



Eastern Platte Muzzleloaders More Wind from the High Plains February 2010



Thought For Today:

What is irritating about love is that it is a crime that requires an accomplice.

Charles Baudelain



Hi Members!

Weather; let's not go there again. I can hardly wait till I'm complaining about rain and wind once more... My gut and better instincts inform me we're all gonna die, but I'm almost sure I express the same instincts at the first drop of rain and blow-me-down Spring wind. And yet---how charming and powerful---ding dang near spiritual it is that you folks are powerless to curtail that complaining! I'm feeling right cheerful now and may actually write the newsletter with pizzazz and punctuation. Unless I glimpse a falling snowflake, even half an inch of temperature drop, or an icicle forming on the 'puter...



The meeting on February 9th was attended by 12 members in a warm frame of mind putting Mother Nature to shame. The Meat Shoot at the end of this month was the main order of business and it has been decided to press forward with the event instead of rescheduling in friendlier weather. Members pitched in donations for the meat prizes with a generous \$110.00 ending up in the event vault for the shoot. Quite a few of our donators will be in line for targets at the shoot and be honored with investing yet more money to participate in the competition. For my money, providing I ever see any again, these members are 1st Prize winners without having fired a shot and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Big thanks and applause, applause to Sean McKown, Jim Klinger, Cal Griffiths, Butch Appel, Rick & Wendy McCollum, Marshall Hohman, Wade Farr, Mike Benham, and Bill & Annette Brink. I hope the weather and the pot luck is generous in return to each and every one of you.



We have a new officer position on board at EPM; though it's been held for quite some time as an unofficial office. Please officially welcome to the Board Karl Lindholm; our Webmaster for years. In times of a former nature EPM had no website so it follows there was no need for the office of Webmaster. We've done the yakking for several years how times has changed and a position



should be made official on our Board for a Webmaster. Butch waxed rare spunky for a frozen February and put a motion before members to once and for all create Webmaster a man-about-Board. The vote was unanimous in the yay and now Karl doesn't have to sneak around anymore in performance of his duties. Salute and a hail Caesar, Karl! You are now most officially officed in a position of pilot of the net-waves (Sometimes referred to as "magic.") and if you crash, you're on your own! We don't elect folks around here without reason; unanimously or otherwise, so keep up the good work because your fellow members are web-lost, Google-searchin", Bing-experimentin', game-playin' on Facebook, Email clickin' fools.



From my own mountain top position of Secretary to---this here club---its my solemn yearly duty to remind members with or without official positions that membership dues have duly done got to be paid by April 1st. (No foolin'!) (Hah! Third year a charm for that joke! I hope there's an award...) Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to the Treasurer/EPM address. The Treasurer's wife will try to refrain from running straight to Wal Mart with it for important things like Chips Ahoy and the latest George Clooney poster. As is my usual spiel, but nonetheless sincere in its constant repetition; any member or family facing financial difficulty (I warned you about buying the name brand paper towels!) and yet wanting to remain EPM members need only call the officer of choice and fill them in on the situation. I've always been very proud of EPM's willingness to "work with people" and I'm happy to report I can continue to be proud. We may not be a wealthy or fancy organization, but we do have heart and are seldom lacking in your run of the mill decent values. (Hell, we just did something finally and deservedly official a paragraph ago!) There are a few things left in this world not subject to budgets, funds, or fees and you will happily find fellow members at EPM in full agreement with that ideal---some paid in full, some not.



In the spirit of generosity that seems to be outlining this particular newsletter I'd like to ask members for their prayers, happy thoughts, and positive best wishes for members of the Pisarik family---and especially for the safety of Daddy Mike Pisarik. Somewhere in the next few months---I forgot the actual dates---because, hey, I'm not a real reporter---Mike's job will find him working in Afghanistan. These are strangely (I made that word up just for you, Pisarik's!) dangerous times in that part of the world and I'm sure I need not enlighten anyone how very worried his family will be for him. And I'm not sure of the logic and particulars of how it works, but Mike will be considered as being on military time again. (I hope to hell that's not something Top Secret worth finding the person who blabbed it...just in case; I'm signing this newsletter "Cal.") I don't like

it folks, I don't like it at all! When Casey informed your family-supporting Editor I was of immense help by completely freaking out. All joking aside, I'm sure you can all empathize with the stressful frightening situation that has invaded the Pizarik home. I figure any outside or extra best wishes can't hurt in the situation and will in a humble way let them know they have some support. So right here in print Pizarik's read-all-about- it I respectfully submit our support, friendship, and best wishes for all of you in the coming months adding an especially ardent prayer for Mike's safety. Having said that, I'd also like to warn our non-Pizarik members whose families I also greatly support---look out for little Miss Hannah---she's in a foul toddler don't- believe-in-Uncle-Sam-I-want-my-daddy mood and is to be avoided for the sake of both sanity and personal safety.... Good luck, Mike!



Well folks, I'm outta here till I can think of something else to torture you with next month. The shooting season is about to commence upon us and let me remind while I whine for shooters and spectators alike to keep safety in mind at our own range and when visiting another. We have a magnificent safety record to be proud of and wouldn't cherish any blight on that record. Have a wonderful season, lots of fun and laughter, great luck, and move the hell out of my way if you see me in a beeline for the potluck table. Did I mention Wade Farr has recently gifted and armed this very responsible Editor with one of his special finger-flipping knives in a convenient sheath/pouch? 'Til Next Month, Thwack! Cal Griffiths



Spirit Of The Wolf,
Grant This Prayer...
That All Can Live As One With Nature
And Peace Reign Everywhere.

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EPM CALENDAR

February 27-28.....Meat Shoot

March 9.....NEXT MEETING!!

March 20.....Work Party

March 28.....Club Shoot

April 1.....Membership Dues



**Public Is Welcome To Attend Monthly Club Shoots
& Four Seasonal Camp/Shoots**

**** See Website For Range Map ****