

# August 2026 McKinley Mountainmen Newsletter

## Schedule of Events

| Date                   | Category               | Event                                                          | Location                                                                    | Contact                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 Sep<br>(Tue)         | Pistol Shoot           | MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot                                    | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm)<br>Outdoors                              | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>                                                                                                        |
| 19 Sep<br>(Sat)        | Rifle Shoot<br>Meeting | MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot<br>and Monthly Club Meeting         | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am)<br>Outdoors / Club Monthly Meeting 1pm | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a><br>Mary Mathis: ph 907 715-6352<br>Email: <a href="mailto:marym@mtaonline.net">marym@mtaonline.net</a> |
| 25-27 Sep<br>Sat-Sun   | Rendezvous             | MMMLRC Fall Rendezvous                                         | Ft. Wick, Yoder Rd., Mi. 3 Talkeetna Spur<br>Rd.                            | Keith Mathis: ph. 907 232-6052<br>Email: <a href="mailto:keith.mathis@hotmail.com">keith.mathis@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                                  |
| 13 Oct<br>(Tue)        | Pistol Shoot           | MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot                                    | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm)<br>Outdoors                              | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>                                                                                                        |
| 15 Oct<br>(Thu)        | Meeting                | Monthly Club Meeting                                           | Basement of the Eagle River VFW<br>7:00 pm                                  | Mary Mathis: ph 907 715-6352<br>Email: <a href="mailto:marym@mtaonline.net">marym@mtaonline.net</a>                                                                                                              |
| 17 Oct<br>(Sat)        | Rifle Shoot            | MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot                                     | MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am)<br>Outdoors                            | Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heysanderson@proton.me">heysanderson@proton.me</a>                                                                                                        |
| 24-25 Oct<br>(Fri-Sun) | Pending<br>Gun Show    | AGCA Fall Gun Show Winter<br>Extravaganza and Annual<br>Dinner | Pending                                                                     | AGCA-Contact: Jeremy Wise<br>Phone: (907) 310-3602<br>Email: <a href="mailto:akguncollectors@gmail.com">akguncollectors@gmail.com</a><br>Phone: (907) 279-0618                                                   |

## President's Message

At our last meeting we decided to try having the monthly club meeting after the September 19<sup>th</sup>, Rifle Shoot at the MVS Range. The Monthly Rifle Shoot's start at 10am and usually finish 1-1:30 pm. We want non-shooters to be on site before last shot fired, as we will go into the meeting right after clean up. This change is to test how (and if) this gets more people involved.

Fall Rendezvous will be the last full weekend in September 25-27. It will be dark much sooner and chillier so don't forget heavier clothing, stoves, and lights! It's the last outdoor gathering for the season so even if you don't camp the entire weekend, spend at least one day at Ft. Wick comradng with old like-minded friends. Shoot the shoot, or just sit and talk, reminiscing of the old days when youth and vigor encompassed all! Fall means Keith and I will be leaving for our 6-week stretch to lengthen the Alaskan summer by enjoying fall in Iowa. (*Our hometown and what is left of family and "OLD" friends.*) See you all at the November Club Meeting or Annual Christmas Party at our house Dec 5. Keep your eyes in the horizon and back to the wind.

**Your President, Mary "2 Fires" Mathis**

## Secretary's Report for August 2026 Club Meetings

- The August MMMLRC Club Meeting was to be held August 20<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the Eagle River VFW. Present were Keith & Mary Mathis, Tim Pauloski, Jeff Binegar, Suellyn Novak, and Tim Evers. It was determined a quorum was being met determined to proceed. President Mary Mathis opened the meeting at 7:10pm. Suellyn motioned to approve the minutes of the July Club Meeting as published in the July Newsletter. Tim Pauloski second, the motion passed.
- Jeff Binegar motioned to accept Treasurer's Report for July with the \$0.02 correction to the July Treasurer's Report. Suellyn Novak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## Shoot Reports

- For both Shoot Reports go to our website <https://mckinleymountainmen.com/shoots/>.

## Old Business

- Pertaining to the question of obtaining a quorum to make an official meeting, the Treasurer (Keith M.) rested the option talked of at the July meeting of determining a quorum according to active members, not

total membership as it would be almost impossible to conduct a legal meeting due to low turnout! 'As of July we have 11 paid annual members for 2026! Of our 18 life members only 2 of them are active at meetings, with one other only active monthly shoot-wise, and one other only rendezvous-wise! That's a grand total of 15 active members out of a possible 67! 10%; what's our quorum 1.5 (2), or 6.7 (7)?' It was decided, **Active members it is!** The Sec/Treas. will look in to changing the Bi-Laws to reflect this option.

- The 2026 Alaska State Rendezvous occurred June 20-27th south of Delta Jct., on the Richard Karr farm, tract M of Delta Barley Project, Mi. 1395 Alaska Hwy. Those participating give a special thanks to Sherry Olsen and Richard Karr, the landowners who graciously hosted the Rondy, plus let us cut firewood. David Underwood's Rondy Report follows in the Newsletter.
- Tim Evers is determined to initiate a couple summer shoots at Ft. Wick. He has been making metal targets that can be set up and torn down in ten minutes. He has some targets already located at Ft. Wick and plans on having enough to sponsor a smooth bore shoot there Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reiterating, not a rendezvous or campout, nor with traditional themes. Just a one-day black powder shoot. He would like to have more in 2027. Everyone is welcome to attend, club members or not!
- About changing the Annual Christmas Party from Mary Mathis' home to the MVS Range, Mary said though she was ready to give it up, each year had become easier due to experience and preplanning. Since she had already purchased Prime Rib for the party on sale last Christmas and recruited her daughters to assist preparation (and nephew, Jeremy, to cook the primerib), she would prefer to sponsor the event again this year. In the future location and sponsorship could be discussed!
- One of our discussions covered our low turnout for the meetings. Tim Evers suggestion we have our club meeting at the Monthly Rifle Shoot at MVS Range. It was decided to give it a test drive and have the September Meeting there. Suellyn volunteered to notify the VFW we were not going to be there in September but were not giving up our 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday schedule for the basement for our meetings. Seems there is another group wanting to use our meeting place if we give it up! The MVS location is just a trial run to determine viability.

## **New Business**

- Tim Pauloski is still determined to maintain MMMLRC tradition of Rendezvous in the Anchorage area! He would like to combine the Memorial Rendezvous and the AK State Territorial Shoot and have it in June at Ft. Wick. Fairbanks have the majority of participating Rendezvousers and vast majority of children so it's fitting they maintain the location of State Rendezvous, however their moving it back from July to late June conflicts with the AK NMLRA Territorial Shoot. Many Shooters will not miss the 4-day Territorial Shoot as it sets their national ranking and shooting levels for all shoots nation-wide! Tim P. proposes if the Fairbanks Buckskinners would hold the State Rendezvous to July so Anchorage people could attend it as well as the Territorial Shoot, we would combine Memorial Weekend Rendezvous and the Territorial Shoot and have it in mid-June at Ft. Wick. This would alleviate the spring conditions and Memorial Rendezvous and allow shooters to attend Territorial shoot as well as attend the State Rendezvous in the Fairbanks area. More options for everyone, Fairbanks and Anchorage alike! Discussion inter-club and with Fairbanks people to continue!
- Tim Evers said he was making a trip down the peninsula soon and would visit the Snowshoe Gun Range in Kenai. He will report back next month on findings or possible joint events together in the future!
- There is an AGCA meeting this Friday nite (August 21<sup>st</sup>) and Suellyn said she would find out if there is going to be a Fall Gun Show! It has not been scheduled so far or announced so far!

## **Good of the Order**

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- Jeff Binegar informed us Bob Lochman, on Kodiak, has had an accident with his Polaris RZR! He hit gas pedal instead of brake and surged ahead into a tree. Bob was banged up pretty good with a broken rib! He has currently recovered and is back on the road again despite his advanced age (Ain't we all!)

MMMLRC members extend best wishes to Bob! We miss you Bob at our events!

## Meeting Adjourned

- Suellyn Novak motioned to close the August Club meeting, seconded by Jeff Binegar. President Mary Mathis ended the August Club Meeting at 8:08 pm.

## Split-the-Pot

- The split-the-pot drawing did not happen as Jeff forgot the coffee can with the tickets and proceeds. He still collected the \$2 from each and will have two drawings next month! So, the \$220 carried over from the July Meeting, and the \$12 from the August Meeting, all will be carried forward to the September Meeting and drawings will be held **sequentially!**

## Other Information (Obtained Post-Meeting)

- Suellyn updated Bev Graefel {Bayha} has spoken with Premier Auction of Anchorage to clean out Eagle's Nest, but she has not yet signed the contract. She will only have one .62 cal. muzzleloader in auction, the rest she'll sell via Market Place. If any club member wants a gun or black powder, call Bev 907-301-0302. Right now, Pat Reed has Keith's cans of black powder.

*The way Premier Auctions works is all online and they place items in groups. They do not list as "estate of Keith Bayha." You register and get a bid number, then start checking out the auctions.*

*Once they clean out a house it takes about a month for them to take pictures, do groupings, and write descriptions. Then they will notify you there is an auction going on. With Wayne Anthony Ross' items, they were under the heading "Curiosities." So you'd best look for that heading.*

- Suellyn also followed up on the AGCA Fall Gun Show. Sullivan Arena raised the rental from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Jeremy is meeting with them August 26<sup>th</sup>. He is also meeting with Alaska Airlines on September 1<sup>st</sup>. AGCA is wanting to have a Fall Gun Show on 24-25 October but no site has been determined yet. They may have to look at smaller venues to have the show!
- Tim Ever's smooth bore shoot at Ft. Wick was successful, with four/five shooters and beautiful sunny day! Tim went up Saturday to set things up with Jeff Binegar, Bart Topp, and Augustus Topp attending Sunday. They shot all afternoon with Ed Wick joining them for one round. They shot two rounds of five at metal targets, one round of ten at paper targets, and two rounds each with skeet and trap clay pigeons. One round of clay pigeons was with smooth bores. Jeff B. was the only one successful so they then shot a round with shotguns and all hit. Augustus was high shooter for the day with Tim Evers second, and Jeff Binegar third. A beautiful relaxing day shooting with friends, 10:30 am till 5:00 pm. **Wish you could have been there!**

| McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club Membership Application |  |                   |        |                        |              |                |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| Date:                                                                 |  |                   |        |                        |              |                |        |
| 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 |
| NRA membership?                                                       |  | Member Number:    |        | NMLRA Member?          |              | Member Number: |        |
| Yes / No                                                              |  |                   |        | Yes / No               |              |                |        |
| 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:                        |  |                   |        |                        |              |                |        |
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| P.O. Box 770555, Eagle River, Alaska 99577-0555                       |  |                   |        |                        |              |                |        |