September 2026 McKinley Mountainmen Newsletter

Schedule of Events

Date	Category	Event	Location	Contact
25-27 Sep Sat-Sun	Rendezvous	MMMLRC Fall Rendezvous	Ft. Wick, Yoder Rd., Mi. 3 Talkeetna Spur Rd.	Keith Mathis: ph. 907 232-6052 Email: keith.mathis@hotmail.com
13 Oct (Tue)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Indoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heysanderson@proton.me
17 Oct (Sat)	Rifle Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am) Indoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heysanderson@proton.me
17 Oct (Sat)	Meeting	Monthly Club Meeting	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (1pm) Indoors	Mary Mathis: ph 907 715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net
31 Oct-1 Nov (Fri-Sun)	Gun Show	AGCA Fall Gun	Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, 600 W. 7th Ave, Anchorage AK 99501	AGCA-Contact: Jeremy Wise Phone: (907) 310-3602 Email: akguncollectors@gmail.com Phone: (907) 279-0618
10 Nov (Tue)	Pistol Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Pistol Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (6pm) Indoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heysanderson@proton.me
19 Nov (Thu)	Meeting	Monthly Club Meeting	Basement of the Eagle River VFW 7:00 pm	Mary Mathis: ph 907 715-6352 Email: marym@mtaonline.net
21 Nov (Sat)	Rifle Shoot	MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot	MVS Range, Mile 38 Glen Hwy, (10 am) Indoors	Steve Anderson: ph. 315-0874 Email: heysanderson@proton.me

President's Message

Snow on the mountains means winter and darkness are returning to Alaska. Enjoy your last few weeks of fall as the season changes. The September meeting was held not on third Thursday at the Eagle River VFW as has been the standard for many past years, instead we held it the following Saturday at Mat Valley Sportsman's Range following the Monthly Rifle Shoot. Was it a success? Wellllll, maybe! There were 4 member shooters who held over to attend the meeting, plus two non-members (who have shot with the Saturday group monthly for *Many Moons!*). The success was the non-members became members! So, adding Keith (Sec/Treas), me the President, and Tim Pauloski we had 9 people attending the meeting. After discussion, we decided to hold the October meeting again at MVS Range following the October Rifle Shoot, Saturday Oct 17th. Since Keith and I are off September 30th for our annual month long *"Fall Weather Extension"* in Iowa, Vice President Jeff Binger will be in charge. Traditions are hard to break but groups are standing in line to take our reserved dates at the Eagle River VFW, so a decision must be made! MAYBE we'll change, we'll decide after the October Meeting! Time marches on, situations change, and sometimes groups must adapt, as age passes over us! **Your President, Mary "2 Fires" Mathis**

Secretary's Report

- The September MMMLRC Club Meeting was to be held September 19th at the MVS Range (MMMLRC Monthly Rifle Shoot). Present were Keith & Mary Mathis, Tim Pauloski, Jeff Binegar, Tim Evers, Mike Grisby, Pat Reed, and new members Bart & Agustus Topp. President Mary Mathis opened the meeting at 1:20 pm. Jeff Binegar motioned to approve the minutes of the August Club Meeting as published in the August Newsletter. Mike Grisby second, the motion passed.

Old Business

- Pertaining to the question of obtaining a quorum to make an official meeting, the Treasurer (Keith M.) The Sec/Treas. will look in to changing the Bi-Laws to reflect this option. Turns out there is no mention in the current bi-Laws of having quorums to authorize a legal meeting. Those long-standing members remember a rule concerning quorum however the Bi-Law were rewritten in 2014 by Rob Bargewell to include our legal authorization to utilized Ft; Wick and obtain a NRA grant to upgrade our shooting range there. Then, as it stands, a quorum is not needed to complete our monthly meetings.

• Mary Mathis assured everyone the 2026 Annual Christmas Party will be at her home December 5th (the 1st Saturday of September). Mary will prepare a prime rib dinner followed by our December Club Meeting and our Annual Fundraising Auction. Current membership is the only requirement, and Mary would like RSVPs by Thanksgiving so she knows the number of guests to prepare for!

• Tim Pauloski says he is still determined to maintain MMMLRC tradition of a 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 would avoid conflicts with the AK NMLRA Territorial Shoot and possibly change Memorial Weekend Rendezvous. 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 Pauloski proposes if the Fairbanks Buckskinners would hold the State Rendezvous to July so Anchorage people could attend State Rendezvous 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 late spring weather and ground conditions of Memorial Weekend and allow shooters to attend a Spring Rendezvous and Territorial Shoot as well. Followed by the State Rendezvous in the Fairbanks area a month later. More options for everyone, Fairbanks and Anchorage alike! Looks like shooters a little hesitant on moving the Territorial Shoot back to Ft. Wick because of logistics! However, moving the Spring Rendezvous at Ft Wick back a few weeks is a viable suggestion! It would be nice to have some Fairbanks input to this suggestion!

New Business

• Tim Evers suggested we amend our web site to reflect our purpose for existence. Mainly to promote and shoot black powder, round ball, shooting and competition. Seems he strongly believes the are many people who own black powder rifles but have never shot or not shot them in a long time. He believes the interest is out there, we just have to activate it in people! Promoting black powder shoots open to the public would draw new enthusiasts to our sport! Also, some people just want to shoot and have never tried round ball shooting! Advertised shoots at the range could draw new shooters! A good example would be a "Turkey Shoot" before the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday!

• Concerning the Christmas Party and the Annual Auction to raise money for our insurance premium. Mary suggested we talk to Fairbanks people about contributing to our Insurance premium as we have been supplying the insurance for the stat Rendezvous! Then they old question of what is our insurance good for? Age old question not answerable as it seems we are only covered for shooting accidents but not clear at all. Different members have tried to sort this out on several occasions in the past to no avail! The discussion has always fell back on this is the only insurance we can get; it is required in most venues, and limited insurance is better than no insurance!

• Still no word on date and location of AGCA Gun Show. Mary will check with Suellyn and/or Jeremy Wise and get it posted in the newsletter or an email announcement! Jeff Binegar has volunteered again to use his personal accoutrement to make a presentation for MMMLRC. He would like assistance with setup, teardown, and presenting his display to the public at the show! Volunteers contact Jeff. This show traditionally is held mid-to-late October over weekend (Sat-Sun).

• Tim E. inquired if everyone had to be a NMLRA member to participate in the Territorial Shoot. Opinions varied however it seems NRA members have qualified to shoot Territorials in the past. Research needs done and Steve Anderson probably knows the answer. Tim felt allowing non-members (of course paying additional fee to participate) would increase the interest and number of shooters.

• Reminder that Fall Rendezvous if this coming weekend, September 26-27, at Ft. Wick, Mi. 4 Talkeetna Spur Rd, three miles down Yoder Rd. Primitive camping with two round ball shoots (10am & 2pm) both Sat & Sun. Modern and/or non-campers are welcome, so just come for the shoots if you are interested!

Good of the Order

• Tim Pauloski iterated he has macular degeneration. As he felt all of us do to some degree because of our ages. In the past "climate change fearmongers" have congress regulating how many watts can be in our incandescent light bulbs; then progressives eventually proceeded outlawing incandescent light bulbs for LED ones to save energy. Following that they have limited the light spectrum band of LED bulbs to narrow the light availability. By 2028 all widths of the spectrum will be limited down to the blue spectrum which will be hazardous to our health. Different colors of the

spectrum enhance our bodies as well as plants. Tim suggests each of us research on YouTube for the effects of the light spectrum on our bodies and overall health.

Meeting Adjournment

- Jeff Binegar motioned to close the September Club meeting, seconded by Tim Pauloski. President Mary Mathis ended the September Club Meeting at 2:30 pm.

Split-the-Pot

- The split-the-pot drawing was two-fold. Janet Bargewell's name was drawn for the belated August Split-the-Pot drawing for $220. She was not present! An added $12 collected in August made $232 being carried forward to the September drawing. Howard Delo's name was drawn, and he was not present, so another $14 was added carrying forward $246 for the October Club Meeting Split-the Pot.

Other information (Post Meeting)

- The Fall AGCA Gun Show will be held at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, W. 7th Ave., Anchorage AK 99501 the last weekend of October (October 31 – November 1).

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	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:					
P.O. Box 770555, Eagle River, Alaska 99577-0555					