



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

**Tobacco River Muzzle Loading Club
Beaverton.**

As most of you know our club depends on the money we make each year by helping people get their hunting rifles sighted in for deer hunting season. We do this for four days before opening day of rifle season and it's this income that allows us to be able to afford to host the National Territorial Rifle and Pistol Matches in the State of Michigan.

Normally one of our busiest days during Sight In Days is the day before opening day. This year we had rain most of the day on the 14th of November so our attendance was slightly down as compared to previous years. We usually consider helping our customers get three-hundred guns

sighted in as having a real good year. We charge six dollars a gun and we supply the shooting benches, sand bags, spotting scopes and someone to spot your shots for you.

That equates to about eighteen-hundred dollars on a good year and even though our attendance was down to about two-hundred-twenty-five this year we will still be able to afford to host the Territorial Matches next year. Of course that will depend on the vote at our December meeting but from all indications it looks like our club will end up hosting those matches again next year. Check Ron's 2025 state shoot schedule when it comes out to see how our club members vote on this issue.

Last year's Territorial Matches put a little over four-hundred dollars in our treasury so we called

that a success. Of course that's not enough to sustain our club over the course of the next year but my guess is that we'll continue to do this until we go broke.

Through the winter months our club becomes inactive but with each coming of spring comes a renewed interest in shooting and other outdoor sports.

Last summer Cowboy and Mooner joined our club just so they could have a place to come up and camp out for free over the 4th of July weekend. They like to be up here during all the festivities and from all indications they had a good time camping out on our range. This might be something for other people to consider doing. You'd be camping with old friends and, who knows, some informal shooting competition might break out among the campers.

As the times change our clubs need to change with the times. We're doing our best to hang on and your help would be greatly appreciated.

TRML President---Wayne Lamson

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MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

The new year has arrived, and planning for the club's yearly shoot schedule is in focus. The program for our 65th annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort Rendezvous" June 28th & 29th was sent out with the Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr. newsletter. If you don't get the newsletter, it's available on our website, manisteemuzzleloaders.club.

We're looking forward to our "June Shoot" with its black powder competition, fun & games and good food for the whole family. We always welcome new shooters!

According to the MiDNR, the state's 2024 deer harvest was significantly down. There are many reasons WHY floating around out there. We did receive complaints

that hunters saw less deer in the woods. Because Manistee County encompasses thousands of acres of Nat'l. Forest land, it could be that certain areas have been over-hunted in past years. It could also be due to the drought northern Michigan experienced in Sept., Oct. and into Nov. We can only hope our state's natural resources remain healthy.
Sandy Saxman

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Wendy Kerry started a Muzzleloading page on Facebook to share all the years and years of Rendezvous pictures she has taken. There are pictures from Manistee, Benzie, Hart, Rothbury, East Jordan, Alma, Beaverton, Howard City and yes Grand Valley. If someone has Facebook they can click on my link for my page to see if they like it, then they can follow me and they will see the pictures as I add them. I have thousands of pictures. I even have pictures of

shoot score boards for some of the clubs. This is work in progress and may take me a year to finish adding the pictures because I am labeling where they were taken and who is in them. A lot of the people have passed away but family members are loving seeing the old pictures.

This is my link or they can Friend me and I can invite them to my page.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18vkX9p1P5/>

Wendy Ecklund Kerry
Manistee

LANSING MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LANSING MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB. 2024 was a great year for the club. Our membership is up from prior years. With the new members we added in 2024 I see many of them at the work parties and at our shoots helping out. Our biggest improvement was the trap range. With generous donations from club members and

hard work ,we have 2 new Promatic trap machines. One has the wobble feature. We are up and operational, just need to put shooting stations in on trap 2 this spring. I want to thank DON TILTON, MIKE BEATY, ROSS McAVOY, BARRY BONET and JIM BROTHERTON for the help to get trap going again.

Our tomahawk and knife has been growing too. We had 17 people at our fall shoot throwing tomahawk. I want to thank every club member that came out and helped in 2024. Great to see new and old faces at the work parties.

Mike Schultz

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NOTICE

I have received an e-mail that there were 2 articles that didn't get in the last 2 newsletters. If I answer you back that I got them, then I screwed up. I have had articles that I never received and have had e-mails that came to me that were not mine. My e-mail address is:

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and my phone

number is 616-836-

5760

A man found a magic lamp with a genie who offered him three wishes. "For my first wish", "he said I'd like to be Rich".

OK Rich, the genie replied, what's your second wish?

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 and they are still there. This is
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 and customers that have supported
 them in the past and look forward
 to the future.*

STATE MEETING-----

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

*Article III, Section IV States: At the
 association business meeting,
 every muzzle-loading club in
 Michigan will be authorized one
 representative with the power of
 one vote. The directors and
 officers will also have one vote
 each.*

The 2025 MSMLA raffle rifle is a
 20 ga (62 caliber) smooth bore
 built by Ed Henson and donated by
 Wayne Baughman in memory of Tim
 Baughman. Tickets are \$1 each or 6
 for \$5. Contact David Maddox if
 you would like to purchase tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 25 26	½ NUTS SHOOT RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS
YEAR AROUND 4 th Sunday	RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS
FEB 1	MSMLA ANNUAL MEETING EATON RAPIDS
FEB 8	WINTER FEST DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS
FEB 22	FROST BITE SHOOT BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
MARCH 2	CONTEMPORARY MUZZLELOADING ARMS & ACCOUTREMENTS SHOW LAPEER
MARCH 7, 8, 9	HOG SHOOT TECUMSEH
<u>SAUKTRAILLONGRIFLES@GMAIL.COM</u>	
MARCH 9	WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS BC
MARCH 15 - 16	KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW KALAMAZOO <u>kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com</u>
APRIL 5	ART ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SHOOT GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS
APRIL 5	APRIL FOOL SHOOT BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
APRIL 13	WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

***Lapeer Firelocks
Antique Muzzle
Loader and Living
History Show
Sunday March 2,
2025***

***Lapeer American Legion Hall
½ Mile West of M-24 at 1701 Genesee St.
Lapeer, Mi.***

***Sponsored by Lapeer Firelocks Muzzle
Loading Club.***

A Charter Club with the NRA & NMLRA

***9- AM – 3 PM
Open to the Public
\$5.00 Donation at the door
12 and under free when accompanied
with an adult***

***All state and Federal Laws shall be
upheld—NO GUN POWDER***

***This will be a juried show to feature the
finest in custom and production muzzle
loading arms in conjunction with
firearms constructed before 1896, or
replicas there of.***

***Dealers interested in applying for table
space and further information contact***

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NMLRA

The NMLRA membership has gone up effective October 1, 2024. 1 year subscription is now \$75.00 per year with the magazine. The digital membership is only \$50.00. Is your club chartered with the NMLRA???? Have questions on becoming a member or the benefits of your club being chartered, give one of the Michigan Field Reps a call. Your Michigan Field Reps are Ron Fernwalt 616-836-5760, Michael Kowalski 616-826-3118, Dave Maddox 810-259-6867, David McMurray 269-370-0095, Anson and Judy Morgan 810-324-2577, Richard Niekamp 269-672-4194 and Ted Thelen 517-927-6218.

In my opinion everyone should belong to the NMLRA and the NRA to keep our heritage and gun rights on the positive side.

Your Editor

HOG SHOOT

*Sponsored by the Sauk Trail
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**February 7-8-9,
2025**

Registration \$20.00 Entry Fee

Rules: (rifle) Flintlock or Percussion, open iron sights, no sight shades, (smoothbore) flintlock or percussion, 28 gauge or larger, no rear sight. No lone shooters for safety reasons.

Camping: Primitive camping. We have no set up areas for all those modern conveniences. The range will be open for early set up on Wednesday February 5, 2025. Firewood is provided. Please return all wood to the pile that is unused, bring your own water.

Food: We usually prepare a breakfast for everyone: Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes and Coffee. Any Contributions towards the breakfast is greatly appreciated.

Friday: Pistol match, best 5 out of 7 shots. 25 yards.

Saturday: Woods-walk Blanket Prize Match. 15 shots plus a tie breaker target. Blanket prize required to take a prize from the table.

Sunday: Woods-walk pork match, 15 shots plus a tie breaker.

We are very eager to make this a great weekend for all of those who attend. Remember to camp safely and be prepared for cold weather. Dress warm, camp warm and have a good time with us.

Range Location: 4546 Kopke Road, Britton, Mi.

Contact: Harold Hackathorn 517-879-3096

*Hope ta see ya all at
the living history show
in Kalamazoo*

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IN NEED OF YOUR
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