

# American Artillery Association

## Winter/Spring 2010/2011 Newsletter

### **Letter from the Prez**

Hi! Been a slow year for me as far as powder burning. Don't know whether it's lackoenergy, lackostrength, or lackamoola... maybe just lacka.

Didn't make it to Fall N-SSA nationals in Virginia. Was just as well with deluge and flooding we had here in NY.. Ain't no fun on the farm with no power. Can't tend horses without a radio for company.

Anyway, maybe it's the times or our age, but this year was a little disappointing as to turnout. What can we do? Certainly have thought about it a bunch. A person at the Westerlo meeting had a novel thought...Maybe we need to make it more interesting and more fun. Maybe we are just in a rut! Need to try new things: different location, different targets, mix it up. I dunno, but burning shiza houses was indeed fun.... maybe add a little Artillery Punch for after event celebrations! Ken

### **FALL MEETING 9/2010**

Elections were held at the Fall Meeting in Westerlo NY.. The election results are :

President	Ken Kurdt
Vice President	Carl Gibbs
Sec/Trea.	Jim Klaneski
Safety Officers	
Mortar	Ron Shaner Jim Klaneski
Cannon	Reg Harrison Ed Moore
Membership	Tom Angels
Web Master	Ed Moore
Newsletter Ed.	Chris Wilkinson Louise Wilkinson

### **2011 Calendar**

**June 18, 2011 Cornwall**

**Bridge CT/ JoeMarchetti's  
& 1st. Battery Mortar  
Shoot**

**July 16&17, 2011 Westerlo**

**28th B&K Cannon/mortar**

**Aug. 20, 2011 Plymouth CT**

**Malley's Mortar Shoot**

**Sept.10&11, 2011 Saratoga NY**

**AAA Nationals Cannon/  
Mortar Shoot**

TENTATIVE:

**Sept. 24&25, 2011 Historical**

**Weekend & POT LUCK**

**Uniforms & presentations  
appreciated. Blank firing!**

## Many Thanks!

It has been our pleasure to shoot both cannons and mortars twice a year at Chicopee Sportsmen's Club in Mass.. Our sponsor with the club and our event host was Carl Gibbs. Things have changed for Carl and though he continues on as VP and active member, he can no longer organize the Chicopee Shoots and the "famous" Pot Luck supper.

We appreciate Carl's efforts for lo these many years. We Thank Carl and his entire family for presenting the club with such a wealth of good memories. God Bless You, Carl.

## DUES NEWS.....

A discussion of our dues policy was taken up at the December meeting. Dues will continue to be \$20.00 per person. Dues will be payable by mail and at all shoots.

The fiscal year will run from Jan. 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Dues for the 2011 season are payable between *Jan.1, 2011 and January 31, 2011*. If you do not remit your dues before the dead line a *late fee of \$5* will be expected with payment.

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All crew chiefs, please inform your crew members, especially those without e-mail (we have a few) and retired or auxillary members about dues remittance.

Forms for submitting dues are at the end of this newsletter.

## Fall Nationals/Saratoga NY

After a long and informative discussion of the pros and cons, it has been decided to move the Fall Nationals to Saratoga NY.

We have all been looking for something to add a fresh look to our shoots. Hopefully this is it.

Moving to the Saratoga NY Gun Range provides us with a much more luxurious camping experience. "Chuck Wagon" is available for hot breakfast. Hot showers and indoor facilities to use as needed.

The range will be ours to use for both cannon and mortar events. Our safety officers will be in charge of all aspects of the shoots. They will call the opening and closing of the ranges, and monitor for observance of all safety regulations.

All crew chiefs will attend a pre-shoot meeting. Gunners need to be using a leather thumbstall, and other crew members serving the piece should be wearing leather gloves. All limber chests and ammo-boxes will be at least 10 feet behind the gun. Let's impress the hell out of them.

Looking forward to a great event, no farther away than the old one.

## WEBSITE

Please check our AAA website for directions, revised schedule, updates on events, and links to other sites.

## **NO Work Party !!!!**

Reg Harrison has inventoried our present stock of targets and advised us as to the type and number of targets available for this season. It appears that the last work party was extremely successful and the loft of Reg's barn is full. No reason to paste more targets this season. Ken is turning over his "special" targets to Reg, and all targets will be stored in one place. At this time, Reg will transport needed targets to all cannon shoots

## **Anniversary Presentation**

Ken Kurdt has received an invitation for AAA members to participate in the Anniversary Celebration of the Parrott Foundry at Cold Springs, NY. They are especially interested in having several Parrotts on the firing line during the ceremonies.

The date of the event is in flux, but most likely will be in April.

A 4th of July event is also in the discussion phase.

## **Westerlo Shoot**

**The AAA membership, lead by Ed Moore will assume the responsibilities of hosting the Bernie & Ken July Extravaganza at Westerlo.**

**You, as a participant, will become more independent. Water supplies, target frames, and paper for the "facilities" will be your individual responsibility.**

**This allows the organizers to focus on the necessities vital to a successful shoot. Let's all give this new format all the co-operation possible.**

**So glad the shoot will remain a part of the AAA schedule.**

## **ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Annual Meeting and election of officers will continue to be a part of the Fall Nationals schedule.

## **WINTER MEETING:**

The Winter Meeting will be scheduled at the convenience of our President.

## **CHANGES.....**

Most of our scheduled events will be one day shoots or demonstrations. For many, many reasons, people can no longer spend two or three days at a site. Everyone seems to be adjusting to the new routine, some were a little surprised at first when there was no overnight, but....life goes on.

The EXCEPTION to this new schedule are the Westerlo and Saratoga NY shoots. They will remain 2 or 3 day events, depending upon your arrival or departure time.

Perhaps this will increase the attendance we have been fretting over. Less time, more participants.

*This will be the last AAA newsletter. It was agreed at the Winter Meeting that the newsletter will be discontinued, as information published is often already available to members through other sources. Our Sec./Trea. will be sending summaries and notices on an as needed basis.*

*It has been our pleasure to be the editors of the newsletter.*

*Chris & Louise Wilkinson*

*Jan. 7, 2011*

AMERICAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION  
2011 Dues Notice

*Please* forward \$20.00 per person

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DUES must be received before Jan.31, 2010. If you miss the deadline, please add \$5.00 late fee for a total of \$25.00 per person.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS will be sent to those members that enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope (SSAE).

Thank You!!!! Enjoy the Winter, cast lots of projectiles, pack those powder patties and join us in the spring for more fun!!!