson brought up another point on the Territorial Shoot. We need a Dymo Label Maker to label the targets with the shooter's information. That information is to be entered into the computer for automatic scoring of the entire shoot. Besides the label maker (approx. \$146) label paper needs purchased (approx. \$22). Steve would like to know if the club wants to purchase these items and how to pay for them. Options were the Shoot Fund has the money, use the proceeds from Territorial, or pay outright from the club checking account. Members present agreed the Label Maker and accessories should be purchased. Tim Pauloski suggested the Booshway Emergency Fund pay for the items as he felt with current circumstances there was no need for that fund. Since how that money is used seems to be up to Tim, and he insisted, it was accepted the Booshway Emergency Fund will pay for the label maker. No vote was necessary!

Good of the Order

- Sunday November 16, Earl Lackey, past President of Mat Valley Sportsman Range passed away. Earl has been quite active with MVS range for many years as well as the Racing Community of Palmer and all of Alaska.
- Tim Pauloski's close friend Meg Girard died. Most MMMLRA members wouldn't know him as he was an Electrical Engineer working on JBER Military Base.

Meeting Adjourned

- The November Club Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Jeff Binegar and second by Mary Mathis at 8:03pm. Motion passed so ended the November Club Meeting.

Split-the-Pot

- The split-the-pot drawing winner was Nathan Malone! He was not present and \$146 will be carried over to the December Club Meeting.

Josiah Bartlett

1729-1795

Representing New Hampshire at the Continental Congress



Born: November 21, 1729

Birthplace: Amesbury, Mass.

Education: Medicine (Physician, Judge)

Work: Delegate to Continental Congress, 1775;

Signed Declaration of Independence, 1776;

Signed Articles of Confederation, 1777;

State court Judge, 1779;

Associate Justice New Hampshire Supreme Court, 1882;

Member of Federal Constitutional Convention, 1787;

Chief Justice New Hampshire Supreme Court, 1888;

New Hampshire U.S. Senator, 1789;

Elected Governor of New Hampshire, 1790;

Died: May 19, 1795

Josiah Bartlett was born at Amesbury, Massachusetts, November 1729. He studied medicine, and practiced as a physician at Kingston, in New Hampshire. He became involved in politics and was elected a member of the Colonial Legislature. He was noted as a principled legislator, not susceptible to pressure from the Royal Governor, and as an active advocate against British oppression. He was a member of a Committee of Safety, and served as commander of a militia regiment in 1775. In that year he was also elected to represent New Hampshire in the Continental Congress. He voted for independence, and was the first to sign the Declaration, after John Hancock. He continued to serve in 1777 and participated in the ratification of the Articles of Confederation. He later filled the offices of Judge of Common Pleas and of the Supreme Court of his state, and joined the federal Constitutional Convention in 1787. He was elected president, and then governor, of New Hampshire. He died May 19, 1795.

Matthew Thornton

1714-1803

Representing New Hampshire at the Continental Congress



Born: 1714

Birthplace: Ireland

Education: Physician

Work: Appointed surgeon to the New Hampshire Troops, 1745;
Member of the Provincial Assembly, 1758-62,
Colonel of the Londonderry Militia,
Londonderry Town Selectman, 1763-75;
Londonderry Committee of Safety, 1775, 76;
Speaker of New Hampshire House of Representatives,
Associate Justice of the Superior Court,
Delegate to the Continental Congress, 1776.
Judge New Hampshire Superior Court, 1776-1782;
New Hampshire House of Representatives, 1782 & 1786;
New Hampshire State Senate, 1784-1787;

Died: June 24, 1803

Matthew Thornton was born in Ireland in 1714. His parents emigrated to America when he was three. They first settled at Wiscasset, in Maine, but soon went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where Mathew received an academic education. He became a physician, and in 1745 was appointed surgeon to the New Hampshire troops in the expedition against Louisburg. He later held royal commissions as justice of the peace and colonel of the militia. His medical practice was very successful, and he acquired much land, becoming a leading member of the community in Londonderry. There he held many local offices while also representing Londonderry at the Provincial Assembly. Thornton eventually became President of that assembly. As a member of a local Committee of Safety in 1775, he was asked to draft a plan of government for New Hampshire after dissolution of the royal government. His plan was adopted immediately and became the first constitution for that state (and was in fact the first new state constitution after the start of hostilities with Britain). Thornton was then selected as the first President of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and as a justice to the Superior Court, under the new constitution. He was also sent to the Continental Congress-too late to participate in the debates over Independence, but just in time to sign the Declaration on behalf of New Hampshire. He was selected to attend Congress again in 1777 but declined to attend due to poor health. For the rest of his life, Thornton attended to home life and representing local communities as a New Hampshire State Legislator, first House and then Senate.

William Whipple

1730-1785

Representing New Hampshire at the Continental Congress



Born: January 14, 1730

Birthplace: Kittery, Maine

Education: Common School. (Merchant, Soldier, Judge)

Work: Elected to Provincial Congress, 1775- 1776;

Member of State Council Committee of Safety, 1776;

Elected to Continental Congress, 1776-1779;

Commissioned Brig. General New Hampshire Militia, 1777- 1781;

Appointed Associate Judge to the Superior Court, 1782.

Died: November 28, 1785

William Whipple was born at Kittery Maine, in 1730. He was educated at a common school until his early teens, when he went off to sea to find his fortune. He was an able seaman, earning the position of Ship's Master by the age of 21. He worked hard and amassed a great deal of money. In 1759 he landed in Portsmouth and, in partnership with his brother, established himself as a merchant. Calls to public duty began almost immediately. He was elected to several local offices and was involved in the Patriot movement. In 1775 he was elected to represent his town at the provincial congress. The following year New Hampshire dissolved the Royal government and reorganized with a House of Representatives and an Executive Council. Whipple was made a Council member, a member of the Committee of Safety, and was promptly elected to the Continental Congress. He served there through 1779, though he took much leave for military affairs. In 1777 he was made Brigadier General of the New Hampshire Militia. General Whipple led men in the successful expedition against General Burgoyne at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. After the war Whipple was appointed an associate justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire. He suffered from a heart ailment for several years and he died, fainting from atop his horse while traveling his court circuit, in November of 1785.