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Dear fellow Members and friends,

Here are some important numbers for you; 5 new Corps Members, 7 new probationary members, 10 Corps functions this year, and 50. The Corps was established by the Governor of our Commonwealth in 1965. That makes this year our 50th anniversary. A whole lot of clubs have come and gone in those 50 years. What keeps us alive and flourishing is that we keep to our original premise, we are a shooting club. As you will read in this letter, there will be many opportunities for you to get out and enjoy shooting your favorite old gun and share in the fellowship of kindred souls!

Let me start by congratulating our next crop of full members; **Daniel O'Connor, Scott Maynard, David Hitchner, Ron Winfield, & Randy Henderson.**

Our next class of probationary members are as follows; **Randy Angel, John Bloehmer, Bud Diehl, Tom Mansfield, Robbie McMillen, Ian Reinhardt, & Burton Wright.**

Guys, this is the future of the Corps.

Along with approving the membership petitions of the aforementioned men your Board of Directors in its annual meeting approved our calendar of events for 2015. My advice to you is to secure a whole bunch of powder, lead, and flints.

May 1, 2, 3. **Spring Rendezvous and Team tryout;** Bucksnot range, near Boston Ky. (see attached map). The guys will put on a meal on Saturday evening. Note; If you are a probationary member or interested in becoming a new member this is a **Required** function. **Big Mike, Bucksnot, not Morehead!**

May 9. Spring Interstate Flintlock Team Shoot, New Oxford Pa.. New Oxford is located about 10 or so miles from historic Gettysburg. The Board of directors has granted \$1250.00 in travel money to be equally split by Kentuckians (you don't have to be a member of the Corps) participating in the shoot. I have reserves 5 rooms at Days Inn, Gettysburg (with the possibility of more if needed) phone 717-334-0030. The rooms are reserved in my name. Rooms are 2 queen beds, \$99.00 plus tax per night. For those of you who have travelled to Pa. for the Spring Shoot, well you already know we have a big ol' time. For those of you who may want to go, this is a wonderful opportunity to go up and enjoy a tour of Gettysburg, a fun shoot in New Oxford, and plenty of good fellowship. \$15.00 blanket prize is required for the shoot. I have the address/directions to the range. Please contact me as soon as possible if you plan to go 859-361-1055.

Conley/Montgomery Fish and Shoot; Date to be announced. The location is my place down on Stoner Creek in Bourbon County. I will give you the date when I get it.

June 27. First Annual Wayne Jenkins Kentucky State Championship Table Shoot. The match will be held at the Ky. Longrifles range in Morehead. Cost \$20.00. 60%/40% payback and a beautiful hand made Cherry trophy made by **Ron Winfield** to the winner. Guys this is something new for us. Snap-n-popper guns are allowed. Make sure that your gun weighs less than 13 lbs. and you're ready to go. Info. Call **Charlie Burton** 606-780-7709. Order yourself a barrel while you have him on the phone. Let's fill that hollow up with shooters.

July 18. Kentucky Cup Team Shoot. Morehead Ky. Match starts at noon. Gather yourself up a five person team and see if you have enough to stop "**Kims' Kommandos**". This has turned into one our favorite functions of the year. Again call **Charlie Burton** to get registered and while you have him on the phone order another barrel.

August 2. The Second Annual Corps Blanket Shoot. Lloyd Area Range, Crittenden. \$15.00 blanket prize. **Al Woeste** will be running the shoot again this year. Last year was a hoot! Everybody enjoyed the match and all of the different types of targets. **Diane Richards** (who hadn't shouldered a gun in 3 years) had the best time of all, whooping up on the best the Corps had to offer. Be sure to pencil this one in.

September 27. The Corps First Annual Kentucky Woods Walk Championship. Jefferson Co. Sportsman's Club in Louisville. **Bud Diehl** will be heading this event. It will be shot in pre 1820 costume and a blanket prize event. We will shoot this "Boonesborough primitive" which means, make an honest attempt at pre-1820 is asked of you. They will not jury footwear. Bench rods are permitted. I will give more details in a future newsletter.

October 3. Kentucky's Corps 53rd Annual Fall Interstate Shoot. Boonesborough Ky.. The tradition continues on. **Rick Prater** will be running the show this year so that I can re-take my rightful place on the **First Team**.

November 6, 7, 8. Kentucky's Corps Fall Rendezvous. Blue Licks State Park near Carlisle Ky.. There will be 4 specific parts to this weekend.

1. First Annual Ky. Corps Smoothbore Championship. Friday Nov. 6 at noon. This will be shot as a primitive target event and in period dress (pre 1820 but 1775 era preferred). Off hand, out of the pouch with no bench rods permitted on the line. \$15.00 blanket prize. There will be 2 classes of smoothbore champion. Traditional (only 1 sight) and Sighted. First pick and Trophy to the Champions.
2. Ky. Corps 50th Anniversary Reunion. Friday night Nov. 6 at the Worthington Center in Blue Licks State Park. I am still working out the details of this but in a nutshell what I would like to see is a gathering of anybody-everybody who was ever a Corps member to have a get together, banquet meal and story telling session. We are losing members every year to father time and with them goes their memories of our past.
3. Ky. Corps Fall Rendezvous events. There will be primitive camping around the Tanners Station Stockade, tin tee-pee camping in the camp grounds at the park and hotel lodging at the Worthington Center. Randy Russell will be catering the meal on Saturday night for a very reasonable cost.
4. Tanners Station Rifle Frolic. Saturday the 7th. Pre 1820 out of the pouch primitive blanket shoot. If you want to shoot them the way the old timers did, this is how you do it. **Steve White, Bud Diehl, & Rand Angel** will be running the match.

Aren't you glad gas is cheaper?

On a fun note; It seems that the Registrar of the Kentucky Historical Society found, tucked away in a drawer somewhere the original copy of the Challenge to Kentucky issued by **Bill Scranton** to **Governor Combs** creating the first of what we now call "Interstate" shoot. I have talked with the registrar and am in hopes of somehow getting that document scanned so that we can make copies available to whoever wants one. Wish me luck.

I have in my possession a copy of the original proclamation made by **Governor Breathitt** establishing the Corps. If you would like a copy, let me know and I can get you a color copy.

Sponsor a team member; **Gus Petro** called me the other night and offered to sponsor one shooter for the Spring Interstate Shoot in Pa.. Pretty generous huh? He also issued a challenge to the rest of the membership to join him in sponsoring a member. So, if you would like to follow **Gus's** lead, give me a call 859-361-1055. Thank you **Mr. Petro!!**

Other notable events;

Feb. 6-7, 18th Century Market Fair, Bucksnot Longhunters, Pritchard Center, Elizabethtown Ky..

March 28th, **Randy Russell's** Blacksmith Hammer-in and BBQ eating fest. Levy Rd. North Middletown, Ky. Phone 859-749-2549 for directions.

April 10,11,12. Salt River Longrifles Spring Rendezvous. Mercer Co. fish & game farm, Harrodsburg Ky., contact **Carl King** 859-509-5027 for info.

May 14, 15, 16. NMLRA Territorials, Kentucky Longrifles, Morehead. Contact **Charlie Burton**. While you have him on the phone ask him where the hell your barrel is.

Friends, this year ought to be fun. There's a whole lot to do! Invite a new shooter to one of our events. With any luck and some funding from my sweet, beautiful, generous wife, I'll be driving a newer truck to all of these events. Love ya honey!!!!

Take care,

Wayne