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★ END of TRAIL 2007 ★

A TRUE WEST EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

By Chiz, SASS #392

ND of TRAIL is a Cowboy Action Shooting™ institution that continues to get better with age. Like a good saddle, the more you ride it, the more comfortable it gets.

END of TRAIL 2007 is shaping up to be an incredible event people have come to expect. Now stretched out over a period of ten days, END of TRAIL offers SASS members a full spectrum of activities, shooting opportunities, and entertainment along with a passel of new ideas to make the event even better!

It all starts on Friday, June 15 when the six-stage warm up match for the overflow shooters and Stage Drivers begins. This group also shoots the main match on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. For those not shooting the first weekend looking for something to do, they can sign up for the Evil Roy Shooting School that takes place on Saturday and Sunday. As the town begins to fill with vendors and exhibitors, the warm up match for the main weekend match starts on Tuesday followed on Wednesday with Side Matches for all participants. New this year is a \$20 "All You Can Shoot" program that includes all Side Matches and the

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TC Thorstenson and Harvey Wallbanger, Jr. will again be performing at END of TRAIL. The bond between trainer and performer is evident by the trust each shows for the other as they entertain competitors and spectators alike. Don't miss this amazing show!

Plainsman Event. In addition, all Side Match Awards will be presented just prior to Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday evening, freeing up time for participants who will spend less time during the Sunday Awards Ceremony. The Main Match begins Thursday with shooters plying four stages each of the three days.

Included in the main match event is the Team Shoot, which will be added as a "5th Stage" during one of the main match days. The Team event will also accommodate the Posse Photo where Artie and Sadie will be set up to immortalize each Posse with a picture.

If all things go right, the Mounted Shooters will be using two arenas for the World Championship match. Plans are to level the dam at the end of town and install a brand new professional arena that is in easy walking distance to town and included in the main activities area. The Mounted Shooting program begins on Monday with a New Shooters Clinic. A three-stage warm up match will take place on Tuesday, and there will be a two-stage Fun

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Shoot on Wednesday. The six-stage Mounted Shooting main match begins on Thursday with two stages being shot each day through Saturday.

Conventioneers Rejoice! Two Conventioneer stages will straddle the center bay where a Manufacturers Gallery will be set up. A greater effort to include the widest variety of firearms and ammunition is underway and will provide an opportunity for all END of TRAIL participants as well as the public to shoot the guns of the Old West. Conventioneers can shoot to their hearts content!

All shooters will be treated to a series of all new shotgun targets as well as an addition of new rifle and pistol targets. Also new for the enjoyment of main match shooters is a recorded description of stage descriptions and scenarios. Based on the series, Classic Gunfights by Bob Boze Bell as seen in True West Magazine, the theme of END of TRAIL 2007 will focus on the stories and illustrations as compiled by this author/artist. The championship shooting stage descriptions will be written by and vocally performed by Bob Boze Bell, utilizing recorded broadcasts on each shooting stage. Artwork created by Bell, who is noted as one of America's preeminent Old West Gunfight experts and an accomplished artist with hundreds of provocative illustrations on the subject, will be used throughout

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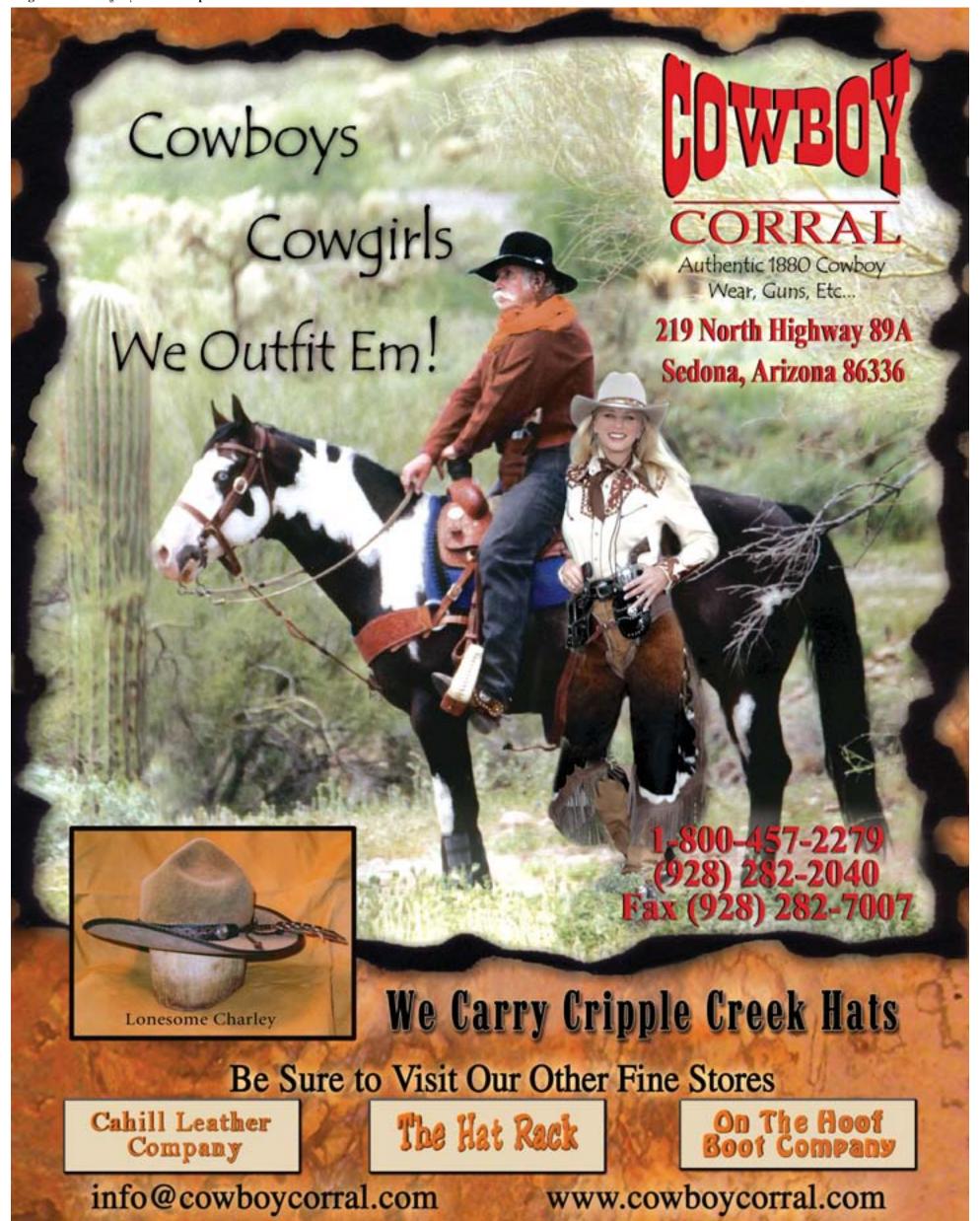
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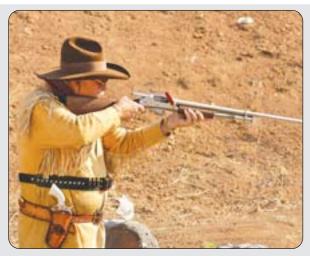






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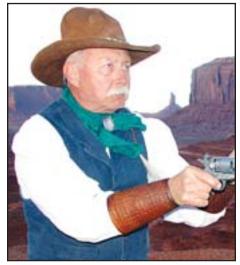
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Tex, SASS #4 ~SASS Hall of Fame Inductee~

The Winter Range Rough Riders will be reporting on this year's event shortly, but it was such an excellent production, it deserves a few early remarks. Although the Rough Riders can't take credit for it, the weather this year was absolutely perfect! The last two years have been tests of our cowboys' spirit and resolve, but this year it was as nice as it has ever been ... clear, mild days with only a hint of a breeze. A light wind did blow in on Sunday,

WINTER RANGE – AN **OUTSTANDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

By Tex, SASS #4

but by then it was all over but the

There were a couple of impressive innovations this year everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate. First, the Opening Ceremony's safety briefing was a humorous video with scenes every airline passenger knows by heart. The fine points in the briefing were cleverly demonstrated ... and some of us had opportunity to replicate those scenes on the range when quietly adjusting the position of horizontally staged long guns. Never a word had to be spoken ... the entire posse instantly knew what was being done ... and why. This video accomplished its job ... it brought the match rules into sharp focus, and the rules were remembered.

The second innovation was a murder mystery dinner Thursday evening. This unique bit of entertainment allowed the diners to become involved in a fun-filled evening of "who done it." Other match directors might want to consider something like this as another way to keep their guests involved and on the range for the duration of the event.

Incidentally, the traditional Saturday evening banquet was held in the big tent, and the steak dinner was actually served to tableclothcovered tables by the caterer who also provided metal utensils. It was a very nice touch!

Winter Range built an excellent set of stage props a few years ago and continues to add to the invento-

ry. All match stages were well dressed, providing a pleasing "Old West" environment for the shooting problems.

And, the shooting problems sported plenty of targets ... several stages called for ten shot revolver sequences, for instance, and there were actually ten targets to be engaged! All regular targets were set at medium distances, and all appeared to have smooth front surfaces. Even the bonus targets were quite shootable ... if you bothered to use your sights!

A couple of stages made good use of reactive targets. They were set light enough so even the diminutive .32's could take them down ... provided they were hit near the center (Continued on page 70)

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It is nearly impossible think of single action, Old West shooting without thinking of the sharpshooters of the Old West who performed with the traveling Wild West shows of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. One of the most memorable of these performers was Annie Oakley.

Annie was born Phoebe Ann Moses near the town of Greenville, Ohio around 1860. As she grew up, she essentially supported her family after the death of her father. She discovered restaurants paid well for game brought in by trappers and hunters. Using her late father's shotgun, Annie earned a living by providing the establishments with fresh quail.

A show promoter noticed Annie's marksmanship and convinced her to enter a sharp shooting contest at the

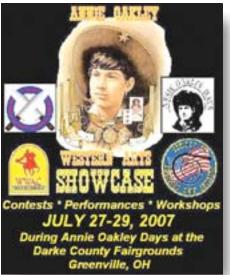
age of 15. Annie's primary competitor in the contest was 25 year-old Frank Butler, a professional sharp-shooter. Frank and Annie eventually married and went on to perform all over the world with a number of different Wild West shows, including "Buffalo Bill's Wild West."

Since the days of Annie Oakley's fame, there have been songs, stage shows, and movies telling her story. For the past 43 years the residents of her hometown in Darke County, Ohio have held "Annie Oakley Days," a festival to honor "Little Sure Shot" in their own way. The event features historic encampments, a Western melodrama, historical tours, live entertainment, and more.

The event kicks off with a preliminary contest to select "Miss Annie Oakley." Other contests held during the week include the Ohio Fast Draw Championship and the sharp shooting finals for the Miss Annie Oakley contest.

For the fourth year, to further honor Annie's history of Wild West performing at the festival, the Ohiobased variety productions company, GLD Enterprises & Productions, will present the "Annie Oakley Western Arts Showcase." This western arts convention offers participants three days of workshops, contests, and entertainment from all of the Wild West arena arts such as whip artistry, gun spinning, trick and fancy roping, and knife and tomahawk throwing on the grounds of Annie Oakley Days.

This year's Showcase event will also include the fifth annual Ohio regional convention of the Wild West



Arts Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Western arts. Also participating will be the Society of American Whip Artistry, which will coordinate the whip workshops and contests, and the International Knife Throwers Hall of Fame, which will handle knife throwing workshops and competitions. Some of the best trick ropers, knife throwers, whip artists, and gun spinners in the country will be in attendance. Along with contest awards, some miscella-

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By Colonel Doc Bart, SASS #46473

There will be a living history display as part of the already scheduled International Combat Stress Conference (CSC) being held at the Staff Officers Club from 4 May thru 10 May 2007.

The CSC held at Camp Pendleton, CA over the past 14 years is about to celebrate its 15th anniversary in May. This is the longest running and one of the best conferences of its kind in the world on the subject.

A large part of this year's conference will deal with family support issues. Therefore we are planning programs that will focus on this aspect of the conference. Besides the formal classes, we are planning "A Show For Family Support" (Musical/Variety show) on 5 May at 8 PM, which will be free, and honor families of deployed (Continued on page 70)

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By Tex, SASS #4

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Surgery of this type is a delicate business. Many of the nerves in the right side of his head were saved, but not all. His hearing and balance are affected and therapy and patience will be required to overcome these new challenges. He plans to be home by the time this issue hits the streets.

Dutch thanks everyone for their prayers and believes the reason he is doing so well is because of all the prayers that have been said for him. He has asked any well wishes, email, cards, and so forth be sent to the Happy Trails office.

We all wish him the best, and hope to see him at upcoming SASS events later this year. A.

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Dear Wild Bunch:

In the February '07 issue of The Cowboy Chronicle, Tex editorializes "What do we do about our loads?" and Jake Payden chastises Adirondack Jack's prior letter on the wimpy loads issue. Even longtime friend and supporter Mike Venturino now is asking what is happening to Cowboy Action ShootingTM.

Here's what I think.

The Wild Bunch, in a well intentioned, albeit misguided, attempt to satisfy all of the shooters all of the time, has abrogated your responsibility to protect and preserve the game you (we) created thirty years ago.

I know Cowboy Action ShootingTM and SASS have morphed into a business with customers (members) that must be kept satisfied. Successful businesses are built on brands. Cowboy Action ShootingTM and SASS are brands, and brands must stand for something. When brands get confused about their heritage, their customer, their product, their ethics, or even their packaging, trouble follows. Think "New Coke" and "Edsel" for reminders.

Wimpy loads, short stroke kits, smokeless "black" powder, stages designed to the broadest (lowest) common denominator all work to erode – if not marginalize - the Cowboy Action ShootingTM and SASS brands.

Tex opines, "My hope is the Territorial Governors, along with the general SASS membership, will constructively talk about this issue ... to find a way through the forest." In my view, that's just plain wrong.

It is past time for The Wild Bunch to step back up to the plate, acknowledge the game has been corrupted, and will implode if you don't take responsibility for fixing it. How do you fix it? With leadership, brass cajones, and an iron will. Show these three things, and I believe you will have a groundswell of support.

Start with SASS produced and/or sanctioned matches. Do what Tex suggested in his most recent editorial. Design the matches for the broad (majority) middle ground. Use knockdown targets set for .38 Special at 850 FPS. Period! Match producers who choose not to do so lose their SASS sanction. Period!

I've had conversations with some of you and with shooters about "unringing the bell" regarding the growing use of (inappropriate) modifications like short stroke kits, gamey rigs, and excessive grip checkering or engraving. Here's my answer. Make 'em all shoot in Modern and limit the number of match entrants in the Modern category. The shooters who bend the rules spent the money required to do the bending. When appropriately motivated, they will spend the money to undo the bending. Or move on.

Sorry, Tex. This isn't the Territorial Governors' dilemma, and they can't solve it. It's The Wild Bunch's problem.

I am absolutely certain the great majority of SASS members support the heritage and traditions (read rules) upon which Cowboy Action ShootingTM and SASS have been built. If you don't retake control and support your real customer base, Cowboy Action ShootingTM and SASS as we know them are doomed.

For all of the folks who thrive on the competition and just want to win, I have the same advice I have always had. How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice. Practice. Practice. Even with a Stradivarius, I'll never be first violin.

Yer 'umble servant, R. J. Poteet SASS #3 The Wild Bunch (Ret.) .

THERE IS ANOTHER WAY

As someone with 20 years in SASS, I wanted to let Tex know I agree with his concerns and with the views as expressed in his Chronicle articles. I think we have gotten away from the original intent of the game and become much more focused on technological development, winning at all costs, and a lot less about the guns of the Old West. To me, this is a shame.

You wouldn't remember, but we met a few times: the first was when you held the timer on my very first SASS stage at the Railroad Flat Shoot in 1987 (if I recall correctly). Back then I was a very competitive shooter and won a lot of matches in Northern California, and even finished pretty high at the 10th END of TRAIL (37th I think). But the "Spirit of the Game" philosophy back then was to use the guns and loads of the Old West, not do the absolute minimum in order to get the edge over the other guy.

I'm not sure SASS can be turned from its path to IPSC style shooting, as there are too many people who think SASS has always been that way. But, I do think those of us who have a longer view of the sport should bring the issue up and remind folks there is another way. Keep up the good work.

Roscoe Coles, SASS #1188 Sparks, NV J.

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MY RESPONSE TO "WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT OUR LOADS?"

When I first started shooting SASS, I was using a .44 Special with a 210-grain bullet. When I made the transition to the .38 Special, I procured a mold for a round nose flat point 160-gr bullet and stayed with that load for years. I am now using a .45 Schofield load with a 200-grain bullet. This will take all the knockdown targets to the ground.

If I had spent the money and effort to obtain the .32 caliber handguns and developed the light loads and SASS asked me to vote, it's obvious I would vote against the change.

If we are concerned about the minimum loads used in SASS, why don't we start from the top-END of TRAIL? Publish the information early enough so it is easily available to everyone. No surprises. Knockdown targets set for the $.38\,$ Special 158 gr. bullet at 750 FPS. This will allow those that use the shorter barrel pistols to obtain the minimum energy to knock the targets over.

The downside is you would need several knockdown targets per stage. This wouldn't slow the shooter down, but would slow down the stages, as the targets would need to be reset after each shooter.

Introduce this change at END of

TRAIL for a year or two until the bugs are worked out, and then require the change for all Regionals, the National, and then the State Championship matches.

By reintroducing this slowly in this manner, it would give the competitor about four years to make the change. New shooters would know what they need when they started; again, no surprises.

SASS will never control what the many local shoots require. At best, SASS now only provides guidelines to which the majority of the clubs conform. If X Club wants to be a SASS affiliate club and hold monthly shoots at a remote location with 15 or so shooters and they allow loads soft enough to just ding the targets, allow T-shirts, and do not require cowboy hats, they will continue to do so.

The Wild Bunch is in a position to require the minimum loads at END of TRAIL. You may lose 30-50 END of TRAIL shooters and the funds they supply. You could:

- 1. Step up and make the changes and take the financial hit for a short period.
- 2. Ignore the minimum requirement and make it a non-issue.

As much as we like to think we $(SASS\ members)$ have the power to make any changes, the final authority rests with the Wild Bunch.

As we used to say in the Old Corps (USMC), either step up or stand down.

But do something and make the decision known to all SASS members because confusion causes discontent.

Beans, SASS Life #316 Henderson, NV

COWBOY LOADS

When I first started shooting Cowboy Action, SASS had a 650 feet per second minimum for handguns. There were not any minimum bullet weights that I remember, so a shooter could use a 96 grain .38 caliber bullet at 650 feet per second and have a very light recoiling pistol. Why not reinstate the 650 fps rule again? How would it be able to be monitored? Well pards, are we forgetting the integrity of the "Cowboy Way?" I don't want to be told that the honor of the Cowboy Action Shooter can't be trusted!!

In my other life I am a range officer at a local club that has two IPSC matches a month. In all the years I have never seen a chronograph set up to monitor a match. I have, however, on a regular basis seen the competitors come out to practice during the week and bring their chronographs along to make sure a new load or new bullet would make the major 165 power factor. (bullet weight times feet per second, read only the first three digits.) This power factor goes for stock as well as full race handguns. A .45acp 200 gr. bullet at 830 fps is 166 power factor.

Now if the gamiest of the gamers can

honor their rules, there is no reason the "Cowboy Way" can't have the same integrity. This would make the 32s still valid for kids as well as those 200 pound strapping cowboys now using them. As a SASS member told me one day, "If everyone shot the same stock loads, the fastest shooters now would still be the fastest shooters then." I think he was at least 90% right.

EEK Parish, SASS #41747 Tucson, AZ 🎩

RULES FOR "VINTAGE COWBOY"

Rules same as for Classic Cowboy unless otherwise stated here:

1-Guns

- Permitted pre-1890 in design or reproductions only. Double barrel shotguns only.
- No action or performance enhancing modifications (Smoothing of actions is permitted)
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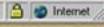
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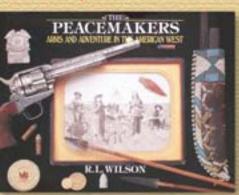
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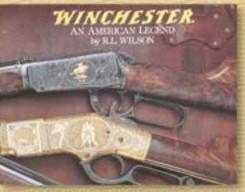
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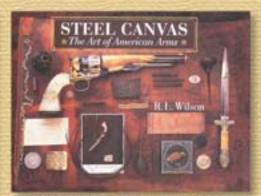


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- No sight enhancements except where bare metal has been filed
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2-Ammunition

- Lead uncoated projectiles only, in original bullet weights.
- Close to maximum loads blackpowder or smokeless powder equivalent (Cowboy will be required to stipulate what powder and how much used.)
- A subjective test will be how much the revolver recoils
- .44 Special and .44 Magnum are excluded
- Cap and Ball revolvers are exempt from ammunition requirements.

3-Clothing

• As per classic cowboy with only four items mandatory

This proposed category is for those shooters who want to shoot "the way it was", and compete against other like minded shooters, using guns and ammunition in the manner that was normal in the 19th century.

For those shooters who want to use all manner of ways to gain an edge, other than sheer skill, this category is not for you.

These are the basic rules and concept for "vintage cowboy." If this is what you think Cowboy Action Shooting TM should be, then I look forward to shooting against you.

If you have to ask, "can I do this," you probably can't, and it's probably against the spirit of this category.

Desert Snake Dan, SASS #72284 New Zealand 1.

RAMBLING THOUGHTS FROM AN OLD GUY

I have been reading for some time now about "Race Guns" and those "out of the box guns" not being equal in shooting for time. I have what I believe will help even out the times for those people that are fast and those people that are accurate.

Take any target and cut a two-inch hole in it, preferably not in the center, but along any edge (an inch to two inches from any side), and then put shooting clay in a drop down rack (easy to build) behind the hole. If you hit the target, then you get the hit and time, but if you hit the shooting clay .5 of a second is subtracted from your time. You wouldn't have to make all of the targets like this, but you could. This would help make the two types of guns more even.

Also how about some fancy shooting like "match lighting, candle snuffing, shooting the ace of spades, and shooting the card in half the hard way (on edge)." This could be done at a dollar a shot and for ties, move the targets back five feet or take another shot. This money could go for the SASS scholarship fund or ... If you could get a sponsor that would put up a prize, like a gun or rifle, this could make for a mighty popular "open" shooting stage for Waddies and Shootists.

My Grandfather always said, "If you can't hit what you're aiming at, don't waste the bullet."

Calico Jake, SASS #54084 Glendale, CA 🎜.

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Three or four popular cartridges could be selected, and test barrels for each would be provided to interested ammo manufacturers. They would provide this "Cowboy Action Ammo" at the certified standard. This would not mean your favorite Marlin in .32-20 would be illegal; it would just mean you wouldn't be able to be the nation's best using it. Blackpowder shooters wouldn't need ammo as they have issues they deal with that keep them out of the arms race anyway. Top competitive shooters or those hoping to be a top shooter would adjust their own loads to the standard, knowing that at the highest level shoots, that this is what they would be using.

Purchasing substantial quantities of this ammo would, I think, result in a reasonable price, and would probably result in sales to shooters that can afford to shoot without reloading. Brass could be sent back to the manufacturer to be used again. Cowboy Action ammo would actually become "re-manufactured ammo." I've used re-mans from some companies with excellent results. This approach along with judicious regulation of firearm modifications would insure everyone could have the chance to be a "Top Gun."

On a different note, I am a "distance running" competitor. (That's as in foot race) Running is one of the only sports out there that lets you participate and compete against anyone. After all, you can't go out tomorrow and tee up against Tiger Woods, or pitch to the slugger Barry Bonds! But, I have, in fact, stood on the starting line with a few of the world's best runners. Though I am a rank amateur, it's a great feeling to know that "on any given day," just maybe, I might be able to win this race! Cowboy Action ShootingTM could be a sport like that, and as such, would be the envy of all other shooting sports.

If anyone wants to discuss this further, you can email me at RWhite8816@aol.com

Rascal Roy McCutcheon SASS #71792 Niles, OH 🎩

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Cat's Corner . * * * * * * *



Cat Ballou, SASS #55 ~SASS Hall of Fame Inductee~

at Ballou and I were talking about the shortage of qualified judges for the military category at major costume contests. Being the good manager she is, she tossed the ball into my court. "How about recruiting a cadre of such folks to be military judges at those events?" That'll teach me.

Let me first explain that costume contests at END of TRAIL and the SASS Convention involve the contestants presenting themselves before the assembled judges. They have 60 seconds to describe their costumes. The judges want to know who you are and when you are. Unusual aspects of your costume need to be explained. The judges score the contestants separately without consulting, and then discuss them. This way when one judge noticed the contestant said it was 1880 and was wearing a 1930 hat style, it's a mistake now known by everybody. When another judge sees a zipper on a lady's ante-bellum ball gown, they all know it. When the military specialist notes the Confederacy didn't have an air force, so those command pilot's wings on the tunic were a mistake, everybody knows it. Thus, a group of judges with different but interlocking areas of expertise can come up with the correct answers.

I'll throw out some qualifications, and if you fit all or some of them, contact Cat—please.

First, you have to be willing to work cheap. I was a judge at END of TRAIL '06 and got one, maybe two Margaritas. One applicant asked, "Does this job involve travel?" Yes, and at your expense and not reimbursed nor deductible. Not only that, there are no costume contest judge groupies.

Secondly, you have to be knowledgeable about 19th century military uniforms. This isn't as daunting as it might seem. No, actually, it's pretty

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By Captain George Baylor, SASS Life #24287

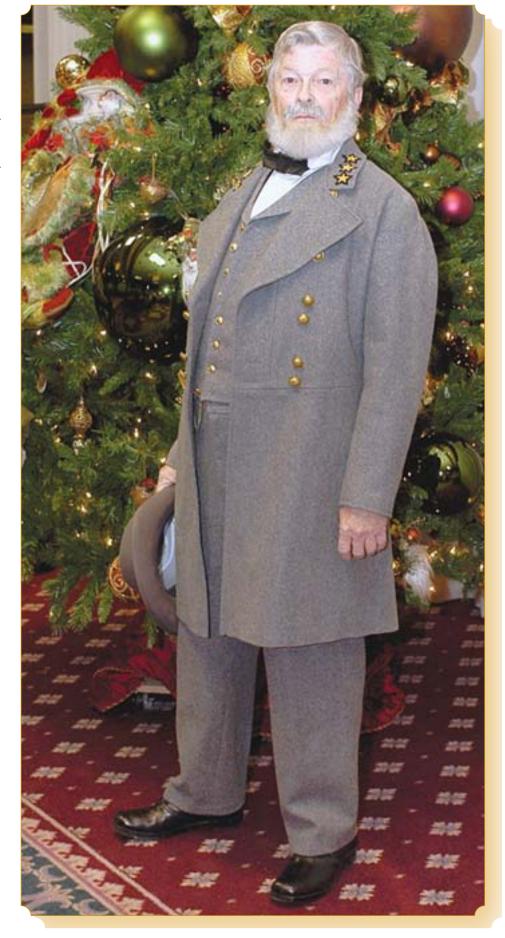
daunting. There were a LOT of different uniforms. Of course, we had various US Army uniforms, changing every year, and different by rank. Units with special uniforms such as Zoaves or Berdan's Sharpshooters complicated things further. Then, we had a virtual rainbow of Confederate uniforms, with subtle variations in fabric and style depending on the area and time of the war, plus rank. Then, add in the US and Confederate Navies and Marines, and it's beyond mere mortals. We haven't even talked about foreign uniforms.

It should also be noted you would not just be judging the military category, but all of the categories. But, you'll probably be surrounded by 19th century fashion experts. You might feel like an idiot compared to the judge next to you who can give you a fifteen-minute dissertation on the bustle without notes. But he doesn't know how many feathers on a hat represent a cavalry colonel in the Confederacy. If in doubt, just vote for the lady who has given you the biggest bribe. That always worked for me. Unfortunately, I'm still waiting for the first bribe offer.

And you have to be willing to give up entering the contest. Usually people who are interested in costume contests enter.

One group might be previous winners. A costume can't have won END of TRAIL or the SASS Convention and be entered at a Regional, END of TRAIL, or the Convention—FOREVER. SASS Thus winners who built a costume that took a year of research and cost like an engraved Uberti '73—or more—are all dressed up with no place to go. So, if you're a previous winner and would like to be a judge, odds are you would be a good one. You've shown that you can master the genre, understand the rules, and know enough about military uniforms to get a good one and make the whole impression work.

"But Captain Baylor, what do I do when someone shows up with a (Continued on next page)



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Patagonian Lancer's desert uniform, and I have no idea where Patagonia is or whether they had Lancers or not or if this one looks anything like one?" Well, frankly, it's the contestant's responsibility to convince you the uniform is authentic. A photo of a Patagonian Lancer would go a long way if I were on the judging panel. Someone wearing a post-Civil War US uniform can probably just explain the parts of the uniform, but if you have a rare uniform, and you want to win, having proof it was authentic would be a good idea. On the other hand, fantasy uniforms and "John Ford" uniforms have been given trophies. Judging is an art, not a science. (Let's just say that uniforms in John Ford movies weren't necessarily authentic.)

A contestant in an unusual US uniform should probably have photographic proof, too. The variation in uniforms probably knows no bounds. "The Book" might prescribe sky blue trousers for the year the contestant is representing, but the US was stingy and used up old uniforms. Thus, an enlisted man with outdated trousers could just explain that old stock was issued. Officers bought their own uniforms then, as they do now, but they were underpaid then, as they are now. Their uniforms were not always up to date, and sometimes "field expedient" items were substituted for out of stock uniform items.

Authenticity is 40%. That's what the military specialist is needed for. It's the military specialist who will have the Bravo Sierra detector (to use the proper military term) when the contestant is bluffing his way through the presentation. He will also catch the big mistakes that the rest of the jury won't. If the contestant is wearing a staff officer's sash on a cavalry uniform and explains he's on the staff of General Nuisance, then the military specialist will know the contestant is correct. The military specialist will know, for example, that no Purple Hearts were awarded during the Indian Wars, and that a NRA marksmanship medal is not correct on an 1872 Army officer's uniform, and that the Confederacy awarded virtually no medals. Details such as this can differentiate between two uniforms that look good. This will prevent the winner from being "the uniform with the most braid, most decoration on the chest, and fanciest hat." This happens when the judges don't know 19th century military. The fanciest uniform might be the most authentic, or it might not.

It doesn't take a military specialist to judge the rest, presentation, details, and originality.

Presentation: If the contestant is a Marine sergeant, well, they were Marines even in the 19th century, and they come across quite different from a Navy Captain or a Confederate private.

Details: pretty self-explanatory. Is everything there? Are the boots polished, or, if appropriate, not polished and looking worn? Whether it is the right sword comes under authenticity. Whether it is worn correctly or polished (or not as appropriate) comes under details.

Originality: This one always makes me go, "Huh?" No uniform is "original." But a rare uniform should get more points than a common one. If you're duplicating a photograph of Nathan Bedford Forrest, it should get more originality points than a generic Union cavalry captain. It's considerably more difficult to match. If you say you're

General Forrest, and you're wearing a uniform that he never wore, you don't get originality or authenticity points.

As SASS grows, the costume contests grow. Note the increase in categories over the last few years. With more categories will come more contestants. With more contestants, it will become more and more difficult to judge—without "a few good men" (where have I heard that before) who know their stuff.

If you're contemplating being a judge, contact Cat and get on the list. Then when someone asks you to help at a state championship or Regional you can get some experience. Then you, too, can be an END of TRAIL or SASS Convention judge and earn ... well, as much as two Margaritas. 4.

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Chiz, SASS #392 SASS Marketing Director

It's springtime in the Rockies, and lots of folks are thawing out from the heavy snows of winter. My trip to Phoenix for Winter Range in March was the perfect reintroduction to warm weather from my new-New Mexico home where we had an intense indoctrination of the white stuff. Upon our return from the fantastic match that enjoyed the best Arizona weather I've seen in the past three years, our property was completely snow-free, and trees where a-

blooming. Founders Ranch was also snow-free, and the Buffalo seemed energetic to get into the uncovered grasses on the warm terrain.

Before returning home, Doc Drillem and I stopped off at the Dragoon Mountain Spanish Barb Ranch located near Tombstone to look at two horses. This location was the last stronghold of Cochise and is steeped in history, including the fact it is home to a successful breeding program for these unique horses. Spanish Barbs are America's first horse, brought here by the Con-quistadors. They are the base breed for today's quarter horse.

The ranch is owned and operated by Marjorie Dixon whose passion for the Spanish horses is evident. It was wonderful to look at Hidalgo, the beautiful black stallion watching over his herd of pregnant mares. It was even more exciting to be among the yearlings and two year-olds whose mild temperaments and attraction to humans makes you want to just be next to them. All the horses are trained and finished by Rick Levin a 25 year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department who trained the horses and officers for their mounted duties. Rick and his



Smoke in the Valley is moving and changing its name! It becomes the Four Corners Territorial Blackpowder Shootout to be held in beautiful Cedar City, Utah.

wife, Susan, worked with us and the two horses we proudly purchased.

While in Tombstone, I had the opportunity to visit a brand new Cowboy Action ShootingTM range located on the edge of town at

Tombstone Livery. Cowboy Doug and his wife, Terry, have completed excavating six bays near their arena and have built a mini Western town that includes a catering facility, bunk-(Continued on next page)





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houses, and a small theatre. With Tombstone being the Holy Grail of the Wild West, this excellent new facility is destined to become a popular pilgrimage for the Cowboy Action and Mounted Shooters who can dress up, shoot, and saunter the streets of Tombstone, all in the same day.

Smokin' Iron 2007 will be the new host of the SASS Four Corners Territorial Blackpowder Shootout, September 14 & 15. The match will be held in Cedar City, Utah and produced by the Coal Creek Cowboys. Sponsored by Great Basin Cartridge Company & Thunder Ridge Muzzleloading, the match moves from Founders Ranch where it was formerly Smoke in the Valley. The Founders Ranch shoot will now focus on its Four Corners Action and Mounted Regional that takes place August 16-19.

Congratulations to Nuevo Mike

and Cinnamon Lucy who put on an incredible Winter Range SASS National Mounted Championship. Some 55 shooters representing the best in all Mounted organizations enjoyed a professionally produced match in perfect weather conditions. Well Done! A personal thanks to Easy Pickens who let me ride his back-up horse during the match. It was good to see you out after losing your wife of 30 years. Your SASS family is with you in this time of mourning.

On a final note, farewell to Dwayne Bond. The plinky piano player, who first came to our attention at END of TRAIL 2005 with his original raw style and period correct encampment, passed away on his way to Festival of the West. He was scheduled to join us again at this year's END of TRAIL. He now joins some of the great piano players in a new place. 🌲

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We are about to start the destruction of this sport if we don't simply shut up and play the game the way you want to play it. Stop worrying about the other guy, and if you don't like those who win, then don't go to the award assemblies and don't read the "Winner's Circle" at the end of a shoot article.

If you love the game, play it like you want to and leave others to do the same. Stop bitching and get to shooting.

Palaver Pete, SASS Life/Regulator #4375 Sunriver, OR A.

MILITARY CATEGORY

If there is to be a military category, I hope SASS does NOT follow the suggestions of Padraig "Tiger" McSean (Letters, December '06 issue) and make it a blackpowder category you have to shoot with your weak hand or Double Duelist. I look forward to the category as I have five different uniforms I wear to shoots. I expect most folks would be satisfied shooting Duelist with smokeless powder.

I would also like to see the timeline extended to include the type of outfit William Holden and his gang wore in the movie, The Wild Bunch. (Actually, theirs was not very authentic, what with full button front shirts, and so forth.) I have an authentic pre-WWI uniform, and it only required flap holsters from El Paso Saddlery for my Colts to adapt to SASS shooting.

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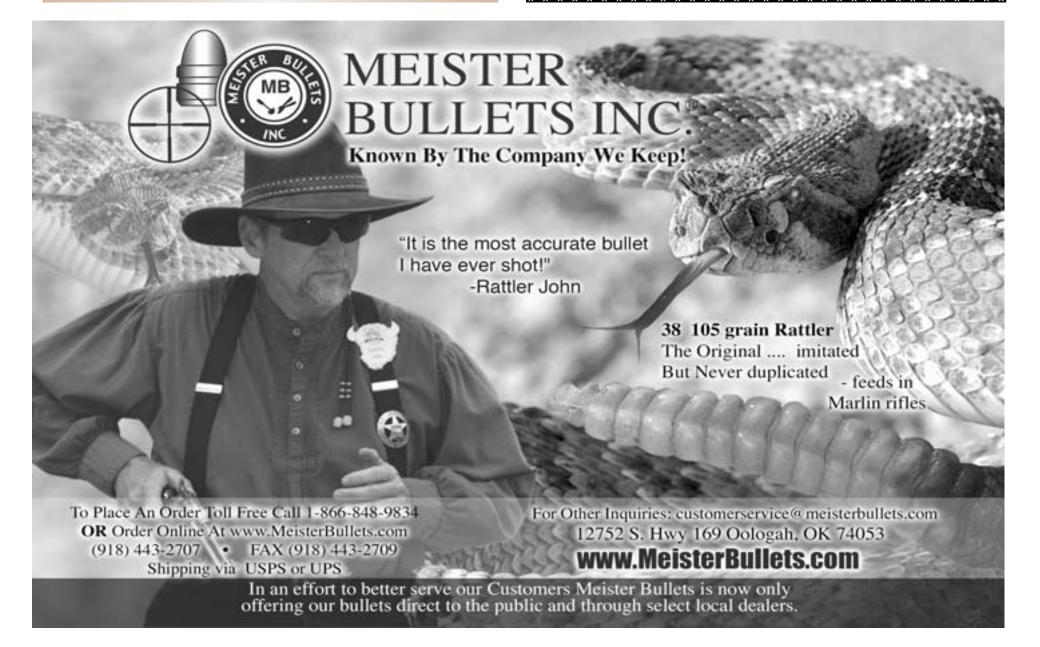
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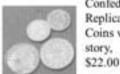
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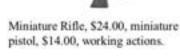


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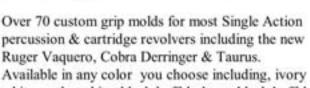
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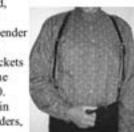
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HATE CRIME IS THOUGHT CRIME

By Colonel Dan, SASS Life #24025

"Thave sworn upon the altar of ■ God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Thomas Jefferson

A form of tyranny over the mind of man that Jefferson feared has taken root under the guise of the politically correct war on so-called prejudicially motivated acts of violence—they call it Hate Crime. What it really is, is Thought Crime.

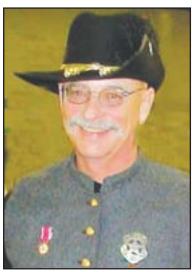
The story for public consumption on this concept is some crimes are motivated purely out of hate for race, religion, or national origin, and thus are somehow worse crimes than others that have the same result although I've yet to hear of a murder that was committed out of pure love and affection for the victim.

If Moe kills Curly and uses a

racial slur to describe Curly during the murder, somehow that is worse than if Moe kills Larry and says nothing. The fact remains, however, both Curly and Larry are dead at the hands of Moe. Under the Hate Crime Law, the prosecution of Moe for murdering Curly can be treated differently and the punishment much more severe than for Larry's murder. The difference here, according to these laws, is the thought in Moe's mind when he killed Curly. Murder is an overt act, but hate stems from thought—an internalized process. What is "hate crime" then if not the ability of the state to first determine and then prosecute man based on his thoughts?

It's obvious to me people's thoughts now come under federal jurisdiction, and we can be prosecuted more stringently for harboring what government has determined to be unacceptable thinking while committing a crime. The instant we accepted this legal premise as valid, we opened the door to limitless interpretations and applications of the concept. And who determines what hateful thoughts are added to the politically incorrect list-government—and under the guise of compassion for the victims and the preservation of law and order!

Hate crime legislation has been cleverly sold to America by employing the time tested method of using a noble label to hide the underlying intent. In this case, the ruse of upholding civil rights, punishment of bigotry, and discrimination was the



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noble banner displayed to get buy-in from main street America in order to justify the existence of a law or any extension of that concept—and therein lies the ultimate dangerthe extension of that concept.

The power to prosecute is the power to control. When we can be prosecuted for the nature and content of our minds, we will have lost the liberty that is born of free thought and expression because

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Greta Dee. SASS #63811

would have never thought I'd be Lealled by the alias of Greta Dee, worry about what type of holster to buy, or if my clothes are period correct. My husband, Brucester Diamond literally bribed me with food to attend a Cowboy Action ShootingTM match in Orlando. Turned out to be one of the best bribes I've ever succumbed to.

After I got over getting up and out

THIS IS MORE FUN THAN SITTING IN THE TRUCK

By Greta Dee, SASS #63811

on a Sunday morning, we headed out to the Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club, home of the Weewahootee Vigilance Committee. I refused to get out of the truck because I could not believe adults were dressing up as cowboys. I was content to sit and read my book. Well, after about an hour, the inside of the truck seemed to get very small, so I moved outside to the tailgate. Things were fine, I figured Bruce would feel guilty soon enough, and off to lunch we'd go. Next thing, I notice a funnily dressed man is waving at me. I looked behind me, thinking he knew someone standing there, but there wasn't anyone there. I chose to ignore him.

A short while later, the same man came over and assured me that "Cowboys don't bite," and I could come closer if I wanted. I informed him I thought it was a little freaky

and weird and that I was fine sitting at the truck. I just knew Bruce would be back soon. After all, I'd been sitting there for over two hours. The gentleman with the ponytail tried again, and let me know that his wife wanted to say hello, but still couldn't get me off the truck.

Success, here comes Bruce with a big grin, and I knew I was in trouble when the conversation started off with "Honey, I love you." I politely (although slightly irritated) asked what he wanted. He points like a little kid to a tall, skinny looking guy and says "that man said I could shoot his guns if we stay until the end." I believe I rolled my eyes and agreed, as I knew the bribe would pay off soon enough (steak for dinner sounded good).

Needless to say, I had finished reading and decided to get closer. This had to be one of the weirdest moments in life for me. What on earth were these people doing? Everyone was friendly, helpful, informative, and best of all, fun. I learned the man in the ponytail was Turkey Creek Red, and the man that was going to let Bruce shoot was The Jailer.

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon, I watched, listened, and became mesmerized. Who would have ever thought adults would have so much fun playing cowboy? When we left (yes, I got my steak), I was ready to dress the part, but not touch any guns. Bruce, on the other hand, was ready to go.

We spent the next week searching the Internet, Buffalo Bills Shooting Store, and Shepler's for clothes, guns, and so forth. Fortunately we connect-

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ed with a great group of local cowboys who loaned guns, leather, and gave great advice. We picked our aliases, which wasn't an easy task and Brucester started shooting regular monthly matches. I spent the first three months dressing the part. I kept score, spotted, and reset steel. Night Train Kate, Wolf Rider, and Quicksdraw Connie tried getting me to shoot, but I was a chicken. The Jailer didn't help much because he seemed to yell a lot and scared me.

Night Train Kate finally con-

vinced me to try some shooting. After each match, we went to an empty berm, and I practiced loading, aiming, and finally firing. It took a few months before I dared try the double barrel, but I finally did. Guess what? It wasn't too bad, although you couldn't tell by the bruise that encompassed my upper arm. I learned very quickly where not to put the shotgun.

If you look at my scores for the first six months, you would be surprised I hung in. I averaged 15-20 misses per match (couldn't hit a pistol target to save my life). I have

improved over time. Although the scores weren't great, I loved it. I think I'm more hooked than my husband now. With practice and listening to sound advice, I have improved and consider myself a competitor now. Even if I hadn't, I'd still be playing Cowgirl.

I still enjoy the dressing up part the best. I consider myself proud to have won Best Dressed Saloon Girl (or best dressed floozy, as I've been called) at The Cowford Stampede 2006. I did learn a valuable lesson ... it's not easy to sit in an ore-cart and shoot while wearing a corset.

I think we are very fortunate to live in Central Florida with, in my opinion, the best Cowboys in the nation. I'm sure many of you will agree and some will disagree, as I've learned there isn't a better group of people than those you'll find at a Cowboy Match. I've read about mentors in our sport and how great they are for the young ones who want to learn, but they are there for the adults too. I have to give special thanks to a few that without them I wouldn't be the Cowgirl I am today. There is always someone willing to help, but several go way above and beyond. Thank you - Wolf Rider, The Jailer (I'm not afraid of him anymore), Bad Hombre, Quicksdraw Connie, Santa Fe River Stan, Night Train Kate, and the man that got me out of the truck, Turkey Creek Red. There are a ton of others, but it's impossible to list them all.

I never imagined I would have become an RO-II, became a member of the SBSS, or offered to run the timer at a club's annual match, but I have. I've learned a lot from our sport and plan to keep on learning for years to come. I only hope I can help new shooters like everyone has helped me. It doesn't matter if you're young, old, male, female, working, retired, disabled ... Cowboy Action ShootingTM is great fun for everyone.

I am extremely grateful to have gotten out of the truck that day! $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}$.

ANNIE OAKLEY WESTERN ARTS SHOWCASE BRINGS WESTERN ARTS TO LIFE . . .

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BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

By Rowdy Yates, SASS #141

When some shooters think of the "old days" or "how it was" they think of a bunch of unnecessary activities on the clock, long distance running, and general activity that does not indicate how well you shoot and so should not be included in Cowboy Action ShootingTM.

We hear so often it's all about shooting, and our concentration should be restricted to the performance of this activity. I guess if this were true it would be called "Old Style Gun Shooting."

Actually Cowboy Action ShootingTM has three separate elements to the sport and unless all three of these elements are included, the sport is truly incomplete.

Cowboy: This word or term

means the event is based on the Old West and Hollywood's vision of it. Participants dress to look like the cowboy or person right out of the 19th century west or straight from the B western movie screen. During the course of each of the stages, it may also be necessary to demonstrate one or some of the skills attached to this era or image. Some of these skills might include, but be not limited to, roping, knife throwing, reloading, or obtaining ammo from a container or location other than your person. I think we all agree these actions were necessary at some point in the era we're portraying and on the movie screen.

Action: This word is self-explanatory in its use for our purpos-

es. It means simply one is not intended to just stand motionless. Of course, demonstrating your skills at shooting and manipulating the firearms involved are of primary importance to participating, but they are hardly representative in total to the game, and additional action or actions are not only important, they are seen as absolutely necessary to the sport. I would submit the only real difference of opinion would be whether these activities should be on or off the clock.

When I started Cowboy Action ShootingTM it was common for competitors to actually practice roping, knife throwing, and reloading in order to compete at the highest possible levels. Many of us even carried

our own knives, tomahawks, or ropes to assist in demonstrating these accomplishments, using equipment with which we were familiar. In those days it was common for stages to be written using one revolver, and if one was written requiring two revolvers, the range supplied the second. Eventually shooters started supplying their own second revolver in order to have one they could shoot more competitively.

Having your own knife, Tomahaw, and so forth is the same concept.

Preparing yourself for these occasions/actions makes little sense in most of the Cowboy Action Shooting TM matches we see today, as they are either not found at all or are left

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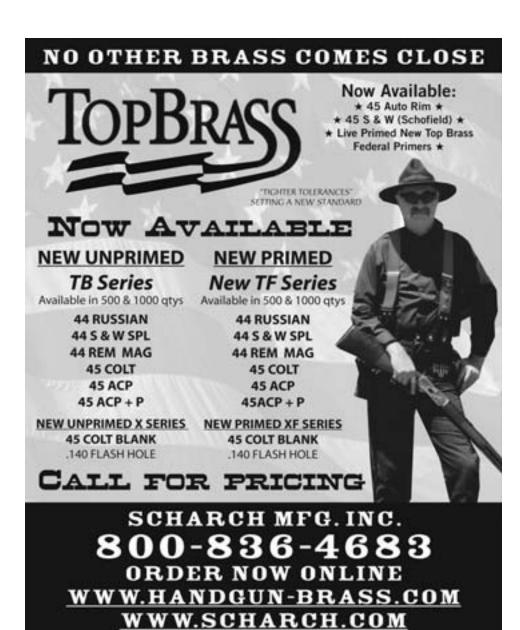
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off the clock. Today's cowboy shooter can be totally inept in these skills and remain competitive. Whether or not this is good or bad is left up to the individual.

Shooting: I'd say this term or activity is the least debated. It is the one aspect of Cowboy Action ShootingTM that everyone will agree is absolutely necessary and cannot be left out. Some shooters will dress to the minimum wearing the least Cowboy stuff they can without drawing criticism. In fact, some of these minimalists will even suffer a certain level of criticism as long as no one actually stops them from shooting!

There are also those competitors that will complain vehemently regarding any deviation from their perspective of the sport, which usually is just shooting, and nothing else. Many of these minimalists also demand their absolute right to shoot the lightest possible ammunition of the smallest caliber so as not to interfere with their pulling the trigger in the shortest possible amount of time. The inclusion of the knife throwing, roping, bullwhipping, or any activity that takes up time is only acceptable if it is left off the clock, and even then it is only tolerated.

It is difficult for many to accept that shooting is only one third of the complete sport called Cowboy Action ShootingTM.

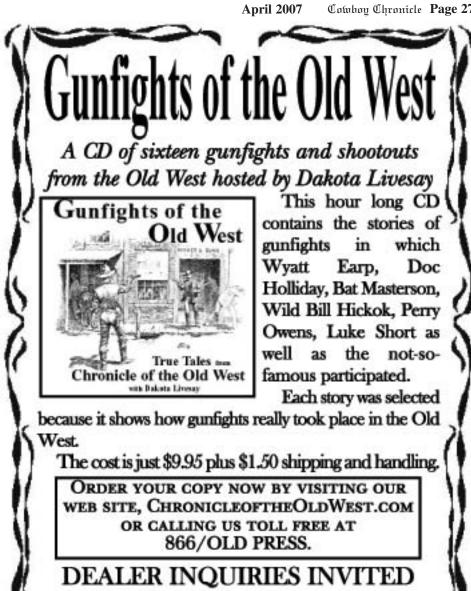
I would like to make one small disclaimer: In this article I've mentioned the minimalists regarding ammunition and clothing, and these comments are intended to only apply to the fit and healthy Cowboy Action Shooters.

To paraphrase Tex, SASS has always makes an effort to accommodate the frail, weak, and handicapped shooters. My comments are obviously not intended for the shooters that are described by one of those terms.

So ... what's the answer? Sorry to say, there isn't an easy one, and any effort to do the answering will no doubt be greeted with the admonition that there is no problem, and since this change has taken place gradually over a 20 year period, I can see how that might appear to be true.

My only suggestion (read hope) would be that an effort be made across the country and around the world to bring back some of the currently left out "action" in Cowboy Action ShootingTM.

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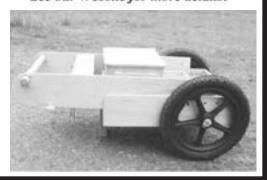
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JINGLE, JANGLE, JINGLE

By The O'Meara, SASS #6332

Spurs are devices used to make reluctant horses go faster. They've been around for hundreds of years. In the Old West, cowboys wore them because many of the horses they rode were half wild. Chaps were worn to keep thorny brush and rough ropes from sawing through trousers and skin, same principle as a blacksmith's apron. When movies came along, chaps and spurs became the uniform of the movie cowboy. I remember watching the movie "Red River" as a kid, and the image of John Wayne wearing batwing chaps and large spurs aggressively walking across a set of railroad tracks without looking down was locked in my head. So when I discovered SASS and Cowboy Action ShootingTM and went to my first match and saw all those guys wearing them, I knew I had to have chaps and spurs. (The fact there wasn't a horse or a cow

within 50 square miles probably should have warned me there's a big disconnect between the movies and the real world.)

My wife and I had recently moved away from Wyoming where we'd lived for about 20 years, so I decided to consult with an expert. I called an old friend in Cheyenne who was part owner of a huge familyowned ranch. "Chip," says I, "When you ride a horse on the ranch, what kind of spurs do you wear?" Chip thought about it for a second or two, "First, I'm a rancher, not a cowboy. And, if I'm somehow forced under duress to get on a horse, I don't want to hurt the poor animal, so I wear Nerf spurs." (You shouldn't expect a straight answer from a rancher who calls his horse "Alpo.")

Nevertheless, I traded for a pair of batwing chaps and another Wyoming friend donated a set of spurs. "I got just what you need," he said, "real Spanish spurs!" chaps were heavier than I thought they'd be, but they looked good. The spurs had huge sharp rowels and would disembowel a horse if you ever used them, but they had little bell shaped pieces of metal called jinglebobs hanging from the rowels, and they sounded good.

So when the morning of the next Cowboy Action ShootingTM match rolled around, I was ready! I had a big hat, a bib-front shirt, a bandanna, suspenders, and buckle-in-theback cowboy pants tucked into tall boots. I put on the chaps and spurs and checked the outfit out in the mirror. Lookin' good-lot of style points! I didn't have a problem carrying my first load of gear from my basement den out to the truck. Then headed back for the second load. Walking down stairs with spurs on is

an interesting experience. When spur rowels hit the stair behind your foot, they accelerate you forward at an amazing rate. I estimate I was doing 25-30 MPH when I hit the wall across the room from the bottom of the stairs. I also had cause to reflect on driving a truck with spurs on. So, spurs and chaps rode in the back with the rest of the gear.

When I got to the match, I strapped on spurs and chaps and belts and holsters. I was shooting 7-1/2" Colt clones, and I'm "high-waisted," so if I wore a single cartridge belt where it's supposed to be, the grips would catch in my armpits before the barrels cleared the holsters. So, I wore two pistol belts and tied the holsters down fairly low. Besides, all the real bad villains wore two pistol belts, like Jack Palance in "Shane." I also wore a

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shotgun belt that held almost a full box of shells. On my way to the first stage, I had to give a little kick at the end of each step so the chaps would flip out at the bottom and the spurs would jingle like they're supposed to.

The guy who wrote the first stage was known for his creativity. There was a "bed" consisting of a sheet of plywood on legs with a table alongside made of the same stuff. Your first pistol was staged on the table. You started out lying on the "bed," yelled "Cucaracha," and when the buzzer went off you sat up, picked up your pistol, and shot at five little fast food ketchup packet "Cucarachas" stapled to a piece of cardboard about 10 feet away. Then you stood up, holstered the pistol, moved to a doorway, and shot your second pistol, rifle, and shotgun. It seemed simple enough.

There is a reason why, even before waterbeds, cowboys did not wear their spurs to bed. When I lay on my back on the plywood "bed," my spurs held my feet six inches in the air. And, with my wide-brimmed hat on, I couldn't lay my head down. I felt like a banana. I nevertheless gamely yelled "Cucaracha," and when the buzzer went off I tried to sit up. Sitting up out of bed is usually easy, but if the Spanish rowels of your fancy spurs are stuck in soft plywood, it takes some extra effort. I gave my legs an extra jerk, swiveled around, and sat up. That was when I discovered that leather chap legs don't slide across plywood. My right chap leg had twisted around so the buckles were in front. Ignoring that, I picked up my pistol and shot the first "Cucaracha." Did you know that a small ketchup packet, when hit with a .45 caliber bullet, splatters more than 10 feet? I suddenly had little red ketchup spots all over my face. That caused me to splutter a bit, since I was thinking cockroach. I managed to miss the next four cucarachas. I stood up, holstered my pistol, and stepped toward the doorway.

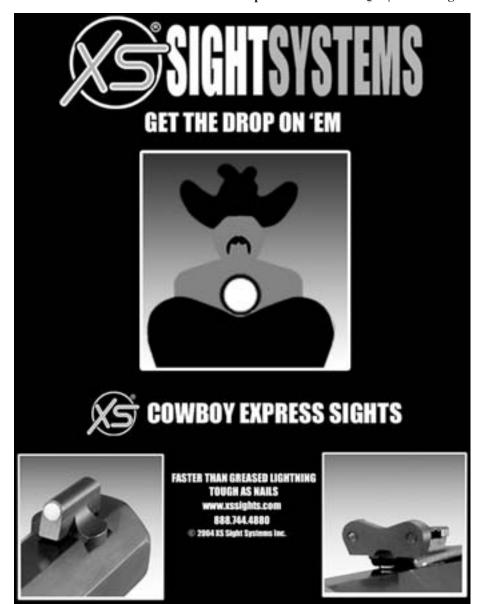
Or rather, I tried to step toward the doorway. My feet wouldn't move, and I heard a loud "Whump!" that turned out to be me hitting the dirt. My feet were locked together. I was spitting dust when I heard the RO and a spotter talking to each other above me. "Is he hurt?" asked the spotter. "Don't think so," the RO said, "Looks like his leg is broke, but it's just twisted chaps. Lookit them spurs, though." "Huh," the spotter said, "He's got the jingle bobs tangled in the rowels. Damndest thing I ever saw."

With some effort they got the spurs untangled. I assured them I was fine, got to my feet, and moved over to the doorway trying to act as if nothing unusual had happened. Somehow, I finished the stage. I have no idea if I hit anything or not, and I'm pretty sure they could have timed me with a calendar. On my way over to the unloading table I was wary of tangled spurs, which caused me to walk slow and pigeon toed. When I got to the table and started clearing my guns, the guy watching said, "Say, you ever seen that Monty Python silly walk thing on TV?" My response was not nice. Probably not even civil, comes to that.

An adjustment to my attire was definitely in order, so I slung my saddlebags full of ammo over my shoulder, picked up my rifle and shotgun, and headed for the truck. It was only a couple hundred yards away.

After about ten paces toward the truck, I knew something was amiss. My shotgun belt and cartridge belts with holstered pistols were slowly inching down toward my knees. Impossible, I thought. The guy who sold me the rig assured me the belts were lined and absolutely would not slip. After a few more paces I realized he was right, the belts were not slipping. Instead, their weight, along with the heavy chaps, was slowly pulling my pants down. My ancient suspenders, it seemed, were unequal to the task, and pants, chaps, pistols, cartridge, and shotgun belts were all headed south. I didn't know if my old braces would allow my britches to slide far enough to be embarrassing, or possibly even trip me, but I wasn't going to chance it. I needed to do something. Trouble was, I had a rifle in one hand, and a shotgun in the other, which left me with no hands for pants grabbing. I clamped my elbows to the belts at my sides as hard as I could, and the slide stopped.

Well, almost. With each step I took, the mess of iron and leather slipped just a fraction of an inch lower. It was a race to the truck between gravity and me. I figured I'd make it with time to spare, but



then I noticed my chaps were now riding low, and the leather was hanging down below my boots. I had to kick my legs sideways with each step to keep from tripping on the blasted things, all the while walking pigeon toed so my spurs wouldn't tangle, and clamping my elbows to my sides as hard as I could. And my ammo-laden saddlebags were slipping off my shoulder, so I had to lean over to keep them in place. An elderly couple, obviously visitors with tennies and cameras, passed me as I struggled toward the truck. They turned their eyes away and pretended not to notice. When they were a couple paces behind me, I heard the woman say something about, "Oh, the poor man ..."

I counted the steps remaining to the truck ... ten ... nine ... eight ... belt slip ... seven ... six ... feeling a mite airy around the butt ... two ... Hah! I made it to the truck with a good quarter second to spare, laid my long guns in the bed, and grabbed the belts just as the whole thing was about to give way. (I made a mental note to ask my grandkids how they keep those low-rider pants up. I figured it was strategic placement of Velcro, but maybe there was some other secret I didn't know.) I started unbuckling belts and cursing softly.

There was a guy leaning on the tailgate of the truck next to me. "Havin' a bad day, aint ya," he observed. "Well, I am too." I figured if I kept him talking, he wouldn't notice I was having trouble trying to get my spurs off because the buckles were hidden under large flaps of twisted chap leather. I couldn't get the spurs off, and I couldn't pull my legs out of the chaps with boots and spurs on. "Oh? How's that?" I asked him. "Well," he said, "I left my video camera home, so when I try to describe your wardrobe malfunction, nobody'll believe me." Shaking his head, he ambled away. I thought of several things to say to him, any one of which would have gotten my lights punched out. I threw my boots, with spurs still attached, into the truck, followed by the chaps, got in the truck, and drove home in my stocking feet.

Later I went on the Internet and looked up actual photos of real cowboys of the late 1800's. Sure enough, many of them had spurs and chaps. Apparently those old time cowboys knew about spurs and chaps, because the vast majority of those hateful spurs and chaps were hanging on a saddle pommel. And the horses didn't look too happy about it, either. Oh, by the way, I later discovered the hard way that walking across a set of railroad tracks without looking down while wearing spurs cannot be done in the real world. Someday I'd like to see the outtakes from "Red River." ...

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NEW YEARS EVE ... AN AFTERMATH ...

By Arizona Tom, SASS Life #30872, TG

Broken Arrow, SASS #58975, and me, Arizona Tom, SASS #30872, were traveling back from visiting friends. We not only sat around and had a good time celebrating the arrival of the New Year 2007, but had also indulged in something else we love to do-Cowboy Action Shooting TM with our friends and neighbors! The weather had been cold, but not cold enough to stop us from staying outdoors at the range for hours on end. To wind it up on the last day before we all headed back to our homes, we indulged in some long range shooting, and then, after a hearty meal, we all set out to go back to our "other lives." "Broken Arrow" and I were traveling in her rugged off-road vehicle, an Englishbuilt "Landrover" Defender, not in my van as usual, because there had been quite a bit of snow in the higher elevations where we had met with our friends. Using this vehicle in preference to my more comfort-

able van turned out to be a good idea, as roads had not cleared in the area we traveled.

So, back towards our home we went, still dressed up in our "weekend clothes," Broken Arrow in her buckskins and me in my 1880 Infantry uniform.

As we traveled along the highway towards home, the sun broke through the clouds and it turned into a really beautiful day with sunshine glistening on the snow-laden trees and on the frozen surfaces of the fields. As the day had turned out to be so fine, I did not stay on the highway, which would have been the shortest route home, but chose to take to the country roads to see more of this wonderful day and prolong our trip.

This road we finally wound up on is well known to both of us. It also passes directly past the area where I frequently hunt, so it came to us quite naturally that we might just stop off in that hunting area to take a nice walk through the snow-covered landscape and really make this an enjoyable trip. We soon pulled the Landrover off the road and drove about a mile into the wooded area, parked the off-roader off to the side, and got out for our walk. I slid into my Civil War Greatcoat against the cold. Broken Arrow donned some of her furs, and off we went!

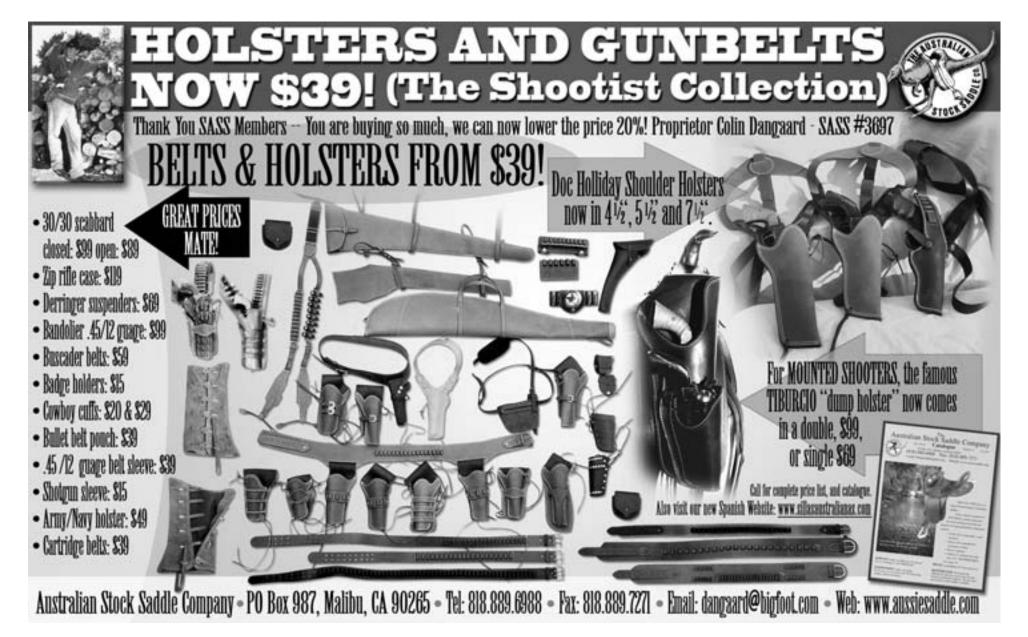
We had gone just about 200 yards when we saw tracks in the snow ... fresh tracks ... without even a word spoken between us, we both simultaneously turned on our heels and headed back to the Landrover. Once there I took my trusty "Gemmer" Sharps out of its leather cover and strapped on my web belt with the row of blackpowder .45-70 cartridges I had worn for our long range shooting. Broken Arrow hesitated for a moment, and then chose her muzzle loading .45 Tryon rifle with the medium range sights, slung

her hunting pouch over one shoulder, glanced at me, shrugged and said, "did you expect me to go naked?" So off we went again – this time hopes high for something else than just shooting for fun!

About 800 yards into the woods there is an elevated stand I like to use when hunting in the summer months because it gives me a better view over the foliage surrounding that area. So we headed in that direction – and saw more fresh tracks in the snow on the ground. Now this was really getting exiting!!

When we reached the stand, I noticed a slight breeze blowing directly away from the stand, so we did not enter it, but headed another 70-80 yards down a small slope towards a small brook that flows through the woods. This brooklet was not quite frozen over, and we could hear the soft tinkling of running water as we made ourselves

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comfortable among some man-sized boulders that are grouped around this little stream as it winds its way through the forest. We took advantage of the rocky shelter from the wind, settled down in a corner where we could still catch a little sunlight, and quieted down for a wait ...

This is one of the aspects I love so when hunting; getting yourself prepared, finding your stand according to the instincts, then getting as comfortable as possible before settling in and letting things go quiet as you prepare for your wait. This is when I love listening to the sounds of nature in the forest, the little sighs of the wind in the branches, scuffling of mice in the undergrowth, the patter of squirrels, and the flickering flight of birds as they flit from tree to tree on their errands. No birds today though, just a squirrel that bounded from one tree to another after we sat for a short time.

Then - sure enough - after almost an hour there is movement between the trees – a doe is moving slowly into our field of view from the right side, pausing to nibble at branches every few steps as she passes dense brush that obscures her for a few moments. As I am on the right side of where we have settled down, she is "mine" – so I slowly take up the heavy weight of my trusty old Sharps, softly set my trigger, and when the doe stands perfectly still about 90 yards away, I pull my triggers and the blackpowder load roars into the stillness. The doe drops in her tracks, and all becomes quiet again.

Boy – what a way to start a new year - and what a way to put a highlight on a wonderful day! Happiness surges through me, as Broken Arrow gives me a hug and is grinning from ear to ear as well. She knows how much I enjoy this!

After letting the woods get quiet again, we walk to where the doe is lying on the ground, get out our Bowie knives, and start to work on our game. As we progress, I suddenly feel Broken Arrow stiffen slightly and stare off to her left. I follow her glance and just a mere 50 yards away stands a young buck. He is seemingly uncertain what to do, as he just stands for a moment and then moves very clumsily for a few steps. Then we see the reason why. He is dragging his right fore leg uselessly over the ground; obviously the limb has been broken or otherwise incapacitated. Broken Arrow and I are still frozen ... not moving an inch.

Now I realize with a rush I have not reloaded my Sharps rifle after that last shot because we had definitely seen my game go down - that is something I usually NEVER let happen. I ALWAYS reload immediately - but today I had truly forgotten to do so. DARN IT. While I am still thinking about this and cussing myself, Broken Arrow slowly and smoothly reaches for her .45 Tryon, and I realize this is going to be ok ... she had loaded her gun with a good load of 55 grains GOEX fffg, the same she uses for long range, and had set a 400 grain Minie bullet on top of that charge while we were sitting and waiting in the rocks.

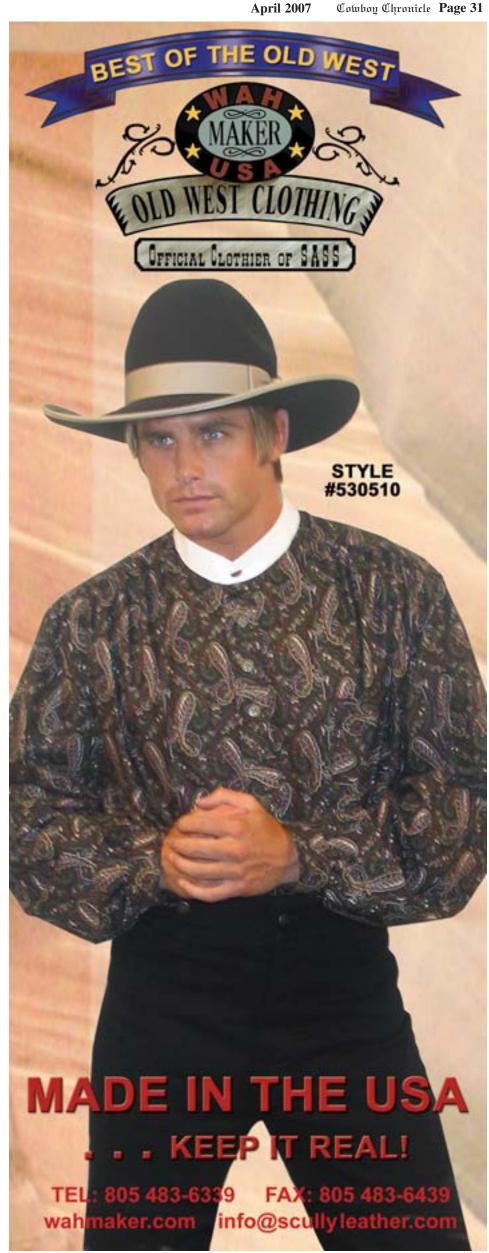
She now settles down on one knee, steadies herself against my side, slowly raises the muzzleloader, and carefully draws a bead on that wounded buck. Just as he raises his head in a perfect stance, she touches off the Tryon and in a blaze of smoke and fire the heavy bullet races towards the buck, and takes him down with a perfect shot to the heart. As soon as Broken Arrow touched off her gun, I jacked a fresh round into my Sharps – just in case, but it was not needed. She did a perfect job with that muzzleloader she is so fond of. (And I know deep in my heart I have not heard the last of this for a long time.)

So, now we had more work to put our hunting knives to, and after another hour passed, I hiked back to where we left the Landrover and maneuvered it through the woods as far as I could to get as close to our game as possible. That off-roader made in Great Britain with its powerful six-cylinder diesel engine is great for that job. It is not really comfortable to travel long distances in, but it is one of the few true fourwheel drives left that does not compromise by slacking ability to travel really rough terrain. Permanent four-wheel drive in combination with the ability to lock both axles for maximum traction pretty much gets you anywhere you want to go.

After loading up and washing our hands in the ice cold waters of the stream, we then happily continued our journey home, not only with VERY high spirits, but also with a good load of venison for the freezer!

As we headed out of the woods we met a group of hunters heading in, so we stopped for a chat and to pass the time of day. While doing so, one of them casually tells us they have been called out to track down a deer that had been hit the night before by a car on the nearby road. We grin at him, take him over to our truck, and show him the contents of our loading space in the rear.

And I regret deeply we did not remember to take at least one of the cameras we had with us out of the truck until the next day, when I found them sitting in their bags on the back seat while I was cleaning the rest of the gunk from our adventure out of the vehicle. Nonetheless - the pictures of that day will live in my memory for a long time to come! .





WINNING WITH WISDOM AND TREACHERY

By Matt Duncan, SASS #23189

Awhile back I wrote a bit about how youth had speed and agility in their favor while my generation had wisdom and treachery. Now I want to warn you young pups not to try to the wisdom and treachery angle on us.

Even with what we've forgotten and throw in Alzheimer's, us old geezers have enough wisdom left to stay way ahead of you pups. Even when you get 10 or 20 years of life's experience under your belt, remember we've added the same in our wisdom bank.

I remember when Morticai McCool, SASS #23190, was diapered and trying out his walking legs. He stopped right there in the middle of the kitchen, starting straining, and his face turned beat red. You young



Morticai McCool, SASS #23190, and dad, Matt Duncan, SASS #23189, enjoy friendly, familial rivalry when participating in Cowboy Action matches.

pups would rush over and pick him up to see what is wrong. Us old geezers would tell Morticai to go give mommy a hug and then we'd head for the garage. This is wisdom (think about it for a day or two, or do I need to spell it out for you?).

Then there's the '73 I bought for Morticai so he didn't have to share my '66 at matches. The '73 was the fancy border model, short barrel with extra engraving on the forearm and stock. Some would say it was treachery, but with my advanced age I "forgot" to tell Morticai I had also dropped a short stroke kit in my '66.

But, I'm getting away from the story.

Morticai has been way out East for schooling and has missed the SASS matches for the last four months or so. But, he was home for January's match with Cutter's Raiders at Paradise Pass (http://home.earthlink.net/~rhelser/). We have a small target range setup in the back forty (feet), and he even practiced the night before!

Saturday we loaded up Gray and headed for Paradise Pass. I even registered as Traditional instead of 49er at Morticai's insistence.

First two stages I'm leaving him in the dust. For some strange reason his one pistol isn't firing the last round, costing time and misses. I'm 13 rank points ahead of him.

Third stage I swap my pistol for his "malfunctioning" pistol. Neither of us have any pistol problems on stage 3. And he's a gaining ground

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WINNING WITH WISDOM AND TREACHERY . . .

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Stage Four. A third pistol is to be staged in a wood box with hasp. Morticai stages the pistol for me while I'm staging the shotgun. "Shooter ready?" "Nope," say I. I reach over and flick the brass round that somehow got wedged into the hasp locking my third gun in the box. Good try, Morticai. Wonder why I didn't think about doing that? Morticai is only 7 rank points behind.

Stage Five. I pick up the rifle and sight in on the first Yankee (steel target). Lever will not move! Safety was on! I twist the safety off and proceed to drop Yankees left and right. Couple Yankees snuck up close, so as I ran into the backroom for my SxS I bounced a shotgun cartridge off Morticai's chest to wake him up.

Mortical finishes the match with 81 rank points to my 75.



HATE CRIME IS THOUGHT CRIME . . .

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there is no limitation as to what can be considered unacceptable. The ability to adjudicate and prosecute thought could very well lead to suppression of all free thought that doesn't comply with the politically correct as determined by those in power at the time. This, then, is clearly a form of that tyranny over the mind referenced by Jefferson.

What is to stop those in power from escalating and corrupting this further? What prevents government from expanding the law to include conspiracy to commit a hate crime? Conspiracy to commit hate possibly defined as hate speech, hate talk radio (attacked under the "Fairness Doctrine"), hate rallies, hate looks, hate insinuations, hate gestures, hate mail, hate pamphlets, hateful political ads, and demonstrations using 'hateful and mean-spirited signs' ... such as "Down with Politicians." Definitions will be liberally defined after the conspiracy statutes are on the books, and it then becomes possible to put down, control, and restrict opposing thoughts, ideas, and speech under a banner of upholding the law through the classification of such activity as hate crimes.

This is dangerous incrementalism at its worst and extreme in its consequence, but is exactly where it leads. Government officials have been seeking to expand that power from the beginning by adding categories to the growing list of those covered under hate crime statutes ...

"President Clinton brought together law enforcement experts, community leaders, and hate crime victims to highlight the need for every American to get involved in eradicating the cycle of prejudice and violence ... But, we want to do more. The Justice Department has jurisdiction over federal hate crimes based upon race, color, religion, and national origin. But the federal hates crime statutes do not permit us to investigate or prosecute most offenses motivated by a victim's disability, their gender, or their sexual orientation." U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, January 1998 (http://www.usdoj.gov/ opa/pr/1998/January/004.ag.html)

Conspiracy to commit hate crime is the next step as I see it and the follow-on restriction and probable elimination of free thought and its child—free speech—all legally done under the law! Remember this:

"Those who suppress freedom always do so in the name of law and order." John Lindsay

When man loses his freedom of thought, he has no freedom left. The mind of man is the ultimate vestige of independence. A former Justice of the Supreme Court warned of this several years ago when he said:

"Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us." Justice William O. Douglas

To my way of thinking, this *Hate* Crime bilge is nothing but the planting of a dangerous seed that will grow into a freedom-strangling vine—it's a crime of historic proportions. The power and desire to prosecute thought is a crime against humanity for it criminalizes one of the greatest God-given gifts of all to mankind—his independent intellect. The eventual offense committed by government in exerting jurisdiction over free thinking men through the use of hate crime legislation as its genesis is the tyranny of which Jefferson spoke and a much worse transgression against free people everywhere than any individual crime ever committed—regardless of the hate involved.

Just the view from my saddle... Contact Colonel Dan at coloneldan@bellsouth.net 🌲





Doc Peabody, SASS Life #7722

 \mathbf{M} y grandkids came up to Idaho from California for a two-week visit. It just so happened the Idaho State SASS Cowboy Action ShootingTM Championship was being held at the same time.

We thought it would be fun to see if we could teach them enough about gun safety in two days to be safe enough to enter them in the match. My 14 year-old granddaughter had never shot a gun. My grandson had shot about 30

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SHOOTING THE IDAHO CHAMPIONSHIP WITH MY GRANDKIDS

By Doc Peabody, Painless Dentist & Proctologist, SASS Life #7722



Junior Top Gun won by Rita Book, SASS #72435.

rounds in a .22, the previous summer. We had work to do.

First, we went to the range and had them shoot a .22 single-shot rifle. They quickly mastered that, so we moved



Doc Peabody and his Grandson, Mini Peabody, SASS #72434.

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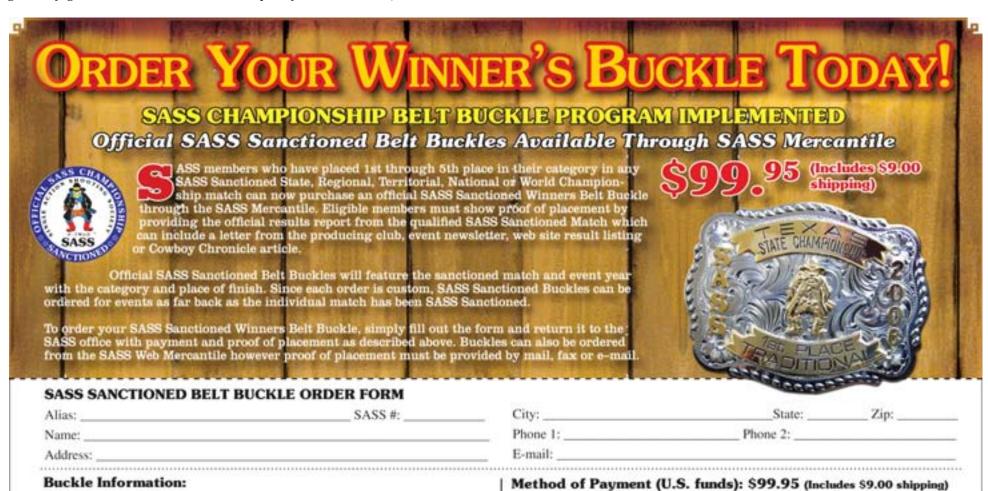
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them up to lever-action rifles, singleaction pistols, and 12 gauge pump shotguns. Once we were sure they would be safe during the match, we signed them up for the match and with SASS. They each had to choose an alias. Last year when my daughter shot a local match, (Continued on next page)



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she called herself Split Pea-body, (a chip off the old block). They wanted to have similar names. My grandson chose Mini Peabody, SASS #72435, and surprisingly enough, that was available. My grand-daughter wanted "Sweet Peabody," but that was already taken so she went a different direction and chose the alias Rita Book (Read a Book), SASS #72435.

The Idaho State SASS Championship match was very well organized, as usual, and a heck of a lot of fun. I highly recommend it. It consisted of 12 stages, six on each day. Total rounds were about 120 pistol, 120 rifle, and 50 shotgun. We asked to be on Wogg's posse. He was the 3rd place END of TRAIL Traditional winner. He and John Bear were excellent posse marshals, and they were very helpful with the Junior shooters.

Note to self: Don't use cheap ammo in a match. On the first day Mini Me didn't do as well as he could, and I must take part of the blame. He is a Buckaroo and was shooting .22's. I bought a big brick of .22 ammo ... 500 rounds for about \$10. I didn't realize there was going to be a large percentage of duds. I bought more expensive ammo for the second day, and he didn't have any duds. He had a total of nine misses, but at least five of them were due to cheap ammo. My granddaughter was shooting .38's and only had five misses.

When the gunsmoke cleared, Rita Book had won 3rd place in the Junior Girls category and Mini Peabody had won 2nd place Buckaroo. Not bad for about four actual hours of instruction and practice.

(DISCLAIMER: I'm not a professional shooting instructor. Please don't think *any* untrained junior shooter can be taught safe gun handling in the same amount of time. Every child is different. Some are just plain gifted ... I'm looking at you, Holy Terror.)

Hanna Oakley, SASS Life #7723, won 3rd place Ladies Modern.

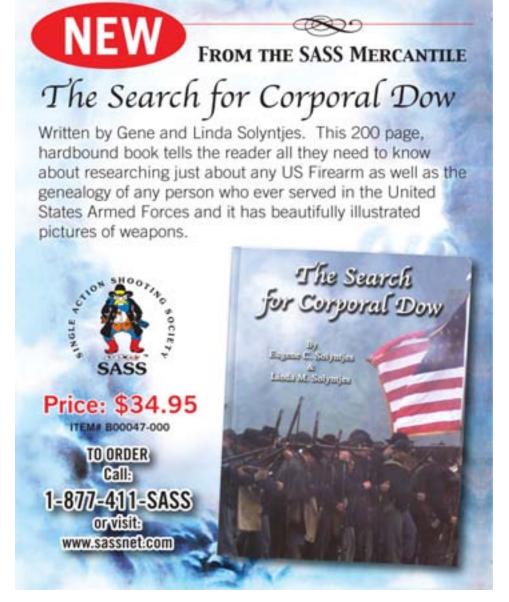
Me? ... Well, let's just say I need more practice!

Sunday was the man-on-man Top Gun Shootout. The kids weren't sure they wanted to enter because of the pressure of shooting in front of so many people, but they finally decided to give it a try. Mini Peabody worked his way through the eliminations and was finally eliminated in the last round.

Rita Book won the Junior Girls Top Gun and then shot against the Junior Boys champion. It was a very exciting match-up. They were running almost shot-for-shot until the final target. He hit it a split second before she did, but she was shooting heavier loads and knocked it down first. She is the Idaho State Junior Top Gun Champion!

Just for fun, they had Rita shoot against the Men's Top Gun winner, Shalako Tucker. The dilemma was how to make it fair and exciting. They decided to run it the same way, but with Rita shooting half the targets. It must have been the right decision because this match also came right down to the wire, but they both missed one target.

Bottom line is my grandkids had a great time with their first shooting experience in SASS. They both want to come back next year and shoot the Idaho State Championship again!







Grey Fox, SASS Life Regulator #223, & Miss Mary Spencer, **SASS Life #55147**

Just put down my January 2007 Just put down in, see Cowboy Chronicle, one of two publications I read cover-to-cover, advertisements and all. The other is True West Magazine. I guess that is why I am a SASS Life Member and a Charter member of True West Maniacs.

One of the articles I thoroughly enjoyed was Lucky Bill's "Hell Freezes Over." The Colters Hell Justice (Continued on next page)

LUCKY BILL, FREEGRAZERS, AND BANNOCK

By Grey Fox, SASS Life Regulator #223, & Miss Mary Spencer, SASS Life #55147



Once the dough has been prepared, all sorts of things can be added for variety.



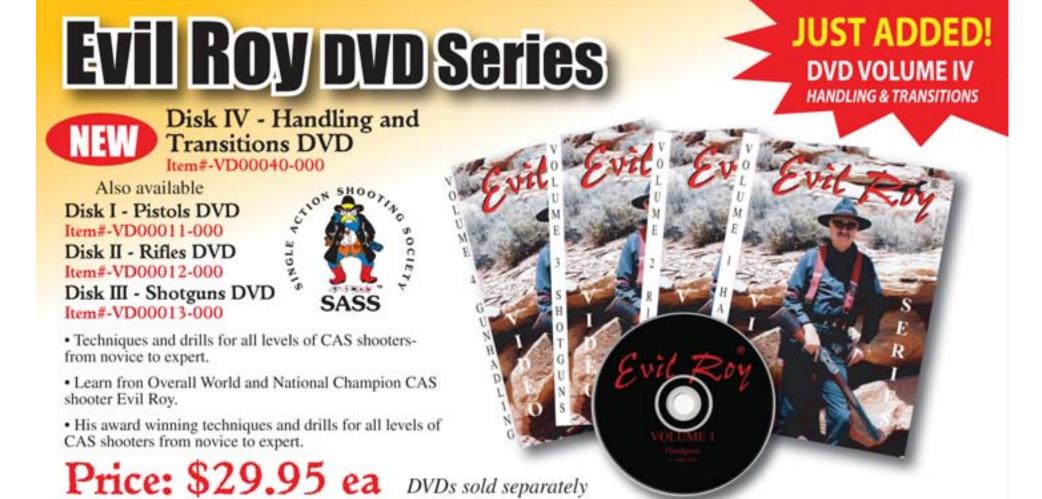
Pinch the dough closed and bake for half an hour at 375 degrees F.



Miss Mary Spencer pulls the Dutch oven containing Bannock cinnamon rolls from the fire, ready for a tasty treat.



If you have some butter and brown sugar, melt a couple of tablespoons each, add a little vanilla and drizzle over the cinnamon buns when fresh out of the oven or off the rack. MMMMM delicious!



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Committee's Freegrazer events are fun shooting. I'da been there, too, except Tex and Ellsworth made Miss Spencer and me go to Alaska! Actually Lucky Bill's article precedes mine, "The Battle of the Old Stone Barn," also a Freegrazer adventure.

However, I must call Lucky Bill to task about his spelling of BANNOCK (he spelled it BANNACK), totally incorrect! My ancient Webster's Dictionary lists the word as BANNOCK – a cake made of oatmeal or barley meal, popular in Scotland and Northern England!

Bannock was a staple of the frontier, brought here by the Hudson's Bay men. The food was adopted by the Metis and Frontiersmen.

Miss Mary Spencer (A Scots metis) and I eat Bannock almost daily. It is a very versatile bread product, easily made and very tasty. The simplest form is oatmeal and water. Then you may add salt, baking powder, shortening, milk, eggs, fruit, berries, and nuts. Our recipe consists of 3 cups whole-wheat flour (oatmeal or any flour will do), 1 TSP salt, 1 tablespoon sugar, 2 tablespoons baking powder, 1-1/2 cups cold

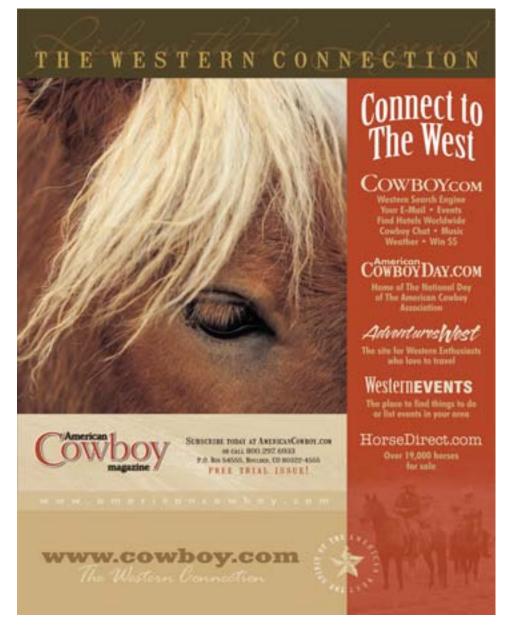
water. Mix dry ingredients, add water, mix, knead 5 to 8 minutes, roll into a ball, flatten to about 1-1/2 inches thick, put in a Dutch oven, bake at 375 degrees F., for about 30 minutes. Voila, tasty bread.

On the trail, in camp, or at home Bannock can be baked into cinnamon buns with blueberries, raisins, apple, pecans, Saskatoons, cranberries, or most any firm fruit or berries. You can bake it on a stick, cookie sheet, bread tin, on a rock, or in a Dutch oven.

To make cinnamon buns, use the preceding mix, after kneading roll out to approximately 3/8 to one inch thick. Coat with raw (brown) sugar and cinnamon, add your nuts, berries, or fruit, roll up, pinch shut, cut into one to two inch lengths, put in a Dutch oven, or any of the aforementioned devices, and bake for approximately 30 minutes at 375 degrees F until done. If you have some butter and brown sugar, melt a couple of tablespoons each, add a little vanilla and drizzle over cinnamon buns when fresh out of the oven or off the rack. MMMMM delicious!

At some future date I can enlighten SASS shooters on "Spotted Dick." Stay tuned. .

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One Man with Courage Makes a Majority

Today is supposed to be Wells Fargo Express Agent Jeff Milton's day off. But someone telegraphed in sick, so he is working the run from Nogales, Arizona, to Benson.

At dusk, when the train glides into the small station in Fairbank along the San Pedro River Valley, Jeff opens the express door to unload the packages bound for Tombstone and the surrounding area. As Jeff hands down the designated goods to the station agent, a cowboy on the platform yells out for Jeff to put up his hands.

"What's going on here?" Jeff asks

"Just a bunch of drunk cowboys having a joke, I guess," the agent replies.

"That kind of joke is liable to get somebody killed," says Jeff, as he continues unloading packages.

Five cowboys, who are using passengers on the platform as shields, show their weapons. One of them yells, "Throw up your hands and come out o' there!" With the command comes a rifle shot; the slug takes off Milton's hat.

Reaching behind the door of the express car, Milton appears with a sawed-off shotgun and barks back, "If there's anything here you want, come and get it." He quickly sizes up the situation, though, realizing he can't return fire with the shotgun without hitting innocent people. Unfortunately, his pistol is on his desk, inside the car.

The five cowboys, still hiding behind passengers, open fire with high-powered rifles. The volley of shots from the outlaws shreds Milton's shirt as several shots strike his left arm between the elbow and shoulder, spinning him around and knocking him flat.

Thinking they have killed Milton, or at least knocked him out of the fight, the outlaws jump up into the doorway of the railroad car. Milton raises the shotgun with one hand and lets loose, hitting Jack Dunlap with pellets while another ball zings past Dunlap and hits Bravo Juan Yoas in the seat of his pants.

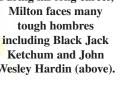
By Bob Boze Bell, SASS #50,000

The outlaws have good reason to fear Jeff Milton (left) and his resolve. Three-Fingered-Jack Dunlap finds out the hard way (right) when he gets three fingers full of buckshot in the gut.



During his long career, Milton faces many tough hombres including Black Jack **Ketchum and John** Wesley Hardin (above).

Deputy Frank Stilwell (right) tries to outsmart Milton with a clever ruse to get the Wells Fargo agent to show his mining claims to a bogus investor, but his plan fails when another agent gets sick and Milton stays on the job.



The clever ruse has failed, and Milton will live on to chase even more bad men—whether they're lawless lawmen or the average outlaw element. .



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"Look out for the son of a bitch, he's shooting to kill," yells Dunlap, as he falls.

Milton's wound is serious (a slug has cut an artery). Faint from the loss of blood, Milton still has the presence of mind to kick the door shut and, at the same time, remove the keys to the safe from his pocket, flinging them into a pile of packages at the opposite end of the car. Cramming his wounded arm into the handle of a trunk, he rips the sleeve of his shirt at the cuff, tearing it to the shoulder, then twists his homemade tourniquet around his arm to stop the flow of blood spurting in his

face. Before finishing, he passes out, landing in between the two trunks.

Outside, the outlaws circle the car and shoot round after round into it to ensure the death of Milton. After threatening the life of the engineer and using his body as a shield, the robbers climb into the car. One outlaw is about to shoot Milton, but the engineer stops him by pleading, "The man's dead now." The men search frantically for the keys but can't find them. In desperation, they round up Dunlap and gallop off into the night with \$40 in change.



THE CROSS

By Cree Vicar Dave, SASS Life # 49907 TG Michigan

For over two thousand years the cross has been a symbol of Christianity. When the explorers came to discover America, they marched under the shadow of the Cross. The United States of America was conceived by men well versed in the Bible. And early schools, universities, and hospitals were established under the name of the One who made atonement for all mankind on Mt Calvary. Our Lord said to all who would listen in Mark 8:34, "... If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." People around the world wear the cross to express outwardly the change that occurs inwardly by faith.

A while ago I received a cross made from horseshoe nails wrapped in thread from a member of our church. I exchanged the plain leather necklace with a black braided thread one adorned with beads. Since then I have made a few others using various color thread to go with different outfits. They are relatively easy and inexpensive to make.

Materials needed per cross

- 4 Horse shoe nails (1.88" long)
- 4 1/4" OD rings, silver color (use rings that will break away when pulled on)
- 1 Tube Krazy Glue
- 60" Black waxed linen heavy thread 50" Button thread (color optional)
- 1 Silver colored clasp

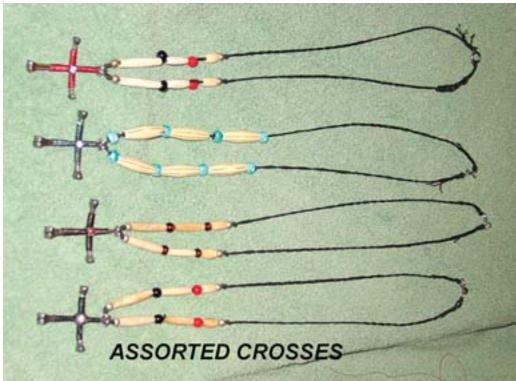
Assorted beads

Clear finger nail polish

Assembly

Take two horseshoe nails, measure from the end of the head 1-5/16" and make a 90° bend so the tip of the nails are pointing away from the wide flat side of each nail. Place these two nails together with flat wide sides in line and touching each other. This forms the bottom of the cross from bend to heads. Use a little glue to hold in place.

Take two horseshoe nails, measure from the head 13/16" and make a 90° bend so the tip of the nails are pointing away from the wide flat side of each nail. Then, form each tip of



these two nails around a ring, bending the tip back toward the nail head. Place these two nails together with the flat wide side inline and touching each other from bend to tip with rings installed. Use a little glue to hold in place. This forms the top of the cross.

Then, align top to bottom and glue in place. Next, take desired color

button thread and starting at top of cross, a little below the rings, wrap thread in close together loops down to the center of opening. Deciding which side you want for the back of the cross, loop to one arm, and continue wrapping thread. When you get to around 1/4" from the end of the nail head, wrap back over to the center opening. Then, wrap down the bottom of cross to about 3/8" of the end, and wrap back over to center again. Repeat on other arm; then wrap back up to starting points and tie off.

Next, decide how long you want the neck string to be. Cut three strands around four inches longer than necessary and align even. Pass thread through the two rings in the top of cross until even on both sides. Tie a knot on each side of the rings. Place beads on string as desired. Tie knot at end of bead rows. Braid remaining threads on each end of beads loosely. Affix clasp on one ring and clasp to other ring. Tie end of one braided string to one ring, and the other to second ring. Use rings that will break away when tugged on. This is for safety. If the apparatus becomes entangled, it

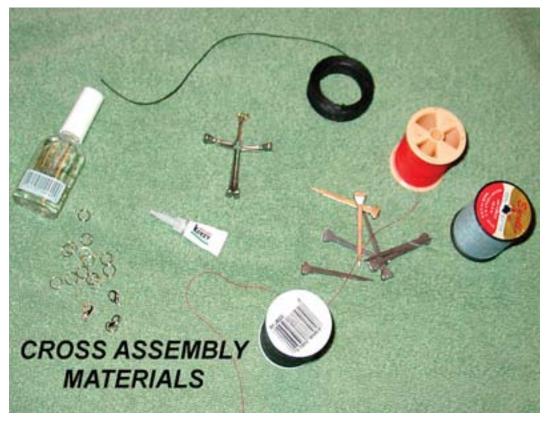


By Cree Vicar Dave. **SASS Life #49907** Territorial Governor, Michigan

will break away.

Next apply a liberal coat of clear finger nail polish. Allow to dry, and it's ready as is. You may want to add embellishments. I put a stone in the center of the cross opening. You can find small inexpensive pierced earrings the proper size and glue in place. Be careful not to get glue on the top of the gem and set with small needle nose, etc. I gave the cross another coat of clear finger nail polish. You can use plastic beads or you can use glass beads and real hair bone. You can find many supplies at Wal-Mart, Fire Mountain, etc. As in all projects, be sure to follow all safety requirements.

Have a great Easter season and remember to take up your cross. A





Swift Montana Smith, SASS #52720

During wintertime in the northeastern part of this great country of ours, Cowboy Action Shooters ready themselves for the up and coming shooting season. As I sit in my cabin and put pen to paper, the temperature outside is a balmy seventeen degrees. (Last night it dropped down to five degrees with a wind chill of minus ten!) So much

THE BADGE

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for global warming! Our winter started out rather mild with temps in December reaching seventy degrees. We all thought we were in for a nice warm winter but nature has a way of coming up behind you, when you least expect it, and cuffing you right in the back of the head. Okay, well maybe this cold will kill off some of the bugs and other varmints that plague us all summer long.

The nice thing about it being so cold outside is you don't feel guilty about sitting inside. When the weather's nice and I'm cleaning my guns or making bullets, or perusing a catalog to see what I can't live without, my wife is usually asking me, "When are you going to cut that wheat field outside that use to be our front lawn?"

I always answer back, "Oh don't

worry, that grass ain't goin' nowhere. Anyway, you know I don't like to rush into anything ... might be a sudden shortage of wheat, then all we gotta do is walk right out the front door and voila, we'll have our own grain. Kids need bread for PB&J sandwiches you know!"

"Umm, yeah sure ..." she answers back like she's just eaten a bad grape.

Last evening, as I sat in front of the fireplace trying to chase away the winter cold and warm my bones, I decided to polish my Single Action Shooting Society badge and make it all nice and pretty, so when the sun was out, it would really shine. I held it in my hand and wondered why a piece of chrome plated stamped metal could mean so much to me, and I got to thinkin' about badges in general. I wondered at who was the first one to create a badge, and then wear it. Surely it had to be a long, long time ago. I could see one of our long distant ancestors, fresh from coming down a tree, picking up some muddy grass, and slapping it on his chest.

"Oog a moog moog!" he would say, pointing to the now dried muddy thing stuck to his chest, which translated meant, "See this thing here? That means I'm someone special; so listen to me!"

Soon it became a sign of leadership and anyone who was in charge had to go to that special place and get the special muddy grass and slap it on their chest. But after a while, it became awful inconvenient to keep going back to that same place and during the dry spells, the mud was very hard to find.

By then, man had discovered copper. Little did we know how that material would change our lives, sometimes for the better, and sometimes for the worse. We found out that if we hit this metal with a heavy object, like a large rock, we could flatten it out and shape it. It only took a short while before *Oog* a mooga shaped the thing into a sign of leadership and wore it on his finger. But like every popular fashion statement, everybody's got to have one, and soon all the Moogs had rings and that kinda put the kibosh on the ring as a symbol of authority.

One day, probably while sitting

around the campfire enjoying a nice big roasted hunk of giant armadillo meat, Oog's ring fell off and landed in the fire. As he watched it melt, he realized that maybe if he gathered up all the little pieces of copper he found, and put them in the fire, he could melt them all together to have enough to make one large ring, and so the crown was born!

The crown worked pretty good, too, for awhile because you couldn't miss seeing it smack dab on top of someone's head, but after all the jewels had been added to the thing to pretty it up and make it sparkle, it became so darn heavy our leaders started suffering from neck problems. Having no good masseuses or Ibuprofen in those days, they decided that maybe it was time for something smaller again. Hence, the badge was born.

The nice thing about a badge is, when you're at home sitting around the dinner table enjoying a nice piece of normal sized roasted armadillo, you can take it off and put it in the cookie jar so it doesn't get lost. When you're ready to hit the town, you put it back on and sure enough, as you walk down the street, everybody sees that badge, and they know that the person wearing it is someone special.

By the 19th century the Industrial Revolution was in full swing, producing mass quantities of goods and services. During the Victorian era, style was just as important as functionality so things not only had to work, but they had to look good, too.

It's a good thing badges got a little fancier as well because I just can't imagine Wyatt Earp commanding the same amount of respect from just wearing a clump of muddy grass dried to his shirt!

So that's a very brief history of how our badges came to be, but what do they really mean after all?

The badge is so important to us in our society that if someone shows you one, you want to believe and trust them right away because for the past two hundred years, all the people wearing badges swore an oath to Truth, Justice, and the American Way, which at this point, the latter of the three is becoming a

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little ambiguous and fuzzy around the edges.

In the 1800's, all a man had to do was show his badge and outlaws started to worry. Women respected any man with a badge and knew darn well that she was safe with that man, day or night, and would be protected no matter what the circumstance.

Not only did law officers wear badges, as they still do today, but so did detective agencies like the Pinkerton's. Train conductors had badges, because it showed everyone this was the man who was in charge of that particular train. Even the Pony Express riders wore a badge so other people who saw it knew who they were and why they didn't have time to stop for tea and biscuits. And anyone who has ever been in the Boy Scouts can attest to how important a merit badge is, and if you get enough of them, you become an Eagle! Even the Great Seal of the United States of America is a badge of sorts. The President doesn't walk around wearing it everyday, but if you look at anything he is transported in, it has that seal on it and it's telling everyone, "Hey, I'm the big cheese, so look out!"

The badge has always stood for something important. As soon as a kid puts on a Sheriff's badge from the 19th century, even a plastic one, he or she immediately puffs out their chest and feels like someone special. They'll walk a little different and even talk with a little more authority, like the Cowardly Lion in L. Frank Baum's "Wizard of Oz," all he needed was a badge for his whole demeanor to change.

If you walk into a room filled with people you usually just get an offhanded glance from everybody, but put on a badge and walk into the same room and people will not only stare at you, they'll also want to know you and ask who you are and why you're important enough to wear a badge. I believe the same thing goes for the SASS badge we all wear today. You can go anywhere in the world and if you see someone wearing a SASS badge, you know right away this is someone you can talk to and trust. It's all part of the Cowboy Way.

I've never met anyone I couldn't trust at any Cowboy Action ShootingTM event. I never saw a vendor worry about their wares; as a matter-of-fact, it's just the exact opposite of worry I've seen. Most vendors hardly pay attention to who is looking at their merchandise because they know no one would dare take anything without paying for it. Many merchants will simply set out a box or coffee can with a sign that reads, "Off to shoot, if you see anything you like, take it and put the money in the coffee can ... Thanks!" I'll bet you couldn't do that at a rap concert!

When you wear a SASS badge, you are not only telling everyone what your favorite sport is, you're also saying you are committed to the Cowboy Way even if it's only to wear a cowboy hat on occasion. You are also representing all the rest of us that are involved in this sport and way of life. You have over seventy five thousand brothers and sisters that also wear that badge with pride, and every day the number increases.

Maybe it's just me, and maybe I'm reading things into what really isn't there, but I'm sure I see a resurgence of interest in the Wild West and Cowboy accourrements in general, and although there are a lot of people who would like to take this thing away from us and see it die, there are thousands more that will make an effort to maintain it and see that it lives on forever! The numbers prove it!

As I finished polishing my SASS badge, I reached for the special leather holder I bought to display it in and with tender loving care, mounted the badge in its place, and

secured the pin in back. I thought about how important this one singular badge was and the history behind it. I shifted in my chair and straightened my back, feeling proud to have the privilege and honor to wear it.

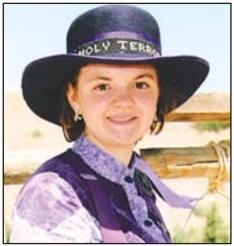
I'm anxious to begin another fun filled year of Cowboy Action ShootingTM, and I'm looking forward to all the events, big and small, where I will get to see all my friends I have so much in common with and enjoy their company until another spin around the sun puts us back into the cold, and we find ourselves huddling in our houses again hiding from old man winter. §.





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Holy Terror, SASS #15362

There are lots of things about SASS matches you should know if you are new to SASS or if you are thinking of getting someone new started in Cowboy Action ShootingTM.

There are four things you can do that will help you get started if you are a new shooter worried about attending your first match.

First, go to a local monthly match in your area. If you have already been to a monthly match, you are way ahead of the game. I

WOMEN, GUNS, AND GEAR Match Attractions

By Holy Terror, SASS #15362

suggest attending one or more local matches before attending a big annual match. The monthly match helps you get started because it is smaller and less intimidating. Most people will be relaxed, and there should be plenty of time to help you get through the stages. You don't have to worry about being slow or becoming confused. You should attend a monthly match a couple of times so you get used to the rhythm of how a match flows, and you can learn to work with your posse. It is not a good idea to go to a large match not knowing what is going on because it can be intimidating.

However, no matter what size match you attend, your shooting ability does not have to be a factor. You can attend any size match at any ability level as long as you have reasonable expectations and are safe. A novice shooter will not win a world championship his first time out, but he or she can still have fun. I suggest monthly matches as a starting point only so you have some match experience that will help with safety and enjoyment.

Second, attend a Range Officers Training Course. These are usually available before most annual matches, and they can really help transition a new shooter to an old hand. An RO course teaches you all the safety procedures as well as the SASS rules. If you know the rules, it is easier for you to participate. The course also covers the correct ways

to work with your posse, so that you know how to count, score, and time.

The third thing you can do to help transition your move from greenhorn to seasoned veteran is to be honest and to relax. You should be honest with your posse. At the beginning of a match, posse marshals usually ask about new shooters. Don't be afraid to speak up. They aren't asking to set you apart; they are asking so they can help you through your first match and make it more enjoyable. Relax and have fun. If you are so worried and nervous that you don't have any fun, then it was a waste of time and money for you to come. Above all, you should enjoy shooting, even if it is your first time.

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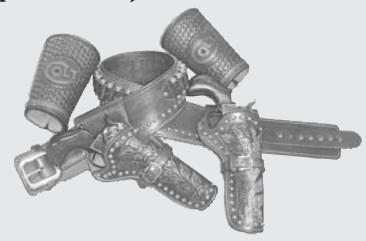
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Fourth is listening. SASS members have a reputation for being really nice and friendly. Therefore, don't let it upset you if people come up and offer advice. They are not trying to tell you what to do. They remember what is was like being "new" and want to help you as much as possible. So, don't be afraid to listen to others, as they are just trying to be friendly.

If you are starting someone new, there are some great incentives offered by attending bigger matches. Bringing someone with you to a large match offers them the chance to see what is really happening. You can try all you want, but it is hard to tell someone what Cowboy Action ShootingTM is really like. When you bring them to a match, they can see the action for themselves. This gives them a chance to see the shooting, the clothes, and to meet the people involved. It is a great way to show them what is going on and what fun they are missing by not attending.

Another great thing about large matches is the activities for nonshooters. I have had numerous people ask me how to get their spouses or kids, or even grandkids, involved. Sometimes you can just bring them to a local match. However, don't be discouraged if they don't want to start shooting after a local match.

Many larger SASS matches have

non-shooter entertainment and activities allowing shooters to bring their non-shooting spouses or families along to enjoy the experience together. I know many couples where the spouse simply is not interested in shooting, but he or she will come along either to help out the posse, hang out with all the people, or come just to dress up. Some may come to shop and visit the city where the match is being held. That way even if the non-shooter doesn't enjoy the shooting, they still get to spend time together as a couple or family.

The second great thing about bigger matches all women love is the

shopping available. Every woman loves to go shopping, and the more stores available, the easier it is to work one's shopping mojo. matches have a larger selection of vendors as well as a better chance for the vendors to prosper through selling their wares. It is our duty as shooters to support all our hard working vendors. The shopping pleasure is just a plus.

Also, the vendors at large matches are tailored not only to shooters, but also to people in general. There is often art, jewelry, furniture, and clothing for sale, as well as other items interesting to everyone, not just shooters.

There is also great entertainment available at the larger shooting matches. There is usually a band with dancing available. There are sometimes Old West historians, quick draw or gun spinners, singers, or even a gambler/magician that puts on a good show.

The latest craze many people enjoy is a casino night. The match puts together tables of craps, poker, and roulette where participants gamble for play money used to buy raffle tickets at the end of the night. The match raffles guns or other items to the ticket holders. It is a fun time for people of all ages.

If you are a new shooter, or looking to start a new shooter, or if you are looking for ways to entertain your spouse or family, there are lots of great activities offered by matches. SASS matches offer not only great shooting, but excellent entertainment as well.

If you have questions about this article, or if you have an idea or product you think should be brought to the attention of women shooters, or anyone else, please email me at holyterror15362@hotmail.com. ...

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WAX BULLETS - A NEW IDEA?

By Bob Crismon, SASS #48245

The 2006 Indoor Wax Cham-**■** pionship in Las Vegas prompted a number of SASS shooters to ask the same question. Some skeptics suggested this "new idea" is just a fad that will pass. One comment was wax will just provide the anti-gun folks another example how lead bullets are passé. To find the answer I posed the question on the Internet. Below are some interesting excerpts. All came from reloading forums. none from the SASS Wire.

"I have an old box of CCI wax bullets for. 45 caliber. The instructions say the Red Jet bullets are made with an exclusive process using plastic and a highly developed wax base. It goes on to say they are shot with just primers and are reusable up to 15 times when shot into a special bullet trap that you can make out of a cardboard box. It even has directions how to make the bullet trap. Wax bullet shooting became a neat indoor practice activity for me during the winter months." (Author: In the late fifties Red Jet bullets were also manufactured and sold by Colt.)

In the past you could buy plastic cases and bullets that were reusable over and over. I have about 75 that I've been using for years. They are made by Winchester. In his book 'No Second Place Winner' the late Bill Jordan provided excellent instructions on how to make and load wax bullets. Mr. Jordan used tens of thousands of wax bullets in his travels doing shooting exhibitions for the NRA." (Author: It appears wax bullets were shot in Winchester rifles way back then.)

"The Los Angeles Police Department had a computerized shooting theater that used wax bullets shot at a screen 15 feet high and 30 feet wide. I sold them a Star Machine to reload the wax bullets. Speer sold them primer powered plastic cases and bullets. Speer also made

Target .45 wax bullets to use in brass cases. As a Law Enforcement Officer I used them in fast draw practice for strengthening my arm, sight picture, and trigger squeeze practice. Back in 1971 at the indoor academy we shot Red Jet wax .38 bullets using our issue 4-inch M10 S&W revolvers." (Author: A number of law enforcement and military people reported using wax bullets for training.)

OK, we have testimonials that wax bullets have been around for more than thirty years – even further back used in rifles if the Bill Jordan comment is fact. As far as we can tell, the first single cartridge used in both pistol and rifle was just introduced in Las Vegas. I found no web mention of shotgun use of wax bullets, so that's another SASS/Vegas/Ten-X first.

My first wax bullet experience was when a younger brother came home on US Navy leave in 1956. While showing him my newfound

toy - wax bullets - I cautioned him to be careful. He said, "Bull!" and then purposely shot me in the foot!

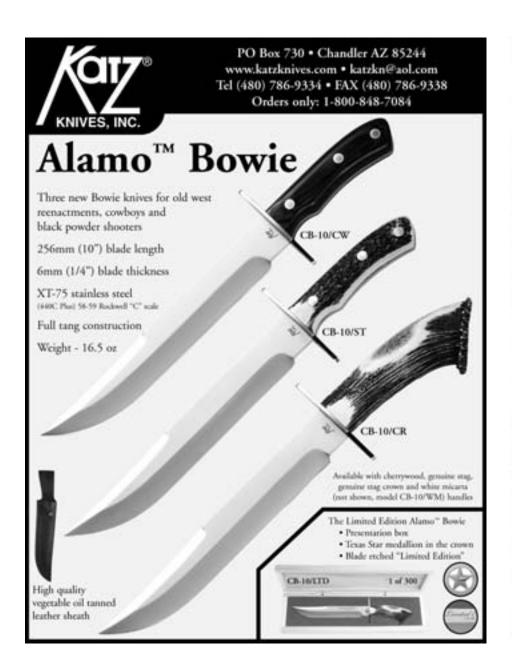
In 1957 a Denver local TV show asked me to put on an afternoon live fast draw demonstration. I had been experimenting with Teflon solid tubing cut into bullet size and inserted in the front end of a .22 caliber Colt Scout cylinder. I thought I would use these for the demo, powered by a blank cartridge. My first draw and shot missed the target, bounced off the wall, ricocheted to another wall, hit a vase on a table, and ended with glass, water, and flowers flying all over the place. Probably the shortest live TV demo on record. They didn't invite me back!

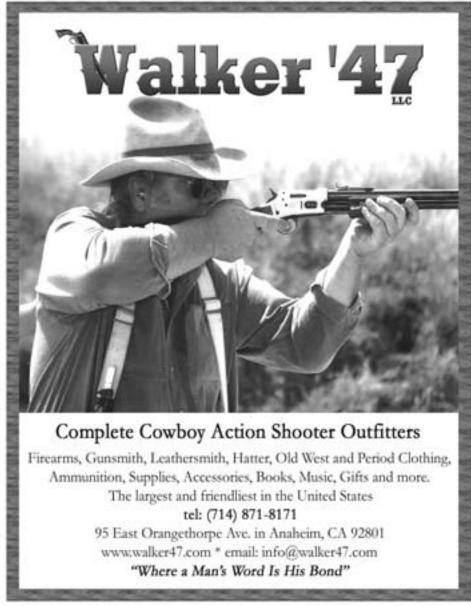
Everyone likes a success story. At the SASS Indoor Wax Championship the blue Bandit Bullets used are manufactured by Candy and Don Valle in South Dakota. Here is what Candy said when asked

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how their business began. "We first started making wax bullets in 2004. Don was asked if he could make a better quality bullet than what was available at that time. We researched the materials available and created a combination that has worked very well. We had to create a process to

manufacture consistent quality bullets. That's where Don's rifle manufacturing machinist experience came into play. The first year we probably sold no more than a 100,000 rounds. Today, we are close to that per week. Our biggest market potential is SASS shooters, so who knows where we will go from here?".





... HE SAYS - TEA BAGS!

- I say you mean "real tea bags?"

By Arizona Tom, SASS Life #30872

- And he says it again, "Yup − I use teabags to make my ammo!"

We are both standing side by side at the loading table getting ready for our next stage of this international Cowboy Action Shooting™ match, and I am putting cartridge after cartridge in my revolvers, and so is my neighbor, "Hungarian Pete," a cowboy from Hungary.

The difference is -I am loading up my Schofield revolvers with cartridges in metallic cases, and he is loading his two percussion guns,

1851 Colt Navies, with paper cartridges and is just as quick getting his firearms ready for action as I am! He picks them out of the leather pouch on his gun belt, slips them in sort of sideways, shoves the ball to the top of the cylinder, and pushes down on the loading lever.

That is why I asked him what he makes his cartridges from – and his answer –"teabags!"

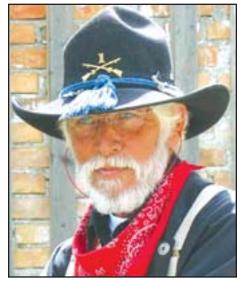
Later that afternoon we sit together, and I am asking a lot of questions because this intrigues me.

I love to shoot my percussion guns – I have two 1851 Colt Navies in .44 "Army" caliber, as well as one 1851 Navy in .36, and my "big banger" a "Whitneyville Walker" in .44 as well.

ly into the gun's chamber, then putting a small wad card on top of the powder before setting my round ball in place and compressing with the loading lever. I had, of course, heard about "paper cartridges," but never actually seen them — except in old pictures and books.

But here was somebody actually using them – and, as I had seen all morning, he never had a single misfire, no hang-ups – no nothing!!

Now this Hungarian cowboy pulls a small rectangular box about one and a half times the size of a cigarette pack out of his saddlebag and proceeds to shows me his tools. First, he takes a small flimsy looking piece of rectangular paper from one slot in the box; from another he plucks a wooden dowel approximately 4 inches long. One end of this he has stuck in an empty .38 cartridge case; the other end is shaved off slightly to give it a very slight taper, the end is



Arizona Tom, SASS Life #30872

hollowed out just a trifle. In another compartment of the box is a stick of paper glue, a number of .44 cal balls and a small roll of sewing thread.

Hungarian Pete now commences to make a cartridge for his revolver before my very eyes by first applying a little of the paper glue to the top edge of the paper slip he is holding in his hand. Next he seats a round .44 caliber ball in the small hollow at the end of the wooden dowel using a tiny amount of the same paper glue. Then, he simply rolls the paper around the dowel - after carefully aligning the top of the paper with the glue on it and the lead .44 caliber ball sitting on the end of the dowel exactly as you would roll a cigarette around some tobacco - the ball being the filter tip on the end of your querley ... Once the paper is rolled around the stick and the bullet approximately two times, Janos adds a little of the paper glue to the side end of the paper, rolls it smoothly on to the dowel to form a perfect paper roll, now with a lead bullet firmly glued in to the tip of this roll.

Hungarian Pete then set this aside in the compartment of a cartridge box to dry for awhile, and went on to "roll his own" with the astonishing speed born from long years of practice.

After completing a box full of these paper hulls, he handed me his tools, grinned, and said – "now you!" But – realizing I was going to take up this method myself, I went on an errand ...

I got up, walked to my caravan to fetch my own bag of bullets and some teabags, along with my flask of GOEX fffg – and back I went to my first lesson in "doing it yourself."

First, I found the jar with the tea bags on the shelf in the closet above the sink in my caravan – I do like to (Continued on next page)



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drink tea once in a while and always keep loose tea leaves as well as some tea bags on hand.

Next I carefully removed the tiny staple from the top of the tea bag and dumped its contents in with the tea leaves in the tin – don't want to be wasteful here in any way!

Then I carefully started to unfold the body of the tea bag the way Janos had showed me – and lo and behold – he was right, it unfolded rather easily into a very much larger rectangle of thin, but strong material. Then, I folded this piece of material twice as he had showed me to create four evenly sized smaller rectangles and cut them apart.

Next, I found a small wooden dowel in the same diameter as the .38 case that I stuck on the one end, gently scraped it down very slightly on all sides to give it that almost imperceptible taper, and gently sanded a small hollow in the exposed wooden top to the shape and size of a .44 round ball from my box.

As it turned out, after spoiling only three paper cartridges, I easily got the hang of rolling these paper hulls.

Then Hungarian Pete continued on with his lesson – completing these ingredients to become a finished paper cartridge load for our guns.

Hungarian Pete took one of the paper hulls with the bullet now firmly glued in the tip in hand, inserted a small funnel into the open end, and poured some fffg blackpowder into the funnel until it reached the tip of the funnel itself. He then pinched his fingers together, pulled the funnel out, twirled the end of the paper hull into a little tip, and then wound a piece of thread around this twirled tip, twice around, tied a knot, snipped off the thread, grinned, and handed me a perfect .44 caliber cartridge filled with blackpowder, and said, "There you have it!" Easy!!

Looking carefully at this astounding product and holding it up against the light I first could see that the paper hull was rather loosely filled up with the powder charge and that the paper hull was slightly bent to one side where Janos had twirled the end of it together and tied it with the thread. I asked about this, and he explained: The length to which the paper is cut is his "powder measure" – according to his choice, he cuts the paper longer or shorter in its length depending upon how much powder he wants to load in a particular gun. The powder is filled through the funnel until it reaches the bottom of the funnel, thereby giving a comparable charge of powder every time. The only variation is the length of the paper tube.

Next, when he twirls the end of the paper, this automatically goes more to one side than the other, creating a sort of "banana" look. This slightly bent shape enables easy loading into the revolver's chamber, allowing the powder to conform to the inside of the chamber and slipping down so the ball rests on the chamber mouth prior to being seated with the loading lever. This crushing down into the chamber with the loading lever also serves to tear apart the cartridge's paper hull and facilitates the percussion cap igniting the charge.

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Fantastic yes – but not new!! In the days of the "Old West" long gone by, it was common practice to use paper cartridges for handguns and muskets as well as rifles. Today in our "progressive" age we have just forgotten about this kind of ammunition and have reverted to "modern

day accomplishments" - that do not really have all that much merit! Yes, I know it's simple to go to a store, buy a box of ammo, shove some rounds in your pistol, and shoot them down range. But - we Cowboy Action Shooting $^{\text{TM}}$ folks go about things in a different manner from that, now don't we? Firstly, most of us reload our ammo anyway, so we have free and good access to the components we need. Now - if you are one of us "blackpowder freaks" you are even further along that road already as you are infected with the "Old West, the way it really was" - so, dig out those "real" guns (cap and ball) and start trying it the "real old way!"

I did ... and surely will continue to do so!

Steps #1 to #6 in the accompanying pictures illustrate what I have written above - #7 shows you it all fits into a small box easily carried around in your saddlebag or gun cart!!

Try it some day – you will be surprised!!

After learning the process from that knowledgeable cowboy, it was easy as eating pie – I have been able ever since to turn out one perfectly formed paper cartridge after another – and you can do it too!

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RE-CREATING THE "MODERN" CATEGORY

By Capt. Morgan Rum, SASS #6859

First a little Background

The Modern category was an early L SASS creation because many participants didn't have the fixed sighted Colt style revolvers needed to play in the Traditional category. There were plenty of the popular Ruger Blackhawk's around with adjustable sights though, and creating a separate category to allow others to enter the game was a good idea. There was also a perception that pistols with adjustable sights were an advantage over the traditional fixed sighted guns. So the Modern category made good sense.

Today

Twenty five plus years later, we now have solid evidence that adjustable sighted guns have absolutely no advantage over fixed sighted pistols. Today's Modern category requirements allow only one adjustable sighted revolver; every other firearm used may be the same as the guns used in the Traditional category. Age based categories actually allow the use of adjustable sighted pistols right along side those using fixed sighted pistols. In other words, the Modern category requirements are exactly the same as the requirements of the Traditional category except you must use at least ONE adjustable sighted pistol.

The only other SASS Categories allowing only a single requirement change is gender. No other category is defined by a single piece of equipment! (Frontiersman requires that BOTH pistols be cap and ball and age based categories allow a mix of firearms not allowed in the Traditional category)

In spite of this information, when I was asked at several TG meetings last year, "is it time to eliminate the Modern category," I said, "NO." Instead of eliminating the category, I would rather see the category re-created to be a truly "Modern" category and as a more "open" category for the

highly competitive types within SASS. At the same time, the Traditional category could possibly be made more, well ... traditional.

The Future?

What do I mean by a more "open" category? Here are some possibilities.

- Any SASS legal firearms may be used.
- Any SASS legal ammunition may be used.
- This would be the home of pump shotguns (I never felt they belonged in the "Traditional" category anyway, being a very late arrival on the western scene).
- Maybe the currently banned '93/'97 pump would fit here since it is a modern hybrid that was specifically designed for Cowboy

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- Double barreled shotguns may use ejectors (putting them on an equal footing with pumps and lever guns that both automatically eject shells simply by opening the action).
- Any shooting style may be used on any stage where appropriate. (B-Western already allows this.)

I believe these changes would in effect, reverse the roles of the Traditional and Modern categories. No other categories would be affected. No categories would be added or eliminated. Modern would become the category of the highly competitive types within SASS. What of the Traditional Category? Well, that could/would become whatever we decide to make of it.

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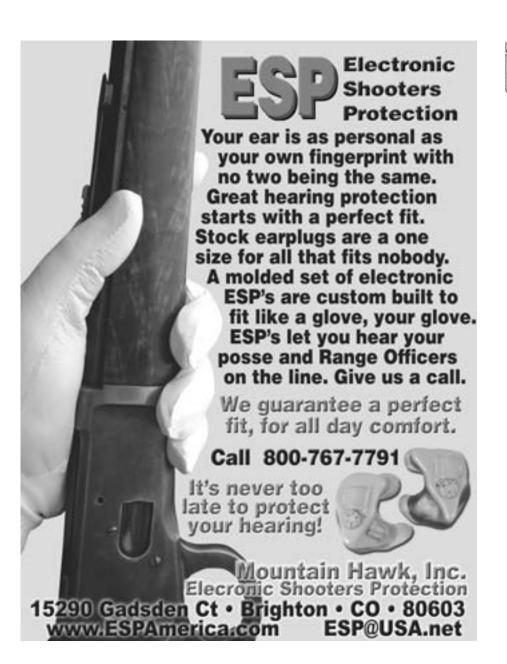
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PEEWEE'S FAREWELL TO MOUNTED SHOOTING

By Stoney Meadows, SASS Life #2417 SASS Mounted #25

Border Wars 2007

n Sunday, January 28, 2007, a On Sunday, Gandary 21, 16.1 hand, 1300 pound Appaloosa registered as PeeWee Cheyenne ran a four stage match at the age of 25 years, and after 14 consecutive years of competition, he was officially retired from Mounted Shooting. PeeWee was actually a SASS member for a couple of years wearing his badge at all the functions on his bridle. His alias was "Fluffy." To the best our knowledge, PeeWee has competed longer than any horse I can think of under the SASS Mounted Shooting rules. His first match ever was the SASS hosted 1994 CMSA World Championship at the SASS World in Norco, California, where Stoney on PeeWee and William Bruce, SASS #5, were paired up for a

team event prior to the regular match. PeeWee and Stoney didn't start in Division 1 after demonstrating their skill and PeeWee's temperament to accept gunfire, and were placed in Division 2. From the get-go, PeeWee demonstrated a love of the sport with enthusiasm that didn't equal my skill to steer him in the best practical way to run the course. He just loved to run (he had an exceptionally long stride), and it didn't matter where as long as it was fast (PeeWee: "What do you mean you want to turn here?!")

This was his first match, and for many years Stoney and PeeWee were the only SASS mounted competitors north of the Tehachapi Mountains and the Grapevine leading to the Los Angeles Valley. So as you can imagine, PeeWee and Stoney based 30 miles east of Sacramento, California put in a lot of miles to the Los Angeles Basin to shoot with Joe Whitely's California Desperados (at least 400 miles away) and to shoot at other places like Scottsdale, Tombstone, Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Colorado, Oregon, Nevada, and many other places long forgotten. But wherever Mounted Shooting was held, we tried to be there.

Those were the days when stages were much different; i.e., we ran in the desert where a fast stage was forty seconds. We ran through the woods; we ran up and down streams to find balloons, and once we ran on a motocross course where you became air-borne after topping one hill. Those were the



Stonev Meadows astride PeeWee.

days when we "jumped" hay bales, rode into corrals, shot helium balloons, and all things imaginable. I put 110,000 miles on my old Dodge diesel truck, and later when I bought a diesel pusher motor home, I put 130,000 miles on that, retired that motor home, bought another motor home, and so far I've put 10,000 miles on that one, and

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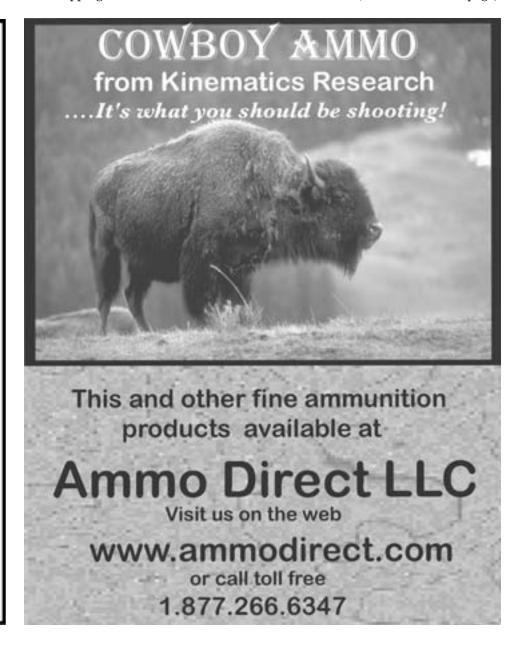
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PeeWee traveled all of those miles without a problem.

PeeWee has taken me to seven Senior World Championships, SASS and CMSA, and to too many National Championships to remember, as well as State Championships. And many times for local matches we were overall champions.

PeeWee never objected to other riders; however, other riders objected to PeeWee saying he felt like a run-away freight train. I am reminded of a match in Tombstone, Arizona, where my daughter, Robin, also a SASS Mounted World Champion, had to ride a couple of stages on PeeWee. I had advised her not to turn him loose, but as children do, she decided to let him have his head. On the rundown Johnnie Concho, SASS #2926, said, "vou could see the whites of her eyes from behind her sunglasses," and PeeWee scattered some balloon setters that were on horseback. We didn't hire balloon setters in those days. Hell, in those days we still blew up the balloons by mouth.

In 1997, PeeWee was diagnosed by UC Davis Veterinary School as having terminal venicular, a degenerative condition of the coffin joint and some arthritis. However, they said he could continue competing for a few more years by injecting his coffin joints with a steroid and then later cutting the nerve to the front part of his hooves. That lasted about two years. In 1999 for medical reasons, I decided to retire him. You do that for a horse you love. After time, I decided I couldn't give up on him because he made it clear to me he wanted to go whenever I left for a match. So we started a rehab program that consisted of several supplements to his diet, no more riding, and GLC 5500, a joint supplement. In less than a year he appeared eager and ready to go. The current horse I was riding came up lame just before the SASS World 2000. I decided to give PeeWee a try. We traveled to Bakersfield, California for a match the week before the SASS World. We won that match and went directly from there to Norco (SASS World), and won the Senior Men's World Championship. You just can't keep a good horse with a big heart down. But, I have attributed his comeback in great part to the GLC 5500, and he has been maintained on that ever since.

Next, the love of my life, Miss Wylie P Fox, SASS #17784, began riding PeeWee in competition. He carried her to four more Senior Ladies World Championships (SASS and CMSA) as well as many other Senior Lady titles.

The Other Part of His Life

PeeWee took me deer and elk hunting in Wyoming and Idaho. He packed deer and elk to camp when needed. Once while elk hunting in the snow covered mountains of Idaho, I had an accident where I broke a collarbone and skinned up a lot of other parts. This happened late in the day. He carried me back to the truck and trailer in the dark of night and in a blowing snowstorm some eight miles away.

Once while fishing some 10 miles from camp after the sun had long since set and the moon had yet to rise, we started back to camp. I tried to find the trail in the dark and couldn't. PeeWee kept indicating he knew where the trail was, so I finally put my trust in him, and he took me back to camp.

PeeWee has been a great trail horse, but most of all, he's been a great friend. He's taken me through Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, and a hundred twenty mile trail in Wyoming that included Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid's hideout at the Hole in the Wall. We also spent some time working and training other horses for the Folsom Lake State Park system. And, we participated with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. We also got into the movies.

The Movie: Behind the Mask of Zorro

On the set Miss Wylie P Fox and I and our horses were in some scenes in the town. On the following days we had to do a lot of camera takes in the foothills with other mounted members. On one of those days PeeWee carried five different riders in different scenes

for the episode. Most of the actors who rode him enjoyed PeeWee's enthusiasm and good manners.

Other

He has had articles written about him in the "Appaloosa Journal" as well as other magazines and newspapers.

I acquired PeeWee in mid-1985 just before his third birthday. He has been in the family 23 years. He has been ridden by friends and neighbors, my daughter, my two sons, and my granddaughter. When my granddaughter was four years old, she finally got to ride him all by herself. He has been a good reliable babysitter. I have a large preschool, and each

year he has taken 70 to 80 school age and preschool children for their first horseback ride as well as some infants who were held on by teachers. He's been doing that for 10 years. He also spent time with autistic children. He is that trustworthy.

PeeWee will still be used for training beginner riders and riding around our small ranch as well as on the trails for many years to come. I will continue to compete in Mounted Shooting, as I love the sport and the people, and I will be riding PeeWee's nephew, Firejax.

It is my hope all Mounted Shooters will come to know and love their horses as I love PeeWee. 3.



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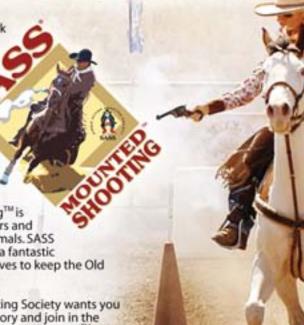
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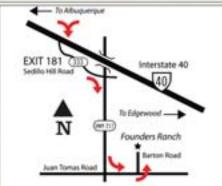
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Sierrita Slim, SASS #4054

What a great year we had in 2006! Winter Range, SASS Invitational, END of TRAIL, Cimarron, Magdalena, Belen, Smoke In The Valley, Bernalillo County ... PLUS almost all of the monthly practice matches with the Buffalo Range Riders! Yessiree Bob, we had a great year. But now it's

WHAT WE DO WITH OUR HORSES IN THE OFF-SEASON ... RIDE!!

By Sierrita Slim, SASS Life, #4054

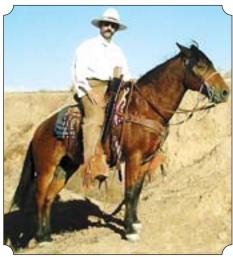


Jose gives us his plan for Cherry Flats (it's not all flat) ... "Slim take the fence!"

over, and we have to wait until February ... nope, there's snow all over the place ... March, for the first BRR monthly match, the weekend before Winter Range! So what to do ... hmmmm! I don't know about everyone else's horses, but ours just need to be ridden. Shooting at the range behind the corrals once in a while, maybe after feeding them just to keep them used to gunfire helps. But riding

them frequently, that's the ticket for our mounts. Keeps them used to being obedient (mostly!).

We're fortunate enough to live in the middle of nowhere. The nearest



Slim on the bluff.



Morning Dove comes out of a small drainage.

neighbor is about two miles away and a dry (most of the time) river bed about 3/4 of a mile north. Throughout the year we help our friends work their cattle when they gather and brand, so there's some of that to be done. Why one time, Jose, Morning Dove, and I went after one red cow we'd missed when gathering a pasture the month before. Jose

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YOSEMITE VALLEY **SAM, SASS #73791**

By High Spade Harry, SASS #37707 (aka PawPaw)

Imet Yosemite Valley Sam on May 16, 1995, and I knew from the first time I said "Hullo Sam," we were going to be lifelong buddies. Since then we have ridden together almost constantly with only a few little disagreements, like all friends have, but for the greater part of the time, we think and act alike.

Yosemite, that's what he likes to be called, followed me around from match to match for a long time and finally last year he started shooting on his own. We put together an outfit suitable for a guy his size and headed for the range. Yosemite had already received his Hunter Safety certification, so I was confident he had the necessary safe gun handling principles down. I never expected him to score 95 on that test, because I wasn't sure he was listening through most of the course, but I guess he was. At the range he got used to drawing and hitting the targets pretty well, so it was time to see what he could do at a match.

We shoot with the Auglaize Rough Riders in Defiance, Ohio, and I believe Yosemite was the first buckaroo to shoot there. He was welcomed by the older shooters, as I knew he would be, and was even given a few pointers as he went along. I received several compliments as to what a safe shooter he was. Yosemite shot three matches with us last year and is ready for 2007.

Practice is something Yosemite knows very well. Besides range time he also has to practice his music, where he's a "three instrument" man-piano, tuba, and percussion. He is also a SO/RO-in-training. Yosemite is not one to stand around and do nothing at matches, so he is learning the administrative side of things, too. He takes his turn running the timer at our home club's (Maumee Valley Sportsmen's Club in Malinta, Ohio) falling plate matches. He keeps score at IDPA and IPSC matches. He is also a new Boy Scout after a distinguished career in the Cub Scouts where he earned every badge and award they have. On top of all of this, he has the fastest thumbs in the county from playing video games.

Now I'm not trying to tell you he is the next Badlands Bud or Holy Terror, but Yosemite Valley Sam and



Yosemite Valley Sam. SASS #73791

I will be riding the trail together shootin' bad guys and havin' a good 'ol time just as long as we can. If you think I'm a proud grandfather, you are correct! .



THE SHOOTER'S **PERSONA**

By Doc Sawdust Bob, SASS #64292, Life

We in SASS often stop with the choice of our alias. I grant you, most are pretty nifty. What about the character behind the alias? Does he not have a personality? Does he have a history? Where is he from? What does he do for a living? Think about these questions, and others, and build a legend for your character. The poem below describes my character.

Doc Sawdust

A quiet man o' Wild 'n Wooly greene County In Virginny.

Lives ina holla' again' th' Ridge. Th' Sharif don' mess wuf 'm.

No fancy Duds. M'be old Genes, m'be bibHauls, BarFoot er cloudHoppers.

Ruff'n ready woodWork fer Sale. If'n ya git yersel' Kilt, Coffins a spec-i-al-ity.

> Mekanix broke, Doc'll likely fix'm.

Git yersel' shot in th' Arm, Doc'll dig 'er out.

Git yer foot mangled ina Bar trap, Doc'll cut 'er off.

> Varmints in th' Yard. Four leg'd er Two, Doc'll dispatch th' Lot.

Don' git yersel' on th' Wrong side th' Barn When Doc's a'shootin', A Customer he may Sorely need. 🚣









top the last one and there's this little valley with a creek bed winding through, a windmill, and a small house. Yep, that's a pretty sight.

Until I rode the Flying H, I never would have thought a horse could walk on terrain like that, let alone with a man on his back, and run too! One day in Eagle pasture we tried to corral some wild goats (generations ago they were domesticated). That was a crazy ride! It was the only time I galloped down a steep rocky slope. I never would have tried, but the goats were going to get past if I didn't, and I didn't want to be the one who let

them slip by. My horse Buddy just kept going faster and faster, and I just leaned back and held on. He doesn't always act right in the arena, but out in the wild, he's back to being the Mustang that he is. No speedster, but he just won't quit!

Well, there are more stories, but that's all for now. Maybe something noteworthy will happen in February, and I'll write again. Who knows? Either way though, we'll have fun. See ya down the trail, amigos, in New Mexico Territory for sure ... perhaps other places too! Until then ... Vaya con Dios! ...

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found her in the brushy riverbed. She ran through the brush and hid until we rooted her out again. Then she'd double back, and hide behind us in thickets. Man, what a day. Should have taken us maybe an hour to get her but we went from one end of the pasture to the other, and back, and back, and back ... until she finally gave out, laid down, and wouldn't move! Our horses really got a workout that day, and the ride home in the dark was pretty neat!

Sometimes we'll trailer to Pecos' place and ride in the arena, and maybe shoot some. Or, maybe we'll just ride down to the Pecos River on the other end of his ranch. Nice

pleasant, easy ride.

After Valentine's Day we'll be back out on the Flying H working cows. Regular ranch work in really pretty, but rough country. John Henry Tunstall used to own this place, and his ranch house is still there; we've slept in it. Though mostly we stay in the bunkhouse where the pool table is because Morning Dove loves to play pool! There are a few abandoned homesteads on the Flying H too. When you come across some of them you wonder, "Why did they put a house out here?" But when you look at others, like in James Ray pasture, you just look and say, "Isn't this pretty!" Riding across ridge after ridge, you

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



1850's



By Ellsworth T. Kincaid, Life/Regulator #6037

4 April 1850

Levi Strauss arrives in San Francisco with canvas for tents.

19 April 1850

The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty (John Clayton, U.S. Secretary of State and British diplomat Sir William Bulwer) is signed by the United States and Britain. The treaty concerned the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama and declared that neither nation was to "obtain or maintain for itself any exclusive control over the said ship-canal." This treaty will be annulled in 1881 and again in 1901 when the U.S. gains almost exclusive canal rights.

23 April 1850

As thousands of prospectors flood into California, the Quechan (Yuma) Indians attack a ferry transporting gold seekers across the Colorado River. This attack leads to the construction of Fort Yuma.

1 April 1851

Western Union Telegraph is established to provide communications west of the Mississippi River.

13 April 1851

During the Mariposa Indian Wars, California soldiers attack a Chowchilla Indian village. Much of the village is destroyed, yet most of the Indians escape.

24 April 1851 Mo

Morgan Earp is born in Pella, Iowa.

29 April 1851

One in a series of treaties with California Indians is signed at Camp Barbour. These treaties promise to set aside lands for the Indians and to protect them from Americans.

8 April 1853

Exploration begins for a railroad route between the 47th and 49th

parallels **1 April 1854** Learning

Learning the Territory of Kansas was opening soon, Isaac Cody and his family, including eight-year-old Will Cody, pack their belongings and move from Iowa to stake their claim.

4 April 1854

Discussions are held with Hawaiian King Kamehameha III regarding annexation of Hawaii by the United States to prevent threats from foreigners. The world's major powers guarantee Hawaii's freedom and the idea of annexation dies.

6 April 1854

Fort Phantom Hill, located north of Abilene, Texas, is abandoned. The fort was often visited by local Comanche, Lipan Apache, Kiowa, and Kickapoo.



LITTLE KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE WAY OUT WEST -

Joe Fasthorse Harrill,

SASS #48769

By Joe Fasthorse Harrill, SASS #48769

Marshal Evett Nix to rid the Oklahoma Territory of the infamous Bill Doolin Gang. Along with Thomas, Nix enlisted Chris

Madsen and Bill Tilghman who formed a triumvirate known as the "Oklahoma Guardsmen." Thomas served as a Confederate Army courier when he was only 12 years old. As a detective in Texas, Thomas was known among outlaws as a man to avoid. Thomas shot and killed Doolin in 1896 at a farmhouse in Lawson as he was preparing to

HECK THOMAS was one of the lawmen recruited in 1893 by U.S.

flee the Oklahoma Territory with his wife and small son. .

26 April 1854 Fearing the spread of slavery with the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which introduced the doctrine of popular sovereignty, permitting all U.S. territories to have self-government in all matters, including slavery, abolitionists in Boston form the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society to settle Kansas with anti-slave pioneers.

29 April 1855

Colonel Fauntleroy and four companies from Fort Massachusetts in southern Colorado attack the Ute on the Arkansas River near Chalk Creek. Forty Indians are killed, children are captured, and supplies soized

4 April 1856

Lieutenant Philip Sheridan writes that six Vancouver Indians were murdered near his fort in the Lower Cascades, Washington Territory. The murders were committed by six well-armed settlers. The victims, including a three-year-old boy, were family members of Chief Spencer.

18April 1856

Lieutenant Sheridan buries the six Vancouver Indians murdered on April 4.

21 April 1856

The 1st bridge across the Mississippi is completed. It extends from Davenport, Iowa to Rock Island, Illinois, and is open for railroad traffic

12 April 1858

In one of his first addresses to the people of Salt Lake City, Utah, Governor Alfred Cummings states they must allow Federal troops into the city. People panic and some 30,000 Saints pack their belongings and desert the area north of the city for the town of Provo to the south. Only a few men stay behind who are directed to torch the town if they are to be taken over.

4 April 1859

Composer Daniel Emmett gives a premiere performance of his song "Dixie." Though he wrote and sang about wishing to be down south in the land of cotton, he chose to sing the song on Broadway.

15 April 1859

Traditional full-blood and mixed-blood Cherokees organize the Keetoowah Society.

18 April 1859

The Leavenworth and Pike's Pike Express Company has a trial run between Fort Leavenworth and the gold fields of the Kansas Territory with its stagecoach service.

19 April 1859

Fort Mojave is built on the banks of the Colorado River in Arizona to protect the "area" from Mojave and Paiute at Beal's Crossing.

THE GUNS OF BILLY THE KID

A New Documentary DVD from Varmint Media

Review by Ellsworth T. Kincaid, SASS Life #6037

 $\begin{array}{c} A\ DVD\ Hollywood\ refused\\ to\ produce\ ... \end{array}$

Sure, there are documentaries profiling Jesse James, Billy the Kid, the Gunfight at the OK Corral, and other legendary Old West topics. But releasing a documentary with an emphasis on GUNS??? Well, it's just not politically correct.

Producers Tim Evans (aka Hambone Farquhar, SASS #64309) and Susan Lutz, the creators of Varmint Media, decided to remedy this oversight with the production of "The Guns of Billy the Kid." Both individuals have extensive careers in network and cable television, and they have produced numerous award-winning documentaries for the History Channel, Discovery Channel, and National Geographic. To accomplish their goal of producing smaller projects for a niche market, they formed Varmint Media. Fortunately for us SASS members,



Hosts Peter Sherayko (r) and Larry Zeug examine an 1878 .41 caliber Colt Thunderer.

van West Productions' master gunsmith Larry Zeug, who has supplied period-correct firearms for dozens of feature films as well as documentaries on the History Channel and Discovery Channel.

Today Billy the Kid is infamous. Not bad for a punk kid set on revenge. With the killing of his boss, Englishman John Henry Tunstall on February 18, 1878, the Kid and others formed the Regulators and sought their revenge. From that time until Pat Garrett put a slug into Billy on the evening of July 14, 1881 Billy had a run of the New Mexico Territory. A man seeking revenge becomes

THREE RARITIES

A Whitney-Kennedy repeater, a Colt Thunderer, and a British Bulldog—rarely seen in Western movies, but all carried by Billy the Kid.

the niche here is the Old West, firearms, and spewing lead.

Evans and Lutz enlisted the aid of the multi-talented actor, Peter Sherayko, best known for his portrayal of "Texas Jack Vermillion" in the 1993 Western *Tombstone*. It was author/historian Peter Sherayko and his Caravan West Productions that greatly influenced the accuracy of the movie *Tombstone*, creating the authentic "look" and feel, and shaping it into the cult classic it has become. Joining Sherayko is Cara-

a fugitive from the law. What kind of firearms would such a man opt for?

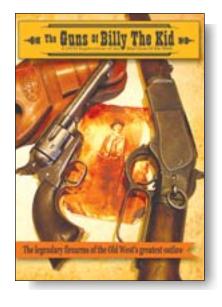
This documentary reveals the Kid's favorite revolver was a "self-cocker" and not a Colt Peacemaker. The handgun of choice was a .41 caliber Colt Thunderer. And it was this gun he held when Garrett's bullet took Billy's pathetic life.

The guns Billy the Kid used and examined by this documentary may come as a surprise. Explained is why Billy favored the Winchester over the Colt handgun. It is the Winchester

that is prominently displayed in the only authenticated photograph of the Kid. Also investigated is the legend of Billy shooting Marshal Robert Olinger with Olinger's own 10gauge Whitney shotgun, filled with silver dimes. Sherayko and Zeug demonstrate the effects of a double-load of silver dimes through the barrels of a historic 10gauge shotgun. In fact, these historic guns are taken to the range and operated with blackpow-

der loads used in the Old West and compared with today's replicas.

Finally, the filmmakers introduce what is believed to be the actual handgun carried by Tunstall and taken off his body by Billy and carried as a backup gun by Billy throughout ... a .44 caliber "British Bulldog," discovered in a New Mexico barn sale years ago (side note: Custer



carried a brace of Bulldogs into the Battle at the Little Bighorn).

The Guns of Billy the Kid DVD is aimed at Old West enthusiasts, history buffs, Cowboy Action Shooters, and gun collectors. In addition to the story of Billy the Kid and his guns, this DVD includes gunsmithing notes, costuming tips, and clips from some of Hollywood's famous – and strangest – film versions of Billy the Kid.

The Guns of Billy the Kid is available now through Amazon.com, or go to www.gunsofbillythekid.com, or you can order it through your local bookstore.

Look for a continuation of this series from Varmint Media with GUNS OF DOC HOLLIDAY and GUNS OF DEADWOOD, both in pre-production.



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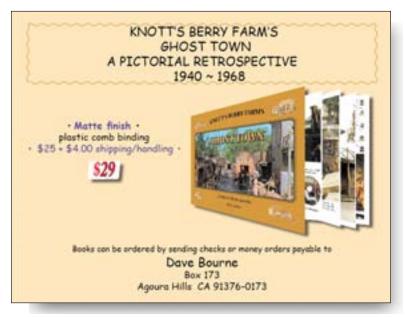
s a kid growing up in Southern California dur-As a king growing up in Source.

Aing the "hey-day" of Westerns in the 1950s and 1960s, I would beg my parents to take me to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, about an hour or so drive (without freeways in those days) from where we lived near Torrance Beach. The rides offered at Knott's Berry Farm weren't as thrilling as those at Disneyland, just a few miles away, but the food was fantastic (chicken fried steak and creamy gravy ... just like mom and dad made, but then they were from Oklahoma and knew how to cook "Southern"). The draw for me was Knott's Berry Farm's Ghost Town. I enjoyed walking down the wooden boardwalks, swaggering like John Wayne, Randolph Scott, or Hoppy, Gene, or Roy. Disneyland had its "Frontier Land," and I liked that one too, but Knott's Ghost Town had an

"authentic" look that allowed a small boy's mind to wander back to the late 1800s, acting the sheriff and protecting settlers from the bad guys. Interestingly, "the idea for the Ghost

Town was to entertain the long lines of folks waiting to get into the Chicken Dinner Restaurant!" Mr. Knott not only entertained the folks, but he also educated them "in the ways of the pioneers." That is, "the principle of self reliance, with no government help, was the foundation of this spirit so prevalent in the pioneer settlers of the Old West."

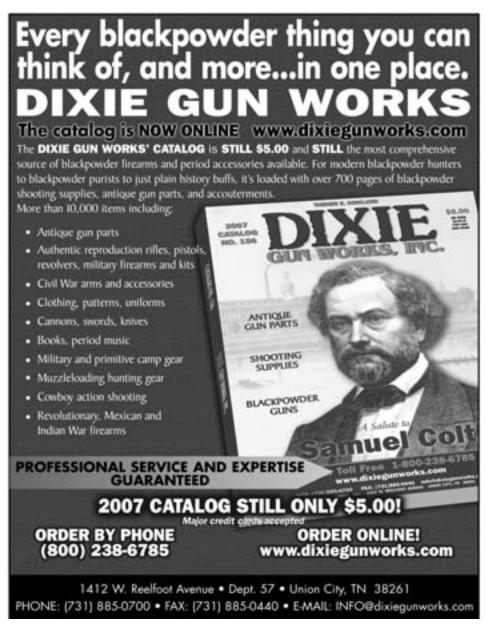
Walter Knott had done his homework in building the Ghost Town as genuinely as possible. Some of the buildings were authentic; dismantled and transported to the site, and reconstructed with care. An exact replica of The Jersey Lilly

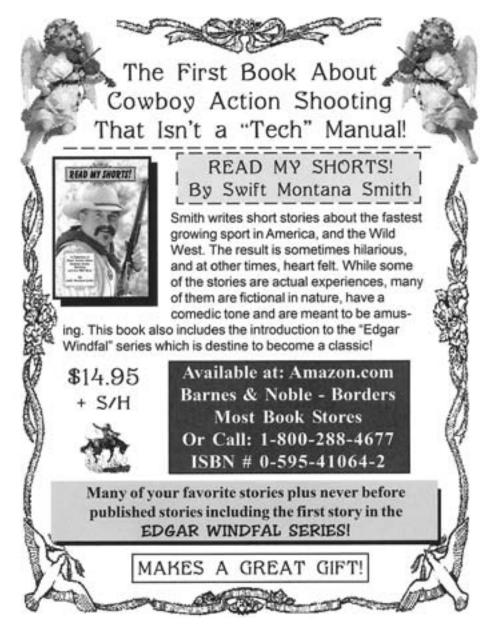


Saloon of Judge Roy Bean fame was carefully constructed in 1947 for the Ghost Town.

In his introduction, author Bourne mentions the Wagon Camp, home of the Wagonmasters. This was an encampment of eighteen covered wagons creating a perimeter for a stage where performers entertained. I remember sitting inside one of those wagons and my mom pointing to an inscription on the canvas top and telling a young Ellsworth that she had made the inscription during her trek from Oklahoma to California. Of course I believed her!

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And was thrilled to be sitting in that very wagon! Never got a chance to ask her if she was just joshing with me...

Of course, Dave Bourne has his own memories since he started working there in the summer of 1958 ... he must have been very young! It wasn't long before he was playing the piano at the Calico Saloon and was soon asked to join the Wagonmasters, working there until 1962. On page 72 and 73 we finally get a glimpse of Dave from 1959 and 1960 ... you haven't changed a bit, Dave! And yes, Dave, I remember "Sheriff John" Rovick.

You may recall author Bourne as the piano player at the Gem Saloon in HBO's DEADWOOD series. He has done a marvelous job with this pictorial in bringing back the images of those yesteryears of my childhood. If you visited Knott's Berry Farm back then or ever wanted to, this pictorial deserves a place on your shelf. Those of you needing ideas for building props for your club's different stages

or for building a Western Town, this is a must have just to see the many photographs of the Ghost Town.

Thanks Dave, for the memories. Knott's Berry Farm and its Ghost Town were truly magical. And it still exists today!

Author Dave Bourne has been active in SASS for many years. He has played his piano at numerous END of TRAIL's, the SASS Convention in Las Vegas, and many other SASS events over the years. His CDs of Saloon Piano music, Volumes I through IV, are excellent and representative of the hurdy-gurdy saloons from the past (go to saloonpiano.com to purchase them).

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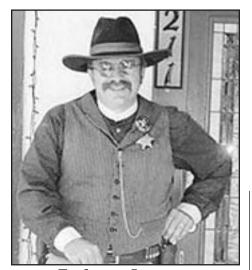
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Tuolumne Lawman, SASS #6127

I have always been fond of what other people consider to be "offbeat" guns. While the vast majority of the Cowboy Action Shooting™ community embraces Marlin 1894's, Winchester 1873's, Colt SAA and their clones, I opt for the less popular: Spencer carbines, Henry rifles, external hammered double shotguns, and cartridge conversion revolvers. In a large part, this fixation on less popular firearms is due to my affinity for the early years of the West,



Close up of the 1858 Conversion's loading gate.

especially the years following America's Civil War. Being an avid Civil War re-enactor, I realize most of the guns that opened the Wild West were Civil War firearms, or Civil War firearms with mechanical improvements. The Remington .44 caliber New Model Army revolvers were some of the most popular handguns in both the Civil War and the post-Civil War eras. These same Remingtons were also the second most commonly converted revolvers to fire self-contained metallic cartridges.

Cartridge Conversion Remingtons have always held a fascination for me since I handled an original New Model Army cartridge conversion at a gun shop in Sonora, CA about 12 years ago. It was a .45 French rim-fire version. When Tammy Loy of Taylor's told me she had one of the new Uberti 1858

TAYLOR'S & CO. UBERTI FACTORY GATED 1858 REMINGTON .45 COLT CARTRIDGE CONVERSION

By Tuolumne Lawman, SASS Life #6127

forged frame, factory gated cartridge conversions in .45 Colt for me to evaluate, I was ecstatic. I have always wanted to own an original, but they are scarce and expensive, as well as not being practical to shoot in Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches. I never dreamed anyone would actually make a reproduction of a Remington factory conversion, but Uberti surprised me. I haven't been this excited since Taylor's began importing .56–50 Spencer Carbines!

Remington New Model Army Conversion History

The American Civil war created an enormous demand for firearms of every kind. Designers and manufactures pushed the limits with new designs and production methods. Existing firearms manufacturers

such as Colt and Remington moved over and made room for the likes of Christian Spencer and Oliver Winchester. The first widely successful Remington revolver was the New Model Army in .44 caliber. While we generally (and erroneously) refer to it as a "Model 1858," it

was actually introduced in 1861 after the beginning of the Civil War. The "1858" actually refers to the patent date. This New Model Army revolver from Remington was second only to the Colt in its numbers and in its popularity. Part of its popularity was due to its reputation that its onepiece frame was sturdier than the inherently weaker two-piece frame of the 1851 and 1860 Colts. In fact, Colt later adopted the Remington style one-piece frame for its 1873 Single Action Army. Even in the firearms industry, imitation is the sincerest from of flattery!

Self-contained metallic cartridges in Smith & Wesson, Henry, and Spencer firearms became immensely popular during the Civil War. There was no doubt they represented the future of firearms. Until 1871, however, Smith and Wesson held the



 $Taylor's/Uberti\ 1858\ gated\ factory\ cartridge\ conversion\ .45\ Colt.$

exclusive rights to Rollin White's patent on "bored through revolver cylinders." This meant Colt, Remington, and others could only produce percussion style revolvers. Bored through cylinders were an absolute necessity for cartridge revolvers. This gave Smith and Wesson a virtual monopoly on metallic cartridge revolvers. Just after the Civil War, however, Remington decided to pay the licensing fee to Smith and Wesson in order to convert the huge stocks of percussion .44 caliber New Model Army revolvers (1858's) for reissue to the US Army. They converted the New Model Army .44s to a five shot cartridge revolvers using the ".46 French" caliber rim-fire. According to Mc Dowell in his book "A

study of Colt Conversions and Other Percussion Revolvers," 4,574 of the Remington New Model .44 Army Revolvers were converted to this .46 caliber rim-fire round for the US Army between 1868 and 1869. Smith and Wesson received a \$1 per gun royalty. These new cartridge conversion Remingtons were very popular with the US troops on the frontier.

Eventually with the Rollin White Patent expiring, Remington began making numerous cartridge conversion revolvers. Remington reworked their percussion revolvers, using a newly manufactured cylinder and altered the revolver recoil plate. Within several years, many Remington New Model Army revolvers were

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also being converted to be six shot .44 Remington center fire. This .44 caliber cartridge was simply Remington's version of the already successful .44 Martin (Colt) center fire cartridge. The Remington .36 caliber percussion Navy sized revolvers were likewise converted to both .38 Long Rim Fire and .38 Central Fire. Many of the .38 and smaller caliber revolvers were modified using a twopiece cylinder and no modification to the recoil plate of the revolver (a la today's R&D Cylinder).

Both the .44s and .38s had a modified recoil plate with a loading notch milled into the right side of the percussion revolver's frame. An additional assembly with a loading gate and frame mounted firing pin was also added. Then, either a shortened percussion cylinder that had been bored through, or a newly manufactured bored through cylinder were fitted. Some Remington cartridge conversions had a simple ejector rod mechanism attached to the right side of the barrel/loading lever. The ejector rod had a small "flag type" protrusion at the muzzle end that was locked in place by the loading lever in the closed position. In order to use the ejector, the revolver was placed in half cock, and the loading lever unlocked and dropped slightly, freeing the end of the ejector rod. (See full description later in article).

The Remington cartridge conversions in .38 CF and rim-fire, .44 CF, and .46 Rim-fire were produced in huge numbers. Some were actually converted to .45 Colt by various gunsmiths (see later note). Remington kept producing cartridge conversion revolvers until the No. 3 Army Model of 1875 was released, also in .44 Remington, then in .44 WCF, and finally some in .45 Colt for the Indian Police.

UBERTI 1858 .45 Colt Gated Factory Cartridge Conversion

I can't tell you how excited I was the day I got the 1858 gated cartridge conversion! It was like being 10 years old and opening the Christ-

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Close up of the 1858 Conversion's ejector rod assembly.

mas package with my new Mattel "Fanner 50" set in it! I was not disappointed. The new forged frame Uberti 1858 .45 Colt conversion from Taylor's & Co. is exceptionally nicely done. The deep blue-black finish is smooth and even, and highly polished. The brass trigger guard is also polished. The 1858 conversion has perfect metal-to-metal fit. The hammer and trigger appear to have been case hardened. All of the Uberti 1858 Remingtons have a much wider and more comfortable trigger than the Colts. In my case, the wide Remington trigger seems to help me with my trigger pull.

The metal finish and wood to metal fit was also excellent on the Uberti 1858 conversion revolvers. The grips are two-piece walnut, with a varnished finish common to most other 1858 replicas. (I plan on striping mine, and giving them a period correct oil finish.) The eight-inch octagonal barrel has a historically correct Remington "shaved post" design front sight, which is dovetailed into the front of the barrel. This is one of the best features of all the Uberti made 1858's, percussion or conversion. It allows you to adjust the windage to your sight picture and favorite load. The Remington's rear sight notch in the frame is wide and deep. The barrel is well crowned, and the bore is centered in the barrel, a concern on some other brands of Italian replica blackpowder handguns. The rifling is deep and crisp, which is good for those who shoot blackpowder loads.

The trigger pull on the 1858 cartridge conversion is very nice, probably due at least in part to the lighter hammer spring than found on other brands of 1858 replicas. It broke clean and smooth at about 2-1/2 pounds. The hammer pull is also fairly light, but not so light it made ignition unreliable. All Uberti 1858s, whether percussion or cartridge conversions, have a main spring tensioning screw in the front of the grip. By unscrewing this screw or tightening it, you can adjust the hammer pull and falling force of the hammer.

The recoil shield of the Uberti factory gated conversion has a cartridge loading notch milled out it. Uberti incorporates a machined assembly added into the rear of the cylinder opening that has a frame mounted firing pin and spring loaded loading gate mounted into it, just as Remington did on their original cartridge conversions. This assembly is held securely in place by a single screw, attaching it to the revolver's recoil plate. A shortened, boredthrough cylinder in .45 Colt is added. The timing, indexing, and lock-up of the cartridge cylinder were perfect. The cylinder resembles a standard, though shortened, 1858 percussion cylinder. It has six chambers for

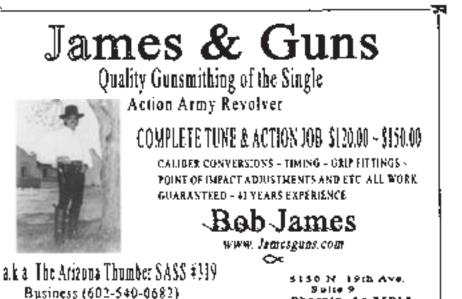
either .45 Colt or .45 S&W Schofield ammunition. The cylinder face is rebated for enclosing the cartridge case rims completely. While it is a nice feature, and is period correct, it makes it a little difficult to ensure the empty chamber is under the hammer at the loading table. Uberti has used what is generally referred to as a "heavy plate" conversion on this revolver. This thicker plate assembly is usually associated with the Remington Navy models converted to .38 Central Fire, rather than the .44 Army conversions. The Army models generally had a "thin plate" conversion, being less than half the thickness of the "heavy plate" conversions. A period Remington advertisement in an Army publication of the times, however, shows a picture of a .44 New Model Army revolver with a heavy plate conversion, though no examples have been encountered. Even if the heavy plate is not entirely correct for an Army Model, I can certainly forgive them this slight infraction.

(AUTHOR'S NOTE: After writing this article, I actually located an original New Model Army with a heavy plate conversion and loading gate in .45 Colt. It was on the James D. Julia antique firearms auction site. He states:

"SCARCE REMINGTON NEW MODEL ARMY CONVERSION RE-VOLVER. Cal. 45 Colt CF. SN 84632. Blued finish with 8" oct bbl $with\ three\ line\ bbl\ markings,\ pinched$ front sight, 2-pc walnut grips with cartouche. These revolvers are said to have been converted to cartridge by Osgood Gun Shop, Bangor, Maine around the turn of the century.")

The Uberti Factory Gated Cartridge Conversion features a period correct duplication of an original Remington cartridge conversion ejector rod. It is a simple ejector rod mechanism attached to the right side at the junction of the barrel and loading lever. The rod slips through a machined piece that is inset into the front bottom edge of the barrel where the cylinder pin passes

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LONERIDER LEATHER

By Captain George Baylor, SASS Life #24287

should start out by saying Jack I should start out by cares
Houston is my friend and has been almost from the beginning of my years in SASS. We're both haunted by our misspent youths. During the late Southeast Asian Unpleasantness, Jack commanded a PBR. That's a "Patrol Boat River" in Navy speak. Two of them were blown out from under him. The Navy promoted him each time, making him the youngest full lieutenant in the fleet at the time. Twice small Navy boats with lots of firepower took me and my merry men upriver and covered us while we did our dirty deeds, so I have a little bit of a feel for what he was doing—and a lot of respect.

People who know me also know I wouldn't use and tout something made by a friend unless it was worth wearing and touting. I'm a pretty tough critic of things I use myself. I won't suffer an inadequate piece of equipment very long. It has to work, and work well.

Jack's father was a B-Western actor who used the stage name of Jack Houston in several Lone Rider



Mexican Single Loop rig, 3" wide carved belt.

movies in the forties. The star of the Lone Rider series had been George Houston, but he had died. The studio kept the "Houston" and let Jack use his real first name. When Jack, the son, finally got around to joining SASS, he wanted The Lone Rider as an alias. But, someone else had beaten him to it by just a few numbers (moral: join SASS as soon as possible!) So he became "Jack Houston, Starring as The Lone Rider." Sadly, we have been unable to find any existing prints of those movies.

When Jack started shooting Cowboy Action ShootingTM, he dressed B-Western from day one, and he wore buscadero rigs, including one his father had used in the movies. Like many SASS people, he started making leather gear. I noted that his early efforts were pretty good, and each one was better than the previous one.

When I started shooting 7-1/2" Ruger Old Armies, I got a pair of



The entire "Captain" rig, for 7.5" barreled guns, with Colt SAAs.

pretty good holsters for them from someone else. But I wanted something I couldn't get from the big firms. I started talking to Jack. I sent him the cover for "Packing Iron." It shows a carved Mexican double loop holster. I wanted that with a few modifications for what we do.

We do some things the old time cowboys didn't.

1. We reholster on the clock. Shooting two guns, we have to draw one gun and return it to the holster

while simultaneously reaching for the other.

2. If we use two strong side holsters, we usually have to shift the gun to the strong hand from

the weak hand and back and then back into the holster

3. We wear two holsters during relatively athletic pursuits, so we need the same sort of firearms reten-



Captain Baylor's Mexican Single Loop, for 5-1/2" barreled guns, heavily carved.

tion and protection they wanted, but we use the guns a lot more. We also don't wear them out in the rain, snow, heat, and cold every day as they did.

So, some subtle changes were called for. The top of the holster got a curved lip to increase the funnel effect and make one-handed reholstering a snap.

> Modeled after John King

Fisher's real

tiger skin

chaps, these

didn't hurt any

cats. This out-

fit won the Best

Dressed Classic

Cowboy at the

2005 SASS Convention.

Dropping a gun will ruin your whole weekend. Evil Roy had clued me into grasping the weak hand pistol

lower than a firing grip, around the frame and trigger guard, leaving the grip open for the strong hand to take it away from the weak. So a lower top was called for.

I had also discovered that old time cowboys, even though cash was short, would pay the extra \$1.50 (a day and a half to two days wages) for floral carving. So I wanted the rig carved.

The rig that came from Jack was quite impressive. It held the guns well and was It also looked good. I used it a couple of years ... still do shooting when 7.5" Ruger Old Armies.

When they became available I switched to 5-1/2" Ruger Old Armies. I eventually came to the conclusion I should have 5-1/2" holsters. We collaborated on this rig.

The holsters are single loop design, which is authentic for 1870s-1890s. They're dropped a bit, not enough for B-Western, but not too much for Classic Cowboy. Some modern tricks are used in the back to secure things so the single loop is not



Miss Annie Bellum, SASS #10379, models her custom made LoneRider Leather B-Western rig.



Mexican Double Loop "updated" for Cowboy Action ShootingTM usage, heavily carved. Modeled after cover of "Packing Iron."



Close up of the carving-This guy is good!

supporting the holster and thus likely to stretch out. The lip on the top of the holster is rolled outward like all of the competitive rigs. Re-holster-

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ing is easy. If I miss this one, it's my own fault. The holster is stiff. It won't collapse when the gun is removed. The stiffness comes from thick, quality leather, not steel or Kydex lining. Jack made a 3" belt



Copied from the 1895 Montgomery Wards catalog, a carved double buckle hatband.



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Double Buckle hatband ad in the 1895 Montgomery Wards catalog.

because the carving pattern needed 3". It is very stable. It doesn't have belt loops because someone shooting percussion pistols wouldn't have them, so the belt could be carved, too. The holsters are angled a bit forward



Fancy Buscadero rig for Katt R. Wallen.

for ease of draw. I wear them just in front of the point of the hip.

The rig is secure and fast. Jack didn't put hammer thongs on them. That's authentic, but I asked him to add them. They're not in the pictures, but they're there now. Dump one pistol while shagging brass, and you'll want thongs.

Take a look at the picture of the close-up of the carving. This guy is GOOD! The rig is probably too nice to actually use in Cowboy Action Shooting $^{\text{TM}}$, but I do anyway.

Jack used the finest leather and thread and the like—thick, heavy, strong leather that won't get out of shape. Most of Jack's reputation is for w-a-a-a-y underpriced rigs. While customers buying his "get my name out to the public super-bargain rigs" got more than they paid for, they got affordable leather. Much of his custom work now is using the really good stuff. All of the materials

used are top quality. Expect to pay more for it than his regular rigs.

Since about 10% of his business is fancy B-Western rigs, I asked Jack for pictures of some of his best B-Western Rigs. He didn't have any! He had to ask customers to send

him pictures! The rig shown was made for Katt-R-Wallen. It looks like it belongs in a 1930's western, and it works very well.

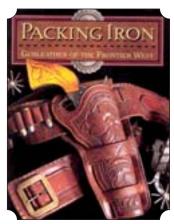
Jack also does leather work that



Katt R. Wallen's Buscadero holster.

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The rig on the cover of "Packing Iron" served as inspiration for the "Captain" rig.

isn't holsters and gunbelts. The tiger-striped chaps shown won best dressed Classic Cowboy at the 2005 SASS Convention. I had asked him to duplicate John King Fisher's tiger skinned chaps, but using tiger-striped leather. They are appropriately fancy and well made.

He also duplicated the double buckle hatband from the 1895 Montgomery Wards Catalog, using a copy of the ad.

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VALLEY VARMINT, SASS #18974

By Sam McRill, SASS #4708

Valley Varmint, aka Larry Zuknick, SASS #18974, left for the last roundup on December 18th, 2006 after a six year battle with cancer and heart disease. Born in 1946 in Annapolis, Maryland, he lived in the Sarasota, Florida area for his working life. Valley Varmint recently retired from automotive bodywork where he had managed Body Shops for several area Auto Dealers and individuals.

He was a long time member of the Single Action Shooting Society and also a member of the local Old West Reenactors group, "The Hole-in-the-

Head Gang," AKA OWLHOOTS, for many years. He endured his malady Cowboy style, quietly and carrying on as - long as he could, recently "robbing the train" with his Pards the weekend before



Thanksgiving. He will be

bered for his wit, his big heart, and his good soul. He was a real Pard and True Friend.

On December 22nd his fellow SASS shooters, as The Hole-in-the-Head Gang, attended his funeral and gave him a shotgun salute at the graveside service. Two members were seen dropping a couple of "extra" shotgun shells in with him for the "Main Match" and remarking, "He won't need 'em. Ain't no misses in that match!"

Valley Varmint is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Pot Shot Peg, SASS #19875, as well as siblings, family, and many friends in the area. Truly "A man to ride the river with" and a Dear Friend, he will be truly and sorely missed by us all. Happy Trails, Pard!! ...

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DEAD EYE DUGAN, SASS #31224

November 5, 1944 - January 3, 2007

By His Son-in-law, Berea Bandit, SASS #37666

Berea, KY – Just before daybreak on the morning of January 3, 2007, my father- in -law, Dead Eye Dugan left this earth to be with those who passed before him. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Included in the family, Dead Eye would have said it was those he shot with in the Single Action Shooting Society.

He loved to shoot and looked forward to any match his health allowed him to go to. He was so confident this sport was for him he was willing to



Dead Eye Dugan (l) and Berea Bandit proudly pose with Dead Eve's stained-glass church window.

join as a Life member even after his doctor had told him he had about a 20% chance of living one year. That was over six years ago and a quadruple bypass heart surgery. He told me about Cowboy Action Shooting $^{\text{TM}}$ before his surgery, but he had never had a chance to try it, and at that time he wasn't even sure if he would ever get to. Doctors informed us he would never live through the surgery, but as time went on, we were told he wouldn't live without it. After the surgery, he was determined that shooting Cowboy Action was the one thing he would do before he left this earth.

With determination in mind, Dead Eye purchased the gear to start shooting the very next season. The season was ready to start, and yet he wasn't fully recovered, so he told me to try it in his place. I was hooked at the first match and couldn't wait until he had recovered enough to come with me. He finally got to go to some of the matches. Some he participated in, and some all he had the strength for was to sit and watch, but he was there encouraging, and giving advice on how I could improve. As time went on, by the next season he was able to attend more and more matches. When the word came out more RO's were needed for matches, he was the first to say we were going for it. The more involved he could be, the more he enjoyed. He didn't stop at RO-I. He went on to attend class for RO-II as well.

Hooten Old Town was his favorite place to shoot and visit with friends. When the Regulators decided to add a church to the town, Dead Eye was the first to volunteer his services the only way he could. One of the hobbies he picked up while recovering from surgery was stained glass. He planned and designed for weeks until he felt he had the perfect window for the church. With the help of myself and my wife he finished the window, and one of the greatest moments for us was seeing it installed in the church.

As time went on, Dead Eye's health started to decline. We were able to go to some matches together late this summer. The last one was December's match at Hooten. I am so thankful he was able to stay with us and enjoy Cowboy Action ShootingTM for this long.

We will all miss him very much. 4.

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COLEMAN PITTS, SASS #1581

By H. B. Lovett, SASS #31793

Mankato, MN – Coleman Pitts, aka Dwight "Rex" Hoffman Macbeth checked out of our posse on July 15, 2006 after a long battle with a rare and terminal bone disease. Coleman Pitts was instrumental in starting Cowboy Action ShootingTM in Minnesota.

Proprietor of Guns of the Pioneers Museum and Gun Shop, he had a lifelong interest in the history of the Old West. He was a nationally known Cowboy and Gunfighter Poet and a Gunfighter historian. He sat on the Board of the James-Younger Gang History Association and was President elect of the National Outlaw and Lawman Association. He was also the voice of the Younger Brothers capture reenactment. He was the founder of the Key City Cowboys.

He was also involved in motor

sports all of his life. He raced motorcycles, stock cars, midgets, autocross, and antique sprint cars.

He was a founding member of the IMCA Old-Timer Racing Association. He announced for the Northwest Midget Auto Racing Association and the Arlington Raceway for 15 years.

Over 100 Cowboys and Cowgirls attended a celebration of his life in full regalia and sent him off in a hail of gunfire dispensed from many raised hoglegs.

Coleman Pitts is survived by his wife Rosie, three children, several grand and great grand children, and a niece and nephew.

May he rest in peace.

MERCANTE, SASS #40988

By Fra Diabolo, SASS Life #55145 Secretary and Webmaster of Sweetwater Gunslingers SASS Austria

I have the sad task of sending the news of the death of the Mercante.

Mercante, aka Manfred Kaufmann, died on January 25, 2007 at the age of 47 years after a long battle against cancer.

He was one of the first SASS Cowboy

Action Shooters in Austria and was a great supporter of this popular shooting game. A good friend and companion, he always tried to do his best in every situation.

Unfortunately, he died too early, and we will miss him very much. We will hold Mercante always in our thoughts. .



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of the target. Low hits were questionable with the lighter loads.

SASS is proud to have Winter Range as our National Championship and looks forward to many more years of competition at the Ben Avery Range.

Territorial Governors

The Territorial Governors meeting during Winter Range was of special interest this year. The last item on the agenda was the "light load" issue under discussion since the Convention. Clearly, there were passionate opinions across the spectrum. When it became obvious there were a number of incorrect assumptions in play, the conversation took a different turn.

It was explained there are actually two issues being addressed. The first is a perceived safety issue. With very light loads it is often difficult to distinguish between a good round and a squib. Hits are often difficult to detect and score correctly. Slowmoving, hard-cast bullets will sometimes bounce back, hitting folks on the firing line. The easy way to resolve this perceived safety issue is to set a minimum velocity for all loads. The Wild Bunch has agreed this needs to be done, and the Territorial Governors in attendance agreed this needs to be done. There was no general agreement what that velocity should be, but one will be established. When it is established, everyone will be given plenty of notice so they can conform. It was also noted no commercial ammunition will be certified as THE minimum performance ammo. It is the cowboy's responsibility to make sure <u>his</u> ammo meets the minimum velocity standard in his firearms.

The second issue is the realization the lightest possible bullets traveling at the specified minimum velocity will generally define the most competitive loads, although several of the top shooters commented they actually like a little recoil ... it gives them instant feedback they need when competing at the highest levels.

Most SASS members will agree shooting the lightest of the light loads is not the game they joined SASS to play ... and everyone with an ounce of competitiveness in them knows lightly recoiling loads are the key to successful competition. My calls for "competitive loads" in the mid .38 caliber range have been taken to mean there is a desire to disenfranchise the .32 caliber shooters, driving those who choose to shoot that caliber, for whatever reason, out of the game. Nothing could be further from the truth ... if that were the intent, there would never have been a call for a national discussion. The hard part has been to find a way to keep the mainstream competitors shooting "honest" loads (whatever we decide that might be) AND accommodate the lighter loads, allowing everyone to enjoy this great sport of ours.

A suggestion that received guarded, but favorable, support was the notion of including multiple "bonus" revolver targets in state and above matches set at some yet to be determined level of difficulty (amount of energy required to knock them over). As we do today for the Buckaroos, all anyone is required to do is ring the target to get a hit. Even a lightly loaded .32 can shoot a clean match! However, if the target is successfully knocked over, the shooter is awarded bonus points.

It was quickly realized everyone can shoot whatever loads they want, so long as they meet the minimum velocity threshold, and those who choose to vie for the very top spots will likely choose to adjust their loads to whatever turns out to be the most competitive levels. Something for everyone.

Coyote Calhoun announced the Wild Bunch will make a policy decision regarding minimums and announce the policy by END of TRAIL. Any new policy will not go into effect before next year. Perhaps there is light at the end of the tunnel—finally. A.

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International Combat Stress Conference (CSC) ...

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Marines as VIP's (Front row center seating). The ballroom will hold 1200 people.

Also, we are planning on having Military Reenactors from the Roman Empire era thru the Viet Nam era camp around the Staff Officers Club. They will function as a Living History display and answer questions from conference attendees and visitors from the Camp Pendleton community on how the military, throughout history, handled combat stress and family support programs. This display will educate, not only conference attendees, but also military families, especially school age children.

The reenactors groups that will attend are as follows;

Roman Empire, WW II 4th Marines, Viet Nam Marines, WW II Russians, WWII Japanese, WW I & II Germans, Civil War, Indian War, Military Vehicle Club, Renaissance era soldiers, Revolutionary War-American and British etc.

In all we expect, at this time, between 300 and 500 re-enactors.

If we can raise funds, we will provide a free dinner prior to the USO show on Saturday for the VIP families and their servers will be the reenactors in their dress uniforms of their time. Also we are presently requesting that MGM allow us to screen the movie "Home Of The Brave" on Friday, May 4th.

(They've never had a "cowboy" contingent at this event, but would love to rectify that deficiency this year. If you are interested in suiting up and participating as part of a Texas Ranger Company, contact Col Doc Bart at bbillings@omnisonic.com for information ... editor.) \$\mathbb{L}\$.





THE GREAT PINEAPPLE ROUND UP SASS Hawaii State Championship

By Lobo Negro, SASS #5394, LTG Regulator Photos by Reverend Alkali Al, SASS #53635, of Mr. Quigley Photography

aui, HI - The third annual Maui State Championship was hosted by the Maui Marshals, December 28-30, 2006. The beautiful grass covered range is across the street from the Pacific Ocean with the West Maui Mountains as a backdrop.

Cowboys and cowgirls showed up from the outer Islands and the mainland for side matches on Thursday



Rowdy Finn and Darning Daisy emerged as the Hawaii State Champions.



Shooting on the beautiful Maui range is a far cry from what most folks see "way out

roll and the pineapple shoot. A pineapple is held up with a cord and the shooter must shoot down at least 50% of the pineapple with a shotgun. It didn't take long for the sweet smell of pineapple to permeate the range. The coconut roll is a hoot. With shotgun, the shooter has to roll a coconut out of a circle on the ground.

The main match started on (Continued on page 85)

Hawaii State Champions

Man and Over All

Rowdy Finn, SASS #54595 Lady Darnin' Daisy, SASS # 23748 Top Lady Adelada Rose, SASS #3623

Category

TraditionalRanger Mike, SASS #21214

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49er Rowdy Finn, SASS #54595

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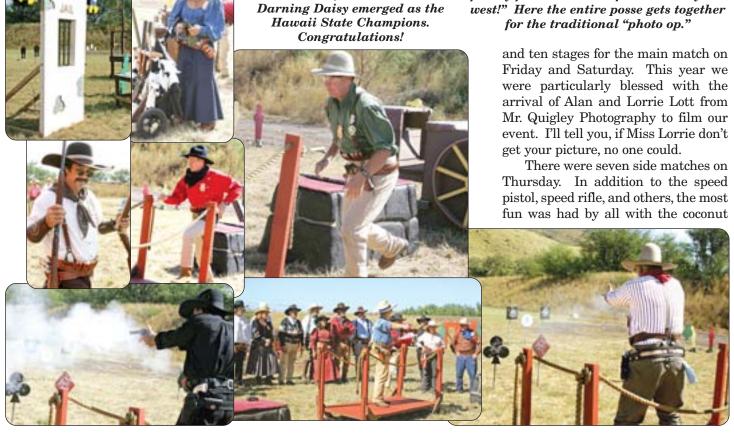
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Paniolo Annie, SASS #71269 L Duelist

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the event publications and put on display in an exhibition of the his work. In addition to the shooting competition stages, END of TRAIL will follow the Classic Gunfight theme throughout its entertainment, costume contests, and exhibitions, which will include speaking engage-



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ments with Bell and other of the nation's most prolific Wild West authorities.

The entertainment program for END of TRAIL 2007 begins on Tuesday evening with D.J. music and dancing in the big tent and Cowboy Karaoke in the Belle Union.



Devon Dawson, known as "Miss Devon" (SASS #49096) of Fort Worth, Texas, has garnered top nominations nationally as "Female Performer of the Year" and "Songwriter of the Year" by The Western Music Association and The Academy of Western Artists.



The fastest man with a gun who ever lived is coming to town. Bob Munden, who has held all 18 world records in speed shooting since 1960, has astounded audiences world wide with his amazing fast-draw abilities. Munden's fastest time, officially recorded in New York by Guinness Book of World Records representatives, is a one and three-quarters one hundredths of one second—which is less than one half of one half of one tenth of one second!

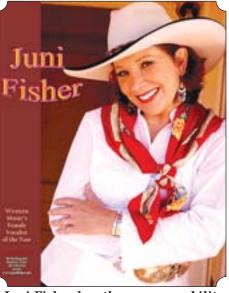


Dr. Lafitte, Knight of the Green Cloth has amazed and amused with his "Magic and Tales of the Old West" show throughout the United States. As "America's Leading Western Magician," Lafitte has performed at various fairs and festivals, including Michael Martin Murphey's Westfest, CMT's Starfest, The Rose Bowl, Winter Range, and END of TRAIL. He is "The World's Only Bona Fide Doctor of Faro.'

For those interested in honing their two-stepping or Cowboy Cha-Cha skills, Miss Tabitha will be holding dance lessons just prior to the dance. For SASS members outside our borders, the International Reception will take place in the Belle Union.

On Wednesday the Tijeras Corral stage lights up with a constant flow of live music performances, all hosted by Miss Devon Dawson. The lineup of music entertainers to date includes

Earl Gleason, Bill Barwick, and The Buckarettes on Wednesday and Thursday. Juni Fisher joins the lineup on Thursday and continues Friday and Saturday with Kip Calahan, Jean Prescott, and The Sons of the Rio Grande. Dave Bourne will add his brand of Honky Tonk Piano not only in the Tijeras during the day, but nightly in the Belle Union. The Eighter from Decatur, fiddle-playing phenomenon, Jess Meador, will join the lineup as will several other high profile Western Entertainers. On the Charlie Goodnight Stage END of TRAIL alumni, Joe Bowman, Lafitte, Jim Dunham, and Joey Dillon, will dazzle audiences with their variety of story telling, magic,



Juni Fisher has the uncanny ability to write songs that plumb the depths of your heart. First, her melodies captivate you and then her stories hold you spellbound. Her music gives voice to the soul.

and gun handling feats. Bob Munden will take to the Bahia de Coto shooting bay with his performance of incredible shooting demonstrations while TC Thorstenson and his Buffalo, Harvey Wallbanger, Jr. amaze the crowds with their remarkable animal/trainer relationship. Miss Tabitha also returns with her ever-popular Ladies Victorian Undergarment show. Wednesday is also the time for the Territorial Governors Meeting, The SASS Life Member/Regulator Reception, the SASS Wire Gathering, and the Founders Club Reception.

Folks entering END of



A very special series of entertainment has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. In the Belle Union Can-Can Dancers will take to the stage along with a performance by none other than Mae West as portrayed by Peaches O'Day. This should be a hoot-hollering extravaganza that is sure to be remembered!

TRAIL through the Mission gate will encounter a Tee-Pee village mixed with spectacles of the Old West. An exhibition of traditional Spanish Barb horses, who are the descendants of true Conquistadors and have enjoyed a resurgence of popularity and population thanks to a group of breeders who have taken on the task of preserving the beautiful and historical animals, will be included in this display, and interspersed throughout the "village" will be chuck wagons from around the Southwest who will be participating in the annual END of TRAIL Chuck Wagon Cooking Contest. On the Silhouette Bay, Outpost One will have its array of (Continued on next page)



A successful professional singer for many years, Jean Prescott has been featured at the International Western Music Festival, The World Championship Ranch Rodeo Finals, The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, San Antonio Stock Show, and the cowboy's favorite Western Heritage Classic in Abilene, Texas, just to mention few.

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period firearms, including several Gatling guns in their camp. Folks can shoot these guns for a nominal fee and feel the adrenaline of putting lots of .45-70 rounds down range ... in a hurry! Several new permanent buildings will be in place, including a new Tonto Rim Trading Company and Lindholm Spurs building that is a replica of one that currently sits on Denver Street in Universal Studios' back lot.

On Wednesday evening Awards for the day's Side Matches will be presented and followed by the END of TRAIL Opening Ceremonies.



Hugh O'Brian had 50s "beefcake" written all over him, but chose to avoid the obvious typecast when setting up his career. By the time he graduated from high school, he had lettered in football, basketball, wrestling, and track. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 18. In 1954, Hugh was offered the starring role in "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp" on TV. It became a mainstay hit and Hugh an "overnight" star. He is the founder of HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership), which seeks out and helps recognize leadership potential in high school sophomores.

Among the cannon fire welcome and civil war honor guard with be a special presentation designed to kick off the 26th annual event in grand style.

Befitting a Classic Gunfight theme, actor Hugh O'Brian, best known as the title role character in the Television Western series, "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp," will be presented with the Bronze Buckaroo Award on Thursday evening by True West Magazine's Bob Boze Bell. The actor, who also founded the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership program almost 50 years ago, will also be presented with a portrait by Boze Bell of O'Brian as Wyatt Earp. This por-



Jim Dunham has spent most of his life pursuing his love of the American West. Although born in Illinois, Dunham grew up influenced by the art of Charles M. Russell. Frederick Remington, and the books of Will James. As a teenager he was active in the sport of Fast Draw and became accomplished at gun spinning and fancy gun handling. He studied acting and Fine Arts at the University of Colorado and began performing a show about the Gunfighters of the Old West for service clubs and church groups.

trait will be the featured item in a silent auction that will benefit O'Brian's HOBY organization, which to date has more than 367,000 high school sophomore alumni. A limited number of portrait glichee prints will be available for purchase.

Thursday night will be packed with activities. 2006 Western Music



World Champion Gunslinger Joey Dillon has been performing professionally nationwide for years with his unique display of cowboy six-gun handling. He has been named "Best trick and Fancy Gun Handler" by True West Magazine. He has won the Gunspinning World Championship in Deadwood South Dakota numerous times, the Wild West Arts Club Championship in Las Vegas, and has shown

no signs of slowing down.

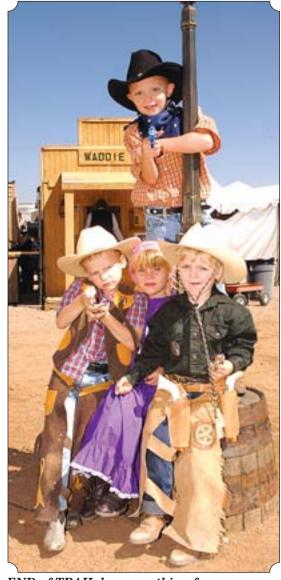
Association Female Vocalist of the Year, Juni Fisher, will entertain folks before and after the Buckaroo Bronze ceremony and the official opening of an art exhibition featuring the works of Bob Boze Bell will follow. Bell who is the author of the Classic Gunfighter I and II books is also the books' illustrator. 16 of his original pieces will be put on exhibition and will be for sale. Bell will also introduce his new Classic Gunfighters III book at the exhibition, and the silent auction for the Wyatt Earp portrait will begin. If all this isn't enough, the Belle Union will feature the annual Soiled Dove costume contest with Dave Bourne on the piano!

A very special series of entertainment has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. In the Belle Union Can-Can Dancers will take to the stage along with a performance by none other than Mae West as portrayed by Peaches O'Day. should be a hoot-hollering extravaganza that is sure to be remembered! The Big Tent entertainment program for Friday and Saturday evening is still to be determined, but will feature music and dancing and will be an opportunity to mingle and visit with friends and acquaintances. Saturday night is also the Best Dressed Costume Contest with awards presented by Cat Ballou.

On Sunday an earlier schedule



The END of TRAIL chuck wagons not only provide a festive, "Old West" atmosphere, they are an attractive source for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and the cook-off provides mouth-watering delicacies that must be tasted to be believed!



END of TRAIL has something for everyoneyoung, old, and folks in between. There are games for the youngsters in the Kiddie Corral, or they can suit up and wander the streets just like their parents!

will start Cowboy Church with Reverend Dave Bunce, aka Jericho Wall, at 8:00 a.m. followed by Colt's High Noon Shootout at 9:00 a.m. The Top Gun Shoot-Off begins at 10:30 a.m. with the Action Shooting Awards beginning at 1:00 p.m. This year the Mounted Shooting Awards will be held separately in the Wah Maker Arena at 11:00 a.m., and with the Side Match Awards being presented on Wednesday, this year's Award Ceremony should be short and sweet!

END of TRAIL has something to offer everyone involved in SASS or the Western Lifestyles World. It is truly designed for this wide variety of people interested in the Old West. If you like to shoot, there is tons of shooting. If entertainment or dressing up is your bag, it'll be all you can do just to keep up with the schedule. If you simply like to ponder or revel in the atmosphere of the Old West, just slip back in time and come to Founders Ranch and be part of END of TRAIL. It is truly an experience for everyone! **1**



TEN GREAT YEARS: THE SHOOTOUT AT GIVHAN'S FERRY; SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Henry McKenna, SASS Life #700



Cake was served in honor of the 231st Birthday of the Marine Corps on November 10th. Ghost Dancer provided the cake and arranged a brief ceremony in which the cake was cut, as per tradition, with actual USMC sabers. Once a Marine, always a Marine!

Doc Pathfinder, SASS #4138, with his newly won 1866 rifle engraved by Savannah Gun Works, Have-a-Bourbon, SASS #50227. That's Match Director Osage Pete, SASS #34200, on the right, presenting the rifle.

Ridgeville, South Carolina – In the late '80's I wound up living in the Mohave Desert, courtesy of my employment with Uncle Sam. I rather liked the desert, actually, and had especially looked forward to living in California so I might get a chance to participate in an activity I had only been reading about: an event known as END of TRAIL.



L.D. Pondscum, SASS #38270, goes up against Kill-em-All Kate, SASS #45804, during the High Noon Shoot-Off competition Sunday. Light & Shadow Photography

Heck, I already owned a Colt Single Action and a cowboy hat ...

Once settled into the High Desert, I asked around and was put in touch with a gentleman by the name of "Tex" who answered many questions about the sport via telephone. I gathered up what was needed and soon went to my first match. The 1988 END of TRAIL had over 300 shooters, and I was privileged to be one of 'em. What a fine bunch of folks and a superb excuse to



Mitford Mauler, SASS #16780, did not shoot the match but took a $week \hbox{\it 's vacation to help prepare the}$ range, be a range wrangler, RO the Shoot-off, RO the Long Range Side Match, and help in every way possible. Here is a tough yet humble man with true cowboy spirit!

shoot the greatest guns of history.

A couple of years later, after spending many a fine weekend shooting in Cowboy matches around California and Arizona, I came off active duty with the Marines and headed home to the Carolinas. I figured to be lucky to ever get a chance to be a cowboy again. Perhaps the sport would grow enough to get out our way? The odds were that the guns would hang on the wall while I married and raised a family in civilized, polite Southern society. This is



Henry McKenna, SASS Life #700

exactly what happened, but it was only temporary ... at least the part about the "guns on the wall."

Ya' see, several years later a good friend was over at our house in Charleston and looking at the pictures from END of TRAIL. I gave him a copy of a then-recent 14 page Cowboy Chronicle, and the hook was set. That friend soon became known as Mad Monk McGuire, SASS #4210L (and later a Regulator), and was one of the visionaries who ini-(Continued on next page)

Ghost Dancer, SASS #1767, awards a couple of Buckaroos with lifetime memberships in the Palmetto Posse. Sgt. Scattergun Ray, SASS #59658, takes his new badge as his younger brother, Lt. Martin Longhorn, SASS #59659, looks on.







Kid Nama SASS#55944, three-time Ladies 49er, South Carolina State Champion, makes short work of a few villains with her trusty '73 carbine.

Big Rock,

SASS #44055

SASS #28122

SASS #27309

SASS #19615

LD Pondscum,

SASS #38270

SASS #13621

SASS #25723

SASS #34200

Sixgun Sallie,

SASS #38989

SASS #33693

SASS #44319

Cheekie Girl,

SASS #63813

SASS #45804

SASS #62556

SASS #18274

SASS #29170

Pard Pickett, SASS #30095

Red River Ray,

Deadeye Otter,

SASS #33254

SASS #48348

Ghost Dancer.

SASS #17672

Pickax Pete. SASS #30754

Red Cent.

Maggie Darlin',

Punch, SASS #4368

Ms. Jewel,

Kill-em-all Kate,

Crackshot Cris.

Fannie Kikinshoot,

Osage Pete,

Doc McCandless,

Rye Miles,

Regulator Rude,

J M Brown,

Wicked Wanda.

Winners

Overall Shoot-Off Top Gun

Red River Ray, SASS #33254

Overall Match Winners

Red River Ray, Cowboy SASS #33254 Cowgirl Maggie Darlin', SASS #18274

Overall South Carolina

Bulls Head Bill, Cowboy SASS #33692 CowgirlNew Englander, SASS #29812

South Carolina State Champions

Swift Stoney, SASS #49735 L 49er Kid Nama, SASS #55944 Traditional Bulls Head Bill,

SASS #33692 L Traditional New Englander, SASS #29812

DuelistWheelgun Dunn, SASS #59360 L Duelist Crackshot Cris, SASS #44319

Modern Harmen Hammer, SASS #20214

Cody D West. L Modern SASS #11201 Gunfighter Osage Pete,

SASS #34200 Senior Surly Dave, SASS #14630

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C Cowboy The GilBob Kid, SASS #49699 G P Bear, E Statesman

SASS #21082 B-Western Lorenzo Kid,

SASS #30214 L B-Western Fannie Kikinshoot.

SASS #33693

BuckarooLt. Martin Longhorn. SASS #59659

Buckar etteMojave Wildflower, SASS #68695 **Category Winners** 49er Ozark Azz, SASS #18273 Buckerette Mojave Wildflower, SASS #68695 BuckarooOgechee Kid, SASS #62441 B-Western Lorenzo Kid. SASS #30214

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E Statesman

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Gunfighter

L 49er L B-Western

L Duelist

L FCartridge

L Modern

L Senior

L Traditional

Modern

Senior

S Duelist

Traditional

Young Guns

Top Hand Award

Shootout at Givhans Ferry Cowboy

Spirit Award

Costume Contest Winners

Working Cowboy

Harry II Late, SASS #8420 Lizona Lee, CowgirlSASS #67439

Best Dressed

Pearl, SASS #68593 Lady GentlemanProfessor MT Jerobaum, SASS #27904

Lt. Martin Junior Boy Longhorn,

SASS #59659 Junior Girl Mojave Wildflower, SASS #68695

B-Western

 $Gun\ Cart$

Lady

Fannie Kikinshoot, SASS #33693 GentlemanLorenzo Kid, SASS #30214 Military Henry McKenna, SASS #700

Tobasco Dan,

SASS #53148

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tially brought our sport to the Low Country of South Carolina. The match he organized and built became the first Shootout at Givhan's (pronounced like "give-hanz") Ferry in 1996 and our State Championship. At least once a year the guns were back on, and I was to have a hand at bringing justice to the trouble-making varmints who dared go up against us.

The Shootout at Givhan's Ferry has always been a fine match, and the event raised money for various good charities such as Toys For Tots. Over the years several top hands from all over the South have made this shoot a regular stop, and we've been blessed with many distinguished visitors as well. Judge Roy Bean, General US Grant (politely edited to "The General" in these parts), Evil Roy and Wicked Felina, Coyote Calhoun, Island Girl, Marshal Harland Wolff, and several other legends of our sport have graced us with their presence at one time or another.

This year was the 10th anniversary, and it was quite special.

What made this match so special, you ask? Ten well run, well designed stages for starters. The whole match was a blast and involved just the right amount of challenge, variety, speed, accuracy, and innovation. The berm marshals were on top of their chores while bringing professionalism, fair play, and fun to every stage. The posses seemed to magically bond, and there was a good mix of categories from seniors to soot lords. The Carolina Belles were there to infuse their charms, beauty, and skills, and add their elegant collective energy to all they touched. Everybody was drawn together and wreaking havoc upon those down range evildoers some referred to as "targets."

A great shoot not enough for you? There were some very well run side matches Thursday that included long range rifle, .22 rifle and revolver, tomahawk throw, knife throw, derringer, pocket pistol, speed matches, and even a "Wild Bunch" event.

The evening social activities were a great deal of fun, too. Carolina barbeque is considered a delicacy by many, and some topnotch victuals were served up Friday night. Saturday Night's Governor's Ball found us enjoying some very well received prime rib. Many items were auctioned or raffled off to raise money for the local Toys For Tots campaign as well as the Happy Trails Children's Foundation. Sutlers' Row provided quality shopping and all were kind enough to donate several gifts.

OK, OK, OK ... we all know that when we go to a State Championship we downright expect a good shooting (Continued on page 82)







Juaquin Malone, SASS Life #44677

Sparta, IL – Did you ever notice wherever SASS cowboys gather, there is some kind of stampede, shootout, showdown, ambush, hullabaloo, fandango, or as in this case, a RUCKUS? Isn't it just great! The Prairie State Cowboy Action Shooters Association geared up for year two as the temperature began to climb during one of the hottest Julys we have seen in awhile. Our event facility has come a long way since last year, but it is still not quite complete. The main building is perched on a wide hill overlooking a small lake. As you drive in through the gate, you go up the slight incline that takes you to the main parking area. A shuttle service was operat-



The way in to the SASS Illinois State Championship.

ed all day to take visitors, shooters, and their carts to and from the range area.

How do you top what was probably the biggest inaugural event in SASS history? (Besides being nominated for a Wooly that is.) First, because of the potential for heat stroke weather, the plans were for each posse to shoot four stages per day either in the morning or the afternoon, and if you shot in the morning one day, you would shoot in the afternoon the next and so on. This would then give you the rest of the day free. This meant the match would be one day longer so you could devote more time to shopping, sightseeing, staying cool, or whatever

RANDOLPH COUNTY RUCKUS RIDES AGAIN

SASS Illinois State Championship #2

By Juaquin Malone, SASS Life #44677 Photos by Juaquin Malone and Cheryl Pyer



Two Sons was the Top Lady Overall competitor. She continues to rack up victory after victory ... congratulations!

else you could think of. It made for a very relaxing time, and I didn't have to forego my naps.

There were pre-registered shooters from twenty states totaling 331.

All were ready for a good time, and they were not disappointed. Just like the first Ruckus, number two was a gunfighter friendly match. There is some amazing talent in that category! Since the match was extended by one day over last year's event, the side matches began on Wednesday instead of Thursday,

which left three days of match shooting and the big shoot-off on Sunday along with the team chal-

lenge and the couple's event. If you like seeing couples shoot well and take time out to kiss while shooting, you would like watching this event. The team event was a raucous good time that was entertaining and exemplified what the sport is about, camaraderie, good natured banter, and just plain having fun.

Kirkpatrick Leather returned for the second



Illinois State Champions— Shell Stuffer and Turkey Legs. Shell Stuffit was also the Top Overall male competitor. Congratulations!

year, once again as a Presenting Sponsor, thanks to Not Wild Bill and his staff. Also on the Presenting level was the builder of our beautiful facility and host, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, thanks to the staff of the World Shooting and Recreation Complex. Also on board again this year was the local newspaper, The Sparta Plain News Dealer who did all of the printing. All do outstanding work and here's hoping we can keep them all involved long into the future. Major sponsors were Coyote Cap Gunworks, who returned with his outstanding product and pointers. Banana River Outfitters was also there with their line of high quality products. Competition Electronics, my favorite electronics supplier, furnished all of the timers and such.



Tenshot Tammy rides the range.



Our Match Director, Taquila Tab.

They make a great timer. Desperado Cowboy Bullets, LLC set up their display and were ready to show their line of quality bullets. Desider Pools'N Spas Inc. was also a sponsor, and it was too bad we couldn't have gotten them to set up some of their products. It would have been a



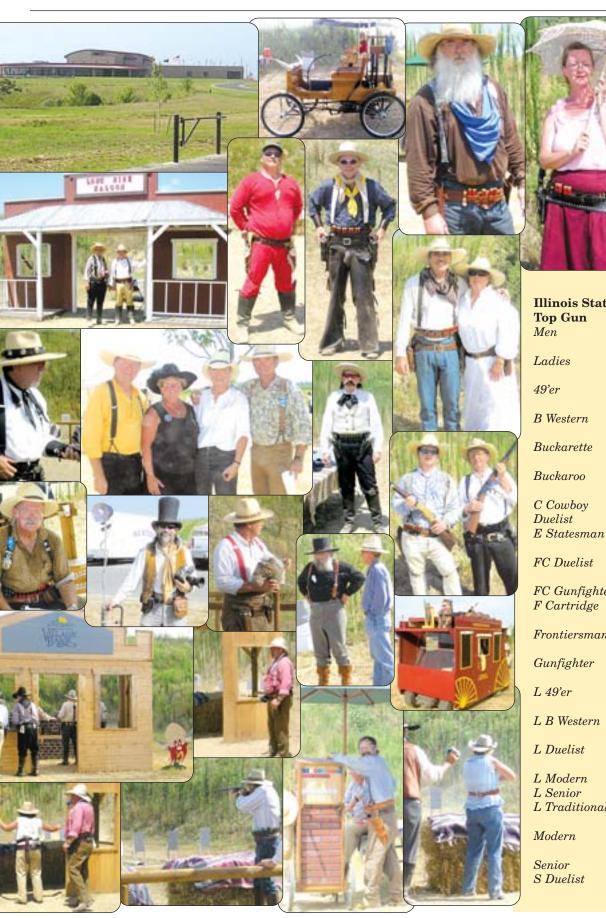
Our Range Director, Tex Hewitt.

great way to unwind at the end of the day and cool off from the July heat. Royal Bullet Company came to offer their outstanding inventory of fine products. Last, but not least, was everyone's favorite parts and tool supplier, Brownell's. They were raffling some of their products and delivering their newest Cowboy

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Winners **Illinois State Champions**

Top Gun MenShell Stuffer, SASS #33146 Turkey Legs, SASS #48384 Ladies 49'er Wild Pike, SASS #31760 Taquila Tab, B Western SASS #2048 BuckaretteFlaming Star, SASS #71391 BuckarooThunder Jack Johnson. SASS #40508 Okaw, SASS #30137 C Cowboy Ugly, SASS #18106 Duelist

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SASS #2041 Les Hitts, Gunfighter SASS #35157

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SASS #23095 Buffalo Creek Kid, Modern SASS #45529

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Shell Stuffer Traditional Young Gun Wolf Creek Jake, SASS #35386

Overall Winners Top Gun MenShell Stuffer Ladies Two Sons, SASS #12636 49'er The Brisco Kid, SASS #26032 B Western Larkin Skaggs, SASS #22199 BuckaretteFlaming Star BuckarooBendito C Cowbov Okaw Smokin Iron, Duelist SASS #22147 Walco Curly, E StatesmanSASS #3053 FC Duelist Tame Bill, SASS #30699 FC Gunfighter Sgt. Eli

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SASS #21275 Traditional Shell Stuffer Young Gun Wolf Creek Jake





Byhalia, MS – The Mississippi River Rangers have been asked, "How did you win the Best Club of the Year Award two years out of the four it has been given?" Best answer I can give is, "It's just the way we do things." Our annual match may be the best example. Come join us Memorial Day and see it firsthand.

The Mississippi River Rangers (MRR) was organized in August 1996 and became SASS affiliated in April 1997. The club is located on private property outside of Byhalia, MS. The range is dedicated to Cowboy Action Shooting TM and funded entirely by the \$35 annual club dues, \$15 shooting fees, and the proceeds from the annual match. Currently we have 109 active shooting members.

2006 was our 10th annual and

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Easy Lee, range owner, match director, and event visionary leads the match team by example. His enthusiasm and attention to detail are key to producing a well-organized, fun match. Easy Lee's pursuit of excellence has been key to garnering a pair of Best Club of the Year Woolies.

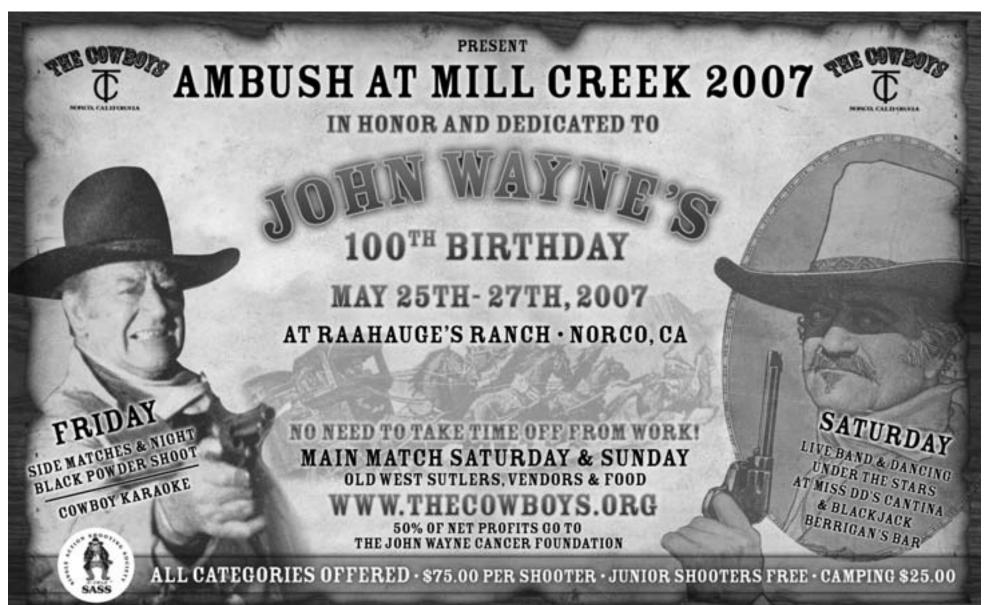
By Easy Lee, SASS Life #9753

6th SASS Mississippi State Championship. While not a big match, we do offer many of the features of the larger Regional shoots. RO-I & RO-II are offered each year. MRR is dedicated to promoting the RO program. Every MRR member is required to pass RO-I. Again this year we waived a \$5 portion of the club's fee and only charged the attendees \$20. There were 16 RO-I and 11 RO-II pins presented. A TG meeting was attended by 7 of the 10 TG'S attending the match with the minutes being sent to Hipshot.

This year's match fee was \$95 for the first shooter, \$75 for the spouse, (Continued on next page)



Empress of the North riverboat veterans, Creek McIntosh and Belle Epoque, provide a touch of class in their finery during the evening festivities.





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and all juniors shoot *free*. The fee included the served sit down dinner with a band at Whispering Woods Hotel. Side match fee was \$15 to shoot 10 events as many times as you want. Costs are kept low by making

our own badges and plaques. The proceeds from two charity side matches, Cowboy Clays and Wild Fire (the mechanical steed), were donated to the SASS Scholarship fund and to Camp Hopewell for diabetic children.

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SASS #70453

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ROUGH AND READY ROB, SASS #42891, AND THE RICHMOND ROUGHRIDERS

By The Potato Kid, SASS #40823

Back in 2001, my neighbor Rob asked me to take a look at a local SASS shoot he had been trying to explain to me. Having nothing to do, and since he was driving, I went along. At that time I had only one single shot .22 rifle for shooting cans on camping trips, and I was not familiar with SASS.

Rob had been talking and thinking about joining SASS for some time, but as long as I've known him he has never been one to jump into anything without checking it out thoroughly. And, I think he needed a buddy who he could easily beat.

That Sunday he took me to a Richmond Roughriders' SASS monthly match held at the Richmond, California, Rod and Gun Club. After watching six fun-filled stages I was greeted by El Passo Gasso who told me it would cost

about \$60,000 to join this sport (you need an RV to visit other clubs, he said), and I was hooked. I bought my first Ruger, a .45 from neighbor Rob, as he wanted to shoot .38 caliber—"less recoil" he said.

The next weekend I bought another Ruger .45 pistol, Marlin 1894 rifle in .45, and a nice 16 gauge Winchester '97 shotgun from Tabor's in San Bruno, a long time SASS supporter. On the way home I visited neighbor Rob to tell him what I had done, all with the wife's permission, of course. Rob couldn't believe it, so he joined, choosing Rough and Ready Rob, as he had lived in the town of Rough and Ready, California, back in the 60's. Being from Idaho, and younger than many of the Roughriders' posse, it was easy for me to find an alias; hence, The Potato Kid.

Rob is an avid outdoorsmen,

who a couple of years earlier had convinced me to buy a boat so he didn't have to use his. He tried and tried to teach me to shoot, but being a Leo, I either ignored him or didn't understand what the heck he was trying to teach me. Mechanical stuff is not my strong suit. During that first year I was scoring 15-20 misses per match! But, it didn't matter because I was having fun.

After reading many of the articles in The Combon Chronicle, watching some excellent shooters, including Badlands Bud (who was only about 12, back then) as well as the many other first-rate Richmond Rough-

rider shooters, I figured it out enough to finish in the middle of the pack at many local shoots. Heck, I even cleaned a match once!

Thanks to Rough and Ready Rob who introduced me to SASS and the great gang of Richmond Roughriders, I have a full gun safe, load my own ammo, and even sporadically beat old Rough and Ready Rob.

You newbie's, be safe, have fun, and find a buddy to go outside and play with.

PS: El Passo Gasso was wrong about the \$60,000; it was more like \$100,000, including the new RV the wife picked out! .

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TEN GREAT YEARS: THE SHOOTOUT AT GIVHAN'S FERRY; SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP...

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match, quality food and social activities, a row of good sutlers to peruse in our free time, a gathering of festive pards, and some fun side matches. The Shootout at Givhan's Ferry delivered in spades sure enough, but what else made it so special?

For one thing, Friday was the 10th of November, and all Marines know what happened 231 years ago on that date—the United States Marine Corps was formed at a tavern in Philadelphia. Ghost Dancer, SASS #17672, a Marine aviator, and a Korean War combat veteran, got together with fellow Leatherneck Wil D. Bunch and they organized an informal birthday cake cutting ceremony held at "Camp McKenna" on the range. All were invited and met following Friday's shooting. After I read aloud the Birthday Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Ghost Dancer cut the cake with his Officer's saber and presented the first piece to the oldest Marine present. Wil D. Bunch cut the next piece with his NCO saber and presented it to the youngest Marine, while the third slice went to our senior Sailor in honor of a naval tradition and all the great sailors in the "Green Navy" who continue to serve directly with Marines to this day. The *Marines' Hymn* was sung and then all enjoyed cake.

One of the most unique and memorable traditions of The Shootout at Givhan's Ferry is the Veteran's Day ceremony. Gray Rider, a man whom you'd particularly want on your side in a war, started the Shootout at Givhan's Ferry tradition of raising the flag and delivering a very moving patriotic speech to remind us of just how good we have it to live in such a great country ... and to whom we all owe a debt of thanks. This year, our local Marines posted the colors and, as Gray Rider could not attend, I stepped in to say a few words about our hero veterans. Those amongst us who served lined up and the rest went through and shook every veteran's hand and personally thanked them for their service to our beloved country. It seems most pards were feeling pretty proud about being Americans, and honored to recognize those who served. A couple of pards commented the match is worth attending for the Veteran's recognition alone.

The awards ceremony recognized the best shooters, lookers, pards, and workers. Ghost Dancer, always the innovative leader, presented three of our Buckaroos with lifetime memberships in the Palmetto Posse, along with the nicest club badges you ever saw. He started this award a few years ago to both recognize and encourage our youths as the future of our sport.

There is a very special recognition I must tell you about. The South Carolina Cowboy Spirit Award is the highest honor given to one South Carolina cowboy or cowgirl during the South Carolina State Championship. The Cowboy Spirit Award recipient is chosen for showing the true Cowboy spirit in every way and is selected by the South Carolina Match Directors. Those who wear this special badge are always finding ways to help out and promote Cowboy Action ShootingTM. At the time of recognition the recipient cannot be a Territorial Governor, Match Director, or Assistant Match Director. Ghost Dancer founded the award. and each year he donates one custom badge to be given out at the Shootout at Givhan's Ferry. Palo Dura Trailboss, SASS #29581, was the first

recipient. Pickax Pete, SASS #30754, was recognized in 2004, and Crackshot Cris SASS #44319L in 2005. In 2006 it was unanimously voted to bestow the honor to Ghost Dancer himself. I do not know how they kept it a secret, but Ghost Dancer was surely surprised! The man is known as a statesman, so it was met with a great deal of applause and laughter when he moved, shell shocked, up to the stage and Pickaxe Pete announced, "He's SPEECH-LESS!!" Good going Ghost Dancer ... you are a credit to us all and an appropriate recipient of the very award you founded.

Well, it's great Cowboy Action Shooting™ has spread all across the country and even the world over the years. Heck, the Tenth Anniversary of The Shootout at Givhan's Ferry was an absolute blast. I, for one, will strap on the guns again next Veterans' Day weekend fer sure. I'll bring along the Buckarettes, Mojave Wildflower, SASS #68695, and Ornery Ellen, SASS #68696, and we'll re-establish "Camp McKenna" at the edge of the range. Please plan to join us on 8-11 November, 2007. ♣

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Hartford, CONNECTICUT – Wayne Enterprises (Newport Beach, California) and the U.S. Firearms Company (USFA) in Hartford, Connecticut have announced the release of several premium revolver projects to commemorate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of John Wayne's birth in 2007. These special edition firearms to be produced by USFA include the John Wayne Red River DTM Classic, and the John Wayne Centennial Edition. Born in 1907, John Wayne made movies for over 50 years. During that time, he appeared in more than 170 films, including a record-setting 142 in leading roles.

In honor of Duke, the John Wayne Red River DTM Classic will include USFA Single Action chambered in .45 Colt and .44-40 with an aged blue and mellow ivory stocks, with Wayne's Red River D brand on

the shovel head and gun frame. Serial numbered XXRR and RRXX, a numbered pair is possible. Each gun comes complete with a John Wayne Cartridge Belt and Gun Holster. Special Production will be limited and deliveries begin March of 2007.

The John Wayne Centennial Edition 1907-2007 will feature hand engraving. These totally handmade one-of-a-kind presentation guns will celebrate 100 years of John Wayne. The guns will be divided into 25 cased sets, one Blue and Color Case, one Nickel, both 5-1/2 inches in .45 Colt. There will only be 50 single guns issued to complete the 100 units in 2007. These will be presented in a fitted case with all accessories including John Wayne Cartridge Belt and Gun Holster.

Just as with the single action six-shooters the Duke carried in all his famous Western movies, these beautiful revolvers are 100% made in Hartford, Connecticut, USA. These special production guns are scheduled to begin shipping in March of 2007. Prototype models will be on display at the Shot Show 2007, Booth 4473, Orlando, FL.

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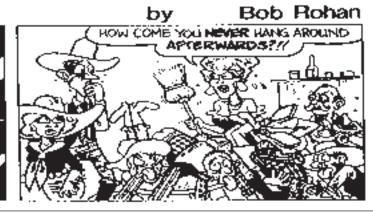
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TAYLOR'S & CO. UBERTI FACTORY GATED 1858 REMINGTON .45 COLT CARTRIDGE CONVERSION . . .

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through. It had a protrusion at the muzzle end that is locked in place in a forward position by the loading lever in the closed position. In order to use the ejector, the revolver was placed in half cock, the loading gate is opened, and the loading lever unlocked and dropped slightly, freeing the end of the ejector rod. The ejector rod is rotated 180 degrees, where the flag type protrusion is away from the frame, allowing you to push the rod into the cylinder, pushing out the case. It sounds complicated, but it is really not.

I tried to take the percussion cylinder out of my forged frame 1858 percussion revolver and put it in the conversion. After removing the loading gate/firing pin assembly from the conversion, the percussion cylinder fit right in. It did not index, however, when I cocked it. There must be a modification to the conversion's cylinder hand to accommodate the cartridge cylinder. Oh well, it was just a thought.

As I have already stated, the vast majority of the Remington New Model Army .44 Revolvers were converted to either a Remington version of the .44 Stetson (Colt) cartridge or .46 French rim-fire. For the purposes

of a modern replica, the .46 rim-fire is out of the question. The .44 Stetson cartridge uses a .451 healed bullet set into the case mouth of a case the same diameter (like a 22 LR), so it is not practical. As a thought, though, reworking the barrel with a .429 bore by Uberti would have allowed them to chamber the conversions in .44 Colt (Black Hills Ammo) with a .429 bullet. Still, the 45 Colt and Schofield rounds are a natural choice for Uberti. The .45 Schofield is darn close in dimensions to the .46 French anyway! I believe Mc Dowell actually mentions a .45 Colt cartridge conversion of the New Model Army being existent, though it would have been a private gunsmith conversion.

AT THE RANGE

Groups from the 1858 Gated Cartridge Conversion:

I used a traditional two-hand hold at about ten meters to do the shooting. The temperature was cold (below 32 degrees) and windy.

For this article, I used the following smokeless ammunition from Jeff Hoffman at Black Hills ammunition. I did not have any blackpowder loads loaded up, so I just used the factory ammo I had on hand.

Black Hills .45 Colt 250 grain.



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Black Hills .45 Schofield 230
grain.

Black Hills .45 Schofield 180
grain

The 250 grain .45 Colt ammunition from Black Hills printed a group about three inches above point of aim, about centered, with a group that was about two inches in diameter. The Black Hills 230 grain Schofield load group was about two inches above point of aim, centered, and had a two-inch group. Finally, the Black hills 180 grain Schofield ammunition grouped about one inch above point of aim, and about a one and a half inch in diameter group.

CONCLUSION

I used the conversion at several matches, and it is always an eye catcher. Everyone wants to know "What's that?" and it is sure to be checked out on the loading and unloading tables by other shooters. It's a perfect match for my Spencer Carbine or 1860 Henry military model rifle. It is the perfect revolver for anyone trying to portray the

early west, say 1867 to 1875.

The Taylor's & Co. 1858 Remington factory gated conversion .45 is a really special piece. It is very well done, and shoots and handles wonderfully. I am not surprised Taylor's was the one to bring out the Remington Cartridge Conversion. After all, they were the ones that brought out the 1865 Spencer Carbines from Italy. I liked the author's sample so much, I bought it and had a local dealer DROS it to me. I just couldn't let this one get away. Oh, by the way. When you look at the 2007 Taylor's full color catalog and see the picture of the 1858 cartridge conversion in there, go ahead and drool a little. That's my gun in the picture! I had to send it back in the middle of the evaluation for them to take the pictures.

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THE GREAT PINEAPPLE ROUND UP ...

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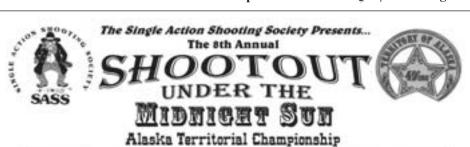
Friday. After a shooter's meeting and pledge to the flag, the action got hot and heavy as we progressed through six stages under warm partly cloudy skies. In Stage 1 you had to tangle with some snakes to salvage a buffalo hump that gave you a 10 second bonus. Stage 2 found you tossing dynamite and trying to shoot out the eye of the bad guy. You were in an outhouse to start Stage 3. After your business in the outhouse was complete, you had to board a stagecoach in Stage 4 to take your gold to town. Well, you didn't get far before you had to protect yourself, your gold, and a little lady that was a passenger on the stage. Somehow you salvaged your bag of gold, but when you went to deposit it in The Bank, Stage 5, once again you were faced with terrifying odds in order to deposit your gold.

By now you would figure we were due a break after all this action. Mother Nature helped a little with some gentle breezes and soft blowing rain to cool us off. So, we decided to end the day by going to the store to stock up and get out of town. Stage 6 saw us defending the little lady from the stage once again in order to fill our order.

There had been so much laughter and camaraderie during the course of this day that all shooters were plumb tuckered out, and so we called it quits for the day. Besides, there was enough day left that some folks wanted to do a little shopping and others wanted cool refreshments at the beach. This is the time of year the Humpback whale starts to show up in Maui waters and a trip to the beach offers a chance to see one of these wonders of the ocean. Entertainment activities abound here on Maui.

Saturday morning found us shooters back at the range, rested and ready to take on four more exciting and challenging stages. We started right off having to break our brother out of jail in Stage 7. You didn't get a chance to ask him, but it appears the town was about to hang him, 'cause next thing you know you are in a fight around the Gallows in Stage 8. Somehow you manage to get you and your brother out of that mess. The trouble now is that you have to cross a swinging bridge in Stage 9 to get both of you to your wagon and get out of town. Shooting both pistols while on the swinging bridge was most interesting, but you made it to the other side intact. Whew!!!! I'll tell you this has been an adventure, but it ain't over yet.

Finally you are in your wagon, it is all loaded up, and you think you can now get out of town safely. Hah! Are you in for a surprise, because



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After Stage 10, and everybody stopped laughing, we put the guns away and moved as a group over to the "bunkhouse" (on site air conditioned building). There we enjoyed refreshments and live Hawaiian Slack

Key guitar entertainment while the scores were being tallied.

About four in the afternoon our catered Texas BBQ showed up and we all sat down to supper. After supper we went right into awards. There was a place and an award for every shooter. Three days of great shooting in perfect weather, with great people, good food, great entertainment an award for everyone ... we all went our ways very happy that Saturday night.

The Maui Marshals hope you come and shoot The Great Pineapple Round-Up with us this year!

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The club also has a no risk registration refund policy. We refund every shooter's entry fee that does not shoot the match no matter when they cancel, three months before the match or just don't show up. This year we refunded \$1575. To us, it's part of "the cowboy way." Smokin' Guns At Rabbit Ridge is not about making money. It's about seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

It is gratifying to receive the compliments of our shooters, but the real measure of our success is they return each year and without exception bring other members from their clubs. Meeting SASS members from other clubs is one of the joys of attending annual matches. To this end, shooters found personalized business cards in their shooters packets to exchange with new friends.

Smokin' Guns At Rabbit Ridge has an ongoing reputation for its focus on safety and having a friendly, congenial bunch of shooters. Over the years our attendance has grown to this year's 182 shooters from 16 states. Regretfully, this will be our limit. For to go beyond 200 would reduce our ability to provide the quality of shoot our attendees have come to expect. There must be enough room and time for everyone to enjoy every match activity.

In January we send an announcement and an entry form to all past shooters welcoming them back. The Combon Chronicle ad appeared in the February issue. So there are no surprises, a 16-page welcome confirmation booklet is mailed when entries are received providing information on all aspects of the match. Letters inviting vendors also go out in January. Vendors are an active part of our match. They receive shooter packets, badges, and compete in the costume contest. We limit the numbers of vendors to 1 per every 15 shooters and try to have only one vendor of a particular line, as it is important the vendors have a successful shoot also! The vending fee is \$100, which is used to buy the guns we give away at the Sunday night banquet.

Our facilities include an 800 square foot heated and air conditioned clubhouse, a Four Flusher (yes, it's what you think) that has hot water and is air-conditioned. There is camping on the grounds with water, electrical hookups, and a dump station. The bathhouse has flush toilets and hot showers. Of the 106 acres available, 15 are dedicated to the cowboy range. It is flat and all grass. Parking is conveniently located adjacent to the stages. Our town of Gunsite consists of 15 full size buildings complete with props and furnish-



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ings. There's even the 40 foot, two story Dixie Lee Riverboat. All of the buildings have lights and ceiling fans to keep the shooters cool under fire. The lights facilitated the Friday night shoot, which proves to be a real blast with the blackpowder shooters. Every year we add new targets and props to keep the game fresh and exciting.

This year we added a train depot and a motorized moving mine cart. All shotgun targets are knockdowns and will go down with a .410. For our 10th anniversary, we brought back some of the shooters' favorites from the past, like blowing up the bank, the outlaw cabin where you 'shoot open' the door, kick down the jail door, and the flip over the poker table. Photographs are used in the shooters book to help clarify stage instructions. Stage instructions are recorded on a CD so every shooter heard the exact same instructions. (Mule Camp was where we first saw this used.)

Our goal is to have a level playing field for all shooters. Every stage begins with the action and/or props off the clock. Where you start and where to put your hands is spelled out. There were to be no surprises. There were no unfamiliar targets, placements, or shooting positions; that's why Wildfire was a side match. Once the shooting begins with a posted line, there were no mind games with complicated directions. Shooters could start at either end of a sweep, double taps, alternating etc. Pistol targets are large and up close. There were at least thee MRR Stage Drivers on every posse. One of them shot first on every stage to demonstrate the correct sequence. The expeditor position was used where possible to reduce time between shooters. We want every shooter to come off the line laughing, or at least with a big smile.

Saturday morning the main match opened with a prayer followed by Lee Greenwood's rendition of the national anthem punctuated with a blast from the cannon. Following the safety briefing and a short tribute to our departed friend, Billy James, SASS #5713,182 shooters moved to their stages and began the contest.

Saturday evening Fitzgerald's Casino provided every shooter, vendor, and spouse with a free buffet dinner at their casino in Tunica, MS. Tunica is less than an hour from our range. We have already begun putting together another night in Tunica for next year.

Sunday morning began with cowboy church with Pastor Sawyer, SASS #34250, delivering the sermon, and leading the hymns. Then the last four main stages were completed in a timely fashion. While the shooters ate lunch, the scorekeeper tallied the results. Our scoring program lists the misses for each stage by shooter

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RANDOLPH COUNTY RUCKUS RIDES AGAIN . . .

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On vendors row you could find just about anything you wanted. There were purveyors of clothes, boots, hats, guns, badges, engraving, gun parts, and food. I had a really outstanding rib eye steak sandwich prepared by Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, and it was reasonable, too. There were plenty of fluids to be had to help keep a person from ill effects in the heat. I started the day with my coat on, but as the temperature began to rise, about 10:30 it ended up in the car. Some didn't wear their entire outfits in the heat. My friend Max Muletrain, SASS #37669, was seen wearing only his hat, boots, guns, and red long johns!

As the match progressed, with temperatures hovering around 100 and a heat index upwards of 106, heat became a major factor. All this taken into consideration, there were relatively few problems and incidents. A very small group of people found problems they wanted to complain about. If any of these things had violated any rules, I would have been right there with them, but it really just came down to personal preferences. I feel the match was well run. Considering six people did most of the work, it was extremely well done and rather than complain, people should volunteer to help and gain input! The one thing I heard repeatedly though was, "Where are the representatives from SASS?" I include this just to let them know they were missed.

Saturday night's banquet was held in the ballroom of the facilities administration building and every seat was taken. There was a cocktail hour prior to the evening's festivities, as everyone arrived most in their finest attire and found seating with old and new friends. The food was good and plentiful. There were raffles for prizes contributed by sponsors, and vendors that ranged from firearms to pieces of art to books on corsets. It was an enjoyable evening.

Speaking of camaraderie and banter among the hardest workers, I must mention a lady. She is Taquila Tab's better half and a force to be reckoned with, Honky Tonk Harlot, SASS #30748. She was everywhere, doing everything, but always had a moment to listen and smile. The posse leaders all did an out standing job in the heat and kept things running smoothly with a minimum of controversy. When there was a question, Tex Hewitt and Tab would arrive, and it would be solved to most people's satisfaction.

The awards were presented Sunday afternoon in the cool air-conditioned ballroom. Then there was a lot of patting of backs, shaking of hands, and hugging of friends before all went their separate ways and headed for home or on to another match. The thing that most people need is a regular dose of fun and friendship, and you get that at a cowboy match.

See you all there, and if you want more information, you can reach me as always at:

juaquin.@thecowboyway.us ...

MISSISSIPPI RIVER RANGERS . . .

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so they can figure what could have been! Following lunch we presented the SASS Mississippi State Championships, 78 shooting, 10 Spirit of the Game, and 11 clean match awards. For many, the Spirit Of The Game awards are more coveted than the shooting awards, as it should be.

With all the awards presented, the Sunday night sit down dinner is just a party where all the beautifully dressed ladies and handsomely attired gentlemen can strut their stuff. Sonny Jackson and his group provided the music for listening and dancing. Jered Maddox gave away 11 guns purchased by the club, and Huricane-with-one-R presented the 28 fancy dress costume awards.

For the match directors, it's not quite over yet. Scores are posted on our web site, MississippiRiverRangers.com. A follow up cover letter with the match results is sent to every shooter within 10 days. Refunds to shooters who registered, but could not make the event are mailed out.

The success of Smokin' Guns At

Rabbit Ridge is in part the result of attention to detail and having every element of the match documented. Our annual match process is outlined and described in detail along with a time line for every activity. Each year following the match, we update it with changes to improve our performance. Safety gets our utmost attention. Next year all shooters will be wearing either wrap around shooting glasses or side shields, which the club will have available. The scores are analyzed stage by stage to identify and eliminate sources of DQs and procedurals. This year we had only two DQs. One shooter came from a club where they do not honor "no sweeping with an empty long gun." The shooter accepted his match DQ, stayed and worked with his posse, and was selected by the posse to receive the Spirit of the Game Award. The cowboy spirit was alive and well!

Our Motto has always been "Better than last year

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The Last Stand '07





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Those who attended will be pleased with next years venue. It will be based on the movie Tombstone. So be prepared for the props for 2008.

Contact: Weewahootee AKA Robert Leath E-mail: weewahootee@aol.com Phone: 407-857-1107.

OOLEY GANG GOES INTERNATIONAL!

By Ringo Fire, SASS Life #46037

Boy, a whole lot has happened since last we spoke, friends and neighbors! In my last missive I related how the Dooley Gang sent 13 shooters to the 2006 Winter Range and came back with 7 National Championships and 6 Top 10 Category finishes.

Since Winter Range last year, the Dooley Gang received its one and only "fan letter," and we were so impressed with its message we decided to share it with as many shooters as possible. We took the communiqué with us to Jail Break (the Texas State Championship) and circulated it among shooters there. Most of the readers were just as impressed as we were and, lo and behold, we went from being a gang of approximately 20 to somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 or more!

While I am relating the happenings at Jail Break, let me include our results. We increased the Dooley Gang count of State Champions from 10 to 15 (out of 31 categories) plus claimed the men and women's overall winners. Way to go Dooley Gang members!

Next the Dooley Gang headed to END of TRAIL, sharing our fan letter with more shooters and the Wild Bunch. Again, membership soared. We grew from 60 or so to easily over 100. No Wild Bunch members yet, but there's still plenty of time. At END of TRAIL we picked up members from 13 additional states and 4 countries and received invitations to shoot "Days of Truth" in Germany and "Chisholm Trail" in Australia in 2007. We left END of TRAIL with five World Champions in Classic Cowboy, Duelist, Elder Statesman, Grande Dame, and Ladies B-Western.

Since END of TRAIL it starts getting all jumbled up because we don't have an accurate count of members, and we keep getting more all of the time, what with all the different shoots we go to and our out of Texas members recruiting even more. I gotta tell ya' folks, this thing has kinda exploded!

To tell you the truth, folks, it's very flattering so many shooters want to be in the gang, and we really appreciate the support. Now, just a couple more highlights and then I'll shut my pie-hole.

In October, six members of the Dooley Gang went to "Ambush at Cavern Cove," the Alabama State Championship and were awarded "Spirit of the Game" for Posse 10. That was awesome!

Then, also in October, it was on to the Southwest Regional Championship in Cleburne, Texas where the Dooley Gang took home 17 of a possible 30 category championships (but no over-all's this time).

We finished up October with our match "Comin' at 'Cha," which was the best "Comin' at 'Cha" ever! (Details will be in another article.)

Last, but certainly not least, our fearless leader, T-Bone Dooley, SASS #36388, was asked by Chiz, SASS #392, to co-emcee the Wooly Awards at the SASS Convention and emcee the Indoor World Championship award ceremony. You did a great job, T-Bone, and we are proud of you!

So, 2006 was quite a year for the

Dooley Gang. We have grown from a group of 20 to a gang of well over 300, and growing, with members in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, and California, and internationally we have members in Australia, Austria, Germany, and New Zealand.

They say it just takes a spark to start a forest fire, and apparently it just took one little piece of fan mail to send the Dooley Gang into international status. Or, to quote T-Bone: "Hey, we've got members all over the world and in Utah." I'm not sure what that means, but it makes me laugh!

Funny thing about that fan letter, it wasn't signed. The Dooley Gang would like to thank the anonymous fan or fans for such a fine piece of writing that literally put us on the map, and that's the Truth!

P.S. If I left out anyone's state or country, I apologize, and you can send me an update at RingoFire@Dooley Gang.net .

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THUNDER CITY SHOOTOUT 2007

By Doc J. H. Hucklebury, SASS 14373

Yowboy Action Shooting™ draws Cinterest from just about anyone who has watched an event. During several of the events put on by the Okeechobee Marshals, some of the deputies of the Martin County Sheriff's Office showed an interest in what we were doing. Within a short time, the Club president, Amaduelist, proposed a challenge match between the deputies, "The good guys," and the Okeechobee Marshals, "The Outlaws." The ground rules were simple; the Deputies could use their duty pistols (semi-autos) with two magazines, their pump shotguns stoked with the appropriate number of rounds, and a Ruger 10/22 rifle. (High powered rifle rounds would damage our targets)

The cowboys would shoot their normal cowboy guns.

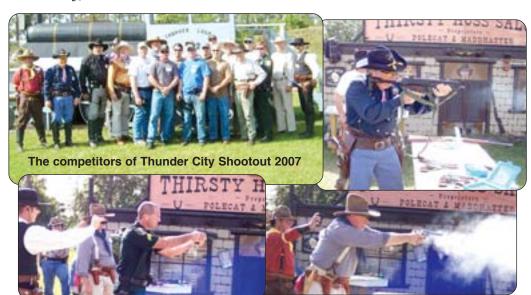
Ten deputies and ten cowboys would shoot three scenarios. The story line was chosen from Florida history, "The Notorious Ashley Gang," the infamous Florida gangsters that terrorized South Florida's citizens and police officers between 1911 and

1924. Gang leader John Ashley's home was in Gomez, which is now part of Martin County.

Before the event started, cowboy coffee and doughnuts were provided. Introductions were made and some of the deputies were allowed to practice with the .22 caliber rifle.

The cowboys were very confident, thinking they were going to "smoke" the deputies easily, but when the deputies arrived, it was learned eight of the ten were from the SWAT team. When the shooting started, both sides got serious. By the time everyone had shot, both deputies and cowboys were the best of friends.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were enjoyed before the awards were distributed. The first place trophy was presented to the Martin County Sheriffs, the score showing they had won by eight seconds. Second place was the cowboys. Later, an error was found in scoring, showing the cowboys



had actually won.

After the awards, the deputies tried shooting cowboy guns. They shot single action pistols in all disciplines, Traditional, Duelist, and even Gunfighter. Few had problems with the lever action rifles, but pistols Gunfighter style, wow! Then the

deputies brought out their MP5 and let the cowboys shoot it, full auto! Now that was fun!

Everyone had a great time, and all are looking for a re-match, hoping to make it an annual event.

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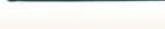
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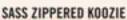
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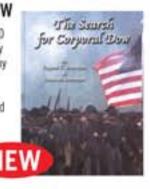


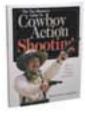
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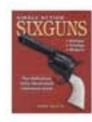


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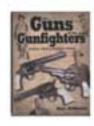
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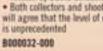
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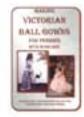
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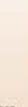
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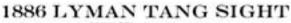
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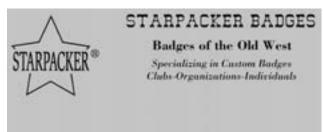
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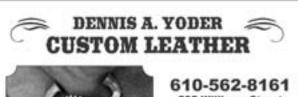






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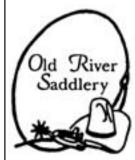
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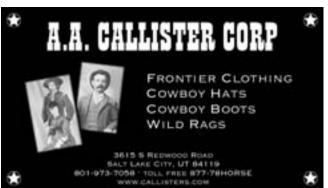




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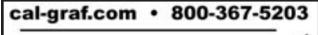
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Kings River Regulators Murieta Posse	3rd Sun 3rd Sun	Slick Rock Rooster Black Jack Traven	559-299-8669 530-677-0368	Clovis Rancho Murieta	CA CA	Illowa Irregulars Marion County Renegades	3rd Sun (Apr-Oct) 4th Sat	Shamrock Sis Shell Stuffer	309-798-2635 618-822-6952	Milan Sandoval	IL IL
South Coast Rangers - Perry Adams	S					Long Nine Cowboys, Inc.	4th Sun	Postman	217-415-1118	Loami	IL
Cowboy Match Panorama Sportsman Club	3rd Sun 3rd Sun	Swifty Schofield Desperado	805-968-7138 818-341-7255	Santa Barbara Sylmar	CA CA	Dewmaine Drifters Prairie State Cowboy Action	As Sched	Wounded Knees	618-997-4261	Carterville	IL
Ukiah Gun Club	3rd Sun	Will Bonner	707-462-1466	Ukiah	CA	Shooters	As Sched	Taquila Tab	217-496-3949	Sparta	IL
Mad River Rangers Deadwood Drifters	4th Sat 4th Sat	Kid Kneestone Lusty Lil	707-445-1981 323-353-3898	Blue Lake Piru	CA CA	Cutter's Raiders 1st Sat of Daleville Desperados	& 4th Sat (Apr-Oct) 2nd & 4th Sat	Midnite Desperado Frenchy Yukon	574-893-7214 765-472-7123	Warsaw Daleville	IN IN
Coyote Valley Sharp Shooters	4th Sat	Wif	408-448-3256	San Jose	CA	Big Rock SASS	2nd & 4th Sat	South Paw Too	812-866-2406	Lexington	IN
Pozo River Vigilance Committee	4th Sat	Dirty Sally	805-438-4817	Santa Margarita	CA	Red Brush Raiders Schuster's Rangers	2nd Sat As Sched. 2nd Sun	Chinaman Coal Car Kid	812-426-0793 219-759-3498	Newburgh Chesterton	IN IN
California Shady Ladies	4th Sat	Lady Gambler	916-447-2040	Sloughhouse	CA	Pleasant Valley Renegades	2nd Wknd	Lizzy of the Valley	812-945-0221	Canaan	IN
FaultLine Shootist Society The Range	4th Sun 4th Sun	Querida Grass V.Federally	831-636-3348 530-273-4440	Gonzales Grass Valley	CA CA	Thunder Valley Stark County Desert	3rd Sat 3rd Sat	Redneck Rebel Whip Mccord	812-755-4237 219-942-5859	Campbellsburg Knox	IN IN
The Cowboys	4th Sun	Captain Jake	714-536-2635	Norco	CA	Indian Trail Ambush	3rd Sat	Dorvin Emery	765-853-1266	Modoc	IN
Sloughhouse Irregulators	5th Sat & Sun	Badlands Bud	530-677-0368	Sloughhouse	CA CO	High Ground Regulators 10 O'clock Line Shootist Club	3rd Sat Apr Nov. 3rd Sun	Blackjack Max Bunsen Rose	765-832-3324 765-832-6620	West Terre Haut Cayuga	te IN IN
Colorado Cowboys San Juan Rangers	1st Sat 1st Sun	Mule Creek Sapinero	719-748-3398 970-323-6566	Lake George Montrose	co	Deer Creek Regulators	4th Sun	C. Bubba McCoy	765-948-4487	Jonesboro	IN
Colorado Shaketails	1st Sun	Yaro	303-646-3777	Ramah	CO	Wildwood Wranglers	4th Sun	VOODOOMAN	219-872-2721	Michigan City	IN
Windygap Regulators Four Corners Rifle	1st Wknd	Crimson Sue	970-565-8573	Cortez	CO	Indiana Black Powder Guild Butterfield Gulch Gang	5th Sat 1st Sun	Manatee Polecat Ron	317-640-0172 785-827-8149	Paradise Pass Chapman	IN KS
and Pistol Club	2nd Sun	Capt. W. K. Kelso	970-565-8960	Cortez	CO	Powder Creek Cowboys	2nd Sat & 4th Wed	Shawnee Shamus	913-236-8812	Lenexa	KS
Montrose Marshals Rifle Creek Rangers	2nd Sun 2nd Sun	Big Hat Miles Coffee	970-249-7701 970-625-0657	Montrose Rifle	CO CO	Mill Brook Wranglers Free State Rangers	2nd Sun 3rd	Grandpa B. Millbrook Buffalo Phil	785-421-2537 913-898-4911	Hill City Parker	KS KS
Rockvale Bunch	3rd Sat	Nevada Steel	719-784-6683	Rockvale	CO	Sand Hill Regulators	3rd Sat	Latigo Max	620-663-8666	Hutchinson	KS
Pawnee Station Four Corners Gunslingers	3rd Sat 3rd Sun	Red River Wrangler Cerveza Slim	970-225-0545 970-247-0745	Wellington Durango	CO CO	Capital City Cowboys Kentucky Regulators	4th Sun 1st Sat	Newton Kentucky Dover	785-765-3915 270-658-3247	Topeka Boaz	KS KY
Castle Peak Wildshots	3rd Sun	Old Squinteye	970-524-9348	Gypsum	CO	Hooten Old Town Regulators 1	st Sat (Mar - Dec)	Bullfork Shotgun Red		Mckee	KY
Thunder Mountain Shootists	3rd Wknd	Pinto Being	970-464-7118	Grand Junction	CO	Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	1st Sun	Cumberland Drifter	502-548-3860	Shepardsville	KY
Shootists Society of Pawnee Sportsmens Center	4th Sat	Cherokee Kat	970-484-3445	Briggsdale	СО	Guild Green River Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Yak	270-792-9001	Bowling Green	K Y KY
Northwest Colorado Rangers	4th Sat	Sagebrush Burns	970-824-8407	Craig	CO	Crab Orchard Cowboy		Davidy E-1-1		, and the second	LV.
Sand Creek Raiders Black Canyon Ghost Riders	4th Sun 4th Sun	Sweet Water Bill Double Bit	303-366-8827 970-874-8745	Byers Hotchkiss	CO CO	Shootist Kentucky Longrifles	2nd Sat	Rowdy Fulcher	270-389-9402	Clay	KY
Ledyard Sidewinders	1st Sat	Yosemite Gene	860-536-0887	Ledyard	CT	Cowboys	2nd Sat	Bullfork Shotgun Red	606-784-0067	Morehead	KY
Echo Ridge Regulators Congress of Rough Riders	1st Sun 1st Sun	Shiloh Beck Snake Eyes F. Tanner	203-467-9577 203-612-8855	Colechester Naugatuck	CT CT	Ohio River Rangers Lonesome Pine Pistoleros	2nd Sat 2nd Sun	Jim Spears Isom Kid	270-443-5216 606-633-4465	Paducah Jeremiah	KY KY
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Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City	State	Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City	State
Highland Regulators, Inc	3rd & 4th Wknd	Hezekiah Hawke	859-250-7766	Winfield	KY	Buffalo Range Riders	1st Sun	Coyote Calhoun	404-580-5985	Founders Ranch	
Fox Bend Peacemakers Devil Swamp Gang	4th Sun 1st Sat	Tioga Kid Captain Parker	859-277-9693 985-537-7725	Wilmore Thibodaux	KY LA	Bighorn Vigilantes Gila Rangers	2nd Sat 2nd Sat	Boggus Deal Chico Cheech	505-832-1302 505-388-2531 S	Edgewood ilver City/Mimbres	NM s NM
Up The Creek Gang	2nd & 4th Sat	Hardly Able	337-474-5058	Lake Charles	LA	Lost River Cowboys	2nd Sun	Whiskey R. Dave	505-623-9201	Roswell	NM
Bayou Bounty Hunters Cajun Cowboy	2nd Sat	Soiled Dove	985-796-9698	Amite	LA	Rio Grande Renegades 2nd Wed	, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, & 5th Sat	Rancid Roy	505-898-4894	Albuquerque	NM
Shooters Society	2nd Sun	Durango Dan	225-752-2288	Baton Rouge	LA	Seven Rivers Regulators	3rd Sat	Neches Jack	505-628-0028	Carlsbad	NM
Cypress Creek Cowboys Grand Ecore Vigilantes	2nd Wknd 3rd Sat	Mav Dutchman Ouachita Kid	318-396-6320 318-932-6637	Downsville Natchitoches	LA LA	Lost Almost Posse Rio Vaqueros	3rd Sat 3rd Sun	Buncle Steve J. W. Brockey	505-662-6034 505-744-4488	Los Alamos T or C	NM NM
Deadwood Marshals	3rd Sat	Barkeeps	225-715-8711	Sorrento	LA	Monument Springs		•		** 11	ND (
Shawsheen River Rangers Harvard Ghost Riders	As Sched As Sched	Yukon Willie Yosemite Kid	978-663-3342 781-373-2411	Bedford Harvard	MA MA	Bushwhackers Picacho Posse	4th Sat 4th Sat	Mesquite Bandit Fast Hammer	505-392-5017 505-647-3434	Hobbs Las Cruces	NM NM
Nashoba Valley Regulators	As Sched	Texas Jack Black	508-882-3058	Harvard	MA	Tres Rios Bandidos	4th Sun	Long Step	505-325-4493	Farmington	NM
Mansfield Marauders Danvers Desperados	As Sched As Sched	Mohawk Mac Cyrus Cy Klopps	508-369-5093 781-667-2857	Mansfield Middleton	MA MA	High Plains Drifters Eldorado Cowboys	1st Sun 1st Wknd	Fernley Charming	775-575-3131 702-565-3736	Fernley Boulder City	NV NV
Gunnysackers Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sat 1st Sat	Nantucket Dawn Slash Eight	781-749-6951 410-648-6829	Scituate Sudlersville	MA MD	Pahrump Cowboy Shooters Association	2nd Sun	Iona Vaquero	775-727-5897	Amargosa Valley	NV
Thurmont Rangers	1st Sun	Cody Conagher	304-258-1419	Thurmont	MD	Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action	ziid Suii	iona vaqueio	113-121-3691	Amargosa vancy	14 4
St. Charles Sportsman's Club Cowboy Action	2nd Sat	Rufus Lupus	301-499-7879	Waldorf	MD	Shooting Society Roop County Cowboy	2nd Sun	Cactus McHarg	702-644-5903	Jean	NV
Damascus Wildlife Rangers		Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	Damascus	MD	Shooters Assn.	2nd Sun	Russ T. Chambers	775-747-1426	Sparks	NV
Monocacy Irregulars Potomac Rangers at SCSC	As Sched As Sched	Church Key Tennessee Slim	304-229-8266 301-743-7664	Frederick Waldorf	MD MD	Silver State Shootists Club Desert Desperados	3rd Sun 3rd Sun	Tahoe Bill Buffalo Sam	775-586-9178 702-459-6454	Carson City Las Vegas	NV NV
Capitol City Vigilance						Silver City Shooters Society	4th Sun	Daisy Mayhem	702-896-1174	Indian Springs	NV
Committee Blue Hill Regulators	As Sched As Sched	Bum Steer Dangerous D. Dalton	207-622-9400 207-667-3586	Augusta Blue Hill	ME ME	Bar D Hombre's Lone Wolf Shooters, LLC	5th Sun As Sched.	Madd Mike Penny Pepperbox	775-727-7476 775-727-4600	Pahrump Pahrump	NV NV
Hurricane Valley Rangers	As Sched	Leo	207-829-3092	Falmouth	ME	Tioga County Cowboys	1st Sat	Empty Cases	607-699-3307	Owego	NY
Big Pine Bounty Hunters Beaver Creek Desperados	As Sched As Sched	Ripley Scrounger Jimmy Reb	207-876-4928 207-698-4436 S	Guilford anford/Springvale	ME ME	Pathfinder Pistoleros Bar-20, Inc.	1st Sun 2nd Sat	Sonny Renegade Ralph	315-695-7032 315-363-5342	Fulton West Eaton	NY NY
Rockford Regulators	1st Sat	No Cattle	616-363-2827	Rockford	MI	Hole In The Wall Gang	2nd Sun	Rowdy Rube	631-474-0002	Calverton	NY
Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	2nd Sat	Rodeo Road	989-205-0096	Breckenridge	MI	Boot Hill Regulators Border Rangers	2nd Sun 2nd Sun (Apr-Oct)	Colonel Bill Badlands Buzz	845-354-4980 607-898-3581	Chester Greene	NY NY
River Bend Rangers	2nd Sat	Jonathan Slim Chance	574-277-9712	Buckanan	MI	Diamond Four	3rd Sat	Kayutah Kid	607-796-0573	Odessa	NY
Timber Town Marshals Chippewa Regulators	3rd Sat 3rd Sat	Dakota D. du Roi Yooper Fred	989-689-3891 906-635-9700	Midland Sault Ste. Marie	MI MI	Panorama Trail Regulators Circle K Regulators	3rd Sat 3rd Sun	Twelve Bore Smokehouse Dan	585-613-8046 518-885-3758	Penfield Ballston Spa	NY NY
Hidden Valley Cowboys	3rd Sun	Charlie Ringo	269-327-4969	Sturgis	MI	D Bar D Wranglers	4th Sat	Captain Maf	845-226-8611	Wappingers Fall	1 NY
Rocky River Regulators Eagleville Cowboys	3rd Sun 4th Sat	Chili Pepper Pete Thummper John	586-301-2778 231-377-7232	Utica Central Lake	MI MI	The Long Riders The Shadow Riders	4th Sun As Sched	Loco Poco Lobo Snake River Cowboy	585-467-4429 631-477-1090	Shortsville Westhampton Bch	NY NY
Double Barrel Gang	4th Sat	Slippery Pete	269-838-6944	Hastings	MI	East End Regulators	Last Sun	Diamond Rio	631-585-1936	Westhampton	NY
Johnson Creek Regulators West Walker Rangers	4th Sat As Sched	Cheyenne Raider Two Rig A Tony	734-355-6333 616-891-6917	Plymouth Grand Rapids	MI MI	Big Irons Middletown Sportsmens	1st Sat	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown	OH
Wolverine Rangers	As Sched	Dodge City Dick	248-674-1254	Port Huron	MI	Club, Inc.	1st Sat	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown	OH
Saginaw Field & Stream Club Lapeer County Sportsmans	As Sched	Katie Callahan	989-585-3292	Saginaw	MI	Tusco Long Riders Firelands Peacemakers 1st Wed,	1st Sat 3rd Sat & 5th Sun	Split Rail Johnny Shiloh	330-364-6185 440-984-4551	Midvale Rochester	OH OH
Club Wranglers	Sun	Ricochet Bill	810-441-2438	Attica	MI	Sandusky County Regulators	2nd Sat	Kenny Vaquero	419-874-6929	Gibsonburg	OH
Cedar Valley Vigilantes Crow River Rangers	1st & 3rd Sat 1st Sun	Kaycee McCaylum Cantankerous Jeb	507-301-9698 763-682-3710	Morristown Howard Lake	MN MN	Miami Valley Cowboys Shenango River Rats 2nd Sun &	2nd Sun 2 4th Sat (May-Oct)	Buckshot Jones Shenango Joe	937-418-7816 330-782-0958	Piqua Yankee Lake	OH OH
Lookout Mountain	2-16-4			X7:		Scioto Territory		, and the second			
Gunsmoke Society East Grand Forks Rod &	3rd Sat	Wagonmaster	218-744-4694	Virginia	MN	Desperados Inc. Wilmington Rough Riders	3rd & 5th Sun 3rd Sat	Lucky Levi Loving Paragon Pete	740-745-1220 740-626-7667	Chillicothe Wilmington	OH OH
Gun Club Ike's Clantons	3rd Sun	BB Gunner	218-779-8555 507-276-2255	East Grand Fork		AuGlaize Rough Riders	3rd Sun	Doc Carson	419-782-7837	Defiance	OH
The Ozark Posse	4th Sun (Apr-Sep) 1st Sat	Dawgnapper Tightwade Swede	417-847-0018	New Ulm Cassville	MN MO	Ohio Valley Vigilantes Briar Rabbit Rangers	4th Sat 4th Sat	Rowdy K Grizzly Killer	419-529-0887 330-204-4606	Mt. Vernon Zanesville	OH OH
Rocky Branch Rangers Moniteau Creek	1st Sun	Iza Littleoff	816-524-1462	Higginsville	MO	Central Ohio Cowboys	4th Sun	Buffalo Balu	740-569-3206	Circleville	OH
River Raiders	2nd Sun	Doolin Riggs	573-687-3103	Fayette	MO	Jackson Six Shooters Shortgrass Rangers	Last Sat (Mar-Oct) 1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Captain Allyn Capron	330-538-2690 580-357-5870	North Jackson Grandfield	OH OK
Gateway Shootist Society Central Ozarks	3rd Sun	Bounty Seeker	636-464-6569	St. Louis	MO	Cherokee Strip Shootists	1st Sun	Querida Kate	405-372-0208 405-739-0545	Stillwater	OK
Western Shooters	3rd Sun	X S Chance	573-765-5483	St. Robert	MO	Oklahoma City Gun Club Indian Territory Single Action	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Stollewall	403-739-0343	Oklahoma Cty	OK
Southern Missouri Rangers Natchez Six Gunners	4th Wknd 1st Sat	Smokie Winchester	417-759-9114 601-445-5223	Willard Natchez	MO MS		n, 3rd Sat, 4th Wed,	Mantana Dan	019 212 0240	Correto	OV
Mississippi Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Squinter	601-825-8640	Mendenhall	MS	Flying W Outlaws	& 5th Sun 3rd & 5th Sat	Montana Dan Papa Don	918-313-0249 580-225-5515	Coweta Elk City	OK OK
Mississippi River Rangers Mississippi Regulators	4th & 5th Sat 4th Sat	Easy Lee Lone Yankee	662-838-7451 601-249-3315	Byhalia McComb	MS MS	Tater Hill Regulators	3rd Sun	Taos Willie	918-355-2849	Tulsa	OK
Honorable Road Agents	401 341	Lone Talikee	001-249-3313	WicCollib	IVIS	Orygun Cowboys & Cowgirls 1s	st Mon, 2nd Sun & 3rd Sat	Transit Man	503-864-3311	Sherwood	OR
Shooting Society Sun River Rangers	1st Sat	Diamond Red	406-685-3618	Ennis	MT	Molalla River Rangers Merlin Marauders	1st Sat 1st Sat	Gold Dust Bill Rogue Rascal	503-705-1211 541-472-8585	Canby Grants Pass	OR OR
Shooting Society	1st Sun & 4th Sat	Wapiti Willie	406-454-2809	Simms	MT	Dry Gulch Desperados	1st Sat	G. D. R. Goldvein	509-394-2418	Milton Freewate	er OR
Gallatin Valley Regulators Rocky Mountain Rangers	2nd Sat 2nd Wknd	Missouri River Kid Jocko	408-587-2072 406-847-0745	Logan Noxon	MT MT	Horse Ridge Pistoleros Siuslaw River Rangers	1st Sun 1st Sun	Texas Jack Morales Johnny Jingos	541-923-3000 541-997-6313	Bend Florence	OR OR
Bigfork Buscaderos	3rd Sat	Bodie Camp	406-883-6797	Bigfork	MT	Table Rock Rangers	1st Sun & 2nd Sat		541-772-9941	White City	OR
Last Chance Handgunners Rosebud Drygulchers	3rd Sat 3rd Sun	Bocephus Bandito Sgt. Blue	406-439-4476 406-356-7885	Boulder Forsyth	MT MT	Fort Dalles Defenders Klamath Cowboys	2nd Sat & 4th Sun 2nd Sun	Mallard Rambling Dave	541-993-3663 541-273-1055	The Dalles Keno	OR OR
Montana Territory		Ü				Jefferson State Regulators	3rd Sat	Jed I. Knight	541-944-2281	Ashland	OR
Peacemakers Yellowstone Regulators	4th Sat 4th Sat	Montana Rawhide Chisler Wood	406-245-2854 307-690-2676	Billings W. Yellowstone	MT MT	Oregon Trail Regulators Oregon Old West	3rd Sat	Road Agent	541-963-2237	La Grande	OR
Greasy Grass Scouts	Call to Shoot	Prairie Annie	406-638-2438	Garryowen	MT	Shooting Society	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	Mid Valley Drifter	541-259-2774	Albany	OR
Flatwood's Cowboys Old Hickory Regulators	1st Sat 1st Sat	William Tompskins Father Time	910-325-1049 252-291-3184	Hubert Rocky Mount	NC NC	Umpqua Regulators Columbia County Cowboys	4th Sun TBA	Big Lou Kitty Colt	541-484-5900 503-642-4120	Roseburg St. Helens	OR OR
Walnut Grove Rangers	1st Sat	Hiem	828-245-5563	Rutherfordton	NC	Chimney Rocks Regulators	1st Sat	Hattie Hubbs	814-696-5669	Hollidaysburg	PA
Old North State Posse Carolina Rough Riders	1st Sat 1st Sun	Layden Pecos Pete	704-279-7161 704-996-0756	Salisbury Charlotte	NC NC	Perry County Regulators Dry Gulch Rangers	1st Sat 1st Sat	Snappy Lady Pepc Holic	717-789-3893 724-263-1461	Ickesburg Midway	PA PA
High Country Cowboys	2nd Sat	Wild Otter	828-423-7796	Asheville	NC	Boothill Gang of Topton	1st Sun	Lester Moore	610-821-8215	Topton	PA
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society	2nd Sat	Wicken Wanda	919-266-1678	Creedmore	NC	Whispering Pines Cowboy Committee	1st Sun	Mac Traven	570-723-8885	Wellsboro	PA
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	2nd Sat	J. M. Brown	919-266-3751	Creedmore	NC	Logans Ferry Regulators	2nd Sat	Mariah Kid	412-793-1496	Pittsburgh	PA
Buccaneer Range Regulators Carolina Single Action	2nd Sat	Dick W. Holliday	910-520-4822	Wilmington	NC	Lost Dutchmen Mainville Marauders	2nd Sat 2nd Sun	Basket Lady Gettysburg	717-949-3970 570-387-1795	Schaefferstown Mainville	PA PA
Shooting Society	2nd Sun	Carolina Longarm	910-627-7615	Eden	NC	Westshore Posse	2nd Sun	Doc Hornaday	717-432-1352	New Cumberlan	ndPA
Gunpowder Creek Regulators Cross Creek Cowboys	3rd Sat 3rd Sat	Horsetrader Grizzly Greg	828-754-1884 910-424-3376	Lenoir Wagram	NC NC	The Dakota Badlanders River Junction Shootist	2nd Sun	Dakota J. Gunfighter	610-837-8020	Orefield	PA
Piedmont Gunslingers	3rd Sun	Sam Carp	704-596-7120	Churchland	NC	Society	3rd Sat	Mattie Hays	724-593-6602	Donegal	PA
Bostic Vigilantes Iredell Regulators	4th Sat 4th Sat	Bostic Kid Stump Water	704-434-2174 704-630-9527	Bostic Statesville	NC NC	Jefferson Rifle Club, Inc. Blue Mountain Rangers	3rd Sat (Mar-Nov) 3rd Sun	Oracle Jones The Mad Tanner	410-239-6795 610-562-8161	Jefferson Hamburg	PA PA
Dakota Rough Riders	As Sched	RoughRider Jim Bob		Moffit	ND	Silver Lake Bounty Hunters	3rd Sun	Marshal Buckshot	570-663-3045	Montrose	PA
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Last Sat (Apr-Sep)		701-588-4331	Kindred	ND	Purgatory Elstonville Hombres	3rd Wknd 4th Sun	Dry Gulch Geezer Basket Lady	814-827-2120 717-949-3970	Titusville Manheim	PA PA
Platte Valley Gunslingers	1st Sun 2nd Sat	Col. Horace C. Rider Pvt. J. Southwick	308-380-9511 307-837-2919	Grand Island Scottsbluff	NE NE	Stewart's Regulators	4th Sun	Sodbuster Burt	724-479-8838 570-538-9163	Shelocta Muncy Valley	PA
Oregon Trail Regulators, NE Alliance Cowboy Club	2nd Sat 2nd Sun		307-837-2919 308-760-0568	Alliance	NE	El Posse Grande Conestoga Wagoneers	As Sched	Black Hills Barb No Change	215-431-2302	Muncy Valley Southampton	PA PA
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club Flat Water Shootists of the Grand	2nd Sun	Flint Valdez	712-323-8996	Louisville	NE	Lincoln County Lawmen Palmetto Posse	4th Sun	Longshot Logan	401-334-9466	Manville	RI SC
Island Rifle Club	3rd Sun	Wes B. U. S. Marshal	308-226-2651	Grand Island	NE	Piedmont Regulators	1st Sat 2nd Sat	Edisto Ike Chase Randall	843-869-2429 864-843-6154	Columbia Anderson	SC
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club,	Wknd (Apr-Oct)	Littleton S. Dalton	603-444-6876	Dalton	NH	Hurricane Riders	3rd Sat	Concho V. Charlie	843-997-4063 706-860-0549	Aynor	SC SC
White Mountain Regulators	As Sched	Dead Head	603-772-2358	Candia	NH	Savannah River Rangers Geechee Gunfighters	3rd Sun 4th Sat	Creede Kid Edisto Ike	843-869-2429	Jackson Ridgeville	SC
Pemi Valley Peacemakers Merrimack Valley Marauders	As Sched As Sched	Capt. Side Burns Sheriff R. P. Bucket	603-539-4584 603-345-6876	Holderness Pelham	NH NH	Deadwood Seven Down Regulators	1st Sun	Deadwood George	605-642-2301	Spearfish	SD
Jackson Hole Gang	4th Sun (Mar-Nov)	Emberado	609-466-2277	Jackson	NJ	Cottonwood Cowboy		Į.		•	
Magdalena Trail Drivers Rio Rancho Regulators	1st & 3rd Sat 1st & 4th Sat	Slippery Steve Sam Brannan	505-835-8664 505-400-2468	Magdalena Rio Rancho	NM NM	Association Black Hills Shootist	2nd Sun	J. D. Henry	605-886-7929	Clark	SD
Otero Practical Shooting						Association	3rd Sun	Hawkbill Smith	605-342-8946	Pringle	SD
Association	1st Sat	Saguaro Sam	505-437-3663	La Luz	NM	714) 604 1900			(0	ontinued on pag	op 103)

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Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City	State
Bald Mountain Renegades	4th Sun	Grease Cup	605-598-6744	Faulkton	SD
Wartrace Regulators Greene County Regulators	1st Sat 1st Sat	Will Reily Mort Dooley	615-325-9585 423-357-8464	Wartrace Rogersville	TN TN
Memphis Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Sagebrush Jim	901-380-5591	Arlington	TN
Smoky Mountain Shootist Society	2nd Sat	Hombre Sin Nombre	865-740-3801	Oak Ridge	TN
The Bitter Creek Rangers	3rd Sat	Sunset Evans	931-484-2036	Crossville	TN
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	3rd Sat	Cherokee Maddog	423-309-8552	Ringgold, GA	TN
North West Tennessee		_			
Longriders Tennessee Trail Bums	3rd Sat 3rd Sun	Can't Shoot Dillon Wiley Fish	731-885-8102 931-728-5327	Union City Manchester	TN TN
Ocoee Rangers	4th Sat	Ocoee Red	423-476-5303	Cleveland	TN
El Vaqueros Plum Creek Carriage &	1st & Last Sun	Tom Doniphan	254-559-9896	Breckenridge	TX
Shooting Society	1st Sat	Delta Raider	512-376-2602	Lockhart	TX
South Texas Pistolaros Comanche Trail Shootists	1st Sat 1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Long John Beard Hoodoo Brown	830-663-4783 432-682-1422	San Antonio Midland	TX TX
Orange County Regulators	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Nate Kiowa Jones	409-984-5473	Orange	TX
Buckcreek Bandaleros Old Fort Parker Patriots	1st Sat & 3rd Wknd 1st Wknd	Hootprint Prine Slowaz Molasses	254-897-7328 254-412-0904	Nemo Groesbeck	TX TX
Texas Peacemakers	1st Wknd	Pecos Red	903-984-1951	Tyler	TX
Texas Troublemakers Canadian River Regulators	2nd Sat 2nd Sat	Coyote Rose Capshaw	903-570-9954 806-335-1660	Brownsboro Clarendon	TX TX
Texican Rangers	2nd Sat	Dusty Chambers	830-896-7856	Fredericksburg	TX
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Shootout at the O. K. Corral Midwest Classic SASS Mississippi State Blackpowder Shootout	Apr 17, '07 Apr 20-22, '07	Tennessee Tonto Back Forty	813-545-5658 618-625-6538	Brooksville Sparta	FL IL	Smoke Iron 2007 Shootout at the Happy Jack Mine	Sep 14-15, '07 Sep 14-15, '07	Penny Wrangler Happy Jack	435-680-0909 435-979-4665	Cedar City Lake Powell	UT UT
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Smoke Out at Purgatory Flats Shootout on Lake Wimico	Apr 27-28, '07 Apr 28, '07	Iona Vaquero Tac Hammer	775-764-0257 850-785-6535 704-434-2174	Amargosa Port St. Joe	NV FL NC	Wolverton Mtn. Peace Keepers SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHI	Sep 15, '07	Hellfire Ricochet Robbie	360-513-9081 509-628-0889	Ariel	WA WA
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SASS Kentucky State Championship Hooten Holler Round-Up Rough Riders Ride Again	May 4-6, '07 May 5-6, '07	No Purse Nez Hardbark Harry	606-633-7688 404-373-8088	McKee Dawsonville	KY GA	T-Town Shootout Rapmpage Wild West Extravaganza Shootout	Sep 21-23, '07 Sep 22, '07 Sep 22, '07	Newton Sanpitch Kid Penny Pepperbox	785-765-3915 801-231-2643 775-727-4600	Topeka Kaysville Pahrump	KS UT NV
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High Sierra Shootout SASS Mississippi State Championship Smokin' Guns at Rabbit Ridge	May 24-27, '07 May 24-27, '07	Black Jack Traven Jered Maddox	530-677-0368 901-490-0183	Railroad Flats Byhalia	CA MS	Guns In The Grove Comanche Moon Shootout Underwear Day	Oct 6, '07 Oct 6-7, '07 Oct 6-7, '07	Ross Rutherford Hoodoo Brown G.D. R. Goldvein	828-287-4519 432-682-1422 509-301-2418	Rutherfordton Midland Milton Freewater	TX OR
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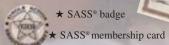
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