



*Hello Members,
Our July newsletter begins with a weather report--- I know you're all surprised! 'Tis our nation's birthday month and Mother Nature USG decided we were hardy enough people to cross the range creek without a bridge. Poor "Barn Red" couldn't withstand all the overflow of water from the recent constant rain and I don't think all the wood debris helped either. Ironically, the worst storm that took the bridge out was on the very weekend "Barn Red" was to be replaced with the sturdier one so lovingly pieced together by Uncle Doug Gppel. A few of your Officers didn't take the news too well--- anyone catch your Ed on the 6:00 o'clock news? After the Mr. Ed posted bail for his wife the planning began once again to get "Sturdier" constructed into a proper bridge and placed across the creek. The re-scheduled work party for the bridge was agreed upon by members at the July meeting and will be*

held over the weekend of July 24-25th ---yes, of this year. Members wanting to volunteer their labor for the weekend can call Sean McKown or Butch Gppel regarding any information they might be wanting. (Such as tools needed, construction plans, what's for lunch, or why it rains when you want to do "stuff.") An impromptu pot luck has been added to the work agenda---we might as well pig out if we're in the woods and have to "work" ---so bring something to throw on the table if you wanna keep your legs intact to try out that new bridge---I mean, if you would please and are able. Let's all cross our mountain man/woman pig tails that the weather will cooperate with our plan to build-it-and-they-shall-cross bridge and collect calories while we're at it.

The July meeting was attended by 14 members with the business discussion tending toward bridges. If I don't stop with the whopping surprises for members I may end up at another creek, huh? Marshall Hohman presented members with a plan for inviting a Boy Scout troop to camp at EPM range and learn the fine art of muzzle loading. All members unanimously agreed to follow through with this idea and discussed different ideas for activities to entertain and educate the Boy Scouts of America. Nothing final or concrete has been decided on yet as Marshall must get back to the troop leader, but we're tossing ideas for the future.



Butch Gppel reports the Onawa Lewis and Clark Festival Shoot went off very well and EPMM managed to take in a profit from hosting it. We have already been asked to host the event for June 2011 and there was a unanimous wind in the air that our little club would more than likely decide to do so. I hope what they mean by "hosting" is some of us eat way too many Indian tacos and complain about the heat, bugs 'n booms...Your Ed is a real trooper and gets invited to all these events!

Members have also decided to begin extending invitations to EPMM shoots to other area clubs. We

have done so in the past with so-so results, but most of the clubs still intact are hurting too. The feeling is that if we all stick together in our mutual interest it may be mutually beneficial to all concerned. We'll see... Before I skedaddle out of here---because there really isn't a lot of news--- I'd like to extend thanks and appreciation to all members that have recently worked at the range---bridge or no---mowing still had to be kept up and debris dealt with. Conditions at the range are not too ideal to be working in presently either; Butch and his jail-sprung wife took a late afternoon trip to the range to drop off more concrete for creek-mending and I was appalled 'n pissed (Yes, I said it...) at how awful it was to be there. In the first place, there was no air conditioning---I'm expecting you folks to remedy that soon as the new bridge is in place---and the skeeter's and other evil fliers were en masse humongous horde from hell everywhere. I cussed all the way home thanks to the revolting experience... (Yet another shocker and surprise!) But my point here---besides the creative Ed language---is how much it made me appreciate the guys who had just recently worked in that torment-of-toxic-toasty hell. (Now that's scribin', folks!) These members have my undying admiration, appreciation, and thanks (But I'm still gonna have to insist you feed me at the range...) and I hope they'll accept our fine kudos 'd; Sean McKown, Jim Klinger, Marshall Hohman, and Chris Hayes---take a bow! If I've missed anyone I truly and sincerely apologize---I'd hate to miss anyone this time because of the duty-beyond circumstances. I only hope you are all recuperated in time to put up the bridge...

And so I must be, as they say in journalistic circles; outta here!

'Til Next Month,

Keep your skeeter's swatted or stomped!

Pat





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EPM CALENDAR

July 24-25.....Bridge Work Party

August 10.....NEXT MEETING!!

August 22.....Club Monthly Shoot/Work Party



Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Anyone Who Threatens It

Liberty is always dangerous, but it is the safest thing we have. -Harry Emerson Fosdick