

**MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING  
ASSOCIATION  
NEWS LETTER  
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**THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**



Happy New year everyone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season. This past weekend I went to Columbiaville for the Frosted Paw. It was a fine day to go out and play. Looking forward to the winter woods walk at the Lansing Muzzleloader Club this coming Saturday.

February 4th is the annual meeting for the Michigan muzzleloaders. Meeting is at 11am at the Eaton Rapids club. Please come and represent your home club. We will be discussing this year's upcoming state shoots. We will also get a first look at this year's raffle rifle.

Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting. Come get some to sell at your club. All help selling is appreciated. We are also looking for help at the gun shows. We will have tables at both the Lapeer Firelocks show March

5th and the Kalamazoo Living History Show. Come sell tickets for a little while and see people you haven't seen all winter. Profit from the raffle helps sponsor the Michigan state shotgun shoot and the Michigan state rifle and pistol shoot. It's fun and helps support our shooting sport.

It is also time to look for a gun builder for next year. I you or someone you know is interested please call me. We are always looking for someone new. It's a good way to show people what you do and like to build. They excited look on the winners face will stay with you forever.

We will look for you on the range soon. Lyle



Tw was the Tues Day before Christmas and all threw the club the muzzle loaders were shooting and so were the cops, the Christmas lights on the Clinton River were hung with care, because everyone knew the muzzle loaders would soon be there. Two-tall made bean soup for the entire large group, in hope's we would all see some new recruit's.

Jim Estes (Drink) spent hours cooking 4 pies and 96 cookies, you should have seen the look on a few of the new rookie's.

The river was moving as the firearms were shooting in hope's that our sites would all be right.

The Targets and Clankers on the woods walk were hung, for all of our guns, in hopes when we shoot we would all have some fun.

The sites were checked between shot's and checked again, just to make sure there was a Clank at the other end.

The Muzzle Loaders were loaded and primed with care (the gun's), to shoot the wood's walk if you so dare.

Tuesday's we're open for all to come by, to shoot our guns, eat, and enjoy some of Bill's Dutch oven all most pumpkin pie.

Clinton River Muzzle Loaders Delaney Park on the River, open every Tuesday Year round 9am till 3pm food cooked by camp fire or Dutch oven , range open to all fire arms and Cannon's up to 1" bore limit.

Open to members and Non-members Come out and join us and have some fun but make sure you bring a few of your guns.

Picture By: William Ray a few of your guns

Story By: Mark Mendola 2505



The American pioneering spirit is being kept alive and well at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress by the Clinton River Muzzleloaders (CRM). Join us and take part in the great American family tradition of black powder shooting.

Muzzleloading practice is held every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until dusk and alternates between the Woods-Walk and 50 Yard ranges in Delaney Park throughout the summer. Tuesdays also feature the Mini-Rendezvous on the Primitive Range, starting at 9:00 am, that features food N shoot'en N fun. Come on out and enjoy a day on the range with your long rifle, smoothbore, musket, In-line or lever-gun. Pistols and revolvers are welcome too! Sometimes, we even have Canons and mortars as well!

Our winter schedule features shooting on the Dequindre indoor range, on Monday evenings, with reduced loads in long guns as well as a well attended pistol league and just plain, fun, shooting.

Blackpowder cartridge rifle practice is every Monday night throughout the summer on the DSC state of the art 200-yard rifle range. This evening is open to anyone who

wants to shoot at greater distances with his or her blackpowder cartridge or muzzleloading rifle.

A monthly primitive woods walk match is held, generally, on the second Sunday of every month at the Delaney Park Primitive Range. This is a match that is shot from pocket or pouch and consists of nonspecific targets at nonspecific distances. This match that features primitive costuming, can separate the prowess of the true long-hunter from the would-be and is great practice for hunting as well as fun for all!

The Primitive Range and woodswalks feature targets that can be shot with any muzzleloading long-arm as well as many modern arms. Contact a committee member for details.

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## TIS THE SEASON

As I sat on the 4th day of Gun season I thought to myself If I was a Buck on day 4 of the Michigan Firearm Deer Season and was still alive, what would I be doing at about 9:00 am in the morning ? I figured I might be looking for a Hot Doe or even a safe place to take a Nap seeing how I live on State Land , I need to stay Low and out of sight.

These are the things I think of when I've been sitting in the same spot since the first day. But to tell the Truth I didn't need another Buck I'd shot a 7 point the first day and was very happy with it, Although I took it with a "pet" 7mm-08 "one shot and done". But now I'd been using my FLINTLOCK . I built this Long rifle last winter a fullstocked 41" Barrel by Rice with a Chambers Lock - a nice gun.

So yesterday It had been real windy , and no movement not real good Hunting but I sat the full day anyway.

But Today it was perfect I tested the wind with a indicator made out of unscented Talc. No movement , the Smoke (Dust) just hung their and drifted to the ground Nice. I then Turned to the Gun, I Blew the Powder from the Pan and RE-primed the Pan while pushing a few grains into the Touch Hole and closed the Frizzen as quiet as possible. I thought It was a good idea as the weather was damp and the walk out showed dew drops on the Rifle.

Next I grabbed my Rattlin Horns and a Grunt tube and just touched the Tines together twice kind of softly, and let out Two low Grunts while Stomping on the ground. TOO loud I told myself you could Hear a Pin drop. I Waited- THEN I saw Him at about 80 yards out and a little to my left.

I eased the Rifle into Semi position, and Watched as he Tested the Air and slowly sneaked in my direction, He moved Slow and Cautions but I knew at 50 yards or so a Rotten Tree had fallen , and was about 3 feet off the ground.

He would have to turn and “Skirt” the end. He would be Broadside But Not For Long. I eased the Rifle up and while He took a few more steps I Cocked the Hammer. Just Two More , I Settled the Sight and Pulled the Trigger BANG He dropped right to the ground. I Watched thru the Smoke He Was Down But not Dead! So I Quickly did some fancy loading of a Real “Long rifle” in a small Tent Blind and Finished Him off. He is a Nice 8pt , Although not my first Buck (number 33 to be exact), Also Not my First Muzzle Loader Buck either but My First with a Gun I Built , a FLINTLOCK. (After thoughts) : Yup I believe my 40.cal although real accurate is too small for Deer. Also I need a better Lock cover (Cows Knee) a plastic bag ain’t Traditional. I think Fifty is in order for next year and I may start the first day of season with a Flintlock it’s just fun.

Adam Sass

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Here's how I got my deer.

I had decided to sleep in because I needed to cut and haul some wood. I had just got done unloading my truck when I saw a doe run across the field. The buck was following close behind with a smaller buck. I decided that I needed to get my rifle and go get him. So I took off on a dead run, the bucks watching the doe, didn't even know I was running after them. The 8pt stopped and looked my way, so I knew I had to take the shot quick. I figured I was about 150 to 160 yards away, I pulled up and took the shot and dropped him in his tracks.



And he does it again, those deer draw to Zack Wadsworth like a magnet



David Maddox of Montrose bagged his Buck this year.

### **Snorting at a Rutting Buck,**

It was a great season again this year deer hunting with a friend/brother (Ira Thumma). After a fine lunch on the second day of rifle season we left camp at the cabin to walk to our hunting spots. After a short walk we parted ways. He headed on to his blind and I turned to cut through the woods. Just shy of my destination I thought I alerted some deer. I moved closer focusing on the sounds and seen a buck mounting a doe. As I moved a bit more to size up the bucks horns, a doe to my right alerted to my presence and took off running. That spooked the doe that was with the buck and she took after the first doe. The buck was still unaware that I was there and started trotting after them. Because of the brush I still did not have a good idea if he was a legal shooter so I snorted with my nose and throat

and kicked the ground a bit hoping to slow him down before he got into thicker brush. To my dismay, the buck kept moving while throwing his head up in the air and looking around to locate the source of my grunting sounds. I thought I heard another deer coming, and with the hope of getting a chance at another buck, I moved a few steps out into the open to get a better view of the trail. Suddenly I hear hooves from a running deer pounding the ground. I turn to the right and see the buck that I thought was gone running at me at full speed and was maybe 25 yds away. It seemed like our eyes locked and my first thought was, this is really gonna hurt. I spun toward him and bounded to a tree for a defensive position. I threw my rifle to my shoulder knowing I only have one shot. I took a half step to the side and began to carefully squeeze the trigger. Amazingly, the raging buck blindly ran into a 2" pine sapling. The uprooted tree tangled in his front legs and he went head first to the ground and did a crashing summersault. I saw that he was a very small 4 point that was not legal to shoot. The buck scrambled to his feet like he just lost a fight and crashed off through the woods as slowly lowered my rifle. Later, after my heart slowed, and I shared the story with my brother, I measured the distance from my defensive position behind to the tree to the uprooted sapling.... 18 ft. I estimate the deer might have been around 10 feet from me at the end of his summersault. As I said, this was a great season and I have the experience and a great story for the campfire. But more

important, I walked away unscathed. I like to share this story with others for a bit of entertainment but also to let others know that bucks are truly a bit crazed during rut and an encounter can be quite dangerous.

Lee L. Simpson

### BRIDGEPORT GUN CLUB

The Numbskull shoot is coming up at Bridgeport Gun Club Sunday February 19th. Our 20 shot novelty course is open to rifle, pistol and trade gun. Cost is \$5 per entry. We start at 11 am and go till 4 pm. We also provide coffee and lunch. I am not sure what is on the menu but it will be hot and tasty. If the targets are easy thank Diane. She picks them, I just take the blame for the hard ones. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 in each class. Come join the fun. Start now and beat the summer rush.  
Lyle and Diane

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### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Each month I will be going on the web and picking out a Muzzle Loading Gun Club and

copy and paste and put the information in the state news. If you would like your own write up send it to me at [rbfern@triton.net](mailto:rbfern@triton.net). If you do not want it in the state news letter please advise me at the same e-mail address. Hope you enjoy them

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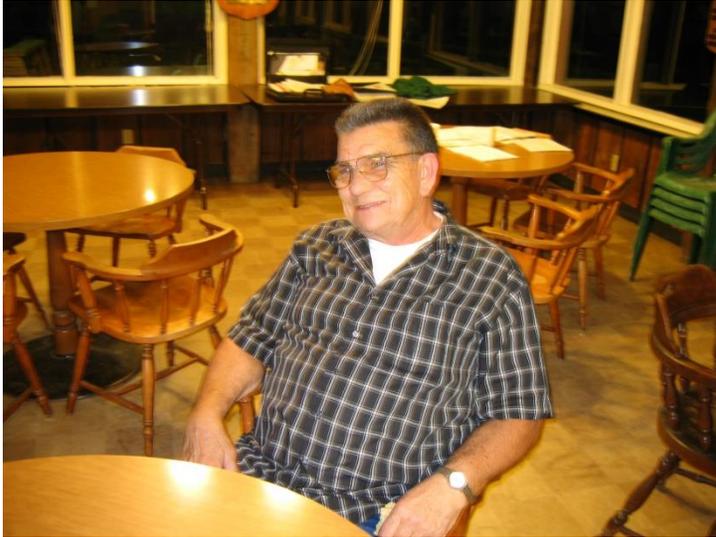


### LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Sad to report that Clyde Carr lost his battle with cancer. (December 3rd) at 4:30 p.m. He quietly slipped away while our son Jon and I were visiting with the hospice nurse in his room. He is pain free and at peace now. Praise God.

Memorial is being planned for late Feb. or early March when Phoenix (their grandson) can get home from Tokyo. Will keep you updated as plans are finalized.

# CLYDE CARR



## THE KEELER SOCIETY 2002

Clyde Carr was known as Mr. Shot Gun to many people. Clyde along with Roy Keeler was the one that was involved in having a separate weekend for the shotgun championships.

Clyde was chairman on the shotgun committee for many years and was very active and along with his wife Betty took care of registration and scoring even though he doesn't shoot anymore due to eye problems.

Clyde is always promoting the sport of shooting whether it be shotgun or rifle. He has donated a lot of time and gratuities to other clubs. He was involved in getting a shotgun program at the Ionia club. He donated and built a trap house for the Grand Valley Cap n Ballers Muzzle Loading Club™. He has helped the Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun club get their shotgun program started.

Clyde was a person that would help anyone out at any time. He was a great help for me in the shotgun area in my shooting and also when I became chairman of the committee.

I will miss you my dear friend

Ron

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JAN 15	BRIDGEPORT FUN SHOOT	
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<b>FEB 4</b>	<b>MICH STATE M. L. ASSOC. ANNUAL MTG</b>	
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FEB 12	WOODS WALK	Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsdman CongresS
FEB 10 - 12	HOG RENDEZVOUS	
	TECUMSEH (SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES)	
FEB 19	NUMB SKULL SHOOT	BRIDGEPORT
FEB 28 - MAR 6	WESTERN NATIONAL SHOOT	PHOENIX, AZ
MAR 5	CONTEMPORARY MUZZLELOADING ARMS & ACCOUTERMENTS SHOW-----	LAPEER
MAR 12	WINTER 1/2 SCALE SILHOUETTE MATCH	LINDEN
MAR 12	CLINTON RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS WINTERFEST	Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsman Congress
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