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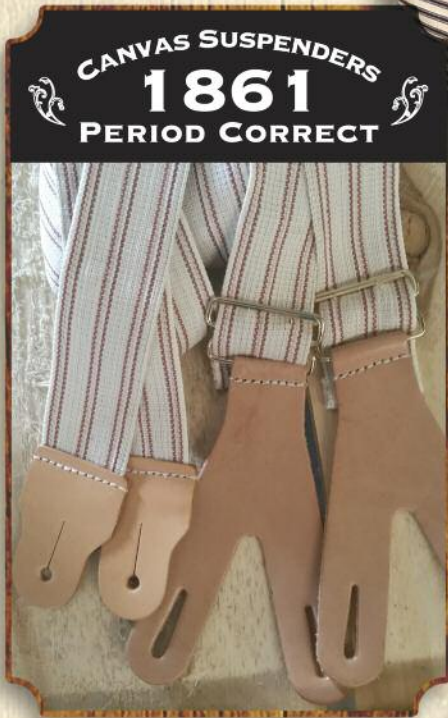
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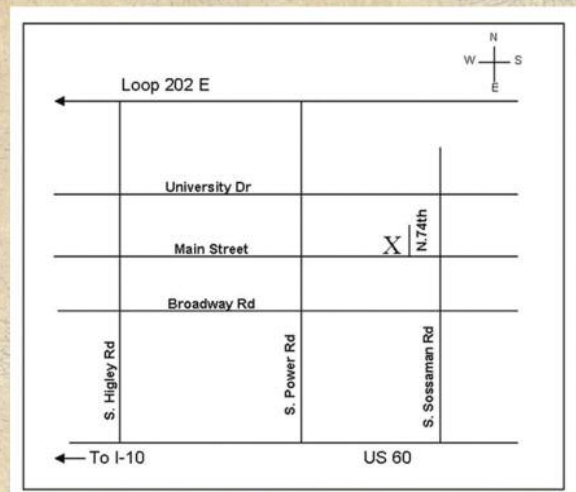
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Capt. George Baylor whoops it up at the SASS Convention's Pajama Party, with his interpretation of Taw Jackson as portrayed by John Wayne in the movie, The War Wagon.



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From The Editor

SKIPPY'S SOAPBOX

By Skippy, SASS #7361

Welcome to the second issue of The Cowboy Chronicle Quarterly. Our first issue was greeted with enthusiastic approval and we hope to build upon that, improve with every edition, and make it a publication you truly look forward to receiving.

The Thirteenth Annual SASS Convention

This issue features exclusive coverage on the SASS Convention, which returned to its roots in Las Vegas last January. The Convention has been a wonderful venue for 13 years, at which members could dress in their finest clothes, visit vendors displaying the newest in Cowboy attire, equipment and accessories, attend informative and helpful seminars put on by some of Cowboy Action Shooting's™ finest participants, and much more. Sadly though, as I'm sure you've read elsewhere, this SASS event ceased being economically feasible a Convention or so ago. As a consequence, it's likely unlucky 13 will likely be the last. It was great fun while it lasted.

New Territorial Governor Criteria

This was covered in last month's editorial, but is important enough to bear repeating here. Effective immediately, the

Life Member requirement to be a Territorial Governor is history and now almost any SASS member in good standing may be elected TG.

The new criteria are:

- You must have completed three-plus consecutive years as an active SASS Member.
- You must belong to at least one SASS-affiliated club.
- You must be RO I and RO II certified.
- Must have attended at least one SASS-sanctioned match event.

As a reminder, a Territorial Governor is:

- Appointed/elected by the SASS-affiliated club members he or she represents.
- Is the affiliated club's official representative at SASS Territorial Governor meetings.
- Is committed to serving the interests of his or her club consistent with the promulgation and preservation of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and "the Spirit of the Game."

— Skippy 🤠

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The Cowboy Chronicle welcomes and encourages submissions of articles and match reports from any and all readers.

Please submit articles in MS Word or something compatible.

Open Office and Apple Pages (saved as MS Word) are also fine. A count of 800-1500 words for the printed editions is a good target to shoot for, but shorter pieces are also fine, and we can accommodate larger reports in our virtual-only issues if the material warrants it. We may choose to break very lengthy articles up into two or more parts to run in consecutive issues, or heavily edit them, however.

Please do not embed your photos in the Word document.

They can be extracted for use in the The Cowboy Chronicle, but it can be a chore to do that. Instead, send your photos separately, in one or more emails, as attachments. Three to six photos per email usually works best. It's best to send JPEGs, but other formats are acceptable, and it's best to keep them at about 300 dpi and 3000 pixels (10 inches) on the short side. That will allow us plenty of leeway when it comes to cropping and adjusting them for publication, but in any case try to use photos that are at least 1000 pixels on the short side. If you're unsure of the size of your pictures, or how to size them, send what you have and we'll adjust them.

Usually, six photos are sufficient for an article, especially for the printed version, but we will consider using more for a "big" event, if provided. The digital editions can accommodate more images, as well. Photos need not have captions, but captions always make photos more interesting. Ideally, the caption would consist of one or two sentences that say something about the picture that is not obvious and/or is not implicit in the body of the article. "Sam making smoke" is a title but not a caption. "Sam, SASS #XXXXX, shooting his first black powder match; after much deliberation, he decided to give it a try and now he's hooked" is much better. A caption may also serve to let everyone know why the picture is worthy of being published in an international newspaper.

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THE THIRTEENTH SASS CONVENTION

By Captain George Baylor, SASS Patron #24287, Regulator

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*Captain George Baylor,
SASS Life / Regulator #24287*

Henderson, Nevada, December 2-6, 2015. The SASS Convention is a more or less annual gathering where we do SASS business, such as the Territorial Governors Summit. We have seminars on SASS® related topics, we present the annual Wooly Awards and induct members into the SASS Hall of Fame, we shop at vendors, we wear costumes (sometimes two or three a day), and we party. Don't forget the partying. We have done this thirteen times. Somehow I managed to survive every one. This convention was held at the beautifully appointed Green Valley Ranch Resort,

next door to Las Vegas. The hotel, convention center, and casino were in one sprawling building. Misty Moonshine's SASS staff organized another well-run, well-planned convention that unfolded virtually flawlessly.

As usual the convention started with registration on Wednesday afternoon and the first party that evening, the Welcome Warmer and Cocktail Mixer. This took place at the Lobby Bar, a pleasant little bar just big enough for the crowd to fit comfortably. The snacks were excellent. As usual at conventions, nearly everyone dropped by.

Thursday morning the opening cer-

emonies and breakfast was in the Grand Ballroom. Judge Roy Bean (SASS #1) gave the welcoming speech. Then came the Wooly Awards presentation. Bone Orchard Ammunition—Velocity Munitions, Inc. won the product of the year. (We tested Bone Orchard's Cowboy loads in the November 2015 "Dispatches from Camp Baylor" column in *The Cowboy Chronicle*). The gun of the year was Cimarron Firearms' 1889 Coach Gun. I've been trying to get my hands on one for a test article. Still working on it. The Match of the Year was Eldorado, the Nevada State Championship by the Eldorado Cowboys, Boulder, Nevada. They have been putting on excellent matches for years, so the award was well earned. TG of the year was Texas Jack Morales (SASS #5026). Mernickle Custom Holsters was the merchant of the year. (A



The SASS Convention fashion show was represented with a wide array of excellent outfits.



Opening Ceremonies at the Thirteenth Annual SASS Convention opened with a formal presentation of the United States Flag by the SASS Color Guard.



**Ramblin' Rose SASS #2811
(Above)
San Juan, SASS #1776
Justice B. Dunn, SASS #3516
Colonel Dan, SASS #24025
Coon Creek Old West
Buck Butler SASS #4827
and Lowleta SASS #4828**

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test of the latest Mernickle HP rig was in *The Cowboy Chronicle Quarterly* in January 2016.) The Paradise Pass Regulators, Etna Green, Indiana was Club of the Year.

Exhibit Hall

Vendors set up on Wednesday and stayed until Sunday morning. They could clothe you for a SASS Match: Adventure Designs, Buckaroo Bobbins, Redwing Trading Company, River Crossing, Inc., and Waddie Wear. Earthwalkers had custom boots for “da agony of da feet.” You could get a new hat from Colorado Mountain Hat Company or D Bar J Hat Company. There were guns and gunsmithing galore: Cimarron F.A.C., EMF Company, Longhunter Shooting Supply, Shotgun Boogie Gun Works, Ruger Firearms, an Taylors & Company. With guns you need holsters and gun belts: Mernickle Holsters and Ted Blocker Holsters could handle that. Bullets & More had bullets... and more. Kona Cowboy Coffee could keep you awake. Major Photography could take pictures of you in your new duds or your party outfit. You could win a fantastic rig by donating to Happy Trails Foundation. Then there were shooting organizations: The Cowboys, Cowboy Fast Draw Associa-



Convention attendees attired in authentic (and not so authentic) sleepware added to the merriment of the “unsupervised” Pajama Party.



tion, National Rifle Association, and of course, Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), where all of the SASS Mercantile products were available. Chickaroo spent most of her time in her room with her computerized embroidery machine customizing SASS Mercantile items on the spot. The wild card, so to speak, was Townson Productions, who have a new, revolutionary trauma kit for gunshot wounds. We’ll talk more about them later.

Seminars

Then the heart of the convention—the seminars—started. Seminars were nominally one hour long with 30 minutes between for setup and teardown.

Mrs. Slick Shot (SASS #691) gave **Costuming Tips and Tricks**. Topics included thrift-store and SASS-cycled clothing options, updating garments,

and sewing tips.

Coyote Cap (SASS #14184) held his popular and informative **Gunsmithing Simplified**. This had a lot of tricks, dos and don’ts you probably won’t find elsewhere in one place. He also gave **Tricks of the Trade**. “You are on the firing line, the time is ticking away and something has just gone wrong with one of your firearms. What do you do?” The seminar gave some instant fixes for common “on the line” issues.

Frederick Jackson Turner had his always popular and informative **Shoot Like a Champion, Part I and Part II**.

After many years of missing it because of scheduling, I finally got to see SASS Hall of Fame member Jim Bowie’s **Dismantling, Care, and Maintenance of 1866 and 1873 Rifles**. Jim (SASS #4775) also held **Dismantling, Care,**
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Misty Moonshine fields questions from SASS members at the SASS Forum.

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and Maintenance of 1897 Winchesters and Dismantling, Care, and Maintenance of Ruger Vaqueros. If you missed any of them, you can still see them in his newly remade DVDs on his classes for 66-73s, 97s, and Ruger Vaqueros available at cowboysandindianstore.com.

The *SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration* Hand-

book was revised effective January 2016, so Texas Flower (SASS #43753) and Cat Ballou (SASS #55) held a new seminar on it, covering it thoroughly.

Silver Heart (SASS #48482) and Lacey D'Oyly (SASS #89955) hosted **Re-loading for Ladies** along with their special guest Gail Drake of Dillon Precision. It was for ladies only. Later they gave **Gun Care and Maintenance for Ladies**.

The Doily Gang held two ladies only classes by Shamrock Sadie (SASS #78511): **Fundamentals**—as the title

suggests, it was on the fundamentals of Cowboy Action Shooting™. **Advanced Techniques** covered “a brass bucket full of information to take you to the next level.”

Bloomin’ Yankee (SASS #70484) did two thorough beginners classes on **Ribbon Flowers—Roses and Leaves** and **Ribbon Flowers—Pansies and Dogwood Blossoms**.

Shotglass, (SASS #17153) held **How to Dress (& Shoot) On A Budget**.

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Victorian Tea proved once again to be one of the highlights of the SASS Convention.

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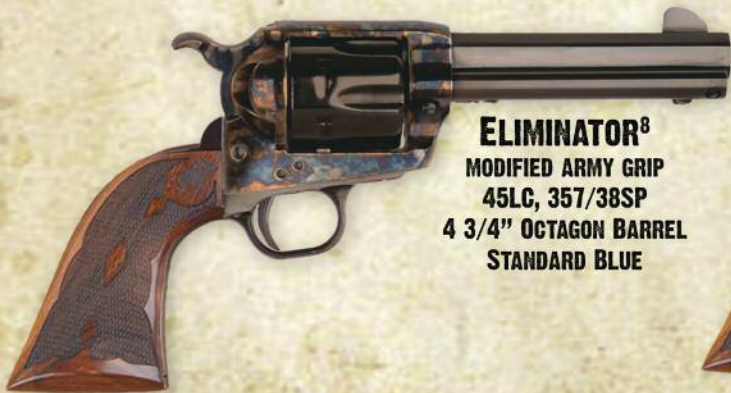


"SASS 2015 GUN OF THE YEAR"

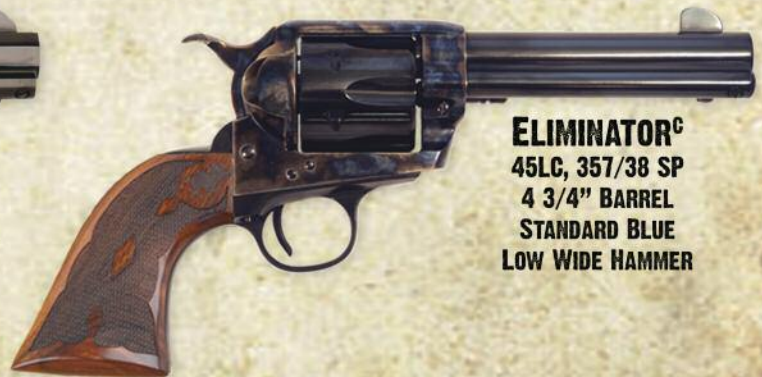


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“Don’t sew? Do sew, but don’t have time or funds?” Shotgun demonstrated how easy it is to find items to make your costumes and how to mix and match costumes.

Judge Roy Bean Holds Court. “If you ever wanted to have an opportunity to meet, chat with, and ask questions of the founding father of SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting™, here’s your chance.”

CD Tom (SASS #10411) gave his **SASS Premier Scoring and Match Management** seminar. CD Tom’s program is up to version 22.7 and works with ACES. He shared all of its features and tricks.

Captain Baylor gave **Black Powder for Dummies**, newly revised, showing dummies and smart folks how to use black powder and substitutes without the necromancy soot lords require, also **Authentic Men’s Costumes**.

Hall of Fame member Chuckaroo (SASS #13080) held two seminars: **Advanced Stage Writing**—“Good stage design can make or break a match. Safety, timing, flow, target placement, shooting sequences, and the Cowboy “fun factor” can be controlled, and you can be a hero.” **How to Hold a New Shooters Clinic**—“An important and educational seminar designed to help you orchestrate a new shooters clinic introducing new shooters to the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™.

Evil Roy (SASS #2883) presented two seminars: **Cowboy Action Shooting™** and **Wild Bunch Action Shooting**. Topics included guns and gear as well as shooting techniques for beginners to advanced shooters.

Bullet Basics by Pecos Clyde (SASS #48481) and Butterfinger Kid (SASS #90127) of BAM (Bullets and More) explored the various bullet types and offered some insight regarding lead-lubed bullets, moly-coated lead bullets, and poly-coated lead bullets.

Hall of Fame Member and END of TRAIL Co-Match Director Lassiter (SASS #2080), one of the true experts on the Lightning rifle, the 87 lever action shotgun, and stage writing conducted **How to Care For and Shoot the Lightning Rifle, How to Care for and Shoot the 87 Shotgun, and Stage Writing**.

Jews of the Old West was held by Solomon Star (SASS #208). Solomon Star, in non-SASS lif, Dr. Lewis Holtzman, a docent at the Autry National Center’s Museum of the American West, conducted this educational and entertaining lecture. This conflicted with one of my seminars every time it’s been held (including earlier conventions), and when I mentioned I really wanted to see it, Solomon let me know it’s on [YouTube](#).

Shotgun Skills. Multiple State, Regional, and World Champion Deuce Stevens (SASS #55996) took an entry level approach to teaching tips and ideas, various loading techniques, and preferred equipment for both doubles and 97 shotguns.



A Saturday night banquet followed by dancing and general camaraderie marked the close of the Convention.

Costuming extraordinaire Cool Hand Lizzie (SASS #54154) taught **Pattern Making From Existing Garments**. Hands on demonstrations included sizing the garments up to fit the modern figure.

Sergeant Shuster (SASS #60835) taught two seminars: **The Real Story of Billy the Kid**—this seminar featured what is real, what is conjecture, and what was just made up in books, films, legends, and more; and **Old Las Vegas**, which covered the history of Las Vegas and the surrounding Nevada territory from the dawn of time through the early 1900s.

Miss Tabitha (SASS #26972) conducted two seminars: **Dances of the Victorian Era** was good to prepare for Saturday night’s Silver Ball. **Guilty by Association—Dancehall Dancers vs. Soiled Doves** showed, despite the myths of history, not every girl on a saloon stage or in a dance hall was a “bad girl.”

O1 #4 (SASS #41004) gave **Shooting Black Powder Buffalo Rifles**—“Learn some tricks to improve your big-bore black powder Buffalo Rifle’s accuracy and performance.”

Jim Dunham, aka Kid Rio (SASS #2741) presented **How Wild was the Wild West**, a look at a number of the historical shootouts of the frontier era and how they happened and **The Gunfighter in Movies and Television** covering the 1903 movie *The Great Train Robbery* through *Wyatt Earp*, *Tombstone*, and Bill O’Reilly’s *Legends and Lies*. Jim was also featured speaker at the Silver Ball.

Gunshot Wound Lifesavers Workshop by Larry Townson of Townson Productions, who developed and patented the first trauma kit in the U.S. specifically for gunshot/stabbing wounds. His kit is now utilized by tens of thousand of law enforcement officers throughout the U.S.

Hall of Fame members Wild Shot (SASS #51), and Mrs.

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Slick Shot taught **Cowboy Clays**, an informative seminar on how to incorporate Cowboy Clays into your SASS Shooting Matches. They are the President and Director of the wildly successful Founders Ranch Shotgun Sports Club and have been putting on Cowboy Clays matches at the Regional and World Champion level for many years.

Territorial Governors Summit

Simultaneously to the seminars, the Territorial Governors Summit took two hours on Thursday and three hours on Friday, but they did get a breakfast reception on Friday.

There were also meetings of SASS State Match directors, Regional and Divisional Match directors, and a Mounted Territorial Governors and Advisory Committee Summit.

Victorian Tea

VOTES FOR WOMEN! The rallying cry of the Single Action Suffragette Society (SASS) rang out throughout the halls of Green Valley Ranch. Miss Mary Spencer (SASS #55147) and Purity Gold (SASS #97905), ably assisted by Grey Fox (SASS #223) and Sergeant Blaney (SASS #97508), hosted a multi-course, sumptuous, high tea.

D Bar J Hat Company SASS Convention Party

Quite possibly the best party in the history of SASS Conventions occurred Thursday night when busses took conventioners to D Bar J's party room at their hat making/restoring facility. The room includes, of course, a display of hats, but also hat making machines from the nineteenth century and a collection of hat blocks that can handle just about any style. A 600-gallon Top Hat aquarium in the center was an attention getter. Café Rio Mexican Grill provided dinner. Dancing and music (not nineteenth century) by T. J. Tyler entertained. The open bar was appreciated and we didn't have to have a designated driver because of the busses. Note that David Johnson and the folks at D Bar J contributed everything. A good overview of the party is on [YouTube](#). If you play it you should know that yes, Frank Sinatra was reincarnated for the party in the person of T. J. Tyler.

SASS Hall of Fame Ceremony and Reception

Friday night the latest crop of SASS Hall of Fame was inducted. Inductees were Colonel Dan (SASS #24025), Coon Creek Old West, (Lowleta, SASS #4828, and Buck Butler, SASS #4827, proprietors), Justice B. Dunn (SASS #4515), Ramblin' Rose (SASS #2811), and San Juan (SASS #1776).

Pajama Party (Unsupervised)

We followed instructions to "don your comfy (or not so comfy) pajamas and join your fellow SASS Conventioners in the Lobby Bar for an unstructured gathering of pajama pard. The party was unstructured. As

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promised there were plenty of cameras on hand. As the photos will no doubt show, sleepwear went the gamut. Only people who have watched the uncut version of "The War Wagon" will appreciate the following statement. I went as John Wayne was dressed in one scene. You can thank me later for not going as Kirk Douglas.

Old Western and Victorian Fashion Show

Miss Tabitha and Mad Mountain Mike (SASS #4385) presented the show especially tailored for SASS shooters. Practical, beautiful, historic, fanciful, all were featured in a wide range of Wild West, Native American, Victorian, and B-Western styles, accompanied by commentary by Miss Tabitha. The supermodels did a fine job.

RO Classes

Both Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch RO classes were held.

SASS Forum

Saturday afternoon, the SASS Board of Directors—the Wild Bunch—hosted a Q & A about the future of SASS. I know at least one questioner drove 400 miles to ask a question. We had questions on "Why don't we have a monthly printed *Cowboy Chronicle*?" (Short answer to a long story—



Blackjack Zak, serving for the first time as Territorial Governors Summit moderator, consulting with Deuce Stevens.

because of massive cost increases and advertisers going to cheaper internet advertising, SASS was losing \$27,000 a month, and when we offered to keep it for people who paid a few bucks extra, only a few did.) There were several rules questions, and questions Mike Wallace would have approved of, questioning why there was a dues increase, where did all that money go, and the sort of things you see in SASS Wire rants. Misty Moonshine and the board handled them very well.

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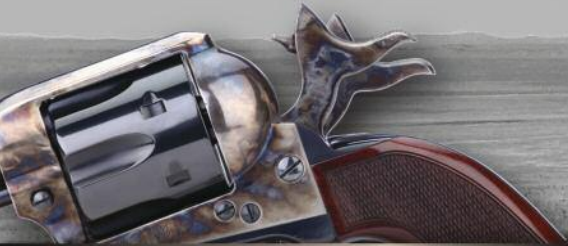
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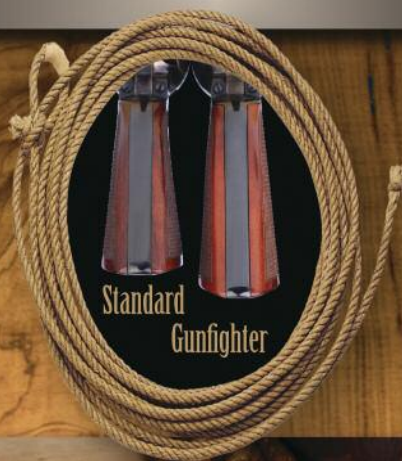
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Misty demonstrated considerable calmness under fire, and the mob put away most of the pitchforks.

Badges?

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On Saturday the security folks at the casino began to realize there were people in old west clothing wearing *badges*. For some reason this was bad in a casino, and suddenly there were large men in security uniforms stopping us and telling us to take our badges off. Some did. I know of at least two Texans who didn't. Long Jim Hancock (SASS #47369) asked why and the guard said, "people might mistake it for a police officer's badge." Jim pulled his police badge and ID wallet from his pocket and said, "like this?" Additionally, some of the seminars involved guns, and suddenly this became a bad thing. I saw Coyote Cap and several helpers trying to get the guns he used in his seminars to his vehicle without going near the casino. It got worse.

SASS Costume Contest Judging

Then security realized some of us were wearing swords for the best-dressed costume contest. First badges, then swords. After the badges thing I knew wearing a 1860 Cavalry officer's sword wasn't going to work to get from our room to the judging. So we took a circuitous route avoiding the casino but were still met by a large man telling me I couldn't go in the casino with that sword. Somewhere along the way, some of the large men went into the judging room and tried to tell Cat Ballou to shut the contest down because men were wearing swords. (Note: do not mess with Cat Ballou.) Cat didn't go for that program, and swords continued to be worn throughout the contest and the banquet. Most conventioners, not wearing swords, never knew of this problem. The costume contest judging went very well.

SASS Silver Ball

The catering staff made up for everything security did to tick off SASS folks. The dinner was fantastic. The steak was excellent. We stayed at the hotel until Monday morning and had dinner in Hank's. I had a Wagyu filet that cost more than a year's SASS membership (not counting the rest of the meal), and it was a little better than the banquet steak, but not much.

The ball included Victorian Dancing led by Miss Tabitha, of course. It's a tradition at SASS Conventions.

The costume contest awards were given out at the ball. For the first time in SASS Convention history a lady won the military category, but you'll have to read that in the Costume Contest article. All in all it was a spectacular evening, and I made it back to the room with my sword without having to get blood on it.



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It's been a while since *The Cowboy Chronicle* was actually printed on real (expensive) paper and mailed to every member (at great expense). Every time I'm at a SASS® match—and about three times a week on Facebook—someone tells me how they used to read my articles but they refuse to read them on a computer screen. (Yes, they tell me on Facebook they refuse to read a computer screen.) More members have cursed SASS for this decision than anything since they escaped from California to gun-friendly New Mexico after (among other things) the 1860 Henry and most of our rifles were designated “assault rifles” by the California government.

SASS wanted to do a real “dead tree” publication, but after losing \$27,000 per MONTH, some changes had to be made. Eventually SASS was able to figure a way to publish it quarterly in magazine form. Knowing this was a decision that would be well-received by conventioners, Skinny and the SASS staff decided to have copies for every conventioner in their packet when they registered.

This was a lot harder than it sounds. Things like deadlines are considerably earlier when working with printing and mailing companies. Skinny called his high-paid contributors and threatened to cut our pay in half and/or have us lynched if we didn't make the now October deadline for submission. This caused a ripple effect. For example I had to get Bob Mernickle to get the test rig for the January “Dispatches,” and he had to flog his workers to get the rig made and shipped to me, etc. The contributors, advertisers, editor, and printers came through. Then copies were sent to SASS HQ in New Mexico... and the package arrived at Edgewood *one day after* the staff had to leave for Nevada. 🐾

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Last SASS Convention

When the SASS Convention started we got a sweet-heart deal with the Riviera Casino on the Vegas strip, with \$69 rooms and the run of the place. We had as many as 1200 conventioners. But as the Riviera declined, so did convention attendance. At the request of some members, we tried having it in Branson, Missouri. We did get people who hadn't been to a convention before, but we lost an equal number of west coast members. Then we tried what should have been a fantastic venue, the historic Menger Hotel next door to the Alamo in San Antonio. But we were forced to move it from December to January, which caused a huge drop in attendance. SASS lost money.

Going back to the Vegas strip just wasn't possible. With the NFR Rodeo and Cowboy Christmas the hotels don't want more conventions. They're full. Moving the convention to another month would interfere with some major SASS match since they run from January through November. So we went to Green Valley Ranch. Attendance didn't pick up, and SASS lost money. So, sadly, there won't be any more SASS Conventions. But it was sure fun while it lasted. 🐾

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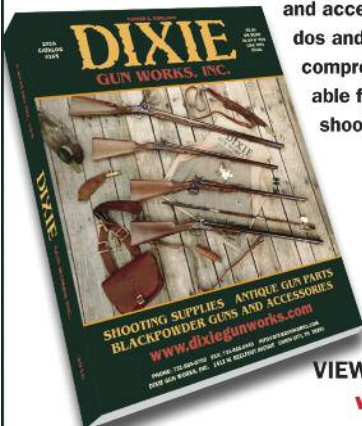


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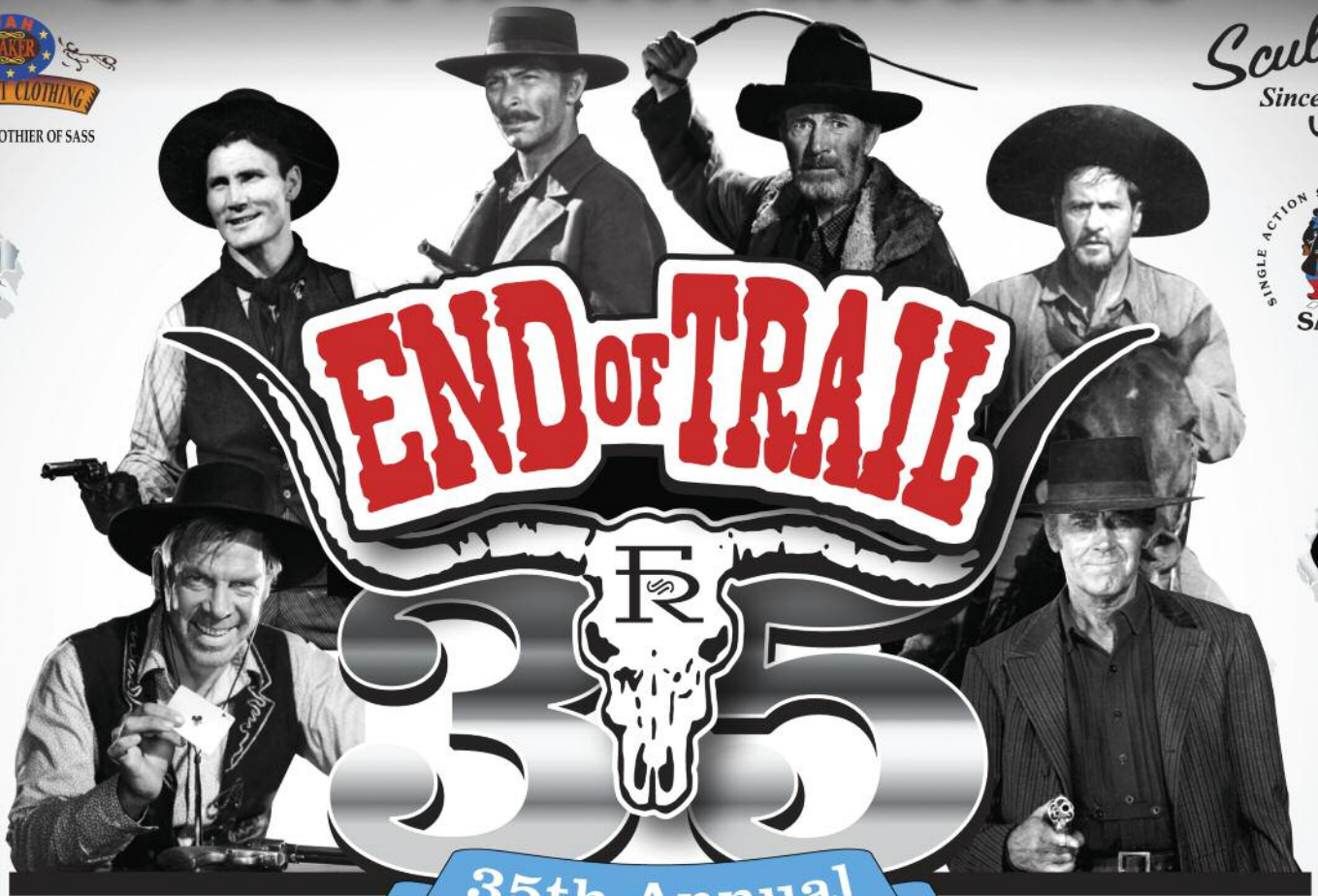
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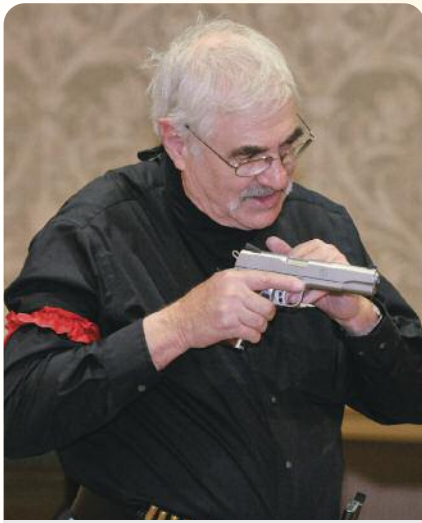
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The Best Dressed Costume Contest at the 13th Annual SASS Convention



Cat Ballou,
SASS #55

By Cat Ballou, SASS #55

Photos by Black Jack McGinnis, SASS #2041

Judges



The Judges listen intently to a contestant's costume description.
(l-r) Cat Ballou, Cowtown Scout, and Texas Flower.

Costumes of splendor in a setting of splendor—that describes the Best Dressed Costume Contest at the Thirteenth SASS® Convention held Saturday night, December 5 at the magnificent Green Valley Resort and Spa in Henderson, Nevada. This year we returned to our roots—Las Vegas—where our first SASS Convention was held at the now defunct Frontier Hotel in 2002. The Green Valley Resort is quite different than the old Frontier—total luxury and a myriad of amenities for every Conventioneer to enjoy.

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Silver State - Lady

Copper Queen—resplendent in an 1883 gold and violet ball gown. The Queen told the Judges she was honoring Nevada's gold mining heritage also, since as much gold was mined in the state as silver!

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Couples

First place Couple, Cruzan Confusion and UK Dane, ready for a evening at the Leadville, Colorado Opera House.

Cruzan handmade her 1887 blue silk Moire gown, and the 25 attached silk flowers, and did the inlay work on Dane's morning coat and vest. Superb!



Second place Couple, Ginger Rosebud and Black Knight Streak, are all "silvered" up.

Ginger Rosebud wears an 1860's silver brocade ball gown accessorized with proper hair and jewelry of the era.

He wears a formal black suit with tails, a matching silver vest and cravat to her ball gown, diamond buttons, and silver spats.



zona. We so appreciate their support of costuming and their sponsorship of this costume contest for many years. Thanks so much!

Judging this ultimate of costume contests is never an easy task, but it is certainly a fun one. This year I wanted to judge again and I was so happy to have Cowtown Scout, (SASS #53540) and Texas Flower (SASS #43753) from Texas accept my invitation to be judges. In addition, Seren-

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Third place Couple, Doc Barium and Edward RS Canby, also carrying out the "silver" theme.

Her 1860's ball gown is made of a silver brocade, her hair and hair piece are period correct and Colonel Canby wears his Civil War Union dress uniform.





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ity (SASS #64982) from Canada, a prior winner of many costume contests, asked to sit in and “observe” the judging. Of course, she did more than observe! Cowtown is our military expert and I’m always glad to have his expertise when it comes to correct military attire. And Texas Flower has been so instrumental in updating the SASS Costume Contest Administration

document, as well as always dressing superbly, and being a past costume winner of numerous costume contests. I was surrounded by experts!

Shotglass (SASS #17153) and Lizzie Marie (SASS #19774) were our costume wranglers, making certain sign ups went smoothly.

Categories were Ladies, Gentlemen, Couples, Military, and our special themed category, Silver State Cowboy and Cowgirl—

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Gentlemen



First place Gentleman,
Will Cheatam, dressed as a nefarious banker in a Prince Albert jacket with a flower in his lapel, an original vintage “hearing horn,” vintage walking cane, Elgin pocket watch and a tall “Pinkerton” hat. Watch your money when he’s around!



Second place Gentleman,
Kansas Jack Courtney, dressed as an 1884 veterinarian and dentist, complete with his 1884 Elgin railroad pocket watch and cane. His grandfather was a veterinarian during the Victorian era and Kansas Jack showed the judges his ancestor’s photograph, dressed as Kansas Jack was.



Third place Gentleman,
O Bar Freddie, as a dapper Victorian gentleman ready for a night at the Opera.

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Ladies



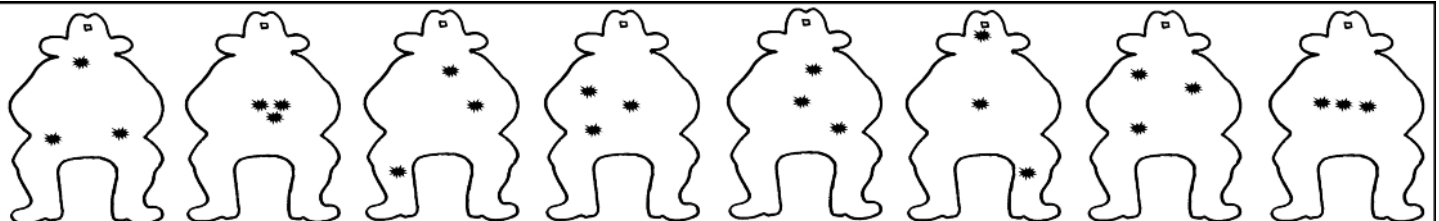
First place Lady, Bloomin Yankee in a spectacular 1881 "natural form" gown she made, along with the red roses adorning the dress, and the hand pleated bottom ruffle.



Second place Lady, Seneca Sadie, in an 1870's wedding dress with a beautiful tiara and period-correct jewelry.



Third place Lady, Little Sure Shot, wearing her hand made 1870's red and black walking dress and coat, with a matching "flower pot" hat.



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honoring the silver mining heritage of the Silver State, Nevada.

Rather than describe all the costume winners' attire in this article, I thought it best to direct you to the great photos of the winners. There you will find the description of their winning outfits.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end and this was

probably our last Convention. Declining attendance and increasing costs have made it impossible to continue putting on this event. I want to thank all the costume participants, costume judges, and costume helpers who have participated in these 13 SASS Conventions. You all helped elevate costuming to "star" status within SASS.

So I bid you all a fond "adieu" and hope to see you at the 35th END of TRAIL at Founders Ranch in New Mexico in June. Don't miss it! 🐾

Military



First place Military,
Miss Mary Spencer, dressed as Capt. Jennie Attrill a 1909 Canadian Army Medical Corp RN who also served in WWI as a combat nurse. She provided a photo of Capt. Jennie in her nurse's uniform and Miss Spencer's outfit is an exact duplicate. Very impressive!



Second place Military,
Capt. George Baylor, in an 1879 Cavalry ceremonial uniform with a horsehair topped helmet and an original 1860's sword. Capt. Baylor also provided an illustration of the uniform. Capt. Baylor always strives to be absolutely correct in his uniforms and accessories.



Third place Military,
Grey Fox in a 1900 Canadian Royal Regiment, South Africa, uniform. He is sporting a medal from his time in India. Everything is totally authentic to the time period and the uniform. Grey Fox always looks marvelous and always portrays period correct, authentic costumes and uniforms.

Silver State



First place Silver State Cowboy,
*Captain Cooper in a fantastic
B-Western outfit. He made
and tooled all his leather—
cuffs, chaps, rig and holsters.
Outstanding!*



Second place Silver State Cowboy,
*Reuben J. Cogburn
looking like John Wayne's character,
Rooster Cogburn, from the film,
True Grit.*



Third place Silver State Cowboy,
*Solomon Star dressed very
1950s B-western and wearing
loads of period silver —
a marvelous vintage Bolo,
silver belt, and even silver tips
on his boots!*

Best Dressed Costume Contest Winners 13th SASS Convention

Ladies:

Bloomin' Yankee, SASS #70484 (NC)
Seneca Sadie, SASS #88387 (CO)
Little Sure Shot, SASS #6293 (CA)

Gentlemen:

Mild Will Cheatum, SASS #73594 (CA)
Kansas Jack Courtney, SASS #101106 (NV)
O Bar Freddie, SASS #22369 (FL)

Couples:

Cruzan Confusion, SASS #39081
UK Dane, SASS #19478 (CA)

Couples:

Ginger Rosebud, SASS #84868
Black Knight Streak, SASS #84947 (KS)
Doc Barium, SASS #59972
Edward RS Canby, SASS #59971 (NM)

Military:

Miss Mary Spencer, SASS #55147 (BC)
Capt. George Baylor, SASS #24287 (TX)
Grey Fox, SASS #223 (BC)

Silver State Cowboy:

Captain Cooper, SASS #43639 (CA)
Reuben J. Cogburn, SASS #63378 (CA)
Solomon Star, SASS #208 (CA)

Silver State Cowgirl:

Copper Queen, SASS #20449 (UT)

Judges:

Cowtown Scout, SASS #53540 (TX)
Texas Flower, SASS #43753 (TX)
Serenity, SASS #64982 (CAN)
Cat Ballou, SASS #55 (NM)

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Shotglass, SASS #17153 (TX)
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Texas Flower, SASS Life/Regulator #43753

SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration Handbook

REVISED JULY 2015 and UPDATED JANUARY 2016

By Texas Flower, SASS Life/Regulator #43753 and Cat Ballou, SASS Life/Regulator #55



Cat Ballou, SASS #55

Costuming is what makes Cowboy Action Shooting™ unique among all the shooting sports, and dressing in costume is as important to many SASS® members as the shooting events themselves. Taken from the SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration Mission Statement.

YES, there is a "SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration" Handbook on the SASS website! And it was revised in July 2015 and updated in January 2016. Go to the SASS HOME PAGE, click on SHOOTERS HANDBOOKS, then go down and click on COSTUME ADMIN.

The "SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration" Handbook was first published in November 2005. It was written by a very prestigious group of SASS members who had a great interest in establishing rules and setting standards for organizing costume contests. The committee consisted of Cat Ballou, Chairperson, Ellsworth T. Kincaid (SASS #6037), Fannie Kikinshoot (SASS #33693), Hurricane with One R (SASS #19283), Mad Mountain Mike (SASS #4385), Lady Stetson (SASS #6038), and Tornado Alli (SASS #26303). The purpose of the handbook was to provide match organizers and costume contest participants with a consistent set of rules and standards,

ensuring uniform costume contests at all SASS events.

To get the guidelines and forms up-to-date with current SASS costume contest management, the handbook was revised in July 2015, and it reflected some important changes. Presentation was moved to the end of the scoring criteria. Presentations are no longer required, but a score for presentations can be used as a tiebreaker, if needed. Knowledge of Costume was added to the judging criteria on score sheets to be used unless contestants are judged only on costume appearance. There were other changes made throughout the guide such as, pre-registration is no longer required and references to "working" costumes was replaced with "shooting" costumes. State and Divisionals were added to the matches at which a club is required to "Hold a SASS Costume Contest utilizing the SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration Handbook." The first year a costume contest requirement was included in State contracts is 2016. Contest forms were revised and can now be filled in and printed from the website or downloaded and filled in when they are needed.

After completing the revisions, a seminar for the 2015 SASS Convention was planned based on the revised costume contest handbook. Cat Ballou and Texas Flower presented the



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Questions and comments from seminar attendees aided in the production of the latest Handbook.

seminar, “SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration,” on each of the three convention days. The focus of the seminar was to stress the importance of costume contests being well planned and not an afterthought, and to explain how the “SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration” Handbook can help do this. Contest organization, chairperson’s duties, structuring the contest, categories and rules, judging criteria and judges, mechanics, and the new fillable contest forms, were discussed. In January 2016, a few updates were made to the costume contest handbook based on suggestions from seminar attendees. The scoring forms were also updated to add more writing space.

The “SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration” Handbook is intended to be a helpful guide ensuring uniform costume contests throughout SASS. What works best often depends on the size of the match/event, facilities available, and the budget. But, when all Costume Contest Chairpersons follow these guidelines and use the same forms,

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January 2015 Convention Costume Judges, (l-r) Aspen Filly, Cowtown Scout, and Velvet Glove.

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contestants will know how to prepare for each and every costume contest and will understand the scoring criteria.

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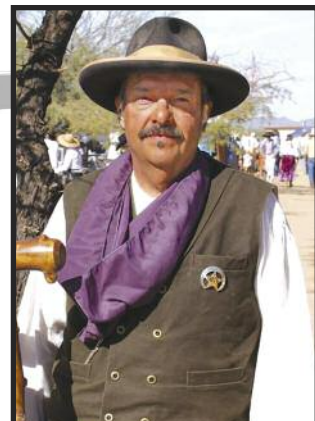
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SASS® has spawned a cottage industry of folks making Cowboy related products. Two of my favorite categories of products are gun accessories and accessories that make shooting more enjoyable. This month we have one of each from TK4B Enterprises or, by their more commonly known name, SliX (**Photo 1**).

.357 rounds will no longer fit. I shoot a couple of Lightning reproductions and they will shoot only .357 cases with bullets seated within .357 OAL specs. I was digging in the closet and found 2,000 new .357 cases I had forgotten about so I thought, “what the heck, I’ll shoot .357s out of my Lightnings, ’73, and Rugers.” The Rugers and ‘73 were “clean” and functioned perfectly with .38s. Yet when I tried some loaded .357s in them they wouldn’t quite chamber. Since all I normally use is .38 brass I never noticed the chambers weren’t completely clean as all my ammo chambered just fine. This was especially true on the ‘73 rifle, as it is cleaned from the muzzle and it is harder to inspect the chamber. Normally, getting all the fouling out entails a bit of work and time, as the fouling can be tough stuff. Being lazy, what to do?

Time to turn to the SliX-Scraper! (**Photo 3**). Removing it from the bag and its yellow protective sock reveals a little gizmo that looks like a cross between a .357 shell casing and a rifle-cleaning jag (**Photo 4**). It is threaded on one end and has scrapers machined into the threaded end. The other end is a rimmed section that replicates a .357 case. Inserting a .357 case

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First up, the SliX-Scraper. So why do we need a scraper? The most popular round in SASS is the .38 Special. However, the vast majority of firearms we shoot are actually chambered in .357 magnum and we routinely shoot .38s out of them. The .357 is longer than the .38 Special (**Photo 2**). As we fire .38 rounds in a .357 chamber, lead, powder residue, and carbon build up in the area in front of the .38 case necks and the end of the chamber. After several hundred rounds this build up can reach a point where



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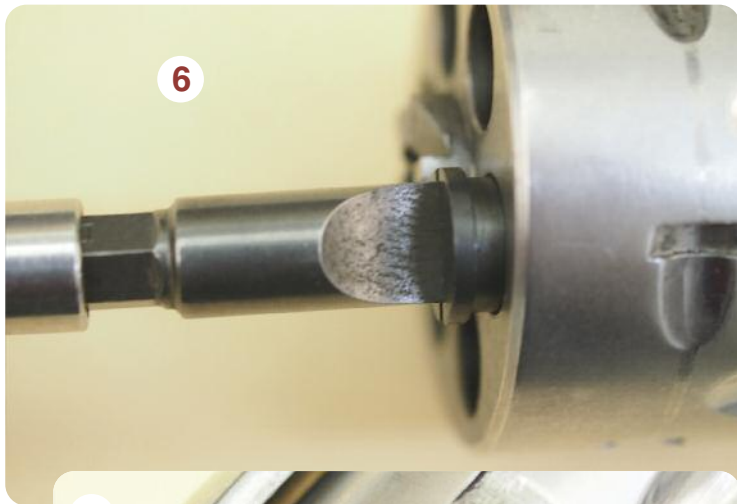
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into the chamber on my New Vaquero reveals the problem caused by the chamber fouling (**Photo 5**). Simply insert the SliX-Scraper into the chamber, insert a screwdriver into the screwdriver slot in the rimmed end of the scraper and turn the scraper COUNTER CLOCKWISE (**Photo 6**). A couple of light turns (remember you are scraping not reaming) and the crud is gone. The rounds now seat just fine (**Photo 7**). A rifle is handled slightly differently.

Photo 8 shows a .357 case in a fouled '73 chamber. The SliX-Scraper is intended to be screwed onto the end of a standard 8-32 cleaning rod (**Photo 9**). To clean the chamber, insert the SliX-Scraper into the chamber (**Photo 10**). Since there is



no room to use a screwdriver, a cleaning rod is run down the bore. Put a finger on the end of the SliX-Scraper to keep it from getting pushed out of the chamber and thread the cleaning rod onto the scraper. Now pull up gently on the cleaning rod and turn it CLOCKWISE. The chamber will be clean in a couple of turns (when the rim contacts the chamber, **Photo 11**) and all you have



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to do is unscrew the cleaning rod and remove the SliX-Scraper. Next up a gun accessory.

The SliX-Trigger is made for the Uberti version of the Winchester '73 (Photo 12). It will not work on a 66 or on a Henry, as those rifles use a one-piece trigger. The '73 trigger mechanism has a safety device built into it. Part of this safety mechanism is a two-piece trigger with the top part being the sear and the bottom part being the actual trigger portion. The SliX-Trigger is a replacement for the lower portion of the '73 trigger mechanism (Photo 13). The stock trigger has a lot of curve in it and sits far back in the trigger guard (Photo 14). If a shooter is doing everything just right (or, more appropriately, just wrong!) the shooter's finger can get between the trigger and lever

and can get a nasty bite or be impaled (Photo 15). Frequently, when someone asks on the SASS wire "is this a drop-in part?" My response is, it *is* a drop-in part unless it doesn't drop in. When a drop-in part doesn't drop-in is when someone needs to be a little gun savvy or to know, as Dirty Harry would say, their limitations. The SliX-Trigger has similar advice on the back of the bag. It reads, "Caution: This should be a drop-in part. If you are not familiar with disassembling your rifle, or have difficulty installing it, then STOP." Nuff said. If you are uncertain about the installation of this or any other "drop-in"



part, take your gun to a gunsmith.

We have disassembled several '73s in past articles so this will be an abbreviated version of how to takedown the rifle. First remove the stock (Photo 16). Then remove the side plates and links (Photo 17). Next remove the lever and lifter springs, (Continued on page 36)



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then the lever, carrier arm, and the carrier (**Photo 18**). This is as far as most people go even when doing a detailed cleaning. However, we are not done. Next remove the two screws at the lower rear of the receiver (**Photo 19**). Remove the lower tang. Sometimes it is tight and easier to remove if you squeeze the upper and lower tangs together (**Photo 20**). Remove the hammer spring and then knock out the pin retaining the hammer



(**Photo 21**). Remove the trigger spring and if you have the old leaf safety spring still installed it will come out with the trigger spring. (A good upgrade is to get rid of the stiff stock safety spring and replace it with a wire spring.) Then drive the trigger pin out (**Photo 22**).

Photo 23 shows the '73's two-piece trigger. On the top is the



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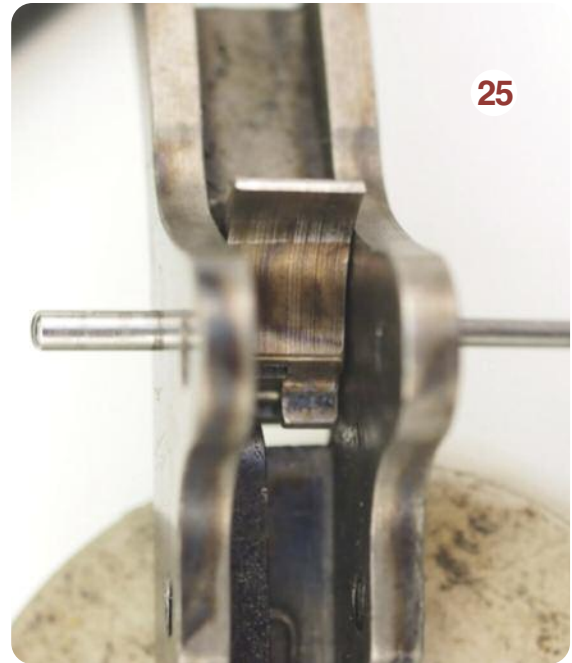


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sear and directly below it the new SliX-Trigger. On the right, the original curved factory trigger (Photo 24) shows the sear installed on top of the trigger and secured by the trigger pin. This is how the parts should look when reinstalled in the gun. One way to get everything lined back up is to place the trigger in the lower tang and start the trigger pin through the left side of the tang and into the trigger stopping just before the pin goes en-



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tirely through the trigger. Then set the sear in place on top of the trigger and run a punch in through the opposite side to line up the hole in the sear and hold it in place. Now gently push the pin the remaining way through the trigger and into the sear and push the punch out the opposite side (Photo 25). A word of caution about something to watch for that causes a problem for many people when they are reassembling the gun. On the back of the

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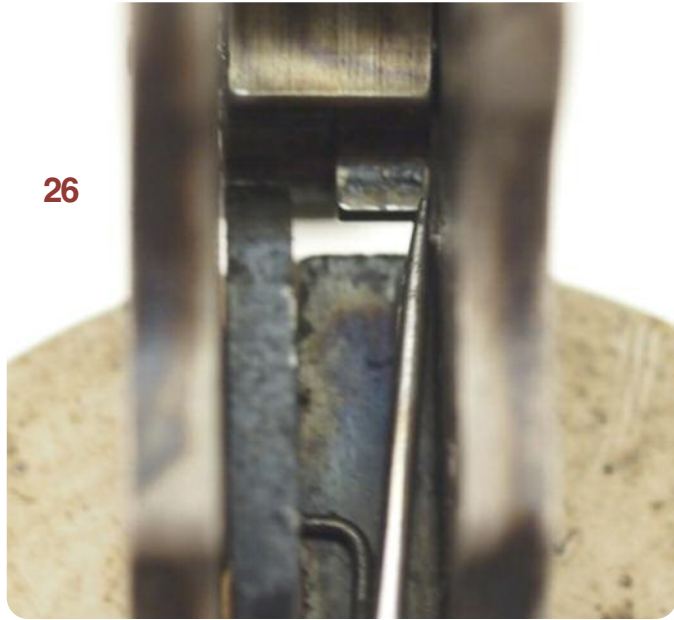
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sear is a small shelf (**Photo 26**). Make absolutely sure the trigger spring is on top of this shelf and does not slip under the shelf when tightening the trigger spring screw.

Take the reassembled lower tang (**Photo 27**) and install it into the receiver. Replace the two lower tang screws (**Photo 19**). Do not fully tighten these screws at this time.

Install the carrier, carrier arm, lever, lever screw (do not tighten), and all the other parts you removed during takedown. Another potential problem area to watch for—make sure the carrier and lever springs are on top of their respective cams (**Photo 28**) and have not slipped off while tightening their screws (**Photo 29**). After the stock is replaced, tighten the tang screw, the lower receiver screws, and the lever screw. Once everything is rein-



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stalled, the rifle should look like **Photo 30**. The straight trigger sits further forward in the trigger guard and there is a goodly amount of clearance between the trigger and the top of the lever so you won't be mashing your finger anymore (**Photo 31**).

Now for the big question, "what is this trigger going to do for ME?" That partially depends on how YOU shoot your rifle. Shooter one wraps his thumb around the stock and after pulling the trigger unwraps his thumb and then leverrrrrrrs the rifle. Once the lever is completely closed the shooter re-wraps his thumb around the stock and then pulls the trigger. Shooter two keeps his thumb on the right side of the receiver (for a right handed shooter or on the left side for a left handed shooter) and simply opens and closes his fingers to lever the gun and may even keep his trigger finger inside the trigger guard. As the lever closes, the shooter's trigger finger is positioned such that it presses the trigger with little or no movement of the trigger finger. Aside from eliminating the possibility of a pinched finger, shooter one will likely see little or no improvement since his shooting style is simply not conducive to fast shooting. In a game where a tenth of a second per stage can make the difference between winning and losing, shooter two might well see significant benefits.


The way I shoot is, I keep my trigger finger motionless. As




the lever closes, my finger automatically presses the trigger, sort of like the screw in the trigger guard of Chuck Connors' rifle in *The Rifleman*. For me the new trigger feels very natural. Any shooter who does not wrap their thumb around the receiver and is seeking to improve their speed should consider the feel of the SliX straight trigger and the more forward placement of the SliX-Trigger. It is an interesting, well-made, all steel option for shooters who want to try to gain a little extra speed from their rifles.

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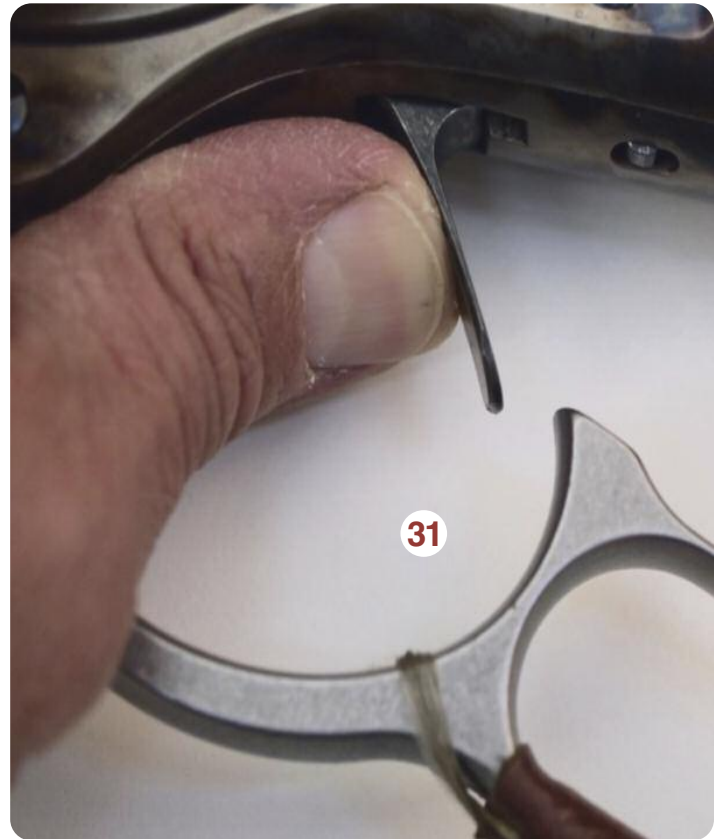
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Wizard of the Saddle

Nathan Bedford Forrest



By *Big Dave*, SASS #55632

General Nathan Bedford Forrest is one of the most controversial figures from the Civil War/Reconstruction period. Although he ranks among the most effective cavalry commanders of either side, his record is stained by what happened at the Battle of Fort Pillow, where his troops committed the war's most notorious atrocity. After the Civil War ended, he became the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, an ironic twist to his nickname, "Wizard of the Saddle." Despite the fact that he later disbanded the Klan and repudiated its goals, few people are aware of that part of the story. If Forrest had the ability to baffle his opponents in battle during the Civil War, he continues to confuse Americans today. Some consider him a military genius and a hero; others see him as a war criminal and a hate monger.

Although he came from a modest background, Forrest became one of the wealthiest men in Tennessee. When Forrest was 16, his father, a blacksmith, died of scarlet fever. A few years later, in 1841, he went into business with his uncle, Jonathan Forrest in Hernando, Mississippi. At this time in U.S. history, Mississippi was full of opportunities—the cotton market was booming. Eventually, Forrest amassed a fortune by speculating in land, cotton and slaves. He went back to Tennessee and resided near Memphis, even though he owned several plantations elsewhere.

Forrest's time in Mississippi was profitable but it was not without danger. In 1845, his uncle was killed during a brawl in Hernando with some of his business rivals, the Matlock brothers. Forrest was drawn into the feud and killed two of the brothers with a double-barreled pistol and sliced up two more with a Bowie knife someone had thrown to him. He was in his early twenties at the time, but even then he was not one with whom to trifle.

About two months after Fort Sumter, in June 1861, Forrest joined the Tennessee Mounted Rifles as a private. The unit was poorly equipped, and since Forrest could afford to do so, he offered to raise and outfit his own cavalry regiment. The gov-



Nathan Bedford Forrest.

ernor agreed to the plan and promoted Forrest to lieutenant colonel. The new regiment was called the Third Tennessee Cavalry. Forrest had no formal military training, but as later events were to prove, he didn't need any. He had an instinctive grasp of tactics and strategy. He also had a distinct talent for close quarters combat.

During the Civil War, Nathan Bedford Forrest personally killed or wounded about 30 opponents with whatever weapon was available. He was proficient with handguns, shotguns, and bladed instruments. He was a big man; six feet two inches tall, about 210 pounds and very athletic. He had a ferocious temper as well. You wouldn't want to meet him in either a dark alley or a battlefield. Forrest was proud of the fact he never asked his men to do anything he wouldn't do—if he sent them into the fray, he was right there with them. He had 29 horses shot out from under him. He later quipped something to the effect that he came out of the war, "one horse ahead."

Forrest had some adventures that almost defy belief. Once, while covering the Confederate retreat after the Battle of Shiloh, he was shot in the back. Though he was wounded and surrounded by Federal soldiers, Forrest managed to grab a Union infantryman and haul him on top of his horse. He then used the man as a shield so that he could ride back to Confederate lines. When he was almost there, he threw the soldier to the ground. A doctor later managed to remove the bullet and Forrest suffered no permanent damage.

Forrest also killed one of his subordinates with a penknife. In 1863, a little more than a year after Forrest's wild ride, an artillery lieutenant named Andrew Willis Gould got into an angry exchange with Forrest because he felt Forrest had questioned his bravery. As the argument escalated, Gould reached into his pocket for a revolver. Forrest pulled out a penknife and grabbed Gould. Unfortunately for Gould, his revolver got stuck in his jacket pocket. Gould fired through his jacket, hitting Forrest. Forrest stabbed Gould in chest and mortally wounded him before he collapsed.

Gould's bullet passed through Forrest's abdomen before lodging in his hip. The wound looked worse than it actually was. Meanwhile, Gould was carried out of the room where the fight occurred. Forrest got up, went outside, grabbed a revolver from a confused trooper and went to finish Gould off. (At this point,


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Forrest thought he had received a death wound and decided he wasn't going to die alone.) Gould was lying on a table bleeding to death when he saw Forrest come in. When Gould saw Forrest, he rolled off the table. Forrest fired and missed. Then someone intervened. Forrest later calmed down enough to send for a doctor to help Gould. Nothing could be done for Gould and he expired. Forrest's wound proved to be minor.

By the time of this incident (June 1863), Nathan B. Forrest was famous and had been promoted to the rank of brigadier general. His exploits in battle were an exception to a lengthy list of defeats and reversals for the Confederacy in the West. The previous year, he led his men out of Fort Donelson and escaped after the fort's commander had surrendered to forces under General Ulysses S. Grant. He fought a rearguard action against Grant's forces that helped to allow the Confederate Army to escape after Shiloh. He led a raid into Western Kentucky and delayed Grant's Vicksburg campaign. Forrest harassed Federal forces on their way to Chattanooga. His ability to show up at the worst place at the worst possible time was exasperating to his opponents. Union General William T. Sherman thought Forrest's death was essential to the Union cause: "I don't care if it costs 10,000 lives and breaks the treasury."

In December 1863, Forrest received another promotion. He was now a major general. He launched another raid into Western Kentucky the next year, and after turning southward, attacked Fort Pillow in Tennessee.

Fort Pillow was located about 40 miles north of Memphis and had been in Union hands since 1862. (For all intents and purposes, by 1864, all of that state was controlled by the Union.) Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, the fort was garrisoned by an African American regiment and a regiment of Tennessee Unionists. The numbers of black and white troops were about equal, but Forrest's men had no love for either group. Moreover, the war wasn't going well for the South by the spring of 1864 and the men were pretty surly.

Forrest's men captured Fort Pillow on April 12 1864. The Union garrison put up a brief but doomed fight—they were outnumbered three or four to one. Before the final assault, Forrest sent the Union commander a note demanding surrender that included the statement, "Should my demand be refused, I cannot be responsible for the fate of your command." The demand was refused, the fort was stormed, and things got ugly.

Forrest wasn't present when the incident occurred. Accounts differ, but the gist of what happened was the remnants of the garrison tried to flee to a gunboat anchored on the Mississippi. Unfortunately, most of them couldn't make it in time. The Union soldiers, black and white alike, tried to surrender but were killed anyway. It seems Forrest's men were particularly eager to shoot the black troops. Eighty percent of the African American troops present at Fort Pillow were killed.

One of Forrest's men wrote in a letter to his sister, "The poor deluded negroes [*sic*] would run up to our men, fall upon their knees, and with uplifted hands scream for mercy,



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but they were ordered to their feet and then shot down anyway.” The trooper, Achilles Clark, tried to intervene but the slaughter didn’t end until the Confederates’ rage was spent. When it was all over, less than 60 out of approximately 300 or so black soldiers were taken captive. A good number of Unionist Tennesseans were also killed—the killing was by no means limited to African Americans. Major William Bradford, who was in command of Fort Pillow when it was stormed, was also killed after resistance had ceased.

Was Forrest personally responsible? Probably not—the incident seems to have been spontaneous. It was the ugly act of an army on the losing side of a war. Certainly there were racist sentiments involved, but racism was hardly an attitude exclusive to the Confederacy. (Anyone who doesn’t believe this should research the New York City draft riots of 1863.) Nevertheless, when a commander’s troops run amok, he is ultimately responsible for their actions.

General William T. Sherman, commander of the Union armies in Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia at the time wrote in his memoirs, “there is no doubt the feeling of the Southern people was fearfully savage on this very point of our making soldiers of their late slaves, and Forrest may have shared the feeling.” This is probably accurate, but there remains little evidence to tie Forrest directly to the massacre. There are conflicting reports of how he felt about it at the time.

Forrest took part in the closing campaigns of the war and began to suffer defeats as the steam ran out of the Confederacy. His greatest service during that period was to cover the Army of Tennessee’s retreat after the Battle of Nashville in December 1864. There was little left of the Army of Tennessee by then. The next year was mostly a series of disasters. Forrest was unable to defend Alabama during the spring of 1865. When he heard of Lee’s surrender, he also chose to throw in the towel. On May 9 1865 Forrest formally surrendered.

Like many Southerners, Forrest had to rebuild his life after the war ended. His plantations were wrecked. For a while, he went into the railroad business, but as one writer observed, he wasn’t as lucky in business as he was in war. The Marion and Memphis Railroad, of which he was director, went bankrupt in the 1870s. Forrest’s last occupation was to oversee a prison work farm.

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Artist's depiction of Fort Pillow Massacre.

In 1867, he became Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization founded by several ex-Confederate officers. The name probably comes from an ancient Greek word for circle (*kuklos*), but opinions vary. Its primary goal was to restore the South to something that resembled its condition before the war. There wasn't any hope of restoring slavery, but the KKK hoped to keep the freed slaves from participating in the political process and ultimately return them to subservience, if not actual servitude. The KKK was anti-Northern and anti-Republican as well. It terrorized southern blacks to keep them from voting because if they did, they would almost surely vote Republican. (The vast majority of white southerners were Democrats then.) However, the KKK also targeted Northerners who came down to the South to make a profit (carpetbaggers), white Southerners who had Republican sympathies (scalawags), and anyone from the Freedmen's Bureau—a federal organization that was set up to educate and provide assistance to ex-slaves. The Ku Klux Klan also dispensed a form of vigilante "justice" in lawless areas.

Not much is known about Forrest's activities as Grand Wizard. The KKK was a secret organization and Forrest didn't speak about it except to deny his involvement. Its methods were

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by no means gentle and if intimidation didn't work, the Klan would resort to murder. Forrest would have been sent to prison if he admitted he was a member, much less a leader. There aren't any records of what he may or may not have personally sanctioned. Whatever happened, Forrest wasn't involved for long—he is supposed to have joined around 1867 and by 1869 he officially disbanded the organization, though that wasn't the end of it. (The KKK underwent a revival in 1915.)

The KKK's methods had become increasingly violent and unproductive by the time Forrest dissolved it. Instead of convincing federal troops to leave, the KKK was causing more soldiers to be sent southward. This was during the time known as Reconstruction. Congress and President Andrew Johnson were embroiled in a nasty fight over how the South was to be "reconstructed." Congress was winning, and the majority of its members chose to treat the South with a firm hand.

Though the Klan had been disbanded, that didn't bring an end to violence against African Americans. In 1874, after four blacks were lynched in Tennessee, Forrest wrote the governor and offered to hunt down those responsible. He intended "to exterminate the white marauders who disgrace their race" by the "cowardly" murder of blacks. This would no doubt come as a shock to those who dismiss Forrest as the leader of a gang of white supremacists.

In July 1875, a little more than a year before his death, Forrest was invited to speak at the Independent Order of Pole Bear-

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ers Association, which was an organization of African Americans who advocated racial harmony. Not only did Forrest accept the invitation, he delivered a speech that was about the last thing on earth one would expect from a former Grand Wizard. Though the speech was brief, it was warm and friendly. After accepting a bouquet of flowers, he said, "You have a right to elect whom you please; vote for the man you think best." Toward the conclusion of the speech, Forrest added, "We have but one flag; let us stand together." Needless to say, this didn't go over well with most white Southerners.

At a meeting of the Cavalry Survivors Association in Augusta, Georgia, Forrest's speech was ridiculed and even mocked. Members of the Cavalry Survivors were especially offended by the fact Forrest had accepted flowers from a black woman and responded with nasty innuendoes. There were also insinuations that Forrest had lost his marbles.

One can't help but wonder what would have happened if Forrest had been present when these things were said about him. Though he was in failing health at the time, Forrest was probably still a force to be reckoned with.

Forrest died from complications of diabetes in October 1877. He and his wife had been living in a log cabin that was salvaged from one of his pre-war plantations. At his funeral nice things were said about him. Soon all that was remembered by most Southerners were his military exploits (this article contains




Thomas Nast's cartoon depicts the situation for freed slaves following in the years after the Civil War.

only a few of them). Scholars tend to give Forrest mixed reviews: they praise his tactics but deplore Fort Pillow and, of course, his involvement with the KKK.

The average person doesn't know much about Forrest. Many think Fort Pillow and the KKK define him. The story is much more complicated. Recently, his statue in Memphis has been vandalized. Maybe if the people who did it had been better informed they would have left it alone. But that's probably a bit too much to ask these days, given the fact that our society seems to value emotion far more than it does education and critical thought.


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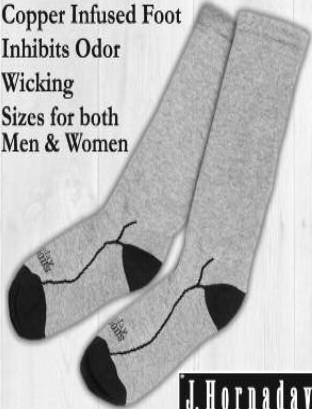
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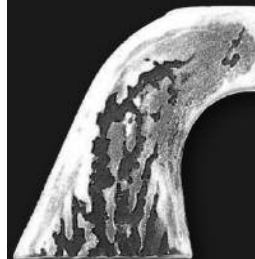
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Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	4th Sat	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun As Sched	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nast Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
Shasta Regulators	Redding	3rd Sat	530-365-1839	Modoc	Redding Gun Club
Shasta Regulators Of Hat Creek	Burney	2nd Sat	530-275-3158	Cayenne Pepper	Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club
Sloughhouse Irregulars	Sloughhouse	5th Sat & Sun	530-677-0368	Badlands Bud	Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town
Sunnyvale Regulators	Cupertino	1st & 3rd Mon Night	650-464-3764	Shaniko Jack	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
Sunnyvale Regulators Wild Bunch	Cupertino	4th Mon	408-264-5647	Lucas McDennis	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-402-4144	Mattel Sackett	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
The Outlaws	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	916-363-1648	Terrell (Rondo) Sackett	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	209-814-5322	Dragon	Manteca Sportsman Club
CO					
Black Canyon Ghost Riders	Hotchkiss	4th Sun	970-835-8871	Fandango Dave	Stengel Gun Range
Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat	970-493-1813	Kid Bucklin	Pawnee Sportsmens Center
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-495-3833	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Four Corners Gunslingers	Durango	3rd Sun	970-247-0745	Cereza Slim	Durango Gun Club
Montrose Marshals	Montrose	2nd Sun	970-240-0419	Silver Rings	Montrose Rod & Gun Club
Northwest Colorado Rangers	Craig	4th Sat	970-824-8407	Black Mountain Cat	Bears Ears Sportsmens Club
Pawnee Station	Nunn	3rd Sat	970-667-0734	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pawnee Station Wild Bunch	Fort Collins	3rd Sun	303-857-0520	Red Creek Dick Martin	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pueblo West Vigilantes	Pueblo West	2nd Sat	719-545-9463	Grizz Bear	Pueblo West Sportsmen's Association
Rockvale Bunch	Rockvale	3rd Sat	719-371-0172	Cherokee Diablo	Rockvale Gun Club
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	4th Sun	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club
Thunder Mountain Shootists	Whitewater	3rd Wknd	970-270-4853	Pinto Being	William Jarvis Shooting Complex
Thunder Mountain Shootists Wild Bunch	White Water	2nd Sat	970-260-5432	Colorado Blackjack	William Jarvis Shooting Complex
Windygap Regulators	Cortez	1st Wkd	970-739-9705	Stumble Leena	Windygap Regulators
FL					
Antelope Junction Rangers	Clearwater	Fri nite & 2nd Sat	727-742-2434	Horrace E. Rider	Wyoming Antelope Club
Big Bend Bushwhackers	Tallahassee	3rd Sat	850-567-5694	Ocklawaha Kid	Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club
Cowford Regulators	Jacksonville	4th Sat	904-316-0644	Misfire Mordecai	Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club
Doodle Hill Regulators	Ruskin	4th Sun	612-709-1234	Valrico Kid	Gun Craft Inc. Range
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-317-6284	Deadly Sharpshooter	Fort White Gun Club
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol & Rifle Range

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OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	4th Sun	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Gun Club
Okeechobee Marshals	Okeechobee	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	561-371-5507	Amaduelist	OK Corral Gun Club
Panhandle Cattle Company	ChIPLEY	4th Sat	850-638-4939	Desperado Dale	n/a
Panhandle Cowboys	Cantonment	2nd Sun	850-932-3955	Jeb Stuart Foley	Escambia River Gun Club
Tater Hill Gunfighters	Arcadia	2nd Sun	863-990-7822	Arcadia Ranger	Desoto Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	1st Sat	407-847-7285	Cypress Sam	Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club
GA					
Cherokee Cowboys	Gainesville	4th Sat	706-654-8109	Krazy Kajun	Cherokee Gun Club
Lonesome Valley Regulators	Junction City	1st Sun	478-922-9384	Wishbone Hooper	Lonesome Valley Regulators
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	1st Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Association
IA					
Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun	515-491-0267	J. B. Kidd	Central Iowa Shooting Sports
Outlaw's Run	Red Oak	2nd Sun	712-621-5726	Capt. Jim Midnight	Red Oak
Turkeyfoot Cowboys	Elk Run Heights	1st Sat	319-240-2224	Ranger Mathias Fischels	Turkeyfoot Long Rifles Range
Zen Shootists	Nevada	2nd Sat	515-783-4833	Sergeant Duroc	Scorpion Gulch
ID					
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Moscow	3rd Sat	208-836-5742	Cottonwood Hart	Bernard Peterson Memorial Range
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	Kuna	2nd Sun & 3rd Sat	208-466-0061	Gem Hunter	Black's Creek Rifle Range
Snake River Western Shooting Society	Jerome	4th Sat	208-731-6387	Missy Mable	Jerome Rod & Gun Club
IL					
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	3rd Sun	815-254-1062	Torano	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Free Grazers	Effingham	2nd Sat	217-821-3134	Fossil Creek Bob	Effingham County Sportsman's Club
Good Guys Posse	Winnebago	4th Sun	815-206-3534	Shamrock	Dry Gulch Ranch
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-340-8288	Shamrock Sis	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-443-3538	Wagonmaster Ward	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kaskaskia Cowboys Wild Bunch	Sparta	As Sched	618-632-0712	Boben Weev	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Lakewood Marshals	Cisne	1st Sat	618-838-9410	Pine Ridge Jack	Lakewood Flying Duck Sporting Clays
The Long Nine	Loami	4th & 5th Sun	217-971-6107	Billy The Avenger	Lefthanders Gun Club
Vermilion River Long Riders	Leonore	2nd Sun	815-875-3674	Lead Poison Lar	Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
IN					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club
Pine Ridge Regulators	Brazil	3rd Sat	765-832-7253	Riverboat Gambler	n/a
Pine Ridge Regulators Wild Bunch	Brazil	1st Wkd	765-832-7253	Riverboat Gambler	n/a
Pleasant Valley Renegades	Canaan	2nd Sat	615-888-3242	Lizzy of the Valley	n/a
Wabash Rangers	Cayuga	4th Sat	217-267-2820	Henry Remington	Clark's Shooting Range
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-624-2022	Persimmon Dan	Westside Sportsmen Facility
Wildwood Wranglers	Michigan City	4th Sun	219-221-0868	Voodoooman	Michigan City Rifle Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	Cheif Wa-Ke-De Range
KS					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	n/a
Powder Creek Cowboys	Lenexa	2nd & 4th Sat & 4th Wed	816-453-0156	K. C. Ranger	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	As Sched	913-206-3918	Hondo Tucker	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Sandhill Regulators	Hutchinson	3rd Sat	620-664-7003	Merimac Menace	
KY					
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	2nd Sat	270-529-3775	Yak	Green River Gun Club
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	423-309-4146	Double Eagle Dave	Hooten Old Town
Kentucky Long Rifles Cowboys	Morehead	2nd Sat	606-462-3278	Hoss Lytle	Kentucky Long Rifles
Kentucky Regulators	Boaz	1st Sat	270-354-5040	Shenandoah Slim	Kentucky Regulators Gun Club Inc.
Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	West Point	1st Sun	406-231-2329	Shaddai Vaquero	Knob Creek Gun Range
Levisa Fork Lead Slings	Pikeville	2nd Sat	606-631-4613	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Association
LA					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	985-789-0744	Soiled Dove	Florida Parsh Skeet and Gun Association
Deadwood Marshals	Sorrento	1st & 3rd Sat	504-458-1898	Doc Spudley	Deadwood Marshals
Jackson Hole Regulators	Quitman	2nd Sat	318-278-9071	Slick McClade	Jackson Hole
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat	337-372-0586	Possum Skinner	Lake Charles Gun Club
MA					
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Sched	978-771-9190	Double R Bar Kid	Harvard Sportsman Club
MD					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Damascus	4th Sat	301-831-9666	Chuckaroo	Izaak Walton League
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	302-378-7854	Teton Tracy	William T. Roe Memorial Range
Monocacy Irregulars	Frederick	2nd Tues	301-717-9672	Chuckaroo	Monocacy Pistol Club
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	240-285-7673	Cash Caldwell	Thurmont Conservation & Sportsman Club
ME					
Big Pine Bounty Hunters	Willmantic	As Sched	207-876-4928	Ripley Scrounger	Big Pine Gun Club Inc
MI					
Eagleville Cowboys	Central Lake	4th Sat	231-676-0922	One Son of A Gun	Eagleville Ranch
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun	269-651-5197	Saulk Valley Stubby	St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat (Mar-Oct)	734-812-5679	Panhead Pete	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	269-684-1782	Paul Puma	Bend of River Conservation Club
Rocky River Regulators	Utica	3rd Sun	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Rocky River Regulators Wild Bunch	Utica	As Sched	810-247-1065	Coyote Claxton	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field & Stream Club	Saginaw	As Sched	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field & Stream Gun Club
Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club	Breckenridge	3rd Sat (April-Oct)	989-832-8426	Kid Al Fred	Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Sched	248-528-0440	R.J. Law	Blue Water Sportsman's Association

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MN					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-701-9719	D M Yankee	Cedar Valley
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd & 5th Sat	320-979-1745	Timber Jack Thompson	Kimball Rod and Gun Club
Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	Virginia	3rd Sat	218-780-6797	Wagonmaster	Virginia Rifle and Pistol Club
MO					
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	4th Wkd	417-759-9114	Smokie	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Butterfield Trail Cowboys Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	4th Wkd	417-759-9114	Smokie	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	Newburg	3rd Sun	573-765-5483	X. S. Chance	Central Ozarks Pratical Shooters Range
Gateway Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifel and Pistol Club
Gateway Shootist Society Wild Bunch	Barnhart	1st Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifel and Pistol Club
Liberty Land and Cattle Company	Walnut Shade	As Sched	417-294-0239	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Liberty Range Bear Creek Shooting Complex
Mountain Oyster Gang	Higginsville	1st Sun	660-909-6519	Schnickelfritz	Lafayette Gun Club
Ozark Posse (The)	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	n/a
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	573-374-8491	Flossie	Outlaw Range
MS					
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	4th & 5th Sat & 3rd Sun	901-490-2600	Taska Jim	Rabbit Ridge Ranch
Natchez Sixgunners	Roxie	1st Sat	601-807-1513	Silky	n/a
MT					
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton	2nd Sat	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecarr Rifle & Pistol Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	2nd Wkd	406-727-7625	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Custer County Stranglers	Miles City	3rd Sat	406-232-0727	Hartshot	n/a
Gallatin Valley Regulators	Logan	2nd Sat	406-388-2902	El Hombre de Montana	Manhattan Wildlife Association
Last Chance Handgunners	Basin	3rd Sat	406-431-3288	Vinny Da Kid	High Ore Sportsman's Range
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Wkd	406-847-0745	Jocko	Noxon Rod and Gun Club
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Simms-Great Falls	1st Sat & Sun	406-590-7192	Picture Takn' Gal	Sun River Rangers
NC					
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting & Social Society	Creedmore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting & Social Society Wild Bunch	Creedmore	4th Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Carolina Single Action Shooting Society	Ridgeway	2nd Sun	336-627-7615	Carolina's Longarm	n/a
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-391-9556	South Buffalo Slim	Wagram Sportsmens Association
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	Every Sat	252-726-3982	One Eye Ray	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Sched	919-920-7819	R. J. Gatling	Sir Walter Shooting Services
Old Hickory Regulators	Rocky Mount	1st Sat	252-908-0098	Wendover Kid	Old Hickory Gun Club Inc.
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association Range
ND					
Badlands Bandits	Belfield	2nd Sun	701-260-0347	Roughrider Ray	Belfield Sportmens Club
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sched	701-471-2334	Blake Stone	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Trestle Valley Rangers	Minot	2nd Sat	701-852-1697	Doc Hell	Minot Rifle and Pistol
NE					
Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	As Sched	402-276-1391	Scruffy Skippy	Clark Memorial Range
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	2nd Sun	712-323-8996	Flint Valdez	
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Grand Island	3rd Sat	308-380-4682	Stirrup Trouble	Hearland Public Shooting Park
NH					
North-East Western Shooter, LLC	Pelham	As Sched	603-772-5041	Miss Delaney Belle	Pelham Fish and Game
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Sched	603-620-5001	Dakota Joe	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH LLC	Dalton	3rd Wkd	603-444-6876	Littleton S. Dalton	The Dalton Gang Shooting Range
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Sched	603-957-0377	Dead Head	Kinnicum Fish & Game
NJ					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	732-961-6834	Papa Grey	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Monmouth County Rangers	Monmouth	2nd Sun	732-803-2430	Utah Tom	
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	2nd Sun	973-219-9585	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
NM					
Bighorn Vigilantes	Founders Ranch	1st Sat	505-286-0830	German George	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-832-6882	Estancia Kid	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	Edgewood	3rd Sat	505-886-4049	James Earl Dalton	Founders Ranch
Del Norte Diablos	Rio Rancho	1st & 4th Sat	505-672-1583	Chimayo Red	Del Norte Gun Club
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Wkd	575-388-2531	Chico Cheech	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
Magdalena Trail Drivers	Magdalena	3rd Sat	575-854-3394	Tall Ted	Old Magdalena Range
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-664-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Picacho Posse Wild Bunch	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-664-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	2nd Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, 5th Sat & Sun	505-401-3064	Whiplash Whitey	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades Wild Bunch	Albuquerque	3rd Sun	505-263-1181	Mica McGuire	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Vaqueros	Truth or Consequences	3rd Sun	575-744-5793	Anna Sassin	Adobe Hills Shooting Range
Seven Rivers Regulators	Carlsbad	3rd Sat	575-885-9879	Stink Creek Jones	Carlsbad Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	4th Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos Wild Bunch	Farmington	2nd Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vacquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation Shooting Range
NV					
Desert Desperados	Las Vegas	3rd Sun	702-419-7024	Nasty Nels	Desert Sportsmans Rifle Club
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Wkd	702-328-4867	Creeker	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
High Plains Drifters	Fernley	1st Sun	775-721-6619	Washoe Zephyr	Fernley Hills Shooting Range
Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Las Vegas	2nd Sun	702-460-6393	MT Fargo	Clark County Shooting Range
Roop County Cowboy Shooters Assoc.	Fernley	2nd Sun	775-849-7679	Jasper Agate	Reno Fernley Tahoe Speedway

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NY					
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	845-352-7921	Judge Zaney Grey	Monroe Chester Sportsman Club
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-588-0312	Annabelle Bransford	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Ballston Spa	As Sched	518-584-9869	Roy Cassidy	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
East End Regulators	Westhampton	First Sun	631-921-6753	Waco Johnny Lane	Pine Barrons
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	3rd Sat	631-864-1035	El Fusilero	Calverton Shooting Range
Mythical Rough Riders	Blasdell	5th Sun	716-838-4286	Rev Dave Clayton	Blasdell Rod and Gun Club
Oxford Regulators	Oxford	2nd Sun	607-859-2677	Doc Hostetler	Oxford Rod and Gun Club
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Watertown	4th Sun	315-465-6543	Ranger Clayton Conagher	Sackets Harbor Sportsmans Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-467-4429	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Owego	1st Sat	607-659-3819	Dusty Drifter	Tioga County Sportsman's Association
OH					
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-863-1139	Sandy Creek Jake	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Association
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun (Mar-Nov)	937-418-7816	Buckshot Jones	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsman Club	Middletown	1st Sat	513-894-3500	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsmens Club, Inc.
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	740-767-2326	D.J. McDraw	Lake Jone's Place
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	419-704-7482	Curtice Clay	Sandusky County Sportsmans Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Pikeon	3rd & 5th Sun	740-412-0625	Col Caleb Boone	Arkoe Gulch-Arkoee Outdoors, LLC
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	330-782-0958	Shenango Joe	Brookfield Conservation Club
Stonelick Regulators	Batavia	As Sched	513-307-7705	Lindy Longshot	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Stonelick Regulators Wild Bunch	Milford	As Sched	513-891-3420	Longshot Ace	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Tusco Long Riders	Midvale	1st Sat	216-932-7630	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club
OK					
Cherokee Strip Shootists	Stillwater	1st Sat	405-624-1645	Crazy Cal	Stillwater Rifle & Pistol Club
Cherokee Strip Shootists Wild Bunch	Stillwater	1st Sat	405-880-0499	Paladenton	Stillwater Rifle & Pistol Club
Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Sand Springs	2nd & 5th Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Wed	918-830-2936	Burly Bill	Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Sat	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	405-640-5650	Oklahoma Spuds	n/a
Tater Hill Regulators	Coweta	3rd & 5th Sun	918-622-3630	Tulsey	Oil Capitol Rod & Gun Club
Territorial Marshals	Oklahoma City	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Territorial Marshals	Oklahoma City	2nd Sun	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Tulsey Town Cattlemens Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club
OR					
Canby Rod & Gun Club, Home of the Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st & 3rd Sun	541-848-2819	Cactus John	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Horse Ridge Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Bend	3rd Sat	541-848-2819	Cactus John	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Klamath Cowboys	Keno	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	541-884-2611	Jasper Wayne	Bill Scholtes Sportsman Park
Merlin Marauders	Grants Pass	1st Sat	541-295-4771	Imnaha Chuck	Josephine County Sportsmans Association
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-619-7381	Tuffy Tumbleweed	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	3rd & 4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Millican	2nd & 4th Wkd	541-410-4801	Whisperin' Wade	Cossa Range
Pine Mountain Posse Wild Bunch	Millican	4th Sat & Sun (Apr - Oct)	541-419-4718	Sunrise Bill	Cossa Range
PA					
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Holidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-695-7064	Colorado Smith	Holidaysburg Sportman Club
Delaware Drifters	Muncy		570-506-0658	Fort Benning John	Keystone Sportsmen Association
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th Sun	570-538-9163	Black Hills Barb	Muncy Valley
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logans Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	412-607-5313	Mariah Kid	Logans Ferry Sportsmens Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	3rd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Newport	1st Sat	717-789-3004	Tuscarora Slim	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association
River Junction Shootist Society	Donegal	3rd Sat	724-593-6602	Mattie Hays	n/a
Westshore Posse	Lewisberry	2nd Sun	410-984-2249	Hud McCoy	West Shore Sportsmen's Association
RI					
Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	4th Sun	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pine Tree Gun Club
SC					
Belton Bushwhackers	Belton	2nd Sat	864-760-9366	Pants A'Fire Meyer	Belton Gun Club
Geechee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-863-0649	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	843-249-3599	Arizona Mahoney	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-422-5587	Dun Gamblin	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
SD					
Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	605-342-8946	Hawkbill Smith	Pringle Shooting Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents Range	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulkton	4th Sun	605-252-8403	O' Town Kid	Faulk Couty Trap Club
TN					
Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st Sat	423-360-7494	Shamrock Paddy	n/a
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-476-5303	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting, Rifle, and Pisol Club
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	n/a
Wartrace Regulators Wild Bunch	Wartrace	3rd Sat	931-723-7896	Papa Dave	n/a

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Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	3rd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-668-4884	Texas Slim	Abilene Gun Club
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Darby Rough Regulators	Smithville	2nd Sat	979-561-6202	Cherokee Granny	n/a
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	217-725-4934	Wildcat Bob	Back of the Moon Ranch
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	3rd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	n/a
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd Wkd	817-905-3122	Rock Rotten	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Wkd	214-384-3975	Denton Dancer	n/a
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	254-729-5253	Bent Barrell Betty	Old Fort Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-243-3477	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Sat	512-750-3923	Long Juan	Agarita Ranch
Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders	Slaton	4th Sat	806-777-6182	Armed to the Teeth	Rustic Range
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	2nd Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st Sat	830-276-3004	Bufe Coker	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	979-479-4380	Catfish Doyle	Gunsmoke
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd Sat	361-937-4845	Stinking Badger	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Amarillo	1st Sat	806-355-7158	Cayenne	Tumbleweed Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	210-378-6966	Judge GeePee	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat as Sched	210-378-6966	Judge GeePee	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	1st Wkd	979-549-5752	Blackpowder Burn	n/a
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Wknd	979-696-1300	Def Willie	Thomason Ranch

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Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-637-8209	Rowdy Hand	County Range
Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	2nd Sat	801-971-8555	Ace High Bill	WASR "Big Salty"
Deseret Historical Shootist Society	Kaysville	2nd Sat	801-201-0700	Ruckus Rick	Wahsatch Shooter's Association
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Red Rock
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	As Sched	801-829-8989	J.T. Wild	Red Rock
Hobble Creek Wranglers	Springville	2nd Sat	801-489-7681	Hobble Creek Marshall	Garth Kilpack Shooting Range
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	3rd Sat	435-979-4665	Copper Queen	Gunsmoke Range, Happy Jack Mine
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	435-840-5193	Rusty Razor	WASR "Big Salty"
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd & 5th Sat	801-518-3374	Jubal O. Sackett	WASR "Big Salty"
Wahsatch Desperados	Kaysville	4th Sat	801-201-0700	Ruckus Rick	Wahsatch Shooters Association
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	435-224-2321	Old Fashioned	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
Wasatch Summit Regulators Wild Bunch	Salt Lake City	4th Sun	435-224-2321	Old Fashioned	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex

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Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	504-520-5862	Mad Dog Irv	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-339-8442	Striker	Richmond, VA
K.C.'s Corral	Mechanicsville	3rd Sat	804-382-3407	Bucksaw Bob	Black Creek Gun Club
Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sun	434-942-7369	Thunder Colt	Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shacklefords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-339-8442	Striker	West Point Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-471-3396	Missouri Marshal	Sussex Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	As Sched	434-286-6949	Dunderberg Drifter	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
Virginia City Marshals	Fairfax	1st Tues	703-801-3507	Humphrey Hook	NRA Headquarters Range

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Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	St. Johnsbury	As Sched	802-223-7746	Buckskin Ranger	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
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Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat	509-884-3827	First Chance	North Central Washington Gun Club
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Quincy	Last Sun	509-787-1782	An E. Di	Quincy American Legion Gun Club
Black River Regulators	Littlerock	4th Sat	360-701-5682	Pop-a Cork	Capital City Rifle & Pistol
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-352-1393	Diablo Dalton	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-684-2325	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	Port Townsend	3rd Sat	360-452-2800	Doc Neeley	Jefferson County Sportsman's Association
Pataha Rustlers	Dayton	2nd Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	Patit Range
Poulsbo Pistoleros	Poulsbo	4th Sun	360-710-0529	Sourdough George	Poulsbo Sportsman Club
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	Last Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shootig Assoc.
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-271-9286	Jess Ducky	Renton Fish & Game Club
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	2nd Sat (Mar-Aug)	503-703-2313	Stumptown Kid	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club
Yakima Black Roch Bunch	Moxee	2nd Sat	509-576-0866	Hondo Red	Sun Valley Shooting Park

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Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Sun	815-675-2566	Huckleberry	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Waupaca	2nd Sat or as Sched	920-913-1615	Polish Pistolero	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-362-9415	Singleshot Virgil	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-966-6035	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Koyote	Holmen Rod & Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootist, Inc.	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	715-497-3950	Doc Potter	WOWS Station

WV

Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sun Mar to Oct	304-289-6098	Last Word	Singing Hills Ranch
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st Sun	304-327-9884	Coffee Bean	Dawn's Sportsman Club Hinton
Kanawha Valley Regulators	Eleanor	2nd Sat	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Gun Club
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Gun Club

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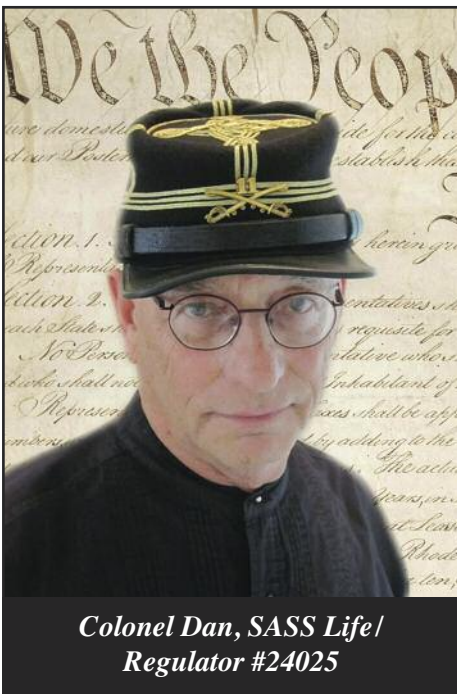
Besemer Vigilance Committee	Casper	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	307-267-1155	Smokewagon Bill	Stuckenhoff Sport Shooters Complex
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-5567	Dazee Bristol	Otto Road Shooting Range
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Donkey Creek Shootists	Gillette	4th Sun	307-686-7519	Wyoming Gus	Milney Valley
High Lonesome Drifters	Cody	2nd Sat	307-587-2946	Joe Cross	Cody Shooting Complex

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CLUB NAME	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	CITY	ST	WEB SITE
CANADA							
Showdown in the Valley	Jul 30 - 31, 2016	Kananaskis Kid	250-923-6358	brianslater15@shaw.ca	Courtenay	BC	valleyregulators.com
SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Shootout at Bounty Gulch	Aug 03 - 06, 2016	Grey Beard	306-749-2822	chuckm@sasktel.net	Saskatoon	SK	sawws.com
25th Annual Headquarters Shootout in the Canadian West Salmonella Gulch	Aug 26 - 28, 2016	Teacher C.	250-592-4311	cdjones@shaw.ca	Victoria	BC	vfgpa.org/shooting/frontier-shootists/
SASS Canadian National Wild Bunch Championship North of the Border	Aug 31 - 01, 2016	Slim Delgado	250-650-5721	slimandhelen@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	valleyregulators.com
SASS CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP North of the Medicine Line	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	High Country Amigo	250-334-3479	keanauto@shaw.ca	Courtenay	BC	valleyregulators.com
GERMANY							
Indoor-Championship	Dec 18 - 18, 2016	Rhine River Joe	28233426	Martens@SASS-Germany.de	Bocholt	-	western-schiessen.de/
USA							
SASS North Carolina State Black Powder Championship Big Iron Showdown	Apr 02 - 02, 2016	Tracker Mike	336-558-9032	trackermike@ymail.com	Salisbury	NC	onsp.us
9th Annual Shootout on the Little River	Apr 02 - 02, 2016	Goliath	229-244-3161	bigboyd@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	vvclrsa.info/shootout.html
Land Run	Apr 07 - 09, 2016	Missouri Mae	405-373-1472	missourimae@gmail.com	Oklahoma City	OK	cowboy.okgunclub.org/
Comancheria Days	Apr 07 - 10, 2016	Judge GeePee	210-378-6966	judgegeeppee@gvtc.com	Fredericksburg	TX	texicanrangers.org
Ride of The Immortals	Apr 09 - 09, 2016	Captain Bill Burt	678-289-8990	tom_burt@yahoo.com	Griffin	GA	dhicowboy.com
Shootout at Fort Miller	Apr 14 - 16, 2016	Snakebite	559-787-2943	snakebite4767@gmail.com	Clovis	CA	kingsriverregulators.com
SASS Mississippi State Championship Showdown at Purgatory	Apr 15 - 17, 2016	Diamond Lilly	601-594-7992	marty@coffeeneews.jackson.com	Mendenhall	MS	mississippipeacekeepers.com/
SASS Western Territorial Wild Bunch Championship Legends	Apr 18 - 19, 2016	J.T. Wild	801-829-8989	jt2wild@yahoo.com	Hurricane	UT	dixiedesperados.com
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Legends	Apr 21 - 23, 2016	J.T. Wild	801-829-8989	jt2wild@yahoo.com	Hurricane	UT	dixiedesperados.com
Cowford Stampede	Apr 22 - 23, 2016	Willy Whiskers	904-683-5624	willywhiskers@att.net	Jacksonville	FL	cowfordregulators.com/
SASS Washington State Blackpowder Championship Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	Apr 22 - 24, 2016	Crisco	509-328-0889	mikeberta4@gmail.com	Benton City	WA	rattlesnakegulch.com
SASS New York State Wild Bunch Championship Muster At Fort Misery	Apr 23 - 24, 2016	Roy Cassidy	518-584-9869	roycassidy1911@yahoo.com	Ballston Spa	NY	circleregulators.com
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	Apr 24 - 26, 2016	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike@sutterlawman.com	Sloughhouse	CA	californiagunslingers.com/
SASS California State Championship	Apr 28 - 01, 2016	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike@sutterlawman.com	Sloughhouse	CA	californiagunslingers.com
SASS South Carolina State Championship The Bushwhack	Apr 29 - 30, 2016	Pants AFire Meyer	864-760-9366	aawmeyer@gmail.com	Belton	SC	beltonbushwhackers.com
Middle of the Road	Apr 30 - 01, 2016	Gern Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	idahocowboyaaction.org/ica/
The Best Shoot by a Damn Site 2016	Apr 30 - 01, 2016	Creeker	702-328-4867	sassa42022creeker@aol.com	Boulder City	NV	eldoradocowboys.com
Battle of Plum Creek	May 05 - 08, 2016	Long Juan	512-750-3923	jsoule@scottodoug.com	Lockhart	TX	pcsss.org
Shootout at the Painted Desert	May 06 - 08, 2016	Fred Sharps	928-245-6276	fs12922@aol.com	Show Low	AZ	wmows.com
Sagebrush Shootout	May 06 - 08, 2016	MT Fargo	702-460-6393	fargo2000@aol.com	Las Vegas	NV	nevadarangers.com/
SASS Kansas State Black Powder Championship Siege at Clarks' Station	May 06 - 08, 2016	Flinthills Dawg	785-479-0416	dawgpownd@eaglecom.net	Chapman	KS	butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Delaware State Championship East'shore Round-Up	May 06 - 08, 2016	Teton Tracy	302-378-7854	tetontk@yahoo.com	Sudlersville	MD	dsarange.com/
SASS Louisiana State Championship Ambush At Tomahawk Pass	May 06 - 08, 2016	Slick McClade	318-278-9071	slickmcclade@bellsouth.net	Quitman	LA	jacksonholeregulators.com/
Jail Break	May 13 - 15, 2016	Denton Dancer	214-384-3975	denton.dancer@hotmail.com	Oakwood	TX	southrivergunclub.org
Battle of Rogue River	May 13 - 15, 2016	Imnaha Chuck	541-295-4771	Cpool962@aol.com	Grants Pass	OR	merlinmaraudercowboys.com
SASS West Virginia State Black Powder Championship Smoke over Buffalo Flats IX	May 14 - 15, 2016	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	ecclark@suddenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	kanahavalleymregulators.com
SASS Georgia State Black Powder Championship Smokeout at South River	May 19 - 19, 2016	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	srsocowboy.com
SASS Georgia State Championship Stampede at South River	May 19 - 21, 2016	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	southrivergunclub.com/
SASS Texas State Championship The Fall of the Fort	May 19 - 22, 2016	Kow Katcher	903-219-2862	kowkatcher@gmail.com	Groesbeck	TX	oldfortparkerpatriots.com/
Southeastern New Mexico Shootout	May 20 - 22, 2016	Curly Bill Jones	575-392-5017	matray1220@yahoo.com	Hobbs	NM	msbushwackers.com
SASS NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIP Smoke in the Blues	May 20 - 22, 2016	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	pintoannie@cowboybullets.com	Milton-Freewater	OR	eergunclub.com
SASS Utah State Black Powder Shootout Castle Gate Smudge Match	May 21 - 21, 2016	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	aihowe@emerytelcom.net	Price	UT	thecastlegeteposse.net/
25th Annual Orygun Trail's End	May 21 - 21, 2016	Kansan	503-539-6335	kansandave@aim.com	Sherwood	OR	oryguncowboys.us/
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	May 21 - 22, 2016	Marshal Stone	907-373-0140	walling@mtaonline.net	Birchwood	AK	alaska49ers.pistolshooting.com
High Sierra Shootout	May 26 - 29, 2016	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	trb94611@yahoo.com	Rail Road Flat	CA	highsierradrifters.com/
Smokin' Guns at Rabbit Ridge	May 27 - 29, 2016	Deuce McCall	901-833-1316	RNDuke@bellsouth.net	Byhalia	MS	mississippiriverrangers.com
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	May 27 - 29, 2016	Black Hills Barb	570-538-9163	basnyder1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	elpossegrande.com
End of Road	May 27 - 29, 2016	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missy@idahocas.com	Jerome	ID	idahocas.com
SASS Ohio State Championship Shootout at Hard Times	May 27 - 29, 2016	Buckshot Jones	937-418-7816	bkennett1941@gmail.com	Piqua	OH	miamivalleycowboys.org
1st Annual Lazy Arrow Shootout at PRVC	May 27 - 29, 2016	Roger Rapid	805-801-8750	siminoff@siminoff.net	Santa Margarita	CA	lazyarrowadventures.com
SASS Iowa State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	May 27 - 29, 2016	J. B. Kidd	515-491-0267	jcardenas6373@gmail.com	Indianola	IA	fortdesmoinesrangers.com
SASS New Mexico State Wild Bunch Championship The Battle of Bloody Porch	May 27 - 29, 2016	J. Frank Norfleet	505-563-0545	gnat@tularosa.net	Edgewood	NM	lospistoleros.org/
May Mayhem	May 28 - 29, 2016	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	so-mo-rangers.com
The Plainfield Incident	Jun 02 - 05, 2016	Bangor Brink	530-679-2321	bangorbrink@gmail.com	Davis	CA	rivercityregulators.org/
SASS North Carolina State Championship Uprising at Swearing Creek	Jun 02 - 05, 2016	R. J. Gatling	919-920-7819	brollins@entech-pme.com	Salisbury	NC	ncstatematch.org/
SASS Nebraska State Championship Platte Valley Shoot Out	Jun 02 - 05, 2016	Scruffy Skippy	402-276-1391	fricke_roofing@hotmail.com	Columbus	NE	n/a
SASS MA, CT, and RI State Championship Shootout at Sawyer Flats	Jun 03 - 05, 2016	Barrister Bill	617-529-8601	bb@battylaw.com	Harvard	MA	harvardghostriders.com
SASS Utah State Wild Bunch Championship Dixie Desperados Go Wild	Jun 03 - 04, 2016	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	mokaackid@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	dixiedesperados.com
Third Annual Oregon Senior Games	Jun 04 - 04, 2016	Clactus John	541-848-2819	johnacm@bendbroadband.com	Bend	OR	hrp-sass.com/
SASS Maryland State Championship Thunder Valley Days	Jun 09 - 11, 2016	Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	wildlifeRangers@aol.com	Damascus	MD	wildliferrangers.com
Prince of the Pistoleers	Jun 09 - 11, 2016	El Dorado Wayne	913-686-5314	eldoradowayne@embarqmail.com	Lenexa	KS	powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Oklahoma State Wild Bunch Championship Red Dirt Wild Bunch	Jun 11 - 12, 2016	Hondo Tweed	405-773-2610	hondotweed@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	cowboy.okgunclub.org
Shootout at Helledorado	Jun 16 - 19, 2016	Lead Nickel	707-391-5991	frednickel@comcast.net	Ukiah	CA	ukiahgunclub.com
Ambush at Beazley Gulch	Jun 16 - 19, 2016	An E. Di	509-787-1782	anedid@genext.net	Quincy	WA	quincywagunclub.com
SASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END OF TRAIL	Jun 16 - 26, 2016	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Sass@sassnet.com	Founders Ranch	NM	sassnet.com
SASS North Dakota and South Dakota State Championship Peace in the Valley	Jun 16 - 19, 2016	Wild River Rose	701-588-4331	bariley@comcast.net	Endrin	ND	shenyennevalleypeacekeepers.com
5th Annual Shootout on the Comstock	Jun 16 - 18, 2016	Dutch Dalton	775-873-8638	mmuel65744@aol.com	Fernley	NV	northernnevadacas.com
Gunfight on the Prairie	Jun 17 - 19, 2016	Dirty Deeds	920-966-6035	ppocorn1@charter.net	Ripon	WI	ripongunclub.com
SASS Wyoming State Championship Hell on Wheels	Jun 17 - 19, 2016	Assassin	307-287-6733	chrshrdy@aol.com	Cheyenne	WY	bordervigilantes.com

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Annual Women's Wild West Shootout	Jun 18 - 18, 2016	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	so-mo-rangers.com
SASS Oregon State Championship Gunfight in the Badlands	Jun 23 - 26, 2016	Whisperin' Wade	541-410-4801	whisperinwade@hotmail.com	Bend	OR	pinemountainposse.com
SASS Virginia State Black Powder Shootout Smoke on the Mattaponi IX	Jun 25 - 25, 2016	Striker	804-339-8442	les.lillge@gmail.com	West Point	VA	wpg.us
SASS Wisconsin State Black Powder Shootout Smoke in the Hills	Jun 25 - 26, 2016	Colonel Carbine	715-637-3317	rothga@chibardun.net	Station Range	WI	wowinc.org
SASS Colorado State Championship Shootout at Pawnee Station	Jul 01 - 04, 2016	G. W. Ryder	970-535-0702	mike@longspeaktraining.com	Nunn	CO	pawneestation.com
SASS Alaska Territorial Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	Jul 01 - 03, 2016	Marshal Stone	907-373-0140	walling@mtaonline.net	Anchorage	AK	alaskacowboysshooting.com
SASS Minnesota State Championship North Star Showdown	Jul 08 - 10, 2016	Timber Jack Thompson	320-979-1745	dloesq@yahoo.com	Kimball	MN	gcgunslingers.com/
Shootin' for the Brand	Jul 08 - 09, 2016	Calamity Di Bar	580-847-2210	dibartoma@me.com	Albany	OK	n/a
Renegade Shootout	Jul 09 - 10, 2016	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	idahocowboyaaction.org/ica/
Black Gold Shootout	Jul 14 - 16, 2016	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	jeromejarvis61@gmail.com	Manchester	KY	ponderosa-pines.com
The Castle Gate Robbery	Jul 14 - 16, 2016	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	aihowe@emerytel.com.net	Price	UT	thecastlegateposse.net/
SASS Montana State Championship Battle at Black Horse	Jul 15 - 17, 2016	Jeb's Lady	406-727-7625	dfjaf@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Pennsylvania State Black Powder Shootout Smoke on the Ridge VI	Jul 17 - 17, 2016	Letort Lawman	717-249-5049	n/a	Lckesburg	PA	perrycountyregulators.com/
SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL The Great Nor'easter	Jul 21 - 24, 2016	Capt. Morgan Rum	506-557-0246	sseguin@myfairpoint.net	Pelham	NH	thegreatnor'easter.com/
SASS International Black Powder Championship	Jul 29 - 31, 2016	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	c.ebersole@yahoo.com	Etna Green	IN	paradiseregulators.com/
Badger Mountain Range War	Aug 05 - 07, 2016	Howlin Wolf	719-510-7307	wolfpow@msn.com	Lake George	CO	colodopadcowboys.net
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 22nd Annual Chorro Valley Shootout	Aug 10 - 14, 2016	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgarripee@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	chorrovalleyregulators.org/
SASS MIDEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Guns of August	Aug 11 - 13, 2016	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	jswaner@cinclr.com	Middletown	OH	bigions.com
SASS Idaho State Championship Magic in the Valley	Aug 11 - 14, 2016	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missy@idahocas.com	Jerome	ID	idahocas.com/
SASS Vermont State Championship Green Mountain Mayhem	Aug 12 - 14, 2016	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmvt.net	St. Johnsbury	VT	vtcowboys.com
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL Badger Mountain Thunder N' Brimstone	Aug 17 - 21, 2016	First Chance	509-667-9377	originalchancey@yahoo.com	East Wenatchee	WA	applevalleymarshalls.com
SASS Utah State Championship Utah War	Aug 17 - 20, 2016	Jubal O. Sackett	801-518-3374	sackett@utahwar.com	Salt Lake City	UT	utahwar.com
A Gun Fight In Dixie XIV	Aug 19 - 21, 2016	Hot Lead Lefty	901-601-7459	Inolan@nolansav.com	Alton	TN	memphis-ssa.com
SASS Hawaii State Championship Great Pineapple Shoot	Aug 26 - 28, 2016	Dr. Who	808-875-1120	maruimmarshals@gmail.com	Lahaina	HI	valleyislesportshooter.com/
SASS Wisconsin State Championship Fire In The Hills	Aug 26 - 28, 2016	Doc Potter	715-497-3950	dmagnusson@sbcglobal.net	Glenwood City	WI	wowinc.org
SASS Kentucky State Championship Hooten Holler Round-Up	Aug 26 - 28, 2016	Appalachian Alan	859-749-9292	alanbillips@yahoo.com	McKee	KY	hootenoldtown.com/
Showdown at Fort Tioga	Aug 26 - 28, 2016	Candy Drifter	607-659-3819	comptonscabinets@stny.rr.com	Dundur	NY	tiogaspportsmen.com
SASS Alabama State Championship Ambush At Cavern Cove	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	Drake Robey	256-431-3737	drakerobey@charter.net	Woodville	AL	northalabamaregulators.com
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	R. J. Law	248-528-0440	rgillary@gillarylaw.com	Port Huron	MI	wolverinerangers.org
RoughRider Roundup	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	Rod-Iron-Rip	701-223-3085	ripsroast@bis.midco.net	Bismarck	ND	dakotaroughriders.com
SASS Arkansas State Championship Shoot'n in the Shade	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	rgirvin@hotmail.com	Hot Springs	AR	mvsanline.com
SASS Virginia State Championship Star City Shootout at Bend of Trail	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	Mad Dog Irv	540-520-5862	danzanddogs@gmail.com	Hardy	VA	bendoftrail.com
Shootout at High Lonesome	Sep 02 - 04, 2016	Two Bit Tammy	575-626-9201	twobittammy@yahoo.com	Roswell	NM	chisumcowboys.net
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Political

“They Don’t Really Get It”?!

By Colonel Dan, SASS #24025 Life/Regulator

Team SASS continues to be cooperatively engaged along with our gun organization partners at the national, state and local levels... but only when and where SASS® members have actively taken up the gauntlet and are carrying on the fight for our civil right to keep and bear arms. Bringing on the right people and teaming with the right groups is of paramount importance to this ongoing struggle. Naming Allegiance, a sitting member of the NRA Board of Directors, as the Team SASS Deputy Director, for example has been especially beneficial in many ways, as you can well imagine. Such alliances not only help in fighting back the “progressives” goal of disarming America, it helps in soliciting more gun owners to actively join the fight—and I say “fight” instead of trying to “educate and win over” those anti-gunners who, some on our side think, just don’t understand how critical the Second Amendment is to the preservation of freedom.

How many times have you heard this column’s title phrase in describing that anti-gun and anti-constitutional element? I’ve always wondered what it is those on our side making such a statement think the anti-gun crowd doesn’t get.

Is it they don’t get the fact guns are just an inanimate tool and it’s the human trigger puller who’s really responsible? Is it the logic of our pro gun side that says when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns and thugs zero in on gun free zones? Is it the truth about how many lives are saved each year using guns for self-defense? Is it that the areas

with the most gun friendly laws are the ones with the least gun crime, while those with draconian laws top the charts where gun crime is concerned, *e.g.* Chicago and Washington DC? Or is it they just don’t get or understand the true meaning of the Second Amendment and what our Founding Fathers meant by it? Do they not understand how very seriously the Founders felt about the importance of a free society remaining an armed society if it is in fact to remain free? As I view the battlefield, I don’t think it’s any of the above. In fact, the evidence I’ve seen has decidedly convinced me they do “get it.” At least those schemers who have the political power to infringe on our right to keep and bear arms get it... *i.e.* Congress, state, and local government. Shocked that I’m convinced they *do* get it? Well, hear me out.

We know the facts, the logic, the truth, and the meaning of the Second Amendment as well as the intent of our Founders. Generally speaking, we’re no more insightful than anyone else in this country, so the anti-gunners know it too... they just ignore it. In fact, ignoring it is a fundamental requirement for them. Why? They have an entirely separate agenda that’s not founded on fact, logic, truth, or the Constitution. Were they to acknowledge truth, they couldn’t push their deceitful agenda.

Their agenda is necessarily based on deceit, driven by the insatiable desire to control and rule over “We the People.” If “We the People” keep and bear arms, their objective of uncontested control is much more difficult to achieve. History has shown that the only way to rule with virtual impunity is to first disarm the people.

As we’ve seen over many decades, the anti-constitution crowd *always* exploits evil, accidents, or random but repeatable acts of violence in order to

further their ultimate goal of ultimate control—a goal they can’t truthfully reveal, else their foundation of lies would quickly crumble.

In my view, what they really *don’t* get is the eventual and inevitable outcome of an insatiable desire to *rule* over the citizenry and the historically documented results of draconian measures taken by past tyrants to achieve their goal. While they know enough history to realize an unarmed society is required for totalitarianism, what they repeatedly refuse to accept is that all such rulers inevitably go too far and the people eventually take corrective measures into their own hands. Jefferson and Franklin justified such corrective measures as “Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God.” The eventual rebellion against unjust authority has been a repeatable historical event since Adam was governor of Eden.

I feel the more appropriate statement might be, “*We* just don’t get it,” “we” being many—not all, but many—on the pro-gun, pro-constitution side. If “our side” continues to delude ourselves by thinking the other side just doesn’t understand our founding principles, we’ll lose this struggle going away. Why? We’re focused on the wrong target! While we keep complaining they just don’t get it, they keep advancing!

When I hear Limbaugh, Hannity, Levin, and other conservative pundits, including many GOP leaders complain about the unconstitutional, unjust, unfair, unfounded, un-American left I say to myself, “Yes, a thousand times YES and we all know that description to be true... *as does the left*. So when are we going to stop this unproductive complaining about the entirely obvious, which the left completely ignores, and actually take effective action to STOP them?” We on the

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pro-constitution side are already fully aware what the left has done over the years and continues doing is everything we know it to be, but they keep making progress in “fundamentally transforming” America. What’s that tell me? Where the establishment GOP leadership is concerned, it tells me only one of two possible explanations rings steel. First, they’re totally inept and stopping the left is far beyond them or second, they actually want the same powerful, centralized government as the left but just don’t have the guts to openly admit it. Whichever explanation it is—and I believe it to be the latter—they don’t deserve their elected positions nor our trust, support and confidence.

Okay Colonel, what’s the answer? Action! *We must* unite in pushing back. Just as Team SASS works in close unison with our NRA partners at the national level and our Team SASS State Directors and their local clubs do with their state and local organizations at those levels, we must join forces at *every* level to stop the left and send true constitutional conservatives to office that resolutely, emphatically and consistently take a unyielding stand in saying NO. History is very clear. The advance of tyranny will never stop until it is vigorously stopped by “We the People.” As was Jefferson’s position, laws that are not in accord with the Constitution are null and void. We should use that same approach *at the state level* and nullify these infringements we know to be destructive and outside constitutional bounds. That means we educate ourselves on Article 1 Section 8 (the enumeration clause), so we understand exactly what the proper role of the federal government is and should be. We must also develop the fortitude and demonstrate the necessary resolve in pressuring our respective states to legislatively nullify these transformative dictates. We know well where their path leads and if we’re so sheepish as to follow, then we deserve to be led into their hellhole.

Such a stand requires resolve, dedication and courage, but it can’t be accomplished solely on the individual level. An individual standing in the road yelling NO will only end up as road kill and accomplish nothing. We cannot continue to send these phony disingenuous “conservatives” to congress term after term and expect different results. The good thing is, we don’t have to go it alone. There are many pro-constitution organizations that can provide the leadership we need to make that happen—we’ve seen it demonstrated by the Tea Party movement and our very own Team SASS but we need much more. A tsunami of constitutional fever must spread throughout the country applying patriotic heat at every level of government. How? The left themselves will ultimately help bring it about by over-reaching, thus pushing constitutionalists by the tens of millions far enough that we will refuse to submit to the “professional ruling class.” In summary, if there’s anything the left doesn’t get it’s this inescapable and inevitable fact of history—tyrants can rule only as long as the people allow. Soldier on my friends.

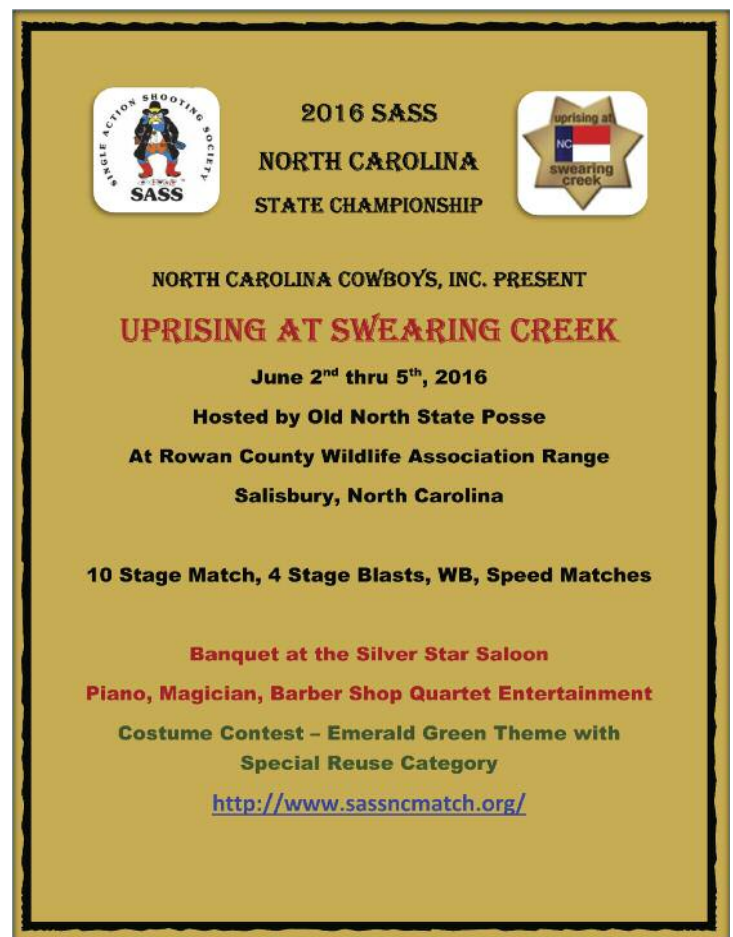
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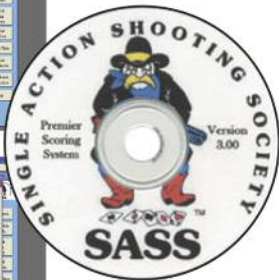


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