

Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM)

President's Message


by Rick Montgomery

Dear Friends,

Did hippies raise these people? I was wondering about the groups who stop logging so we don't kill little owls and beetles, and who want to take away guns to protect school children, but then think it is okay to kill babies? It makes no sense.

Candidates running for office tell us they will vote the way we want them to, but once in office, they vote the way the party tells them to or they won't receive campaign funds.

I've always wondered what it would be like if we only had a Senate. Oh, the money we would save, and we would have less corruption and less of those frustrating campaign ads.

 In spite of it all though, our only recourse is to vote, so please vote your conscience in November.

Enjoy collecting and attending the shows!

Speaking About Voting

It's that time again to elect State officers for a two-year term. To save postage, ballots will be included with your 2023 membership renewal notice. Ballots must be returned to Secretary Sandra no later than December 1st. When you pay your dues, simply include your ballot along with your check. Renewals and ballots will be mailed the end of September.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It's not too early to be thinking about what to get that hard to buy for someone on your list. WCSM has caps, patches, and belt buckles. Contact Sandra now if you want to get an early shopping start.



Flag and Tan caps:
\$25.00 + \$6.00 postage
Tan patches:
\$15.00 + 2.00 postage
Belt buckles:
\$20.00 + 4.00 postage



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DUES

NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single
\$30.00 couple

Regular:

\$35.00 single
\$40.00 couple

For the 2022 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!



If you find your membership number hidden somewhere in this newsletter, call or email Sandra to win a FREE 2023 membership. GOOD LUCK!



For the second newsletter in a row, a current member didn't find their membership number hidden in the newsletter. You can't win a free membership if you don't look for your number. Kudos to members who turned on their creative thinking caps and called with what they thought was the number. Better luck this time!

DISPLAYS

Summer 2022

WCSM extends our congratulations to all of the display winners at the Bozeman July show and our compliments to those who displayed at the Missoula show.

District 3 Bozeman July 8-10 show



Kirk Stovall 1st Place



Carl Robertson 2nd Place



Art Tysse 3rd Place



Stuart Strahl 4th Place

"Walter Cooper—His Montana Buffalo Sharps"

\$400.00

"Winchester .22 Target Rifles"

\$300.00

"Winchester Lever Action Rifles"

\$200.00

"M1 Garands"

\$100.00

District 4 Missoula July 29-31 show

We had exhibitors from Minnesota, Illinois, California, Nevada, South Dakota, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington and Montana. We had three displays sponsored by WCSM as follows:

- ◆ Grayson Butler—M1917 Artillery Luger with Accessories
- ◆ Tate Jones and The Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History—Fort Missoula—Queen of the Western Forts
- ◆ John Harris—Winchester M1873 and Colt Single Action Revolver in 44-40 caliber
- ◆ Queen of the Missoula Gun Show—Rebecca Franklin who has been with us for 34 consecutive years.
- ◆ Most Congenial Dealer trophy—Cy Anderson, who has managed to bring seven tables of assorted gun parts to the show every year since 1978.

Lia and Hayes want to thank exhibitors and members of the public for making this another very successful show!

We encourage our members to set up Display tables at the shows. This is a great way to not only encourage collecting as a hobby, but to educate the public about the weapons you have so enthusiastically collected. If you are interested 3875 in doing a display, contact each show's promoter or a WCSM district officer or director.



Upcoming Banquets. All begin at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ Sep. 15—Seeley Lake
- ◆ Oct. 1—Conrad
- ◆ Oct. 7—Kalispell
- ◆ Oct. 8—Billings
- ◆ Oct. 11—Deer Lodge

Visit our website for the link to more info: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/>



For being a WCSM member!

**The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.
PLATO**



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Since 1975

2022 District Officers and Directors

State President Rick Montgomery 406 375-2511

State Vice President Ed Spragg 406 788-4036

District 1:

President: Cody Snider—406 781-6803

Vice-President: Mike O'Rourke—406 452-0298

Secretary: Sandra Guynn—406 836-7081

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: Dan Weigand—406 581-5305

Vice-President: Bob Flick—406 932-5380

Sec./Treas: Doug Harrison—406 586-8842

Sgt. At Arms: Dave Ripplinger—406 763-4270

Director: Carl Robertson—406 599-5391

Director: Gregory Tolar—406 360-5953

District 4:

President: Rick Montgomery—406 381-4363

Vice-President: Michael Shine—406 363-3831

Sec./Treas: Hayes Otoupalik—406 549-4817

Director: Steve Montgomery—406 961-4540

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Minutes BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING July 30, 2022—Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, 6:30 p.m.

Officers present: President Rick Montgomery and Vice-president and a director of District 1, Ed Spragg. **Directors present:** John Shevlin, Scott Cloninger, Dennis Gulbranson, Carl Robertson, Gregory Tolar, Steve Montgomery and Hayes Otoupalik. No directors were absent.

Rick called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the March 12, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Sandra presented the income and expense report. The ending balance as of July 31, 2022 was \$26,375.70. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Show insurance quote from Lockton Affinity:** After discussion, motion was made and seconded that Rick will contact all of the show chairpersons that have been affiliated with WCSM – past and present – and inquire if they would be interested in coverage. Motion passed unanimously.
- **2023 show calendar** – Motion was made and seconded to distribute a 2023 calendar of ALL Montana shows. Vote was 4-4. As the president, Rick was the tie-breaking vote and voted nay to defeat the motion.
- **2023 ballot:** Individual motions were made and seconded to nominate the following members to the 2023 state board for a term of two years:
 President (2nd term) – Rick Montgomery. Motion passed 7-0 with Steve abstaining.
 Vice-president (2nd term) – Ed Spragg. Motion passed unanimously.
 Sergeant-at-Arms (1st term), (state board of directors' meetings only) – Sandra Guynn. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Displays: Present and future** - After discussion, motion was made and seconded that WCSM will sponsor up to three display tables at present and future shows. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Displays: July 8-10, 2022 Bozeman show:** Motion was made and seconded to reimburse District 3 for three display tables at this show. Motion passed unanimously.

District Reports:

- #1 – John reported the club did not meet in July. A group in Conrad is still discussing holding a 2023 show there either the weekend of June 17-19 or June 24-26. The group is insured and would also man the show. WCSM members could attend for free.
- #2 – no report.
- #3 – Carl reported the display winners at the July Bozeman show and that the club continues to donate to worthy area non-profits.
- #4 - Hayes reported they had 22 members at their July meeting. Meetings consist of a no-host dinner, business, and show and tell, which usually also includes a history lesson.

Other Business: None. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Guynn, Secretary

RIP
Aaron "Duke" Pursley
 1935-2022

Long time WCSM charter member Aaron "Duke" Pursley passed away on May 11, 2022 at the Big Sandy Medical Center of natural causes. According to his obituary, in 1975 he began creating custom knives, and in 1986 he reached Master Engraver recognition from the Firearms Engravers Guild of America. In 1996 he joined with his longtime friend Ron Otto and created Little Sharps Rifle Company. In 2017 he was inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. WCSM extends our condolences to his family and many friends. His obituary can be read here: <https://www.bentonfh.com/obituary/aaron-duke-pursley> May he rest in peace.

RIP
Adam Carroll
 1939-2022

WCSM extends our condolences to the family and friends of long time District 1 member, Adam Carroll, who passed away the morning of July 21. Adam always enjoyed getting together with members of District 1 after the Spring and Fall shoots for a good meal and conversation. May he rest in peace.

RIP
Glen Mattox
 1944-2022

WCSM extends our condolences to the family and friends of WCSM charter member, Glen Mattox. Glen passed away on August 5, after sustaining injuries in a single vehicle accident on his way to the Missoula show on July 28. According to his obituary, Glen's passion for collecting led him to create Antique Gun Shoppe in Post Falls, ID. Glen was nationally recognized as an expert in antique arms and military and Native American artifacts. According to his friend, Hayes Otoupalik, this would have been Glen's 57th consecutive year at the Missoula show. His obituary can be read here—<https://www.englishfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/glen-mattox-jr> May he rest in peace.