

Mountain Man Presents Alaskan Adventures



BILLY MOLLS – February 23, 2019

Northern Outdoorsmen for Christ(NOC) Wild Game Feed
Ogema Baptist Church – Doors open at 2:00 PM/Meal 5:00 PM/Billy 6:00 PM

Billy Molls, a farm boy from Wisconsin, distinctly remembers the moment he realized he wanted to live like a mountain man. “I was eight years old. It was a sunny Saturday morning in October. We had just finished milking the cows. My dad and I loaded an old row bow in the back of our farm truck. In it was a tangled mound of rusty #1½ Victor single-long spring traps and a bundle of eight-foot long alder poles to use as trap stakes,” recalls Molls, now 40. “We drove two miles to Lightning Creek. The oars squeaked as my father rowed against the sluggish current. As soon as we lost sight of the road all evidence of man disappeared; something sparked inside me. Right there, my passion for adventure in the wilderness was born.”

Three decades later, Billy is one of the most recognized big game hunting guides in Alaska. He is also an author, freelance outdoor writer, public speaker, and outdoor video producer. With 16 DVDs in his *Modern Day Mountain Man* series, Molls focuses his productions on the viewer/reader. “My goal is to show those who have never experienced Alaska’s pristine wilderness what it is truly like, and also bring people back to their own personal experiences in nature.”

For the past 20 years this “Modern Day Mountain Man” has spent at least 100 days of each year living out of a tent in various regions of the Last Frontier guiding hunters from all corners of the globe in pursuit of brown bear, grizzly bear, Dall sheep, moose, caribou, and wolf. The father of three daughters credits the eight years of his life he has lived out of a tent in the wilderness for making him a better husband and dad. “Before I was married, I lived as many as 240 days of the year in tent. Solitude, sacrifice, successes and failures that come inherently in wild places have taught me what is most important in my life. When you spend so much time immersed in nature with just the bare essentials of existence, you tend to better understand and appreciate the most basic blessings in all aspects of life.”

One of Molls' most recent expeditions was plagued adversity. "From start to finish it was cold and wet," Molls recalled. "Putting on the same wet socks is normal, but when your boots are frozen solid every morning for a couple weeks straight, it starts to wear on a guy."

Not only does wet weather and cold temperatures make life uncomfortable in the wilderness, but it makes a guide's job much more difficult: Small streams turn into raging, un-crossable torrents, fog lasts for days at a time, which makes it impossible for the bush pilots to fly in and out, and it is much more difficult to find game. "After hiking nearly 90 miles, my first Dall sheep hunter and I never did see a mature ram. It took another 80 miles with my next client to harvest a trophy ram. After working that hard and eating almost nothing except freeze-dried food, I had lost about 15 pounds. I couldn't wait to cook some sheep meat over a fire. We didn't get back to camp 'til dark, so we planned to have a feast the next morning. When I woke I slid my bare feet into my frozen boots and climbed out of my tent only to find a grizzly bear running away with a meat-filled game bag bouncing from his mouth! We tracked him like starved hound dogs until he dropped the bag, but not before he ate the tenderloins and most of one hindquarter."

The seasoned guide went on to say that the bear came back and circled his camp relentlessly. "It was cold and there was a couple inches of snow on the ground. Winter was coming, and that bear knew it. Once he got a taste of that meat he wasn't going to leave us alone. You couldn't blame him, but it wasn't a good situation for any of us. Luckily it was flyable. Between firing shots over the bears head, I called the pilots on my satellite phone. After an intense half-hour standoff, the bear ran into the bushes as the Super Cubs landed. Before we could load our gear in the planes, the bear came right back to claim the meat. We hurried to pack everything up and hop in the planes. The grizzly just stood there and watched us as we flew away."

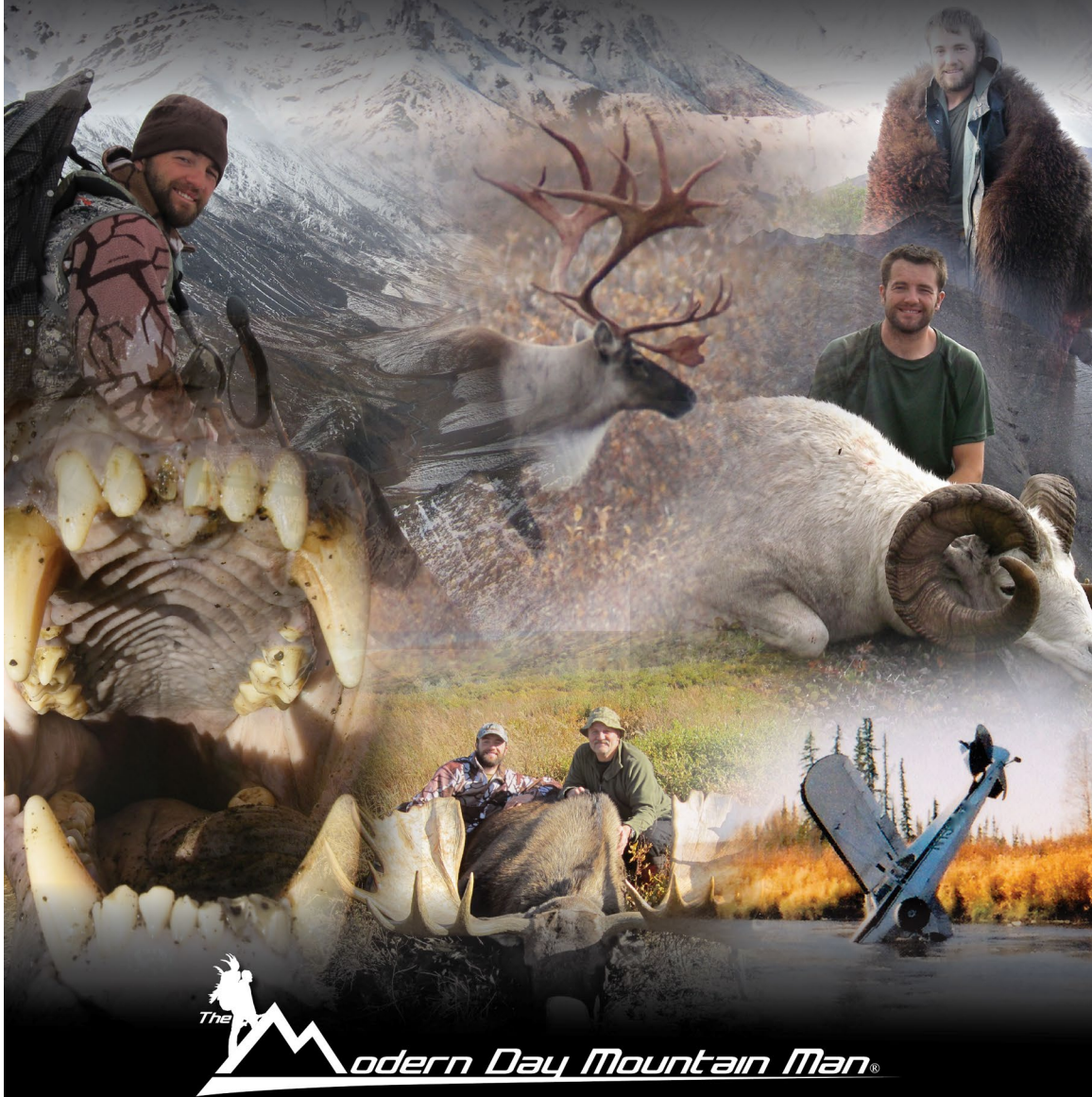
Billy will be sharing many other riveting stories Feb 23, 2019 in Ogema, WI. This event is sponsored by the **Northern Outdoorsmen for Christ(NOC)** and will be held at the Ogema Baptist Church. Doors open at 2:00 PM, the Wild Game Feed meal begins at 5:00 PM and come listen to Billy at 6:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken. Hunters and non-hunters of all ages are sure to enjoy Billy's pictures, videos, and tales of charging grizzlies, airplane crashes, as well as his personal journey in the land that every outdoorsman dreams of.

For more information about the event contact ***Tony at 715-820-2214***. For more information about Billy Molls go to www.billymollasadventures.com

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