

SHINING TIMES

SEPTEMBER 2024

Come Shoot those Smoke Poles!

Site Address is:

12255 Budlong Lane SE, Mill City, Oregon 97360

Thank You to our new Officers!

Our Club Office Positions:

President - Gordon Ferlitsch

Vice President - John Unger

Secretary - Carol Jackson

Safety Officer - Paul Bess

Shoot Recorder - Ken and Sherry Kinkaid

Treasurer - Stephanie Kinkaid

Range Officer - Jayson Kinkaid

Dues are due Nov 1st for 2025 Club Membership.

Note: In the last news letter the cost was not correct.

Membership is \$30 for an Individual and \$40 for Families

CLUB OFFICERS

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FHBPB Meeting Minutes for September 2024

Meeting Called to Order: at 10;00am by Carries a big Stick

August minutes read and approved

VP Report (Griswold): Raffle prizes- custom neck knife and an inline capper

Treasurer (Carp Jaw): checking \$1118.11 savings \$2025.63 income of \$118. From shoot fees. \$576. Expenses for insurance and awards.

Shoot Recorder (Pok-A-Dot): no shooting this month

Safety (Deacon): Don't burn yourself or cut yourself with dutch oven cook off. Ken brought up a very good point for all of us muzzleloader hunters. If you have been out hunting, you just might forget your favorite shooting stick is still loaded from hunting. The next time you are competing, point your weapon down range for that first cap you fire off, just in case.

Announcements: Dues are due. \$30 for individuals and \$ 40 for family. Sad news, Dave Cheyney, fellow buckskinner family farm was completely burned in a forest fire. There will be a fire relief rendezvous on first week of October with all proceeds going to Dave. Nick DeSantis stepping down from Newsletter.

Old Business: Work parties for invasive plants at rendezvous site. Details to follow.

FHBPB Meeting Minutes for September 2024 - Continued

New Business: Future potluck and awards to be held at rendezvous site instead of Cham-poeg park. Maybe a campout too. The following Rendezvous related changes were approved by a vote of the members present:

Camp Fees

Increase camp fee from \$25 to \$30 per lodge, tent, RV, (family unit?)

Issue ribbon for each lodge, tent, or RV to track compliance

Shoot Fees

Add archery to trails covered by shoot fee, i.e. rifle, pistol, archery, H&K

Increase Adult from \$15 to \$20

Couple/Family from \$30 to \$40

Squirrel trail from \$1 to \$5

Long Gong from \$1 to \$5

Couple shoot from \$1 to \$5

Shotgun unchanged at \$5

Frying Pan unchanged at \$1 per toss

Prize for best primitive camp to incentivize more primitive camping

Prizes/awards for best period correct costume (Peewee, Junior, Adult) to incentivize appropriate dress

Members (and their family members) are strongly encouraged to always dress appropriately during the official Rendezvous period

Also appreciated when members dress appropriately when attending the monthly shoots

Collect bottles/cans for additional revenue

New Members: none

Member of the month: Everyone at the picnic.

Landowner report (Rex): Tanzy is dying down, scotch broom growing strong. Rex will get a quote for professional removal of scotch broom

Election results: President Gordon Ferlitsch; Vice President John Unger; Shoot Recorder Ken and Sherry Kinkaid; Treasurer Stephanie Kinkaid; Range Officer Jayson Kinkaid; Safety Officer Paul Bess; Secretary Carol Jackson; Newsletter Jerry Jackson

Motion to Adjourn and Second at 10:50.

Respectfully Submitted: Paul Bess...Comes Early



SMOKEPOLE

FORT UMPQUA MUZZLELOADERS
PO BOX 566
SPRINGFIELD OR 97477
SEPTEMBER 2024

MEETING: Monday, September 16. We have a new location! Courtesy Jim Eikenberry we will be starting at his church on a trial basis. It is the Genesis Community Church at 1020 Janus in west Springfield, one block south of Centennial Blvd, between Aspen and Rainbow. There is a parking lot on the east side of the church; look for the FUML sign. We'll start with social time at 6:30 p.m. to check out our new digs, with the meeting at 7. I hope we can have our annual Christmas party there – be thinking about how we can be a positive tenant.

SHOOT: Saturday September 28, Emerald Empire Gun Cub, McGowan Creek Rd. NE of Springfield, set-up at 9:30, shoot at 10. Eye and ear protection is required and available. Shoot fee is \$5. Host is John Grimes. I don't know if the fire rules will still be in place so be prepared if they are, to use wet patches.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Walt Evens

Greetings! I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits! We're working towards holding a rendezvous in '25 or '26. I haven't heard back from Walker Mountain Long Rifles. This will take many volunteers to make it happen. We still need to come up with a date that doesn't conflict with another club and **BEFORE** fire season.

All our matches have sponsors for the rest of the year. Thank you to everyone who took a month or two! David Walp filled in for me in August so I plan on doing it in December. He repaired and refurbished the clangers and frames. Thank you David for your time and effort! EEGC member John G is our sponsor for September.

Fort Umpqua Days was a success. Congratulations and thank you to the members present! Harvest Moon is planned for October. This is a non-shooting primitive camp to finish the rendezvous season.

We had a work party instead of the picnic. We were able to finish power washing the club trailer. Thank you David and Lorraine! We still need to inventory the contents before rain comes to stay.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas for improving the club.

Until next month, keep yer powder dry and yer top knot safe! Walt Evens 541-315-2030

REPORT ON FORT UMPQUA DAYS AT ELKTON by Lorraine Hayden

There were 8 historical camps this year. FUML members demonstrated fingerweaving, historic glue, hat making, steps in loading a muzzleloading rifle and tinsmithing. Other demos were Applegate Trail equipment, card weaving, gourd banjo music, sign language, fur trapping, weaving, spinning and a trapper's camp display.

Attendance was 264 on Saturday and 199 on Sunday. Debbie Eikenberry passed out quite a bit of club literature. Folks seemed very interested in the presentations. ECEC folks were very happy with all that happened. Elkton Community Education Center is celebrating their 25th anniversary. FUML started participating in 2004 when Fort Umpqua Days began, replacing the old Fishing Derby Days that had died a few years earlier. Planning the rebuilding of the fort began in 2006. That makes our participation with ECEC for 20 years now! -Lorraine

Of the 8 camps, 3 were from southern Oregon and 3 from Washington, at least 2 of whom were refugees from the historic encampments at Ft. Nisqually in Tacoma which is now focused more on the agricultural aspects of the fort's history.

HARVEST MOON ENCAMPMENT will be October 3-6 at Fort Umpqua in Elkton. This club event is promoted as a primitive encampment and a nice finish to the rendezvous season. Competitions are non-shooting. We send fliers to past participants and anyone who else that requests one. There will be a camp potluck about 5:30 Sat. evening. Club members are welcome to visit any time and join us at the potluck. We don't always get a full moon but that is OK since the night sky there is great for stargazing, especially since there are now trees blocking the security lights at the school. For information call Bob at 541-689-4281.

SPEAKING OF THE MOON...the September full moon was known as Full Harvest Moon and also Full Corn Moon and Full Barley Moon. These definitions are from the NE native people.

AUGUST SHOOT REPORT: This is brief since Walt was not there making notes. Lorraine and I were at Fort Umpqua Days so Eleanor was on her own for scoring which luckily was not complicated since they were shooting clangers. David Walp was in charge and reports there were 9 shooters who all said they had a good time, shooting (mostly?) new clangers on rebuilt frames from 35 yards out to 75 yards. You can tell from the scores how the distance made for more challenge. I don't have a description of the targets so you will have to use your imagination but I'm sure they will make another appearance in the not-too-distant future.

AUGUST SHOOT RESULTS: Since the scores were more uniform I'm going to try a bit different format here.

BLACK & WHITE	CROSS	ORANGE	SHIELD
20 - John Levenhagen	20 - John Levenhagen	20 - John Levenhagen	20 - Wayne Winn
Wayne Winn	Wayne Winn	Wayne Winn	Don Jacobson
Mathew Penkauskas	Don Jacobson	Nick Hanauska	15 - Nick Hanauska
Nick Hanauska	John Grimes	Don Jacobson	10 - Dave Johnson
15 - Dave Johnson	15 - Mathew Penkauskas	John Grimes	Mathew Penkauskas
Kody Hanauska	Nick Hanauska	15 - Dave Johnson	Kody Hanauska
Don Jacobson	10 - Kody Hanauska	Kody Hanauska	5 - John Levenhagen
John Priest	5 - Dave Johnson	John Priest	John Grimes
10 - John Grimes	John Priest	5 - Mathew Penkauskas	John Priest

CANDY CANE	TUNNEL	AGGREGATE
15 - John Levenhagen	15 - John Grimes	95 - Wayne Winn
Wayne Winn	10 - John Levenhagen	95 - Don Jacobson
10 - Don Jacobson	Kody Hanauska	90 - John Levenhagen
John Grimes	Don Jacobson	80 - John Grimes
5 - Dave Johnson	John Priest	80 - Nick Hanauska
Mathew Penkauskas	5 - Dave Johnson	60 - Kody Hanauska
Nick Hanauska	Mathew Penkauskas	60 - Mathew Penkauskas
	Nick Hanauska	55 - Dave Johnson
		50 - John Priest

Well, that was an adventure.

Having to start over after leaving out one of the targets and dealing with a system that couldn't understand what I was trying to do and/or was delighted to sabotage the effort I probably spent more time reporting the shoot results than the fellas did shooting it! I can't explain why some of the dashes are short and others long. I swear there is a gremlin in this thing... Thank you Eleanor for scoring!

I did say I was going to report on PPR (Pacific Primitive Rendezvous) that was held in June near Seneca. Bob and I arrived a day earlier than usual and found Lorraine still in the registration tent and a bunch of camps across the road from the short stay camp. She told me about CW Long (our new/old member) being over there. Short stay is usually rather lonesome and I'm still not sure why there were so many neighbors unless they figured out it was a shorter walk to the parking lot. At any rate the freezing cold of last year in Idaho found us again. Traders Row was nearly deserted the next day as folks were huddled in their camps trying to stay warm. But each day was an improvement and I heard camp broke down in a heat wave of sorts. We visited with CW and other special people, prowled a well-stocked trader's row, listened to the shooting and the thump of cannon in the distance and enjoyed seeing horses clip-clopping by, along with an assortment of handcarts that seem to increase in popularity every year. It is heartening to see the many young people and children attending this rendezvous.

TRADE GOODS ORDERED BY WESTERN AND SIOUX OUTFITS - DOMESTICS, 1839

Brown sheeting	Plaid Linseys and red	Aroostock or Matterwan jeans - dark
Bleached sheeting	Pantaloon stuff	Mixed Kentucky jean, fine and coarse
Shirting	Domestic plaids	Buckram Crown Linings for coats
Fine cotton bed tick	Furniture check	Black glazed Cambric
Cotton bed tick	White cotton flannel	Twilled Indigo Blue Drills

With that hint to work on period clothing I will close.

--Melody Morrell, Editor 541-689-4281



Hi All, Just a plug for OSSA. A great org based in Oregon for support of our State level Gun Rights Protection.

Also can be helpful if you are interested in CMP purchases. I can't talk about non muzzleloaders here, but I can say *1911* was a great year!



As a final note, I want to say it has been fun doing this newsletter for the last few years through Covid and all. But time to move on! I can't be at the shoots enough to stay in touch, so someone who has the finger on the pulse will do a better job! Best Regards, Travler