

# March 2026 McKinley Mountainmen Newsletter

## Schedule of Events

Date	Category	Event	Location	Contact
14 Apr (Tues)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Outdoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>
16 Apr (Thurs)	Meeting	Monthly MMMLRC Meeting	Basement of the Eagle River VFW 7:00 pm	Tim Pauloski: ph. 688-4018 Email: <a href="mailto:timpauloski@outlook.com">timpauloski@outlook.com</a>
18 Apr (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: <a href="mailto:patreed@mtaonline.net">patreed@mtaonline.net</a>
25-26 April (Sat-Sun)	Gun Show	Houston Hockey Gun and Outdoor Show	Big Lake Lions Club, 2942 Lions Ct. Big Lake, AK 99652	Doug Massie: ph. 232-7072 Email: <a href="mailto:funraiser1hbc@gmail.com">funraiser1hbc@gmail.com</a>
2-3 May (Sat-Sun)	Pistol Shoot	NMLRA 1000 Pt Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am) Outdoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>
12 May (Tues)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Outdoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>
21 May (Thurs)	Meeting	Monthly MMMLRC Meeting	Basement of the Eagle River VFW 7:00 pm	Tim Pauloski: ph. 688-4018 Email: <a href="mailto:timpauloski@outlook.com">timpauloski@outlook.com</a>
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23-25 May (Sat-Mon)	Rendezvous	Memorial weekend Rendezvous (Spring Rondy)	Ft. Wick, Yoder Rd., Mi. 3 Talkeetna Spur Rd.	Keith Mathis: ph. 907 232-6052 Email: <a href="mailto:keith.mathis@hotmail.com">keith.mathis@hotmail.com</a>

### President's Message

Thank you Tim for your 2 years of presidential duties, I will now take the reins, and we shall all carry on. Keith and I are making our annual trip to Iowa to get a jump on Spring; attend College graduations for 2 grand kids Raely (Bratin-the-Hat) and Evan (Germino); and miss breakup in Alaska. Then back home in time for High School graduation for Clay (Dirt). Being Grandparents is busy work!!! There will be MMMLRC activities like 1000 Pt Pistol Match, Memorial Weekend Rendezvous all in May, and Youth Day in June. Warm weather is on its way so let's all get out and enjoy it together! The newly elected **2026 McKinley Mountainmen President Mary "2 Fires" Mathis**

### Secretary's Report for March 2026 Club Meetings

- The March Monthly Meeting of McKinley Mountainmen was held in the basement of the Eagle River VFW, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There were eight active members, and two guests present (Keith & Mary Mathis, Jeff Binegar, Mike Grigsby, Paul Brown, Tim Evers, Pat Reed, Karen Smith, and Guests Kevin and Wilda (Jeff Binegar's brother and sister) besides the President (Tim Pauloski). The Meeting was called to Order by President at 7:10 pm. It was determined that a quorum was met, and the meeting proceeded.
- Mary Mathis motioned to accept Minutes for the February 2026 meeting published in the February Newsletter. Paul Brown second the motion which passed unanimously with all ayes, no nays. **Shoot Reports**
- For both Pistol and Rifle Shoot Reports go to our website <https://mckinleymountainmen.com/shoots/>.
- Pat Reed reported there were 10 people at the last (February 21<sup>st</sup>) Rifle Shoot, and 4 people at the last Pistol Shoot (March 10<sup>th</sup>). Pat said at the Pistol Shoot he took 1<sup>st</sup> in the two-handed category, and 1<sup>st</sup> for his age group, and was 4<sup>th</sup> overall. This coming Saturday (March 21<sup>st</sup>) is the Rifle Shoot. **Old Business**
- Big Lake Gun Show April 25-26. We had no volunteers to set up and sponsor a MMMLRC presentation at this gun show, so we did not send in the application fee for the sales table (\$70) and let our club table go. MMMLRC will not have a presence at this gun show this year.
- The 2026 Youth Day is June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary and Tim Pauloski have purchased all the shooting supplies needed to

support the kids training this year. But always, we need 6 or 7 volunteers to set up stations, targets, and instruct at this event. So far Keith Mathis, Jeff Binegar, Mike Grigsby, and Tim Evers have volunteered to instruct with the club youth rifles, Mary has volunteered to gopher and set up targets, Tim Pauloski to give orientation and instructions, and Pat Reed will demonstrate his 79 caliber as well as instruct some kids shooting it. We have six youth rifles and need an instructor for each rifle, plus a couple personnel to set targets and trade off instructing occasionally as it is a long day with groups of kids coming every 30-45 minutes! 3 or 4 more volunteers would be extremely helpful!

- We have had two requests for a member to dress primitive with weapons at an honorary U.S.A. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Tim Pauloski has volunteered for the Anchorage event sponsored by the Mountain City Baptist Church July 4-5, which will be quite extensive. Jeff Trotter has volunteered to assist with the other (Independence Day Re-Dedication Ceremony) being put on at the pavilion and green by the St. John's Lutheran Church in Palmer. Many thanks to both members for representing us at the events.
- Tim Pauloski reported he or Steve Anderson have not heard anything back from Joshua O'Brien of Alaska Fish and Game concerning their request to utilize our club youth rifles for training at their muzzle loading classes this summer. We had volunteered with the request they reimburse us for shooting supplies of powder, caps, & balls. Tim added that we could possibly have someone attend to instruct on how to load and fire muzzle loaders at the class. Tim said he would maintain contact with Steve Anderson and keep us posted if they got back to him.

## **New Business**

- Our annual election of club officers is at the March Meeting. The candidates for 2026 MMMLRC Club Officer are: President - Mary Mathis; Vice President - Jeff Binegar; Secretary/Treasurer - Keith Mathis. Since they are all running unopposed an actual vote is unnecessary except for a show of hands. No one was opposed, and all present approved so our new club officers for 2026 are elected! Likewise, no one has volunteered to write the newsletter or run shoots so Keith Mathis retains as Newsletter editor, Pat Reed the Rifle Shoot Chairmen, and Steve Anderson the Pistol Shoot Chairman!
- Keith Mathis noted he and Mary would be Booshwaying the 2026 Memorial Weekend Rendezvous May 23-25 at Ft. Wick (Talkeetna) regardless of snow condition! If a late spring he could move it to elsewhere! He also was considering advertising and changing the name to just a "Black Powder Shoot" to encouraging anyone to attend regardless of apparel or primitive camping! Rendezvouser's can continue dress & camp as always but others just shoot and familiarize themselves with what we are doing without the primitive requirement.

## **Good of the Order**

- Pat and Karen reported Keith Bayha and Beverly Graefel have moved from Suellyn Novak's house in Eagle River to their own (previously rented) house in Eagle River, not back to the mountain at Glacier View. Keith is mostly bed-ridden now, but they are still carrying on only staying closer to basic essential amenities. Suellyn is due to return to her home as always in April spending winters in Pennsylvania and summers in Alaska.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

- The March Club Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Paul Brown and second by Tim Evers at 7:58 pm. Motion passed so ended the March Club Meeting. **Split-the-Pot**
- The split-the-pot drawing winner was Bear Kelsey! He was not present and \$206 will be carried over to the April Club Meeting.

## **Other Information**

- Also, don't forget the 2026 State Rendezvous will be held June 20-27<sup>th</sup> south of Delta Jct., Mi. 1395 Alaska Hwy, (not official but looks like Buffalo Range again). Booshway will be Jenny Hughes with David Underwood Segundo. David Underwood: [dumusic1600@gmail.com](mailto:dumusic1600@gmail.com) Jenny Hughes: [FrenwoodFoodSafety@gmail.com](mailto:FrenwoodFoodSafety@gmail.com)

- March 21<sup>st</sup> Rifle Shoot Report by Steve Anderson as Pat Reed had the flu.

Shooter	50 ft Leaf 10 shots	50 ft Gourd 5 shots	25yd 6 bull/7 ring 10 shots	25 yd Deer 5 shots	Total	Rank
Grigsby	70	26	83	42	221	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brown	14	8	52	18	92	8 <sup>th</sup>
Binegar	35	5	57	43	140	6 <sup>th</sup>
JP Poul	DNF	DNF	83	19 (3 shots)	102	7 <sup>th</sup>
Augustus Topp	90	44	83	36	253	1 <sup>st</sup>
Reed	DNF	----	----	----	----	----
Anderson	45	16	87	31	179	4 <sup>th</sup>
Trotter	18	0	79	45	142	5 <sup>th</sup>
Evers	68	18	85-0	42	213	3 <sup>rd</sup>

<b>McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club Membership Application</b>							
Date:							
<b>Name:</b>				<b>Spouses Name:</b>			
<b>Mailing Address:</b>				<b>City, State, Zip:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>				<b>Home Phone</b>			
<b>I want the newsletter EMAILED to me:</b>			YES	NO	<b>Cell Phone</b>		
<b>Please circle your muzzle loading experience level</b>			Novice	Intermediate	Expert	Range Officer	
NRA membership? Yes / No	Member Number:		NMLRA Member? Yes / No		Member Number:		
<b>Membership Rates:</b>							
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:							
<b>P.O. Box 770555, Eagle River, Alaska 99577-0555</b>							