



Eastern Platte Muzzleloaders

More Wind from the High Plains...

January 2009

Thought For Today: New Year's Day---now is the accepted time to make your annual good resolutions. Next week, you can begin paving hell with them as usual.

Mark Twain



Welcome to the New Year, Members!

Fittingly, it's colder than a mountain man's heart outdoors, everything is "on sale" except for Brad Pitt and flights out of here, my 'puterfontgriefitis accelerated and is now a virus the 'puter doctor calls "puterusin' doofandoink," and I seem to have lost my invitation to the inauguration. I'm almost certain history cannot take place without this reporter's presence to report it all down...



The meeting on January 13th was attended by 10 frozen-to-the-state members. I missed the first meeting of the year and must rely on the details given by my fellow officers. We had a very special visitor drop in to say "howdy" and add his long experience with muzzle loading to the ideas and discussion--- Mr. Rick Froehlich. Rick is a former and long time EPM member who keeps in touch chatting on our website, but I'm sure members were thrilled to speak with him in person again or meet him for the first time. Hopefully, Rick will stop in during a few shoots this year and hassle all the newbie's. Treasurer Butch Appel informs me (He's handily across the room...) most of the meeting business discussed was financial. Our out-going Treasurer Jim Klinger, presented some real (depressing) facts and figures lurking in our bank account and club records. EPM revenues and expenses are running at an even keel so ideas are being tossed around for fundraisers such as auctions and another raffle in the fall. Officers are going to do their best to push some promotion of the club this year also. It may be all for naught with the present economy, but we can at least try. Your Secretary (I heard she was an Editor...) has been busy most of January placing ads for EPM where an interest might be found and adding our range to club lists around Nebraska. Officers plan to carry EPM event fliers wherever they travel this year and post them on any website it is allowed. You don't have to be an EPM officer to perform these miracles. The EPM fliers are always posted on our website by Webdude Karl and if you happen to be planning to visit another range or an event--- print a few and force them on disinterested people!



New Treasurer Butch Appel has come up with a money saver for EPM and you people had better not abuse it. Bear with me--- you'll understand after some of my meticulous 'splainin'. Yearly, the luxury of having an EPM PO Box is costing \$100.00 and it has been decided to save a little money by returning to the long-ago discussed option of having the club address the same as the current Treasurer who has most cause to use it. So--- the new EPM address (If I get this wrong, fire me.) beginning this year is:

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c/o Butch (or Pat) Appel

2722 ½ S. 20th St.

Omaha, NE 68108

Let's not go too crazy with this information, folks. A monetary tip for your favorite officer? Do send!! Your Cox cable bill? Keep it!! Newsletter complaints and suggestions? Send to Assistant Secretary Cal Griffiths. A "koo-

pun” for age-me-not dyes ‘n cosmetics? Send soonest. Mr. Treasurer in dire need. The warrant for your (gun carrying, tater splitting) arrest? Deal with it. All kidding aside, members wanting to renew their memberships by mail this year will want to make a note of the new address so they can promptly misplace it and have no clue as to its whereabouts April 1st. I’ll try to remind myself to remind all of you down the road where your Treasurer and Secretary live and why there oughtta be a law against it.



Members will please welcome Craig Moraski to our therapy ‘n guns organization. (I’m running for NRA President 2010. Join my campaign since you already have my address!) I’ve not had the pleasure of meeting Craig so can pass on no useful information, but joining EPM says oodles in us all. I hope he enjoys the “EPM Experience” (we stole that from a guy named Jimi...) and is never disappointed in our hospitality. Give Craig a Ding, Dang! or at least a fine howdy if you meet him at the range--- and, of course, ya-da-da, (I don’t get writin’ awards for nuthin’...) try not to piss him off!!



President Sean would like for me to say a few words concerning the monthly club blanket shoots this year. Originally, most prizes were hand crafted or articles for making the same. Sean is pushing for a “return to the old ways” when it comes to blanket prizes and his fellow officers heartily agree. Shooting supplies are usually a big hit also, but I can tell you from years of personal experience--- there’s nothing like seeing somebody’s beautifully crafted work being contested over by a line of I’m-shooting-to-win mountain men/women. There is just something extra special added to the competition when you’re shooting for a one of a kind item daringly spread on a blanket. (Unless it’s one a duh mountain men...) Time is a terrible factor in all of this, people must work and EPM may not be their sole activity, but we’re pushing it anyway. We can at least start our club year with trying in mind and good intentions. Personally, I sincerely hope we discover participation in this area. It would be a real joy to have newer members experience some of “the way things used to be.”



Our Winter Meat Shoot (February 21-22) is soon upon us and hopefully the weather won’t be. To be perfectly honest, the Winter Meat Shoot is usually the lesser attended of our shoot events, but members that do attend always manage to have a good time. As the shoot name implies (rather obviously) prizes are select cuts of meat no one will want to cook for you once they’re won. The agenda for this shoot is especially weather dependant and you can count on food being a top priority. For members not too interested in winter camping--- come shoot up the woods all day Saturday, excuse yourself for a potty break, then drive like bats out of hell (more rock stars!) home to modernity where there is almost always heat and warm beds.



I’ll end this first newsletter of the New Year by reminding members to actually use your memberships this year. Have a grand time, rediscover the fun in nature, (When you’re not fleeing from snakes, bugs, Buster ‘n Shadow, falling trees, swimming bridges, stray cows, that Davis kid, irate turkeys, psychotic deer, or Cal...), attend all the pig outs--- I mean shoots, that you can; shoot true, safely, and happily. I don’t know about the rest of you, but I truly believe the joys are simple, so simply enjoy.

‘Til Next Month,

Simply,

(Watch it!!)

Pat

THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW:

In my experience if you have to keep the lavatory door shut by extending your left leg, it’s modern architecture.

Nancy Banks Smith

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MEETINGS 2nd Tuesday of every month / Perkins 72nd Grover (3529 S. 72nd St.)
EPM WEBSITE: www.epmuzzleloaders.com

EPM CALENDAR

February 10.....MEETING!!
February 21.....Work Party?? **Work parties are the 3rd Saturday of each month!**
February 21-22.....Winter Meat Shoot, Camp

EPM 2009 SHOOT SCHEDULE

January 25.....Monthly Club Shoot
February 21-22.....Winter Meat Shoot, Camp
March 22.....Monthly Club Shoot
April 25-26.....Spring Shoot, Camp
May 24.....Monthly Club Shoot
June 27-28.....Summer Shoot, Camp
July 26.....Monthly Club Shoot
August 23.....Monthly Club Shoot
September 27.....Monthly Club Shoot
October 24-25.....Fall Shoot, Camp, Sight In
November 22.....Monthly Club Shoot, Sight In

****All Monthly Club Shoots are Blanket Shoots this year!!**

****Shooters contribute a prize worth \$5.00 or more and place it on a blanket. In the past, these prizes have been hand crafted items, gun supplies, money, foodstuffs, booze ala spirits, craft supplies, etc. As each shooter places, he/she chooses a prize from the blanket. The remaining shooters swear a lot...**

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