



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019



It's November already. Time to start packing the truck and head to my second home. The Luce county deer camp that I have been going to since 1991. When I helped Doug build his camp that year I never expected it to be the start of a lifelong friendship.

We look forward to our time at camp. Usually we get a couple weekends there outside of deer season. Labor Day weekend we enjoy a relaxing weekend with our wives at camp. Late October is preseason camp time. We plan meal menu and confirm dates.

For several years until his death my father was a regular. He enjoyed the stories and

eating foods mother wouldn't cook. She never was a fan of game meat. After he passed my oldest brother Larry made a trip up with me. For a while he alternated between the u.p. and St Helen with his brother-in law.

Sadly the property they hunted was sold. Happily he began hunting with us every year then. Others have come and gone but we have been a steady core. We are a calmer more relaxed group that probably hunts harder now than when we were younger.

So we are about to head to the great white north for eight days of relaxation and camaraderie. No tv, no phones, no worries. Hopefully a few visits from old friends checking in and checking on the hunting. A special time of year in so many ways. From here the next event is muzzleloader camp.

Muzzleloader camp is a different place with different people but just as special. I hope everyone has their own special times coming in the near future. Enjoy and be safe. See you soon at another special event. Lyle.

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***THE MANISTEE CLAN MUZZLE
LOADING CLUB***

It was another beautiful Michigan weekend for camping at the Rendezvou, Ahh the smell of campfires, and nights were cool enough to really enjoy them. Only a little rain fell on the club ranges after many participants had already departed on Sunday. There were 51 registrations this year, over 120 shooters and we hope that adults and children had a great time at our annual event.

PROJECT APPLESEED

This years class was well attended at the Manistee Clan Muzzle Loading Gun Club held the end of June. There were 24 shooters enrolled. The class was open to children and adults, beginners through expert shooters. The excellent Appleseed instructors did a fine job incorporating Revolutionary War history with various marksmanship techniques. Participants acquired advanced shooting skills. The class will be offered next summer. More information can be found on their web site.
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We have Rifle and Trade Gun divisions. Period dress is appreciated but not required. Bring your Knife, Hawk and Fire Starting material for more prizes, but not required. Join us on December 31st, you will be glad you did!

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The classic American rifle, the Hawken was well-known for being light, short and handy. Mountain man Jim Bridger was known to use one during his exploits on the frontier.

Not just another historical legacy match, the Hawken History Classic will be an opportunity to experience true Americana as it was. There will be living history displays, seminars on the Hawken Rifle and more. Speaking of the Hawken, if you happen to have one, be sure to bring it with you, because this is the ideal event to put it to good use.

The NMLRA prides itself on events like this one and the similar Creedmoor 150 rifle match, which made its [debut](#) earlier this year. The theme of preserving history is summed up in the tagline that's featured on the organization's website: "We preserve our nation's rich heritage."

In the September 2019 issue of the NMLRA's magazine, Muzzle Blasts, the organization had this to say about the new event.

"These annual Hawken gatherings will occur each fall for a period of 5 years. Each one will be an education of Hawken history and living history including shooting at the historic Daniel Boone Home ... [It's] a wonderful facility and they have graciously agreed to host these events. Bring your Hawken!"

Hawken History Classic Honors Muzzleloading Legacy

by SSUSA Staff - Tuesday, September 10, 2019



The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) has announced a new match series to begin in 2021 that will honor the 200th anniversary of Jake and Sam Hawken and their eponymous [rifle](#). Every fall for five consecutive years (2021 to 2025) at the Daniel Boone Home in St. Charles County, MO, these annual Hawken History

More information is forthcoming on this historic event. In the meantime, please [subscribe](#) to the SSUSA Insider newsletter to receive the latest updates. And, for more information on the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, you can visit their website.

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UPPER PENINSULA MUZZLE LOADING ASSN, INC

At the close of the annual business meeting at this year's Rendezvous, long-time member Lyle Merrill was cited for his helpful involvement with the UPMLA and its activities over several decades. Lyle received a commemorative plaque from incoming president Lyle Hebert in appreciation of his help and commitment to the UPMLA.
Lyle Merrill with Award

NOTES ON THE 2019 UPMLA, INC

About 58 persons were on record as attending the rendezvous,

and certainly more showed up as unrecorded visitors. This is slightly more than in 2018. Compared with recent years, the six juniors that registered represented a significant increase.

Especially encouraging were the six individuals who attended and joined the UPMLA for the first time. The weather cooperated for the most part. A couple of passing squalls managed to wet down the participants in the Trade Gun Woods Walk. Some shooters were left scrambling to find oil to prevent their guns from rusting.

For the Fun Shoot, Lyle H assembled an entertaining and challenging set of targets for this year's running of the event.

Several of us were most grateful that nobody appeared to be keeping score. (A few years ago Lyle coordinated the Fun Shoot, and after the event was completed, he was overheard muttering something about "never again". His willingness to try again was certainly appreciated by all the participants.)

The raffle events seemed to go well. Sale of raffle tickets is a significant part of the annual budget of the UPMLA. All of the individuals who donated prizes deserve thanks, and particularly Phill and Larry. They donated finely constructed shooting boxes and other prizes that displayed practiced wood working skills. Their donations resulted in the sale of very many raffle tickets.

This year there were separate raffles for three notable prizes. Incoming president Lyle Hebert won the custom knife (which somehow soon came into the possession of

outgoing president John Pera). The custom-decorated light rifle was won by Paul (Otter) Giltner. New member Matt Laird won the 58-caliber T/C Renegade rifle.

Matt set up an impromptu display of several interesting breech loading non-cartridge firearms on Saturday afternoon.

The technology of the needle guns used as military rifles by the Germans and French was especially fascinating, causing considerable comment among those who examined them.

Once again, copies of the treasurer's report, a proposed

agenda, and minutes of the previous annual meeting were

distributed before the start of the business meeting, which

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Adam Sass won the Flint Championship Aggregate at the MSMLA Rifle/Pistol Championship held in July



Alan Pichan on the left won the Musket Championship Aggregate at the MSMLA Rifle/ Pistol Championships held in July at Grand Valley Cap N Ballers

Hello my name is James Dauthrich, and I am writing you and other Muzzle Loader Clubs about an idea about a *Primitive Hunting Season*.

I thought up the idea for the *primitive hunting season* because of Michigan's muzzle loading season. Michigan's muzzle loader season in the beginning was a great idea, but now with the in-line muzzle loaders and much more hunters out there it is very, very hard to see a deer or see a deer that is not running full out doing muzzle loading season. But that is only on state land, which is all I hunt on.

This is what I originally can up with: A *primitive hunting season*, in the second week of October. Following the same hunting guidelines as Bow hunters do. A non-antlered deer on the first deer license, and an antlered deer on the second deer license. Or however the Department of Natural Resources deems necessary for that particular unit. Hunters Orange rules apply to the *primitive hunting season*.

The meaning of *primitive hunting season*: You can only use a Flintlock Muzzle Loader, Dog Lock Muzzle Loader, Snappinhouse Lock Muzzle Loader, Wheel Lock Muzzle Loader or a Match Lock Muzzle Loader. A single round ball only, smooth bore or rifled barrel. It cannot be smaller than a .45 caliber: note that means a round ball no smaller than .440. Patch only no sabots. No Cap Lock Muzzle Loaders or Modern Inline Muzzle Loaders will be allowed to be used in the *primitive hunting season*. But those licenses for the primitive hunting season maybe use just like the deer licenses we get now. Meaning they can be use doing Bow season, Regular Rifle season and Muzzle Loader season.

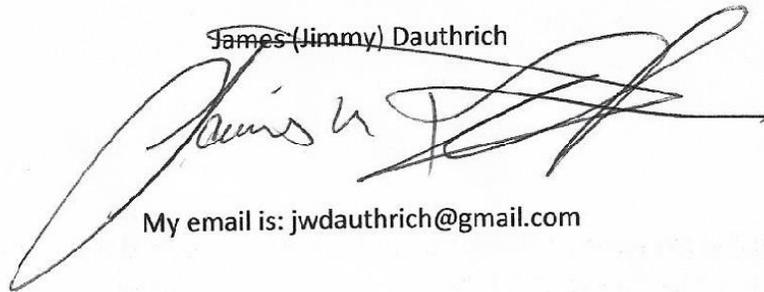
When I ask the good people of MUCC to look this over they asked me a couple of things. First you might want to add Cap Lock Muzzle Loaders in there as well, because there are more of them being used in the state. Stating that the Cap Lock Muzzle Loader can only be side hammers and can only use a number 10 or 11 cap. Second it would help your cause if you had input and maybe some backing from some of the Muzzle Loader Cubs from the state of Michigan.

So, here is what I am asking from you and your Muzzle Loading Club. That you would please put it in your news letter so that all of your member may read it. So that when your next meeting take place your members can say "YA" or "NAY" or may have more questions that I may need to answer.

I am sending a SASE for your reply. Weather it is in favor or not, I do want to hear back from y'all. And when I get them all back, I am planning on going to one of the Department of Natural Resources meeting to bring up the idea of a *primitive hunting season*. And let them know what the Muzzle Loader Clubs around the state think of the idea.

YmH&OS

James (Jimmy) Dauthrich



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INDUCTEE

received word that Sharron Smith from Beaverton, has been inducted into the NMLRA Hall of Fame. Congratulations Sharron. Hope to have a story on the in the next issue of the State Newsletter.

UNDER THE WEATHER

Sharron Smith will be having Hip Surgery on November 12th. Wish her luck on a speedy recovery. Her address is 965 Van Dyke Road, Beaverton, Mi. 48612



CAL MEABOM WON THE TRADE GUN LINE MATCH AGGREGATE HELD AT GVCNB IN JULY AT THE MSMLA RIFLE/PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP



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