

Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM)

President's Message by Rick Montgomery

Dear friends,

Responsibility

It isn't for me to say, but we are under attack from the anti-gun and anti-gun show people, so let's be responsible. This means no con, no cheating, and no lying. People are watching us. Be respectful, honest, and give a good deal.

If you think a gun is stolen or a person purchasing a gun is a felon, back away. We need to police and protect ourselves. Don't give the anti-gunners any ammo to use against us.

Theft has been a problem at several shows this year, so consider putting small hand guns under glass or using a cord to secure them to your table. Try to never leave your table unattended.

To some of you this may sound corny, or worse, that I am getting paranoid, but given the times in which we are now living, we cannot afford to let our guard down and become complacent.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER!

Our 2020 membership drive is underway. If you didn't get a renewal form, contact Sandra for a copy or visit our website and click on the 'membership' tab to download a copy. To save postage, if you renewed by mail, your card(s) was included in the same envelope as your ballot. THANK YOU for renewing!



Remember to return your WCSM state election ballot no later than **Nov. 30**. Terms are for two years.

RIP
Frank Noble
1955-2019

Sadly, Frank Noble, long time member of WCSM, died on Aug. 27, 2019. He was laid to rest at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell on Sept. 7. Frank was a current member of District 2, and had held various leadership positions in the organization. Frank displayed at the Bozeman July 2019 gun show where he won 2nd place for his Smith & Wesson Model 38/44 revolver display. Our condolences are extended to his family and his many gun show friends.

Member Mike Tomell of Frenchtown won a FREE 2020 membership renewal after finding his number hidden in our Summer newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!



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DUES

NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single

\$30.00 couple

Regular:

\$35.00 single

\$40.00 couple

For the 2020 application form, go to our website at: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/>

Wanted The Good, Bad or the Ugly

Do you have:

- District News?
- Interesting News?
- Helpful News?
- Good, Bad or Ugly News?

If so, send your submissions to Sandra. Post
or email will
work!



Hidden somewhere in this newsletter, is a current membership number. If it is yours, contact Sandra to claim your **FREE** 2020 membership renewal. (If you renewed before you found your number, you'll get a refund if you contact Sandra before **Jan. 1**).

State Updates

Fall/Winter 2019



Earn Some Extra Cash

For every new member a District recruits, State will pay \$5.00 to the District to be spent in whatever way the membership decides. This can include giving the monies back to the sponsoring members. The particulars:

- New member must be sponsored by a current—paid up—WCSM member.
- Sponsoring member **must** sign the application form as the sponsoring member.
- State will keep a log of the new members and their sponsors, and will send this list and a check every quarter to the applicable District.
- The District that recruits the most new members by the end of December 2019 will receive a special prize.

Christmas Gift Idea



Have that hard to buy for someone on your shopping list? Consider a WCSM belt buckle. Very unique and it supports a great organization! Send \$25.00 to WCSM and mark on the memo line of your check, 'buckle'.



2020 Gun Show Calendars

If you own a business and would be willing to distribute our 2020 gun show calendar, please contact Sandra for a supply. Calendars will be mailed to members in December.

Don't forget to check the back of your membership card for your 2020 badge sticker!

District News

District 1: (Great Falls area)

- ♦ Another enjoyable time was had by members at our Sept. 22 Club Shoot and BBQ.
- ♦ Congratulations to display winner Doug Wigger for his Colt display at the September show.
- ♦ Congratulations to Bob Holter for receiving a Life Time Achievement Award at the September show. Bob has been very active in WCSM since its inception, and his years of dedicated service continue to be appreciated.



District 3: (Bozeman area)

The winners of the display table awards at our July 12-14 show were:

- ♦ 1st Place—Art Tysee, \$300.00 for his Winchester Model 70 rifle display.
- ♦ 2nd Place—Frank Noble, \$200.00 for his Smith and Wesson Model 38/44 display.
- ♦ 3rd Place—Kirk Stovall, \$100.00 for his "Colt Rifles—Shotguns—Pistols of the Frontier" display.

District 4: (Missoula area)

From the 64th Annual Original Missoula Gun Show held August 2-4 at the Hilton Garden Inn:

- ♦ Best Display—John Harris for his display of Charles M. Russell's Colt S.A. revolver.
- ♦ Most Congenial Dealers—Dean and Susan Hiese of Colfax, WA.
- ♦ Queen of the Show—Audrey Alger of Nine Mile, MT.

We also thank the Rocky Mountain Museum of Missoula for their display featuring Fort Missoula.

If you have a weapons collection and would like to show it off, consider having a display. Prizes are awarded for displays at the Great Falls shows, the Bozeman July show, and the Original Missoula show in August. Display tables cannot include sale items, and are judged using NRA judging criteria. If you wish to have a display, contact Bryan Gillette (Great Falls and Bozeman) at 406-580-5458 or Hayes Otoupalik (Missoula) at 406-549-4817.



May you all enjoy a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas!





Since 1975

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2019 District Officers and Directors

State President: Rick Montgomery—406-381-4363

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District 1:

President: Bob Snider—406-467-3787

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Board of Directors Meeting

August 3, 2019—6:30 p.m.—Missoula—Draft of Meeting Minutes

Directors present: John Shevlin, Ed Spragg, Scott Cloninger, Herb Dawson, Carl Robertson, Walt Briggs, and Hayes Otoupalik. Director absent: Dennis Gulbranson. Officers present: President Rick Montgomery and Vice President Bob Flick.

President Rick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made and seconded to accept the April 27, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Sandra discussed the financial report and reported the bank balance as of July 31, 2019 is **\$29,697.02**. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Rick and the entire board complemented Sandra on the quality and design of the newsletters. Rick said he has received several positive comments and Sandra shared that she has too.

The board appointed the following members to the nomination committee for the 2020 election of officers: John Shevlin, Dennis Gulbranson, JoAnna Dawson, and Hayes Otoupalik. Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, and Sergeant At Arms.

After a brief discussion concerning the amendments proposed outside of this meeting by the bylaws committee, the following additional amendment was made to Article II, Section 11, Item C. Motion was then made and seconded to amend the bylaws effective August 3, 2019. Motion passed unanimously. The changes to this item are underlined:

Districts shall elect two (2) directors from its membership to the board of directors of this society for the term of two, two-year terms, and may additionally elect alternate or secondary directors to serve as needed. District presidents may appoint him/herself for one time to serve as an alternate or secondary director for one meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to print 10,000 2020 gun show calendars. Motion passed unanimously. Sandra was asked to increase the paper weight of the calendar if the price increase to do so is not unreasonable.

Because the efforts of the board to find members willing to reinstate District 5 were futile, motion was made and seconded to reassign current District 5 members to either District 1 or District 3. Motion passed 5-3.

A brief discussion was held concerning promotional ideas. JoAnna Dawson discussed giving a free ticket to youths who complete a hunter's safety course. The ticket could only be used at one of our recommended shows, and the youth would have to be accompanied by an adult. The ticket would have an expiration date and no dollar value. Promoter Bryan Gillette is supportive of the idea.

Next meeting is December 14, 2019 at Bozeman. Respectfully submitted, Sandra Guynn, Executive Secretary

MT Supreme Court Shoots Down Missoula Gun Ordinance

By unanimous decision, the MT Supreme Court ruled that Missoula's gun ordinance requiring background checks on all gun sales in Missoula goes against State law. On October 22, 2019 the court ruled that local governments are not allowed to exercise any power that "affects the right to keep or bear arms". Source: <http://greatfallstribune.mt.newsmemory.com/?publink=2afa7fec0>

Promoter Brian Kjensmo will NOT have shows in Kalispell or Missoula in 2020. He will continue to have shows in Billings, Helena, Hamilton and Butte. (He will have three shows in Coeur d'Alene, ID in Feb. Oct. and Dec. If you want more info. about these shows, call Brian at 406-633-2206).

We Never Know What May Lurk On Dusty Shelves

Member Brian Sindelar submitted this news item. Thanks Brian for this submission!

I was visiting a well-known Montana museum where the director was a good friend. For some unremembered reason we went downstairs to the general storage/collections area. All the shelves were filled with donated items that would probably never be exhibited. As I browsed I encountered two dusty firearms on the bottom shelf of a huge rack. I examined them closely and identified them as Russian PPSH-41 submachine guns with drum magazines. I saw that they had not been deactivated in any manner. Naturally I brought this to the director's attention. He knew nothing whatever about firearms and when I mentioned "legality" he simply frowned and pushed the guns way back into the farthest reaches of the dusty shelves. The Russian no-nos are probably still lurking there gathering even more dust.

NRA News

According to the NRA, all gun shows are now listed at **www.gunshows.nra.org**. The shows will continue to be listed in issues of Man at Arms, the NRA's official journal for gun collectors.

CARAMEL and COCONUT

Secretary Sandra was popular at a Christmas party last year when she brought these treats. ENJOY!

1 pkg (36) caramels melted with 3 tbsp. milk
In a greased bowl combine:
1 cup Rice Krispies
1 cup Corn Flakes
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup coconut

Pour in melted caramels and mix with a greased spoon. With hands slightly buttered, roll into balls. Chill.

Bowie Knives, Daggers & Swords



For what is likely the first time, a foreign collector has reached out to us. Phil is from the United Kingdom and has a collection of Bowie knives, and various reproductions of daggers and swords. The list of his items and pictures of his knives are on our website. Contact Sandra for more information or visit our website and click on the Ads tab.

Hunter Humor

President Rick was driving home after striking out during the opening weekend of rifle season when he noticed movement in his vehicle. Upon further inspection, he discovered that he did after all come home with wildlife, although not in the manner he was hoping. It seems a CHIPMUNK hitched a ride in one of his boots, and as of this writing, was still living the life of chipmunk luxury in his yard.

