



KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

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It's Summer and there is a lot going on at KRGC!

We all enjoy the warm weather and long days of Summer. Conditions are great for a trip to the range, and the promise of this Fall's hunting season motivates us to dial in that rifle – or loose a few more arrows -- and work on getting our groups just a little bit tighter.

This time of year there are plenty of shooting events going on around the Club. Have you tried a Sporting Clays shoot yet? This monthly event is a great opportunity to hone your shotgun skills in a series of wing-shooting type scenarios. Along those same lines, be sure to read the story later in this Newsletter about this Fall's charity shotgun shoot. We are looking for ideas on a local charity to support, so if you have any suggestions, be sure to talk to one of the Board members.

You handgun shooters out there also have a lot to get involved in. Have you tried Action Pistol? Dave Graham does a great job of organizing really interesting scenarios that will definitely test your skills. Another opportunity is the Steel Plates shoot held the first Sunday of every month. This timed event pits your skills against the toughest opponent out there – your own ego! The course of targets is definitely humbling....but also a LOT of fun! Many of the shooters who participate end up shooting the course several times during the course of the morning because it can be very addicting!

Great opportunities for rifle shooters include the Appleseed course described in Pete DeWitt's article later in this edition. This fascinating weekend course combines a first-rate class in marksmanship with an inspirational refresher in firearms-centered American history. Shooters of all ages and levels of shooting ability can benefit. And this refresher in exactly WHY we enjoy the freedoms that we do will certainly motivate all participants to make the most of this class. Be sure to register today! Two more great rifle shooting events are our monthly .22 silhouette shoot and Chris Ronfeldt's precision rifle challenge. Anyone looking to get in some more trigger time should check these out!

With so much going on at the Club this Summer, you should definitely make a point of spending some quality time out here. Whether it's at one of our sanctioned events, attending our monthly members meetings, or just enjoying a few hours out at the range, this is a great time to be a Member of Kalamazoo Rod and Gun.

Bill Nichols, editor

Visit our website: kalamazoorodandgunclub.com

KRGC's Annual Charity Sporting Clays Shoot

This August, the Club will again be hosting its yearly Sporting Clays Shoot to benefit a local charity. Because of the difficulties the Club has experienced with the Cooper Township Board, we will not be sponsoring the Cooper Firefighters Association this year. The final decision is still being made on which charity will benefit, but the plans for our shoot remain the same as in previous years. Please note that on this day (Saturday, 18 August), ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED until the event – and clean up – have been completed. If you are a sporting clays shooter, by all means come out and enjoy the event and support a local charity in the process. If you are not a shotgunner, come and help run the event. As always, lunch will be provided for volunteers and shooters.

Membership Dues Increase

At a recent Membership meeting, the issue of whether to increase our yearly dues was finally settled. By a 2:1 majority, the overwhelming number of those present was in favor of increasing the cost of a yearly membership renewal to \$100. This increase will allow for a number of improvements and upgrades to our Club. These include replacing our plowtruck (which is in need of near constant repair), constructing a new toilet facility near the 200yd rifle range, and improving the internal facilities in the Clubhouse. These are all badly needed improvements that will be undertaken in stages over the next few years. If you have any suggestions for other upgrades, please share these with one of the Club's Board of Directors.

SWAP Meet

This year's SWAP Meet was very successful. Roughly 160 people – members and non-members alike – passed through our club doors to admire and purchase a wide array of sporting goods. The entry fees and table charges brought in nearly \$500 for the Club. Be sure to watch for future notices about next year's Meet.

Spring Work Party

Our summer Work Party was struck by bad weather. Steady rain drove most of our Members into the shelter of our pole barns, but they were still able to complete a number of projects, such as building target backers and some new storage shelves in the white barn. Of course, a great lunch was still enjoyed, and everyone was in good spirits despite the rain. We ALL owe a big THANK YOU to those who participated.

Summer Shooting Considerations

While we are all enjoying the long summer days, it is important to remember that the Club still adheres to strict rules regarding shooting hours. These are clearly posted on the front gate and at all the ranges. As a reminder, shooting may begin at 9am. All shooting MUST cease by 9pm or by dusk, whichever comes first. The official time for "dusk" may be easily found on any weather-related website or smartphone app (or almanac for you old timers!). Please be respectful of these rules. It is important that we maintain good relations with our neighbors.

Serious Safety Event at the Range

Recently a very unfortunate event occurred at the 200yd rifle range that resulted in a Member losing his Membership, and the Board asked me to report it here to help drive home the fact that such events are taken very seriously. The event started when a shooter was seen to be handling his rifle while another person was downrange checking his targets. A Board Member witnessed this individual handling his firearm, even though it was clear the person was downrange and the red safety-lights were flashing. He was told repeatedly to put the rifle down but refused. The action on his rifle was closed, and he was told to open the bolt to prove the gun was unloaded, he refused to do this as well. He was then asked to present his Membership card, which he could not. Instead, all he could show was his gate card. This was seized, and his name was retrieved from our database. At the following Membership Meeting, the Board met to discuss the situation, and it was unanimously decided that his Membership would be cancelled.

Please appreciate the seriousness of this event. Someone was intentionally handling a firearm – likely a LOADED one – while a person was downrange. This is clearly unacceptable behavior, as is the refusal to follow the instructions of someone who is trying to enforce the Club's safety rules. Such behavior will always be taken seriously. Be smart! Think safety first!!

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

EMPTY BRASS...

Mostly by Pete D. Send comments to KalamazooRodAndGun@hotmail.com

PROJECT APPLESEED MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING COMING TO KR&G

We are bringing in Project Appleseed training on **August 11 - 12** at the suggestion of several club members.

Project Appleseed is a non-profit traveling clinic teaching traditional rifle marksmanship and a bit of US heritage over a two-day weekend. Cost will be about \$60. Bring your own rifle (loaners available) & ammo.

Click on the Events link on the Appleseed Website WWW.Appleseedinfo.org for more info & to sign up.

Club member Pete D recently attended Appleseed training at the Watervliet Gun club: *“This is GREAT basic and intermediate training on how to be accurate with a rifle. Lots of RSOs kept everyone safe. Lots of fun trigger time. Attended by kids to seniors, male & female, beginners to advanced. Friendly & supportive RSOs“*

FREE PODCASTS ON SHOOTING, HISTORY & MORE. *Listen while mowing the lawn!*

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The 1st five minutes of most Podcasts are spent thanking sponsors, requesting donations, etc. Sit tight, the content gets better. Some suggested podcasts to start with follow:

Going Ballistic with Ryan Cleckner *Focus on long range rifle shooting*
Suggested 1st listen: Episode #5 Spin Drift, Customizing Rifles vs Buying New, Barrel Installation

Reloading Podcast *Focus on reloading. Show is beginner friendly.*
Suggested 1st listen: Any of them.

Tides Of History *History is much more interesting then what I remember from school.*
Suggested 1st listen: Episode 21, Columbus, Da Gama And The Age Of Discovery

Dan Carlin’s Hardcore History *Multi-hour, very intense history from the master of the genre*
Suggested 1st listen: Episode 60, The Celtic Holocaust

The Handgun Radio Show *Interesting & easy listening from knowledgeable podcasters*
Suggested 1st listen: Any of them.

MAKES ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT AMERICA, and all of us living here...

(These are Facebook pages. You do not have to have a Facebook account to read these posts)

Mike Rowe Blog (host of Dirty Jobs, Returning The Favor, a supporter of the 2nd amendment.)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheRealMikeRowe/> , click on “Posts” and scroll around.

Bangor Maine Police Department Blog (Including the “*Duck Of Justice*”).

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/bangormainepolice/posts>, click on “Posts” and scroll around. Sgt Tim Cotton's posts are engaging, mostly upbeat, always people centric and often highlight the best in us.

THE CLUB NEEDS A NEW TRUCK. It must be strong, reliable, 4WD and preferably free.

You have seen our Club pickup truck plowing the snow off the road that goes up to the ranges, hauling building materials and trash, and otherwise doing all that a working truck does. Our indispensable truck is on its last legs. Got a truck for us? We will put your name on a shooting bench, which is darn close to being immortal.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF AT THE CLUB?

Let us know. Any of this sound interesting? Comments & responses to **KalamazooRodAndGun@hotmail.com**

Discussions and “how to” on reloading

Training & shooting events focused on enhancing women’s KR&G’s shooting experience

Bringing in trauma centric medical training (take a look at DarkAngelMedical.Com)

A class on how to care for an AR Rifle. *Pete D note: The AK47 Care class is shorter – learn how to pick the AK up, shake off the mud, clear the barrel, point it down range, pull the trigger. Just saying....*

Club organized fishing trips – Lake Michigan charter boat fishing, etc. *Remember the “Rod” in KR&G!*

Setting up a range with a Ransom Rest for evaluating pistol & ammo accuracy. See RansomRest.com.

GET THEIR STORIES WHILE YOU CAN

My Dad served in Korea. We never got his service stories, and now we never will. We did get my some of my Uncles stories. Very cool. Ask a Military Vet for his or her service stories. For some context:

The Paratrooper's Prayer https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Paratrooper%27s_Prayer, or go to www.wikipedia.org and enter “*The Paratroopers Prayer*” in the search box.

In Flanders Fields https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_Flanders_Fields or go to www.wikipedia.org and enter “*In Flanders Fields*” in the search box.

KR&G MEMBER MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

A shout out to **Mike Trepanier** for his work as shooting coach for the Vicksburg, MI High School Bulldogs trap team. The 61 6th-12th grades boys and girls just finished their 2018 spring season 2nd in their conference. The team has a combined coaching & administrative staff of 9. The Bulldogs have thrown approx. 60,000 targets so far this year in practice and competition. Trap will be a Vicksburg HS varsity sport beginning with the 2019 spring season. Note – the team can always use cash donations to off-set travel and equipment costs.

FINAL WORDS

This is your club. Attend the monthly KR&G Board of Director meetings. Club event calendar & other club info at WWW.KalamazooRodAndGunClub.Com. Email us

KalamazooRodAndGun@hotmail.com.

From a bumper sticker: “*Bad politicians are elected by good people who didn’t vote*”.

Please - Be a safe, polite, and informed ambassador for the 2nd Amendment. Your conduct and words matter!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	3	4 Action Pistol	5	6	7 .22 Silhouette
8 Sporting Clays/ Steel Plates	9	10	11 Action Pistol	12	13	14
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29	30	31				

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 High Power

**Moving?
New Phone Number?**

Please update your information with the
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