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HELL ON WHEELS SASS High Plains Regional

2011

By Hawkeye Sam, SASS Life Regulator #20180

Cheyenne, WY – Here it is again 4th of July weekend of 2011 and in Cheyenne, Wyoming that means the fireworks are taking place just west of town on the Cheyenne Regulators' King Ranch shooting range. This is where the SASS High Plains Regional Championship is taking place, known as Hell on Wheels (HOW). This name for the match has been carried over from the early days of Cheyenne's history as a boomtown sprung up along the tracks of the railroad being built to link our vast nation. Picture the Plains Indians roaming freely across the landscape, following the buffalo herds, then the Mountain Men followed by buffalo hunters, ranchers, cowboys, US Cavalry, and the cross roads for the railroads.

If you could look back to the "Who's Who" that has passed through this area, it's staggering—



Excellent stages, beautiful props, and a well-organized effort characterized this year's Hell on Wheels. In addition to evening activities on the Range and in Cheyenne, there are numerous possibilities for historical sleuthing in this crossroads of the West. It's always interesting to trace Tom Horn's adventures ... and decide if he was really guilty of the crime for which he was hung!

Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok (arrested for loitering on the way to Deadwood), Tom Horn, Calamity Jane, Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and many, many more. What

footsteps to follow in! Then to top it all off, Cheyenne is the home of the Grand Daddy of all rodeos known as Cheyenne Frontier Days, this year being the 115th!

Now that we have your atten-

tion, let's look at what happens here around the 4th of July every year. Hell-on-Wheels is now 15 years old. This year the sixth person to be Match Director took the reins for HOW and put together a team for this great SASS match. Each time a new Match Director takes over, that person assigns committees setting the goals for the upcoming shoot. This year that would be Red River Wrangler, SASS Life #52503. Right out of the chute his aim was to make the match all about the shooters. He put together a team of folks to do just that. He called on Colorado Half Breed, SASS Life #37880, to create stages for this year's match that would capture the shooter's imagination and challenge their shooting skills. This young man is amazing with the different and new scenarios he comes up with, yet keeps them fun and, in most cases, procedural free. He has been writing and setting up the stages for his home club, Pawnee Station in Northern Colorado, for the last several years with great success.

Captain Jack Storm, SASS #68631, was corralled next and asked to take on the task of making the stages look like you were in the Old West of the 1880s. This was a challenge Captain Jack took on with pleasure and gusto. He and his crew of ranch hands dug right in and with hard work, skill, and a seemingly unlimited imagination, converted the stage scenar-

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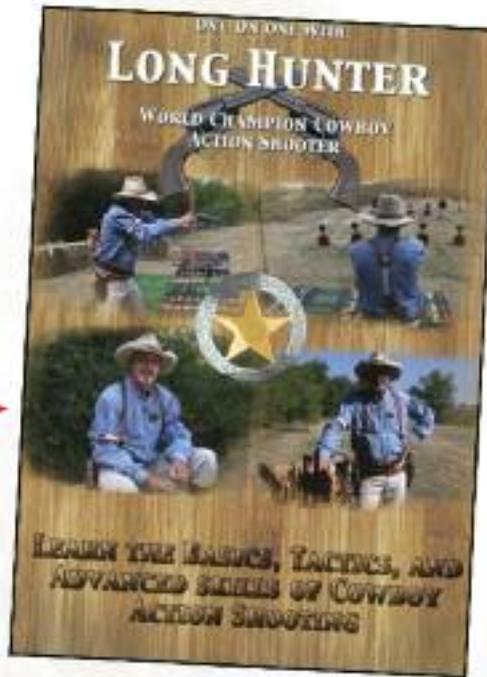
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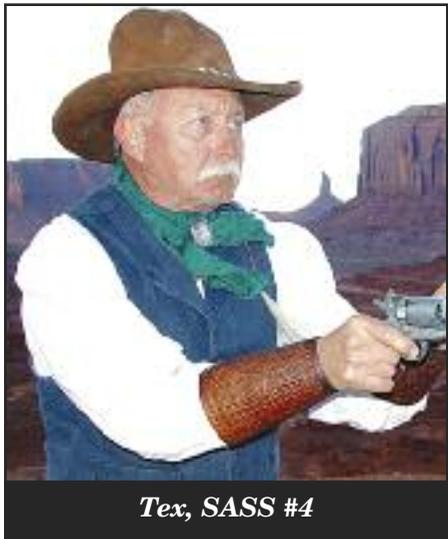
Raffle tickets are available for \$20 each on the SASS web site <http://www.sassnet.com/chapel/index.php>.

Singin' Sue (left) has arranged to have the RV (stocked with everything but food) delivered to Founders Ranch and picked up again after the event. Cutoff for ticket sales is 1 May, and the drawing will be shortly thereafter ... in time to make alternate arrangements if you're not the lucky winner!

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Tex, SASS #4

OUR CHAMPIONS DESERVE THE RESPECT THEY'VE EARNED!

By Tex, SASS #4

has always acknowledged Cowboy Action is a competition, we have gone to great lengths to highlight the fact it is also a fun event. It is our champions that give the sport credibility, but it is the family entertainment where young and old can play out their childhood fantasies in a non-threatening environment that attracts new members—and we are, after all, a membership organization. Member's annual dues are what pay the bills. It's clear, however, SASS has allowed the scales to tip too far in the "just for fun" direction ... our cowboy champions deserve the respect they've earned!

What follows is a lightly edited version of Lead Dispencer's

comments ...

"There have been periods of my involvement when I was proud to be a Cowboy Action Shooter, but not proud to be a SASS Member. As a past champion of the sport, I often felt SASS was more embarrassed of me being a younger, "faster" member, which if marketed would have attracted a whole new demographic to the sport. Instead, SASS was not very supportive of my accomplishments—in SASS, for SASS, and for Cowboy Action Shooting™ as a whole. I made offers to help market the sport, but apparently I was seen as more of a hindrance in what they were trying to portray than an asset. I know Bud, Shalako, Chuck-

walla, Holy Terror, and a dozen more before and after me experienced the same thing.

Today I'm pleased to say I'm proud to be a SASS member. I recently returned from the SHOT Show in Las Vegas where we did a bit of marketing for the sport. This went very well, and SASS, in my opinion, is finally showing the shooting populace what this sport is really all about. Our champions can compete with those of any other shooting sport. We have more active participants in Cowboy Action than exists in most other shooting sports, and we are certainly the most politically correct. We have more fun than any other shooting sport, we have more members, we shoot more interesting scenarios and guns, we have the best ranges and the best Saturday night parties—and fi-

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Misty Moonshine, Hipshot, The Judge, Kate, Tex, and the rest of the “Bunch” have turned around what the other shooting sports think of us, and this will in turn benefit current and future SASS members. We, as a sport, are finally getting the respect and exposure we deserve, and soon when someone realizes I’m a Cowboy Action Shooter, they won’t just say, “Oh, you dress up like a cowboy and shoot on weekends.” They will say, “Wow, that looks like a challenging hoot, the people look great, and where can I give it a try?”

Nothing happens over night, but the sport is heading in a good direction with great folks at the helm, and with a little patience, you will see a tremendous turn-around.

To help clarify “The Plan,” my understanding is SASS is focused on promoting the sport as it actually is and not continuing to reinforce the present impression the public has of us.

When I tell people I’m a Cowboy Action Shooter, they don’t understand we actually keep score, and it’s a competition. They think we’re either Western Reenactors or we shoot blanks, one at a time, like quick draw. This is because the competitive side of the sport has always been downplayed. It has been a “dirty little secret” we’re actually competing. I’ve spoken with world champions of other shooting sports, and they are surprised to hear we practice, keep track of our progress, modify our equipment, and work incredibly hard to win!

Much of this may have been how the sport actually was in the very early days; we’ve just never shaken off the impression.

This is what the rest of the shooting world needs to know about us, because it’s all true!

- No matter what level, we are *all* always trying to hit more targets, and do it faster, every month.
- Whether against ourselves, our buddies, or everyone at the match, we are all competing.
- We probably have the hottest contested championships of any other sport. At END of TRAIL or Winter Range, any one of some

two-dozen people is capable of winning overall.

- Our best can shoot their single actions faster than others can shoot their semi-auto pistols or double actions. I’d put Deuce Stevens up against Jerry Mucilek any day, even with his guns, or anyone with a Glock.
- While 10 years ago there was maybe one person under 30 in the END of TRAIL Top 20, now there might be one person *over* 30! (... maybe a bit of an exaggeration, but close!)
- Our matches have a higher attendance than just about any other ... few shooting sports, if any, can boast the attendance and frequency of our championships. (Check out END of TRAIL attendance, and how fast did Winter Range and Bordertown sell out?)
- There are SASS clubs in every state and dozens of countries around the world.
- While we are all competing, we are all doing it with our friends and with smiles on our faces. And, come Saturday night, no matter how we shot, we all are happy just eating a good meal and shooting the bull with our buddies or going to a blockbuster party in the big tent.
- No matter who you are, if another cowboy needs something, we step up. We can all borrow whatever we need, even on the line and from our closest competitor. This is what cowboys do!

These are all facts, and are all surprises to anyone not in our sport. I’ve never cared much about what the other shooting sports think of us, but it would be nice to get some respect outside our own sport ... if for no other reason, to give the Wild Bunch some credit for what they have created. Think about it—this sport has gone from a few guys shooting a couple times a year with one gun, no real boots, and a crappy hat to tens of thousands of active monthly members, fully decked out, shooting four of the hundreds of thousands of guns produced or imported to serve the sport, dedicated TV shows, and sold out championships ... is this a great sport, or what?”

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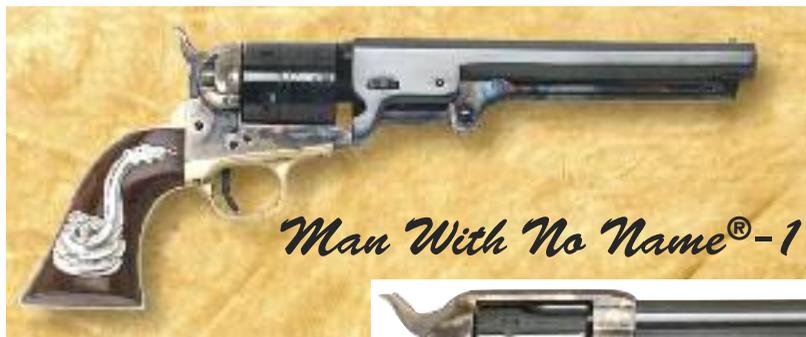


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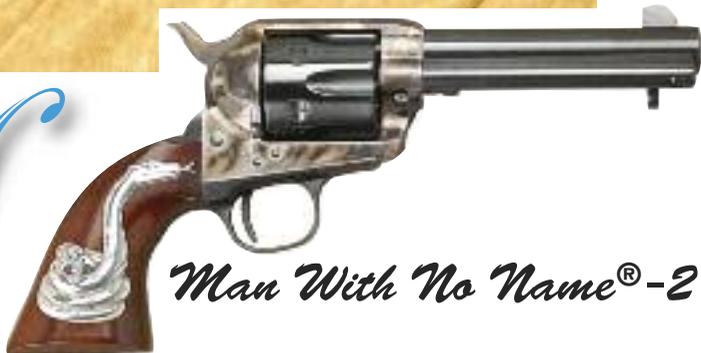


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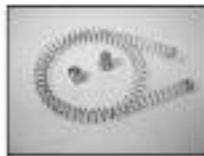
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To date, the Silver Screen Legend project has raised more than \$1,500,000.00 for abused children. It is truly a unique case of guns doing good things for kids. The Happy Trails Children's Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3). The kids at the Cooper Home for abused children offer a huge THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets for Silver Screen Legend XIV. Your support is sincerely appreciated!

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*By Fancy Free, SASS Life/Regulator #23612
Waddie Ramrod*

What is a Waddie?

Waddies are the help ranchers would hire when they needed extra hands for big events, such as roundups, trail drives, or fiestas. They were today's temps. Their pay was a dollar a day and found (food and a place to throw their bedroll).

Work is what Waddies do at END of TRAIL—everything from parking, running the Tea Tent, getting water to the range, setting up for seminars, entertainment, and

parties, to putting up banners, and even taking out the trash. There is a job for everyone. If it needs to be done, a Waddie will do it!

However, it isn't ALL work; we have fun, too. We can attend all the END of TRAIL events, and be a part of putting on the greatest shooting event in the WORLD. Some of us have been coming for over 12 years.

What do you get for being a Waddie? You will receive a dollar

for each day worked during END of TRAIL, a camping spot, and a parking pass. Plus, you will receive an END of TRAIL mug, a collector's pin, and a chance for some really neat prizes, including guns! All we ask is you sign up for a minimum of at least a 5 1/2 hour shift for 3 days. You must work at least four hours to receive breakfast and lunch, and for eight hours, you will also get dinner.

If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, go to [www.sassnet.com/END of TRAIL](http://www.sassnet.com/END_of_TRAIL) and look for the Waddie sign up. You must sign up before END of TRAIL so we can have your badge made, as all Waddies must wear a badge.

Come early to help set up or stay an extra day to help tear down. ALL help is greatly appreciated. 🐾

How To Handle Your Guns When Traveling To A Cowboy Action Shooting™ Match In Austria

By Wyatt H. Ristl, SASS Life #5132, TG

The simplest way is to leave your guns at home! Bring your leather, and we will supply the guns and ammo needed for the event. Not having to worry with your firearms makes it easier for you to do some touring following the shooting match!

When you sign up for a match in Austria, you will receive a notarized invitation letter from the host club. If you decide to bring your own guns, you'll need this letter when going through customs.

If you choose to bring your long guns (rifle and shotgun) to Austria, there is no need for any special permits. However, Model '97 shotguns are strictly forbidden in Austria. Of course, you will need a hard-sided gun case that can be securely locked for transport and

for security.

Bringing handguns to Austria is another matter. There are two ways to do it.

First – You can identify an Austrian citizen who has a gun-owner permit. This person can then act as a trustee for you. He will receive your handguns at the airport customs office and will hold them in safe keeping until you leave the country. He will make the firearms available to you at the range for use in the match.

Second – Contact an Austrian Embassy or Consulate in the US and take your invitation letter along. They can issue a temporary gun-owner permit for your handguns. It's good for three months. This permit is described in the Austrian Gun Laws, Paragraph 39, Section 2. You'll need to be able to supply the following information: model/type of handgun, serial

number, and caliber. By the way, the Model '87 shotgun is considered a handgun and must be included if you're bringing it along.

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Don't even consider bringing ammo to Austria. Factory Cowboy ammo is readily available in .38 Special, .357 Magnum, .44-40, and .45 LC.

For US citizens taking guns out of the US ... it is important to go to a local customs office in the US and register every firearm leaving the country. This paperwork makes all the difference in getting your guns back into the US!

If you have any questions or need any special assistance, please send an e-mail to: office@sass-austria.at 🐾

Waddies for END of TRAIL

The life-blood of any major Cowboy Action event is the waddies—the volunteers who donate their time and energy to hosting and producing the event. None of the matches can afford to pay for the efforts to build props, set up the range, plan the event, design and RO the courses of fire, set up the venue and tear it down afterwards, do the score keeping, police the grounds, or acquire and distribute

the awards ... every single activity associated with a major event is manned by volunteers. Without the support of these dedicated individuals the cost of participating would be more than any of us wish to think about! END of TRAIL needs waddies ... we need YOU!

Of course, anyone who can possibly participate as a competitor should do so ... but if, for any reason, you choose to not compete, please consider being a wad-

die. There is a camaraderie among the waddies just as there is among the competitors ... and END of TRAIL each year finds a way to recognize the waddies—there's the standard "dollar a day and found," souvenirs, admission to most all the activities and events, and sometimes even a drawing for nice prizes.

If you can help in any way ... starting right now, during the event itself, or immediately after the competition, please call the SASS office and get on their list. It's truly appreciated! 🐾

CORRECTION

In the editorial last month reference was made to the SASS Nationals in Sparta, IL ... clearly the reference should have been to the US Open in Sparta, IL. Sorry for any confusion! 🐾





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Cat's Corner



Cat Ballou, SASS #55

"SteamPunk 101"

Was the name of the seminar topic that caught my eye in the 2011 SASS Convention Program Book. After settling into our room at the Rivera, checking in at the SASS Registration Desk, and enjoying the Wednesday night Hospitality Warmer and Cocktail Mixer, I was studying the seminar selections trying to decide which ones I might want to attend the next day. I had heard of Steampunk but did not have a clue what it was all about. The description indicated all aspects would be covered, including costumes. Since joining SASS, my interest has always been in costuming, and I am interested in learning about costumes whatever they may be. So, I decided to put this seminar on my schedule for the next day and find out about Steampunk.

The next morning my husband, Texas Mac, SASS Life Member #43494, and I attended the Opening Ceremonies and Breakfast Buffet where the 2011 SASS Convention was officially opened. Soon after,

the first convention seminars were scheduled to start. I headed straight for "SteamPunk 101."

The seminar presenters were La Bandida, SASS #80163, and Arabella Benson.



Texas Flower's SteamPunk Costume – quite a departure from her usual Victorian shooting attire!



La Bandida and Arabella—Presenters for the Steampunk Seminars at the 2011 SASS Convention

Arabella Benson. They were dressed in very interesting costumes. As I sat there waiting for the seminar to start, I was hoping the time spent in this seminar would be worth it. Once La Bandida and Arabella began talking about Steampunk, explaining their costumes, and showing us pictures, my interest began to take hold. I usually dress

in period correct Victorian costumes, but this might be a fun change from my "traditional" look.

Steampunk is based on Victorian fashion and culture, but with a futuristic twist. It includes anything steam powered and covers the Industrial Revolution with lots of things mechanical. But the most interesting incorporation was that



For her Steampunk boots, Texas Flower added leather from an old belt and some brass chains.

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Texas Flower just added pink goggles to her riding hat to create the Steampunk look.

Umm, should I come back?

After leaving the seminar, I went down to the Royale Pavilion Convention floor where all the vendors were set up planning to do some serious shopping (Single Action Shopping Society). To my surprise, there were some vendors with Steampunk accessories for sale! Now my interest is really soaring.

After lunch, I go back for more. Once again, La Bandida and Arabella are the presenters for "Must I Wear a Corset?" We were shown how to use Victorian clothes we might already have, and with some imagination and a few accessories, end up with a Steampunk costume. Now this was something I could do! By the time the seminar came to a close, I was thinking about several items I had at home that would be perfect for a shooting costume. La Bandida and Arabella did a great job giving us good information, keeping us interested, and providing so much entertainment!

OK, I am hooked! In the next two days, I purchased from convention vendors bright pink goggles, resin gears that can be painted, a choker necklace with a gear pendant, a bright pink silk flower, gold confederate buttons, and a Spanish-American War metal. These are the accessories I think I will need to go with the things I have at home for my costume idea. With the information I learned, I know that matching and color coordinating are not a problem.

After a great convention and lots of fun, I headed home ready and eager to get started on my costume. December was very busy, but while enjoying the holidays with family, I took time to pull from the closet and my storage bins all the items I had in mind for the costume. I used a black lace skirt, a green silk corset, some gold chains, green and black striped stockings, black lace up boots, a black riding hat, a black long sleeve shirt, and Victorian sunglasses.

Now the fun begins. With Texas Mac's help, we painted gears, made bootstraps, and boot chains. I decided how the buttons, gears, and chains should look on the corset and sewed them down. The riding hat had been used with other outfits, so I just added the goggles. I gathered the skirt up in the front wanting my green and black stockings to show and left it long in the back. The dark brown leather straps, made



Texas Flower's corset with its Steampunk gear.

from an old belt, and the brass chains were added to the boots. Laying out the costume, it looked pretty good, and I was satisfied with the final results.

The weather on the first weekend of January turned out to be warm and pretty in Southeast Texas. Texas Mac and I decided to attend a local monthly match. Great, a chance for me to try out my "new look" on friends and make sure there were no costume malfunctions. The initial reaction was surprise and amazement. We all laughed a lot since this was so different from the

way I usually dressed. Most of the shooters at the match had never heard of Steampunk, but they were very interested and complimentary after I explained the history of my costume. I had so much fun wearing this outfit and shot pretty well in it, too!

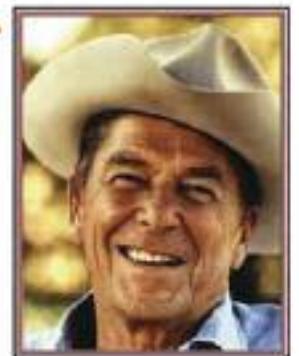
Needless to say, attending those two seminars at the 2011 SASS Convention gave me a fun new look! I will continue to wear my traditional Victorian costumes most of the time, but I will be seen in this outfit again. I might even plan another Steampunk costume! 🤠



Texas Flower does not have Star War Guns, but these will do!

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What If ... ?

I was interested in buying and shooting a cap 'n ball revolver and had been guided by a Pard, NoMore Slim, to the Ruger Old Army. Slim is the Territorial Governor, Match Director, and prime mover behind the Pleasant Valley Renegades (Canaan, IN), located in southeastern Indiana an hour or so drive west of Cincinnati. Go there, and you might be greeted with "Welcome Home" as you arrive at the Sheepdip Inn.

Well anyway, so there I was in the market for an Old Army. I wanted stainless steel, a 7.5-inch barrel, and fixed sights.

Pleasant Valley is located a few miles from Friendship, IN, home of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and its Walter Cline Range. I managed to slip over to Friendship on a Friday in June before a Renegades match (they shoot the second Saturday of the month) to visit Vendors Row. Tip

Curtis of the Tip Curtis Frontier Shop (Cross Plains, TN) was there and indicated he had a number of Old Armies, new-in-the-box, back at his shop in Tennessee.

I checked with him a few days later. He had one 7.5-inch barrel, stainless steel Old Army with fixed sights. The remaining ones had adjustable sights. I told Tip I'd take that fixed-sighted Old Army.

What fun I had shooting it! But, in order to shoot cap 'n ball in a match, I needed another Old Army. While I'm not too good at this new-fangled computer stuff, another Pard at Pleasant Valley, Randy Atcher, said a 7.5-inch barrel, stainless steel, fixed sight Old Army was for sale on the SASS Wire. Randy kindly provided me with the information.

I gave Mudflat Mike, SASS #20904, way out in the State of Washington (I live in Kentucky), a call. He described the gun in detail, indicating it was well taken care of and not fired that much. He even mentioned that while he had the box, the nipple wrench that comes with the Old Army was missing.

I thanked him and said I'd sleep on it. Well, you probably know Ruger quit making the Old Army. I decided that night I'd be foolish not to buy that gun and hoped it still would be for sale tomorrow. You know, that old "a bird in the hand is worth ..." saying. I gave Mudflat Mike a call first thing in the next morning and told him I'd take the gun. To my relief, it was still available.

Right away Mudflat said he'd mark it as sold on the SASS Wire. This was even before we talked payment. I asked him how he wanted to be paid, saying I could send a certified check or postal money order. He said, "Naw, just put a personal check in the mail. You are a cowboy, and I trust you."

He also said he'd mail the gun to me that day, obviously even before my check could arrive. And, he said if the gun was not as he described it, or I did not like it, just ship it back and he'd refund my money.

The gun and my check crossed in the mail. The gun arrived and was just as Mudflat Mike had described.

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Apathy and Patriotism

Congratulations regarding Colonel Dan's great piece on apathy and patriotism in the January *Cowboy Chronicle*. In a democracy, the people get exactly what they deserve ... NOT NECESSARILY WHAT THEY WANT. Sad, but true.

Words to quote and remember

from Abe Lincoln in 1864 ... "If this great nation ever falls, it will not be by a foreign invader. It will fall from within." I am ashamed as an American to admit I believe our best days are behind us!

John Bianchi

(Juan Pistola, SASS #7430)
Cathedral City, CA 🐮

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Who Says Small Calibers Are Only For Wimps?

By Grey Fox SASS Life #223
Hall of Fame Inductee & Regulator

Having just completed reading the December Cowboy Chronicle, I was offended by the Shootist's article (page 34). He may well know something about firearms, however, very little about the Frontier.

.32's were very popular defense guns in the later part of the 19th Century. The .32-20 was developed in 1882. It was a very popular round used by frontiersmen and cowboys. When I was a boy I knew many old timers who hunted deer regularly with their .32-20s. Their companion gun was a Colt Single Action in .32-20. I had a verified Colt cowboy gun in my collection 22 years ago chambered in .32-20. In the 1880s and 1890s the so-called Big Four in hand gun cartridges, Single Actions in particular, were the .32-20, .38-40, .44-40, and .45 Colt.

Real men *did* carry .32-20s on a regular basis. Individuals should not confuse history with their own personal bias. I have been a blackpowder

shooter since 1956. In that year I bought my first carry gun, which is an 1863 New Model Remington produced in the early 1870s. Still own it today. I shoot Frontier Cartridge on a regular basis with full house loads usually with my conversions in .44 Colt or Single Actions or original Smiths in .44 Russian ... and I even win from time to time. Tex also shoots Frontier Cartridge .45 Colt, Gunfighter with full house loads and wins regularly.

The .32s have a genuine place in SASS events. Even though some would suggest they are wimpy, they were used very extensively.

(While Grey Fox is absolutely correct, and lightly loaded, small caliber ammo is the darling of many wannabe champions, we're all playing a fantasy game ... and for many, the guns and ammo used by Roy, Gene, and Hoppy are the quintessential "cowboy" accoutrements ... and are the ones used by "real men!" <grin> ... Editor in Chief) ♣

There's An Easier Way To Make Short .45 Cowboy Brass

I read Shootist, SASS #236's, article entitled "The .455 Shootist" in the December, 2011 issue of The Cowboy Chronicle, with great interest.

If he is not aware of it, it may be of interest to him and other SASS members that Adirondack Jack's Trading Post (ad on page 73 of the December 2011 Cowboy Chronicle) markets ".45 Cowboy Special" brass. This is a .45 ACP case, with a .45 Colt rim, made by Starline, on special order. While not quite as short as the .455, it could easily be shortened. Actually,

since a lot of us also shoot .45 ACP, it is convenient to just leave it as is. Then all you have to do to load .45 "short" Colt, or .45 ACP with the same die set up is just change the shell holders (or shell plate).

I use the .45 Cowboy Special for smoke loads with Hodgdon's 777 3F and 200 grain RNFPs, and they work great! Lots of smoke for a small powder charge.

Lawdog Ranger,
SASS Life #9539
Buffalo, NY ♣

What If ... ?

(Continued from previous page)

He trusted me, I trusted him. What a wonderful way to do business!

With the election season coming upon us, I got to thinking. What if politicians operated this way? What if they followed the "Spirit of the Game?" What if they said what they meant, meant what they said, and their word was their bond? What if our country ran like

this, kind of like a "Cowboy Action Shooting™" match, where honestly prevails, personal accountability and responsibility abound, and folks do the right thing simply because it is "the right thing?"

In what shape would our country be? Kinda makes one wonder, doesn't it?

Turkeyfoot, SASS #78599
Augusta, KY ♣

SASS Care Packages Appreciated!

Slipnose – got the package opened. The Dillon calendars caused jaws to drop and an immediate rush to be my friend. One is for the office, and I made sure the two youngest and single guys go the other two. I shared everything I didn't need with the others I work with, like the body spray, tooth brushes, and so forth. We all here

appreciate it very much. And from me, thank you for the extra Cowboy Chronicles. Thank you for being a good friend, and for introducing me to Ms. Bethany. Thank you very much, and thank everyone else responsible for the SASS care package.

Monty the Angry,
SASS #89354
Deployed Overseas ♣

Get The Geography Right!

In reference to the letter from Demon Hunter, SASS #70184, in the December Cowboy Chronicle ... all his facts are correct except one. Kill Devil Hills is NOT in South Carolina! It is in North Carolina, located on the Outer Banks near Kitty Hawk, NC. There is a Wright Brothers National Memorial there. The Outer Banks are a chain of low islands extending from the Virginia state line, to the South Carolina state line; none of the islands are in South Carolina.

As a native of Wilmington, NC,

I take serious exception to this gross mis-statement of facts! This is tantamount to telling a Texan the Alamo is in Louisiana! Them's Fightin' Words, Cowboy!!

Their flight was on December 17, 1903, and was only 120 ft long, which today would fit cozily inside a 747 Jumbo Jet. I still remember a good bit of the state's history (NC), even though I haven't been there in 40 years.

Philip Doboy Taylor,
SASS#38237
Edgewood, NM ♣

Yes To Age-Based Categories!

I wholeheartedly agree with Palaver Pete's Age Based Categories article in the most recent Cowboy Chronicle! Having been able to play this wonderful game now for 12 years, none of us are gettin' any younger. I absolutely love it when we have our Elders and Grand Dames "playing" with us. We've seen the difference between those in the 60-64 and 65-69 categories. It only gets greater for

those 70-74, 75-79, and beyond! Anyone over 70 and still in the game, in my opinion, should be honored for being there! I'd say these are long overdue category additions! And while I understand those that don't want more categories added, I think these are important.

Pinto Annie,
SASS #27966
Dayton, WA ♣





Palaver Pete,
SASS Life/Regulator #4375

LONE PINE CALIFORNIA

Home of the Early Westerns

By Palaver Pete, SASS Life/Regulator #4375

The corridors of the historic Dow Hotel in downtown Lone Pine are a bit intimidating. No, perhaps it's best to say a bit haunting. If your imagination is anything like mine, then you are bound to see John Wayne, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, or even Humphrey Bogart come out of one of the many rooms lining the hotel corridors. Lone Pine is the gateway to both Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the contiguous United

States at 14,496 feet, and Death Valley National Park, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere at 282 feet below sea level. Lone Pine is also home to the Alabama Hills. The granite boulders dotting the Alabama Hills were used as a backdrop for over 300 movies, many of them Westerns (I know every SASS member over 60 who is reading this article is now visualizing those boulders and hearing the ricocheting sound of the many gunfights filmed there)...Oh, happy days!

Lone Pine is located on Highway 395 running north and south down the eastern spine of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Highway 395 runs through Reno, Carson City,



The Card Table in the Foyer of the Dow Villa Hotel where Duke and the boys played cards.

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The haunting 2nd Floor Corridor where the author bumped into John Wayne.

and Gardnerville, Nevada, where several Single Action Shooting Society© affiliated clubs are located. Further south, 395 runs through Bridgeport where the Bridgeport Vigilantes are located, and even fur-

ther south down to Ridgcrest where the Robbers Roost Vigilantes are located. Perhaps you can combine a shoot with one of these clubs on your way to Lone Pine.

When you visit Lone Pine and



The Courtyard where Clint and The Duke often dined.



the nearby Alabama Hills, you will recognize the scenery and famous settings of your favorite old Westerns and television commercials. You'll stand in the footsteps of John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and Clint Eastwood where they filmed classics such as "Tycoon," "High Sierra," "Boots and Saddles," and "Joe Kidd."

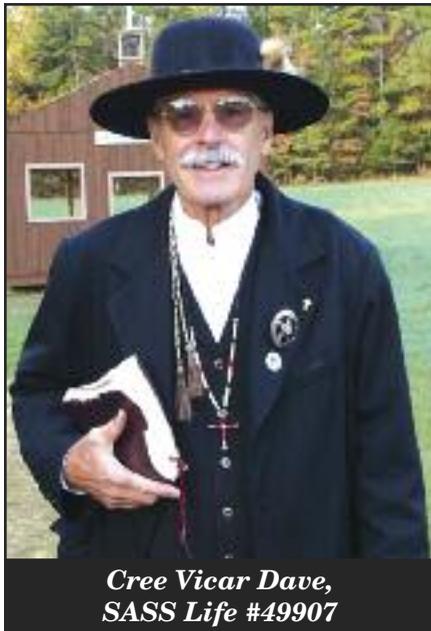
If visiting Lone Pine and the Dow Hotel, check in with the friendly desk clerks and ask if you may tour the foyer and the hotel proper to see the photos of the actors who stayed there over the years

(see accompanying photos). You will probably be offered a cup of coffee as you walk about. Like I said, this is a haunting experience. Imagine yourself sitting at the card table in the foyer and playing a few hands with Maverick, then steal away to your room, dress for the evening dinner, and get ready to dine with Clint and The Duke. Let your imagination run wild - Lone Pine is a place to let it happen. You're a Daisy if Ya do.

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*Cree Vicar Dave,
SASS Life #49907*

Funds Raised For The Cowboy Memorial Chapel On A Four Week Whirlwind Cowboy Action Shooting™ Tour

By Cree Vicar Dave, SASS Life #49907

ary was the Kentucky/Tennessee Black Powder State Shoot at Possum Trot near Winfield, Tennessee (I'll be a-writin' 'bout that shoot and the others mentioned in this here essay sometime in the near future, Lord willin'). A great bunch of cowpokes were assembled there ta participate in the shoot. At the Saturday morning gathering, just

after the Pledge to the Flag, Copper Head Joe, SASS #39162, handed me the reins of the meetin' for the Prayer and the offering for the Cowboy Memorial Chapel at Founders Ranch, New Mexico. Well, by the time the shootin' was over and the collection plus the club donation was summed up, \$287 was raised for the afore-mentioned Chapel.



The Vicar's Wife trying to catch up on the laundry the Old West Way in between shoots.

Last October, The Vicar's Wife and I, along with our faithful dog, "Sterling Meg", set out on a four weekend Cowboy Action Shooting™ tour involving three State Shoots and a Local Club Shoot. We sit down and plan out our trips a good spell ahead of time. Our home club, Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club, shoots the third Saturday, May through October. So we usually wait until after the last shoot to set out on our trek south. Instead of settin' out on the trail Tuesday after our last match, as we planned, we didn't get a-going 'til Thursday afternoon. As a result, we pulled into our first stop late Friday afternoon, eliminating my side match activities. We had a setback gettin' started. I'll have ta fill ya in on the problem in a future article.

The very first stop on our itiner-

After a few hundred miles down the road, we circled the wagon for the Arkansas Black Powder State Shoot at Outlaw Camp a few miles outside Heber Springs, Arkansas. It was our first time camping with outlaws. Like the sign said on the winding trail leadin' into the camp, "If you ain't wanted, you ain't wanted." And sure enough, we really



Copper Head Joe officiating the Saturday Morning Shooter's Meeting for KY/TN 2011 Blackpowder State Shoot at Possum Trot, Winfield, TN

felt wanted the whole time we were there. There was also a collection taken up at the shooters meetin' Saturday morning after the Pledge and Prayer. Following the awards presentation, Ozark

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(l-r) Rattlesnake Blake, Cree Vicar Dave, Soiled Dove, at the Louisiana State Shoot 2011, "Hangin' at Coyote Creek." The Bayou Bounty Hunters put on a great shoot.

Outlaw, SASS #19847 informed me \$120 had been donated to the CMC. As he told me, "Even outlaws need a place ta worship."

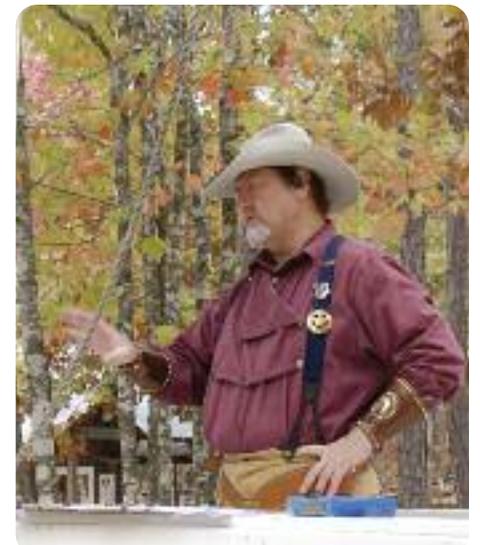
Following our close encounter with the outlaws, we went straight to report their activities to the Mountain Valley Vigilantes just a



The Vicar's Wife & Sterling Meg taking a well deserved rest on a Sunday afternoon.



Ozark Outlaw addressing the Cowboy Action Shooters at the Opening Day Shooter's Meeting for the Arkansas 2011 Blackpowder State Shoot at Outlaw Camp, Heber Springs, AR.



Town Lawman, Bulldog McGraw, addressing the Mountain Valley Vigilantes, Hot Springs, Arkansas for their local club shoot the first weekend of November 2011

short hike north of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The town Lawman, Bulldog McGraw, SASS #57384, was eager ta hear the whereabouts of the outlaw camp. A posse was formed, but never set out because their local club shoot is held on the first weekend of the month and no one there wanted ta miss the match. Well, another Pledge and Prayer was given, I talked about the CMC, and the money raised from their lunch was given to the Chapel fund, and the club chipped in the rest to make it \$300.

The second weekend of November found us at the Louisiana State Shoot, "Hangin' at Coyote Creek," a couple miles outside of Amite, Louisiana. There was a goodly sized crowd gathered ta see justice

be done. Soiled Dove, SASS #17365, made sure everyone a-comin' ta see the hangin' had a good time. The offering cans for the Chapel were set out on the sign up table and the hat was passed at the Saturday morning shooters meeting. Altogether, with a generous club donation, \$410 was donated for the Cowboy Memorial Chapel at the shoot. In all, \$1117 was raised for the Cowboy Memorial Chapel in just four weekends.

It says in Second Corinthians 9:7 NIV, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The Vicar's Wife and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the great cheerful givers we have met on the trail. It is because of you and others like you the Cowboy Memorial Chapel is coming to fruition.

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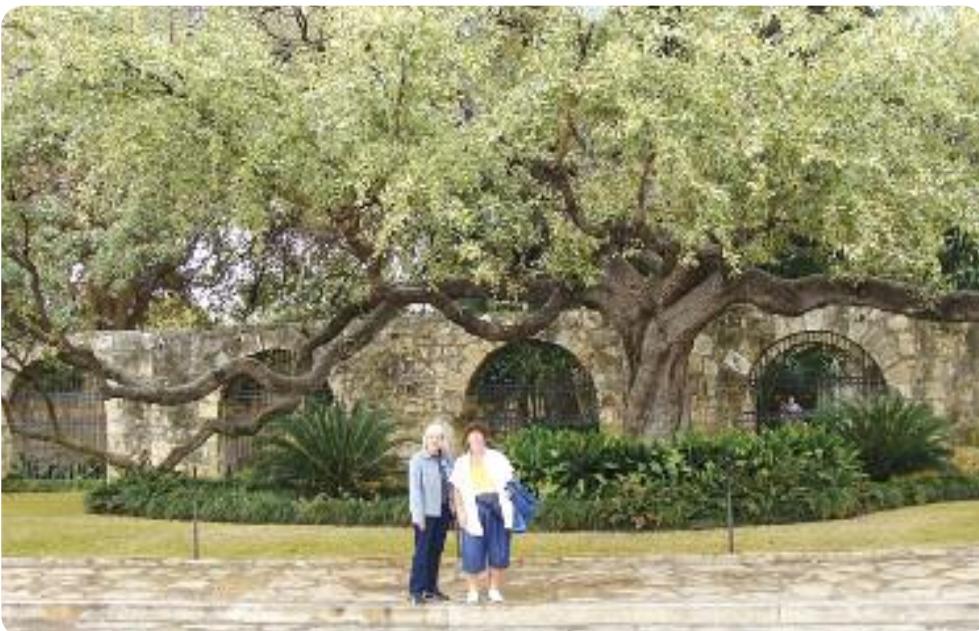
Jack, Cree Vicar Dave, Minni, and The Vicar's Wife topping off a wonderful afternoon having lunch at Schilo's.



Monument with names of those who fought and died at THE ALAMO etched in stone. The defenders of THE ALAMO inspired men near and far to converge on Texas to make a stand for FREEDOM.

of "ignorance, tyranny, and vice." He promised his administration, like himself, would be of good character, would promote education, and would be mild and tolerant. Does any of this sound vaguely familiar?

Not unlike many politicians of today, Santa Anna's campaign promises didn't quite match his actions after taking office. Shortly after becoming President, he took total control of Mexico. Then, he set



Minni & The Vicar's Wife in front of the side wall of THE ALAMO. The majestic tree behind them appears to be old enough to have witnessed the Battle that took place there March 6, 1836.

about taking away the freedom, citizenship, and guns of those who lived in Texas. The residents of Texas would not stand for it. In 1835 Ben Milam led a group of volunteers who were victorious over the Mexican Army. They defeated Santa Anna's brother-in-law, General Martin Perfecto de Cos, and his troops, forcing them to return to Mexico. The Texans then used The Alamo as a fort. Wanting to defend his honor, Santa Anna amassed a large army and marched north. He arrived at The Alamo in late February of 1836 catching the Texans a little off guard. Santa Anna ordered the blood-red flag be flown depicting, "NO QUARTER," which meant no mercy would be shown; no prisoners would be taken. It says in Proverbs 3:35 NIV: "The wise inherit honor, but fools he (The LORD) holds up to shame."

There was a parley, some small skirmishes, and letters were sent out for help. Some 32 volunteers from Gonzales raised their numbers to around 200 men. Then on March

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The Alamo . . .

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6, 1836, the Mexican Army unleashed their full force against those in The Alamo. After two waves, they were turned back, but they finally overwhelmed the Texans. Santa Anna thought that a total defeat of the Texas rebels would quell the revolt. But, just the opposite happened. Instead of heading home, he marched to his defeat at the hands of angry Texans and volunteers from across the United States, who were outraged by what had happened at The Alamo. On April 21, 1836 Sam Houston led the Texas Army to victory over Santa Anna and his troops at the Battle of San Jacinto. Outnumbered by around two to one, they silently approached the Mexican Army at siesta time. From a few yards away, they charged their enemy yelling, "Remember The Alamo!" When it was over, about 700 Mexican soldiers lay dead and over 700 were captured while less than ten Texans died.

After that, The Alamo changed

hands a few more times. In the 1840s through the 1870s, the US Army used The Alamo as a quartermaster's depot. In the 1880s, the State of Texas bought The Alamo Chapel, and the other buildings were used as stores. Around the turn of the century, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas led a valiant effort to have the site restored and be opened to the public as a memorial. They succeeded in their endeavor, and the reins were given to them to administer the business of The Alamo. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas now run the day-to-day operation of The Alamo. It is a place to remember and honor those heroes who paved the way for the Republic of Texas.

Today The Alamo is a memorial in memory of those who stepped across the line for freedom. Legend has it Commander William B. Travis drew a line in the sand with his sword. He then told the men



*This cannon was used in the battle of THE ALAMO, probably on the west wall. It was made inoperative by General Santa Anna before he left for San Jacinto. This type of cannon was made in Carron in the 1790s.
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that anyone who would stay and fight for freedom to step across that line. All but one voted their convictions by stepping over the line. The one who didn't step across the line may have skipped over the state line to avoid casting his vote. The names of the brave freedom fighters are etched in stone in front of The Alamo. The name of the one who decided not to vote could not be found. I wonder how many of today's leaders would have cast their vote along with the great leaders of old like Davy Crockett?

This essay is not intended to be a history lesson, but a short glimpse at a turning point in American history and the honorable men who manned the helm at The Alamo. There are many artifacts, guns, and personal items on display. Admission is free with donations welcome. The gift shop has some nice souvenirs. They also have a theater where a movie is shown depicting what happened there in 1836. Visitors entering The Alamo are encouraged to keep their voices down, not to touch the walls or take photos, and to pay homage to those who fought and died there.

A short distance away is the San Antonio River Walk where we spent some time taking in its beauty. That was a refreshing side event. We climbed the stairs at Commerce Street and finished the afternoon with lunch at Schilo's where they have good food, at a great price with grand service. All and all it was a wonderful day.

If you find yourself in the San Antonio, Texas area, stop in at The Alamo and pay your respects to the brave souls who, like those in 1776, decided that freedom was worth standing up for.

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As I tethered my trusty steed to the hitchin' post, I slowly surveyed the street in front of the Lucky Irishman's Saloon for any sign of the Mangum Clan. Things had been quiet for the last two nights, but I was sure there was gonna be trouble. Turning my attention to the sound of feminine laughter and the smell of cigar smoke wafting under the swinging doors, I couldn't help but smile to myself. I knew that voice, and if I knew Kate, the cigar smoke probably belonged to her. But then I heard another voice. The same sinister voice I had heard two nights before as I lay bleeding on the courthouse steps. That voice belonged to none other than L. J. Mangum. I slowly stepped up on the boardwalk, adjusted my pistol belt, removed the hammer thong, and stepped inside.

No, wait. It was a bright sunny day and the train had just arrived down at Bartlett's Station. I was waiting there for Miss Scarlet, our new Schoolmarm, to arrive. Being a member of the city council and a representative of the town, it was my official duty to welcome her to ... well, my, my, what do we have here? This young lady certainly does not fit the description in the advertisement.

No, wait. Oh, I know! As my drink swayed lazily from one side of the glass to the other, I heard the coxswain call, "Two fathoms!" and Big John Wilkes called, "I'll see your two bits, and I'll raise you a dollar." This trip down the river had been rather uneventful, but things were about to change. Just as I was taking an interest in Big John's wager, the young man from back East sitting to my right shifted uneasily in his seat and said, "Mister, I think it's time for you to fold, and step away from the table." I watched his right hand slip slowly beneath his frock coat. "Whoa, gentlemen, let's not get excited here," I said, trying to remain calm. "What seems to be the problem there, young man?"

Many times during my days as a Cowboy Action Shooter, I have tried to imagine what I

My Job In The Old West

By Whiplash LeRue, SASS #86037

would have done for a living in the Old West. Images such as Cowboy, Riverboat Gambler, or the young Councilman enchanted by a beautiful new face always come to mind. But every time I get started on some new fantasy, I invariably shoot myself down. I start injecting reality into the scenario, and I realize, "That's not the job for me." When I started the costuming process for Cowboy Action, I originally intended to be a riverboat gambler, but somehow I have strayed into the plain ol' cowboy look.

But what would you have been in those days? A blacksmith? Too hot. General store owner? Boring. Mayor? Too political. Baker? They start their day at 3:00 A.M., no thanks. Maybe a cooper? An outlaw? A Snake Oil salesman? Cowboys had a hard life with very low pay. A forty-five year old cowboy was considered an old man, with little thanks and nothing to show for years of labor but a bad back and leathery hands. Riverboat Gambler sounded exciting until I realized I wasn't really a good card player. The only way to win would be to cheat (which was how it was really done anyway), and the thought of getting shot, stabbed, or beaten to death by some unhappy sap who had just lost his bread money to a low life, yellow bellied, sap suckin', four flushin'...well, you get my drift—just knocked the romanticism right out of it.

After many a day spent daydreaming (just like when I was a kid in school) about possible avenues of income suitable for a guy like me in the Old West, I have come to the conclusion I

probably would have been a drifter, a jack of all trades, master of none, never really settling in one place—maybe a travelling salesman along the railroad routes. For now, I'll just live the romantic fantasy of being a gunfighter (one who never gets shot). And if I know me, I'll probably spend a lot of time trying to figure out what an Old West drifter costume should look like. *A.*



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In Defense Of The Western Noveland

THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE

By *El Tigre Viejo*, SASS Regulator #28083

Recently, I was attending a large social function in an Eastern hotel with a group of writers and academicians who knew I was a member of SASS and I wrote "Westerns." I was asked, "What could you possibly see in running around shooting old fashioned guns, and for that matter, why do you continue to write Westerns when the public considers them a dead category?" The two-headed question set me off on such a lecture to them that when finished, I'm sure they were sorry they had asked.

Many of the reasons I gave for "running around shooting old fashioned guns" and being a member of SASS I do not need to repeat here because the Valrico Kid, SASS #77635, just published them in his excellent article on page 48 of the November issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. I can only say the SASS organization can be proud of the manner in which they are keeping alive the basic tenets from which this country grew, and perhaps I can add a few of the

comments I provided my questioners as an old guy who goes back to an era few can remember.

There aren't too many of us left who lived when America was clawing its way through the Big Depression of 1929-35, followed by fighting an "all out" war on two different continents. Granted, today we are in Afghanistan and Iraq, and have interests in a dozen other countries. However, fighting an "all out" war is quite different. Food, gas, and other necessities are rationed. Deprivation is the norm, and all energy is directed toward one, and only one, single objective - survival. There are no political or other side issues.

There also has been a huge change in wealth and the way of life. During the Great Depression, a Big Cone ice cream cost a nickel; entrance to the movie theater was ten cents. Today, until the disastrous collapse of the economy, the minimum wage was (and still is) at an all time high, and jobs with high pay at a high level of availability provided people with a fast-paced life and ac-

companying plentiful and expensive toys. The effects evolving from this life style are notable and no doubt exacerbated by today's financial situation. There is an underlying tension between those who still have jobs and those who have not, and the tension is abundantly demonstrated by the Wall Street demonstrations, frequent episodes of road rage, senseless killings, and more.

These problems simply did not exist in WWII days. Yes, everybody was working, but everyone worked together for the common good. Today, everyone who is working is doing so for him/herself and, more often than not, is dissatisfied with their job, and we have people, such as the air traffic controllers, who complain about "unbearable pressure." In this case, overseers decided to provide "more time to alleviate the pressure," and of course, such a palliative action was necessary because anything of a stricter nature would bring down the wrath of the union.

During WWII, it was unpatriotic to complain about what one was doing and pressure was for concerted effort for survival. No doubt pressure is great today. However, if closely examined, is not much of today's pressure self-imposed? Everyone has been convinced they must "live the American Dream" whether they have worked for it or not. In earlier generations, it took several years of hard work before you were able to buy a home, and some never made it. Everybody must own a home now, and it must be as large as that of one's acquaintances. One also must have an automobile. Children must have all of the latest gadgets, and they must be chauffeured around to supervised activities. Earlier generations didn't have supervised baseball, football, or tennis. We played "pick-up games" and had a great time. Today's desires and actions cause attendant pressure

by placing great strain on personal time and seemingly non-stop pressure on bank accounts and credit cards. And then, there are our elected government representatives who have forgotten the people they represent because they have the pressure of being re-elected to retain the perks they do not want to lose.

Perhaps many of today's problems rise from the fact we have had it so good for too long and now find ourselves close to the problems faced by some European countries. We refuse to admit it, but possibly it is time to remember the old time-honored expression, "bite-the-bullet." If someone doesn't remember pretty soon, there may not be bullets to bite.

Right or wrong, the people of the Depression Era and WWII had strong basic beliefs, and the United States grew to be the most powerful nation in the world. Compare it with today when our Nation's standing is being questioned because of irresolute decisions and actions, and when our credit rating is in danger as a result of the confrontational attitudes of our elected politicians. Think also about the bitter conflicts about birth control, gay marriage, and service in the armed forces.

A book I recently reviewed by a Navy veteran who fought from Guadalcanal to Tokyo Bay probably best sums up the difference between the beliefs of our generation (the one SASS is attempting to keep alive) and those of the present day. He succinctly stated, "We hope to be remembered as the products of a different country and society from what the United States of America has become in the last fifty years, products of a far more disciplined society with rather rigid moral and social standards to which everyone was expected to conform given how society chastened and disciplined offenders. The way of the transgressor was hard. We were

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taught individual responsibility, that evil is due to character flaws in the individual and not to the shortcomings of society. We were taught to depend on God, to persevere in adversity, and to take care of ourselves and our families, and not to depend on society or government to look after us."

With respect to this reference to God, some people today will not agree. The ACLU is attempting, among many other things, to have all of the crosses removed from National Cemeteries and, as recently reported in the Florida newspapers, a graduation ceremony for three hundred was held up by court order because one person complained about a prayer before the ceremony. Minor actions, no doubt, but with all of the other problems facing us today, isn't the fact these "small problems" are being pushed so strenuously a little picayune? But perhaps my suggestions are a little too old-fashioned and it is true. I am speaking from a generation who would refer to these thoughts as common sense and a belief in democracy where the wishes of one person were not allowed to interfere with those of three hundred.

At this point, I was told in my response to the questions I had been asked that all of this was interesting and the differences in the mores of the different generations could be as I described, but what did it have to do with Western novels?

I informed my audience it has everything to do with it. Fiction readers, for their routine reading pleasure, usually stick with one or two genres. They are comfortable with the plots, language, and settings. They also exhibit rigidity with respect to the protagonist. He/she must have certain characteristics and project certain images, and often they expect the plots to follow certain lines. Some variation is permitted, but usually, the parameters are pretty well set.

Westerns are one of the most prominent examples of this unyielding attitude. A few years back, Western novels, television, and motion pictures were plentiful. Today, the Western genre is a small niche. Persons who still adhere to the genre also seem to retain a greater inflexibility of thought that permits even less variation from the well-worn plots than most. And interestingly, the

direction of this thought pattern may be the cause for its decline in popularity. The multiple award-winning *El Tigre*, my first Western, is one of the few that seems to have been able to override this rigidity of thought to some extent. But, even here, a few die-hard readers found the story of a transplanted Prussian aristocrat, and inclusion of a coincidental tender love story, set among historical facts of the Texas rebellion and early California development, difficult to accept.

Another contributory factor, no doubt, to the decline of the Western is the distance today's reader is removed from the era. The last Indian battles occurred just after the turn of the last century, and the last of the Western gunmen passed away in the 1930's. We also are aware of the decline in reading in general and the rise in Twitter, Facebook, multi-use telephones, Nintendo games, and the rest.

However, let's look at what the Western has to offer. The Western creed played to a thought pattern that no longer exists. The Western called for a hero who embodied all of the good in the world. He was good, honest, a true friend, courteous, and respectful of women, but at the same time he was tough, resilient, self-reliant, and a winner over adversity.

Today we realize such a picture of the Old West and its heroes was not completely accurate. Every person and every situation is not either black or white. We admit this to be true. However, is there anything wrong with the portrayal of such a person as providing a type of individual worthy of emulation by today's youngsters? Are the heroes provided for today's youth better? No doubt they are more realistic, but do they provide the best examples for social development?

We find today's heroes, whether on paper, the web, or in real life, involved endlessly with steroids and drugs, and sporting greats and other celebrities constantly make the news because they beat up their wives, or significant others are caught for DUI, stealing, or involvement in some form of otherwise unsocial behavior. Additionally, with evolution of gender equality, some women are not enamored with the older type of "gentlemanly" conduct, but see it as somehow demeaning.

Understandably, they wish to be equal and pursue their own dreams. But, is it wrong to teach the basics of what the earlier generation referred to as gentlemanly behavior?

So, I rest my case. The Western indubitably has lost its popularity, as has the "Western Way of Life." However, it still presents a hero who provides a finer template for social development than those so often set forth for today's young people. I would strongly suggest, therefore, an organization such as SASS and the publication of Western novels will provide a better template for development of a decent generation than most others currently being offered. And, because my belief is so firm in this matter, I have, to state it in the vernacular, "put my money where my mouth is," and have just published another western, *El Tigre II*, following the saga of Johann Heinrich von Manfred.



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HELL ON WHEELS 2011



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ios from paper to reality. When the shooters starting arriving and began walking the range, they could not believe their eyes on how great the match looked. The shooters who had been to HOW before commented over and over again this was the best looking HOW ever, that it was right at the top with END of TRAIL and Winter Range. In other words, Captain Jack and his team had exceeded all expectations.

To get the match off the ground and to keep it running takes a lot of folks in the background to make



Cowboy Fast Draw is becoming a feature at many of the major SASS matches. Both SASS cowboys and civilians alike enjoy "slappin' leather" like the mythical gunfighters of the Old West supposedly did. Wax bullets on steel plates tell the tale of who's the fastest gunhand on the range!

it all work. If I were to list them all it would take pages to describe the dedicated hours put in by the working crew, so we will thank all those that volunteered their time and effort for making the match such a success.

Now the setup work is complete, the Range Officer classes have been taught, and the Vendors are set up and ready to supply shooter and spectators with needed supplies and desired goodies to make this sport look good.

Two other groups also made their appearance on the range to support Hell On Wheels. Boy Scouts from Troops in the Cheyenne area organized a crew and were there to brass the stages, selling the brass back to the shooters. They painted targets between posses; they kept bottled water iced down and available for shooters and policed the range for trash.



Full military honors were provided by the Hell on Wheels Color Guard. Whether the guard is modern or "period correct," everyone pays attention during this solemn ceremony.

The other organization on site was the team of medics from the Wyoming Army National Guard. The detachment on hand this year included returning veterans of prior Hell On Wheels matches, SGT Wayne Jones WYARNG 2/300 Artillery (NCOIC) and SPC Tucker Gosbee WYARNG Medical Detachment. SGT Jones and SPC Gosbee were joined by a new member of the team, PFC Elizabeth Moorefield WYARNG Medical Detachment. These young people are representing our military and were very professional, fulfilling their duties as the match medical support. We always appreciate their service and support to our nation and our shoot.

The stages are set and registration is in full swing, which means this match is officially open and ready for lead to be slung down range.

Thursday June 30th started out as a beautiful clear day for the shooters to partake in the side matches. After the mandatory shooters meeting, the shooters had available to them four AM & PM cowboy warm up stages, and four AM & PM Wild Bunch stages. There was pocket pistol and deringer available for the shooters that like to test their skills with those firearms. This year the set up used two 8" x 8" steel targets shaped like the SASS Marshal to challenge the competitors.

The speed events always draw a crowd as do the warm up stages because it gives the shooters a chance to test their skills and make sure everything is working and ready to go before the main match.

The long-range side matches provided some challenging events for the shooters that included Long Range Pistol Caliber Rifle and Pistol challenges. The Black-powder Single Shot Rifle Buffalo challenge had four buffalo starting at 100 yards out to 400 yards. The targets got larger the further out they were, and it still was a challenge to hit them at the different yardage. The other long-range

challenges were the Quigley Bucket at 300 yards, Single Shot Rifle open to 390 yards, and large caliber lever rifle at 200 yards. What makes this nice for the shooters is these side match events run all day.

After all the day's events are concluded and guns put away, the folks can meet in downtown Cheyenne at the Shadows Pub located in the historic Union Pacific Railroad Depot. This is a chance to meet and greet locals and folks from out of town, and you can enjoy really good food and micro brew beer made by the pub.

Friday, July 1 opens with a mandatory shooters meeting for

the morning posses. As the shooters progressed through the stages, we started to get the most positive feed back from the shooters of how much fun the stages were, how well the stages looked, and how well they flowed. The afternoon posses made the same positive remarks. The shooters were really pleased to have such a fun, well thought out match.

Hell on Wheels is run in two shifts of six stages per shift. This gives the shooters and families a chance to visit the vendors, pick up door prizes (only for registered shooters), and also get a chance to take on the Cowboy Fast Draw challenge, staged by local Cowboy Fast Draw Association clubs. This event also gave you a chance to meet the Cowboy Fast Draw World Champ Mernickle family and even shoot against them. Monies taken in from this entertainment went to the SASS Scholarship fund.

When the shooting finished for the day, the Cheyenne Regulators hosted a Territorial Governors meeting. Several TGs from around the High Plains Region and across the country in attendance represented their clubs and discussed current issues affecting Cowboy Action Shooting™.

Hell on Wheels has long been known for their Casino Night held Friday evening on the range in the big tent. This is an opportunity for folks to put on their saloon finest, mingle, and do some gambling for

fun and prizes. This is definitely an event for the whole family, as there are games for all ages. This year's Go Fish tournament was a hotly contested event, but Kid Terrius took home the gold. We're just lucky Fort Hayes Preacher was around to keep a lid on things. New to the Friday night festivities this year was the presentation of side match awards just prior to the start of the Texas Hold 'em Tournament. It was a grand event, and all who attended had fun.

Saturday morning opened with another beautiful Wyoming day and the early shooters were ready to go at 7:30 for their final six stages. Again to our pleasure, the shooters started telling the volunteers who set up the match what a great shoot it was, and they



The final two shooting events for the match are the team and couples shoots, which always make for some great entertainment.

The Team with all the right moves (pictured above) turned out to be Lightning Cat, Colorado Half Breed, Smooth Shot, Cobra Cat, and Rattlesnake Wrangler. The Couples shoot went to Slick's Sharp Shooter and Cobra Cat.

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would be back for the same kind of fun next year. This continued all day with the afternoon shooters coming on line.

During the Saturday shooting a group of Judges roamed the range to select the best working costume, which is an extremely hard job because of how good the shooters looked and how many different categories there were.

Whew! The main match stages

are finished the last gun has been put away, the shooting stories are being told, and the shooters are relaxing and preparing for the evening banquet and formal costume contest. The banquet was held at Cheyenne's Holiday Inn. The evening included a sit down meal, formal costume contest and presentation of costume awards, some more door prizes, music, and dancing to round out the evening.

Sunday morning began with Cowboy Church in the main tent with Fort Hayes Preacher. If you ever get a chance to hear this gentleman preach the Gospel, he really delivers a message that relates to all of us in our sport, and he can even talk about his own short comings.

The day's shooting events started out with a Top Shootist match open to all shooters. Everybody who wanted in on the action tossed their badge into a hat. Pairs of shooters were drawn, and they squared off. This really drew the crowd and held it until the last two were paired off. When the smoke cleared, the two Top Shootists of HOW 2011 were Six Gun Sallie and Lightning Cat.

With the scores tabulated, the shooters gathered in the main tent



for the awards ceremony. Match Director Red River Wrangler and the High Plains Long Riders swung into action to smoothly get the awards handed out and winners' pictures taken. Top honors went to Lefty Jo and Cobra Cat as the High Plains Regional Top Lady and Top Man. With the last of the awards delivered, it's time for the folks to say their goodbyes until next year and get on down the road to their next SASS Cowboy Shoot.

Now is the time to tear it all down and start planning for the 2012 Hell On Wheels!



Winners			Gunfighter	Lightning Cat
High Plains Champions				SASS #19274 CO
Man	Cobra Cat,		L 49'er	Sixgun Sallie
	SASS #19275	CO		SASS #38989 NC
Lady	Lefty Jo,		L B-Western	Aspen Filly
	SASS #18830	CO		SASS #50535 CO
Category			L Duelist	Luscious Lou
49'er	J.T. Wild			SASS #60038 CO
	SASS #20399	UT	L F Cartridge	Painted Filly
B-Western	Cat Tracker			SASS #86383 CO
	SASS #9624	CO	L F C Duelist	Tolinka
Buckaroos	Rattlesnake Wrangler			SASS #71378 CO
	SASS	TX	L Gunfighter	Sister Jack
Buckarettas	Annie Thrax			SASS #40316 KS
	SASS #76769	CO	L Senior	Lefty Jo
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	SASS #31217	AU	S Duelist	Ruff Cobb
E Statesman	Black Jack Flagg			SASS #7548 CO
	SASS #27659	CO	S Senior	Wichita Wayne
F Cartridge	Preacher Declin			SASS #26920 MD
	SASS #89271	UN	Wrangler	Johnnie Walker
F C Duelist	Tame Bill			SASS #10446 CO
	SASS #30699	KS	Young Guns	Smooth Shot
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Major Payne,
SASS #86012

Nelson Appleton Miles (August 8, 1839 – May 15, 1925) was a United States soldier who served in the American Civil War, Indian Wars, and the Spanish-American War.

Early life

Miles was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, on his family's farm. He worked in Boston and attended night school, read military history, and mastered military principles and techniques, including battle drills. Miles was working as a crockery store clerk in Boston when the Civil War began. He entered the Union Army on September 9, 1861, as a volunteer and fought in many crucial battles.

Civil War

Miles became a Lieutenant in the 22nd Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 61st New York Infantry Regiment on May 31, 1862. He was promoted to Colonel after the Battle of Antietam. Other battles in which he participated include Fredericks-

burg, Chancellorsville, and the Appomattox Campaign. Wounded four times in battle (he was shot in the neck and abdomen at Chancellorsville), he was awarded the honorary grade (on March 2, 1867) of Brevet Brigadier General in the regular army in recognition of his actions at Chancellorsville, and the honorary grade of Brevet Major General for Spotsylvania Court House. He received the Medal of Honor (on July 23, 1892) for gallantry at Chancellorsville. He was appointed Brigadier General of Volunteers as of May 12, 1864, for the Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House. On October 21, 1865, he was appointed Major General of Volunteers at age 26. After the war, he was commandant of Fort Monroe, Virginia, where former Confederate President Jefferson Davis was held prisoner. During his tenure at Fort Monroe, Miles was forced to defend himself against charges Davis was being mistreated.

Indian Wars

In July of 1866, Miles was appointed a Colonel in the regular army. In March of 1869, he became commander of the 5th U.S. Infantry Regiment. On June 30, 1868, he married Mary Hoyt Sherman (daughter of Hoyt Sherman, niece of William T. Sherman and John Sherman, and granddaughter of Charles R. Sherman).

Miles played a leading role in nearly all of the Army's campaigns against the American Indian tribes of the Great Plains. In 1874-1875, he was a field commander in the force that defeated the Kiowa, Comanche, and the Southern Cheyenne along the Red River. Between 1876 and 1877, he participated in the campaign that scoured the Northern Plains after Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer's defeat at the Battle of Little Big Horn, and forced the Lakota and their



Miles in the field

Medal of Honor

Nelson Appleton Miles

By Major Payne, SASS #86012



Nelson Appleton Miles
August 8, 1839 – May 15, 1925
(aged 85)

allies onto reservations. In the winter of 1877, he drove his troops on a forced march across Montana and intercepted the Nez Percé band led by Chief Joseph. For the rest of Miles' career, he would quarrel with General Oliver O. Howard over credit for Joseph's capture. While on the Yellowstone, he developed expertise with the heliograph for sending communications signals, establishing a 140-mile long line of heliographs connecting Fort Keogh and Fort Custer, Montana, by 1880. In 1880, he was promoted to Brigadier General, Regular Army.

In 1886, Miles replaced General George Crook as Army Commander against Geronimo in Arizona. Crook had relied heavily on Apache scouts in his efforts to capture the Chiricahua leader. Instead, Miles relied on white troops, who eventually traveled 3,000 miles (4,800 km) without success as they tracked Geronimo through the tortuous Sierra Madre Mountains. Finally, 1st Lieutenant Charles B. Gatewood, who had studied Apache ways, succeeded in negotiating surrender, under the terms of which Geronimo and his followers were exiled to confinement on a Florida reservation. The exile included

even the Chiricahuas who had worked for the army, in violation of Miles' agreement with them. Miles denied Gatewood any credit for the negotiations and had him transferred to the Dakota Territory. During this campaign, Miles' special signals unit used the heliograph extensively, proving its worth in the field. The special signals unit was under the command of Captain W. A. Glassford.

In 1890, Miles was promoted to Major General, Regular Army. That same year, the last major resistance of the Sioux on the Lakota reservations, known as the Ghost Dance, brought Miles back into the field. His efforts to subdue the Sioux led to Sitting Bull's death and the massacre of about 300 Sioux. This included women and children at Wounded Knee on December 29, 1890. Miles was not directly involved at Wounded Knee and was critical of the commanding officer. Overall, he believed the U.S. should have authority over the Indians, with the Lakota under military control.

Spanish-American War and later life

Miles commanded the troops mobilized to put down the Pullman strike riots. He was named Commanding General of the United States Army in 1895, a post he held during the Spanish-American War. Miles commanded forces at Cuban sites such as Siboney. After the surrender of Santiago de Cuba by the Spanish, he personally led the invasion of Puerto Rico, landing in Guánica in what is known as the Puerto Rican Campaign. Miles was a vocal critic of the army's quartermaster for providing rancid canned meat to the troops in the field (see Army beef scandal).

He served as the first head of the military government established on the island, acting as both head of the army of occupation and administrator of civil affairs. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant General in 1900 based on his performance in the war. Called a "brave peacock" by President Theodore Roosevelt, Miles

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Miles' Mausoleum in Arlington National Cemetery

retired from the service in 1903 when he reached retirement age. A year later, at the Democratic National Convention, Miles received a handful of votes from supporters who wanted him to become the party's presidential nominee. Upon his retirement, the office of Commanding General of the U.S. Army was abolished by an Act of Congress and the Army Chief of Staff system was introduced.

Miles served as a commander in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, and the Spanish-American War. In his late 70's, he volunteered to serve in the army during World War I as well, but was turned down by President Woodrow Wilson because of his age.

Miles died at age 85 from a heart attack while attending a circus in Washington, D.C., with his grandchildren. He was one of the last surviving Civil War soldiers on either side to serve as a general officer during the conflict. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in the Miles Mausoleum, one of only two mausoleums located within the confines of the cemetery.

Medal of Honor Citation Rank and Organization.

Colonel, 61st New York Infantry. Place and date: Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863. Entered service at Roxbury, Mass. Birth: Westminster, Mass. Date of issue: July 23, 1892.

Citation. Distinguished gallantry while holding with his command an advanced position against repeated assaults by a strong force of the enemy; was severely wounded.

Legacy. Miles City, Montana, is named in his honor. His legacy as an Indian fighter has seen him portrayed by Kevin Tighe in the film "Geronimo: An American Legend," and by Shaun Johnston in the film adaptation of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee."

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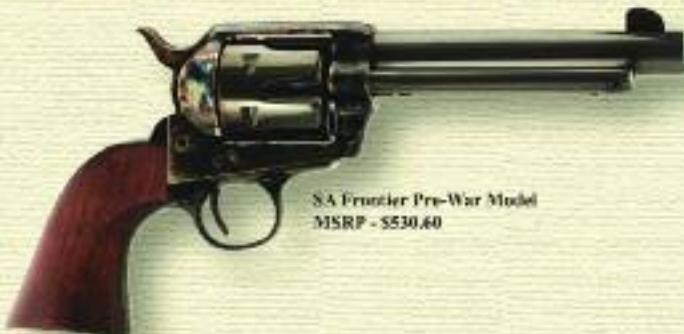


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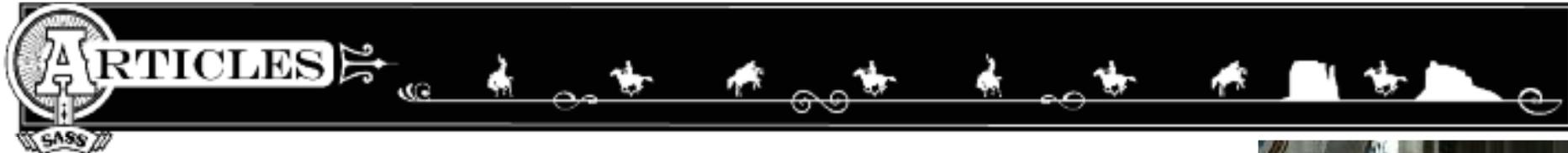
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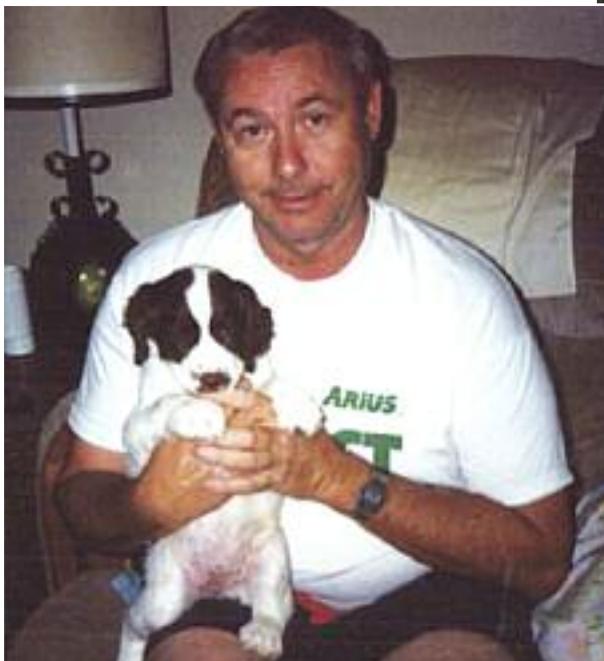
A Cowboy's Dog

By Ace of Hearts, SASS #77697



Tonight I lay down on the floor and put my arm around my hunting partner. He can hardly walk anymore, but he manages to navigate to whatever room I am in to lie down and watch what I am doing. He usually doses off and doesn't wake right away when I move because his hearing is failing. His nose doesn't work as well as it did in his prime, which is something I noticed the last time I took him out on the field a few years ago. But his eyes are still bright and his tail is still happy whenever I come around.

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They bring out the best in us and ask nothing in return. And when their lives draw to an end, they stir emotions in us only our closest relatives could ever bring out.

I remember the first day I saw him. He was five weeks old and all puppy. His little fat buttocks were headed away as he waddled through a rather large pan of water, and his tail was held high in typical Alpha dog fashion. The white hair on the end of his tail was like a flag held high. I looked at all the puppies in the litter and evaluated them each in turn, but they didn't stand a chance against the pup with the flag.

He had his name, FLAG! I wrote on the registration form that night his registered name of "Metz's Giddy up Guidon." He already owned the house as he slept next to my bed.

At three months old, he made his first retrieve in the field. It was a lone green wing teal that had happened too close. The young pup swam out in the water about 20 yards from shore and brought me back the bird. Like most pups, he didn't want to really give up the prize and my son and I had to surround him in order to get the duck from him. Ever since that day, he figured out the praise was worth a lot more than the mouth full of feathers. For the next ten years he brought a mean assortment of pheasants, chukar, quail, ducks, and multitudes of doves.

At home, his growing up included the destruction of any pillow within reach. I was always surprised at how much stuffing is in one pillow when it is released to expand and cover the floor of an entire living room. Thankfully, it is like dry snow, and we bought inexpensive pillows just in case we forgot to close the bedroom door when we left the house.

In the summer time, our above

ground pool was his favorite place. He knew how to use the ladder to get out and drip dry on the redwood deck. There he would sit and watch the pigeons perched on the telephone wires along the back property line. When he was almost dry, he would leap into the pool, swim half a lap, and climb out on the ladder to drip dry again. My Flag dog was a living swamp cooler. And when you think about it, in 110 degree heat in Las Vegas, he was pretty smart.

We tried to keep him out of the four-foot deep pool by putting up a railing and gate around the deck. He simply leapt over the side of the pool from the ground and then stayed on the deck until we opened the gate to let him get down. In an attempt to have a dry dog, I attached a one-foot lattice fence around the top of the pool, but all it did was cause him to need a running start to clear the five foot obstacle and land in the water. At this point I gave up trying to keep him out of the pool and just dealt with a damp dog every evening.

At two years old I managed to find him a beautiful lady companion. Cassie, "Cassandra of Apache Place," is the only dog he could never dominate. She took over the house and he was the enforcer.

She became every bit as good a bird dog as Flag, and she was fast as lightening. I once watched her run underneath a flying pheasant until it landed. She brought it back to me alive from about 100 yards away.

Flag and Cassie had a litter of eight puppies when she was about two and half. The last pup out after about six hours of labor was more than she could handle, and I had to help her with him and breathe life into him to get him started, as he was blue and not breathing. He was twice the size

of the other puppies and quickly acquired the name of Bubba. Bubba is an entire book in himself, and maybe someday I will write his story for him. He would do it himself, but he doesn't have thumbs to hold a pen, and paws don't work well on the keyboard.

Flag use to love to retrieve anything I threw, and he did everything with enthusiasm. If I was sitting in a chair, he would leave the floor four feet before he got to me and land in my lap. When a sixty-five pound dog jumps in your lap, you had better be ready to receive him!

My mind is filled with the moments of joy this dog has brought me. There was never a body of water this dog didn't love. He swam thirty feet out from shore as I walked along Lake Mead. Not once did he come in to rest during the hour walk. He just swam out there as my son and I walked along the shore. He roamed too far afield one day while trailing the scent of a pheasant. He didn't find the pheasant, but he did find

a flooded leach field from an overflowing septic tank. I think it took me three days to get him back close to white and another few days to get rid of the smell. I also remember a time when I took him to the mountains and threw snowballs out into the two feet of powder for him. He actually retrieved them, but seemed confused when he got back to me to find the snowball had disappeared from his mouth.

Now this dog that used to run and jump and try to catch butterflies in an open alfalfa field lies here in my arms on the floor. He can't even get in my lap when I sit in the chair anymore. His breathing is labored, but I know he is happy we are spending these moments together.

The day will come, way too soon, when I have to take him to the vet and let him go to a better place. I hope he finds a pond he can swim in, and an endless supply of butterflies.

Maybe he will put in a good word for me. *L*

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Grizzly Dave, SASS #85224

One day I was sitting around reading the SASS Wire (I know this might come as a surprise to some of you), and a thread with information about the fund raising efforts for the Cowboy Memorial Chapel caught my eye. I've been following the progress of the fund raising, and bought tickets for the raffles when I had a few extra dollars lying around, but wondered what else I could do to help out.

As you may know, I enjoy taking videos at the monthly matches I attend. It's fun for folks to be able to share the game with others through video footage of themselves shooting. I was registered for the Southwest regional, "Comin' at Cha," and though it was a number of months away, I was already getting excited about it. Then the idea struck me, why not have a video fund raising stage for the Cowboy Chapel at Comin' at Cha on side match day? Folks could shoot the stage for a donation, and I'd take video of them shooting and put it up on YouTube.

I touched base with one of the Memorial Chapel point people and he was in favor of the project. With his blessing, I contacted T-Bone Dooley, SASS #36388, ringmaster of Comin' at Cha, and pitched the idea. He was all for it and said if I'd organize and run it, he'd make sure we had a stage and targets to use.

As Comin' at Cha approached, I started to finalize my preparations for the fund raising stage. I contacted T-Bone to make sure it was still a "go" and he offered up a gun as a prize. The winner would be drawn from everyone who donated and shot the stage. I also touched base with Titus A.

Cowboy Memorial Chapel Fund Raising STAGE at COMIN' AT CHA

By Grizzly Dave, SASS #85224

Gnatsass, SASS #71705, who was the coordinator for the side matches at Comin' at Cha. Titus helped me line up some volunteers to assist me in running the stage, as it's kind of hard to run a video camera and a timer at the same time! I started putting together everything I thought I might need for the stage - a white board to track the fastest times, trash bucket, portable canopy in case of weather, something to collect drawing entries and donations, a couple of bungee cords (you never know when you're gonna need a bungee cord!), tape, and a few other odds and ends. I also printed up some flyers to draw attention to the Chapel stage, and talked it up on the Wire.

I rolled in to the Badlands Bar 3 the day before side matches. T-Bone had the stage all set up for me and made sure a ranch hand would get me anything else I needed. I hung the flyers everywhere I could think of - around the registration area, on the bathroom doors (both inside and outside!), and pretty much any place I could tape them up. I had even typed up an announcement for the side match safety meeting to let the shooters know about the stage.

On side match day everything was in place, and folks started drifting in and donating, and shooting the stage. As part of the starting line, I had them say their alias so it would be easier to label the videos once I uploaded them to YouTube. There were a few shooters who must have been in the witness protection program, were hiding from their ex's, or for some other reason didn't want a video taken. We were more than happy to accommodate their requests. At the end of the day, I had taken over 50 videos, and when the donations were counted, we had raised \$332 for the Chapel fund! The videos can be found on



*The Chapel Fundraising Stage was a blast!
10-10-2+ Start with the rifle on the tombstone plate rack,
and remaining rounds on the dump target.
Down the rifle and move to the back of the stage coach.
With pistols, double tap Nevada Sweep the three pistol targets.
Then retrieve shotgun from the boot
of the coach and shoot shotgun targets until down.*

the Bandlands Bar 3 website listed under Comin' at Cha 2011 Results, <http://badlandsbar3.com/CAC2011/CaC2011Info.htm>.

While \$332 may seem like a drop in the bucket in the goal of \$75,000, it puts us a little closer to the goal. If more folks would organize fund raising projects for their club's annual, state, and regional shoots, we would get there even faster. A video stage is only one idea you could use. You could have a booth to take a picture of folks in their cowboy duds in front of a prop, or something else entirely. It's only limited by your imagination! It's always helpful if folks who participate and donate are put into a drawing for something; folks like a chance to win something. The vendors who serve SASS are a very generous bunch; a few phone calls could yield some nice prizes. Another prize idea would be a free entry into the following year's match

donated by the host club.

I'd like to thank T-Bone Dooley for allowing me to run the fundraising stage and arranging for the gun as a prize. I'd also like to thank Titus A. Gnatsass for making sure we had everything we needed on side match day. Thanks to Sheriff Oso, SASS #57788, and Jack Houston, SASS #35508, who helped me run the stage - I couldn't have done it without you, fellers.

Lastly, I want to thank all the shooters who stopped by, donated, laughed, and shot the stage. Oh, and in case you're wondering, I did use the bungee cords I'd brought along, not much else, but it was nice to know I had everything I might possibly need.

I encourage folks to figure out a way to help in the Chapel fundraising efforts, and I'll be happy to help out if I can. Feel free to contact me at co_dave@comcast.net, or get ahold of me on the SASS Wire. 🤠



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GUNS on TV

By Nubbins Colt, SASS #7802

Is this a good thing? Is it exposing the great unwashed public to firearms in a bad light? Is it just entertainment?

* Bonus points for explaining the origin of this term

** Double bonus points if you, too, can take a block of steel and make a firearm!

I think we are witnessing an extremely positive trend in America with respect to firearms. We'll always have the hoplophobes who hate guns because they were taught to hate guns, but Americans in general are not as antagonistic towards firearms as they seemed to be not so long ago. Let me discuss the reasons why I think this way.

After the riots of the 1960s, the assassinations and the explosion of

urban growth, coupled with the public's perception (formed by or from the media and the leftists in Congress) of the alleged evil of American boys crawling around in rice paddies shooting Communists and other ne'er-do-wells, the image of firearms took a severe beating. Gun owners were painted not just as hicks or rednecks but as evil doers, and the good guys on TV and the movies were not the same white hatted heroes of an earlier generation or two—there was a lot of darkness around them. While gun people loved a lot of the Hollywood types of the time, such as Clint Eastwood (for decades) and Don Johnson in the 80s (who I actually think is an anti-gunner), their characters were not as endearing as earlier gun-toting heroes had been. It

was easy to look at these people, cheer their efforts in nailing bad guys, but not see yourself in their shoes. Moreover, other gun toters, like "Cagney & Lacey," were openly hostile to firearms, and the show, as well as many others, included all the classic anti-gun clichés possible.

Further, the great liberal political heroes were massively unswerving in their dedication to the destruction of the Second Amendment, and early in the decade of the 1980s, the best friend of gun owners took a bullet himself. While he never indicted firearms, Reagan's being shot didn't help us any. Then we had international terrorism on a massive scale, airports being shot up, planes blown up, and the flags of the enemies of freedom bearing AK-47s. Gun owners were painted into a deep defensive corner, the object of their affection being treated with derision and hatred, nasty vituperation emanating from the halls of Congress, State houses, and legislatures everywhere, and at the local levels especially. Adding to this were the ubiquitous metal detectors, making everyone anxious

There are an increasing number of shows on TV focused just on firearms. Mythbusters has gone "extreme" and showed a myth about rocket-propelled grenades. There are shows like Howe and Howe, Sons of Guns*, and American Guns** on Discovery, and Top Shot on History. I haven't noticed any particular bend towards portraying the shows as hicks or rednecks, but they show a great celebration in blowing things up (especially the liberals from SF, the Mythbusters).

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and many thinking "if only these guns would go away ..."

With the end of the Cold War, a period of relative calm throughout the world brought a little less focus on our firearms. Traveling with guns became easier, and planes didn't fall out of the sky because firearms were being transported. Terrorism was never gone, but it was not gun-focused, it was bomb-focused, for the most part. Plastic guns were invented and the world didn't end; seems like they have some metal parts after all. Then Florida decided it could trust its citizens to carry concealed guns. A swell of similar measures opened a floodgate, and the bloodbath that ensued; well, it did NOT ensue.

The arguments against guns became less specific against the "thing" and instead, more specific against the owners, and the arguments failed. Nothing happened as the country found itself awash in more and more guns and more and more concealed guns. Sadly, hunting in general had been falling off over this same period, but the news of successful self defense by armed citizens grew. The clamor from the anti-gunners was met with, "Really? Why? What's the big deal?" from certain sectors of society who really didn't care one way or the other. The huge knee jerk against firearms wasn't there amongst the masses.

I don't go to movies as much as I did years ago, so I cannot really comment there, but television certainly changed—the newer western movies on TV glamorized the guns in a positive way, never mind the absolutely over the top glamorization of firearms in various Tom Selleck movies (thanks, Tom!). Moses and Ben-Hur, two American favorites, appeared all over America supporting gun rights and advocating for gun ownership, too (thanks, Charlton Heston!). The fight from the NRA, SFA, CCRKBA, and state organizations was massive and constant. Being pro-gun didn't cause a big stir any longer at high tea; well, it still does in Boston, NYC, DC, and Chicago, but those places have, for the most part, been marginalized in this debate.

We elected a pro-gun President as the millennium began. He had a black, female National Security Advisor who was pro-gun and said so in public. And then we came to September 11, 2001, and America was hurt, America was outraged, America was scared, and America was PISSED OFF!!! We were "mad as hell and not gonna take it any-

more"—and suddenly America loved her military again! The ban on traveling in uniform was lifted, and servicemen and women became a standard part of the American scene such as had not been seen in more than 50 years. Police and various guards were seen in the most unusual places armed with black rifles, handguns (naturally), and sometimes shotguns. Americans noticed when it came to the public sector's duty to defend the private sector, firearms were the first line of the defense, and the American public got a little more used to the idea of the presence of firearms.

Hollywood's characters were actually sometimes perceived clearly as good guys and bad guys, and we loved it when the good guys shot the bad guys down, and Americans recognized themselves in these roles and recognized the role firearms play in personal and national defense. Then the Supreme Court of the United States told them they had the right to own guns and protect themselves, and, by Jove, the funky law called the Second Amendment to the Constitution stands right up there with the other funky piece of legislation called the First Amendment, which means it is the Supreme Law of the Land and applies to the States just like the First Amendment does, so you local folks take notice and leave Americans' rights alone (kinda sorta, anyway). Along the way, general shooting sports grew by leaps and bounds, but that's just lagniappe to this whole new world.

Somebody put a firearms show on a TV channel. It got good ratings. Somebody put another firearms show on a TV channel. It also got good ratings. Screams from the politically correct and the hoplophobes were not heard. A whole bunch of them are in CHL/CCW classes, too. Women are marching right there in the front lines with men buying guns, and guns come in pastel colors just for their pleasure, too. Someone blew some stuff up on a TV show and it, too, got good ratings. A military channel started, and it has shows about every war imaginable, describes every weapon imaginable, and they all get good ratings. A whole network is born dealing with hunting and fishing. It gets good ratings as well. "Survivor" turned into "Top Shot," and the public loves it.

Guns are just entertainment now, and it is a good thing. It is definitely not a bad light, not at all. And now you know how we got there ... in my not-so-humble opinion, anyway ...

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On The Cheap

By John Ray Davis, SASS #91943

When I started Cowboy Action Shooting™ about 18 months ago, I was a little short of funds. Having kids in college or private schools will do that to you. I talked to several apparently well-heeled cowboys who threw out numbers like \$3000 for guns and leather. Clothing was quoted at another several hundred dollars. I owned one SAA revolver and I wanted to get into the sport (I had acquired the Taylor's .45 online for \$400.) I was going to have to find ways to do it on the cheap.

The revolver I owned was a surprising low-ball win from www.gunbroker.com. This is the first tip I'll

pass along - scour the auction sites! In addition to gunbroker, check out auctionarms.com, gunauction.com and gunsamerica.com. Watch auctions for your target guns and get familiar with actual selling prices. When you see a gun you'd like, you can put it on a Watch List so you can easily track the bidding without committing anything. Look for auctions with low or no reserve price.

Don't try to cheat the seller, but don't pay top dollar. Remember, the auction sites will only enter a bid for you just above what is required. If the current price is \$400, you can enter a maximum bid of \$600, but the auction site will only enter \$410 until someone

bids higher. Don't follow a gun higher than reasonable in an "auction fever."

My most recent pickup was a Cimarron Model P new MSRP for \$550. The gun was used, but the seller indicated it was lightly used, and I took a chance. I got a pistol in excellent condition for \$340 (plus shipping and transfer charges). I was happy and the seller was, I hope, happy to have money for his next purchase.

The second tip is related the first - used guns are your friends when funds are low. In addition to the auction sites, check out the local clubs. Many clubs post or email ads from their members. Get

on their mailing lists. Cowboys are often trading up or into different calibers or types of guns. My second gun came from a local member. She was asking \$200 for a used Uberti. She had since gotten a nice pair of Rugers and was no longer shooting it. It served me well (I just sold it to pay for the above Cimarron. I made the sale through a Maryland shooting web forum).

My rifle came from a local Cowboy Action Shooting™ shooter. I paid \$400 for a tuned-up Puma '92 he no longer needed. The Stoeger shotgun was another gunbroker.com purchase for \$320. The total for the four guns was \$1320.

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The first few months I shot, I borrowed a shotgun from one shooter or another. You can usually rely on cowboys' generosity for a while, until you are convinced the sport is for you or until the wallet is a little fatter. Just remember to bring your own ammunition.

Another expense is leather. Again, scour the auction sites and the local club newsletters. The Internet is your friend and you can find the mass produced gun rigs. You will probably have to avoid the custom made holsters, but your guns will not fall on the ground and you will be fine. For a while, at least.

As I get more into the sport, I'm wanting to upgrade guns, leather, and clothing. For example, I sold the 4 7/8 Uberti in order to get a 5.5" Cimarron that better matched my first pistol. Needed? No. But wanted and, heck, I found a good price.

Clothing is another area where used items can be found. In fact, the used stuff can have a nice worn-in look, if that's what you are after. You may also find items being sold in new condition. For clothing, check out eBay.com. When I started, I removed the belt loops from a pair of canvas work pants. I did purchase boots and a shirt, after I scoured the web for the best prices. My Stetson 10X was under \$50 from eBay.

The costume has been upgraded with some Christmas and birthday presents. Also, I'm blessed with a wife who can sew and who loves costumes. A new shirt and a vest have been made for me and the fit is great!

Check out articles in *The Cowboy Chronicle* for ideas. The November 2011 article, *Great Costume Ideas*, is excellent. Captain George Baylor,

SASS Life #24287, used an old photograph to assemble an outfit. I've used, "I See by Your Outfit: Historic Cowboy Gear of the Northern Plains" by Lindmeir and Mount. They examine old photos and catalogs to identify clothing and equipment authentic to the late 19th century Northern Plains. It's an excellent resource. I've found it available for \$14.50 new or \$9.99 used.

The costume can start slowly. A pair of boots and a hat will most likely have to be purchased, but they may be used. Remember used articles are often just pre-aged. The shirt, pants, scarves, vests, and other accoutrements will come as you find what you want. You will see costumes you like in Western movies. Your look will evolve as you see other cowboys. Ask them where they got their shirt or why their boots are in a particular style. There is often a good story there, and you may get a great idea.

About a year after I started shooting, I got tired of purchasing new .45LC ammunition. I started reloading and it has worked well. After an initial hiccup (two squibs in my first match with my reloads), it has worked out great. Even after I searched for the lowest price for ammo, I was still paying far more than the cost of reloading. Shooters in your area will generally be glad to help you get started.

Of course, the danger in starting on the cheap is you will most likely want to upgrade. You will see more expensive guns and, as your skills increase, you may want a faster rifle or a better-balanced handgun. But these things will not make a difference at the beginning. Speaking of which, I am currently looking to upgrade my unlined holsters for a nice pair of lined Meanea-style Cheyenne holsters. If anyone has a set they'd be willing to sell, let me know. 🐾

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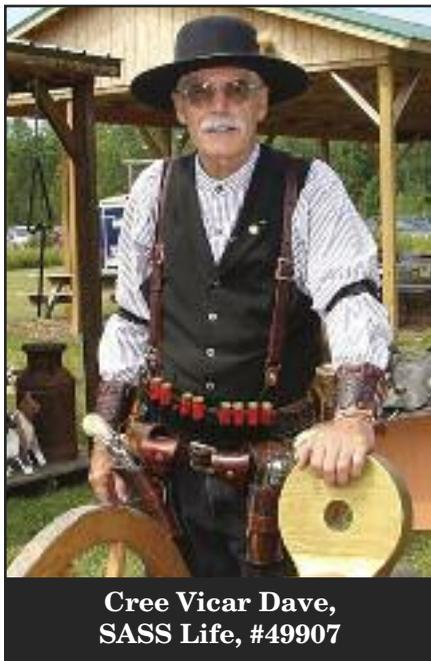
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By Cree Vicar Dave ~ SASS Life #49907

doctors that practiced medicine in the time period we portray were more interested in the welfare of their patients than in financial gain. They had a personal relationship with their clients instead of looking at people as a commodity. Many did their own office work or had a meager staff.

Many of these traits passed on into the first half of the 20th Century. When I was born, Dr. Slaw drove some 10 miles out to our farmhouse and waited patiently until I was ready to meet the world. My mom and dad told me he played with a baby lamb in our living room to pass the time. (The lamb was abandoned by its mother, so, since it was winter, dad bottle fed it in the basement.)

Even after hours and weekend emergency calls were accepted by most doctors back then. Doc Slaw was a part of the community and was often seen walking the sidewalks of our small town. They were family doctors and there wasn't much they didn't have an answer for. If they didn't know what the trouble was, they took it upon themselves to do some research and find out.

Today is a whole different matter. As to my experience with today's doctors, they seem to be a "one trick pony." If they don't have an answer to your problem, they send you off to someone else, one of those specialists not unlike "the Great Oz." There are three to six office workers per doctor in many offices. Government regulations of today might also require a full time lawyer on hand as well. If ya call for an appointment, you might have to wait a week or more to get in. They keep sending letters wanting me to come in for this or that test so they can collect from the insurance company. And, if you should happen to be so unfortunate as to not be in compliance with their office schedule, tee time, or insurance qualifications, it's like D.O.A. When I was a boy most people had faith in Jesus and trusted in God to meet all their needs. Today it seems people have faith in their doctor and trust in the government to meet their needs.

Also in the mix are Emergency Medical Responders. I often say there are two types of people you don't want near your house—firemen and EMR's. The first thing a fireman wants to do is chop holes in your roof and ambulance responders seem to enjoy ripping storm doors off their hinges. (Seen it happen at both my mother-in-law and my dad's place.) I told The Vicar's Wife if something happens that I need emergency help, "Don't dial 911, just put a couple planks up the back of our pickup truck, roll me up into the box, and truck me to the hospital. I'm not going to pay a large ambulance bill for a five mile ride to town and then have to buy a new storm door and install it when I get back home." It says in Psalm 90:10 NRSV, "The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away." The way I look at it is my warranty is pretty much used up by now anyway.

So what we need are more SASS Cowboys with Doc/Dr in their aliases. Hopefully this ole time genre will rub off on today's physicians so I can find a family doctor who may be truly concerned for my physical welfare.

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Have you ever noticed how many SASS Cowboys there are with the word Doc or DR in their alias? I would venture a guess that Doc/DR is the most popular noun/pronoun for a SASS name.

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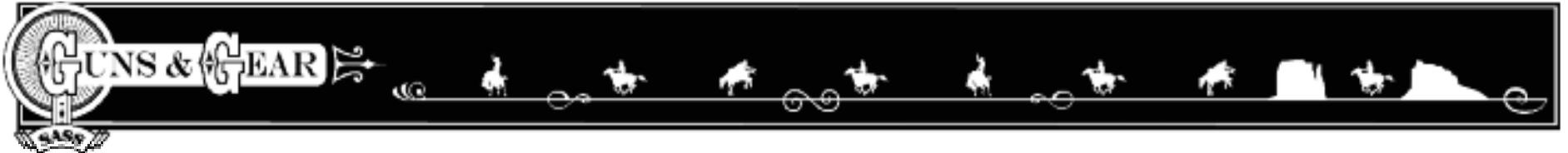
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ONE POT CHUCK

Cooking Up Some Tasty Grub Like Cookie Did Out On The Trail

By Whooper Crane, SASS #52745, and The Missus

Back east in Texas, they grow some of the tastiest peppers you'll ever find. Some are smolderin' hot and others, like Bells, are sweet and fleshy. Texas Bunkhouse Cookies use 'em regular.

And, speakin' of Texans, our good shootin' buddy, T-Bone Doo-ley, whips up a superior stuffed Bell pepper that's much like the following recipe.

Now you can use green, yellow, or red Bells, but we decided on red this time. They worked out just fine.

For the stuffing mix, we chose Kraft's pork flavor option, but any



Looks good enough to eat!



Whooper and The Missus

Directions

- Lay a good, hot bed of 30-40 charcoal briquettes.
- Cut tops off your peppers and remove seeds.
- Put peppers in your Dutch Oven and just cover with (warm) water.
- Put Dutch Oven on your coals.
- Cook peppers in really hot (not necessarily boiling) water for 25-35 minutes, depending on how firm you like 'em.
- When ready, remove cooked peppers and set aside, *but keep 'em warm!*
- Pour or ladle off all but 1-1/2 cups of your water.
- Add Stove Top Stuffing and butter, stir up, and cook for five minutes.
- Remove stuffing mixture from Dutch Oven and set aside, *keep it warm.*
- Add Sausage and Garlic slivers to Dutch Oven, cook 5-10 minutes until browned.
- Add Corn and your Stuffing Mixture and stir everything up.
- Cook for another 10 minutes.
- Remove everything from your Dutch Oven and stuff it into your peppers.
- Serve with canned apricots or other sweet fruit.
- Mighty tasty, believe you me!!!

Picture by Deadeye Al

one of their flavors will do the job.

For the sausage, we used Jimmy Dean's sage-flavored one-pound roll. The sage adds a nice "western" taste.

For the corn, we chose the Jolly Green Giant's Chipotle White Corn. It has lots of nifty extra stuff in it to make your stuffed peppers sing!

This recipe will give you lots of tasty stuffing, enough for six peppers. We whip up just four ... and use the remaining stuffing in our omelets the next morning. That's recycling at its finest!

T-Bone's Savory Stuffed Bell Peppers

Ingredients

- 4 Fresh Bell Peppers
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Bad Penny, SASS #1453

Evil Roy Shooting School Comes To The Great White North

By Bad Penny, SASS #1453
 Photos by Kitty Katz Arizona, SASS #84606

If someone called Evil Roy, SASS #2883, was seen heading for the border on a horse blowing foam and caked between the cheeks, almost everyone would assume he was heading south. His destination - a dim cantina where his beautiful girl, Wicked Felina, SASS #3483, and he would laugh at the posse staring helplessly across the Rio Grande.

Not this time. For the first time ever, "he went that-away," which meant getting the posse to break the 170 (and then some) and pound for Canada. The pair, a.k.a. Gene and Karen Pearcey, have travelled as far north as Norway and as far south as you can get to New Zealand giving Cowboy Action Shooting™ schools - but never before to Canada.

Their first excursion into the Great White North came on Thanksgiving weekend, October 8th and 9th, 2011. We do Thanksgiving



earlier up here, because once all the roadwork is finished, we have about 8 months of winter on our hands.

Evil Roy wasn't on the lam. He was coming to pass on all he had learned winning eight World Championships and 11 National Championships in the great sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™, although there was some trepidation amongst the eager students. If you know you are going to be told all the things you have done wrong over the past 20 years, you might reasonably expect it to be a bit of a downer, or worse.

Pushing aside such craven fears, I signed up for the Evil Roy Shooting School at the Bar-E Ranch, the SASS division of the Barrie Gun Club in Ontario. I am very glad I did. Far from being a downer, it was one of the most enjoyable weekends I have ever spent Cowboy Action Shooting™.

Stoney Creek, SASS #4952, remarked it was the best money he has ever spent on Cowboy Action Shooting™. "Except for buying guns," he added quickly. "But if I had to choose between going to a big match and the Evil Roy School, I'd choose the school. Mind you, the best thing would be to go to a big match where the Evil Roy School was being offered and have both. But if I had to choose, I'd choose the school."

The way this multiple championship winner showed us the way



we did it (WRONG) and the way he did it (RIGHT) was so gentle, so clear, and so filled with wry, dry humor. "Well, duh!" and delighted laughter were the reactions to each bright idea and insight he gave us. His why-you-don't-do-this illustrations were usually explained with examples of championships he had let slip past his trigger finger, not by his many resounding triumphs.

Even costuming was covered. "There is a video of me somewhere doing this," he chuckled, getting his right hand hopelessly tangled up in those famous bright red braces he always wears, as he struggled to get a shot shell into his '97.

The weather was perfect, with record-breaking warm days with

cool mornings and nights that perfectly suited the school's schedule of classroom from 8 to 10 A.M. and then out on the range from then 'til 4 P.M. Well, that was the plan, anyway. There were so many questions and so much interaction from the 32 Canadian sponges who sat raptly absorbing all the information, common sense, and wisdom dispensed by these two wonderful teachers, the range time was considerably shortened.

Why 32 scholars? The 30 pupil quota set by Evil Roy was filled almost as soon as the school dates were announced and, just as quickly, a line of those waiting for cancellations formed. Two people dropped out, two people joined up, and then the two who dropped out just couldn't stand missing it all and rejoined.

While the school's quota for stu-





dents was easy to fill, actually arranging and getting the school off the ground took three long years. Back in 2008 the idea was first mooted by the top hand at the Bar-E spread, Northern Crow, SASS

#39113, and his better half, Lady Smith, SASS #41781. The Pearceys were contacted about bringing the school north, but range troubles at the Bar-E and scheduling difficulties for the Pearceys stymied suc-

cess at every turn for some time.

It wasn't until almost exactly Thanksgiving 2010 Lady Smith resumed the dance with a, "Remember us? We still want you to come and we're still here," message and once the winter stopped howling and snarling, talk began again for real. An, "OK - let's get this done, we really do want to come," message from Evil Roy sealed the deal. One last delay prevented the school happening during the Bar-E annual match in July, but persistence paid off, and by late August all was set.

"He kept saying he was glad we were so persistent, which is much nicer than saying we were a pain in

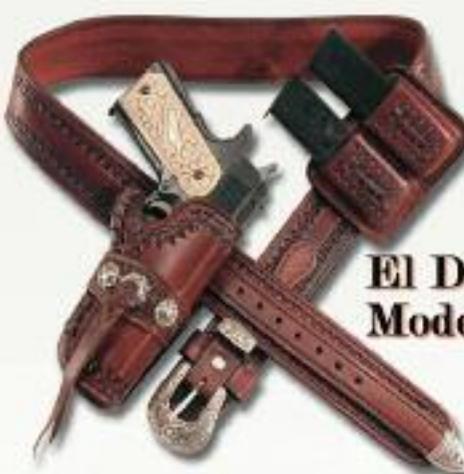
the tush," grins Canadian Crow. The success of the school made it all worthwhile. He observed, "He has such a non-judgmental way of presenting an idea that just makes so much sense."

Not that there weren't some disappointments. I loaned my Ubertis to Evil Roy for the duration, so the hassles of border gun controls could be avoided. I assumed when I got them back they'd be trained like a pair of sheep dogs. Not so. Now I have to do all the dry firing Evil Roy told us about - it's called practice. Who says there's never a discouraging word out on the range where the buffalo roam? 🐾

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Captain Baylor modeling the Mernickle Evil Roy Slim Jim rig with matching shotgun belt.

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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR

“One On One With Long Hunter”

DVD

By Captain George Baylor, SASS Life #24287

If you were a movie producer and called central casting for a Texan, and Long Hunter showed up, you would hire him. He's long and lanky, good-natured, and sounds like a Texan. He is also a World and National Champion Cowboy Action Shooter. A SASS Hall of Fame inductee at this year's SASS Convention, he is also a prime example of what we expect of our champions in SASS as role models because he believes we are not judged by our shooting skills, but rather how we conduct ourselves.

He has released a two DVD instructional set that covers just about everything a beginner to SASS needs to get started as far as shooting techniques go, and it is detailed enough and insightful enough even expert shooters can get some ideas from it.

As luck would have it, I obtained the DVD while preparing for Winter Range. By preparing, I mean P-R-A-C-T-I-C-I-N-G! Those of you who believe practicing is cheating might as well move on to “Little Known Famous People Way Out West.”

Some highlights of what Long Hunter covers in the DVDs

Prospective New Shooters

The first thing he mentions is the only thing you need for clothing to start off is a pair of “Levi's,” a button shirt, and a pair of lace-up work boots. He takes you through your first match and goes over the equipment needed. He talks about the guns needed and what modifications are recommended for them.

Handguns

He starts with three different ways to grip the handgun. One is to push the end of the strong thumb against the recoil shield to help control recoil and to point toward the target with your thumb. This is the

grip he uses. This won't work for everyone because your hand and thumb have to be big enough, but he demonstrates two other ways.

Then, he has a quick, fumble-free way to pick the guns up when staged on the table. It occurred to me that most people don't practice with pistols staged on the table, but most matches have a stage with them. Hmm.

Next came a demonstration of multiple ways of staging the pistol depending on what you needed to do next, such as going right or left or picking up another firearm. Then, he went on to demonstrating a one-round reload, a fixture of most shoot-offs.

He demonstrates a cross-draw holster and explains how to avoid having to do the cross-draw dance. Of course he demonstrates two strong side holsters and how to draw the weak-hand gun and transfer to your strong hand quickly without fumbling.

Rifles

This section starts with how to properly mount the rifle, not out on the shoulder, but inside, between the shoulder and the collarbone. He shows you how to find “The Sweet Spot” where the rifle doesn't move when you lever. He likes having his left hand with the fingers on the fore end cap and his thumb pointed toward the target. The weak hand applies rearward pressure, and the rifle will stay in place without your strong hand. He shows three ways of levering the rifle and explains that keeping your thumb on the side plate of the rifle will introduce a speed limit and cause you to move the rifle around as you lever. Moving your whole arm is faster. Your elbow needs to be down, not out at the side, or you'll apply side pressure as you lever.

He gets into transitions and vertical and horizontal staging.

Putting the rifle down takes some planning. A right-hander, moving to the right for the next gun, puts the rifle down with his left hand, with his hand on top, which means the rifle is on its right side. This way you can be half a step or more on your way before the rifle hits the table instead of having to wait for the rifle to be down before moving.

He demonstrates an almost square stance, with your knees bent so that you twist with your knees, not your waist when, for example, engaging a far left target and then a far right target.

Vertically staged rifles: he picks it up with his left (weak) hand and flips it up to his shoulder. Picking it up with your strong hand requires bending down further, and distance is time. Putting it back down is done with the weak hand, too, letting the butt hit the ground, then dragging it into the rack as you move on.

If you're in doubt about what cowboy port arms is, watch his explanation. The quick, easy way to get to it is to put your rifle to your shoulder and put the front sight on the target. Now lower the butt to your waist (not your gun belt), and keep the front sight on the target. You're there, and mounting the gun is one quick motion.

He demonstrates three methods of one-shot reloads. The key to all is the P-word, lots of it.

Shotguns

Starting with the '97, he demonstrates several fast ways to load it. He demonstrates strong and weak hand loading of the double. On both guns he says you should learn multiple ways. This is true with both guns. Loading one in the chamber and one in the mag tube on the '97 is pretty necessary if you're shooting a knock down that activates a flier that doesn't go very far, but other methods are faster if

you're shooting multiple stationary targets. If you're a right (strong) hand loader and picking up the '97 from a scabbard, you'll find loading from the left hand is faster. If you shoot a double, you need to know both methods because one may work better than the other depending on which hand is free and which direction you're going.

That's just the first DVD

The second covers *Important Basic Skills, Transitions, Proper Practice, and Preparing for the match.*

Important Basic Skills covers sight picture and how to make fixed sight guns shoot to point of aim, proper rifle sights (big bead on the front, usually polished brass, and a flat topped rear sight), and the advantages they give, and the importance of getting your head down on the shotgun so you don't shoot over the target. He shows how to determine which eye is dominant and what to do about it. He explains how to “shoot with your lower body” and its importance. He demonstrates a good, aggressive stance and explains the importance of lining up with the middle target in a wide sweep.

Transitions

“This is where the tactics come in with Cowboy Action Shooting™.” He demonstrates how he would shoot a stage in detail, then shoots it and concludes, “It is rare anyone ever runs a completely smooth, flawless stage—anybody.” When you have a bobble, work your way through it and don't dwell on it. He also catches up to the fact he didn't mention shooting a '97 left-handed during the shotgun section. He covers it now.

This section covers the importance of reacting to the beginning of the buzzer instead of the end and how to handle split shotgun targets. Take big steps. Don't shuffle. Use your legs to make up for a poor

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Shootout with the Spooks

By Rawhidenlace, SASS #83046



Rawhidenlace jumping the gate and getting both targets!

Middletown, OH – I don't know about the rest of you, but here in Indiana and Ohio it seems like every time we plan a shoot, Mother Nature gets huffy. Our Halloween shoot was no exception; two days before we had rain—a lot of it!

Friday morning dawned windy and sunny. I called the Sportsman's Club (an hour and a half away for me) worried we would have to cancel because of arena conditions due to the recent rain. A shooter who lives

four minutes from the arena volunteered to check on the conditions and get back with me. Since I had shooters coming from Kentucky, Ohio, and the far west side of Indiana, I made phone calls putting everyone on hold for a couple of hours.

Before the report from Middletown arrived, my phone was alive with calls from shooters saying, "We don't mind waiting a day for things dry out." Or, "Let's go and figure it out when we get there." I hadn't seen this much "gung ho" since the

2010 Mason Dixon NE Regional Match in Maryland when rain messed up SASS #50000, Timber Smoke's, plans, too. The same as what happened there, we all pulled together and figured out how to hold the shoot and make it work. Everyone wanted this shoot to go forward. So we decided what the heck, let's just do it! We'll figure it out when we get there.

Serenity, SASS #64982, and the

Legendary Lawman, SASS #73160, from Canada traveled down from Hamilton, Ontario to give us a hand and give our shoot an International flavor. Serenity had already planned on entering the match and had borrowed a horse for the festivities. Serenity and Lawman were staying with me, so we finished loading up the equipment, the horses, the food, and headed for Middletown.



Wild Donkey and Josie getting ready to burn up the dirt.



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The "horse thief" has been captured by the Range Officer

Upon arrival Friday afternoon we found the arena to be muddy, but very firm, underneath. Riders arrived all afternoon with everyone pitching in to help out with setting up trailers, pen outs for the horses, and setting up camp for three days of fun.

Serenity had borrowed cutout tombstones from their Cowboy Action Shooting™ club up north to help set "The Spooky" mood. I had coat hanger ghosts to hang along the trails in the woods and Houlihan



Ramblin Ben exiting the woods trail.

Winners

Overall	Rawhidenlace, SASS #83046 (Saturday and Sunday)
Rifle	Wild Donkey, SASS #87183
Saturday Winners	
Men's Overall	Ramblin Ben SASS #88762
Men's Reserve	Wild Donkey
Ladies Reserve	Country Briar, SASS #92799
Sunday Winners	
Men's Overall	Ramblin Ben
Men's Reserve	Houlihan Dan, SASS #92800
Ladies' Reserve	Country Briar



Dan brought and strung 460" of Christmas lights for our "first ever" night shoot with "glow in the dark" balloons. With the flags set on the south end of the arena waving gaily in the breeze, the tombstones placed along the posts, and the lights strung, the arena looked "Spooktacular" when we finished decorating!

Sweet n Sassy, SASS #87184, and Wild Donkey, SASS #87183, our newlyweds from the summer, had brought what they thought would



Serenity from Canada

be enough wood for the weekend campfires, but we burned through it all Friday night as the temperatures took a dive right after sundown. There was frost on everything by 10 pm! Yet, we were all up still chatting about the upcoming shoot and all the new things to try created by Houlihan Dan, SASS #92800. Houlihan Dan came up with the idea for a pulley system with three balloon loops on the string, powered by a hand-cranked wheel. We set this up so when the rider crosses a cone, the person turning the wheel starts cranking the balloons in the direction of the rider. Action Shooters have moving targets, so we thought we should, too. It worked superbly, and the shooters were thrilled with the new gadget.

Saturday we offered two stages of our four-stage match, including shooting on a trail through the woods. Four ghosts, one skeleton, and one eight-foot tall 'zombie' populated the trails, challenging the shooters. Our Canadian friends also brought down some 3-D faces and one of those found its way out to the trail, too.

By Saturday evening the arena was drying out, and eleven shooters



Range Officer and Match Director with portable sound system

experienced the thrills of shooting lots of fun targets, jumping through gates, slaying ghosts in the woods, and just plain ole fun.

The Middletown Sportsman Club graciously offered up their clubhouse for our potluck Saturday night after the main match. Homemade stews, lasagna, banana bread, Mac-n-Cheese were just few of the delicious items on the menu, and I'm pretty sure we all ate more than we should've, but that's not unusual at our get togethers!

Marsha Dillon, SASS #88763, was our scorekeeper for the week-
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end, since she still can't ride due to her accident just prior to the Indiana State shoot. However, after watching all the fun we were having, she told us when she's back in the saddle we HAVE to do this again so she can enjoy the thrill of the woods and shooting on the trails. Not to worry dear Marsha, everyone wants to do this again, so we'll definitely plan on this being an annual event every October, but probably the 2nd or 3rd weekend of the month in 2012.

Another big thank you goes out to The Legendary Lawman, who wanted a job, so we gave him one. He checked and loaded every gun handed to him at the shoot for both days. It was wonderful having him at the ammo table.

Lenora Sutton assisted Marsha at the scoring table and was the power behind the pulley balloons. She also made a "To Die For" spiced warmed Apple Cider we enjoyed on Saturday evening after the night shoot.



**Houlihan Dan—
"all clear and all clean"**

Speaking of the night shoot, picture this reading audience: Dusk in Middletown, the trees are bare or close to it, night is settling in. The strands of twinkling lights are all aglow around the top rail of the arena. Jack O' Lanterns with



Squeakus ended up riding several horses over the weekend, and we jokingly called her the "horse thief." We never knew on which horse we would find her!a

carved faces are staring at you and your horse from the end gate. At the north end, about 20 ft inside the back fence, you see five balloons illuminated in the dark. Somewhere a coyote howls (or was it one of the camp dogs?), horses are snorting, bits and spurs are jingling, and the hair is standing up on the back of

your neck. You hear your name whispered eerily from the darkness; it's your time to run. You charge your horse down the arena to the balloons, sight down the barrel of your gun, and fire at your first target. Hot sparks explode into the blackness of the night, the balloons
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 pop, and the glow sticks hit the ground. You race back home across the timeline yelling at the top of your lungs, "WAS THAT COOL OR WHAT!" We had only planned on one stage, but the shooters were fast turning into a posse, so we let em have one more go at the fast five. In the end, it was a tie for first place between The Country Briar, SASS #92799, and Ramblin Ben, SASS #88762. It was exciting, and something that must become an annual October event!

Sunday morning, much to his astonishment, Hoolihan Dan found "Squeakus The Horse Thief" had snatched his main mount, Rio.

Being the gentleman that he is, instead of "Hangin Her High," he just let her ride Rio for the day and switched to his reserve mount. However, being the smart man he is, he kept a real close eye on Squeakus when everyone was loadin' up and headin' for home!

Sunday we hosted another four-stage match, complete with two trail runs, and for our rifle shooters, a special 15 shot stage. You shot the first pistol in the arena, exited out the back gate of the arena onto the woods trail, using your second pistol to shoot five targets in the woods, returned back into the arena, and shot your rifle on the rundown. This was an exciting change from



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 shooting position.

Practice

"The main thing in practice is you want to do what you're uncomfortable with, not what you're comfortable with."

One shot off the table drill—shoot one shot from each gun, starting with guns on the table. You can do different variations, such as pistols holstered or starting with the shotgun one time, a rifle the next, and so forth. You need a timer. The human body doesn't have an internal clock.

Dry fire practice is useful, too, and you can use the timer's "Par Time" feature when dry firing. Dry firing doesn't cost you anything but time.

Long Hunter's personal practice routine starts with shooting a stage cold. With no warm up, simulating your first stage at every match, he sets up a stage, not an easy one, something with gun handling, then shoots it, then doesn't shoot it again. The next thing he does is work with each gun separately working on sight picture. A perfect sight picture, not speed is the goal. Then he works at match speed, "shooting my sight as soon as I get on target." This includes transitions and movement. Then he'll work on his speed. "The only way you can get faster is by shooting faster." He is trying to teach his eyes to catch up to his guns. He might miss a lot during this phase. He is learning his speed. "But you never want to end your practice like this. You want to have the right mindset when you leave the range." He goes back to match speed; then

back to shooting small targets.

He teaches several drills that will get a lot of results without using a lot of ammunition needlessly. He dry-fires using Post It notes as targets. They're big enough for a quick sight picture, but keep the focus on always having a sight picture before firing.

Preparing for the match

He carries a cooler on his gun cart and drinks two bottles of water before the first stage, then about one bottle, mixed with Gatorade, for each stage. Hydration is important. He has an umbrella on the gun cart for shade for the guns and himself, and for rain protection, a couple of 55-gallon trash bags to put over the cart in case of rain. Other gun cart items include spare ear plugs and shooting glasses, anti-fog, dust covers for the long guns, snacks, "knockdown" cartridge loads, and hotter shotgun loads for recalcitrant targets and activators for pop ups. He has a screwdriver in the cart and a Screwknife© on his gunbelt. He gives some suggestions on controlling match nerves before the first stage, from deep breathing exercises to wiggling your big toes. He covers mental imaging: visualize going through the stage over and over to get it straight in your mind. Visualize the sight picture on each target.

He concludes with a comment very much in his character: "The only thing you have to win or lose is the respect of your fellow competitors."

The DVD ends with a very funny collection of outtakes. Stick around for that. If you're new to SASS, you probably want these DVDs. If you want lower stage times, you probably want these DVDs. ♪

the normal 10 shot, one pistol and rifle stage, and was another brilliant idea from Hoolihan Dan!

If you didn't get the chance to make our shoot this year, don't worry, as we're already planning an expanded "redo" for 2012. Check our schedule of events on our blog site: <http://heartlandpeacemakers.blogspot.com/>

or the club schedules in *The Catobog Chronicle* under the Heartland Peacemakers. You can also visit YouTube at the following link to experience our Hat Cam video from the shoot and see what it's like to ride a horse and shoot the in woods! <http://youtu.be/mzjewTegUA4>

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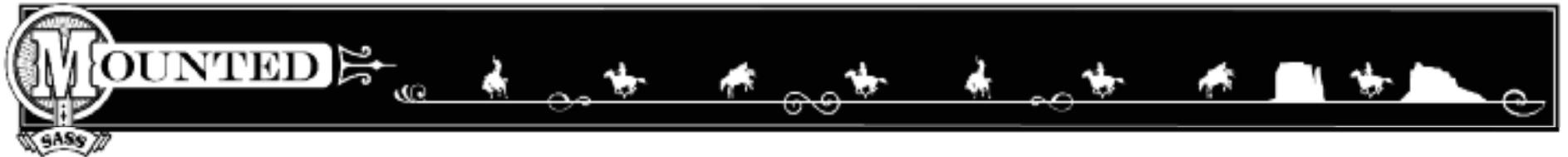
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HORSE PLAY

By Valrico Kid, SASS #77635

VOLUME 7

Obstacle Courses for Fun and Training



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Obstacle courses can be a lot of fun and present new challenges that can have subtle effects on your mounted experience and event performance. At the Double T Ranch and training facility, we recently set up a 10 stage Obstacle Challenge Match. At stake, of course, were the bragging rights of the rider with the combined times of the two best runs, and even a trophy. This event, like most we do at the training facility, had a far more important agenda than simply a friendly competition. Following are the three key factors

this course and rules of running were intended to practice and enhance:

Building and reinforcing the trust and partnership relationship between rider and mount

Steering and control of the mount, as there were direction changes, speed changes, and condition changes all intermixed

Gun handling, firearms changes, and accurate shooting

First, let's have a discussion about gun handling and shooting. It is a common misconception, particularly for new shooters, be they Mounted or Action that the balloons



Stage 1 - White balloon hanging from a hangman's noose blowing in the breeze with red balloons on the gallows pole.

or steel targets are huge and can't be missed. This is perhaps the case even more so with the Mounted shooters, as they are shooting with what amounts to shotgun blasts at very fragile balloon targets at close range. One could stand there all day and shoot balloons at the typical distances and NEVER fail to pop one. But when motion and speed are added to the mix, suddenly those stubborn little buggers won't pop. Often is heard, "How could I have missed that?" The same is true with Action Shooters. The oft-repeated antidote is, "No target is too large or

too close to miss." A perfect example was at the 2011 Louisiana State Cowboy Action Shooting™ Championship. On one stage there was a dump target the size of a Volkswagen, so obviously no one believed they could possibly miss. THEY DID! It is psychological; if you think you can't miss, you suddenly relax, shoot too fast, don't aim, and BOOM, there goes a needless five-second penalty. Don't let your brain fool you into a needless error.

Gun handling and target practice are worthy endeavors to work on if you wish to improve your performances and times. It is not as necessary to always shoot ammunition, as it is to develop your muscle memory so your actions become smooth and completely second nature and automatic. I know Action Shooters who have flattened and worn out the safety bar on their Rugers by dry firing for hours, night after night, while



Stage 6 - White balloon behind plywood wall with hole to shoot through. Horse had to be backed into decreasing sized corral covered with flapping caution tape everywhere. After leaving #6 the horse had to jump a bale of hay before reaching #7.



Stage 2 - White balloon inside of old tire surrounded by obstructions and red balloons.

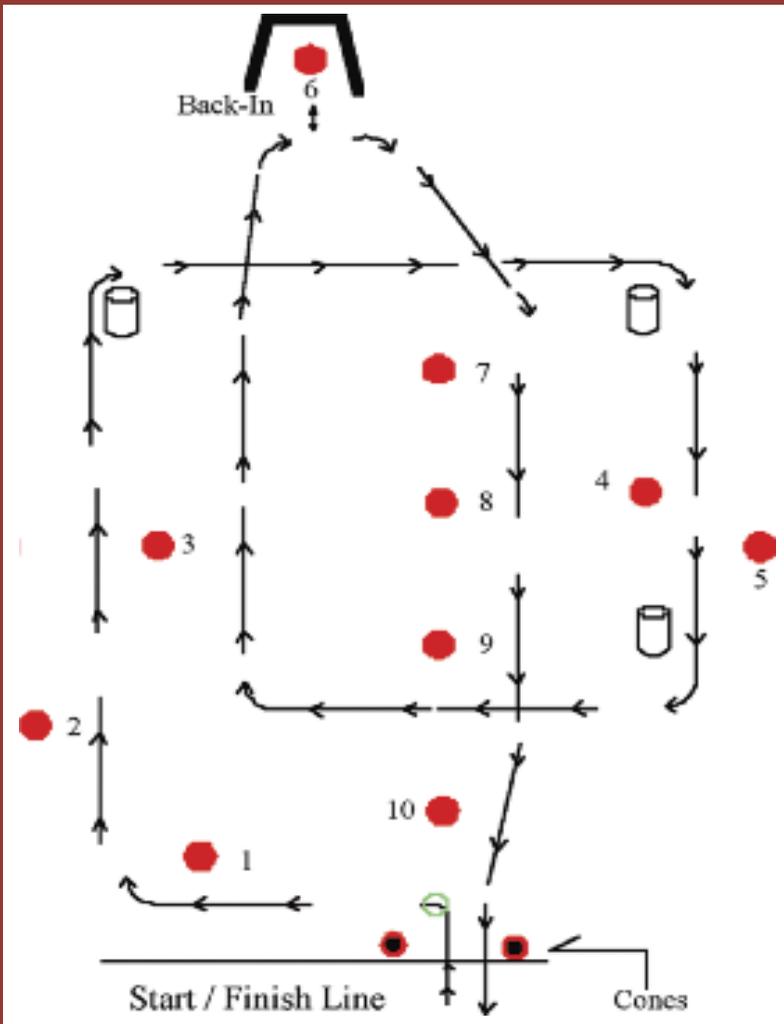
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aiming at the TV or dots on the wall. Smooth gun transitions from one holster or firearm to another are critical in both Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Mounted. You don't need to be actually sitting on a horse to do this. For Mounted Shooters, we have a saddled up stand with reins and rifle scabbard so dry firing and transitions can be practiced endlessly, if desired. You can do this at home. Many people also have the luxury to be able to shoot blanks or live rounds on their own property so they can

use noise reactive timers. If not at home, occasionally a couple hours of live fire practice at the range can affirm and enhance the benefit of dry fire practice. Invest in an inexpensive electronic timer and you will soon see the benefits of practice. First seconds count, pretty soon the tenths of seconds will count. They add up in a tight match.

In mounted shooting, in my humble observational opinion, the chest rig is by far the most efficient holster set-up. No matter where you

are, how you are seated, or at any speed, you always know exactly where your chest is without looking. Looking takes time. Now, I've watched many champion level mounted riders using holster rigs at their waist successfully. I noticed most of them, male or female, are younger, slimmer, and quite athletic. Someone with a little more girth to reach around or under may find the chest rig a little easier to work with once you've tried it. Pommel holsters are all right to begin with, but not as efficient when your speed and times increase because extra body, arm, and hand movements take time. And potential miss-cues by your body to the horse can occur.

In Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Mounted Extreme events there are gun transitions from one type of firearm to another. Again, practicing these movements over and over will soon make them smooth and automatic so you can focus your mind on the upcoming target and be ready at your best speed.

How about some hole punching target practice? Sure, it's okay to pop those balloons or ring that steel,

but just where are those shots actually going? I would suggest some minimal range practice for any shooter, using live ammo and bull's-eye targets, to get a good feel for your sighting and the weapons accuracy. Recently, a top Cowboy Action Shooting™ shooter, Cypress Sam, SASS #xxxx, conducted a clinic where all comers could site-in their guns and have them adjusted. Hardly any of the participants had firearms that were shooting the 10 ring, and they were surprised. Understand that even revolvers with fixed sights can be adjusted for windage and elevation with the proper tools unless the front blade has been shortened so much it needs replacement. Accurate firearms make better shooters, and practice makes perfect. An unnecessary miss penalty is like a light-year compared to the minimal time it takes to aim to hit.

I am constantly dumbfounded when a shooter admits they must keep track of which pistol is which because – one shoots high or one has a hair trigger or one has a long trigger pull or one hammer spring is
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Stage 3 – White balloon on stick in cone set on ground. Red balloons on sticks in cones on ground completely surrounding white balloon. Must shoot balloon while horse is walking on wood bridge.

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much stronger than the other or WHATEVER! If you can't adjust them yourselves, you already shoot with someone who can or who knows a local gunsmith who can get your guns matched quickly, cheaply, and easily. There is WAY too much going on in a competitive event to be won-



Stage 10 - White balloon inside of a bucket on a pole facing the finish line. It could only be hit after passing by and shooting back over your shoulder.

dering if you got the correct pistol in the correct holster and then have to change your shooting technique to accommodate the difference. Good grief, Charlie Brown, life is too short for that stuff!

10 Stage Obstacles for Partnership, Control, and Accuracy

At each stage there were unique targets. The white balloons were the object target and often it was surrounded by a number of red balloons. If a red balloon was popped, it was a five second penalty each.

As you look at the schematic, you will see right at the starting line a very quick and tight left turn was required prior to engaging target #1, which was blowing freely in the wind. No sooner was the shot made when the rider had to quickly turn right and get set up for target #2, which was a cross-chest shot at ground level, requiring precision.

Speed control was essential, as target #3 was surrounded by penalty balloons, and required an almost straight down shot at very close range. The added problem, of course, was getting the horse quickly and



**Stage 7 - White balloon on stick in cone set on the ground.
Stage 8- White balloon floating in watering trough surrounded by floating red balloons. After leaving #8 horse had to walk or trot over mattresses laying on the ground the reach #9.
Stage 9 - White balloon on stick in cone set on the ground.**

confidently up on the wooden bridge to make the shot.

A bit of controlled speed could now be added because it was some distance to target #4, but there were a couple of barrels to navigate. Then the distance between #4 and #5 was quite short and required a quick and accurate crossover shot. Of course, there was that darn large pipe on the ground to jump over at the same time, just for a little added control and partnership stress testing.

Once again the rider could really add some controlled speed because it was a long way to target #6. The problem here was the horse had to be brought to a complete stop, turned 180 degrees, backed into an obstructed area, and stopped before the rider could shoot the target balloon through a small hole. Dang, that was fun to watch, with all the caution tape fluttering all over the place in the wind. The horses simply loved it!

Now, the horse and rider could charge out of the #6 corral and head for target #7, a simple shot. The problem was, right when you wanted to pull the trigger, the dang horse was busy jumping over hay bales. Kind of messes up your aim a little. Oh, well.

Next, Target #8 was pretty close and straightforward; simply shoot a white balloon floating in a watering trough. The difficulty was there were a whole bunch of red penalty balloons floating in there too, and the wind kept them all moving around. And for some strange reason, when the water flew back up at the horse and rider from the percussion of the blast, they all jumped and seemed surprised. Strange, isn't it?

So now, no more fooling around - target #9 was simply a white bal-

loon on a stick in a cone. No problemo. Who would'a thunk the horses wouldn't want to run on top of those mattresses lying on the ground? I mean really, how picky can you get? It was a hoot to watch, as a horse would come to a halt and gingerly reach out one leg to gently test the firmness with one hoof, maybe take one step, and then back, then delicately forward. This is where riders with true partnership with their horses truly stood out. Some approached, the rider cued them, and over they went.

Target #10 was tricky only from the perspective it was right at the race to the finish line. This was the last opportunity to pick up a couple of seconds. But the shot required timing and precision, or a miss was assured.

This was a great event, and all had a good time. There was much laughter, cheering, and teasing.

Everyone had lots of fun and learned many subtle lessons at the same time. The winners weren't the ones with the rocket fast horses. The winners weren't the ones who never missed a target. The top winners were the ones who had worked so very hard on the fundamentals of cues, trust, partnership, speed control, and accuracy at speed; being set and ready for the next target before they got there, planning ahead, and working with their mount as a cohesive team where each trusted the other to know and do what was needed at the right time.

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Grande. The offer of a truce from Union General Lew Wallace had been rejected by Ford's commander, Major General J. G. Walker, an officer of the "last ditch school." Ford and Slaughter had been ordered to resist the hated Union intrusion, even though news from the east had been dismal for the Confederacy. Wallace had proposed rightly any loss of life would be needless and could not affect the outcome of the war, but there was still a battle to be fought.

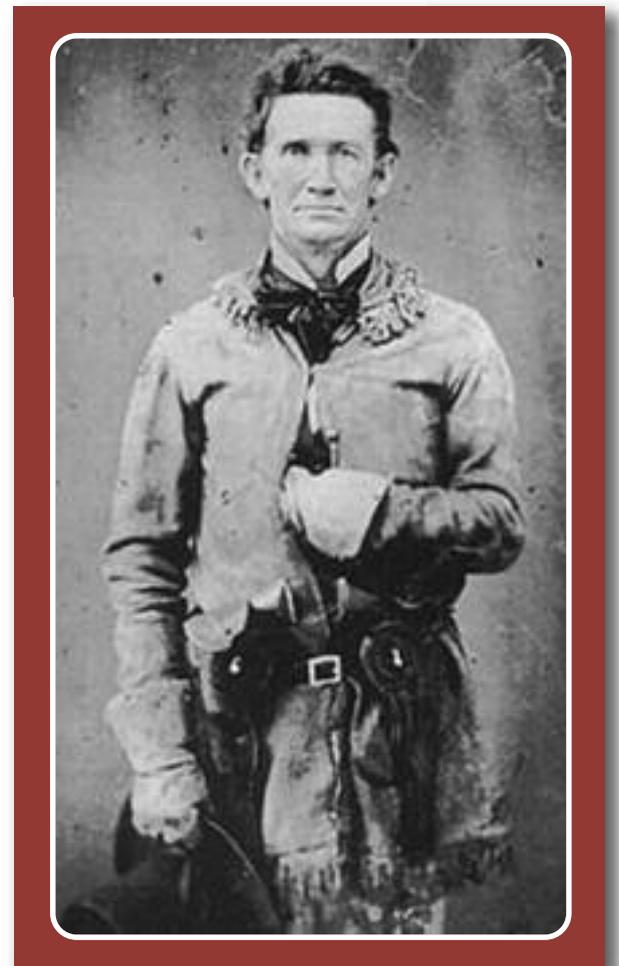
Though Slaughter was of a more reasonable mind to accept Wallace's truce offer, the colorful old Texan was more of Walker's mind and had assembled some 1,300 bedraggled troops of the Cavalry of the West. He took Slaughter's absence as a sign he was to assume command and commenced to do so. Addressing his men, he soon had them in fighting spirit and led them forth to meet the enemy.

In a wild, running fight, Ford's screaming men forced the Union troops to withdraw, scoring one last victory for the lost Confederacy. Ford was to learn from a captured Union trooper the next day that Lee had surrendered a month earlier at Appomattox Courthouse and the Confederacy no longer existed. The news hit Ford like a physical blow, confirming what he had feared – the indomitable Confederacy was dead. He immediately issued orders for humane treatment of the Union prisoners, which included a number of native Texans and even colored troops who feared being returned to slavery. With few exceptions from embittered deserters, Ford's orders were obeyed and the Union troops proceeded to occupy Brownsville unopposed.

Ford could take little solace in his victory, but in true pioneer spirit, he once more turned his energies to public service to his beloved Texas. The Battle of Palmito Ranch was but one incident in the life of one of Texas' most colorful public servants.

At the age of 21 in 1836, Ford immigrated to Texas from Tennessee, as had many others during Texas' battle for independence, with a promise of a new life. Ford was a man with a keen mind for learning and had been educated at his own insistence as a youngster. A voracious reader, he had exhausted the supply of books available to him in Tennessee and apprenticed himself to a physician, intending to become a doctor, which he did by the age of nineteen. In the feverish move to support Texas' independence, Ford left a daughter in the care of his parents, traveled down the Mississippi to the Red to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he purchased a horse and wagon. Hanging his shingle, "John Salmon Ford, Doctor" on the wagon, he headed off to San Angelo to begin his eventful career in the new Republic of Texas.

Eight years of selfless service to the many indigent folks of San Angelo brought Ford the reputation of being a good and generous physician. It was during this time his active mind began to exercise its creative talent. As a member of the new Thespian Society, he wrote a three-act comedy, an unusual



thing for a frontiersman to do, and it launched a new direction for him, or rather two - politics and journalism. There would be others.

Texas' beginnings as a republic became a confusing series of events and counter-events. Annexation to the United States had its supporters (of which Ford was one) and opponents. Unable to succeed themselves, Texas governors came and went. U.S. Presidents Van Buren and Polk had opposing views on expansionism. Political winds blew to and fro. Santa Anna attempted to sell Texas to the U.S. and was rebuffed by President Jackson. European countries even attempted to gain some measure of influence in Texas. After ten uncertain years, Texas was indeed admitted to the Union under the expansionist Polk, who acquired more territory for the U.S. than even Jefferson. Through all this, Ford became an active elected member of the Texas legislature. Though not elected to the Annexation Convention, he was invited to report on the convention by the Texas National Register, and though he had never been a journalist, he became one.

Having been an attorney, a doctor, a politician, a surveyor, a thespian and playwright, even a volunteer Texas Ranger, Ford and a friend bought the newspaper and moved it to Austin, where he overcame local opposition to become a successful newspaperman. Soon enough, as Texas became a state and the disagreements over the border with Mexico led to war, Ford's life took yet another turn - Texas Ranger. He was to become, as a member of John Coffee Hayes' Ranger Company, one of the "Los Diablos Tejanos" who so terrified the army and citizens of Mexico. It was here he acquired his nickname, "Rip" Ford. As Hayes' adjutant, it was his task to write letters of condolence to survivors of fallen troopers. His "Rest in Peace" salutation on

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LITTLE KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE Way Out West -

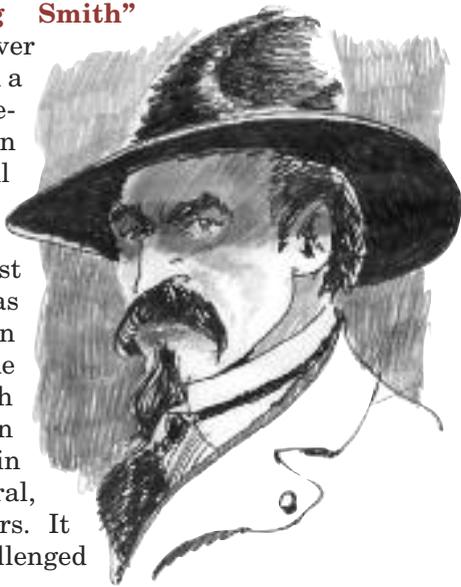
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James Luke “Whispering Smith”

James Luke “Whispering Smith” remained in the Mississippi River area after serving as a sailor on a U.S. Navy gunboat in the War Between the States. He held a position on the New Orleans police force until he was involved in a shooting that caused a scandal and had to leave town in a hurry. He hightailed it west and was hired by the Union Pacific as a railroad detective. While working in the Cheyenne and Black Hills area, he shot six desperadoes and helped lynch two others. Later, as Chief of Indian Police at the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico, Luke captured several, and shot four outlaw tribal members. It was here Smith unsuccessfully challenged Pat Garrett to a duel.

Smith went to Wyoming and took a detective job with the Stock Growers Association, where he had a hand in half a dozen lynchings. In the 1890s, Whispering Smith was hired as security officer by the Pleasant Valley Coal Company at Castle Gate in Utah. Now the Castle Gate area was alive with outlaws. When Butch Cassidy robbed the Pleasant Valley payroll, Smith and “Doc” Shores pursued the gang without success. And when J.W. Warf and M.P. Braffet, local attorneys, sponsored “Gunplay” Maxwell, a known rustler for Deputy Sheriff, Smith launched a successful attempt to stop them. This campaign started a feud that ended in a three-way gunfight. Smith won the face-off, but lost his Pleasant Valley job.

Smith moved on to Denver and was hired by a newspaper editor to run Bat Masterson out of town. After this showdown, Smith wound up at Buena Vista as a prison guard. After he shot and killed a prisoner trying to escape, he retired to Denver. Whispering Smith committed suicide in 1914. 



“Old Rip” Ford . . .

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each letter gained him a label he would proudly wear the rest of his life, “Old Rip.”

The war had changed Old Rip. No longer was the quiet life of a newspaperman as interesting as before. A life of action can do that to a man, and Ford was looking for something new. He sold the paper and attempted unsuccessfully to raise a volunteer company of Rangers. His new opportunity came when approached by Major Robert Neighbors to survey a route from Austin to El Paso to enhance travel from Texas to the new gold strike in California. This was through some of the most formidable country in the United States, through unexplored territory populated by the feared Comanche tribes which had so long kept the Texans at bay. The route they developed is still used today and his estimate of 598 miles still stands. During this bold venture, Ford met, but was unable to approach, a white woman who had obviously been captured by the Comanche, whose face bore scars and whose eyes betrayed untold sadness. The memory was to haunt Ford the rest of his life.

Barely 15 years after Texas’ admission to the Union, Abraham Lincoln was elected President and Ford became an ardent secessionist. He was often seen leading secessionist rallies and parades mounted on a dashing white stallion, leading the call for a Secessionist Convention. He now began yet another adventure, this time as a colonel of Texas cavalry, assigned to capture the Union forts along the Rio Grande. This he did without firing a shot, as Union commanders began withdrawing their regular troops from Texas. Ford reported great sadness at seeing the Union flag, which he had supported for so long, lowered in surrender, and men with whom he had served for years withdraw in defeat, knowing they may be compelled in the name of duty to attempt to take each other’s lives. All this happened before the Fort Sumter attack.

Ford became instrumental in developing an active trade route through Matamoros, Mexico, to defeat the Union blockade that immediately closed off traffic at the Rio Grande. England and Germany willingly joined the venture and enormous amounts of materiel and supplies flowed through the arrangement. Though never a part

of the Confederate Army, Ford retained his colonelcy of the volunteer Cavalry of the West, with whom he was to fight the last battle of the Civil War against the Union Army, and in skirmishes against General Juan Cortinas, pro-Union Mexican Army officer.

Though ill from recurring attacks of malaria, contracted in the Mexican-American War almost 20 years earlier, as Parole Commissioner, Ford did more than any other man to bring Texas back into the Union during Reconstruction. In spite of his public service, Ford was soon penniless, in poor health, and a new husband and father. Struggling to support himself and his family, Ford unexpectedly received a generous grant from an anonymous donor. He never knew his benefactor was none other than Texas rancher, Richard King, owner of the great King Ranch.

He was to continue his varied career for years, serving to raise a volunteer force to resist incursions from Mexico by General Juan Cortinas, and even as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. When the corrupt Reconstructionist Republican governor Davis refused to yield to the popularly elected Richard Coke in 1873, Ford, now 60 years old, intervened into the rapidly building armed turmoil and almost single-handedly controlled the mobs and displaced Davis, an act that by itself would have guaranteed Ford’s place in Texas’ history. Leading an armed – and now disciplined – mob singing, “The Yellow Rose of Texas,” Old Rip’s show of force convinced the old carpetbagger governor to skedaddle.

About this time, Juan Cortinas began to again make his presence felt in Texas. Almost 20 years earlier, Cortinas had become a folk hero among the Mexican citizens on both sides of the Rio Grande, who were feeling the pain of anti-Mexican sentiments by the Anglo citizens of the new Texas. In 1859, he had led a small band of Mexicans in a nighttime take over of the town of Brownsville, terrorizing the place until encouraged to leave by Mexican army officers in Mexico. For the next 17 years, Cortinas was to be a thorn in Texas’ side, crossing the border at will to molest the hated Tejanos – and Old Rip was in the middle of it all from start to finish.

As the years passed, Cortinas’ numerous incursions into Texas led to conflicts with both the army and

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the Texas Rangers, of which Ford was a Major. Burning and killing as he went, Cortinas caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, took many lives, and stole thousands of American dollars and livestock. Though a final engagement ended the “Cortinas Wars,” Cortinas was still alive in the mid 1870s – and so was Old Rip.

Cortinas was made a General in the Mexican army and continued his guerilla harassment of Texas, continually enriching himself in the old Mexican tradition. His mother, who owned a rancho northeast of Brownsville, was a genteel, cultured woman, very unlike her wayward son. She befriended Ford and he extended her his protection. Never once were the lady or her property molested by anyone, not the army, not the Anglos. No one would go against Ford’s admonitions.

In one of Ford’s most unique accomplishments, he made a deal with Porfirio Diaz as he was forming his revolution. Ford offered funding if Diaz would remove Cortinas from the border. Diaz made good on his word by having Cortinas court-martialed, tried, and sentenced to death by General Canales, his old arch-enemy in the Mexican army. Ford prevailed upon Canales to not besmirch his record by an execution that would appear to be personally motivated; rather, send Cortinas to Diaz for his disposition. Diaz kept the old outlaw under close supervision thereafter in an ingenious arrangement, hugely impressing many of Ford’s contemporaries. What a clever way to rid Texas of an old nemesis without bloodshed and further cross-border animosities!

What next for Ford? He was merely the Mayor of Brownsville, a representative to the Texas Constitutional Convention, and a state Senator, where the “white haired old man” of 61 years argued powerfully for improvements in public schools and the public justice system. But he was not finished yet.

He was to embark on the most rewarding career of his life as Superintendent of the School for the Deaf and Dumb in Austin. In four years he turned what had been an asylum into a school with a progressive curriculum, vocational courses – even a typography course with a newspaper which he published and edited with stories about Texas history and lively editorials. He loved the work

and took immense pride in his pupils’ progress. But the end of his active career was near.

In December of 1883, he collapsed with a fever, forcing his resignation from the school. Now he was old, ill, penniless, landless, and without an income. Despite this, he moved his family to San Antonio and began to assist in the creation of the Texas Historical Society, where he became an honorary lifetime member. He devoted the rest of his life to telling the story of Texas as only he could know it. The end came for Old Rip in 1897. He was 83 years old.

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By Erich Martin Hicks

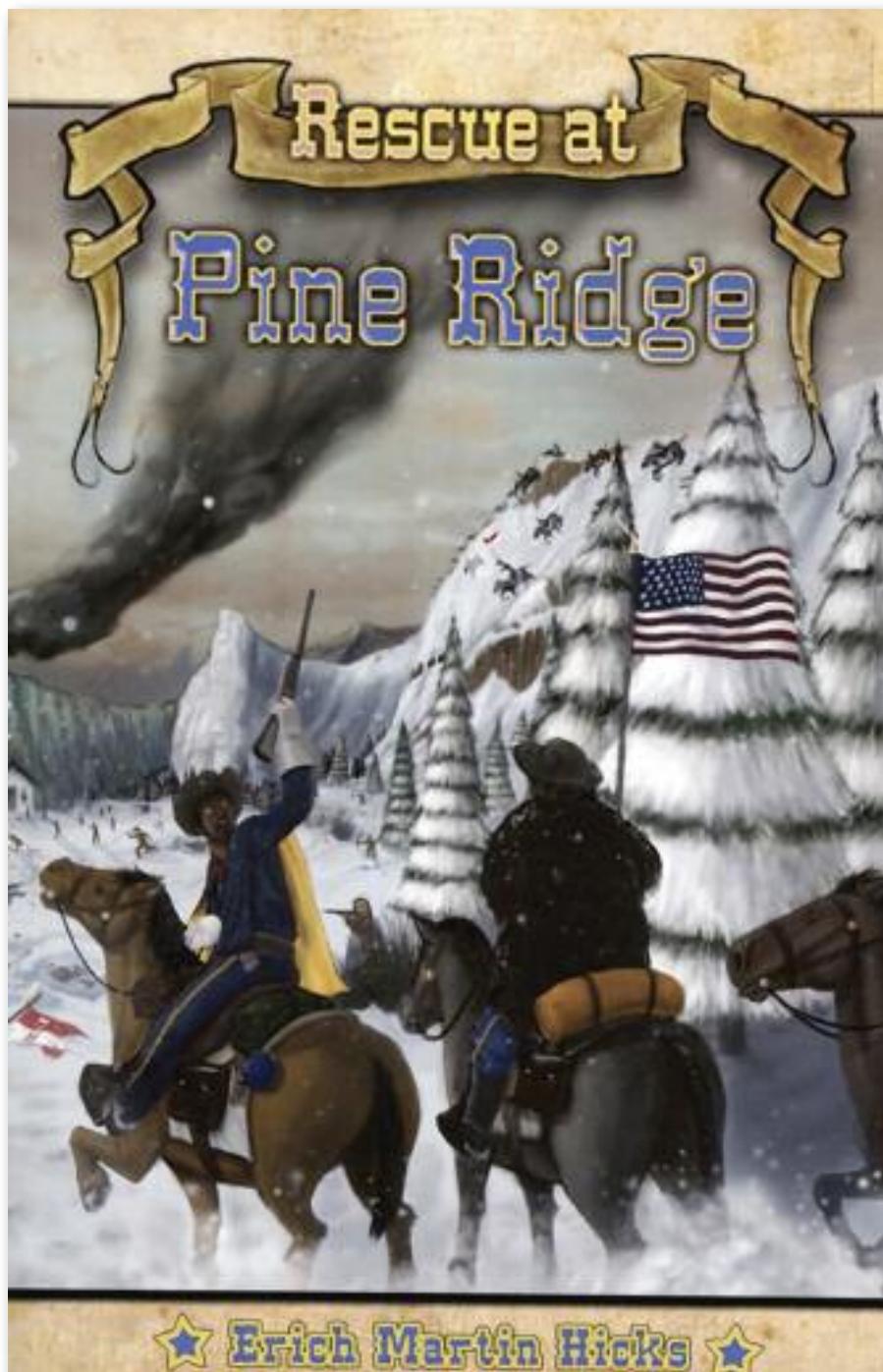
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trap for the 7th Cavalry on the day following the infamous Wounded Knee Massacre. Author Erich Martin Hicks draws the reader into what might have been the second massacre of the 7th Cavalry and how the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th Cavalry saved them.

Erich Hicks has done a good job weaving a dramatic fictional story from the genuine whole cloth of history. His description of army life in the late 1800s is fascinating and Hicks draws on almost every character you could think of ... the black NCOs and enlisted men like Medal of Honor recipient Corporal William Othello Wilson, their white officers such as Colonel Edward Hatch, and civilians ranging from Jewish saloon keeper Bern-

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Erich Hicks was inspired by his grandfather, Buffalo Soldier Captain Lee Jay Hicks, right hand man to General John "Black Jack" Pershing during World War I. "Rescue at Pine Ridge" has been described with words such as brutality, compassion, revenge, bravery, heroism, redemption, and gallantry.

Erich Hicks' present tense writing style and descriptive scenes could be easily turned into a screenplay. That comes as no

surprise because Hicks is a special effects master in the motion picture and television industry.

"Rescue at Pine Ridge," by Erich Martin Hicks, is published by Outskirts Press, Inc. and is available through rescueatpineridge.com and at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble bookstores.

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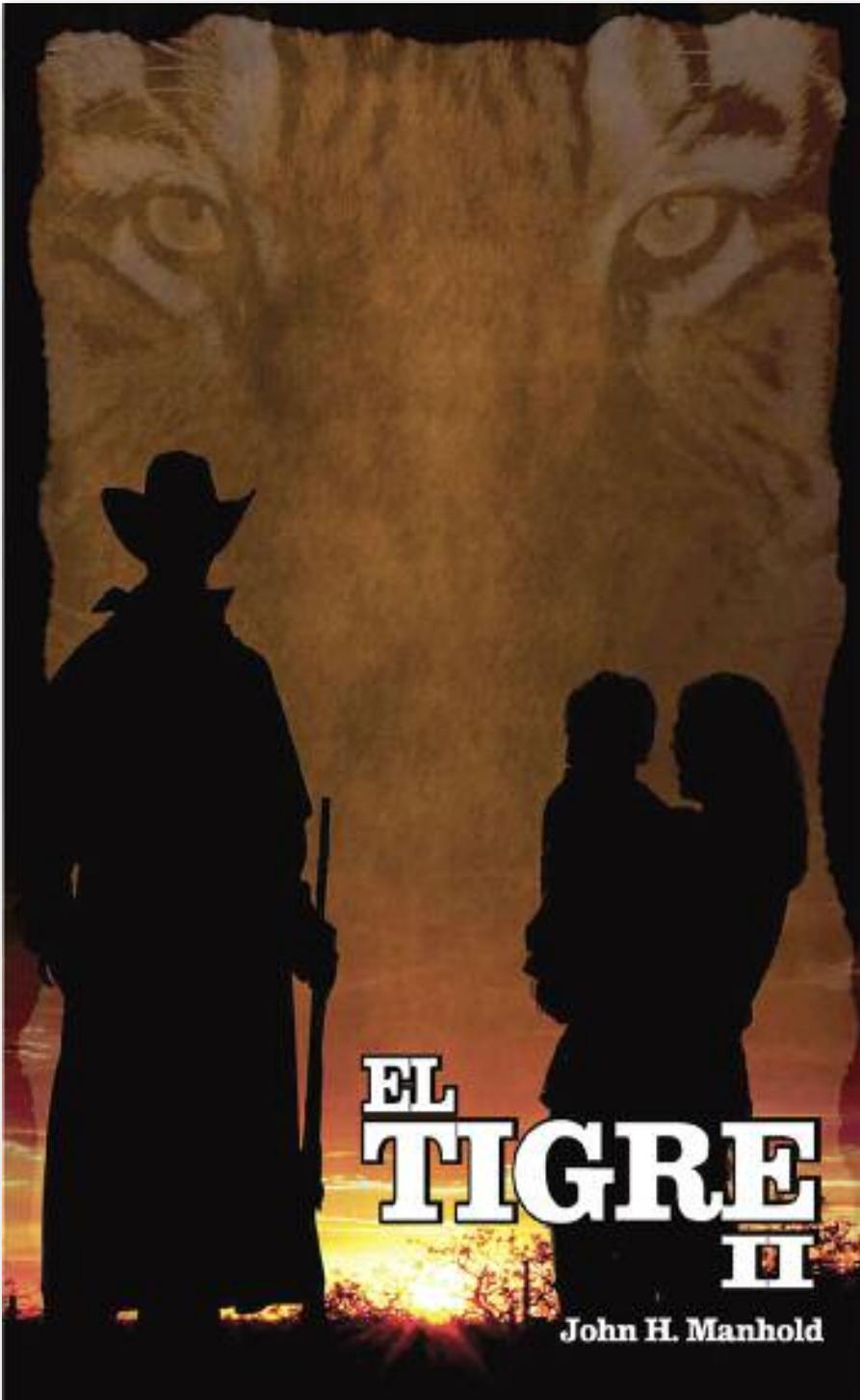
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El Tigre II

By John H. Manhold
(El Tigre Viejo, SASS Life Regulator #28083)
 Reviewed by Sgt. Shuster, SASS Regulator #60835



The adventure begins with a train robbery. An explosion. Gunshots. And that's just in the Prologue of *El Tigre II*, by John H. Manhold! In *El Tigre II* the saga continues of the life story of wealthy banker and rancher Johann Heinrich von Manfred, whose exploits in the American Southwest have earned him the title of El Tigre, the Jaguar.

In this second book of the *El Tigre* series, Manhold takes the

reader on an adventurous journey across two continents, from the San Francisco area, across the Southwest, and eventually to von Manfred's ancestral home in Prussia. And then we return with El Tigre to America and enjoy another adventurous trip west. In addition to the expected gunfights and ambushes, knife and sword combat, and Old Western hostilities, John H. Manhold immerses the reader in a tale of strong family loyalty and deep love seldom found in

Western novels. *El Tigre* tackles trials and tribulations that range from Spanish land grants, California politics, and vigilante justice to European jealousies and intrigues that go back to von Manfred's days at the Prussian Military Academy.

A veteran of World War Two and Korea, John H. Manhold is known in Cowboy Action Shooting™ circles as El Tigre Viejo, SASS Regulator #28083, a Life Member of the Single Action Shooting Society. Manhold is also a sculptor, whose works in bronze, alabaster and African wonder stone are in private collections and museums, including a bust of Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1, in the SASS Museum in Edgewood, New Mexico.

In addition to six text books and a lexicon, Manhold has pub-

lished three award winning novels including *Lobo*, *The Strange Life of William Jameson*, *The Elymais Coin*, and, of course, *El Tigre*. *El Tigre II* is published by Sarah Book Publishing of Brownsville, Texas and is available at www.sarahbookpublishing.com.

You won't have to read the first book, *El Tigre*, to get into the *El Tigre II* story but this reviewer recommends that you do just that. (Copies are available in the SASS Mercantile.) The emotional last scene in *El Tigre II* will have you expecting another sequel. (*Sgt. Shuster, SASS Regulator #60835, is a social and cultural historian, founder of the Lincoln County Regulators in Ruidoso, NM, and source of SASS's own Cowboy Action Coffee.*)

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TRIGGERLOCK, SASS #26234

October 25, 1950 – April 4, 2011

By Ranger Mathias Fischels, SASS #71753



Evansdale, IA – It is with great sadness the Turkeyfoot Cowboys report the loss of one of their outstanding members. Triggerlock, Andrew “Andy” J. Kanellis, lost his battle with cancer on April 4, 2011.

Triggerlock received his draft notice in June of 1970 and served our Country for three years in the Air Force at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, TX. He worked for Quaker Oats in the ready to eat department for more than 40 years. Triggerlock enjoyed traveling to the state parks, fishing on the Mississippi river, hunting, shooting in general, and almost anything in which his children and grandchild asked him to participate.

Everybody knew when Triggerlock was on the range. When the buzzer went off, smoke, fire, and a



which would also include the Iowa State Championship lunches. His wife Janniece would do the cooking, and what a feast it would be.

Triggerlock’s interests in life were Janniece, his wife of 40 yrs, his grandchildren, his dogs, “Smokey and Bandit,” trains, and Cowboy Action Shooting™.

A short story on how Andy derived the alias, “Triggerlock.”

As a young man, Andy was invited to go turkey hunting with a friend. When they arrived at their favorite hunting spot, Andy pulled his shotgun out of the case and, sure enough, the trigger lock was still on it. As he searched for the key, he realized he had left it at home. There in-lies the alias, “Triggerlock.” He borrowed a shotgun, and they had a successful

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tremendous concussion would take place with each round fired. The ground would literally shake. Triggerlock took pride in loading his own ammunition, and he always had the shiniest bullets on the range, filled with as much black-powder as safely possible. Triggerlock was always one to have a smile no matter how bad a day he might be having on the range and was always a joy to have on your posse.

Triggerlock had his hand in helping setup and providing on a monthly basis one of the most spectacular lunches you could image,

day of hunting.

Triggerlock loved his friends, pets, family, and the Lord dearly. I can just see Triggerlock riding Ole #9 across the open plains with black smoke billowing out of her coal driven stack and steam rolling from beneath her wheels, as he defends the train’s cargo from a masked group of bandits looking to rob the payroll car ... smoke and fire swirling from his Winchester ‘73.

Triggerlock will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. Happy trails from the Turkeyfoot Cowboy family. 🐾

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JEWELS STRINGER, SASS #75729

January 4, 1953 – April 18, 2009

By Ranger Mathias Fischels, SASS #71753

Evansdale, IA – On April 18, 2009 our club, Turkeyfoot Cowboys lost one of our finest members and friend. Jewels Stringer, Deborah Conrad, lost her fight with cancer.

Over the years, Jewels had worked in the purchasing department at Iowa State University in Ames, IA, was a library assistant at Remsen Union Elementary School, and was a pre-school teacher at Pleasant Street Pre-school in Sumner, IA. She later started a jewelry making business in Sumner.

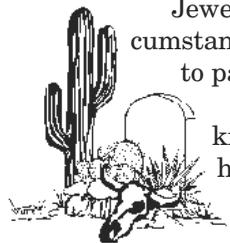
Jewels always had a smile on her face and brought enlightenment to each match she attended. Having her on your posse was always a pleasure. She was friendly and helpful. I watched over the years as she would coax my wife, Millie Mae Fischels, convincing her she would be “OK” and actually enjoy shooting. The camaraderie she would always display even when times were tough for her was amazing.

Jewels had many things she loved to do, among those were archery, Cowboy Action Shooting™, and jewelry making; hence her alias “Jewels Stringer.”



Jewels always had a kind word to say, no matter what the circumstance. Even during some of her darker days, she still wanted to participate and be present at our monthly matches.

Jewels is greatly missed, as she was loved by those who knew her or had any acquaintance with her. She is in a happier place, with those that loved her and left this world before her. She awaits the arrival of those whom she left behind.



TEN SLEEP GOOD GUY, SASS #41785

2/14/1946 – 09/15/2011

By Sweetwater Jack, SASS Life / Regulator #28885

Merlin, OR – Rarely has a SASS alias better depicted the true nature of one of our beloved Cowboy Action Shooters than that of SASS #41785, Ten Sleep Good Guy, aka David Taylor. The “Ten Sleep” part came from his mother’s home town of Ten Sleep, Wyoming, a small ranching community near Worland, WY. The “Good Guy” part truly depicted what he was, and always tried to be.

Ten Sleep Good Guy was always there when someone needed help, and his help was always timely, appropriate, and appreciated. A former President of the Merlin Marauders of Southern Oregon, he led from the front, in a quiet but decisive manner. If there had ever been a “Gentleman’s Award” to be presented within our sport and yes ... OUR society ... there is little doubt in my mind Ten Sleep Good Guy would have been the recipient. He served his country in Viet Nam as a Marine Air Traffic Controller. His calm, reassuring voice assisted many a combat-damaged aircraft and pilot to return safely to the welcoming lights of home.

Ten Sleep, you were taken from us way, way too early ... but I’m sure on your “final approach” to the runways of heaven, you were supported by angels who peeled off as you “had the runway in sight ...”

Ten Sleep Good Guy leaves behind his wife, Patty, his son and sister, and their families. We miss you, buddy!



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2011 SHOOTOUT AT 5 DOGS CREEK California State Championship



*Kate Barlow, SASS #85616
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*By Kate Barlow, SASS #85616
Photos by Doubleshot Darlin, SSSS #70752*

around noon you cannot help being thankful for that shade. The people here make it hard to believe there can be a friendlier bunch anywhere else. According to Lead Dispencer, SASS #27115, the range and atmosphere at 5 Dogs Creek is topped only by Winter Range.

Wednesday was a busy day, what with everybody settling in, and by dinner time we were ready for one of the famous 5 Dogs Creek potlucks. Most SASS clubs seem to be social clubs for people with a target-shooting problem. I think 5 Dogs Creek is a target-shooting club for people with an eating problem. I used to be skinny before joining this club. Not anymore. I can barely get into my shooting pants, but I am not complaining.

Thursday was the first official day of the Shootout, and it was dedicated to side matches. The proceeds from the side matches went to support construction of the Cowboy Memorial Chapel at Founder's Ranch. There were also four warm-up stages for those wanting to make sure their guns, and their shooting skills were in best condition before the main match. After the range



The match was fun, smooth running, and well organized thanks to the efforts of Calgary Kate, Match Director Mescalero, and all the hardworking 5 Dogs members. Good job!

Bakersfield, CA – The funnest, WOOLIEST shootout match in all of California, and maybe the whole world! That's how the SASS California State Championship at 5 Dogs Creek in Bakersfield, California was described by one shooter. And so it was! The match was awarded the Wooly Award by the Wild Bunch for the "Best Annual in 2010." The range here is one of the best. There are 10 permanent bays, adopted by various club members and kept in top shape, looking as genuinely decrepit as any little town in the Old West probably looked back in the day. There are rows of fruitless mulberry trees that provide shade near each stage. The weather in May is pretty close to perfect, but

closed, the Howling Wolf Saloon opened for business. The Saloon is the beating heart of this event, but there are many other "organs" that work hard to keep it thriving. I admire, and give my thanks, to all that were involved.

After dinner came the true high point of the day, for me at least, the homemade pie contest. To be a judge at this contest is one of the most coveted functions. The main requirements are to not be a diabetic, and to be a Territorial Governor. Luckily, there were enough slices of pie for all to taste after the winners were decided. As the slices of pie were disappearing, the movie night started and we all settled in to watch a medley of Old Western TV shows. This was especially educational for me because, having been raised in Romania, I knew nothing about them. Now I do and my husband is learning when I say, "Kemosabe, I take clothes to river, make more white," it means I'll do the laundry and he needs to give me his whites.

Friday was the first day of the

main match, and it started with a posse system that everyone liked: two small posses shot on the same bay, but while one posse focused on shooting, the other worked. Then they switched. This system did to



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posses what pig fat did to a frying pan in the Old West, made things move around fast and easy. The stages were well written, some straightforward, some trickier, but they all took about the same amount of time to shoot. There were three challenge stages, one for each gun. The rifle challenge had you load three rounds from your person to engage three dog targets. These targets are narrow enough as it is, but they also have holes in them. I'm sure I hit the dog right in the darn hole at least once!

After the last shot was fired, the Howling Wolf Saloon was overrun by a thirsty crowd. Later on, with the abundance of good food and beautiful costumes, the catered dinner was a feast for both stomach and eyes. Our own fiddler extraordinaire, Mad Trapper of Rat River, SASS #78641, with singer and performer, Nancy

Lee, offered live entertainment. Listening to beautiful songs, amazing fiddling, and witty poems was a great way to end the day.

Saturday there were more targets to hit and fun stages to tackle. In the evening, after dinner and before The Rudy Parris Band took the stage, the invitations for Sunday's Dog Pack Team Shoot were shouted out. The Dog Pack Invitational Team Shoot is a smart way of allowing more shooters to come out and play on Sunday morning, not just the overall top dogs. Each pack is comprised of three shooters, drawn randomly' one from the top overall men, one from the top overall women, and one from the top three winners of each category. The rest of the night everyone partied for as long as one could stay awake.

Sunday started early, with Cowboy Church in the Howling Wolf Sa-

loon. The service was conducted by Rev. Barry M. Deep, SASS #38104. After church, the Dog Pack was set to start. A huge crowd gathered to support friends, check out the competition, and catch a glimpse of some of the best shooters in this sport. It was a hoot! The awards ceremony followed, and it was so well organized that not even my 14-year-old daughter got bored.

The biggest surprise for me came when the top overall shooters were announced. You see, when I was asked to write this article, I was also given some names of people I should interview. And I did. You can read their comments at the end of this article. However, I thought that more average shooters should also be featured in the article. As I kept looking for a regular shooter, I ran into a group of first timers to the range and started talking with one of them, a friendly young woman. This was only her second big match. I thought, "Great! I found my average shooter!" She thought the match was smoothly run, the mix of easy and challenging stages was a great

combination, the food was delicious, the Saloon, fun, and the vendors interesting. She summed it up "just as good as Winter Range." My average shooter turned out to be the top overall female shooter for the match! Her name is Crazy Little Woman, SASS #82394. This says a lot of my ability to pick average shooters! Or maybe there are no average shooters, and we're all pretty amazing, if not because of how fast we shoot, then through our ability to shoot clean, stay calm under pressure, put together some great costumes, or because of our character or humor.

Below are more of the amazing shooters I talked with, and their opinion about the range and the match.

U.K. Dane, SASS #19478, of British and Danish origin, deeply loves the American spirit that is so much alive in SASS. Cruzan Confusion, SASS #39081, his wife, makes beautiful and unique costumes for both of them. They enjoy the atmosphere at 5 Dogs Creek, and the way women are treated in SASS clubs, as ladies. One of the most charming

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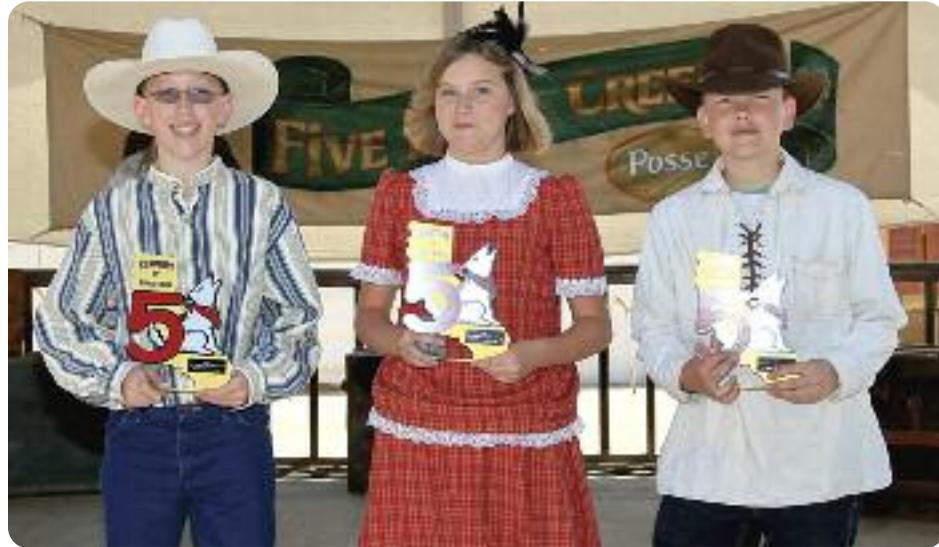
The 2011 Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek . . .

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 couples I have ever met!

Lead Dispencer, the top male shooter at this match, thinks the 5 Dogs Creek range is one of the top three ranges in SASS. He feels this is a beautiful place to shoot, and he considers the club a second family.

He also enjoys the total time match and the fact that everything is well run, clean and orderly, without controversy, a great overall experience.

Horned Toad Tom, SASS #83604, was enjoying his first time at a California state shoot. Tom's favorite part of the shoot was the



The youngsters did themselves proud at 5 Dogs this year. Top Buckaroo (l)—Straight Shot Owen, Top Buckarette—Miss Mean Jean, and Top Young Gun—Bullet Storm. Great Shooting!

two-posse system, and he was touched by an unknown shooter's gesture of offering his own gun for Tom to finish the match after Tom's gun broke. "That's what real cowboy values are all about," says Tom. He went on to shoot a clean match and later found out the cowboy was Huckleberry Flash, SASS #82025, a 5 Dogs Creek club member.

Sly Puppy, SASS #78115, and Little Doggie, SASS #48593, two friends from Arizona, were impressed by the range and the friendliness of the people. Says Little Doggie, "The people at this club are very friendly, very social. They make you feel welcome, just like you're a member of their club."

Hells Coming, SASS #56436, a top shooter from Arizona and a first-timer at this shoot, said the shade trees on the range stood out for him. He thought the match was well set up and well organized, with challenging stages, but in a good way. Other aspects of the shoot that stood out for Hells Coming were the people. He says, "The people here are well rounded, good people, very



California State Champions—Lead Dispencer and Crazy Little Woman Congratulations!

friendly. I would like to come back and shoot here again."

Bullet Storm, SASS #1633, one of the Buckaroos, is the youngest part of three generations shooting this match. His father, Majyk, SASS #859, and grandfather, Rowdy Yates, SASS #141, rubbed elbows with him at the loading table. This was his first annual match and became his instant favorite. He thought the stages were fun and en-

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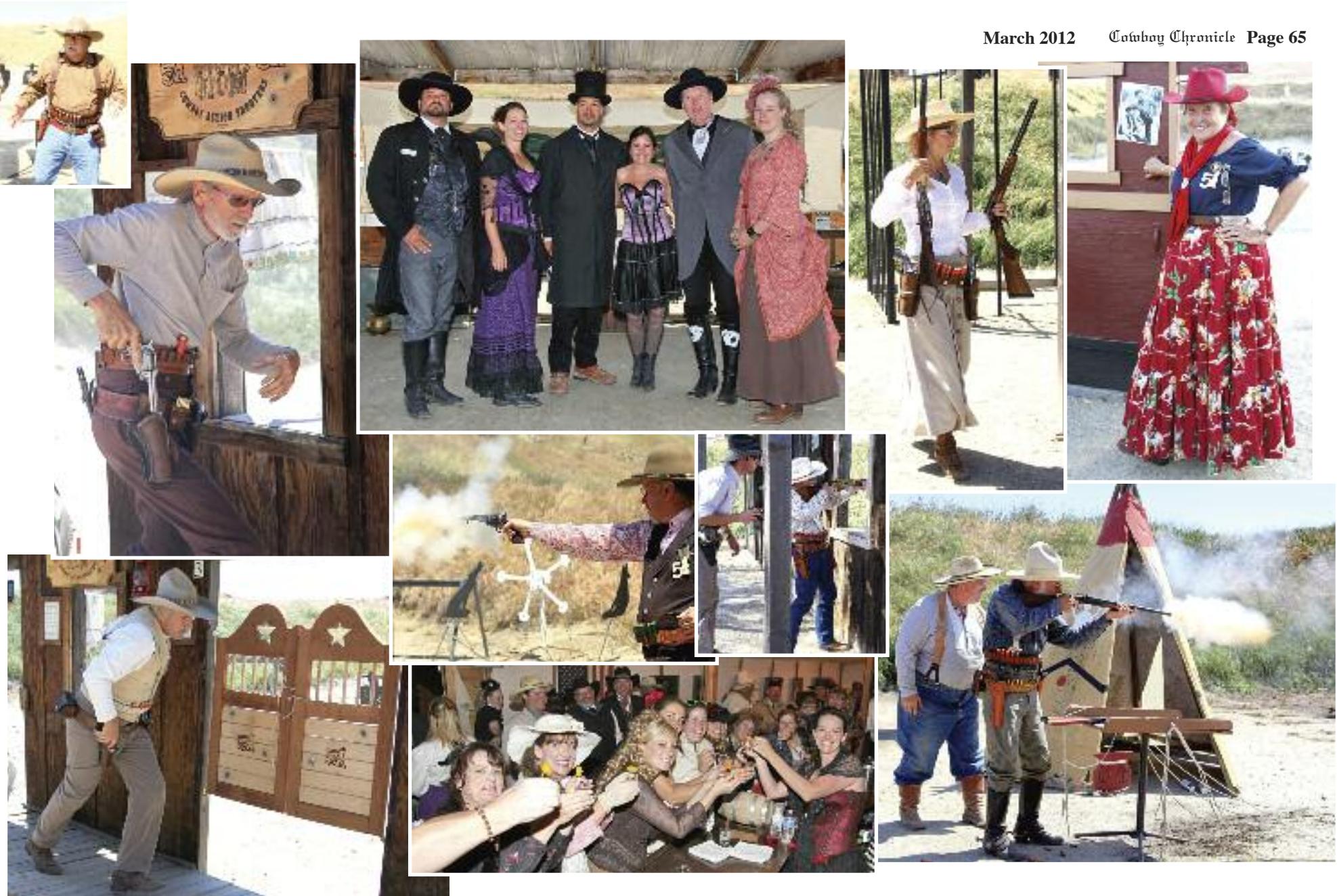
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Winners	
Overall and California State Champions	
Man	Lead Dispencer, SASS #27115
Lady	Crazy Little Woman, SASS #82394
Categories	
Buckaroo	Strait Shot Owen, SASS #79021
Buckarette	Miss Mean Jean, SASS #89774
Young Gun	Bullet Storm
C Cowboy	Hud, SASS #16409
B-Western	Cole Younger, SASS #4237
L B-Western	Fannie Mostly, SASS #41799
Frontiersman	Hay Guy, SASS #56246
F C Duellist	Big Iron Buster, SASS #9361
F Cartridge	Snakebite, SASS #4767
L F Cartridge	Black Chip Mary, SASS #52858
Gunfighter	Wildroot, SASS #33149
L Gunfighter	Querida, SASS #63039
Duellist	Wily Yankee, SASS #63066
L Duellist	Lola Jane, SASS #71423
S Duellist	Reno Slim, SASS #5460
Senior	Hells Comin, SASS #56436
L Senior	Cicada, SASS #21345
S Senior	Tex Fiddler, SASS #10127
L S Senior	Running Bare, SASS #2323
E Statesman	Bloody Bill Anderson, SASS #61673
Grand Dame	Stage Coach Sally, SASS #26400
Cowboy	Lead Dispencer
Cowgirl	Crazy Little Woman
Wrangler	Taggart, SASS #14398
L Wrangler	B. Haven Badly, SASS #79881
49'er	Long Swede, SASS #22129
L 49'er	Addie Rose, SASS #24062
Dog Pack Team Shoot	Mad Dog McCoy, SASS #17292, Sackett, SASS #9179, Whirlwind Wendy, SASS #79889
Clean and Smooth	
	Badman Bob, SASS #70751
	Big Iron Buster
	Bonny Kate, SASS #74827
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	Horned Toad Tom, SASS #83604
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	Snakebite
	Sutter Lawman, SASS #24333
	Toolbox, SASS #83216
	Wildroot



joyed meeting with friends.

So, save the date for the next SASS California State Championship: May 3 – 6, 2012. If you have

not shot this match before, come and see what it's all about. If you did, come and experience it again. We take fun seriously! 🤠

Spirit of the Game

- Beartrap, SASS #57175
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- Coffee, SASS #7008
- Fannie Mostly
- Kentucky Woman, SASS #48150
- Pencil Pusher, SASS #88369
- Shoshone Jack, SASS #42389
- Snakebite
- Sutter Lawman
- Texas Yellow Rose, SASS #15347

Side Matches

Speed Pistol

- Man* Hells Coming
- Lady* Crazy Little Woman

Speed Rifle

- Man* Hells Coming
- Lady* Raven Moon, SASS #82325

Speed Shotgun – Pump/Lever

- Man* Hells Coming
- Lady* Raven Moon

Speed Shotgun – Double

- Man* Bloody Bill Anderson
- Lady* Charlie Parkhurst, SASS #80898

Wild Bunch

- Modern* Reno Slim, SASS #5460
- Traditional* Bulldog Ric
- Lady* Whirlwind Wendy

Long Range Lever Rifle

- Pistol Caliber**
- Man* Brushwacker, SASS #11679
- Lady* Bonny Kate

Long Range Lever Rifle

- Rifle Caliber**
- Man* Rusty Shotgun, SASS #87711
- Lady* Bonnie Kate

Single Shot Rifle

- Blackpowder**
- Man* Tuolumne Tweed, SASS #5538
- Lady* Rose N D'Morn, SASS #19692

Single Shot Rifle

- Smokeless**
- Man* Brushwacker
- Lady* Bonny Kate

Plainsman

- East* Snakebite
- West* Badmann Bob
- Lady* Sterling Starr, SASS #34158

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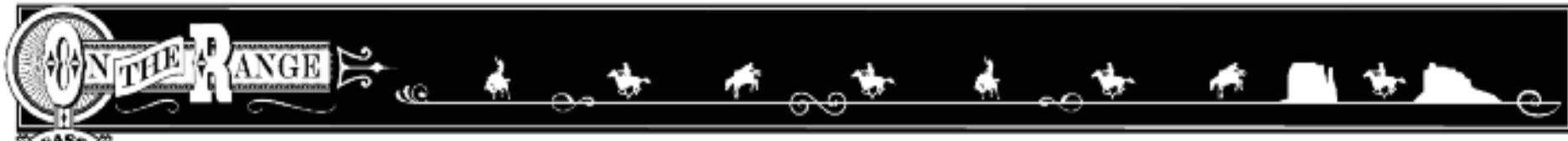
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5TH Annual IDAHO TERRITORY SIX-GUN JUSTICE Shootout in the Dessert

September 16 & 17, 2011

By Mo Shootin', SASS Life #45276

Rexburg, ID – On September 16 & 17 the Twin Butte Bunch of the Heritage Range section of Unified Sportsman's Club shooting range, seven miles west of Rexburg, ID, held the 5th Annual Idaho Territory Six-Gun Justice two-day match. This year's theme was based on "Good Guys & Bad Guys," with 10 stages designed to depict ei-

ther an actual 1800s western incident or scenes from a few well known western movies. Shooters on each stage were either good guys or bad guys depending on their hat color, birth month, (even or odd number), gun caliber, hair color (or lack of hair or not), choice of shotgun, a random card pick, or their own choice of spoken lines. This led to much swaggering of Bad Guys



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and annoying smug citizen Good Guys on each stage!

The range was set up with 10 stages that were all fun to shoot and gave us stories of true Old West characters or details from scenes of great western movies. For instance, Stage 6, named "Too Much Whiskey," was based on a jailhouse scene from the movie *Rio Bravo* in which Dean Martin played the town drunk who had been recruited by Sheriff John T. Chance (John Wayne), to guard a jailed brother (Claude Akins). This scene was chosen because our range has a two-

room jail building, complete with real jail bars on a cell in back, and a furnished sheriff's office in the front. If your birthday was in an odd numbered month you were in the jail cell and your line was "Sheriff, what did I say last night?" If you were born in an even numbered month, you were Sheriff in the next room and said, "Are you sobered up yet?" Shooting took place at the back door and window, with good guys shooting white targets and bad guys shooting black ones.

The first day of shooting started
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TONTO RIM SMOKE OUT May 2011

Arizona State Blackpowder Shoot Out

and

TONTO RIM MARAUDERS Annual

By Silverado Cid, SASS #51750

Payson, AZ – The city was ready. The Marauders were ready. The range was ready and the weather perfect. Campers began to roll in, and starting to fill up the new parking/camping area. Stages and props were all painted and/or new, ready for the onslaught of lead. Registration was quick and painless, where every contestant received a nice welcome packet. With no time to waste, the shooting of side matches proceeded. All of the standard long-range events were present, as well as warm up stages.

Day two was the official start of the main match. The first six stages brought fronts like the Stage Depot, the Cantina with laundry to shoot through, and the church where you rang the bells. Two stages were shot on each bay, so moving was at a minimum. A quick break and then some more shooting opportunities showed up

by means of the Tonto Rim Marauders very original Top Gun. Each entrant shot a single stage three times. Once Traditionally, once as a Duelist, and once as a Gunfighter ... the combined time determined the real top gun! Real Top Guns were Shinbone Shooter, SASS #40458, for the men, and Pure Lilly, SASS #6395, for the ladies. That night an Italian-themed potluck dinner was served.

On day three we awoke to six more main stages with scenarios like the mine shaft (a blackpowder shooters favorite), jail and court house, and the brand new “No Tell Motel” where you get to slap the surly Innkeeper and then shoot into rooms right and left while running down the hall. That night featured a steak dinner with all the trimmings. The Boy Scouts helped pick the brass and Girl Scouts helped with the dinner—each rewarded with some money for their war chests. With a full day and full bellies, sleep was soon on everyone’s mind.

Sunday the guns came out one more time for a light-hearted team event. Because the whole match was based on the movie, *Rango*, it only seemed fitting the item passed around in the Team Event was a stuffed Chameleon. A good laugh was enjoyed by all!

The event wrapped up around noon with the awards presentation consisting of custom awards made from horseshoes. Up, of course, with the luck in each to take home! All are welcome to 2012’s event in Payson, Arizona, May 18 – 20, 2012.

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Happy shooters and great props characterized the Tonto Rim Shootout Arizona State Blackpowder competition.

Winners

Frontier Cartridge Categories	
<i>B-Western</i>	True Grit Gary, SASS #33883
<i>C Cowboy</i>	Shinbone Shooter, SASS #40458
<i>E Statesman</i>	Rowdy Otis, SASS #43474
<i>Gunfighter</i>	Capt. LePhew, SASS #37210
<i>Senior</i>	Jim Beam, SASS #7468
<i>S Duelist</i>	Johnny Meadows, SASS #28485
<i>Wrangler</i>	Clete Landhawker, SASS #60845
<i>L 49'er</i>	Squeaky Hare, SASS #63737
<i>L Duelist</i>	Tumbleweed Rose, SASS #18385
<i>Duelist</i>	Chas B. Wolfson, SASS #11104
<i>Frontiersman</i>	Rye Creek Roberts, SASS #18503

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Buckeye Belle, SASS #8131

SASS Canadian National Championships 2011

& CANADIAN National Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting™

Hosted by the Alberta Frontier Shootists Society

By Buckeye Belle, SASS #8131

Rocky Mountain House, Alberta – On the weekend beginning July 31, 2011 the Canadian National Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting™, “Shootout at the No-Way Corral,” was held at the Rocky Rod & Gun Club located near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. A record-breaking number of shoot-

ers—140—attended. With just a two day break between matches, we followed with the SASS Canadian Nationals, “Rocky Mountain Showdown,” held in Alberta for the first time. With a head count of 95, we made history as the biggest SASS Canadian National held to date! With those numbers, you can bet the campground was hoppin’!



Powder Paw, SASS #92467—AFS President

The weekend always starts with a swap meet. This year we had something special. The Mad Trapper of Rat River, SASS #78641, an excellent fiddle player and storyteller, along with his lovely wife, Wandering Rose, SASS #78642, were up from California to partake of some Canadian hospitality. He offered to entertain us—and we did not discourage him!

Shoot Director Santa Maria, SASS #46555, had to do double duty as she was also Match Director for the SASS shoot. She and President Powder Paw, SASS #92467, rounded up the shooters each morning and with the usual admonishments regarding safety, sent us off to shoot five stages each day.



The “Reverend” delivers his sermon!

Posses were well balanced, which meant most completed their stages by early afternoon, giving ample time for side match events or to kick back and discuss the completed stages that day and grab a shower before dinner and the evening festivities.

Rocky Mountain Showdown Winners

Overall Champions

- Man* Territorial rider, SASS #31039
- Lady* Victoria Diamond, SASS #60952

Category Champions

- L Young Gun* Pearl Friendly Girl, SASS #92845
- Young Gun* Low Country Amigo, SASS #80038
- E Statesman* Minto Kid, SASS #56175
- L Senior* Pistol Packin’ Laine, SASS #82686
- Senior* Captain Copps, SASS #57513
- S Senior* Tax Ridder, SASS #4234
- L B-Western* Buckeye Belle, SASS #8131
- B-Western* Crotchety Old Grouch, SASS #51188
- S Duelist* Buffalo Creek Law Dog, SASS #66621
- F Cartridge* Haggis MacGurk, SASS #89267
- C Cowboy* Gunfighter Jim, SASS #31412
- Gunfighter* High Country Amigo, SASS #49198
- L Duelist* Goldie Stone, SASS #18860
- Duelist* Sam Whiskey, SASS #87289
- L 49'er* Victoria Diamond, SASS #60952
- 49'er* Territorial Ryder, SASS #31039
- Wrangler* Preacherman John, SASS #87098
- Cowboy* Wobbly Threebeer, SASS #11670
- Cowgirl* Senorita Itchy Finger, SASS #80037

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PEACE IN THE VALLEY

The North Dakota & South Dakota State Championships
June 15, 16 & 17, 2012

Hosted by the Snyone Valley Peacekeepers.

- Friday Side Matches – including long range, Cowboy trap, team shoot and more
- Wild Bunch match – 2 stages on Friday morning - \$10.00 per shooter – pre-registration a must!
- Our Junior shooters will provide a meal meal on Friday – free will donation
- 10 Main Stages (6-Saturday, 4-Sunday)
- SASS Membership Required - SASS Rules Apply
- Pre-registration required - No walk-ins
- Registration deadline - June 1, 2012
- Early bird registration discount before May 15
- Free dry camping
- Entry fee includes side matches, snacks, Friday night “Meet and Greet”, 2 room meals and Saturday evening BBQ
- Visitors and Spectators welcome

Shooter Information - Please print or type

Alias _____ SASS# _____ Category _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Check here to register for Wild Bunch Match Camping? Yes No Camps length _____ Tent

Please check (X) category			
Cowboy (M/F ages)	Lady Senior (50+)	Frontier Cartridge	Granddaddy (40+)
Cowgirl (M/F ages)	Silver Senior (55+)	Lady Frontier Cartridge	49'er (49+)
Wrangler (16+)	Lady Silver (60+)	Frontier Cartridge (Duelist)	Lady 49'er (49+)
Lady Wrangler (16+)	Young Gun Boys (14-16)	Frontier Cartridge (F)	"B" Western
Duelist	Young Gun Girls (14-16)	Lady FJ Duelist	Lady "B" Western
Lady Duelist	Backroom Boys (13 & under)	Classic Cowboy	Gunfighter
Senior (40+)	Backroom Girls (13 & under)	Classic Cowgirl	Lady Gunfighter
Snaker (40+)	Intermediates	Wild Westman (70+)	

Early Bird Discount before May 15, 2012	Shooting Fees	May 15 - June 1, 2012 Fee Schedule	Please make check payable to the Snyone Valley Peacekeepers (SVP) and mail with completed registration form to: Snyone Valley Peacekeepers PO Box 22 Kindred, ND 58051
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\$ 15.00	Y-Guns & Backrooms	\$ 20.00	
\$ 10.00	Wild Bunch Match	\$ 15.00	
\$ 15.00	Intermediates (40+)	\$ 15.00	
\$ 25.00	Guest Fees	\$ 25.00	
\$ Total	*Includes snacks, Friday night Dinner and Green room on Saturday and Sunday night BBQ.	Total \$	Registration confirmation will be emailed to you or mailed if no email address. Refunds before June 1st minimum \$5.00. For further information contact Wild River Rose at 701-584-0551 or 701-795-4114.



Aerial view of our campground. Participants enjoy camping near our club house, The Dusty Boot.



A trio of Lady Duelists—Goldie Stone, SASS #18860, Saucy Sadie, SASS #89135, and Sassy Six Gun, SASS #72687, strike a pose after receiving their shoot awards at the Canadian Nationals.



Lucky Jim, SASS #53696, engaging "Wild Bunch" side match.

This year for our Saturday night round up of Saloon Gals for Buckeye Belle's Bordello we were missing Doc Thompson, SASS #53294. In his stead was the Reverend S. Dorcy (AKA Sweet Dorcy, SASS #92712). The reverend showed up to speak to the crowd about the plight of these "fallen angels" and did a great job of engaging the spectators.

Our weather was very co-operative and continued to hold until just



Senorita Itchy Finger conquers the Stockade stage!



Mad Trapper of Rat River, SASS #78641, at the Swap Meet.

with Top Lady being Senorita Itchy Finger, SASS #80037.

Our days between the Canadian Nationals and the SASS Canadian Nationals were not entirely idle. Side matches such as the Wild Bunch were held. Pistol Packin' Laine, SASS #82688, hosted the "Gingham Gals of the Old West" Luncheon on Wednesday. Highlights included a demonstration on hat decorating. The Mad Trapper of Rat River once again entertained with fiddle tunes while telling the story of his Aliases namesake!

Thursday morning we prepared to shoot the first round of the SASS Canadian Nationals. Once again we rose early and geared up
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Shootout at the No-Way Corral Winners

Overall Champions

- Man Haweater Hal, SASS #55287
- Lady Senorita Itchy Finger, SASS #80037

Category Champions

- L Young Gun Pearl Friendly Girl, SASS #92845
- Buckaroo Quick Trigger, SASS #83095
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- L Duelist Goldie Stone, SASS #18860
- Duelist Many Bullets, SASS #77931
- L 49'er Victoria Diamond, SASS #60952
- 49'er Haweater Hal, SASS #55287
- Wrangler Beau Rivers
- Cowboy Wobbly Threebeer, SASS #11670
- Cowgirl Senorita Itchy Finger, SASS #80037
- L Wrangler Santa Maria, SASS #46555



Santa Maria, SASS #46555, resplendent in her dress copied from a description of Santa Ana's wife's wedding dress.

before the closing of the Canadian Nationals awards ceremony on Sunday, at which time a bit of rushing had to be done before the rain hit!

Nevertheless, the Promenade and Wine Serving went very well. De Bogus Bandit, SASS #83582, and Whiskey Coulee, SASS #8130, not only served, but provided a bit of shade with those big hats they have! Costumes were judged as the crowd milled about.

After our delicious dinner, shoot and costume awards were presented. Overall Match Winner went to Haweater Hal, SASS #55287,

Thunder Valley Days XIII
 June 21, 22 & 23, 2012
 SASS Maryland State Championship
 Presented by the
 Single Action Shooting Society
 Atlantic Guns
 Damascus Wildlife Rangers

(The above information is for informational purposes only. For complete rules and regulations, please refer to the SASS rule book.)

This is the Wild Bill Achievement Chapter of the World Wildlife Federation of America Inc. All matches will be held at the Wild Bill League of America Shooting Center 29470 Middlefield Rd. #1711, Fort Detrick, VA. All SASS competitors must be 18 years of age and SASS members. You must be a SASS member in good standing to participate. Registration is limited to the first 1000 shooters. Shooting is on a first come, first served basis. We have multiple 650 and 300 yard stages. THERE ARE NO EXCHANGE CHANGES. ALL ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE SASS. A MEMBER OF THE SASS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS.

Event schedule: The main program and all matches will be held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd June. All SASS competitors must be 18 years of age and SASS members. Shooting is on a first come, first served basis. We have multiple 650 and 300 yard stages. THERE ARE NO EXCHANGE CHANGES. ALL ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE SASS. A MEMBER OF THE SASS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS.

Use one form per shooter. Total each shooter's application separately when there are multiple entries on the same check.

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2011 Tri-State Championships

Shootout at Sawyer Flats

June 3-5, 2011

By Appaloosa Amy, SASS #63949
 Photos by One Eyed Black Jack, SASS #66068

Harvard, MA – What do folks look for in a match report? Many times it's all about the numbers. When was the match? Who was #1? How many clean shooters were there? Did the stages have a lot of cool props? How many vendors were there? Any way you looked at the numbers for the 6th Annual MA-CT-RI State Championships, it equaled ONE awesome event.

The Harvard Sportman's Club, located just minutes from historical Lexington and Concord, is a great Cowboy Action venue with the ad-

vantage of having eleven separate shooting bays. For the hosting cowboy club, the Harvard Ghost Riders, this year's "Salute the Duke" theme gave endless possibilities for shooting scenarios and stage designs. With so many John Wayne movies to pick from, it was hard to narrow it down to only ten!

From the Ringo Kid's "Stagecoach" to the bar scene in "The Shootist," every prop in the club's arsenal was pulled out, given a fresh coat of paint, and put in place so the record 188 shooters felt they had stepped back in time. There



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Name _____ Alias _____
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If registering more than 1 shooter, please submit a Registration Form for each shooter



Saturday
 Main stages – 9:00AM
 Side matches – 1:30PM
 Range closed – 5:00PM

Sunday
 Main stages – 8:30AM
 Awards – 2:00PM



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were plenty of cattle for "The Big Trail," and in Stage 7 the rifle targets were riding horses for "True Grit's" final showdown. We built an entire town ... well mostly Grazer, SASS #38845, built it ... and it was pretty impressive. Who doesn't love running in and out of doorways and shooting through windows? A shooter may not remember a scenario, or the sweep, but good props seem to etch a spot in a shooter's mind and make for a memorable match.

On Friday, shooters could try their hand at a bunch of different events like long range, pocket pistol,



Scrub Oak Willie, SASS #53737, from Long Island, New York, is ready to shoot the stage.



Stage 10 was a fun stage to shoot. Ida Mae Holiday moves moving through doors and shoots through windows. It was running and gunning at its best!

speed stuff, and or even a Wild Bunch Stage. As usual, the two warm up stages were very popular, but with plenty of help, the lines moved quickly, enabling folks to shoot multiple times if they had plenty of ammo. All the vendors were in place and peddling their wares. If you needed raingear for the upcoming summer shooting season, Boston Scarlet had topnotch outerwear, or you could stop by and



**One great team—
Rowdy Bill and Snazzy McGee**



**Tri State Champions—
Wild Sage, Brett Cantrell, Hawley McCoy, Grazer,
Appaloosa Amy, & James Samuel Pike.**



**One Ear Pete of Rhode Island—
this year's Spirit of the Game Winner
for all his contributions to Cowboy
Action Shooting™ in New England.**



**Three Generations of Cowboy
Action Shooters (l-r)—
Splinter Jack, SASS #47317,
Tommy Two Spurs, and
Peddler Jack, SASS #18828.**



**Maine's
Tommy Two
Spurs with
The Duke.**

**2011 Top Gun
Team Winners—
Minnesota's
Mogollon Drifter
and New York's
Annabelle
Bransford
made an
unbeatable team!**



**The total Classic Cowboy attire—
Vance Montana, SASS #78957,
from Maine.**

them. Shooting orders were different, but easy to remember, and as always, shotgun targets are any order. The numerous targets were of good quality steel, of ample size, and were at very hittable distances. Targets were also repainted after each stage so every posse was greeted with unblemished steel that was just begging to be hit.

The Saturday night banquet at the Maynard Rod & Gun Club (which was free again this year) was all that it should be. It started out with a plentiful meal, followed by a few awards for some great looking costumes, and for Friday's side events. It ended with the announcement of who shot their way into Sunday's shoot off! There were 32 names called for the 5th Annual Top Gun Team Shoot Off with many new faces: Jesse Younger, SASS #77670, Dealin Justice, SASS #62653, and Lou Graham, SASS #26112 of CT, New Jersey's Dancin Angel, SASS #53686, Long Island resident Garnet Gal, SASS #53738, Chuckaroo, SASS #13080 from Maryland, and Half-a-Hand Henri, SASS #9727, all

the way from New Mexico.

On Sunday we were blessed with yet another perfect spring day. The remaining four stages were shot under a cloudless blue sky with comfortable temperatures and no humidity. All the posses were done by noon and had enough time to grab a bite to eat and then wander down to Bay 11 for the Team Shoot Off. The 16 teams made up of the top 16 ladies and top 16 men (from Saturday's scores) were once again lots of fun for both the spectators and the participants. 2011's last team standing was

a pair of outstanding shooters: New York's Annabelle Bransford, SASS #11916, and Minnesota's Mogollon Drifter, SASS #13690.

Thanks to Misty West and her family of volunteers the scores were done in no time and the Awards Ceremony kicked off shortly after the shoot off. New Hampshire's Tazz & Single Rose of Klassic Laser Works did a classy job making all the awards. Our Master of Ceremonies, Yankee, SASS #266, with lots of help from his better half, Boston Lady, (Continued on page 72)

see Dutch Henry for some new duds, or perhaps you wanted to upgrade to custom ear protection with L&M Lenses. It's great when you can get what you need right at the range.

Saturday dawned bright and beautiful, and by 9:15 the ten posses were throwing lead with Stumpy of "Rio Bravo" and Mississippi of "El Dorado." Nine of the ten stages allowed participants to move downrange from one position to another with options on which gun to shoot and where to safely restage

 The Single Action Shooting Society & North Carolina Cowboys Inc. <i>Present to you:</i>			
"TALES OF SWEARING CREEK" The 2012 Uprising at Swearing Creek SASS North Carolina State Cowboy Action Shooting Championship May 31 – June 3			
Side Matches-May 31	10 Main Match Stages-June 1-2	Awards & Top Gun Shoot-Off-June 3	
ONE ENTRY PER FORM PLEASE			
Name:	Address:		City/State/Zip:
SASS Number:	Email:		Phone:
1 st Choice Category:		2 nd Choice Category:	Lady Category?
		Yes No	
ENTRY FORM DEADLINE -- May 15 Submit/Make: \$ 15 refund fee before May 15 NO Refunds after May 1st **\$10 LATE FEE per shooter (1 postponed after May 10** You may sign up for Blackpowder, Wilds bunch, and Blast up to 1 hour before start times, with the \$5 late fee.			
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2011 Tri-State Championships . . .

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SASS #3662, ran through the winners with one winner in particular that needs to be mentioned. This year's recipient of the Starpucker Spirit of the Game Award is One Ear Pete, SASS #34800 (WHAT!!!), of

Rhode Island's Lincoln County Lawmen. Pete has done everything from running matches and getting new shooters into the game, to putting his artistic talents to work, building unique props, and designing shooter's books. Thanks for all your hard work



All the props were repainted and made like new for the Tri-State Championships—just like this one on Stage 8.

and making a difference to New England Cowboy Action Shooting™.

Now to wrap things up . . . When was the match? June 3 – 5, 2011. Who was #1? James Samuel Pike, SASS #53331. How many clean shooters were there? 21. Did the stages have a lot of cool props? Yep. How many vendors were there? A bunch. Any way you looked at the numbers for this match, they said loud and clear you should be one of those numbers in June 1 – 3, 2012 for the 7th Annual Tri-State Championships (harvardghostriders.com). 🐾

Winners		B-Western		Gunfighter		Grazer		MA		Old Timer		Beaver Trapper,	
Top Guns & CT State Champions		Spirit Warrior,		49'er		Tack Hammer Bob,		MA		SASS #15684		MA	
<i>Man</i>	James Samuel Pike,	SASS #57526 VT		<i>L B-Western</i>		SASS #75562 MA		<i>L Old Timer</i>		Bonnie Dee,		SASS #28413 MA	
<i>Lady</i>	Appaloosa Amy,	SASS #32773 MA		<i>Cowboy</i>		Canadian Two							
	SASS #63949 CT	Jesse Younger,		<i>Cowgirl</i>		Feathers,							
		SASS #77670 CT		Crystal Creek Chris,		SASS #70784 ON							
MA State Champions		SASS #64500 NH		<i>Wrangler</i>		James Samuel Pike		CT					
<i>Man</i>	Grazer,	Half-A-Henri,		<i>L Wrangler</i>		Renegade Roper,		NY					
<i>Lady</i>	SASS #38845 MA	SASS #9727 NM		<i>Senior</i>		SASS #86367		RI					
	Hawley McCoy,	Hawkeye Kid,		<i>L Senior</i>		Brett Cantrell		MA					
	SASS #59588 MA	SASS #24196 CT		<i>S Duelist</i>		Avocatessa,		SASS #67819					
RI State Champions		SASS #15681 MA		<i>S Senior</i>		SASS #18828 NY							
<i>Man</i>	Brett Cantrell,	Patchogue Mike,		<i>L S Senior</i>		Rowdy Bill,		SASS #9628					
<i>Lady</i>	SASS #33868 RI	SASS #8626 NY		<i>E Statesman</i>		SASS #45274 CT							
	Wild Sage,	Capt. Morgan Rum,		<i>G Dames</i>		Miss Rein,		SASS #45274 CT					
	SASS #40879 RI	SASS #6859 NH				SASS #45274 CT							
Category Winners		Miss Delaney Belle,				SASS #45274 CT							
<i>Buckaroo</i>	Al B. Crazy,	SASS #6860 NH				SASS #45274 CT							
<i>Young Gun</i>	Not So Lonesome	Gun E. Bear				SASS #45274 CT							
	Mike,	SASS #5557 VT				SASS #45274 CT							
	SASS # 81639 NY	Dead Head,				SASS #45274 CT							
<i>L Young Gun</i>	Snazzy McGee,	SASS #29768				SASS #45274 CT							
	SASS #66689 CT												

Territory Six-Gun Justice . . .

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out cloudy and then rained, but that didn't stop the 94 registered shooters from thoroughly enjoying themselves. Stages were set up along the road from the registration building (Wells Fargo) to the Jailhouse and west to the Outlaw shack. Posses shot half the stages one day and the other stages the next. The second day of shooting had perfect weather,—warm, sunny, and calm all day. The side matches that had been rain cancelled the first day were shot the second day with much hilarity, especially the "SuperSide Match," where shooters rode the "Horse on Wheels" on the railroad tracks to the pumper cart where they climbed onboard and shot targets along that part of the track while being moved by volunteer pump men, until reaching the real Caboose at the end of the line. They then climbed aboard the Caboose and shot out of the back door at the shotgun targets.

Speed side matches for pistols, rifles, and shotguns were going on at the same time, as was the Wild Bunch stage for the many 1911 shooters. The official long range shooting took

place after a spontaneous practice on the day before when it stopped raining in mid-afternoon. You just can't keep long-range shooters from their chosen side match!

The Mercantile was open both days, before shooting and afterward, until the potluck dinner on Friday night and the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Attendees did a brisk business trading and buying everything a cowboy needs—from guns to clothing, and the porch became the gathering place to swap stories and relax. Lunch was provided by "Cookie," the only non-shooting member of the Twin Butte Bunch, and an indispensable member who keeps us fed and happy. She also provided the banquet, and we are still trying to figure out how she does two great lunches and a banquet for over 100 people in two days!

The Awards Banquet, held in the range clubhouse, was an evening of door prizes, visiting, dress up, a grand feast, and awards. Winners had their photos taken against a life-sized stagecoach cut out prop. We had lots of happy winners who vowed to come back next year. You,

too, can join the fun of shooting at our range in the lava beds of Idaho—no berms and our western town keeps growing every year! Go to twinbuttebunch.org for photos and

information on the club, the range, and our two-day events. Hope to see at the Blackpowder Blowout in June or the next Six-Gun Justice event in September of 2012. 🐾

Winners		Wrangler	
<i>Buckaroo</i>	Phantom Shooter,	Buffalo Assassin,	
	SASS #88733	SASS #65495	
<i>Young Gun</i>	Little Sharpshooter,	<i>L Wrangler</i>	
	SASS #88741	Montana Annie,	
<i>49'er</i>	J.T. Wild,	SASS #76590	
	SASS #20399	<i>Gunfighter</i>	
<i>L 49'er</i>	Nellie Sue,	Cowpoke Charlie,	
	SASS #46534	SASS #66117	
<i>B-Western</i>	Col. Birdwell	<i>F Cartridge</i>	
	Hawkins,	M.T. Pockets,	
	SASS #48998	SASS #76686	
<i>L B-Western</i>	Quick Draw Kitty,	<i>F C Duelist</i>	
	SASS #89596	Charlie Milo,	
<i>Duelist</i>	Bugler,	SASS #62042	
	SASS #62920	<i>Frontiersman</i>	
<i>L Duelist</i>	Stinging Nettie,	Mosey N Sam,	
	SASS #61770	SASS #39767	
<i>Cowboy</i>	Idaho Shady Layne,	<i>Senior</i>	
	SASS #48837	Alaskan,	
<i>Cowgirl</i>	Idaho Rebel L,	SASS #79504	
	SASS #82420	<i>L Senior</i>	
<i>C Cowboy</i>	Gooch Hill Drifter,	Idaho Sage Hen,	
	SASS #49090	SASS #61400	
<i>C Cowgirl</i>	Salt River Rose,	<i>S Duelist</i>	
	SASS #59259	Kenai Kid,	
		SASS #4906	
		<i>S Gunfighter</i>	
		7 E Ramrod,	
		SASS #58707	
		<i>S Senior</i>	
		Syd Shelene	
		<i>L S Senior</i>	
		Wild Red,	
		SASS #68537	
		<i>E Statesman</i>	
		Colt Heart,	
		SASS #55206	
		<i>G Dame</i>	
		Mo Shootin',	
		SASS #45276	



SASS Canadian National Championships 2011 . . .

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to go a shootin.'

Again a good group of balanced posses, we were once again finished in good time to have a bit of a breather before the evening's entertainment. Although, just as with the Canadian Nationals, there were side matches and practice stages available for those just not ready to lay their guns down.

For the first evening there was a "Barn Dance" and costume judging for the casual categories such as Working Cowboy/girl and Frontiersmen took place.

The Saloon Gal was also to be judged this evening and since Doc Thompson, as previously mentioned, was not able to attend the Canadian Nationals, he got his chance with the ladies' this night. The crowd was well entertained—and things got a bit on the "wild" side!

Once things settled down, we



A special "Thank You" to Jericho, SASS #74073, for all his work with the folks at SASS in organizing the SASS Canadian Nationals!

put on some nice toe-tappin' tunes and encouraged the crowd to come on up to dance. Many did, and waltzes proved to be most popular—nice after a long day and with another day to shoot ahead.

Draws for Door prizes, which consisted of two baskets loaded



Cowboys, Gents, and their ladies whirl and twirl to toe tappin' tunes and waltzes!

with some old fashioned and western themed goodies and a nice western scarf, rounded out the evening.

With the dawn of Friday, we geared up and headed out for the last time. That last day just always seems to be bittersweet. The day's shooting again was finished by early afternoon. Time to rest a bit and get ready for the "closing ceremonies." Fancy dress costume awards were judged, and then it was time for the shooting awards to be presented and to find out who the overall match winners would be.

As anticipation grew, finally it was time. While the SASS buckle went to Canadian Haweater Hal, his wife, Victoria Diamond, SASS #60952, took the SASS buckle and certificate for "Top Gun – Ladies."

Overall match winner—"Top Gun"—was American, Territorial Rider, SASS #31039—one very happy cowboy!

With that, it was time for folks to start saying their goodbyes and slowly drift away.

Most were planning to stay the night so for a bit generators got fired up to run the Margarita machines. There was a gathering in the Dusty Boot to look at the pictures and some videos taken during the week. A few even settled in to watch a good ol' spaghetti western. Others sat by campfires to talk and take in the breathtaking starlight of our big Alberta skies.

Then it was time



Overall Match Winner Haweater Hal and Top Lady Senorita Itchy Finger — Canadian Nationals.

to leave the world of the Old West and Cowboy Action Shooting™ and return to our normal lives—sad, but of course, necessary. But, thanks to a dedicated following in this sport, we all know we will soon be able to get back in the saddle again, with both old and new friends.

Lookin' forward to it! 🤠



Territorial Ryder (center) proudly displays his certificate for "Top Gun" at the SASS Canadian Nationals. Flanking him are Haweater Hal, and Victoria Diamond. Now there's a couple to be reckoned with! Congratulations to all.



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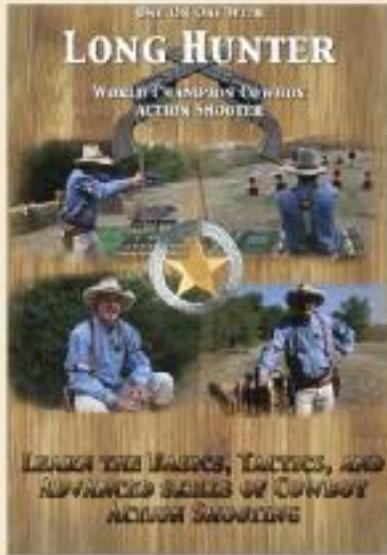
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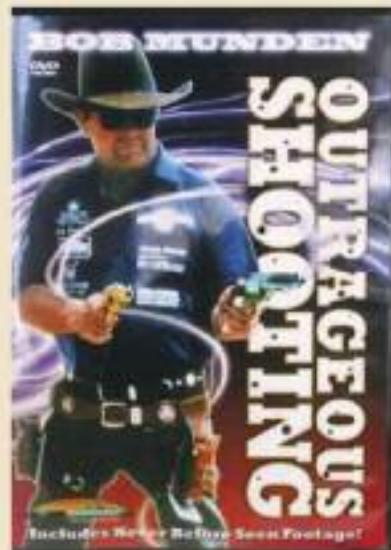
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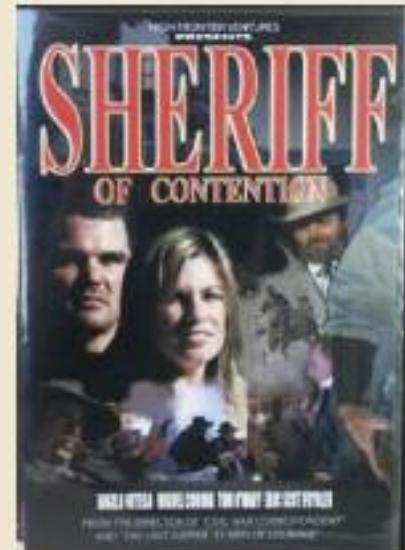
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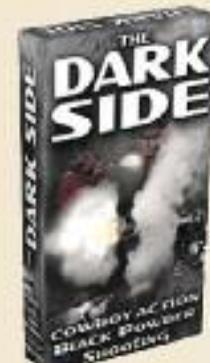
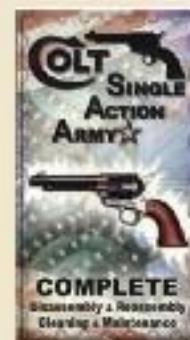


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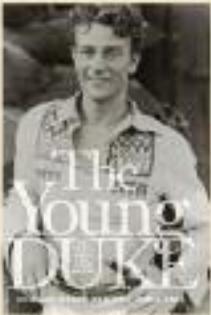
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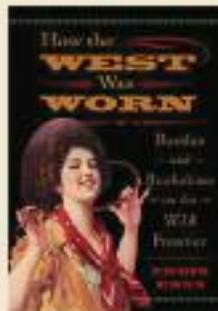
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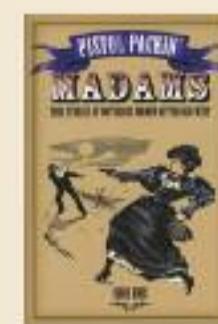
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The “shooting” itself also has a long lasting history in our country. The very first “shooting club” was founded around 1250 in a little village outside Vienna. These clubs were established to enable the armed village people to defend themselves against foreign marauders. At this time there were no regular forces established and local groups of volunteers were armed with bows, arrows, crossbows, and lances.

Many decades later, after the invention of gunpowder (blackpowder), a new era of weapons was born. The

A Report From The “Sweetwater Gunslingers” and Cowboy Action Shooting™ in Austria

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Founder of Cowboy Action Shooting™ in Austria
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production and the use of weapons with matchlock, wheellock, and flintlock ignition, over a long period of time, changed the style of defense and war. These volunteers were now armed with these types of guns, and they became regular forces. The have had to defend the country against the enemies from east Asia.

At this time the regional government from Styria, built in the capital city of Graz a big arsenal (Zeughaus) to store guns and armour for more than 30,000 volunteers. This arsenal exists today in the original building and is known as the biggest museum in the world for period arms from this era.

The earliest shooting clubs only used rifles for training and competition. Shortened rifles—handguns—which were known as “pistols,” were very expensive, and the owner carried them in saddlebags on their mount as a side arm.

Shooting clubs for pistol shooters only were founded very late in the 1800s. They were independent and separated from the more historical rifle shooter. The growth of pistol shooting started in Austria after the end of WWII when Austria became an independent nation with his own constitution in 1955. The right to own arms was prohibited from 1945 until

the end of the allied nations’ government. The oldest exclusive shooting club, the “Vienna Pistol Shooting Club” was founded in 1959, and, I believe, this club is the oldest “pistol only” shooting club in Austria.

In 1988, some members of this club who love the Old West created the legendary “Sweetwater Gunslingers.” This group of individuals created a new and unique shooting competition only for western guns. Shooters must use Colt SAAs and clones and lever action rifles in pistol caliber. This competition quickly became very popular amongst the participants.

During some trips through the US in 1992 and 1995, we heard about SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting™. We, Doc Sterba, SASS #5108, and Wyatt H. Ristl, SASS #5132, immediately decided to become SASS members. During another trip to California in 1998, we got the chance to take part in a monthly Cowboy Action Shooting™ match. We never meet such friendly and helpful people before. They supplied us with guns, gear, and ammo for our first match. This day was an experience we will never forget for the rest of our life! Back at home we decided to establish Cowboy Action Shooting™ in Austria, too. (See my first reports in

The Cowboy Chronicle, issue September 1996 and January 2001.)

In 2002 the Sweetwater Gunslingers became an affiliated SASS club. This club has taken the lead in promoting SASS rules for Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches in Austria. Two SASS approved RO Instructors teach RO-I and RO-II courses for beginners and more advanced shooters. These courses have been held at various places in Austria, Italy, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. We also give support and advice to other shooting clubs to help them create their own Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches. Most of our members travel around in Europa taking part in different National Championships and “Days of Truth,” the international European Championship.”

The biggest Cowboy Action Shooting™ match in Austria is the legendary “Gunfight in the Plains.” This match was founded in 2003 and quickly gained an international reputation. Cowboys and Cowgirls travel from many European countries to attend this event held the last weekend in April. In 2012 we will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. This is a 3-day event with 12 main match stages, many side matches for pistol and rifles, and some fun shooting, too. A highlight every year is a man vs. man duel with wax bullets at balloons.

In 2010 we got the chance to establish a monthly shooting program at another big shooting range near Vi-



Gun Show



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enna. There we can shoot under real match conditions, and we can also hold annual matches twice a year. Another big benefit is the monthly shooting program encourages visitors to have a try at Cowboy Action Shooting™.

About the Gun Laws in Austria ...

You can buy and own long guns (rifles, shotguns) without any permit. In 2014, when the new and more restrictive gunlaws from the "European Union" in Brüssel become effective, all long guns must be registered at local gun dealers.

To buy and own pistols and re-

volvers, you need a gun owner permit, and it is limited to two guns only. If you want to own more than two, you need a confirmation from your shooting club that you actively take part in shooting and matches and you are trained in safe gun handling. The SASS RO-I course is very helpful for this.

The gunowner permit does you not allow one to carry guns. A concealed carry gun permit is very restricted for civilians. Military semi automatic rifles, submachine guns, and the Model 1897 pump action shotguns are strictly outlawed. This is curious, but it is true. Collecting

antique guns manufactured before 1871 are allowed with no restriction or limits.

The "Sweetwater Gunslingers" Shooting Club are present at a great gun and hunting fair in Vienna every year. At our booth we have a display of Cowboy guns and gear from the collections of our members. Our booth is decorated with posters, the SASS Banner, the US flag, and a big portrait of John Wayne. We pose in our finest dress with gunbelts on our hips and real guns in our holsters. Our outfits are very attractive for the audience. People can watch DVDs from

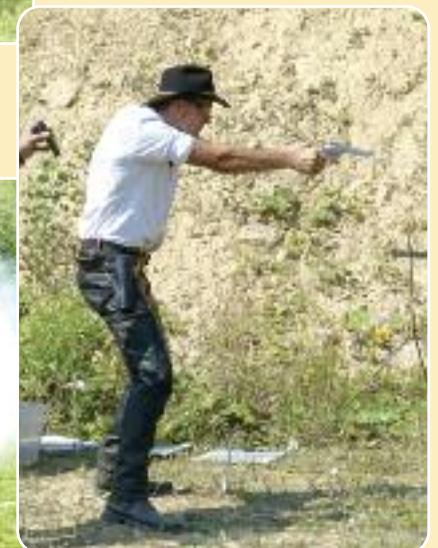
past END of TRAILS and Days of Truth on a big TV screen.

This year in February we were invited as VIP guests at the first presentation of the Western movie, *True Grit*, with Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon. We attended this event in our finest Cowboy clothes. Our presence was a special touch for the audience, and the reaction was very positive.

So, if you plan your next trip to Europa or Austria, don't hesitate to contact us. You can shoot Cowboy Action Shooting™ in our country, too.

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Wyatt Ristl and the Sweetwater Gunslingers are very proud of their shooting facility near Vienna. They've issued an open invitation to visit Austria and shoot with them ... and they promise to make it easy for any Americans who wish to make the trip to Europe!



MISSISSIPPI RIVER RANGERS Parade into the Christmas Season

By Oglala Sue, SASS Life #9965

B yhalia, MS – The Olive Branch MS, Christmas Parade had a new entry this year. The Mississippi River Rangers proudly sponsored a float

and about 20 cowboy and cowgirls walked the 3-mile route, handing out candy to the children and information cards to the adults.

The idea was conceived a month ago by Taska Jim, SASS #82682, and under his able direction, the stagecoach from Rabbit Ridge was mounted on a flatbed and then decorated with Christmas bows and ribbons. Woodpecker, SASS #82974, pulled the float with his 1950 Cub Farmall tractor. It was truly a sight to behold!!!

It was such a success that the city of Olive Branch awarded the River Rangers the 2011 President's Award for Best Float in the parade. Congratulation to all who worked so hard to make Cowboy Action look so good!!! Plans are already in the works to make our float bigger and better next year!

The Mississippi River Rangers are



a two time club of the year, winning in 2003 and again in 2006. We shoot the 4th and 5th Saturday of the month. The club is located in Byhalia, MS, 35 miles southeast of Memphis. Come shoot with us!!



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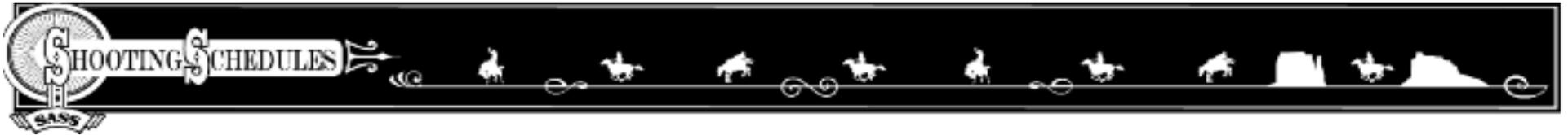

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Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City
AK				
Alaska 49er's	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Tripod	907-373-0140	Birchwood
Golden Heart Shootist Society	2nd Sat & Last Sun	Col. Reed	907-488-3903	Chatanika
Juneau Gold Miners Posse	3rd Sun	Five Card Tanna	907-789-7498	Juneau
AL				
North Alabama Regulators	1st Sun	Drake Robey	256-313-0421	Woodville
Russell County Regulators	1th Sat	Will Killigan	706-568-0869	Phenix City
Alabama Rangers	2nd Sun	RC Moon	205-410-5707	Brierfield
Vulcan Long Rifles	3rd Sat	Parson Henry Brown	256-282-3356	Hoover
Cahaba Cowboys	3rd Sun	Duke Slade	205-854-0843	Birmingham
Gallant Gunfighters	3rd Sun	Buck D. Law	256-504-4366	Hoover
Old York Shootists	4th Sun	Derringer Di	205-647-6925	Hoover
AR				
White River Gang	1st & 4th Sat	Loco Toro	870-435-2768	Mountain Home
Critter Creek Citizens Vigilance	1st Sun	Evil Bob	903-701-3970	Fourke
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	1st Wkd	Christmas Kid	501-625-3554	Hot Springs
Outlaw Camp	2nd & 5th Sat	Ozark Outlaw	501-362-2963	Heber Springs
Arkansas Lead Slingers	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Dirty Dan Paladin	479-633-2107	Garfield
South Fork River Regulators	3rd Sat	Arkansas Harper	870-994-7227	Salem
Judge Parker's Marshals	3rd Sat & Sun	Reno Sparks	918-647-9704	Fort Smith
True Grit SASS	4th Sun	Sister Sundance	479-970-7042	Belleville
AZ				
White Mountain Old West Shootists	1st & 3rd Sat	Mustang Lady Sue	928-243-3457	Snowflake
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	1st Sat	A. J. Bob	480-982-7336	Mesa
Old Pueblo Shootist Association	1st Sun	Gilly Boy	520-249-2831	Tombstone
Cowtown Cowboy Shooters	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	Barbwire	480-488-3064	Phoenix
Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association	2nd Sat	Deputy Curly	602-487-9728	Phoenix
Tombstone Ghost Rider Outlaws	2nd Sat	Lola Jane	520-730-3178	Tombstone
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	2nd Sun	Turquoise Bill	928-925-7323	Prescott
Colorado River Regulators	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Crowheart	928-505-2200	Lake Havasu
Mohave Marshalls	3rd & 5th Sun	Just Plain Jim	928-757-1661	Kingman
Lake Powell Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Bare Fist Jack	928-660-2104	Page
Los Vaqueros	3rd Sat	Buckeye Pete	520-548-8298	Tucson
Tonto Rim Marauders	3rd Sun	Silverado Cid	928-595-1230	Payson
Altar Valley Pistoleros	3rd Sun & 5th Sun	Mean Raylean	520-235-0394	Tucson
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	4th Sat	Whisperin Meadows	928-567-9227	Camp Verde
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	4th Sat	Squibber	520-568-2852	Casa Grande
Tombstone Buscaderos	4th Sat	Diamond Pak	520-780-4852	Tombstone
Colorado River Shootists	4th Sun	ClueLass	928-726-7727	Yuma
CA				
Sunnyvale Regulators	1st & 3rd Mon night	Shaniko Jack	650-464-3764	Cupertino
West End Outlaws	1st & 3rd Sat	Rob Banks	714-206-6893	Lytle Creek
Silver Queen Mine Regulators	1st & 3rd Sun	T. E. Kidd	562-598-7771	Azusa
Escondido Bandidos	1st Sat	Devil Jack	760-741-3229	Escondido
The Outlaws	1st Sat	Terrell Sackett	916-363-1648	Sacramento
Lassen Regulators	1st Sat	Chief Wages	530-257-3402	Susanville
Two Rivers Posse	1st Sat & 4th Sun	Dragon	209-836-4042	Manteca
River City Regulators	1st Sun	Point of Orgin	530-304-5616	Davis
Mother Lode Shootist Society	1st Sun	Sioux City Kid	209-795-4175	Jamestown
Hole In The Wall Gang	1st Sun	Frito Bandito	661-406-6001	Piru
5 Dogs Creek	1st Wkd	Mad Dog Draper	805-497-2857	Bakersfield
Cajon Cowboys	2nd & 4th Sat	Pasture Patti	760-956-8852	Devore
Chorro Valley Regulators	2nd & 5th Sun	Mad Dog McCoy	805-440-7847	San Luis Obispo
Shasta Regulators Of Hat Creek	2nd Sat	Cayenne Pepper	530-275-3158	Burney
Coyote Valley Cowboys	2nd Sat	Bad Eye Bobolu	408-722-0583	Morgan Hill
Guns in the Sun	2nd Sat	Johnny 2moons	760-346-0972	Palm Springs
Buffalo Runners	2nd Sat	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Rail Road Flat
Dulzura Desperados	2nd Sat	Hashknife Willie	619-271-1481	San Diego
California Rangers	2nd Sat	Paniolo Lady	916-483-9198	Sloughouse
Double R Bar Regulators	2nd Sun	Five Jacks	760-949-3198	Lucerne Valley

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CA (continued)				
High Sierra Drifters	2nd Sun	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Railroad Flat
Richmond Roughriders	2nd Sun	Buffy	650-994-9412	Richmond
The Over The Hill Gang	2nd Sun	Kooskia Kid	818-566-7900	Sylmar
Bridgeport Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Bee Blest	760-932-1139	Bridgeport
Burro Canyon Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Don Trader	714-827-7360	Meyers Canyon
Nevada City Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Marlin Schofield	530-265-9213	Nevada City
North County Shootist Assoc.	3rd Sat	Graybeard	760-727-9160	Pala
Shasta Regulators	3rd Sat	Modoc	530-365-1839	Redding
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Nasty Newt	760-375-7618	Ridgecrest
Gold Country Wild Bunch	3rd Sat	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	Sloughouse
High Desert Cowboys	3rd Sun	Doc Silverhawks	661-948-2543	Acton
Kings River Regulators	3rd Sun	Slick Rock Rooster	559-299-8669	Clovis
Panorama Northfield Raiders	3rd Sun	Gun Hawk	818-761-0512	North Hollywood
South Coast Rangers	3rd Sun	Swiftly Schofield	805-886-3360	Santa Barbara
Murieta Posse	3rd Sun	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Sloughhouse
Ukiah Gun Club	3rd Sun	Will Bonner	707-462-1466	Ukiah
Mad River Rangers	4th Sat	Kid Kneestone	707-445-1981	Blue Lake
Deadwood Drifters	4th Sat	Lusty Lil	323-353-3898	Piru
Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	4th Sat	Wif	408-448-3256	San Jose
Pozo River Vigilance Committee	4th Sat	Dirty Sally	805-438-4817	Santa Margarita
California Shady Ladies	4th Sat	Lady Gambler	916-447-2040	Sloughhouse
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	4th Sat & 5th Sat	Lethal Les L'Amour	530-842-4506	Yreka
FaultLine Shootist Society	4th Sun	Querida	831-635-9147	Gonzales
The Range	4th Sun	Grass V. Federally	530-273-4440	Grass Valley
The Cowboys	4th Sun	Captain Jake	714-318-6948	Norco
Sloughouse Irregulars	5th Sat & Sun	Badlands Bud	530-677-0368	Sloughouse
CO				
Colorado Cowboys	1st Sat	El Gato Gordo	719-683-6713	Lake George
Colorado Shaketails	1st Sun	Midnite Slim	719-660-2742	Fontain
San Juan Rangers	1st Sun	Kodiak Kid	970-252-1841	Montrose
Windygap Regulators	1st Wkd	Piedra Kidd	970-565-9228	Cortez
Vigilantes	2nd Sat	Grizz Bear	719-545-9463	Pueblo
Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club	2nd Sun	Capt. W. K. Kelso	970-565-3840	Cortez
Montrose Marshals	2nd Sun	Big Hat	970-249-7701	Montrose
Ben Lomond High Plains Drifters	2nd Sun	Sand River Slim	303-771-1920	Ramah
Castle Peak Wildshots	2nd Wkd	Old Squinteye	970-524-9348	Gypsum
Rockvale Bunch	3rd Sat	Mister	719-784-1342	Rockvale
Pawnee Station	3rd Sat	Red River Wrangler	970-225-0545	Wellington
Four Corners Gunslingers	3rd Sun	Cereza Slim	970-247-0745	Durango
Thunder Mountain Shootists	3rd Wkd	Pinto Being	970-464-7118	Grand Junction
Briggsdale County Shootist	4th Sat	Kid Bucklin	970-493-1813	Briggsdale
Northwest Colorado Rangers	4th Sat	Sagebrush Burns	970-824-8407	Craig
Sand Creek Raiders	4th Sun	Sweet Water Bill	303-366-8827	Byers
Black Canyon Ghost Riders	4th Sun	Double Bit	970-874-8745	Hotchkiss
CT				
Ledyard Sidewinders	1st Sat	Yosemite Gene	860-536-0887	Ledyard
CT Valley Bushwackers	2nd Sun	Milo Sierra	860-508-2686	East Granby
DE				
Padens Posse	3rd Sun	Hazel Pepper	302-422-6534	Bridgeville
FL				
Gold Coast Gunslingers	1st Sat	L. Topay	305-233-5756	Fort Lauderdale
Howey In the Hills Cowboys	1st Sat	OI Glor E	352-455-6508	Howey in the Hills
Ghost Town Gunslingers	1st Sat	Copenhagen	904-808-8559	St. Augustine
Hernando County Regulators	1st Sun	Shady Brady	352-686-1055	Brooksville
Miakka Misfits	1st Sun	Deadlee Headlee	941-650-8920	Myakka City
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	2nd Sat	Deadly Sharpshoot	352-317-6284	Fort White
Okeechobee Marshals	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Amaduelist	561-371-5507	Okeechobee
Okeechobee Outlaws	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Dead Waite	863-357-3006	Okeechobee
Tater Hill Gunfighters	2nd Sun	Judge JD Justice	941-629-4440	Arcadia
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	2nd Sun	Conway Kid	407-273-9763	Orlando
Panhandle Cowboys	2nd Sun	High Card	850-492-5162	Pensacola
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Jed Lewis	239-455-4788	Punta Gorda
Big Bend Bushwhackers	3rd Sat	Sixpence Kid	850-459-1107	Tallahassee
Lake County Pistoleros	3rd Sat	Deadwood Woody	352-357-3065	Tavares
Cowford Regulators	4th Sat	General Lee Smokey	904-803-2930	Jacksonville
Indian River Regulators	4th Sat	Belligerent Orney Bob	321-403-2940	Palm Bay
Panhandle Cattle Company	4th Sat	Desperado Dale	850-832-2837	Port St. Joe
OK Corral Outlaws	4th Sun	Texas Clay Hunter	863-447-9311	Okeechobee

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FL (continued)					KS				
Five County Regulators	4th Sun	Jed Lewis	239-455-4788	Punta Gorda	Butterfield Gulch Gang	1st Sun	Kanasa Flatlander	785-493-5682	Chapman
Doodle Hill Regulators	4th Sun	Dave Smith	813-645-3828	Ruskin	Powder Creek Cowboys	2nd & 4th Sat & 4th Wed	El Dorado Wayne	913-686-5314	Lenexa
Antelope Junction Rangers	Fri nite & 2nd Sat	Mayeye Rider	727-736-3977	Pineallas Park	Mill Brook Wranglers	2nd Sun	Grandpa Buckten Millbrook	785-421-2537	Hill City
GA					Free State Rangers	3rd & 5th Sun	Buffalo Phil	913-904-8733	Parker
River Bend Rough Riders	1st Sat	Done Gone	770-361-6966	Dawsonville	Sandhill Regulators	3rd Sat	MoundRidge Goat Roper	620-345-3151	Hutchinson
American Old West Cowboys	1st Sat	Josey Buckhorn	423-236-5281	Flintstone	Capital City Cowboys	4th Sun	Top	785-313-0894	Topeka
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	1st Sat	Big Boyd	229-244-3161	Valdosta	Chisholm Trail Rowdies	4th Sun	Cody Wyatt	316-204-1784	Wichita
Lonesome Valley Regulators	1st Sun	Wishbone Hooper	478-922-9384	Warner Robins	KY				
Doc Holliday's Immortals	2nd Sat	Easy Rider	770-954-9696	Griffin	Kentucky Regulators	1st Sat	Derby	270-489-2089	Boaz
Camden County Cowboys	2nd Sat	Christian Mortician	912-227-5683	Kingsland	Hooten Old Town Regulators	1st Sat	Bullfork Shotgun Red	606-631-4613	Mckee
South River Shootists	3rd Sat	Man From Little River	678-428-4240	Covington	Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	1st Sun	Buck Shot Jock	502-543-8439	West Point
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	3rd Sat	Trail Bones	423-842-6116	Ringgold	Green River Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Yak	270-792-9001	Bowling Green
Cherokee Cowboys	4th Sat	Bad Lands Bob	706-654-0828	Gainesville	Ohio River Rangers	3rd Sat	George Rogers	270-554-1501	Paducah
HI					Rockcastle Rangers	4th Sat	Perfecto Vaquera	406-231-2359	Park City
Maui Marshals	1st & 3rd Sat	Bad Burt	808-875-9085	Maui	Levisa Fork Lead Slingers	4th Sun	Escopeta Jake	606-631-4613	Pikeville
Big Island Paniolos	3rd Sat	Paniolo Annie	808-640-3949	Ocean View	Fox Bend Peacemakers	4th Sun	Tocala Sam	859-552-9000	Wilmore
Single Action Shootist of Hawaii	4th Sun	Brandebuck	808-351-9260	Honolulu	LA				
IA					Border Vigilantes	1st Sat	Cooper York	504-722-8988	Sorrento
Turkeyfoot Cowboys	1st Sat	Ranger Mathias Fischels	319-234-1550	Elk Run Heights	Up The Creek Gang	2nd & 4th Sat	Hardly Able	337-474-5058	Lake Charles
Fort Des Moines Rangers	1st Sun	Pit Mule	515-205-0557	Indianola	Bayou Bounty Hunters	2nd Sat	Soiled Dove	985-796-9698	Amite
Zen Shootists	2nd Sat	Renegade Slim	515-987-0721	Nevada	Cypress Creek Cowboys	2nd Sat	Smokey Shane	318-805-4840	Downsville
Outlaw's Run	2nd Sun	Capt. Jim Midnight	712-623-5726	Red Oak	Cajun Cowboy Shooters Society	2nd Sun	Durango Dan	225-752-2288	Baton Rouge
ID					Guns of Sabine Pass	3rd Sat	Hobbel-A-Long	337-463-5690	Hineston
Gunslingers of Flaming Heart Ranch	1st Sat	Jughandle Jack	208-634-3121	Council	Grand Ecore Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Ouachita Kid	318-932-6637	Natchitoches
Squaw Butte Regulators	1st Sun	Acequia Kidd	208-365-4551	Emmett	Deadwood Marshals	3rd Sat	Doc Spudley	504-467-6062	Sorrento
Border Marauders	1st Sun & 4th Sat	Mud Marine	208-627-8377	Bonnars Ferry	Jackson Hole Regulators	4th Sat	Slick McClade	318-395-2224	Quitman
El Buscaderos	2nd & 4th Sun	Oddman	208-437-0496	Spirit Lake	MA				
Northwest Shadow Riders	2nd Sat	Silverado Belle	208-743-5765	Lewiston	Cape Cod Cowboys	4th Sat	Curly Jay Brooks	508-477-9771	Mashpee
Southern Idaho Rangers	2nd Sat	Gordo Perro	208-234-7121	Pocatello	Shawsheen River Rangers	As Sch	Yukon Willie	978-663-3342	Bedford
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	2nd Sun & 3rd Sat	John Bear	208-562-1914	Boise	Harvard Ghost Riders	As Sch	Double R Bar Kid	978-771-9190	Harvard
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	3rd Sat	J.P. Sloe	208-798-0826	Moscow	Danvers Desperados	As Sch	Cyrus Cy Klopps	781-667-2857	Middleton
Twin Butte Bunch	3rd Sat	Idaho Packer	208-589-5941	Rexburg	Gunnysackers	Sat	Nantucket Dawn	781-749-6951	Scituate
Panhandle Regulators	3rd Sun	Halfcocked Otis	509-991-5842	Otis Orchards	MD				
Snake River Western Shooting Society	4th Sat	White Eyes	208-734-8440	Jerome	Eas'dern Shore Renegades	1st Sat	Teton Tracy	302-378-7854	Sudlersville
IL					Thurmont Rangers	1st Sun	Cash Caldwell	240-285-7673	Thurmont
Shady Creek Shootists	1st & 4th Sun	Dapper Dan Porter	309-734-2324	Little York	Monocacy Irregulars	2nd Sat	Church Key	304-229-8266	Frederick
Lakewood Marshal's Rangeless Riders	1st Sat	Pine Ridge Jack	618-838-9410	Cisne	Damascus Wildlife Rangers	4th Sat	Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	Damascus
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	1st Sun	The Inspector	618-345-5048	Highland	ME				
Free Grazers	2nd Sat	Grasshopper BCI	815-758-1946	Sycamore	Big Pine Bounty Hunters	As Sch	Ripley Scrounger	207-876-3541	Willmantic
Tri County Cowboys	2nd Sat	Fossil Creeek Bob	217-821-3134	Effingham	Capitol City Vigilance Committee	As Sch	Mark Lake	207-622-9400	Augusta
Kaskaskia Cowboys	2nd Sat	Sierra Hombre	815-967-6333	Hazelhurst	Beaver Creek Desperados	As Sch	Jimmy Reb	207-698-4436	Berwick
Illinois River City Regulators	2nd Sun	Beaucoup Joe	618-521-3619	Sparta	Hurricane Valley Rangers	As Sch	Leo	207-829-3092	Falmouth
Vermilion River Long Riders	2nd Sun	Granville Stuart	309-243-7236	Chillicothe	MI				
Nason Mining Company Regulators	3rd & 5th Sat	Lead Poison Lar Diggins Dave	815-875-3674 618-927-0594	Leonore Benton	Rockford Regulators	1st Sat	No Cattle	616-363-2827	Rockford
McLean County Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Marshall RD	309-379-4331	Bloomington	River Bend Rangers	2nd Sat	Pitmaster	574-276-8805	Niles
Litchfield Sportsman's Club	3rd Sat	Ross Haney	618-667-9819	Litchfield	Double Barrel Gang	2nd Sat	Dakota Fats	269-721-8190	Hastings
Illowa Irregulars	3rd Sun	Shamrock Sis	309-798-2635	Milan	Butcher Butte Bunch	2nd Sun	Grubby Hardrock	810-750-0655	Fenton
Long Nine Cowboys	4th & 5th Sun	Lemon Drop Kid	217-787-4877	Loami	Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	3rd Sat	Kid Al Fred	989-832-8426	Breckenridge
Good Guys Posse	4th Sun	Dangerous Denny	815-245-7264	Rockford	Chippewa Regulators	3rd Sat	No Name Justice	906-632-1254	Sault Ste. Marie
Salt River Renegades	As Sch	Lily Mae	217-985-4915	Barry	Hidden Valley Cowboys	3rd Sun	Saulk Valley Stubby	269-651-5197	Sturgis
IN					Rocky River Regulators	3rd Sun	Terrebonne Bud	248-709-5254	Utica
Daleville Desperados	1st Sat	Flat Water Bob	765-284-0405	Daleville	Eagleville Cowboys	4th Sat	One Son of A Gun	231-676-0922	Central Lake
Cutter's Raiders	1st Sat	Midnite Desperado	574-893-7214	Warsaw	Johnson Creek Regulators	4th Sat	Gabby Glenn	248-474-0590	Plymouth
Atlanta Cattle Company	2nd Sat	Bear Creek Reverend	765-652-1525	Atlanta	Mason County Marshals	4th Sat	Two Gun Troll	231-343-2580	Scottsville
Pleasant Valley Renegades	2nd Sat	Nomore Slim	812-839-3052	Canaan	Wolverine Rangers	As Sch	R.J. Law	248-828-7714	Port Huron
Schuster's Rangers	2nd Sun	Coal Car Kid	219-759-3498	Chesterton	Saginaw Field & Stream Club	As Sch	Bad River Marty	989-585-3292	Saginaw
Pine Ridge Regulators	3rd Sat	Riverboat Gambler	765-832-7253	Brazil	Lapeer County Sportsmans Club Wranglers	Sun	Flat Water Johnny	314-378-5689	Attica
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	3rd Sat	Justice D. Spencer	574-264-2012	Bristol	MN				
Circle R Cowboys	3rd Sat	Mustang Bill	219-279-2781	Brookston	Cedar Valley Vigilantes	1st & 3rd Sat	D M Yankee	612-701-9719	Morristown
Wabash Rangers	4th Sat	Henry Remington	217-267-2820	Cayuga	Crow River Rangers	1st Sun	Cantankerous Jeb	763-682-3710	Howard Lake
Starke County Desert	4th Sat	Whip Mccord	219-942-5859	Knox	Granite City Gunslingers	2nd & 5th Sat	Amen Straight	612-723-2313	Saint Cloud
Big Rock SASS	4th Sat	Southpaw Too	812-866-2406	Lexington	Lone Rock Rangers	2nd Sat	Red Dutchman	651-402-0368	Farmington
Red Brush Raiders	4th Sat	Doc Goodluck	812-721-1188	Newburgh	Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	2nd Sat	Wagonmaster	218-744-4694	Virginia
Deer Creek Regulators	4th Sun	Doc Molar	765-506-0344	Jonesboro	Fort Belmont Regulators	2nd Sun	Mule Town Jack	507-840-0883	Jackson
Wildwood Wranglers	4th Sun	Voodoooman	219-872-2721	Michigan City	East Grand Forks Rod & Gun Club	3rd Sun	BB Gunner	218-779-8555	East Grand Forks
Westside Sportsman's Club	As Sch	Buckeye Butch	812-985-3223	Evansville	Ike's Clantons	4th Sun	Dawgnapper	320-275-2052	New Ulm
Indiana Black Powder Guild	As Sch	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	Etna Green					

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MO					NM (continued)				
Ozark Posse (The)	1st Sat	Tightwad Swede	417-846-5142	Cassville	Rio Vaqueros	2nd Sat, 3rd Sun	Anna Sassin	575-744-5793	Truth or Conse- quences
Rocky Branch Rangers	1st Sun	Iza Littleoff	816-524-1462	Higginsville	Buffalo Range Riders	2nd Sun	Tijeras Pete	505-227-1449	Founders Ranch
West Plains Waddies	2nd & 5th Sat	Buckshot Baby	417-284-1432	Tecumseh	Rio Grande Renegades	2nd Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, 5th Sat/ Sun	English Lyn	505-550-9230	Albuquerque
Moniteau Creek River Raiders	2nd Sun	Doolin Riggs	573-687-3103	Fayette	Gila Rangers	2nd Wkd	Chico Cheech	575-388-2531	Silver City
Gateway Shootist Society	3rd Sun	Bounty Seeker	314-740-4665	St. Louis	Monticello Range Riders	3rd & 5th Sun	J. W. Brockey	575-744-4484	Elephant Butte
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	3rd Sun	X S Chance	573-765-5483	St. Robert	Seven Rivers Regulators	3rd Sat	Stink Creek Jones	575-885-9879	Carlsbad
Southern Missouri Rangers	4th Wkd	Smokie	417-759-9114	Willard	Monument Springs Bushwhackers	4th Sat	Val Darrant	575-396-5303	Hobbs
MS					Picacho Posse	4th Sat	Fast Hammer	575-647-3434	Las Cruces
Natchez Sixgunners	1st Sat	Winchester	601-445-5223	Natchez	Tres Rios Bandidos	4th Sun	Largo Casey	505-330-2489	Farmington
Mississippi Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Woodie B. Western	601-214-4009	Mendenhall	NV				
Mississippi River Rangers	4th & 5th Sat	Easy Lee	901-413-5615	Byhalia	Fort Halleck Volunteers	1st & 3rd Sat	Green Springs Thomsen	775-753-8203	Elko
MT					High Plains Drifters	1st Sun	Irish Ike	775-424-2336	Fernley
Honorable Road Agents Shooting Society	1st Sat	Diamond Red	406-685-3618	Ennis	Eldorado Cowboys	1st Wkd	Charming	702-565-3736	Boulder City
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	1st Sun & 4th Sat	Jeb Stuart	406-727-7625	Simms	Lone Wolf Shooters	2nd & 5th Sun	Penny Pepperbox	775-727-4600	Pahrump
Gallatin Valley Regulators	2nd Sat	Gooch Hill Drifter	406-763-4268	Logan	Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	2nd Sun	M T Fargo	702-460-6393	Las Vegas
Rocky Mountain Rangers	2nd Wkd	Jocko	406-847-0745	Noxon	Roop County Cowboy Shooters Assn.	2nd Sun	Russ T. Chambers	775-747-1426	Sparks
Bigfork Buscaderos	3rd Sat	Bodie Camp	406-883-6797	Bigfork	Silver State Shootists	3rd Sun	Shotgun Marshall	775-265-0261	Carson City
Last Chance Handgunners	3rd Sat	Bocephus Bandito	406-439-4476	Boulder	Desert Desperados	3rd Sun	Buffalo Sam	702-459-6454	Las Vegas
Custer County Stranglers	3rd Sat	Hartshot	406-232-0727	Miles City	Silver City Shooters Society	4th Sun	Nellie Blue	702-353-4812	Indian Springs
Montana Territory Peacemakers	4th Sat	Backstrap Bill	406-652-6158	Billings	NY				
Lincoln County Regulators	4th Sat	Lady Belle	406-889-3658	Eureka	Alabama Gunslingers	1st Sat	Bum Thumb	585-343-3906	Alabama
NC					Albama County Cowboys	1st Sat	Dusty Drifter	607-659-3819	Owego
Neuse River Regulators	1st & 3rd Sat	Paddi MacGarrett	910-938-3682	New Bern	Boot Hill Regulators	1st Sun	Judge Zaney Grey	845-352-7921	Chester
Old Hickory Regulators	1st Sat	Wendover Kid	252-908-0098	Rocky Mount	Pathfinder Pistoleros	1st Sun	Sonny	315-695-7032	Fulton
Walnut Grove Rangers	1st Sat	Hiem	828-245-5563	Rutherford- ton	Crumhorn Mountain Cowboys	1st Sun	Lefty Cooper	607-287-9261	Maryland
Old North State Posse	1st Sat	Tracker Mike	336-595-8853	Salisbury	Salt Port Vigilance Committee	2nd Sat	Twelve Bore	585-613-8046	Holley
Carolina Rough Riders	1st Sun	Pecos Pete	704-394-1859	Charlotte	Bar-20 Inc.	2nd Sat	Badlands Buck	315-637-3492	West Eaton
Carolina Single Action Shooting Society	2nd & 5th Sun	Carolina's Longarm	919-383-7567	Eden	Border Rangers	2nd Sun	Dammit Dick	607-724-6216	Greene
High Country Cowboys	2nd Sat	Wild Otter	828-423-7796	Asheville	Hole In The Wall Gang	3rd Sat	El Fusilero	631-864-1035	Calverton
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society	2nd Sat	Wicked Wanda	919-266-1678	Creedmore	Diamond Four	3rd Sat	Kayutah Kid	607-796-0573	Odessa
Buccaneer Range Regulators	2nd Sat	Jefro	910-327-2197	Wilmington	Circle K Regulators	3rd Sun	Smokehouse Dan	518-885-3758	Ballston Spa
Bostic Vigilantes	2th Sat	Bostic Kid	704-434-2174	Bostic	D Bar D Wranglers	4th Sat	Captain M.A.F	845-226-8611	Wappingers Fall
Gunpowder Creek Regulators	3rd Sat	Fannie Kikinshoot	828-754-1884	Lenoir	Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	4th Sun	Ranger Clayton Conagher	315-465-6543	Sackets Harbor
Cross Creek Cowboys	3rd Sat	Huckleberry Mike	910-980-0572	Wagram	The Long Riders	4th Sun	Loco Poco Lobo	585-467-4429	Shortsville
Piedmont Gunslingers	3rd Sun	A. R. Stoner	336-922-1900	Churchland	Mythical Rough Riders	5th Sun	Rev Dave Clayton	716-838-4286	Hamburg
Flat Branch Ranch	4th Sat	Twelve Mile Bluff	910-432-9609	Fayetteville	The Shadow Riders	As Sch	Dusty Levis	646-284-4010	Westhampton Beach
Iredell Regulators	4th Sat	Charlotte	704-902-1796	Statesville	East End Regulators	Last Sun	Diamond Rio	631-585-1936	Westhampton
ND					OH				
Badlands Bandits	3rd Sat	Roughrider Ray	701-260-0347	Belfield	Middletown Sportsmens Club	1st Sat	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Deadwood Stan
Trestle Valley Rangers	As Sch	Doc Hell	701-852-1697	Minot	Big Irons	1st Sat	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown
Dakota Rough Riders	As Sch	RoughRider Jim Bob	701-673-3122	Moffit	Tusco Long Riders	1st Sat	Split Rail	330-364-6185	Midvale
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Last Sat	Wild River Rose	701-588-4331	Kindred	Greene County Cowboys	1st Sun	Ruger Ray	937-352-6420	Xenia
NE					Granger Hill Regulators	1st Sun	Barbwire Pete	740-450-8650	Zanesville
Platte Valley Gunslingers	1st Sun	Firewater	308-226-2255	Grand Island	Firelands Peacemakers	1st Wed, 3rd Sat & 5th Sun	Angry Angus	440-647-5909	Rochester
Alliance Cowboy Club	2nd Sun	Panhandle Slim Miles	308-760-0568	Alliance	Sandusky County Regulators	2nd Sat	Curtis Clay	419-836-8760	Gibsonburg
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	2nd Sun	Flint Valdez	712-323-8996	Louisville	Shenango River Rats	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	Shenango Joe	330-782-0958	Yankee Lake
Flat Water Shootists of the Grand Island Rifle Club	3rd Sun	Fortyfour Maggie	308-383-4605	Grand Island	Miami Valley Cowboys	2nd Sun	Buckshot Jones	937-418-7816	Piqua
NH					Scioto Territory Desperados	3rd & 5th Sun	Pickaway Tracker	740-477-1881	Chillicothe
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH	3rd Wkd	Littleton S. Dalton	603-444-6876	Dalton	Wilmington Rough Riders	3rd Sat	Paragon Pete	740-626-7667	Wilmington
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	As Sch	Laconia	603-661-8522	Holderness	AuGlaize Rough Riders	3rd Sun	Deputy Diamond Desperado	419-722-6345	Defiance
White Mountain Regulators	As Sch	Dead Head	603-772-2358	Candia	Ohio Valley Vigilantes	4th Sat	Ole Saddlebags	614-323-4500	Mt. Vernon
Merrimack Valley Marauders	As Sch	Sheriff R. P. Bucket	603-345-6876	Pelham	Central Ohio Cowboys	4th Sun	Stagecoach Hannah	614-868-9821	Circleville
NJ					Stonelick Regulators	As Sch	Carson	513-753-6462	Milford
Thumbusters	2nd Sun	Ol' Sea Dog	732-892-7272	Monmouth	OK				
Jackson Hole Gang	4th Sun	Papa Grey	732-961-6834	Jackson	Cherokee Strip Shootists	1st Sat	Paladenton	405-547-2533	Stillwater
NM					Shortgrass Rangers	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Captain Allyn Capron	580-357-5870	Grandfield
Magdalena Trail Drivers	1st & 3rd Sat	Grizzly Adams	575-854-2488	Magdalena	Tulsey Town Cattlemens Association	2nd & 4th Sat 3rd Sun	Curly Thom Mabry	918-376-4376	Tulsa
Rio Rancho Regulators	1st & 4th Sat	Sam Brannan	505-400-2468	Rio Rancho	Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	2nd & 5th Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Wed	Burly Bill	918-830-2936	Sand Springs
Otero Practical Shooting Association	1st Sat	Saguaro Sam	505-437-3663	La Luz	Rattlesnake Mountain Rangers	2nd Sat & 1st Sun	Black River Jack	918-908-0016	Checotah
Buffalo Range Riders	1st Sun	Shanley Shooter	505-252-0589	Founders Ranch					
Chisum Cowboy Gun Club	1st Sun	Two Bit Tammy	575-626-9201	Roswell					
Bighorn Vigilantes	2nd Sat	Lawdog Bob	505-883-8829	Edgewood					
High Desert Drifters	2nd Sat	Shakey Shooter	505-294-3233	Edgewood					
Lincoln County Regulators	2nd Sat	Frank Coe	575-808-1329	Ruidoso					

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OK (continued)					TX				
Oklahoma City Gun Club - Territorial Marshals	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Flat Top Okie	405-373-1472	Oklahoma City	Texas Troublemakers	1st Sat	Lefty Tex Larue	903-539-7234	Brownsboro
Tater Hill Regulators	3rd Sun	Taos Willie	918-355-2849	Tulsa	Plum Creek Carriage & Shooting Society	1st Sat	Delta Raider	512-376-2602	Lockhart
OR					Alamo Area Moderators				
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	1st & 3rd Sun	Big Casino	541-389-2342	Bend	South Texas Pistoleros	1st Sat	Tombstone Mary	210-493-9320	San Antonio
Molalla River Rangers	1st Sat	Gold Dust Bill	503-705-1211	Canby	Texas Peacemakers	1st Sat	Cibolo Sam	210-213-7746	San Antonio
Merlin Marauders	1st Sat	Molly B. Dam	541-479-2928	Merlin	Orange County Regulators	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Deadeye Greg	903-593-8215	Tyler
Dry Gulch Desperados	1st Sat	Runamuck	509-520-3241	Milton	Buck Creek Bandoleros	1st Sat & 3rd Wkd	Texas Gator	409-243-3477	Orange
Siuslaw River Rangers	1st Sun	Johnny Jingos	541-997-6313	Freewater	Comanche Trail Shootists	1st Sat & 5th Sat	Hoofprint Prine	254-897-7328	Nemo
Table Rock Rangers	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	Jed I. Knight	541-944-2281	Florence	El Vaqueros	1st Sun	Dee Horne	432-557-6598	Midland
Pine Mountain Posse	2nd Sat & Sun	Juniper Butch Cassidy	541-416-0361	White City	Thunder River Renegades	1st Wkd	Tom Burden	254-559-7240	Breckenridge
Klamath Cowboys	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Jasper Wayne	541-884-2611	Bend	Concho Valley Shooters	2nd Sat	Two Spurs	936-273-1851	Magnolia
Jefferson State Regulators	3rd Sat	Jed I. Knight	541-944-2281	Keno	Texas Riviera Pistoleros	2nd Sat	Roamin Shields	325-656-1281	San Angelo
Oregon Trail Regulators	3rd Sat	Willie Killlem	541-443-6591	Ashland	Bounty Hunters	2nd Sat	Longstar	361-334-1978	George West
Orygun Cowboys	3rd Sat	Kansan	503-539-6335	La Grande	Travis County Regulators	2nd Sat	Cable Lockhart	806-299-1192	Levelland
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	Deaf Eagle	541-990-7816	Sherwood	Texas Tenhorns Shooting Club	2nd Sat & Last Full Wkd	Cherokee Granny	979-561-6202	Smithville
Umpqua Regulators	4th Sun	Big Lou	541-484-5900	Albany	Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	2nd Wkd	Mustang Sherry	903-815-8162	Greenville
Lewis River Rangers	As Sch	Johnny Colt	503-289-1280	Roseburg	Texican Rangers	2nd Wkd	Long Range Rick	817-980-7206	Cleburne
Columbia County Cowboys	As Sch	Kitty Colt	503-642-4120	St. Helens	Oakwood Outlaws	2nd Wkd	Red Scott	210-316-0199	Fredericksburg
PA					Canadian River Regulators				
Perry County Regulators	1st Sat	Tuscarora Slim	717-789-3004	Ickesburg	Old Fort Parker Patriots	2nd, 3rd & 5th Sat	Texas Alline	903-545-2252	Oakwood
Dry Gulch Rangers	1st Sat	Pep C. Holic	724-263-1461	Midway	Big Thicket Outlaws	3rd Sat	Adobe Walls Shooter	806-679-5824	Clarendon
Factoryville Freebooters	1st Sun	Tad Sloe	570-489-0652	Factoryville	Tejas Caballeros	3rd Sat	Slowaz Molasses	254-412-0904	Groesbeck
Chimney Rocks Regulators	1st Sun	Hattie Hubbs	814-696-5669	Holidaysburg	Gruesome Gulch Gang	3rd Sat	Shyne Graves	409-860-5526	Beaumont
Conestoga Wagoneers	1st Sun	No Change	215-431-2302	Southampton	San Antonio Rough Riders	3rd Sat	Judge Menday	512-964-9955	Dripping Springs
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	1st Sun	Lester Moore	610-704-6792	Topton	Cottonwood Creek Cowboys	3rd Sat & Sun	Coming	806-293-2909	Plainview
Whispering Pines Cowboy Committee	1st Sun	Buck Johnson	814-945-6922	Wellsboro	Willow Hole Cowboys	3rd Sat & Sun	Eli Blue	806-293-2909	San Antonio
Logans Ferry Regulators	2nd Sat	Mariah Kid	412-607-5313	Plum Borough	Texas Historical Shootist Society	3rd Sun	Tombstone Mary	210-493-9320	San Antonio
Heidelberg Lost Dutchmen	2nd Sat	Ivory Rose	717-627-0694	Schaeffers-town	Trinity Valley Regulators	3rd Sun	Pecos Cahill	325-575-5039	Snyder
Westshore Posse	2nd Sun	Hud McCoy	717-683-2632	land	Red River Regulators	3rd Sun	Baba Looney	979-571-5614	North Zulch
Dakota Badlanders (The)	2nd Sun	Timberland Renegade	610-434-1923	Orefield	Badlands Bar 3	3rd Wkd	Charles Goodnight	281-342-1210	Columbus
River Junction Shootist Society	3rd Sat	Deputy Keck	724-423-6255	Donegal	Butterfield Trail Regulators	4th Sat	Grumpy Grandpa	972-206-2624	Mansfield
Jefferson Outlaws	3rd Sat	Oracle Jones	410-239-6795	Jefferson	Huaco Rangers	4th Sat	El Rio Rojo Ray	903-838-0964	Texarkana
Blue Mountain Rangers	3rd Sun	Cathy Fisher	610-488-0619	Hamburg	Green Mountain Regulators	4th Sat	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	Clarksville
Matamoros Mavericks	3rd Sun	Hammerin Steel	570-296-5853	Milford	Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders	4th Sat	Texas Slim	325-668-4884	Abilene
Silver Lake Bounty Hunters	3rd Sun	Marshal T. J. Buckshot	570-663-3045	Montrose	Tejas Pistoleros	4th Sat & Sun	Blueeyed Bear	254-715-0746	China Spring
Purgatory Regulators	3rd Wkd	Dry Gulch Geezer	814-827-2120	Titusville	Tin Star Texans	4th Sat.	Singin' Zeke	830-693-4215	Marble Falls
Elstonville Hombres	4th Sun	Trusty Sidekick	610-939-9947	Manheim	Magnolia Misfits	4th Sun	Armed to the Teeth	806-777-6182	Slaton
El Posse Grande	4th Sun	Black Hills Barb	570-538-9163	Muncy Valley	Comanche Valley Vigilantes	4th Wkd	Texas Paladin	713-690-5313	Eagle Lake
Stewart's Regulators	4th Sun	Sodbuster Burt	724-479-8838	Shelocta	Three Peaks Rangers	1st & 3rd Sat	Mickey	830-685-3464	Fredericksburg
RI					Utah War				
Lincoln County Lawmen	4th Sun	Wyoming Blink	401-385-9907	Foster	Mesa Marauders Gun Club	3rd Sat	Attoyac Kid	281-448-8127	Magnolia
SC					Cavalier Cowboys				
Palmetto Posse	1st Sat	Dun Gamblin	803-422-5587	Columbia	Virginia City Marshals	1st Tues	Billy Bob Evans	972-393-2882	Cleburne
Piedmont Regulators	2nd Sat	Chase Randall	864-637-8873	Anderson	Blue Ridge Regulators	2nd Sun	Curly Jim Whiskus	435-590-9873	Cedar City
Hurricane Riders	3rd Sat	Saloon Keeper	843-361-2277	Aynor	Big Hollow Bandits	1st Sat	P.J. McCarthy	435-671-1929	Heber
Savannah River Rangers	3rd Sun	Surly Dave	803-892-2812	Gaston	North Rim Regulators	1st Sat	Autum Rose	435-644-5053	Kanab
Geechee Gunfighters	4th Sat	Doc Kemm	843-737-3501	Ridgeville	Copenhagen Valley Regulators	1st Sat	M.T. Pockets	801-920-4047	Mantua
Greenville Gunfighters	4th Sun	Cowboy Junky	864-414-5578	Greenville	Utah Territory Gunslingers	1st Sat	Lefty Pete	801-554-9436	Salt Lake City
SD					Crow Seeps Cattle Company L.L.C.				
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	2nd Sun	Dakota Nailbender	605-520-5212	Clark	Dixie Desperados	2nd & 4th Sat	Buffalo Juan	435-528-7432	Mayfield
Black Hills Shootist Association	3rd Sun	Hawkbill Smith	605-342-8946	Pringle	Rio Verde Rangers	2nd Sat	The Alaskan	435-635-3134	St. George
Bald Mountain Renegades	As Sch	Hilltop Kid	605-392-2319	Faulkton	Deseret Historical Shootist Society	2nd Sat	Doc Nelson	435-564-8210	Green River
TN					Hobble Creek Wranglers				
Bitter Creek Rangers	1st 2nd & 3rd Sun	John B. "Kid" Latham	931-456-4897	Crossville	Cache Valley Vaqueros	2nd Sat	Pronghorn Pete	801-498-7654	Kaysville
Greene County Regulators	1st Sat	Mort Dooley	423-335-0847	Rogersville	Wasatch Summit Regulators	2nd Sun	Hobble Creek Marshall	801-489-7681	Springville
Wartrace Regulators	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	Will Reily	615-948-4143	Wartrace	Utah War	3rd & 5th Sat	Logan Law	435-787-8131	Logan
Memphis Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Dooly Sworn	901-351-6195	Arlington	Mesa Marauders Gun Club	3rd Sat	Old Fashioned	435-224-2321	Park City
ORSA Cowboys	2nd Sat	Hombre Sin Nombre	865-257-7747	Oak Ridge	Diamond Mountain Rustlers	3rd Sat	Jubal O. Sackett	801-944-3444	Sandy
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	3rd Sat	Double Barrel	423-593-3767	Chattanooga	Wahsatch Desperados	4th Sat	Copper Queen	435-979-4665	Lake Powell
North West Tennessee Longriders	3rd Sat	Can't Shoot Dillion	731-885-8102	Union City	Castle Gate Posse	4th Sat	Cinch	435-724-2575	Vernal
Highland Regulators	3rd Wkd	Iron Maiden	423-628-2715	Winfield	Cache Valley Vaqueros	2nd Sat	Highland Drifter	801-860-9504	Fruit Heights
Ocoee Rangers	4th Sat	Ocoee Red	423-476-5303	Cleveland	Wasatch Summit Regulators	2nd Sun	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	Price
Smoky Mountain Shootist Society	As Sch	Jim Mayo	865-300-4666	Lenoir City	VA				
Smokey Mountain Shootist Society	As Sch	Tennessee Tombstone	865-986-5054	Varies	Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	1st Sat	Missouri Marshal	757-471-3396	Waverly
					Liberty Long Riders	1st Sun	Thunder Colt	540-296-0772	Bedford
					Cavalier Cowboys	1st Sun	Kuba Kid	804-270-9054	Hanover County
					Virginia City Marshals	1st Tues	Humphrey Hook	703-801-3507	Fairfax
					Blue Ridge Regulators	2nd Sun	Bad Company	540-886-3374	Lexington
					K.C.'s Corral	3rd Sat	Virginia Rifleman	804-550-2242	Mechanicsville

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VA (continued)				
Mattaponi Sundowners	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	Missouri Marshal	757-471-3396	West Point
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	4th Sun	Slip Hammer Spiv	540-775-4561	King George
Bend of Trail	4th Sun	Rowe - A - Noc	540-890-6375	Roanoke
Rivanna Ranger Company	As Sch	Virginia Ranger	434-973-8759	Charlottesville
Stovall Creek Regulators	As Sch	Brizco-Z	434-929-1063	Lynchburg
VT				
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	2nd Sun	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	St. Johnsbury
WA				
Northeast Washington Regulators	1st Wkd	A. T. McGee	509-684-2325	Colville
Mica Peak Marshals	1st & 3rd Sat	Tensleep Kid	509-284-2461	Mica
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	1st Wkd	Jess Ducky	425-271-9286	Renton
Windy Plains Drifters	2nd & 4th Sat	Hopalong Hoot	509-299-6296	Medical Lake
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	2nd Sat	Hellfire	360-513-9081	Ariel
Pataha Rustlers	2nd Sat	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	Dayton
Mima Marauders	2nd Sat	Okie Sawbones	360-705-3601	Olympia
Smokey Point Desperados	2nd Sun	Mudflat Mike	425-335-5176	Arlington
Colville Guns and Roses	2nd Sun	Cheyence Sadie	509-684-3632	Colville
Apple Valley Marshals	3rd Sat	Silent Sam	509-884-3875	East Wenatchee
Panhandle Regulators	3rd Sun	Halfcocked Otis	509-991-5842	Otis Orchards
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	3rd Sun	Doc Neeley	360-417-0230	Port Angeles
Black River Regulators	4th Sat	Wil Sackett	360-786-0199	Littlerock
Custer Renegades	4th Sun	Joe Cannuck	360-676-2587	Custer
Poulsbo Pistoleros	4th Sun	Sourdough George	360-830-0100	Poulsbo
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Last Sun	An E. Di	509-787-1782	Quincy

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WI				
Rock River Regulators	1st & 3rd Sat	Stoney Mike	608-868-5167	Beloit
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	2nd Sat	Sierra Jack Cassidy	608-792-1494	Holmen
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	2nd Sun	Huckleberry	815-675-2566	Bristol
Crystal River Gunslingers	2nd Sun	James Rosewood	920-722-4105	Waupaca
Wisconsin Old West Shootist	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Blackjack Martin	715-949-1621	Boyceville
Liberty Prairie Regulators	3rd Sat	Dirty Deeds	920-229-5833	Ripon
Hodag County Cowboys	3rd Sun	Hodag Bob	715-550-8337	Rhineland
Oconomowoc Cattlemen's Association	4th Sat	Marvin the Moyle	414-254-5592	Concord
WV				
Dawn Ghost Riders	1st Sun	Coffee Bean	304-327-9884	Hinton
Frontier Regulators	2nd Sat	Captain Tay	304-265-5748	Thorton
The Raitown Rowdys	2nd Sun	Miss Print	304-589-6162	Bluefield
Rocky Holler Regulators	3rd Sun	Jessee Earp	304-425-2023	Princeton
Kanawha Valley Regulators	3rd Wkd	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	Eleanor
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	4th Sun	Jackson	540-678-0735	Largent
WY				
Cheyenne Regulators	1st Sat	Deputy Cuny	307-634-2449	Cheyenne
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	1st Sat	Yakima Red	307-254-2090	Various
Bessemer Vigilance Committee	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	Smokewagon Bill	307-472-1926	Casper
High Lonesome Drifters	2nd Sat	Kari Lynn	307-587-2946	Cody
Sybill Creek Shooters	2nd Sat	Wyoming Roy	307-322-3515	Wheatland
Southfork Vigilance Committee WSAS	2nd Wkd	Wennoff Halfcock	507-332-5035	Lander
Powder River Justice Committee WSAS	3rd Sun	Doc Fehr	307-683-3320	Buffalo
Great Divide Outlaws	4th Sat	Slingn Lead	307-324-6955	Rawlins
Donkey Creek Shootists	4th Sun	Poker Jim	307-660-0221	Gillette
Snake River Rowdies	As Sch	Sheriff J. R. Quigley	307-733-4559	Jackson

International

DOWN UNDER AUSTRALIA

Gold Coast Gamblers	1st & 3rd Sat	Dagger Jack	61 75 537 5857	Gold Coast
Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Lobo Malo	61 08 284 8459	Korunye
Flint Hill Prospectors	2nd Sat	Judge Ruger	61 41 838 3299	Glenlogie
Little River Raiders	3rd Sun	Lazy Dave	61 40 377 7926	Little River
SASA Little River Raiders Single Action Club	3rd Sun	Tiresome	61 25 978 0190	Melbourne
Cowboy Action Shooters of Australia	3rd Wkd	I.D.	61 29 975 7983	Teralba
Fort Bridger Shooting Club	4th Sun	Duke York	61 418 632 366	Drouin
SASA Single Action Shooting-Australia	Sat/Sun	Virgil Earp	61 74 695 2050	Millmerran

NEW ZEALAND

Trail Blazers Gun Club	1st Sun	Ernie Southpaw	64 37 557 654	Mill Town
Bullet Spittin Sons O' Thunder	2nd Sat	Billy Deadwood	64 63 564 720	Palmerston N.
Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Club	2nd Sun	Doc Hayes	646 379 6692	Gladstone
Frontier & Western Shooting Sports Association	2nd Sun	Doc Hayes	646 379 6692	Gladstone
Tararua Rangers	3rd Sun	J.E.B. Stuart	646 379 6436	Carterton
Western Renegades	4th Sat	Black Bart Bolton	64 27 249 6270	Wanganui
SASS - Pistol New Zealand	As Sch	Tuscon the Terrible	643 204 2089	Varies

EUROPE

AUSTRIA				
Sweetwater Gunslingers	As Sch	Fra Diabolo	43 664 490 8032	Vienna

CZECH REPUBLIC				
Association of Western Shooters	As Sch	Thunderman	42 060 322 2400	Prelouc

DENMARK				
Danish Black Powder Federation	As Sch	Slim Dane	45 2 065 5887	Copenhagen
Association of Danish Western Shooters	As Sch	Mrs. Stowaway	45 602 013 65	Greve

FINLAND				
SASS Finland	As Sch	Woodbury Kane	35 850 517 4659	Various
Classic Old Western Society of Finland	As Sch	Woodbury Kane	35 850 517 4659	Loppi

FRANCE				
SASS France - Greenwood Creek	1st Sat	Handy Hook	33 68 809 1360	Bormes les Mimosas
SS - France Golden Triggers of Freetown	1st Sun	Cheyenne Little Colibris	33 67 570 3678	Villefranche de Rouergue
SASS L'Arquebuse d'Antony	2nd Sun	Jeppesen	33 14 661 1798	Antony
Association Mazaugaaise de Tir	As Sch	Redneck Mike	33 494 280 145	Mazaugues
SASS - France - Alba Serena Tir Club	As Sch	Marshall Tombstone	flo2bastia@gmail.com	Poggio Mezzana

EUROPE

FRANCE (continued)

Old Pardis Shooting Society	As Sch	Charles Allan Jeppesen LaSalle	33 14 661 1798	Versailler Anthony
Club de Tir Beaujolais	As Sch	Woodrow the Wild Frenchie	33 047 838 0374	Villefranche sur Saone
Old West French Shooters BERAC	As Sch	Curly Red Ryder	33 38 582 0203	Caromb
	As Sch	Rev. Delano L. Oakley	33 38 020 3551	Premeaux Prissey
Club de Tir Brennou	As Sch	French Bob	33 24 767 5888	Varies
Reverend Oakley's Cowboy Klan	As Sch	Rev. Delano L. Oakley	33 38 020 3551	Varies
Les Tireurs de l'uzege	Dimanche	Lictevoet Jean-Claude	33 466 759 529	Uzes
Black Rivers	Last Sun	Kid of Neckwhite	33 38 526 3029	Roanne
Club de Tir de Bernay	Sat	Chriswood	33 23 245 5900	Bernay
SASS France - Yellow Rock	Sat	Little Shooting Missie	33 67 555 8063	ECOT

Societe de Tir Bedoin Ventoux	Sat-Sun	Sheriff Ch. Southpaw	33 490 351 973	Bedoin
Tir Olympique Lyonnais	Sun	Barth	33 61 324 6128	Lyon
Club de tri de nuits Saint Georges	As Sch	Reverend Delano L. Oakley	33 38 020 3551	Nuits Saint Georges
Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine	As Sch	Major John Lawson	brisset37@hotmail.fr	Tours
CAS/SASS France	As Sch	John Peacemaker	33 44 273 9157	Varies

GERMANY

Germany Territory Regulators	As Sch	Westphalian Phil	49 29 216 71814	Varies
CAS Europe	Fri	Hurricane Irmie	49 28 23 5807	Bocholt
Cowboy Action Shooting-Germany	Last Sat	Marshal Heck	49 345 120 0581	Edderitz
SASS-Europe	Mon	Niers River Kid	49 28 239 8080	Wegberg
Jail Bird's Company	Mon	Orlando A Brick Bond	49 21 317 42 3065	Wegberg
SASS Germany	Wed	Rhine River Joe	49 28 235 807	Spork

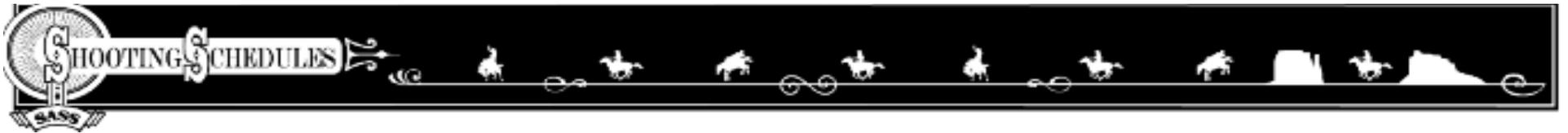
HUNGARY				
Westwood Rebels	As Sch	El Heckito	362 0460 1739	Galgamacsa

ITALY				
Old Gunners Shooting Club-Western Shootist Posse	As Sch	Renato Anese	33 51 24 5391	Toppo di Travesio
Green Hearts Regulator	1st Sun	Marshal Steven Gardiner	39 338 920 7989	Trevi

Fratelli Della Costa Onlus	3rd Sat	Oversize	35 05 642 4677	Livorno
Lassiter Fan Shooting Club	3rd Sun	Ivan Bandito	39 34 7043 0400	Mazzano
Maremma Bad Land's Riders	As Sch	Alameda Slim	alamedaslim@owss.it	Siena
Old West Shooting Society	As Sch	Alchimista	39 33 420 68337	Varies
Canne Roventi	Last Sun	Valdez	39 07 1286 1395	Filottrano
Honky Tonk Rebels	Last Sun	Kaboom Andy	39 33 5737 8551	Vigevano
Wild West Rebels	Sun	Bill Masterson	alberto@frontisrl.it	Malegno-BS

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Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City	State
International					
LUXEMBOURG					
SASS - Luxembourg	As Sch	Smiley Miles	35 26 2128 0606	Varies	
NETHERLANDS					
SASS Netherlands	As Sch	Lightning Anja	31 51 759 2120	Leeuwarden	
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Kells County Regulators	1st Sat	Independence Carroll	28 933 68 004	Varies	
NORWAY					
SASS Norway	As Sch	Charles Quantrill	47 9325 9669	Loten	
Quantrill Raiders	Sun	Charles Quantrill	47 9325 9669	Loten	
Schedsmoe County Rough Riders	Thurs	Jailbird	47 63 994 279	Lillestrom	
POLAND					
SASS - Polish Western Shooting Association	As Sch	Trigger Hawkeye	trigger-hawkeye@hot.pl	Lodz	
SERBIA					
Union of Western Shooters of Serbia	As Sch	Hombre des Nudos	63 721 6934	Humska	
SWEDEN					
SASS Sweden	As Sch	Wild Bull	46 5861 2045	Varies	
SWITZERLAND					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	As Sch	Hondo Janssen	44 271 9947	Zurich	
INTERNATIONAL CANADA					
Aurora Desperados	1st Fri	Destry	905-551-0703	Aurora	ON
Robbers Roost Hamilton	1st Sat	Bear Butte	905-891-8627	Ancaster	ON
South Mountain Regulators	1st Sat	Dutch Charlie	902-538-9797	Berwick	NS
Red Mountain Renegades	1st Sun	Preacher Flynn T. Locke	604-820-1564	Mission	BC
Barrie Gun Club	2nd & 4th Sat	Northern Crow	705-435-2807	Barrie	ON
Beau Bassin Range Riders	2nd Sat	Frenchy Cannuck	506-312-0455	Riverview	NB
Lambton Sportsman's Club	2nd Sat	Clay Creek	519-542-4644	St. Clair	ON
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	2nd Sun	Stoney Creek	905-664-3217	Hamilton	ON
Victoria Frontier Shootists	2nd Sun	Black Ashley	250-744-4705	Victoria	BC
Valley Regulators	3rd Sat	Kananaskis Kid	250-923-6358	Courtenay	BC
Prairie Dog Rebels	3rd Sat	Valley Boy	519-673-5648	London	ON
Valley Regulators	3rd Sat & Sun	High Country Amigo	250-334-3479	Courtenay	BC
Otter Valley Rod & Gun	4th Sun	Colt McCloud	519-685-9439	Straffordville	ON
Islington Sportmen's Club	As Sch	Hawk Feathers	905-936-2129	Caledon	ON
Blueridge Sportsmen's Club	As Sch	Rebel Dale	519-599-2558	Clarksburg	ON
Waterloo County Revolver Association	As Sch	Ranger Pappy Cooper	519-536-9184	Kitchener	ON
Mundy's Bay Regulators	As Sch	Indiana Magnum	705-534-2814	Penetanguishene	ON
Nova Scotia Cowboy Action Shooting Club	As Sch	Wounded Belly	902-890-2310	Truro	NS

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INTERNATIONAL					
CANADA (continued)					
Palmer's Gulch Cowboys	As Sch	Caribou Lefty	250-372-0416	Heffley Creek	BC
Ottawa Valley Marauders	As Sch	Button	514-792-0063	Ottawa	QC
Alberta Frontier Shootists Society	As Sch	Powder Paw	403-318-4463	Rocky Mtn House	AB
Long Harbour Lead Slings	Tues	Preacher Man John	250-537-0083	Salt Spring Island	BC
SOUTH AFRICA					
Western Shooters of South Africa	3rd Sat	Richmond P. Hobson	27 21 797 5054	Cape Town	
Monthly Mounted USA					
AZ					
Tombstone Ghost Riders Mounted Club	2nd Sun	Dan Nabbit	520-456-0423	Tombstone	
CA					
Ghost Town Riders	1st Sun	Steely Eyes Earp	951-737-6596	Norco	
California Range Riders	As Sch	Old Buckaroo	408-710-1616	Varies	
CO					
Revergers of Montezuma	1st Sun	Aneeda Huginkiss	970-565-8479	Cortez	
CT					
Connecticut Renegades	As Sch	Cowboy Cobbler	860-558-7484	Granby	
FL					
Bay Area Bandits	3rd Sat	Shootin Shoer	813-623-6137	Tampa	
ID					
Border Marauders Mounted	As Sch	Bad Buffalo Bob	208-610-8229	Eastport	
IN					
Heartland Peacemakers	As Sch	Rawhidenlace	765-561-2521	Fountaintown	
ME					
Maine Cowboy Mounted Shooters	As Sch	Cowboy Bill	207-282-2821	Biddeford	
NM					
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	3rd Sat	Icelandy	505-263-5619	Founders Ranch	
NY					
Island Long Riders	As Sch	Mecate Kid	516-610-8166	Farmingdale	
Upstate New York Smokin' Guns	As Ash	Renegade Roper	518-883-5981	Galway	
OK					
Oklahoma Gunslingers	As Sch	Ima Sandy Storm	918-244-8060	Claremore	
WI					
Renegade Rangers	As Sch	Ace Montana	920-960-1714	Ripon	
Monthly Mounted International					
LEBANON					
SASS Lebanon	As Sch	Packin Jesse	96 1138 5982	Varies	
El Rancho Sporting Club					
CANADA					
Quebec Mounted Shooting Association	As Sch	Dirty Owl Bert	819-424-7842	Joliette	

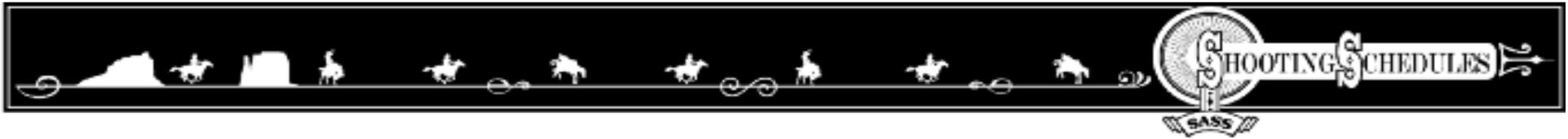
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Match	Dates	Contact	Phone	City	State
USA 2012					
MARCH					
Ride with Pancho Villa	02 - 04	Delta Raider	512-376-2602	Lockhart	TX
Gathering of The Poses	09 - 11	Squibber	520-568-2852	Casa Grande	AZ
Cowboy Action Shooting Midwest Expo	10 - 11	Sauk Trail Mike	269-483-2454	Shipshewana	IN
Cowboy and Aliens Straight from Roswell	10 - 10	Virginia Ranger	434-973-8759	Charlottesville	VA
The Ide's of March	16 - 18	Deadwood Woody	352-357-3065	Tavares	FL
Trailhead	22 - 25	Charles Goodnight	281-342-1210	Columbus	TX
Comancheria Days	29 - 01	Red Scott	210-316-0199	Fredericks-burg	TX
Raid on Old Fort Parker	29 - 01	I Reckon	254-535-0557	Groesbeck	TX
Illinois State Wild Bunch Championship	30 - 01	Cascade Charlie	618-882-6180	Sparta	IL
Shootout on the Little River	31 - 31	Big Boyd	229-244-3161	Valdosta	GA
APRIL					
The Reckoning at Turtle Flats	01 - 01	Deadlee Darlin	941-650-8920	Myakka City	FL
Nevada Rangers Stampede	05 - 07	M T Fargo	702-460-6393	Las Vegas	NV
Shootout at Fort Miller	12 - 15	Pocket Change	559-683-2204	Clovis	CA
Glory Hole	13 - 15	T. E. Kidd	562-477-2047	Azusa	CA
Jail Break	13 - 15	Texas Alline	903-545-2252	Oakwood	TX
Blue Ridge RoundUp	13 - 15	Dig Em Deep	540-377-2714	Lexington	VA
SASS Ohio State Wild Bunch Championship	14 - 14	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown	OH
Smoke in the Woods					
Gathering on the Mattaponi	17 - 18	Striker	804-339-8442	West Point	VA
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL Buffalo Stampede	18 - 22	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Edgewood	NM
FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL MOUNTED Buffalo Stampede	18 - 22	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Edgewood	NM
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL Wild Bunch Championship	18 - 22	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Edgewood	NM
Land Run	19 - 22	Flat Top Okie	405-373-1472	Oklahoma City	OK
Ruckus at Red Rock	19 - 21	Second Fiddle Sue	435-635-3099	St. George	UT
SASS Mississippi State Championship	20 - 22	Woodie B. Western	601-214-4009	Mendenhall	MS
Showdown at Purgatory					
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	25 - 26	Sutter Lawman	916-354-1027	Sloughhouse	CA

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APRIL (continued)					
Dry Gulch At Arroyo Cantua	26 - 29	Sutter Lawman	916-354-1027	Sloughhouse	CA
The Midwest Classic & Blackpowder State Championship	26 - 28	Mose Spencer	270-349-4392	Sparta	IL
Cowford Stampede	27 - 28	General Lee Smokey	904-803-2930	Jacksonville	FL
SASS Texas State Blackpowder Championship Resurrection VI	27 - 29	Mickey	830-685-3464	Fredericks-burg	TX
SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship Wild in Purgatory	28 - 29	Nellie Blue	702-353-4812	Pahrump	NV
SASS Washington State Blackpowder Championship - A Dark Day at Rattlesnake Gulch	28 - 29	Ricocchet Robbie	509-628-0889	Benton City	WA
MAY					
SASS California State Championship Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek	03 - 06	Mad Dog Draper	805-497-2857	Bakersfield	CA
SASS Georgia State Championship Round Up at River Bend	03 - 06	Done Gone	770-361-6966	Dawsonville	GA
SASS Georgia State Blackpowder Championship	03 - 03	Done Gone	770-3616966	Dawsonville	GA
SASS Texas State Championship - Roundup	03 - 06	Long Range Rick	817-980-7206	Cleburne	TX
SASS Delaware State Championship Eas'dern Shore Round-up	04 - 06	Teton Tracy	302-378-7854	Suddersville	MD
Korruption in Paradise	11 - 13	Korrupt Karl	260-438-1044	Etna Green	IN
Fracas at Frisco	12 - 13	Dirty Dan Paladin	479-633-2107	Garfield	AR
Middle of the Road	12 - 13	John Bear	208-562-1914	Kuna	ID
Blackhawk War	12 - 12	Stoneface	801-787-5208	Springville	UT
SASS Virginia Blackpowder Shootout Smoke on the Mattaponi V	12 - 12	Daguerrean Missouri Marshal	757-471-3396	West Point	VA
SASS California State Blackpowder Shootout at Defend the Roost and Smokeless Po	17 - 20	Just George	760-677-9109	Ridgecrest	CA
SASS Senior Games	17 - 19	Honey B Graceful	903-272-9283	Clarksville	TX
Spring Avalanche Stampede	18 - 19	Five Card Tanna	907-789-7498	Juneau	AK

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USA 2012						JULY (continued)					
MAY (continued)						Hell on the Prairie					
SASS Arizona State Blackpowder Shootout Tonto Rim Smoke Out	18 - 20	Silverado Cid	928-595-1230	Payson	AZ		14 - 15	Captain Allyn Capron	580-357-5870	Lawton	OK
SASS Illinois State Championship – Spring Roundup at the Gulch	18 - 20	Beaucoup Joe	618-521-3619	Sparta	IL	SASS Utah State Championship Castle Gate Robbery	19 - 21	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	Price	UT
Shooting Shindig Shoot Out on the Pecos	18 - 20	Stink Creek Jones	575-885-9879	Carlsbad	NM	SASS NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL The Great Nor'easter	26 - 29	Capt. Morgan Rum	603-772-5041	Exeter	NH
Shootout at Leadville	18 - 20	Colt Starbucks	410-902-7939	Jefferson	PA	AUGUST					
SASS West Virginia Blackpowder State Championship	18 - 20	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	Eleanor	WV	Stand on the Eagle River	03 - 05	Battle Mountain Bandit	970-390-1369	Gypsum	CO
Smoke over Buffalo Flats						Ambush on the Prairie	03 - 05	Ranger Mathias Fischels	319-234-1550	Elk Run Heights	IA
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	19 - 19	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	Birchwood	AK		03 - 05	John Bear	208-562-1914	Boise	ID
Cops VS Cowboys & Swap Meet Pursuit in the Osage Hills	19 - 20	Shanley Shooter	505-252-0589	Edgewood	NM	SASS Idaho State Championship Reckoning at Black's Creek	08 - 12	Sinful	805-462-8926	San Luis Obispo	CA
SASS Utah State Blackpowder Shootout The Castle Gate Smudge Match	19 - 19	Stiff Finger Jim	918-510-8405	Sand Springs	OK	Chorro Valley Shoot Out	09 - 12	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown	OH
SASS Alaska State Blackpowder Shootout Smoke in the Greatland	20 - 20	Four Bucks	907-350-4422	Anchorage	AK	SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL Guns of August	09 - 12				
Louisiana State Wild Bunch Championship	24 - 25	Louisiana Lady	318-366-1314	Downsville	LA	SASS Pennsylvania State Black Powder Championship Smoke on the Ridge	15 - 15	Tuscarora Slim	717-789-3004	Ickesburg	PA
SASS Mississippi Black Powder State Championship - Smokin' Guns at Rabbit Ridge	24 - 27	Easy Lee	901-413-5615	Byhalia	MS	Western Legends Roundup	16 - 18	Autum Rose	435-644-5053	Kanab	UT
Shootout at Three Fingers Saloon	25 - 27	Dirty Sally	805-438-4817	Santa Margarita	CA	Shootout at Pawnee Station	17 - 19	Red River Wrangler	970-225-0545	Wellington	CO
Ambush at Mill Creek	25 - 27	Ivory Jack	714-739-2721	Norco	CA	Last Blast of Summer	18 - 18	Yankee	781-383-9799	Scituate	MA
End of Road	25 - 27	White Eyes	208-734-8440	Jerome	ID	SASS Maryland State Blackpowder Championship	19 - 19	Cash Caldwell	240-285-7673	Thurmont	MD
James Gang Rides Again by the Rockcastle Rangers	25 - 27	Shaddai Vaquero	406-231-2329	Park City	KY	SASS Kentucky State Championship Hooten Holler Roundup	25 - 26	Appalachian Alan	859-749-9292	McKee	KY
SASS Louisiana State Championship Shootout at Cypress Creek	25 - 27	Louisiana Lady	318-397-2035	Downsville	LA	SASS Northwest Regional Championship Labor Day Weekend	30 - 02	Big Casino	541-389-2342	Bend	OR
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	25 - 27	Black Hills Barb	570-538-9163	Muncy Valley	PA	SASS Michigan State Championship – Wolverine Rangers Range War	31 - 02	Deuce Stevens	616-890-6657	Kimball	MI
SASS Vermont State Championship Green Mountain Mayhem	25 - 27	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	St. Johnsbury	VT	Arkansas State Championship Shoot'n in the Shade	31 - 02	Bulldog McCgraw	501-337-9368	Hot Springs	AR
Duel in the Desert	26 - 27	Silverado H.D.	520-390-2263	Tombstone	AZ	Shoot Out at High Lonesome	31 - 02	Two Bit Tammy	575-626-9201	Roswell	NM
Where the Old West Stayed Young	26 - 27	Sagebrush Burns	970-824-8407	Craig	CO	Annual International Matches					
South River Shootist Annual Match	26 - 27	Man From Little River	678-428-4240	Covington	GA	DENMARK					
The Fast and Furious	26 - 27	Goat Roper & J. M. Brown	620-345-3151	Hutchinson	KS	Danish Western Championship	Aug 25 - 25	Slim Dane	45-2-065-5887	Copenhagen	
North Carolina State Black Powder Championship – The Uprising at Swearing Creek	30 - 30	J. M. Brown	919-291-1726	Salisbury	NC	HUNGARY					
Siege at the Bird Cage Theatre	31 - 03	San Juan	970-249-4227	Montrose	CO	Days of Truth	Aug 08 - 11	El Heckito	362 0460 1739	Dabas	
SASS Iowa State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	31 - 02	Pit Mule	515-205-0557	Indianola	IA	CANADA					
SASS North Carolina State Championship – The Uprising at Swearing Creek	31 - 03	J. M. Brown	919-266-3751	Salisbury	NC	SASS Central Canadian Championship	Jul 20 - 22	Northern Crow	705-435-2807	Barrie	ON
JUNE						Showdown in the Valley	Jul 21 - 22	High Country Amigo	250-334-3479	Courtenay	BC
Pursuit By Rooster Cogburn's Posse	01 - 03	Sister Sundance	479-970-7042	Belleville	AR	Shootout at the Double B Ranch	Aug 11 - 12	Frenchy Cannuck	506-312-0455	Riverview	NB
SASS MA, CT, and RI State Championship	01 - 03	Barrister Bill	978-667-2219	Harvard	MA	Headquarters The Pig War at Salmonella Gulch	Aug 24 - 26	Grey Fox	250-474-3244	Victoria	BC
Shootout at Sawyer Flats						SASS Canadian National Championship Bust-up at Boomtown	Aug 30 - 02	Kananaskis Kid	250-923-6358	Courtenay	BC
NORTHWEST REGIONAL BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIP – Smoke in the Gorge Near the Blues	01 - 03	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	Milton-Freewater	OR	Robbers Roost Rendezvous	Sep 15 - 15	Bear Butte	905-891-8627	Ancaster	ON
SASS Oregon State Wild Bunch Championship	01 - 03	Hoss Reese	503-907-6522	Bend	OR	AUSTRALIA					
Ambush at Ricochet Junction	01 - 03	Deputy Sheriff	509-684-8057	Colville	WA	SASS AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	Sep 24 - 30	Virgil Earp	61 74 695 2050	Millmerran	
SASS Colorado State Championship – Rocky Mountain Regional Raid	07 - 10	Sweetwater Bill	303-366-8827	Byers	CO	Chisholm Trail					
SASS Ohio State Championship Shootout at Hard Times	10-Aug	Buckshot Jones	937-418-7816	Piqua	OH	Gunfight at the Ok Corral 18th Annual	Oct 27 - 28	Duke York	61 418 632 366	Drouin	
SASS Wyoming State Championship Cody's Wild West Shootout	07 - 09	Joe Cross	307-587-2946	Cody	WY	NEW ZEALAND					
SASS Oregon State Championship Battle of Rogue River	08 - 10	Molly B' Dam	541-479-2928	Grants Pass	OR	Trail's End - The World Frontier & Western Championships	Mar 15 - 18	Doc Hayes	646-379-6692	Gladstone	
Shootout at Shadow Ridge	09 - 09	Buckshot Baby	417-284-1432	Tecumseh	MO	CZECH REPUBLIC					
The Reckoning	09 - 10	Timberland Renegade	610-434-1923	Orefield	PA	Showdown in the Camp	Jun 28 - 30	Fra Diabolo	43 664 490 8032	Tabor-Oparany	
Western States Shootout on the Comstock	14 - 17	Dutch Dalton	775-783-8638	Fernley	NV	Hell's Coming With Me	Sep 06 - 08	Thunder Man	42 060 322 2400	Tabor	
Revenge of Montezuma	15 - 17	Stumble Leena	970-739-9705	Cortez	CO	FRANCE					
SASS North Dakota and South Dakota State Championship	15 - 17	Wild River Rose	701-588-4331	Kindred	ND	Old West Shootout	Jun 02 - 03	Vallombreuse	330 233 657 690	Athis De L'Orne	
Peace in the Valley						European End of Trail	Jul 17 - 22	Curly Red Ryder	33 385 820 203	Mazaugues	
Thunder In The Valley	15 - 17	Johnny Shiloh	440-984-4551	Amherst	OH	GERMANY					
SASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END of TRAIL	16 - 24	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Founders Ranch	NM	SASS German Territory Roundup 4th Retribution	May 31 - 02	REPHIL	49 170 231 9708	Soest	
SASS Maryland State Championship Thunder Valley Days	21 - 23	Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	Damascus	MD	The Fight to Way-Mountain	Sep 01 - 01	Hurricane Irmie	49 2823 3426	Wegberg	
Fort Halleck Days	21 - 23	Green Springs Thomsen	775-753-8203	Elko	NV	Texas Ranger Cup	Dec 01 - 02	Rhine River Joe	49-2823-3426	Wegberg	
Fourth Annual Gunfight in the Badlands	22 - 24	Cascade Annie	541-318-8199	Bend	OR	Shootoff Championship	Dec 08 - 09	Rhine River Joe	49 2823 3426	Wegberg	
Hallelujah Trail						SOUTH AFRICA					
SASS Wisconsin State Blackpowder – Shootout Smoke in the Hills	24 - 24	Captain Cook	715-248-3727	Station Range	WI	End of Year Shoot-Off	Dec 15 - 15	Richmond P. Hobson	27-21-797-5054	Cape Town	
SASS Colorado State and Wild Bunch Championship	26 - 28	Colorado Black Jack	970-260-5423	Whitewater	CO	Mounted Annual Matches					
Railhead	28 - 01	Sly Puppy	623-925-2559	Williams	AZ	April					
SASS HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL Hell on Wheels	28 - 01	Red River Wrangler	970-225-0545	Cheyenne	WY	SASS FOUR CORNERS MOUNTED REGIONAL Buffalo Stampede	18 - 22	Icelandy	505-263-5619	Founders Ranch	NM
Flat Gap Jack Cowboy Shootout	29 - 01	Capt. Morgan Rum	603-772-5041	Candia	NH	June					
SASS Minnesota State Blackpowder Shootout Smoke in the Quarry	30 - 01	Amen Straight	612-723-2313	Kimball	MN	SASS WORLD MOUNTED CHAMPIONSHIP END of TRAIL	21 - 24	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Edgewood	NM
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“Now, it [the free market economy] is a simple theory. And, we have to admit, it’s one that speaks to our rugged individualism and our healthy skepticism of too much government. That’s in America’s DNA. And that theory fits well on a bumper sticker. But here’s the problem: It doesn’t work. It has never worked. It didn’t work when it was tried in the decade before the Great Depression. It’s not what led to the incredible postwar booms of the ‘50s and ‘60s. And it didn’t work when we tried it during the last decade. I mean, understand, it’s not as if we haven’t tried this theory.”

A repeated pattern of revealing statements and actions such as the one above from President Obama will ultimately expose a person’s underlying intent. It’s now unmistakably clear what Obama meant by his proclaimed goal of fundamentally transforming America. The few examples discussed here will demonstrate that pattern of purpose.

After the Gulf oil spill of 2010, the Obama administration placed a moratorium on oil drilling. Consequently, ten oil rigs quickly relocated to Egypt, Congo, French Guiana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Brazil and it’s now reported 30 rigs have left! “I don’t think the people in Washington D.C. who implement these policies have an understanding of how much this has impacted our economy, especially in Louisiana,” said Renee Baker, the state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). On the contrary, Ms. Baker, they know exactly what they’re doing. “Despite whatever missteps were involved with BP’s oil drilling

It Couldn’t Be Clearer

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operations, the industry as a whole has a “great safety record” in the Gulf, but this has not been taken into account” it was also noted. But as we now know, that safety record was irrelevant in this decision. “[Interior] Secretary Salazar finally confirmed what had long been feared—the Obama Administration has no intention of opening up new areas for offshore drilling during his four-years in office,” said Rep. Doc Hastings, ranking Republican on the House Natural Resources Committee.

However, President Obama isn’t against all offshore oil drilling—just America’s. It wasn’t too long ago he praised Brazil’s offshore operations saying, “We want to help you with the technology and support to develop these oil reserves safely, and when you’re ready to start selling, we want to be one of your best customers.” Brazil’s drilling was subsidized with \$2 billion American dollars by the way.

Now consider Obama’s opposition to the Canadian pipeline. Since he took office, the price of gasoline has skyrocketed from an average \$1.80 to well over \$3, and the US has become more dependent on oil from countries that dislike us, consequently sending billions their way. Canada has offered to sell America oil that requires a pipeline from Canada to Texas! This project would not only supply America with tens of millions of barrels of oil, but put approximately 13,000 people to work building it, provide 7,000 manufacturing jobs supplying materials and hundreds of thousands of jobs in various support industries. This is truly a win-win-win for America—much needed jobs and much needed oil at a much-needed time. So why would President Obama oppose it? Look at his patterned track record for the answer. Rahm Emanuel, then the president’s Chief of Staff, stated that no crisis should ever be wasted. President Obama and his crew have indeed taken advantage of the oil spill and the entire trumped up environmental “crisis”

intending to put a stake through the heart of our oil-dependent free market system and install a state controlled economy in its place. Remember his words about our free market system, “It doesn’t work. It has never worked.”

Another energy industry he’s targeting is coal, which generates about 50% of America’s electricity. In January 2008, he stated, “Under my plan of a cap and trade system electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket. Businesses would have to retrofit their operations. That will cost money. They will pass that cost onto consumers.” This would cost the coal industry approximately \$180 billion putting many coal dependent businesses out of business—again America’s free market, jobs, energy, and our citizens suffer.

Not being satisfied with crippling America’s free-market industry, he intends to also cripple your healthcare system with his signature legislation—“Obamacare.” I.e.; a government takeover of the best medical care in the world. He knows well if government controls your healthcare, they control you.

Finally, President Obama recently railed against unregulated gun sales along our southern border stating too many American guns were being illicitly sold to Mexican gangs and used in killings. We needed stricter government oversight on guns and their sale, he cried. Little did we realize then, but it was his administration that organized many of those sales! Jump forward to the revelation of Operation Fast and Furious—a government scheme

that purposely orchestrated the sale of guns to Mexican gangs under the contrivance of tracking those guns and catching the thugs who ultimately bought them. But why do that? If a serious enough crisis is created, government can generate sufficient popular demand to clamp down in order to “save American lives.” As internal memos have now shown, however, it was a politically manufactured ruse based on deceit and lies designed to build a case for more gun control and less freedom for Americans—period.

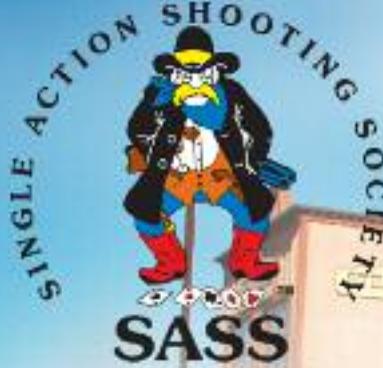
This president has unmistakably revealed his fundamental transformation to be an unscrupulous conversion of a free market, liberty-loving society into a government controlled oligarchy. In so doing he’s set a course that will triple an already crippling debt, expand government control into every aspect of our lives, and rule by decree through onerous regulation in much of what he does. The examples here are but a few of the many. He’s arrogantly telegraphed his views and intentions on numerous occasions—including the lead-in quote stating that America’s free enterprise system never worked! What does he expect us to believe made America the greatest, most prosperous nation on Earth—corrupt politicians?

It couldn’t be clearer where this president is taking us and it couldn’t be clearer where “We the People” must take him in November if we’re to preserve the reality of freedom in America.

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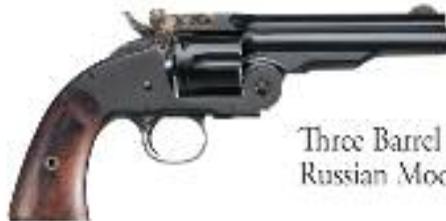
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