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Membership Meetings
are at the Crooked
Creek Banquet Ctr.
9387 Gratiot Rd.

Next Meeting
*Thurs, November
12, 2009, 7:00 PM*

*Program
Russ Mason, DNR Wild-
life Chief*

*Robert C. Leachman is at
most club meetings, he
won \$400 because he was
there!*

*November is worth \$200
If your in your seat!*

*Mike Leddy won a \$300
Gift Certificate*

Novembers Prize

*\$300 Gift Certificate
From Dick Williams
Guns*

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To the Field and Stream Club Board

I recently received my October issue of the Field and Stream Club Newsletter and the first thing I read were our president's comments. I, like Tom Heritier, have no use for those who see lack of funding for our CO's as an opportunity to violate game rules. My brothers and I learned at an early age through the example of our Dad the importance of following game rules and supporting our CO's. Years ago, on a cold early November night, a poacher shot a beautiful buck on our property. Dad immediately called for our local CO and he was quick to respond. The CO then, as now, was short handed. Dad wasn't about to have the CO confront the violators by himself. Dad went off into the night with the CO to wait for the return of the poachers. To make a long story short, Dad and the CO did confront and took into custody two armed violators. That example hit home and I have passed that example on to my kids and grandkids since. Support our CO's. They have a tough, dangerous job!

That brings up my second reason for writing this letter. Thank you to all who have worked tirelessly to make our Field and Stream Club the excellent organization that it is. I have been a member for years and during that time the club has provided me a place to educate my kids and now my grandkids in hunter safety and proficiency in the handling and use of firearms. You can not put a price tag on the quality one-on-one-time I have spent with my family at the Field and Stream Club.

Hunting season is upon us. I have already shared a hunting stand with my grandson, Coty, during the youth hunt in September. Coty had seven bucks in front of him at one time and he decided to let them go and let them grow. He elected to harvest a large doe. I couldn't have been more proud. One-on-one-time with him at our club had an influence on his decision. Thank you again. Hunt hard and stay safe.

Member, Arnie Burns

P. S. You will see a building donation in my dues mailing.

Club Shooting Hours

Are as follows, 0800 AM until sunset, use you hunting guide to determine sunset. If there is an organized event under lights, that may go to 10 PM. The lights on ranges are for organized events only.

Guest's

Anyone who is not immediate family is considered a guest and is required to pay the \$5.00 guest fee. Tubes are located on each range. Immediate family is defined as, spouse, and minor children.

Club Administrative News

Financial Report

James L. De Clerck, Treasurer

Income: \$24,542.00
Expenses: \$20,104.92
Savings Account: \$181,579.75
Checking Account: \$4,933.71

Building Donations

\$44,157.00



Membership Report November, 2009

Mike Meyer, Membership Secretary

1668	61	1729
General	Associate	Total
Members	Members	Membership

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Kyle J Baranski



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Saginaw Field and Stream Club Planner for November 8th - December 12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 8 Sight In Days 8AM—4 PM	9 Sight In Days 8AM—4 PM	10 Sight In Days 8AM—4 PM Trap & Skeet 4 PM	11 Veterans Day	12 Membership Meeting 7 PM Crooked Creek Skeet 5 PM	13	14 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
15 	16	17 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	18	19 Skeet 5 PM	20	21 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
22	23	24 Trap & Skeet 4 PM Board of Direc- tors Meeting 7 PM	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
29	30	December 1 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	2	3 Skeet 5 PM	4	5 Trap & Skeet 11 AM
6	7	8 Trap & Skeet 4 PM	9	10 Skeet 5 PM	11	12 Trap & Skeet 11 AM

President's Commentary

These Comments are entirely mine unless otherwise noted!

So far this fall, it has been busy. I was informed that I would have a guest from England who wished to go deer hunting. My son-in-law informed me he wished to go also. Not a problem! I would build a blind big enough to handle three people comfortably. I started the first week in August. I had a mental image of what I wanted to build.

I borrowed a framing nail gun, first challenge, locate nails, nails found after running all over town on a Friday afternoon. Now I had to purchase 2000 of them. I have a deer blind in mind not a duplex. Now I went and bought a load of lumber. Menards had **the nicest 2 X 3's I have ever saw. I started with the** frame and floor. Made my walls and put them up. All the while paying attention to squareness. I thought it over some and decided to use 7/16 OSB for the covering. I figured it was thick enough so I would not need insulation.

I made trusses and covered them with 7/16 OSB. I thought about what I was going to cover the roof with when Howard Beck told me he had a piece of rubber roofing that would fit what I needed. Well a nice rubber roof was now in place. Now the question, what would I do for windows. After a few days of contemplating, I come up with the idea of vertical sliding windows, frames made out of cedar and I used a plastic glass replacement. I made window casing out of cedar and it worked out pretty good. **Now it's pretty much done except for paint. Yep!** She started raining and turned cold.

I could not get to the paint because of the weather. And! The fact that I tried to lift one end of this thing and wrenched my back which cost me 12 days down time. The weather finally cooperated and I got it primed and then painted. The last item was a nice piece of indoor outdoor carpet of which my brother in law Jim, helped me out with. Done!!!!!!!!!!

Now this multi-person blind has to be put on a trailer and hauled to Copemish. This blind is now 6 feet by 8 feet and 7 1/5 feet tall. It took six of us to **load this on a tandem axle trailer. I'm here to tell** you it was a chore, push, tug, lift pry, push and finally on the trailer.

Sunday morning October 25, zero dark thirty, the truck heads north. Three hours later we are at the property where its going. Friend Dan (wood tick) took one look at this thing and complained his property taxes would be going up. He makes a phone call and 15 minutes later a neighbor with a

tractor with a fork lift shows up. When had set down some 10 inch blocks for this to sit on. The farmer next door places the forks just below the trailer bed, we pushed it onto the forks and he backs up swings it around and sets it in place. It took less than 10 minutes to do this when it took us near an hour to move it by hand. Now my huge blind is **setting in it's proper place. Come on opening day! I** checked the weight of materials and I guess my new blind weighs in at about 700 lbs.

A Boy (Man) and His Dog

I want my boy to have a dog
Or maybe two or three.
He'll learn from them much easier
Than he will learn from me.

A dog will teach him how to love
And bear no grudge or hate;
I'm not so good at that myself
But a dog will do it straight.

There never yet has been a dog
That learned to double-cross,
Nor catered to you when you won
Then dropped you when you lost.

I want my boy to have a dog
To be his pal and friend,
So he will learn that friendship
Is faithful to the end.

Copied out of Reminisce Magazine

Now for some serious business. Governor Granholm has issued orders to merge the DEQ and the DNR. This is pure politics, please contact your representatives and voice your displeasure. Keep politics out of our natural resources. I hope to see you out there!

Tom Heritier, President

The Trap & Skeet Field



Trap & Skeet Report

The Fall Fun League for trap and skeet has begun and runs through Nov 28. Although some shooters have completed their required 16 rounds of trap or skeet, there are no clear leaders to date. We'll have a better idea of who is vying for top gun in another month or so.

Some people are small game or waterfowl hunting, others are gearing up for deer hunting. Consequently, our trap and skeet shooting has slowed a bit. Now is the time to come out and shoot a few rounds. Bring out your kids or grandkids and break them in on the sport.

Here are the shooters that broke 25 straight or better from September 26th thru October 27th:

Trap

50 Straight

Rick Pastor

25 Straight

Dan Moore - 2

Bill Otter - 2

Andy Zeek

Don Seeley

Gary Yackel

25 Straight, Cont.

Larry Plowman

Craig Wietfeldt

Mike Meyer

Skeet

50 Straight

Jerry Cliff - 2

25 Straight

Don Seeley - 3

Gary Yackel - 3

Bruce Karow - 2

Mike Meyer

CPL CLASSES NEW AND RENEWAL

What's a CPL? That's the proper name for a CCW. (Concealed Pistol License)

The next CPL class for those people who do not already have a CPL license will be a weekend event on January 22, 23, and 24, 2010. You must attend all three days. The times for the classes are 7pm to 10pm on Friday, 8am to 5pm on Saturday and 1pm to 4pm on Sunday. The cost is \$110. Lunch on Saturday is included.

The class will include fundamental gun safety, pistol knowledge and safety, ammunition knowledge, fundamentals of pistol shooting, defensive shooting, firearms and the law, home safety, violent confrontations, and basic handgun skills. The legal ramifications of the CPL law will also be presented. The instructors are NRA certified.

Each participant will need 100 rounds of ammunition and eye and ear protection. There will be an exam at the conclusion of the class. The class will be held on the club grounds.

The class will be limited in size. Advance registration is required.

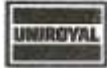
If you already have a CPL license which is about to expire and need a renewal class, there will be a Renewal Class Saturday, February 20, 2010. The time will be 8am to noon. This class will satisfy the legal requirements for renewal of your Concealed Pistol License. This will include three hours in the classroom and one hour on the range. The cost is \$25.

Each participant will need 100 rounds of ammunition and eye and ear protection. For more information or to register for either class, please call **Dan Burch** at 781-2703.

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Natural Resource Commission Meeting October, 2009

October was the annual U.P. meeting, this year in Ontonagon – about as far from my house as you can get and still be in the state. As usual, this was a three day excursion. I took an extra day to visit my son and his family in Hancock. He is a professor at Michigan Tech. It was nice to see where my money went.

I was on the tour of Porcupine Wilderness State Park. The view at Lake of the Clouds is breathtaking even if the **color wasn't full. This is a must for anyone touring the U.P. It's an easy walk to the precipice and is handicap accessible.** I also visited a wood chipping process. The company was picking up the leftovers from clear cuts, processing the material into chips and selling them as fuel for power production. They, of course, wanted access to state lands. Those of you who saw the clearing along the main road at the club have an idea how the process works except we use the chips for landscaping.

The meeting took place at the Ontonagon Theatre of Performing Arts. There are a number of these fine old theaters throughout the U.P. and this was no exception. Again, if you are on a tour of the U.P. and have a chance to see one – do so. These are very unique historic sites.

The Land Management Committee reviewed the problems and requirements related to access for timber removal. Wetlands, endangered species, unique formations and difficult terrain were a few of the issues discussed. A number of schools have woodlands in approximate location to the school. Some are planning on **selling this "excess" land in order to cover budget shortfalls.** Some of these pieces have restrictions in the original purchases which limit the use of the property and prevent the sale. More importantly, the sales, if allowed, would remove student exposure to the resources and the outdoors. There is gold there for the future that may be lost to economics.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Committee continued their review of fisheries regulations in an effort to simplify the rules. Success here is difficult due to the desires of many anglers to limit access/harvest to their unique method of fishing. This is one area where regulating ourselves out of existence has its greatest potential. Supplemental deer feeding is allowed in the U.P. under a permit. In 2007, 300,000 pounds of deer feed was expended feeding an average of 912 deer. This year that dropped to 260,000 pounds, feeding an average of 747 deer. This activity takes place in a number of areas across the U.P. depending on winter severity and deer population. The U.P. Habitat Work Group discussed the private land wildlife habitat issues contained in their final report. Later in the day there was also a report from the U.P. Citizens Advisory Committee. These folks are very active in resource management. It is often that I see U.P. representatives at the podium in Lansing – they make the trip because of their commitment to the resources. Besides myself there was one MUCC representative in Ontonagon. Once again, the Quality Deer Management procedure was presented with proposals to make the process more skewed toward requiring QDM wherever requested.

Everybody has an answer to what deer hunters want. **I like things simple. Ask a deer hunter "How was your season" and you will get one of the following answers; "Saw a lot of deer." "Didn't see any deer" "Didn't see many deer." These may be followed with comments on the kind of deer seen or something on habitat or the like. The key here is "see deer". That's what deer hunters want – to see deer. If we manage deer to "see deer", the hunters will be happy – at least for a little while - maybe.**

Somewhere about this time the Governor's Executive Order was brought forth. The NRC is to become subject to the Director – exactly opposite of where it is today. The director is to be appointed by the Governor not the NRC. These are the two main issues with which I take exception. Other commissions and committees have been eliminated or assigned differently – all directed at reducing the public input into the management of our natural resources. Why? All I can say is follow the money – your money. When you get to the endpoint you **probably won't recognize the scenery. Nothing irks a politician more than having money not under their control.** The second thing is not having control over all things. MUCC was formed to keep politics out of the management of our natural resources. MUCC is taking steps to correct the situation. They need your help in contacting your representative and senator and letting them know how you feel. Contacting the Governor is probably a waste of time but if you like – have at it. Remember what Engler did with the DEQ. One of the directives in the order is to improve the efficiency of the **permitting process. I don't think the intention is to deny the permits faster.**

I think everybody in the U.P. participated in the public appearances. Here is what my notes look like: Praise for the U.P. Citizens Advisory Committee, there is illegal activity on the Commercial Forest Act lands mostly in the areas of bear hunting and preventing access, commercial bear baiting is out of hand – this pertained to the number of baits, what separates the CWD policy from feeding in the U.P. - concern about stopping baiting and feeding, wolves, if the opener of the firearm deer season is moved before the 15th all the bucks will be shot before they can breed and if it is moved after the 15th all the deer will be yarded up (the woods in the U.P. must catch hell on the 15th with all that deer breeding going on.), close the high fenced areas, feed deer, feed deer, wolves, ORV issues, goose season too early (federally regulated), no offshore wind farms, open woodcock as small game (federally regulated), need youth programs and opportunities, dam failures, feeding, feeding, add \$5.00 to the license fees for law enforcement, enforcement of bear regulations related to cubs, license guides.

The folks in the U.P. are very protective of the deer **and take winter feeding of deer very seriously. I don't know if this is because they like to hunt deer, eat deer, or see deer, but I have my suspicions.**

Jim De Clerck

Watch Out for the Stuffing!!!

November is here and for some cowboy shooters, it's time to head to warmer climates and enjoy shooting. Others have deer hunting on their agenda and, in their absence, Christmas sales will boom. But, everyone has Thanksgiving on their mind and that wonderful turkey dinner that comes with it. Deep fried or slow roasted, however the turkey is cooked, **it's a sure thing... we'll all eat until we're stuffed.**

Speakin' of stuffed. That got me to ponderin'. What is the perfect turkey stuffing? So, I went looking for the recipe too put all others to shame. And in my research, I discovered that secret ingredients make or break a recipe. (Just ask the Colonel about secret recipes and success!) Although I'd love to take credit for the great cooking advice that follows, the author is unknown. I'm sure the end results will blow you away!

AN ODE TO THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY

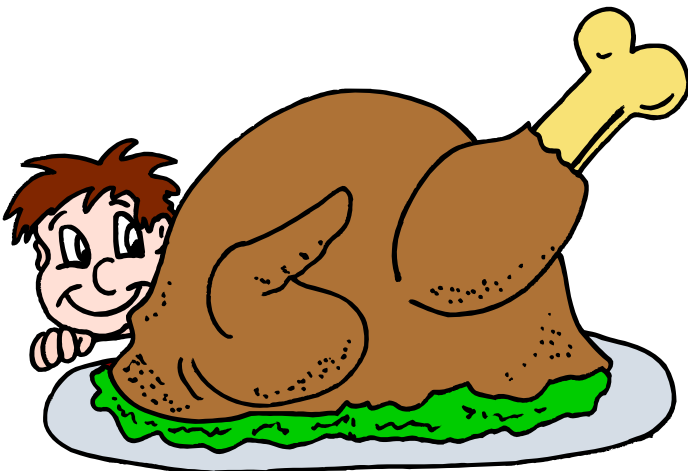
The turkey shot out of the oven
And rocketed into the air.
It knocked every plate off the table
And partly demolished a chair.
It ricocheted into a corner
And burst with a deafening boom.
Then splattered all over the kitchen
Completely obscuring the room.
It stuck to the walls and the windows.
It totally coated the floor.
There was turkey attached to the ceiling
Where there'd never been turkey before.
It blanketed every appliance.
It smeared every saucer and bowl.
There wasn't a way I could stop it.
That turkey was out of control!
I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,
And thought with chagrin as I mopped,
That I'd never again stuff a turkey
With popcorn that hadn't been popped.

-Author, Unknown-

From all the cowboys, we wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving and...good luck in your cooking endeavors!**

Happy Trails,

Katie Callahan, SASS #23077





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