



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021



Happy New Year everyone. I hope this will be a better year for all of us. Regrettably, we will be dealing with covid issues for a while. We already know that both the Lapeer Firelocks gun show and the Kalamazoo Living History show are canceled this year.

That being said, we are going to be selling most of our raffle tickets this year via mail and electronic ordering. You can contact me or Dave Maddox thru Facebook, email or text. You can also contact most any MSMLA board member and get tickets. We will be getting them to our board members shortly.

Mr. Joe Valentin is building this year's rifle. He is building a 50 caliber York flintlock

rifle. To go with it we have a beautiful map horn from Rob Scheffler. We also have a gorgeous maple shooting box from John Beard. If anyone would like to add something to the prize package let me know. We have been assembling wonderful packages the last several years and this year is no exception. We are lucky to have the support of talented artists such as these.

This year the state rifle and pistol matches are moving to the Lansing Muzzle loading club. A change in venue but same fun shooting event. Mark it down on your calendar, that way you won't miss any of the fun.

Please remember to send any and all shoot date info to Ron Fernwalt so that we can help spread the word. The state contact list that he has built up is very helpful at reaching shooters around the state.

Hope to see you all soon at a range nearby. Shoot straight and stay safe. Lyle.

NOTICE
THE FEBRUARY 6TH
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SPONSORS

Our sponsors for matches have declined in the past year or two and we are in need of sponsors to sponsor matches to help keep the cost down. Those that sponsor a match will be on the web for 1 year until our next event. Businesses should include their phone number and or e-mail address or web site. Just e-mail me at rbfern@triton.net

and I will send you an un-signed form to take with you. Call on your local sports shops & business's. Make checks out to MSMLA or MSMLA-Shotgun, depending on what matches they would like to sponsor.



Here is the box from John Beard and map horn from Rob Scheffler. They have been donated to this year's raffle package. The above goes with the 50 Cal York Flintlock Rifle being built by Joe Valentin

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I ventured to deer camp north of Newberry again along with my older brother "Fossil". We enjoyed 6 days at camp with our buddy Doug. Once again, deer were scarce. Bucks were even scarcer. Little guys like this one visited us all. I watched this pine marten for most of an hour one day. He traveled back and forth thru the woods around me checking out everything. He also seems to have a taste for apples. He hauled one or two off each of the three days I saw him.

The only disappointment to season was having to return home. We had good company and fine food. No phones, no work, no troubles. It was a relaxing week, just passed too quickly.

WORDS FROM MANISTEE

Received report from Sandy Saxman of Manistee that their Christmas Party was cancelled and their January/February/March and April newsletter is on hold for an extra month or two. Members are using the ranges as she can hear the echoing through the woods. On that note, Sandy wants to wish you all a very Happy New Year. It has to be better than 2020.

MSMLA SHOTGUN

The MSMLA re-entry matches have been changed this year and we have added an original match, Skeet Singles, Skeet Doubles, Report Pair from the 10-yard line and are down to one protection match, which will be shot on Sunday and is named the Trantham protection match.



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EVENTS

We have had some events that are not scheduled this year. It is sad to see that the events are shrinking. I know that there are three events that have been cancelled early due to the covid 19, which is the MSMLA Winter meeting, Lapeer Gun Show in Lapeer and the Kalamazoo Living History show. If you need to cancel your event or want to add an event get ahold of me by e-mail rbfern@triton.net or 616-836-5760. We can make it happen. Any cancellations will be in red on the web site at msmla.org. Eric Hoskinson and I work together and he gets additions and deletions on the web within a couple of days. Any event that is cancelled will appear in red on the schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 23 & 24 HALF NUTS – SHOOT EDWARDSBURG

SHOOTS 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH EDWARDSBURG

FEB 12, 13, 14 HOG RENDEZVOUS
TECUMSEH (SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES)

FEB 21 WINTER FEST Clinton River
Muzzle Loaders, Detroit Sportsman Congress

FEB 20 FROST BITE SHOOT BENZIE SPORT CLUB

MARCH 7 WOODS WALK Clinton River
Muzzle Loaders, Detroit Sportsman Congress

APRIL 3 APRIL FOOL SHOOT BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

APRIL 10 ART ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SHOOT
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APRIL 11 WOODS WALK Clinton River Muzzle
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APRIL 17 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
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APRIL 24 WOODSWALK DIMONDALE
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APRIL 6 – AUG 31 SUMMER AGG
BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

APRIL 30, MAY 1 & 2 SPRING SHOOT
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NEW EVENT

We have a new shotgun event this year which will be held the 2nd Saturday of September at the capital city sportsman club in Lansing.

The contact person is Ken Hobday and a flyer will be out in the near future with all the information.

Sauk Trail Long Rifles

51 first Annual Hog Shoot

February 12,13,14 2021

Weekend entry \$20.00

Saturday only Blanket shoot entry \$10.00

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