



February 13, 2017

We extend a hearty welcome to new Full members Eric Fadale, Troy Wagner, Scott Nidiffer, Marc Hensens, Kevin Heeter, Ron Thomas, and Betty Dunn. We extend a welcome to our new Shooters and Associate members as well.

Thank you, as always, to all of those members and volunteers that help throughout the year with our Club maintenance, events, and general upkeep. Your help and support are essential to the success of our Club.

WINTER TRAP LEAGUES

Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club is currently in first place in the Penn/York Winter Trap League. Congratulations shooters; keep up the good work! All shooters are invited to shoot in the league at each club. A Trap League schedule is posted on our on-line calendar.

TRI-COUNTY WINTER SPORTING CLAYS LEAGUE

Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club is shooting very competitively in the Tri-county Winter Sporting Clays League. All shooters are invited to shoot in the league or shoot practice rounds at each club. A Sporting Clays League schedule is also posted on our on-line calendar.

TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS PRACTICE

Members and their guests are invited to come to Kalbfus on Tuesdays starting at 4:30 to shoot practice rounds of Trap or Skeet. Members and guests are also invited to shoot a practice round of Sporting Clays Thursday mornings with sign-ups in the Sporting Clays parking lot starting at 9:15.

CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

For as many years as we can recall we've had to cope with loss of gas pressure and a subsequent loss of heat in our clubhouse. Because of the loss of heat at what seems the most inopportune times, we've encountered freezing temperatures in our houses, frozen and, occasionally, burst pipes and the expense of repairs to damaged pipes, fixtures, and/or appliances.

We've taken preventative measures to maximize the efficiency of our natural gas system, but we also recognize that we need a reliable back-up heating system. We've settled on what we believe is an efficient and cost effective solution to our heating dilemma. We've purchased ceiling-mount electric heaters programmed to turn on when a threshold low temperature is reached. We've also installed an alert system that automatically calls programmed Board of Directors' phone numbers in the event that the temperature drops to the preset threshold level so that action can be taken to resolve any heating problems.

KALBFUS ROD AND GUN CLUB ON-LINE

Please take the time to visit our website at www.kalbfusrodandgun.com. We provide comprehensive information about Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club including: Events, Calendar, Leagues, Membership,

Club History, and Contact Information. If any member has questions about our website, please contact our webmaster at ed.mccullough@kalbfusrodandgun.com.

SECURING THE PREMISES AFTER USE

Members that use the clubhouse or the range house are reminded to ensure that lights and appliances are turned off and that the doors in our buildings are securely closed and locked. When a member is the last to leave the grounds please ensure that the gate is locked.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 2017 for all of our members were due by December 1, 2016. Combinations for our gate and range house locks and club house keypad have been changed.

If you have not renewed your membership, please contact our treasurer, Chuck Travis. If you've paid ahead, or you've paid your dues and not received your new membership card and the new combinations, please contact Chuck for a new membership card and the new lock combinations.

Members whose fees are delinquent for two years will be allocated to an Inactive list and be removed from our mailing list.

MEETINGS

We conduct our general membership meetings on the third Thursday of every month and convene at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing our members at our meetings; your input is very important to the well-being of our Club. We hope you'll find the time to come to our meetings to socialize with our membership and enjoy our after-meeting meals.

POLICING OUR FACILITIES

If you witness abuse or misuse on any of our shooting venues or our facilities, please advise any Board member as soon as possible with as much information about the incident and persons involved that you can gather. We will do what we can to rectify the situation through whatever means may be dictated by the offense.

RANGE SAFETY

Please practice range and firearms safety. Be aware of what's downrange, keep firearms unloaded when you're not on the firing line, and ensure that firearms are broken open or that chambers are open when you are not shooting at a target.

KALBFUS APPAREL

We will be submitting an order for Kalbfus apparel including hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and zip-hoodies. Our order form is included with this newsletter. Orders must be pre-paid and submitted no later than our membership meeting on March, 16.

POINT OF IMPACT

The following articles about our namesake, Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, are reprinted from *Steppin' Out in Kinzua Country* magazine May and June 2014 publications. Some graphic liberties have been taken because the pictures in the copy of the original articles were indistinguishable. The pictures from www.collectorsweekly.com of the Dodge Touring Automobile and the locomotive engine from www.catskillarchive.com are representative of the vehicles in use circa 1919.

Point of Impact

By Scott Canfield

Author's note: Ever since I had heard about the car and train collision that took Dr. Joseph Kalbfus' life I had to look into this to see just how this could have happened. I don't believe anyone in present times has looked at it to the depth that I have.

The clock neared 12:15 on that sunny Sunday, August 10, 1919 as the soft-top touring Dodge Automobile neared the Saybrook Crossing.

"C'mon Joe, it's Sunday and I'm tired. Can't we go back into Warren and call it a day?" inquired E. W. Kelly.

"Hang with me, Woody. It's just up ahead. I know it is." Joe Kalbfus replied. Kelly capitulated. "OK. But only if it doesn't take much longer."

These words may have been similar to the last conversation spoken by the two men.



67 year old Joseph Kalbfus, a Harrisburg resident and the first secretary of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and one of its founding fathers, and E. W. Kelly, a Dubois resident and Superintendent of the Commission were scouting game lands for future reserves. Dr. Kalbfus was a noted woodsman, lawyer, and dentist very devoted to wildlife and its preservation. In another car about 200 yards ahead was Dr. C. B. Penrose of Philadelphia and John Phillips of Pittsburgh, both Game Protectors. None of the men could foresee the horrific accident that was about to occur.

Also approaching the (Saybrook) crossing was the Pennsylvania Railroad Express train No. 3914 consisting of the engine, coach, baggage car, and caboose. The train was reputed to be maxing out at a top speed of 60 mph as it approached Dr. Kalbfus' car. Without any warning and before anyone could realize what was happening, the train slammed full on square into the Dodge Automobile. The impact was so intense according to eyewitnesses that the car was smashed into kindling, tossed up and onto the engine and carried for a distance of about 800 feet before coming to a stop. The pilot (front mounted deflecting structure) of the train was bent upward. The car ahead of Dr. Kalbfus heard and saw nothing and continued on its way.



Now just a word of caution to our readers at this point: The following newspaper and eyewitness accounts of the accident are not for the faint of heart.

A witness for the Clearfield Progress testified that he saw the train a minute or two before it crashed at the crossing. He went on to say that the train was running at a high rate of speed and easily passed him as he was driving at 45 mph. The Progress went to record the engineer's word when he stated that he never saw the car until the pilot of the engine was almost touching it!

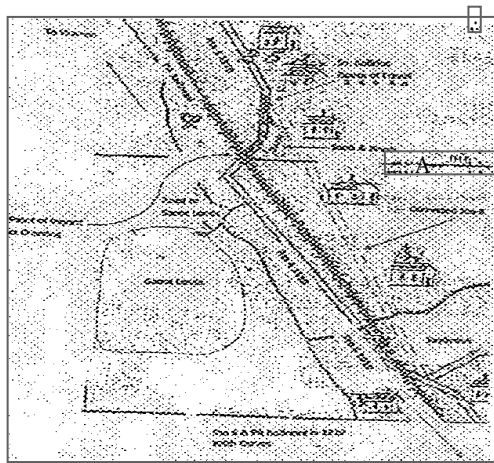
As an eyewitness, L. H. Snap of Clarendon testified for the Warren Evening Mirror that he was looking down the track toward the crossing when he heard a great crash. A huge cloud of dust arose and out of the cloud the body of a man was catapulted into the air. Then as the train emerged from the dust he could see an automobile wrapped about the front of the engine.

"The man who was ejected was obviously Dr. Kalbfus who landed to the side of the track and broke his back and legs inflicting instant death on him. I could see Mr. Kelly was pinned between the car and the engine and was badly crushed. He had many broken bones including both legs, his arm, and hand."

This second of a two part series of articles written by Scott Canfield and published in *Steppin' Out in Kinzua Country* magazine in May and June of 2014, included pictures of the crossing at which Dr. Kalbfus and Mr. Kelly had their fatal accident. Even though the pictures could not be reproduced with any recognizable clarity, the original diagram of the railway and adjacent property has been inserted into this reprint.

Point of Impact Final Thoughts By Scott Canfield

In our May issue we told the account of the car and train collision that took the life of Dr. Joseph Kalbfus and E. W. Kelly. What I wasn't able to show you in that story was a diagram of the collision site and what route 6 looked like in 1919 and the route of travel of the two men. Since that time I was able to locate an 1878 map with the help of the great people in the assessment office of the Warren County Courthouse. Many thanks go to them for their assistance.



We described the dangerous Saybrook Crossing with its bank and brush that muted the sound of the train and blocked the view of Dr. Kalbfus and the train's engineer, but a picture is worth a thousand words and the diagram below will show that point of impact and the direction the men traveled to get there and the changes made to Rt. 6 after the collision.

The Games Lands the men were seeking were situated to the Southwest of the crossing. The men were most likely traveling south on Rt. 6 from Warren in order to have to cross the tracks. In comparison to traveling north from Sheffield, they would not have had to cross the tracks to reach the Game Lands unless they were heading back to Warren after viewing the Land which

most likely would have been toward the end of the day. Given that the collision occurred at 12:15, it is more likely the men were just starting their day, consequently they were headed south from Warren. A bit of information that still eludes us is the exact year was corrected and straightened out to eliminate the train crossing. The oldest map I had, showed it was changed by 1933. Sheffield Township had a map that showed it changed by 1931. Thanks to Bruce Zeigler at the Simpler Times Museum in Tidioute, he had a map showing it changed by 1927. This takes the window down to within probably seven years when you allow for those maps being drawn up about the year previous.

The 11878 map shows the road and crossing existed at least as early as 40 years prior to the accident, but was changed most probably within seven years afterwards. Though it was a known fact that there were other accidents, no one knows for sure how many casualties there were. It is obvious that the powers to be, in the Railroad and Highway departments in 1919 knew the danger of the crossing and failed to act to save more lives.

In a final note we theorize about why the train was not heard previous to the approach of the crossing. In the May issue we told of how trains do not sound their whistles at rural crossings. We also cited the bank and brush. In addition, in order for the train to strike the car we pointed out that it had to be within 88 ft. or about five car lengths. This clearly shows that the train was already at the point of impact with Dr. Kalbfus' car. Had the train still been enroute and back any distance at all from the crossing, it's possible that the sound of the engine, the wheels on the track, and

billowing black smoke may have served as a signal to Dr. Kalbfus. With sound or view of the train or warning whatsoever, Dr. Kalbfus and Mr. Kelly never even stood a chance!

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Activity Schedule Updated February 09, 2017

Balance of FEBRUARY

Tuesday	14	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Thursday	16	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Thursday	16	Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club membership meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	19	Penn/York Winter Trap League at Kane Fish and Game Club
Sunday	19	Tri-County Sporting Clays League Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Tuesday	21	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Thursday	23	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Sunday	26	Penn/York Winter Trap League at Sugar Grove Am Vets
Sunday	26	Tri-County Sporting Clays League Bradford Gun Club
Tuesday	28	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

MARCH

Thursday	2	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Saturday	4	Hunter/Trapper Safety Education at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club Pre-registration must be completed on PG web site.
Sunday	5	Penn/York Winter Trap League at Brokenstraw Fish and Game Club
Sunday	5	Tri-County Sporting Clays League Kane Fish and Game Club
Monday	6	Scholastic trap Warren Blue Team practice
Tuesday	7	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Thursday	9	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Sunday	12	Tri-County Sporting Clays League Fox Township
Monday	13	Scholastic trap Warren Blue Team practice
Tuesday	14	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Thursday	16	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Thursday	16	Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club membership meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Monday	20	Scholastic trap Warren Blue Team practice
Tuesday	21	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Thursday	23	Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30
Saturday	25	Tri-County Sporting Clays League Banquet 4:00 at Bradford Gun Club
Monday	27	Scholastic trap Warren Blue Team practice
Tuesday	28	Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 30 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

APRIL

Saturday 1 Hunter/Trapper Safety Education at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Pre-registration must be completed on PG web site.

Monday 3 Scholastic trap **Warren Blue Team** practice

Tuesday 4 Scholastic Trap Competition: **Warren Blue** vs team and location TBA

Tuesday 4 Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 6 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

Monday 10 Scholastic trap **Warren Blue Team** practice

Tuesday 11 Scholastic Trap Competition: **Warren Blue** vs team and location TBA

Tuesday 11 Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 13 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

Saturday 15 **Fishermen's Breakfast** and **3-Bird Shoot** benefit Boy Scout Troop 9
Breakfast from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Shoot sign-up 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday 17 Scholastic trap **Warren Blue Team** practice

Tuesday 18 Scholastic Trap Competition: **Warren Blue** vs team and location TBA

Tuesday 18 Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 20 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

Thursday 20 Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club membership meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 23 Sheffield Middle/High School **Students Against Destructive Decisions**
(SADD) benefit Sporting Clays shoot: sign-up 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday 24 Scholastic trap **Warren Blue Team** practice

Tuesday 25 Scholastic Trap Competition: **Warren Blue** vs team and location TBA

Tuesday 25 Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 27 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

MAY

Monday 1 Scholastic trap **Warren Blue Team** practice

Tuesday 2 Scholastic Trap Competition: **Warren Blue** vs team and location TBA

Tuesday 2 Trap and Skeet practice at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club

Thursday 4 Open Sporting Clays practice round: sign up by 9:30

JUNE

Saturday 3 Women in the Outdoors using all of Club shooting venues all day

Monday 12 Women in the Outdoor follow up meeting 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

JULY

Saturday 1 Club reserved all day

AUGUST

Saturday 26 Hunter/Trapper Safety Education at Wiltsie Church in Russell, PA
Pre-registration must be completed on PG web site.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 16 Hunter/Trapper Safety Education at Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club
Pre-registration must be completed on PG web site.

KALBFUS ROD AND GUN CLUB
ORDER FORM FOR HATS, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND ZIP HOODIES

All items come with embroidered club logo.

Please submit your pre-paid order on or before March 16, 2017.
to Mike Fadale at 625 Griff Hill Road, Clarendon, PA 16313,
or bring your pre-paid order to our March 16, membership meeting.

***Name/phone number (required):** _____/_____

Hats: \$11.00

Solid colors:

Dark Green Quantity _____
Navy Quantity _____
Black Quantity _____
Khaki Quantity _____

Two-tone colors:

Khaki/dk green brim Quantity _____
Khaki/navy brim Quantity _____
Khaki/maroon brim Quantity _____
Khaki/black brim Quantity _____

T-shirts: \$13.50

Colors: White, Black, Khaki, Tan, Grey, Red, Dark Green

Sizes: Small	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Medium	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
X-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
XX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$2.00)
XXX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$3.00)

Sweatshirts: \$19.00

Colors: Khaki, Dark Green, Red, Grey, Charcoal

Sizes: Small	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Medium	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
X-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
XX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$2.00)
XXX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$3.00)

Zip Hoodies: \$28.00

Colors: Navy, Dark Green, Red, Grey

Sizes: Small	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Medium	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
X-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	
XX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$2.00)
XXX-Large	Quantity/color	_____ / _____	(add \$3.00)

Total this order: \$_____

Amount paid: \$_____ (Please write checks payable to **Kalbfus Rod and Gun Club**)

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