

Weapons Collectors Society of Montana WCSM

President's Message by Rick Montgomery

Dear members,

There is usually only a handful of people who run any group, and the rest just ride the ride for their own interests, which is OK. WCSM needs numbers, but the members need to keep the group headed in the right direction, and its directors and officers honest, and working as a group for our collective interests.

Our country is like a club or a group of people. Local and federal leaders sometimes build their own little empires for self interest, going against the good of the people. VOTE THEM OUT!

We need to work with each other and our leaders and voice our concerns. The other side is loud and clear, so let us get loud and clear. We need members working for the good of the group, not the interest of a few.

If you live in District 5, which is the Billings area, and would be interested in re-establishing this district and assuming a leadership role, please call me at 406-381-4363, or Secretary Sandra at 406-836-7081 for more information.

In April 2019, the lawsuit that was filed against us and another defendant concerning the gun discharge incident at the Billings gun show in November 2016, was settled out of court. WCSM's liability was found to be 10%, and the settlement was paid by our insurance company. We are very glad to finally put this experience behind us. Note that the rumors of our demise because of this lawsuit were not just rumors, but unfounded rumors.

THANK YOU For Being A Member!

DUES

Our 2020 membership renewal campaign will begin in October. Dues will remain the same. If each voting member would sign up just one new member, our roster would be nearly 1,000 members!

VENUE CHANGE

The August 2-4, 2019 Missoula gun show has changed locations. The show will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn and Missoula Convention Center** located at 3720 North Reserve Street. Hours remain the same.



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DUES

NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single
\$30.00 couple

Regular:

\$35.00 single
\$40.00 couple

For the 2019 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!



Somewhere hidden in this newsletter is a current membership number. If it is yours, contact Sandra to claim your **FREE** 2020 membership renewal.

State Updates

Summer 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.

New Membership Perk

Members are encouraged to submit, free of charge, For Sale and Wanted items for posting on the State website and in special 'email blasts'. All that is needed is a description of your item or request, and pictures, if applicable. More details are posted on our 1961 website under the ADS tab. Requests can also be sent via post. If you are not getting our 'email blasts', send Sandra your email address.

Bookmark our site: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/>

WCSM Belt Buckles



We still have a few belt buckles. If you would like one, send \$25.00 to WCSM, % of Sandra, and mark on the memo line of your check, 'buckle'. The cost also covers shipping.

Montana Supreme Court and the Missoula Gun Show Ordinance

According to an article in the Missoula Current News, this summer the Montana Supreme Court is expected to rule if background checks will be required on private gun sales in Montana. Missoula's city ordinance requiring background checks was the reason gun show promoter Brian Kjensmo canceled his 2019 Missoula gun shows. For more information visit—<https://missoulacurrent.com/business/2019/06/missoula-gun-ordinance-2/>



District News

District 1: (Great Falls area)

- ◇ An enjoyable time was had by members at our June 23 Club Shoot and BBQ. Several new faces joined us, and we hope we have another good crowd in September.
- ◇ Sandra was contacted by the C. M. Russell Museum in Great Falls about the possibility of collaborating with them in the re-development of their permanent Browning Firearms exhibit. She and others continue to meet with them.
- ◇ We will be offering raffle items, including two firearms, at the Great Falls September 27-29, 2019 show. Our usual 50/50 drawing will also be held. 2020 memberships and renewals will also be available.

District 3: (Bozeman area)

We hosted these events at the July 12-14 Bozeman show :

- ◇ Offered cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place display tables. Winners will be announced online and in the next newsletter.
- ◇ Sold a variety of raffle tickets, including firearms, a hand-made afghan, and other donated items.
- ◇ Held our district meeting, and discussed general business, including the ballot for 2020 officers.

Nothing productive is ever achieved as a result of spreading or listening to gossip.

Catherine Pulsifer



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Since 1975

2019 District Officers and Directors

State President: Rick Montgomery—406-381-4363
State Vice President: Bob Flick—406-932-5380

District 1:

President: Bob Snider—406-467-3787
Vice-President: Mike O'Rourke—406-452-0298
Secretary: Ed Spragg—406-788-4036
Treasurer: Laura Schultz—406-453-2898
Director: John Shevlin—406-788-6908
Director: Ed Spragg—406-788-4036

District 2:

President: Bill Matthews—406-755-9378
Director: Dennis Gulbranson—406-253-1936
Director: Scott Cloninger—406-755-0917

District 3:

President: JoAnna Dawson—406-579-1239
Vice-President: Dan Weigand—406-581-5305
Sec./Treas: Doug Harrison—406-586-8842
Sgt. At Arms: Herb Dawson—406-579-1294
Director: Carl Robertson—406-599-5391
Director: Open

District 4:

President: Terry Steigers—406-546-4183
Sec/Treas: Hayes Otoupalik—406-549-4817
Director: Walter Briggs—406-728-9155
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District 5: To be announced.

Board of Directors Meeting

April 27, 2019—6:30 p.m.—Great Falls
Draft of Meeting Minutes

Directors present: John Shevlin, Ed Spragg, Scott Cloninger, Dennis Gulbranson, Herb Dawson (substitute), Carl Robertson, Walt Briggs, and Hayes Otoupalik

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 December 8, 2018 board minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra presented the executive secretary's report, and indicated that she has filed for 501(c)4 status with the IRS. The financial report was unanimously approved as presented. The ending bank balance is \$30,126.08. She also reported that the November 2016 lawsuit was settled out of court. The 10% liability that was assigned to WCSM was covered by our insurance company.

Rick indicated that he contacted the previous officers of District 5 to better learn why they resigned, but they were not very forthcoming. A suggestion was made that District 5 be incorporated into the other districts. Additional efforts will be made to find District 5 members willing to serve in a leadership capacity.

Discussion was held concerning revising the bylaws to reflect that we no longer sponsor gun shows. Several other suggestions were made as well. A motion was made and seconded that the executive secretary rewrite the bylaws, and once the final version is completed, Rick will poll the directors for their approval before the next board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

It is still not known who the promoter will be for the Whitehall show.

Discussion was held about ways to increase membership. Membership drives were suggested as well as districts working on ideas and then approaching State for help.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Missoula gun show.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Secretary Sandra Guynn



Law Enforcement Scam

Another day, another scam, and this one involves spoofing the real phone numbers of real law enforcement officials. Recently in Great Falls, victims received a telephone call from 'law enforcement' telling them that if they didn't pay a certain amount of money to settle a legal action, they would be arrested. Unfortunately, more than one resident was duped, with one individual wiring \$9,000 to the scammer. Please alert those you know who may be vulnerable to this type of scam, that law enforcement will NEVER contact anybody asking for money or personal information. If your business with law enforcement is legitimate, they will come visit you in person.

Will the Definition of 'Antique Firearm' Finally Change?

According to the Firearms & Ammunition Import/Export Roundtable, Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) has once again introduced legislation to revise the definition of 'antique firearm'. If passed, 1898 would be replaced with "the calendar year that is 100 years before the calendar year in which the determination as to whether the firearm meets the requirement of this subparagraph is being made." This would be a rolling determination as opposed to a static year. For example, if the legislation passed this year, firearms made before 1919 would be classified as antique. In the past, Senator Cassidy's bills have never made it out of committee.