

## More Wind from the High Plains September 2011



### Thought For Today:

**We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves filled with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship.**

**~ James Robinson ~**

Howdy Members!

I get to be the first one to say it because I write the newsletter; I'm COLD!!

Already! I know how much you love it when I have breaking news...

Fall is not sneaking up on us at all. Yeah---that's it. Remember where you heard it first!

The meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> was attended by 10 members and I'm relying on my husband's account of business because neither I nor Chris was there. Butch says our Number One priority is getting the footing for the bridge poured.

And I heartily agree with him because it just "sounds right." It was decided

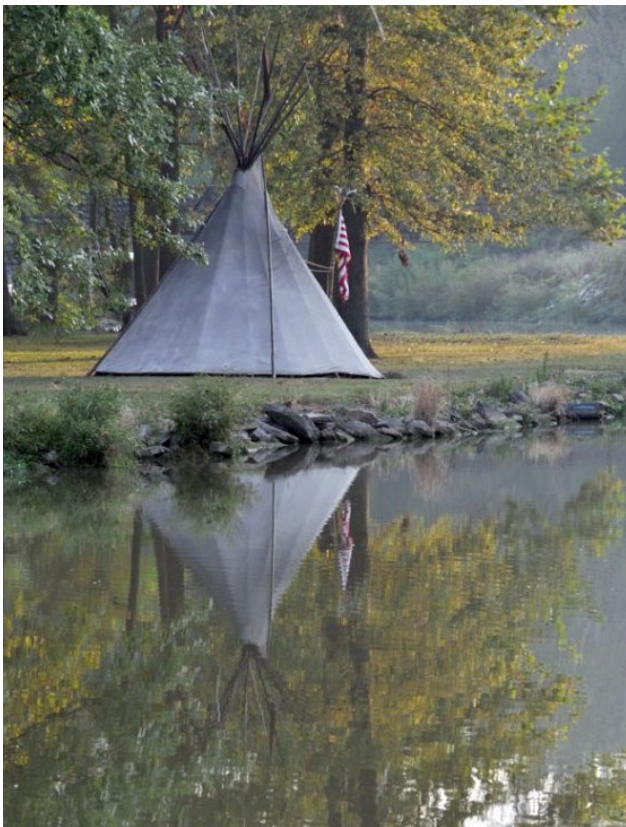
Butch would go and fetch the wood needed as it happens to be on sale at this time. Getting the bench on the firing range moved a foot or so back is yet

another goal. And last, but not least in importance, a job needing to be done is stacking rock in the creek from the waterline onto the banks. This "little" chore should be kept in mind for future work parties.



A reminder for all those interested was given for a favorite shoot this coming weekend, Sept. 17-18; the Botna Bend Shoot at Hancock, Iowa. This is a great little shoot only about 30 minutes out of Omaha. It's held in the state park that itself holds live elk and the shooting prizes are often elk steaks, roasts, etc. Can anyone guess where those come from? Your savvy Ed had to be filled in years ago...I know you're surprised... The park is beautiful with camping allowed (primitive and modern) and the shoot is put on by a great group of people, so anyone seeking a shoot this weekend in the finally-decent weather might want to check it out.

While we're on the subject of reminders I'd like to point out that members should begin thinking about their officers for 2012. Don't purchase your ticket to anywhere just yet---at the October meeting members should have suggestions to offer for the next round of officers. At the November meeting these "suggestions" become nominees, and at the final meeting of the year (and our Christmas party) the nominees who were once a mere suggestion, become elected and final as the "Dammit!" in Cal. I for one wouldn't miss it! I'll be keeping track of the progress and results from my bungalow in the south of France.



The Fall Shoot and annual Sight In for hunters is next month over the weekend of October 22-23. Non-members are more than welcome to attend and for a small fee Sight In for the season. Anyone wanting more info can contact an officer and a map to the EPM range is also posted on our website. Non-members are also most welcome to participate in the target shooting and join us for the pot luck lunch. The more adventurous of our members will be camping and pot-lucking the entire weekend. And I hear it's looking like the Mountain Man Wood Walk competition will be an event once again.



There's nothing quite like the Fall rendezvous season and veteran members would recommend enjoying it thoroughly before the cold, hard winter sets in. It's too late for me! As you may remember, I'm already cold and looking for a cozy, warm place to hunker down with a book. But the rest of you have fun! Good luck shooters and happy trails to those of you just along for the vittles. 'Til Next Month,  
I'm final as the "Dammit!" in Cal,  
Pat

**Thought For Tomorrow:**

**You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going,  
because you might not get there.**

**~ Yogi Berra ~**



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## MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

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6:00 PM to eat, 7:00 PM to meet

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## EPM CALENDAR

September 25.....Club Monthly Shoot (Public Welcome!!)

October 11.....NEXT MEETING!

October 22-23.....Fall Shoot & Sight In (Public Welcome!)

# OFFICIAL MOUNTAIN MAN LEVEL CHART


"IT'S TRUE, MOUNTAIN MEN LIVE AND WALK AMONGST US. BY USING THIS SIMPLE CHART, YOU CAN HELP IDENTIFY THE MOUNTAIN MEN IN YOUR DAILY LIFE."

## MOUNTAIN MAN FACTS:

MOUNTAIN MEN BEGIN AS NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS. FATHERS, UNCLAS, GRANDPAS.. OLD GUYS DOWN BY THE RIVER.. UNTIL ONE DAY, SOME PRIMAL URGE TAKES AHOLD OF THEM AND THEY BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY TO IMMORTALITY.

## MORE MOUNTAIN MAN FACTS:

- ALL MOUNTAIN MEN BREATHE OXYGEN.
- MOUNTAIN MEN ARE ALL AROUND US.
- IT'S VERY EASY TO SPOT LOWER LEVEL MOUNTAIN MEN IN YOUR DAILY LIFE.

LEVEL	IDENTIFIER	ABILITY	LEVEL	IDENTIFIER	ABILITY
1	ALL MOUNTAIN MEN HAVE A BEARD. WITHOUT IT, THEY ARE VIRTUALLY POWERLESS.	GAINS A +2 BONUS TO ALL CONSTITUTION SAVING THROWS.	11	THE MOUNTAIN MAN RARELY CONVERSES WITH MORTAL MEN ANYMORE AND IS USUALLY JUST SILENT WHEN AMONG THEM.	<b>MEDIUM LEVEL ANIMAL COMPANION</b> - POSSIBLY A COUGAR, GRAY WOLF, OR BLACK BEAR.
2	VERY RARELY SEEN WHILE NOT WEARING A PLAID SHIRT.	BECOMES PROFICIENT WITH ALL FORMS OF AXES AND HATCHETS.	12	BEGINS TO ENJOY THE PARADOX OF THE ALPINE TREE-LINE AND CAN USUALLY BE FOUND ROAMING THIS REGION OF THE MOUNTAINS HE RANGES.	<b>SNOW WALK</b> - THICK SNOW DRIFTS NO LONGER IMPEDE THE MOUNTAIN MAN'S MOVEMENTS.
3	BECOMES RESTLESS WHILE INDOORS. BEGINS TO GROW COLD TOWARDS CIVILIZATION.	GAINS A +2 BONUS TO STRENGTH WHEN IN OPEN MOUNTAIN AIR.	13	STAYING NEAR CIVILIZATION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME MAKES THE MOUNTAIN MAN PHYSICALLY ILL.	<b>EVERGREEN SPEAK</b>
4	OFTEN SEEN WEARING SUSPENDERS.	<b>SUSTENANCE OF THE LAND</b> - CAN FULLY LIVE OFF THE LAND. CAN SUPPLY HIS OWN SHELTER & FOOD.	14	LEAVES CIVILIZATION FOREVER. HE SPENDS THE REST OF HIS LIFE RANGING.	<b>WIND READING</b> - CAN SENSE THE CHANGES IN THE MOODS OF HIS RANGE THROUGH THE WIND.
5	LOSES THE ABILITY TO PRONOUNCE THE WORD "BOY." INSTEAD SAYS "BOH" OR AVOIDS THE WORD ENTIRELY BY SAYING "SON." EXAMPLE: "LISTEN HERE, BOH!"	GAINS THE ABILITY TO FULLY CONCEAL A 5' WOOD CHOPPING AXE. CARRIES IT ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES.	15	OFTEN ADORNS HIMSELF WITH THE HORNS AND BONES OF FALLEN ANIMAL FOES.	<b>HIBERNATE</b> - WHEN NEEDED, CAN SLEEP FOR UP TO FOR 4 MONTHS AND EMERGE WITH THE STRENGTH AND HUNGER OF 20 MORTAL MEN.
6	PREFERS THE COMPANY OF WOODLAND CREATURES MORE THAN THE COMPANY OF MORTAL MEN.	<b>LOW LEVEL ANIMAL COMPANION</b> - POSSIBLY A RACCOON, OPOSSUM, OR FOX.	16	HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY LOST THE ABILITY TO SPEAK IN COMMON TONGUE. WHEN HE MUST SPEAK COMMON, HE DOES SO IN THE FORM OF WOODLAND RIDDLES.	<b>BARK SKIN</b> - SKIN TAKES ON A TOUGHER BARK-LIKE QUALITY THAT AFFORDS THE MOUNTAIN MAN BETTER PROTECTION.
7	ABILITY TO SPEAK COMMON-TONGUE DETERIORATES FURTHER. THE MOUNTAIN MAN IS NO LONGER ABLE TO SAY THE WORD "THOSE." IT IS INSTEAD REPLACED WITH "THEM THAR."	CAN THROW A HATCHET A QUARTER MILE WITH INCREDIBLE ACCURACY.	17	NEVER AGAIN SEEN BY MORTAL MEN.	<b>WOODLAND VISION</b> - LONG DISTANCE VISION OF A HAWK AND THE NIGHT VISION OF AN OWL.
8	HAS BEGAN WEARING THE FURS AND SKINS OF BEASTS.	<b>GRIZZLY STRIKE</b> - CAN CHOP DOWN A TREE (OR A TREE-LIKE OBJECT) WITH A SINGLE BLOW.	18		<b>HIGH LEVEL ANIMAL COMPANION</b> - PERHAPS A GRIZZLY BEAR CHIEFTAIN, GIANT CRAG CAT, OR SOME SORT OF MASSIVE EAGLE.
9	HAS COMPLETED HIS EPIC QUEST FOR AN ANIMAL SKIN HAT.	<b>WOODLAND SPEAK</b> - CAN COMMUNICATE WITH WOODLAND CREATURES.	19		<b>ANIMAL TRANSFORMATION</b> - CAN TRANSFORM INTO A GREATER WOODLAND CREATURE. TYPICALLY USED TO TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES.
10	THE MOUNTAIN MAN GOES THROUGH A TRANSFORMATION. AFTER THIS, HE APPEARS MORE GRIZZLED AND HAGGARD THAN EVER.	IN THE SAME WAY A CATERPILLAR LIVES INSIDE A COCCOON, THE MOUNTAIN MAN LIVES INSIDE AN ANIMAL CARCASS (POSSIBLY AN OX OR BEAR) FOR 6 MONTHS. THEY EMERGE AS A <b>"WARDEN OF THE MOUNTAIN."</b>	20		TRANSFORMS INTO AN <b>"EVERLASTING MOUNTAIN SENTINEL."</b>