

Upper Peninsula Muzzle Loading Assn., Inc. Summer/Fall 2024 Newsletter

Well, it appears that the summer is almost over, and it's time to think about our coming events. The 47th annual Rendezvous was held July 18th through 20th at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club. We had a dozen camps and 27 registered shooters. Things seemed to run smoothly, and the new format for the Rifle Shoot worked out really well. We had an increase in numbers for the Table Rest Shoot compared to last year, and participation in all the events seemed higher as well. We always hope that everyone has fun regardless of their scores, and that everyone is safe. Competition results can be found on the club website.

The annual meeting was held on the 20th with the usual agenda. Officers for 2024 – 25 are: President: Andy Schumer; Vice President: Bob Keen; Treasurer: Lyle Merrill; Secretary: Tom Caylor. John Elmer was elected to a three year term on the Board, with John Maki moving to a two year term, and Sandy Mead has one year left. The 2025 Rendezvous will be July 17th, 18th, 19th at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club. There was discussion about turning the Pistol Woods Walk into a “regular” event. The subject was referred to the Board to work out the logistics. Bob Lukes was presented with the 2024 Appreciation Award – well deserved. As usual, formal minutes will be distributed at the 2025 meeting.

The annual Fall Memorial Shoot will be held on October 5th, with registration at 10:30 (eastern), and shooting starting at 11:00. This event is a lot of fun, so bring your rifle, hawk, knife, and a dish to pass for lunch. This is also an open event, so any safe shooter is welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. (I plan to. I'll even try to get him to shoot his own targets this time. LOL)

The 2025 monthly shoots are scheduled for the first Saturdays of the month, January through June. Dates this season will be: Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, March 1st, Apr. 5th, May 3rd, June 7th. If any of these dates change, it will be posted on the website. As with the Fall Shoot, registration is at 10:30 (eastern) with shooting at 11:00. These are open shoots; you do not need to be a member of the club. Usually plan on about 18 – 20 shots. Cost is \$3.00 for shooting and \$5.00 for lunch. Further information and rules are on the website.

On a (sort of) happy note, at the Rendezvous I had told a number of people that the “Echos of the Past” trade show in Oshkosh was canceled due to the tragic passing of Brian Bradley. Since then the Fox Valley Muzzle Loader Club has taken over the event, so it will be going on as usual on the last full weekend in February. This has always been a great show, with lots of muzzle loading and reenacting supplies.

Finally – if you **did not** register at the Rendezvous, I have included a 2024 – 25 membership form and a stamped envelope with this letter. If you want to register for the coming year, please fill it out and return it with your dues. Please make checks or money orders out to U.P.M.L.A. Memberships expire on July 16th, 2025, the day before the Rendezvous. If you **do not** want to receive any more of the club mailings, please indicate it on the registration form and I will (reluctantly) remove you from the mailing list. If you do not want to renew at this time, but still want to receive the newsletters, that's OK, too.

As usual, I welcome any suggestions or information that should go into the newsletters. I'm new to this, so any help is appreciated, My e-mail is tcaylor2@gmail.com. We hope to see everyone on October 5th.