



## More Wind From the High Plains... MARCH 2<sup>8</sup>

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** It's not enough to be American. You always have to be something else. Irish-American, German-American, and you'd wonder how they'd get along if someone hadn't invented the hyphen. FRANK McCOURT

Lordy, Lordy, Della's go! (Hey, you had to be there...) Happy St. Patty's Day and Easter, fellow Members! Its St. Patty's Day Y'all will want to concern yourselves with. Members may reek of homage in my presence any time after noon, no, let's make that 1 :00 PM, Mon.-Fri.

The meeting on March 11 was attended by ten members, one visitor, and (finally!) seasonal weather. No one (that I noticed) was injured by the balmy change.

President Sean says a new combination to the range will be installed after the Spring Shoot. I won't know how the hell to keep members posted on the development. I can't very well publish the new number in your newsletter. As you all know, the combination is Top Secret. I'm leavin' the entire revoltin' dilemma to the worry of your esteemed officers. So, my fellow range critters, if you can discover no working number to enter the range after the end of April, give one of your officers a call and ask them, "This is Cal's fault, isn't it?"

Eloise VanVoorhis put before members an idea to "think on" that could be implemented as an incentive program to help enlist participation. (Kee-ripes! Pass me the oxygen! Smokers shouldn't invent such long winded sentences.) It would involve a system of meeting certain requirements for different merit badges. Eloise explained the badges would have names such as, "turkey, deer, and possum." I don't even know yet what has to be done to earn "possum," but I want one. I think this is a great idea and personally I have only one suggestion. Those of you who know me well (my sympathies...) should be guessing--- "moose!" I'm sure all you'd have to do to earn "moose" is show up at a meeting, look cute, and harass an officer.

V.P. Butch requests that any members having access to sand bags hang onto them for use at the range. The south field is being flooded by run off from rain and snow.

The Meat Shoot on February 24 was blessed with decent weather, but Mr. Ed tells me mud was a problem. Your Ed did not attend the shoot, so I'm not up to par with the details. Members attending (that I know of) were Sean McKrown, Butch Appel, Cal Griffiths, Jim Rlinger, Rick, Brianna, & Cassie McCollum, Chuck Nelson, Wayne VanVoorhis, and Mike Benham. Mike brought another load of his much appreciated donated wood. As always, if I've missed someone, I do beg pardon.

Last month I failed to welcome (look out!) another McCollum into our midst because; #1) who could have imagined there were more? And, #2) I had no idea this McCollum had actually joined EPM. Members will please welcome (if you can find them in the McCollum crowd) Damon McCollum, his wife, Carly, and their son, Brody. And we all know the rule---applying especially to McCollum's---because they outnumber us---hell, they might outnumber the Chinese population---try not to piss them off!



Members may also welcome back a long-time EPM member, Bob Gewinner. Bob has been a special asset to this club for many, many years. He also possesses an extensive knowledge of guns, muzzle loading, and buck skinner information. Bob is easy to talk to and a very approachable, friendly person so have no fear in the matter of picking his brain for some of that knowledge. Great to have you back, Bob! My fellow annoyers---try not to piss him off! (New EPM range rule, Bob.)



I have member's official Spring Shoot agenda ('til it changes...) for April 2008. Come camp and join in the confusion! On Saturday morning the usual shoot competition will be held. (Bring something that goes, "BOOM!") There will be a chili feed for lunch and pot luck for dinner. (Do NOT bring anything described as "tastes like chicken," has "parts," or is able to look back at me.) (Or anyone else.) After lunch, the Mountain Man Wood Walk Competition shall commence. (Bring a sidewalk.) Sean says there will also be hawk and knife, and archery competitions. Bob Gewinner is presenting a flint and steel fire starting exhibition for anyone interested in learning the fine art. (Bring matches.) (Unless you're Sean.) Your Ed, Eloise VanVoorhis, and Carol Bucholz are planning a Treasure Hunt, crochet lessons, and maybe cages for the camp rats--- I mean kids. Carol offered to teach a bead work demonstration and we may have sort of maybe volunteered Val Johnson's flute and its player if she be in attendance. (Run, Val!) Our junior members were completely awed by Val and her talent at the Fall Shoot 2007. (Bring kids. Corn whiskey for "teachers.") If anyone else would like to present rendezvous skills to the inept city folk (that would be me) please feel free. I'm sure all participation would be greatly appreciated.



On Sat. night a few of our spunkier wood folk may hold a candle shoot if they're still awake. Carol will be cooking up fry bread with

apple or cherry topping that evening, so I suggest the old folks keep their eyes open. (One of you will have to wake me...) Sunday morning we'll have breakfast in the woods if we can find someone to cook it. (Bring officers.) The shooting competitions end at noon on Sun. and prizes will be given out shortly thereafter.



Whew! And Ding, Dang! Just writing about all this activity has worn your Editor out. I think I'm outta here... Members will hopefully be pleased with "The Agenda" and make plans to see it carried out in person. Your officers and I look forward to seeing all your sweet faces and the brawls, cussin', and commotion caused by great turn out, one hooter.

'Til Next Month,  
SNORE...



St. Patty

**THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW:** Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and fat.

ALEX LEVINE



Stan Osolinski/Oxford Scientific Films

**DO NOT SHOOT!!!**



## THE EPMTEN COMMANDMENTS

**Thou Shalt Not** use a perfectly clean hooter when you are completely surrounded by woods. Yet, thou must keep thy streams away from the creek stream; you never know when Ranger Rick shallst take it upon himself to cook.

**Thou Shalt Not** run around screaming like a girl should snakes become involved in the camp experience. Save the women, chumps! Especially the one known as "Ed." Knowest ye twoto, this commandment was the direct cause of behavior from the creations I call "Sean" and "Mike."

**Thou Shalt Not** build without cabins of conveniently modern leniency in the courtship of appliances, accoutrements, and the appropriate air for the season. What the hell? Are you mountain men?

**Thou Shalt Not** maketh a fire that can be seen from spaceth or be used by a mountain man on Mars to singe his deer (among other things) upon.

**Thou Shalt Not** piss off the poop fairy in any way, with means, or manner.

**Thou Shalt Not** endeavor to serve up things made with ostrich butt, elk hoof, moose lips, or possum boile! coon, and call them "food."

**Thou Shalt Not** fire a weapon until ramrod is thoroughly removed from said weapon. Knowest ye ka-pow!, the last time a mountain man failed in this duty, I laughed so hard, silly putty was created. I called it "Cal."

**Thou Shalt Not** ignore to require yourself to be minutely involved in the Wal Mart needs of Woman. (and Cal.) Savest ye know, the minute they feel the need to shop, ye shallst arm upon thyself credit cards, checkbooks, the beneficial loans, traveler's checks, money orders, and the CIA. (Cash Is Awesome)

**Thou Shalt Not** discharge any weapon accompanied by a cry of "Dee Hato!!" Not one circumstance in my known universe would cause this to be acceptable behavior.

**Thou Shalt Not** send Editor of my creation nasty letters preachifying the seriousness of religion and Commandments in general. I Am, I Said, and the Ed sayeth so in unimaginably funny, halo hallowed humor. Remember to keep Commandment Number Six close in thy mind so be it I'm not forced to use the "Zapper." Now--- go forth! Fruitfully multiply without bothering Woman. (or Cal) Attire thyself in holy raiment larger than a loincloth, and remember ye how, I walk always amongst you, so don't try to feed me any Easter ostrich butt made from the pure creek water that wasn't.



Sincerely, **The Lord Thy Odd**



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## **EPM CALENDAR**

**March 15-** Work Party

**March 23-** Club Shoot (Easter)

**April 8-** **NEXT MEETING!!**

**April 19-** Work Party

**April 26-27-** Spring Shoot



## **AREA EVENTS**

**March 8-9** Crete Gun Show, 4-H Building, \$3.00 Admission, Info 308-995-6452

**March 15-16** Hastings Gun Show, Fairgrounds, \$3.00 Admission  
Info 402-462-0103

**April 5** Rock Creek Spring Clays, For Info 402-483-1822

**April 19-20** Kearney Gun Show, Fairgrounds, \$3.00 Admiss., Info 308-446-2351