

The R3MC

RRRMC, West Fargo, ND

Date April 2019

April Volunteer of the Month

Kevin Benson



For the month of April, we have our very own Kevin Benson as Volunteer of the Month. Kevin's picture was taken when he was doing a mission trip in Haiti, but before we get into that exciting adventure, let's find out more about Kevin outside of Haiti.

Kevin has been shooting for over 52 years. Kevin is not only a volunteer, but he is a member of our Board of Directors. Kevin spends his time equally in both the pistol and rifle ranges when volunteering as an RSO (Range Safety Officer). He also works on special maintenance projects throughout the year to keep the range running in tip top shape.

I asked Kevin what his favorite gun was, and I got a unique answer! He stated that it changes. The newest gun he gets is usually his favorite. Kevin has been volunteering since 2011, when he got his RSO certification. Outside of the range and his regular job duties, Kevin enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and vacationing.

Thank you, Kevin, for all you do for the Range.



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Message from the board

You will notice a couple changes with the Board of Directors. Pat Gores has stepped down from the Board as he is moving. He and his wife have decided to move to be closer to their children. Gary Larson has also left.

The Board met and voted to replace them with the other 2 members who had ran for the Board last year. Lori Wertz and Paul Young have both agreed to join and will begin their duties immediately.

Welcome both Paul and Lori to their new roles on the board.



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Haiti Eye Mission**Kevin Benson**

I went to Haiti along with 28 other volunteers. This was something that I've wanted to do for the last couple of years and being "semi-retired" this year, finally had the opportunity to participate. The **Haiti Eye Mission** consisted of five surgeons, three optometrists, their assistants and additional support team members. This year the Mission purchased as "MOSH" tent – Mobile Ophthalmologic Surgical Hospital (think about the MASH TV series). I was one of three people sent to Haiti two days earlier than the rest of the team. We were responsible for getting the tent set up as another surgical room with electricity, lights, air conditioning, etc. We also unpacked as much of the supplies as we could so that when the rest of the team arrived, they could start the "triage" process right away.

This experience was eye-opening. A converted DC-3 military plane operated by Missionary Flights International flew us from Fort Pierce, Florida to Pignon, Haiti, landing on a grass air strip near the compound. We unloaded the cargo in the field and the plane left. It was surreal standing in the middle of a field, watching the plane leave!

Over the course of the next six days, the team saw over 1,200 patients and performed more than 150 surgeries consisting of cataracts surgeries, three corneal transplants and a glaucoma surgery. News of the mission's arrival traveled quickly, and people came from miles away using whatever transportation was available. The Haitian population has a genetic history of cataracts, affecting all ages. Most of the people the surgeons worked on have been blind for years and can't afford care from the limited number of eye surgeons in the country. The average annual income for residents of Pignon is about \$200.

One of the most touching was an 18-month old who had been born with cataracts and blind since birth. His mother spent 5 hours on the back of a motorbike, and all her money for gas, hoping her son could be helped. I wasn't there when the bandages were taken off, but I heard the toddler just looked all around, eyes filled with wonder.

Because of the political unrest and the protests going on in Port-au-Prince, there was a shortage of gas used for the generators. We were able to use the hospital's power from about 10:00 until 4:00 and then had to transfer power to their generators. We also used our generators from about 7:00 a.m. until the hospital turned on their power. I was kept busy transferring power back and forth. I also was responsible for obtaining gas through the black market – the going rate was just over \$9 a gallon.

It was hard to get a good night's sleep – the roosters started crowing about 2-3 a.m. and never quit. I have lots of pictures on my phone and will be happy to tell you about my experience, their living conditions, power issues, what they used for a kitchen or bathroom, etc. Really sad conditions.





Calendar of Events

Mondays from 6-8p – Intro to Trap and Intro to Air Pistol

9th- 2p-10p – Scheels Demo Night

12th – 6-8p – Ladies Night – Last one of the season

14 – Basic Pistol Class

20th – Hunters Education – Testing

26th – 9a-4p – BIT Jere Hilland
7p-9p – End of Season Potluck for Winter Handgun league

27th – 9a-9p – PIC Jere Hilland

28th – 9a-7p – CRSO Jere Hilland

Trap Season

Trap season is upon us and I don't know about you, but my trigger finger is getting a bit itchy. If you would like to shoot under the RRRMC we have the forms here at the range. We will be turning them in on May 8th at the Team Meeting in Horace. Here is some of the information for everyone and we hope to see a lot more teams this year!

- Team Representative Meeting May 8th – 7p
- Summer League: May 12th – August 18th (14 weeks)
- League Appreciation: August 28th
- Entry fees are due 1 week prior to 1st week of shooting
- Sponsor fee is \$75 per team – this needs to be paid in full, with team registration
- The per person fee for trap, skeet and 5-stand shooters is \$100
- Trap team consists of a minimum of 5 shooters to a maximum of 8
- Skeet team consists of a minimum of 4 shooters to a maximum of 6
- 5-stand consists of a minimum of 3 shooters to a maximum of 5.

For more information you can visit The Shooting Parks website. Remember, this is a fun way to get together with friends and family, you don't have to be an expert as we have shooters than have never shot before to those who have been shooting years!

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Have you shot at our rifle range?



As with any indoor range, ours can be very loud. We're trying to do something about that. There's a fund-raiser going on now to help raise the \$3500 needed to put in additional insulation in the lanes. If you're interested in contributing to the cause, please either call or stop by the range and make your donation. Make sure you tell them it's for the Sound Abatement Project.

We appreciate your support!