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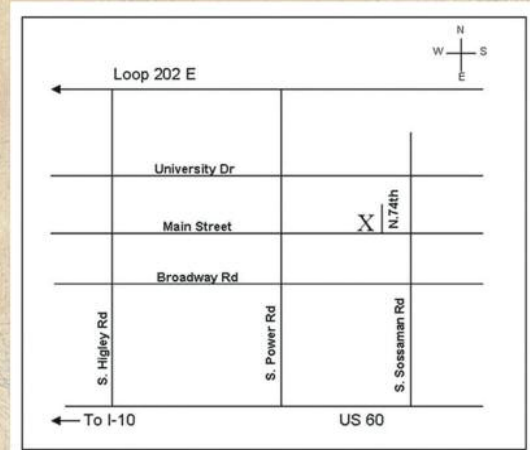


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Texas Jack Daniels, SASS #8587, with Shotgun, SASS #17153

# Guest Editorial

## SASS Scoring System Changes

By Texas Jack Daniels, SASS #8587,  
Patron Life, Regulator, Territorial Governor, RO Instructor

Did I hear correctly? SASS® changed its official scoring system for SASS sanctioned matches. The regional, divisional, national and world championships will now be TOTAL TIME. After more than thirty years, why?

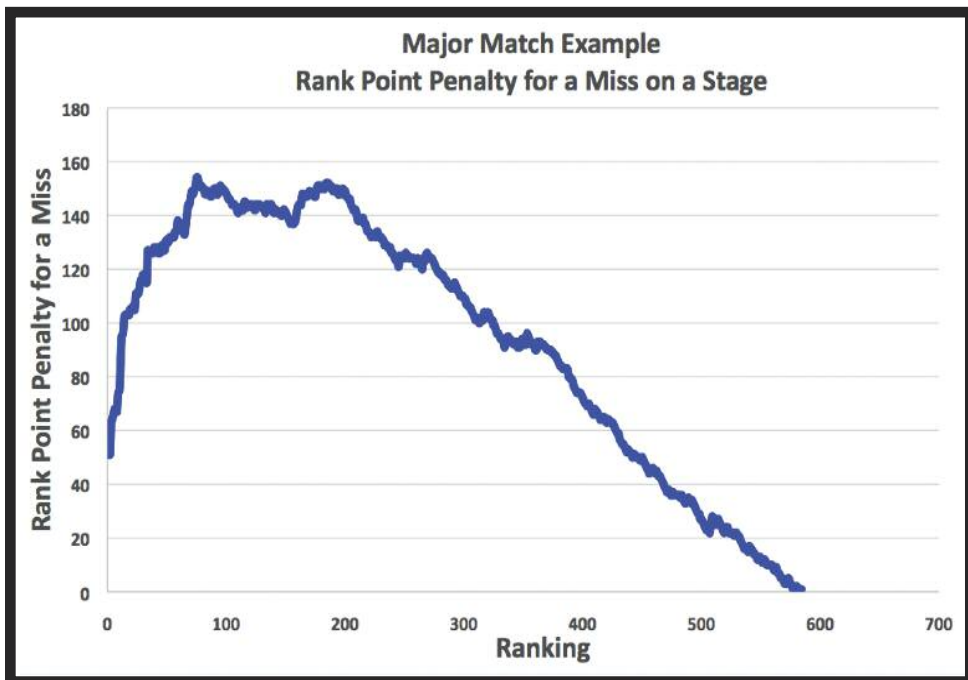
In short, I believe the Wild Bunch listened to the requests of its members, evaluated the data available, reached a conclusion that it was appropriate to make a change, and felt the change was in the best interest of and aligned with the desires of its membership.

SASS only sets the scoring system requirement for the SASS sanctioned matches at the regional level and above. SASS sanctioned state matches and local club matches are at the club's discretion.

Whether you agree or not, there are three requirements for a scoring system in SASS today. One, it must determine an overall winner. Two, it must determine winners for different categories. Three, it must treat all competitors fairly and equally.

While many systems handle requirements one and two, the focus was on requirement three. This was where I felt overall rank points was starting to show its age. In 2016 I won my category at END of TRAIL, but I wasn't sure I really won. Another fine shooter had beaten me 7 of the 12 stages. I won on the rank point spread. So, I set out to really understand that scoring system.

As our sport has matured, our large matches now have hundreds of competitors and the rank point penalty is no longer the same end to end. For example, if you were in the top 10 percent on a stage and had a miss, it cost you 50 rank points. If you were in the middle of the pack a miss cost you 150 rank points. If you were the fastest shooter on a stage and shot one second slower you got five rank points. If you were the 100<sup>th</sup> shooter and shot one second slower you got 32 rank points. Slower shooters were assessed a larger rank point penalty for their misses and hiccups. Total Time assesses the same penalty regardless of your time and ranking. (Note: The



examples herein are real, from a large major match, and are typical of the many stages analyzed.)

With Rank Points, competitors in one category can significantly impact the ranking of competitors in another category. Fancy Fox might beat Thunder Bunny 7 out of 12 stages, but throw in a few hundred competitors from other categories and Thunder Bunny might win on rank points because the spread between the two of them changed stage to stage. Does this really happen? A lot. Forty-nine percent of the competitors in one major match alone were impacted by shooters in other categories. Analysis of many large matches showed this happens very frequently. More than 33,600 times were evaluated and compared using different systems.

At END of TRAIL this year I presented my analysis to the assembled TGs and asked only one thing, "the TG's consider the data presented and go back to their clubs to discuss and consider requesting the Wild Bunch to contemplate making a change," nothing more than that. The TGs assembled conducted a straw poll to see who was in favor of this and most were in favor.

After that, as many of you noted, there was considerable dis-

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# Guest Editorial

## Dear Valued SASS Members,

After careful consideration and evaluation of the countless requests and movements regarding scoring methods for Cowboy Action Shooting™, the SASS Board of Directors do hereby decree that effective immediately, all SASS Sanctioned Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches are to be scored using Total Time. A direct email has been sent to all Club contacts, SASS Sanctioned match directors, and event organizers giving notice to this effect and requiring immediate changes to match planning to accommodate the change. SASS Sanctioned matches will no longer be allowed to use any other scoring method.

We feel strongly that this monumental change will garner great support and appreciation from you—our valued members. 🐾



Misty Moonshine,  
SASS #83232

## SASS Scoring System Changes . . .

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cussion on the SASS wire on the topic. I can only surmise the Wild Bunch noted the activity on the wire, examined the data presented, and acted as they believed was in the best interest of our sport.

I could easily write to no end on this subject, but I will not.

For those interested, a full presentation link can be found on the SASS wire. *In closing, what is obvious to me is, The Wild Bunch cares about SASS, cares about its members, and always has the best interest of Cowboy Action Shooting™ at heart.* 🐾

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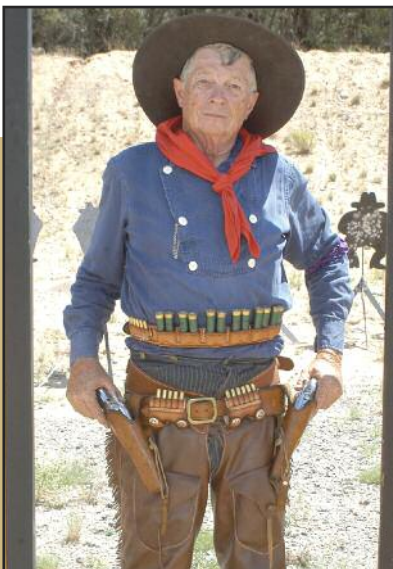
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# END OF TRAIL 2017



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



*By Captain George Baylor, SASS #24287 Life Regulator  
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and B. T. Blade, SASS #35685*

**F**ounders Ranch, New Mexico (near Edgewood), June 15-25, 2017. The entrance to Founders Ranch is on a hill at about 7000 feet. Even if you've been there for several END of TRAILS you can't help but feel anticipation, something close to going downstairs to see your tree on Christmas morning. Your journey may be long. People come from Australia, Canada, Germany,

The Netherlands, New Zealand, and pretty much all over the United States of America. Some start preparing the week after last year's END of TRAIL. Some have been coming for years. Some are coming for the first time. But it's always exciting.

As you go through the gate you see the sign, "END OF TRAIL Welcome Members and Invited Guests" and know



*While contestants were shooting stages, another kind of stage was taking passengers on a tour of Founders Ranch.*





*Contestants heading for the warm up stages.*

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you've finally made it. Then you pass a long line of banners on the fence advertising the clothes we wear, the equipment we use, and the guns we shoot. Next you see a welcoming booth, staffed by people who want to be there to greet several hundred friends, new and old.

Then you go down a winding road that turns south with trees on the downhill (east) side. You realize everything is green. You can see glimpses of the town below through the trees. The first thing you see is a huge circus-sized tent. That wasn't there before.

Going down the hill you notice the RV parking rows have signs with names now in addition to numbers, from Sundance Lane through Earp Lane, all the way to Bonney Lane at Row One. There are several signs welcoming you. You also start noticing porta-potties, 77 toilets and eight sinks, six Special cleanings, and 15 four-yard dumpsters and four large roll offs. You're beginning to realize this is a pretty big operation. The main match had 600 entries, the largest

in several years. Add conventioners, vendors, guests, and waddies, and well over 700 people were involved.

There were several changes this year. Previously the Belle Union was used as general meeting and party room. It was never big enough for 700-plus people. Now it's a dust and wind free home for several vendors, among them Colorado Mountain Hats, who have been coming for 28 years. Outside, several long time vendors have their spaces in the buildings. EMF and Pietta, Cimarron Firearms, Ruger, and Taylor's & Company all have building space. The NRA display has several guns Clint Eastwood used in movies. Sergeant Shuster has a space for Kona Coffee sales, the daily narration on the loudspeakers, and the lost and found. River Crossing has an air-conditioned space next to the SASS Mercantile, which also displays the SASS Museum. Shotgun Boogie has his shop trailer and serves as emergency aid for shooters who have gun problems. Other vendors, like Mernickle Leather, Redwing

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*The Opening Ceremonies Wednesday night included catering, free beer, and soft drinks. At the conclusion of the ceremony, as he has done every year, Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1, declared this END of TRAIL open.*



**Overall and Cowgirl winner SASS Kicker awaits her turn during Sunday's Top Gun Competition.**

their hats. Of course there are more vendors, more than I can list here, including several excellent food vendors, including the indispensable ice cream truck.

The biggest tent, the main tent has seating for the awards presentation without going to standing room only. With the dance floor left open and tables all around, it is big enough for the parties. They start early, Saturday, June 17, with a welcoming party for Wild Bunch shooters with free food and drink. There was a lot of that, Tuesday for Wild Bunch awards, including side matches and costume awards and Wednesday after the opening ceremonies. Santa Fe Brewing Company provided beer on tap and, to keep up with demand, had to make an unscheduled re-supply run mid week. All in all, we consumed 124 gallons of beer (kegs) plus 13 cases of canned/bottled beer, and 36 flats of soda. That didn't count the four gallons of The Redhead's Margaritas dispensed on Earp Lane.

**Parking Improvements**

Parking was expanded. On the north end of the range was the new, much-appreciated "Red" Parking Lot. Founders Ranch has a rare geological phenomenon. It's uphill from the south shooters parking lot to Stage 1, and it's also uphill from Stage 1 to the south parking lot. The walk from the south parking lot to Stage 1 used to be long, and the road back was



**SASS Scholarship Winner Capitan Regulator and Justice Lily Kate. At the opening ceremonies SASS Scholarships were announced. This year's class of SASS Regulators, as well.**

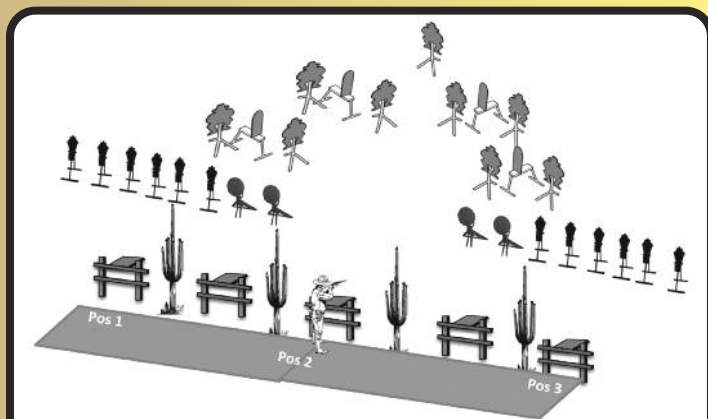
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Trading Company, Doc's Old West, and Cowboy Shooters Supply have tents. Buckaroo Bobbins has a trailer that expands into their shop and looks like an old west building. D Bar J Hats has their own building now, the former Chickaroo's building, providing them with an air conditioned, dust free environment for showing

longer. That's changed now.

If you were shooting stages 1-4, you could park in front of 1-4. If you were shooting 5-8, you could park in front of 5-8. If you were shooting 9-12, then you used the south Shooters Parking lot. The one-time "VIP" lot near the middle of the town was available to all. There was security, but it was almost invisible.



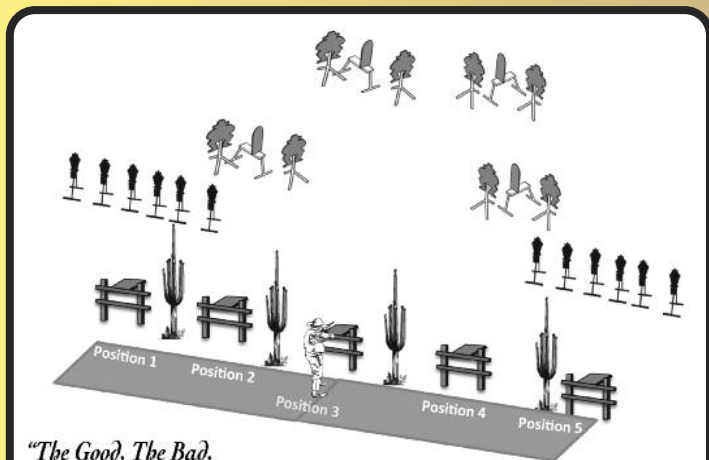
**WILD BUNCH STAGE 5, BAY 5**  
**80 PISTOL, 10 RIFLE**

STAGING: Pistol holstered.

STARTING POSITION: Standing at position 2 rifle in hands. When ready, exclaim, "It looks like an army!"

PROCEDURE: At buzzer with the rifle, engage all the stationary rifle targets once each and the farthest cowboy twice. With the pistol, repeat the rifle instructions. Move to position 1 or 3 and engage ten knockdowns. Move to the opposite position and repeat the instructions.

Diagram 1



*"The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" - 1966*  
**CAS STAGE 5, BAY 5**  
**10 PISTOL, 10 RIFLE, 2-6+ SHOTGUN**

STAGING: Stage shotgun at position 1 or 5, pistols holstered.

STARTING POSITION: Standing at position 3 in any stance with rifle in hands, barrel touching shelf. When ready, say, "You see, in this world there's two kinds of people, my friend: those with loaded guns, and those who dig. You dig!"

PROCEDURE: At buzzer with the 1st 5 rifle rounds, sweep either set of targets with a 2-1-2 pattern starting on either end. With 2nd 5 rifle rounds, repeat instructions on the other set of targets. Move to either position 2 or 4 and with 1st 5 pistol rounds, sweep targets with a 2-1-2 pattern starting on either end. Move to the other position (either position 2 or 4) and repeat instructions with 2nd 5 pistol rounds. With shotgun engage any 2 shotgun targets. Any pistol or rifle knockdown targets still standing may be made up by engaging shotgun targets.

Diagram 2

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### Wild Bunch Match

Friday, June 16, a four-stage warm-up match got things rolling. Then it was four stages a day, starting at 8:30 a.m. Texas Jack Morales was match director. A few months ago in planning, Hipshot called to coordinate the massive job of having the right targets for 12 Wild Bunch and 12 main match stages. Texas Jack told him he needed 93 knockdowns. Hipshot replied the ranch has only 67. "Well, you better get to work getting more." The Wild Bunch match had 93 knockdown targets. By the way, "Make-ups? We don't need no stinkin' make-ups! This is Wild Bunch!"

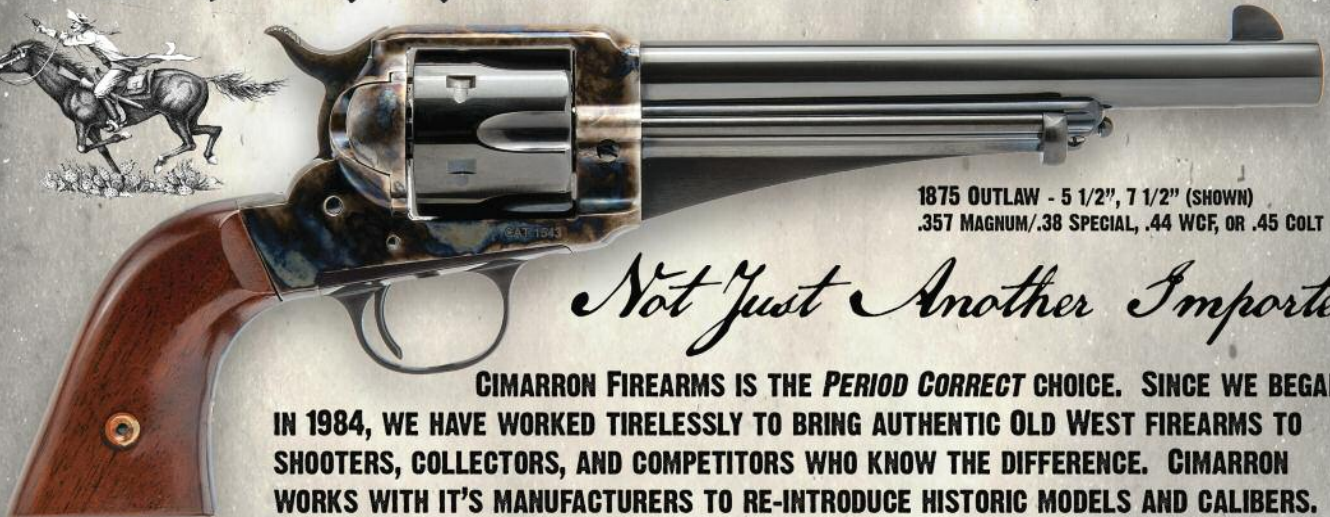
Wild Bunch exists because of 1911s, plain (Traditional category—one handed) and fancy (Modern—two handed). All of the stages revolve around the 1911. It's limited to five rounds in a magazine. This bugs some people, but that multiplies the number of reloads, which is a good thing. Main match rifles of .40 cal. (.38-40) and larger, and Winchester 97s and clones (including IAC 93/97s and trench guns) or Winchester Model 12

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shotguns, all of which start the stage loaded, round out the armory. The 150-power factor for pistols and rifles is a striking difference from the 60 in cowboy matches, hence 93 knock-downs. The pistol targets are usually at Cowboy Action Shooting™ rifle distances, and the rifle targets are at 1999 Cowboy Action Shooting™ rifle distances. Some of the targets are small, but not as small and not as far away as a few years ago. The paying customers, the average contestants, have spoken in contestant evaluation reports at major matches, and they like the course of fire to be possible, and not just for 19-year-olds with telescopic vision. Some stages didn't involve rifles. Some didn't use shotguns. All of them used 20-30 1911 rounds. The 30 round stages had either rifle or shotgun, not both.

As an example, Stage 5 (see diagram 1) had 30 pistol, 20 of which were knockdowns, and 10 rifle. It also included considerable movement.

The 12-stage course featured one swinging target, one moving target, and one pop-up shotgun flyer. Small targets, 6" diameter "hostage takers," were limited to rifle on one stage.

Wild Bunch has been rejuvenated by the addition of senior categories, beginning at age 65, Men's Senior Modern, Ladies' Senior Modern, Men's Senior Traditional, Ladies' Senior Traditional. Of 81 shooters, 31 shot in one of the men's senior categories, and seven in one of the ladies'.

Wild Bunch is scored using stage points. The stage winner



Match Directors Lassiter and Deuce Stevens.

gets 100% of the 10 points per target. Stage 5 would be a 400-point stage. Categories are scored individually, and then everyone is scored together for overall. So I can't tell you stage times. I can say Last Chance Morales got 3,949.2612 points, and 2017 Winter Range Champion Captain Sam Evans got 3,916.0833 for second overall. Top Lady was Texas Tiger. This brings up a scoring "oddity" of the system used in WBAS. Idaho Six Gun Sam was first

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All berms had considerable work and were taller, straighter, and closer than last year. Most of the permanent buildings received considerable work. Note, there was a lot of shade.

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in Ladies Modern with 3,764.3680 points. Half-A-Hand Henry was second with 3,736.3875. Texas Tiger finished third with 3,642.2694 points. Tiger won six stages but had a stage DQ. But in overall scoring Texas Tiger had 2,712.7855 points. Idaho Sixgun Sam was second lady with 2,710.9536.

Prizes went five deep in every category. The Globe trophies went to champions again, with smaller trophies for second and third. This year top 10 buckles were replaced with large "Top Five" badges, and the category was on each badge.

Wild Bunch side matches were held in the afternoons after the main match, including WBAS Five-Stand Team, 1911 Speed Pistol, WBAS Speed Rifle, and WBAS Speed Shotgun. BAM (Bolt Action Military) Rifle used, as you might expect, bolt action military rifles in military spec. Wild Bunch Team Shoot called for four-man teams armed with 1911s and shotguns.

In addition, the Wild Bunch Costume Contest was judged just after Monday's shooting. Attendance was down. Keep that in mind next year and wear your best Wild Bunch era costume on Monday. Then enter the contest. It's kind of like the lottery. You can't win if you don't enter.

### Warm Ups

On Monday, cowboy warm ups began on stages 1-8 while the Wild Bunch posesses were shooting 9-12. On Tuesday all 12 stages were available for three flights. The warm up stages used the same targets as the main match but a different course of fire.

Tuesday also featured a Cowboy RO1 course and a Wild



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Bunch RO class.

Tuesday evening in the Main Tent the Wild Bunch World Championship Awards and Dinner awarded costume awards and main match awards, and included an excellent no charge dinner catered by Jason's Deli.

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*This year, the indoor Vendor's Mall was in the Belle Union.*

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**Plainsman Mini-Match and Side Matches**

Wednesday featured a four-stage Plainsman Mini-match and side matches. Texas Surrender required one pistol and a shotgun. With the pistol, from Texas Surrender, engage a Texas Star, and with shotgun four knockdowns. World's Fastest Cowboy—This was an all knock down 10 rifle, 10 pistol, 4 shotgun course. Speed events—Pocket Pistol, Derringer, Rimfire Pistol, Rimfire Rifle, Speed Rifle, Speed Pistol, Speed Shotgun Double and 87/97. At the Shotgun Venue—Cowboy Clays, Cowboy Clays Five-Stand Three-Man Team. Long range—Single Shot Black Powder, Single Shot Smokeless, Lever Action Rifle Caliber, Lever Action Pistol Caliber, and Buffalo Rifle. Simultaneously, END of TRAIL hosted a Cowboy RO2 course, SASS University Cobra Cat Transitions Clinic, Deuce Stevens Shotgun Clinic, and Doily Gang Ladies Only Transitions Clinic.

The Antique Shooting Gallery was open. This is a one-of-a-kind return to the past with an actual shooting gallery using .22 rifles. A Cowboy Flea Market in the Main Tent featured all kinds of Cowboy gear, firearms, and clothing.

The traditional Opening Ceremonies filled the Main Tent in the evening, with the presentation of all of the flags of the



*The Texas Surrender Side Match used one revolver and a shotgun. Targets were the Texas Star and knockdowns.*

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countries involved, and a moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Autum Scott, a student at the University of New Mexico earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Vocal Performance. As a senior in High School, she earned an Award for Outstanding performance in Carnegie Hall.

The awarding of the SASS Scholarships and this year's crop of SASS Regulators followed. Judge Roy Bean, as he has at every END of TRAIL, declared END of TRAIL open. Another catered dinner by Jason's Deli followed. Beer, wine, and soft drinks were included.

**Main Match**

The match directors this year were Lassiter and Deuce Stevens, They and their range masters did a super job. The stages were excellent, and everything operated smoothly.

Bright and early Thursday morning, the sound of gunfire filled the valley, really bright if you shot black powder. The targets were between the shooter and the sun, and the backlight on the white smoke turned it into a bright, white curtain. Black powder shooters who survived the first two stages without a



*Billy The Avenger was second in the Modern Category in the Plainsman Mini-match.*

stages with revolver and rifle knockdowns. Two knockdowns were reserved for the rifle, and two for the revolvers. Four shooting positions were used. If you had vanquished all of the knockdowns, you only had two shotgun targets. The timer operator would coach you with the number of make-ups for knockdowns needed.

The theme of this match was the western films of Clint Eastwood. With 12 stages, a lot of good starting lines were used, including, of course, "Are you going to pull those pistols or whistle Dixie?"

Three flights of 12 posses each shot four stages a day, always adjacent stages, 1-4, 5-8, 9-12. I soon noticed there were no long lines of posses waiting, and we were always finished ahead of schedule.

Major Photography, a constant for many years at END of TRAIL, took the posse photos. The shooting costume judging started in the Gem Saloon during the



*Quickest side match was the Derringer match.*

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miss breathed a sigh of relief. Of the 600 main match entrants, 71 shot in the "Frontier" categories. A special black powder cleaning station was set up for us. The prevailing winds would be enough to blow the smoke away for most of the week's stages. The first four stages went by quickly. None of the targets were far away or particularly small. The stages were uncomplicated. If you received a procedural you probably earned it. The conflict wasn't between you and the match director; it was between you and your competitors.

In the Cowboy Stage 5 (diagram 2) there were still a lot of targets, but markedly closer. This was one of two



*Overall and Cowboy winner Matt Black shot 12 flawless stages in a match-long duel with Missouri Lefty, who also shot 12 flawless stages. In the end Matt averaged .78 seconds faster.*

mid shift and continued Friday, so you would be not shooting at least one of the times. It was getting hot, but I saw at least one black frock suit and a lot of chaps.

### Friday

By Friday most contestants realized the match and all accompaniments were going really well. This was all the more amazing because there were only 19 waddies. Event workers used 17 golf carts and eight were rented to contestants. Golf cart rules have mellowed over the years. With SASS aging, more contestants need them.

It was getting hot, but SASS fought it with four 25-ton ACs with generators. One AC unit was used in the Belle Union, which enabled them to keep the doors closed and the dust out. None of this

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*Antique shooting gallery was available to all and used in the Rimfire Rifle Match.*

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came cheap. Total tent costs for 2017 (including tables, chairs, AC's, generators, linens) came to \$39,585.45.

Some interesting statistics:

- END of TRAIL spent a staggering amount on food/provisions/hospitality – \$31,638.14. Only the Friday and Saturday night dinners cost participants extra.
- The event went through 97 gallons of Gatorade given out by medical team nurses Dusty Garnet and EzGz, more than 1700 gallons of drinking water, and 1148 ten-pound bags of ice. (Yes, 11,480 pounds of ice.)

### 45 Categories

Cowboy Action Shooting™ is an amateur sport. Amateur sports usually have a lot of classes. Cowboy Action Shooting™ has categories – a growing list. There is a constant battle in SASS between folks who want more categories and those who don't. Those who don't are usually young or they shoot in an aged-based category. Those who do are generally gunfighters, duelists, and black powder shooters tired of competing against people 50 years younger than they are.



*END of TRAIL is not a "Lost Brass" match. Brass pickers were Boy Scout Troop 285 for the Wild Bunch match and 4H for the main match.*

END of TRAIL adopted the "If you come, we will build it" philosophy. When you used the DOWNLOADABLE Entry Form, the Shooting Style categories and Black Powder categories had instructions, "Please Choose Age Option First, Then Style Option." The options were *not* on the online ordering form.

On April 17, SASS published "Who's Coming" with each category and the number of entries. Those with enough shooters to "make" were in green. Age based (two-handed) categories were protected whether they got seven (men's) or three (ladies') or not. Those without were highlighted in red. The deadline was May 1. Those non-protected categories without enough entries would be deleted and the people in those categories would be informed and moved to the category of their choice. A grass roots movement sprang up. Several people started advertising the situation on the SASS Wire and Facebook and contacting people who would be good prospects for, say, Elder Statesman Duelist.



*Texas Jack Daniels shooting Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter.*

By May 1 we had enough entries to have 45 categories. Some you don't normally see included were Elder Statesman Duelist, Ladies Senior Frontier Cartridge, Senior Frontier Cartridge, Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Silver Senior Duelist, Silver Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Senior Gunfighter, Silver Senior Gunfighter, and Ladies Senior Gunfighter. Some unprotected categories that often have trouble meeting the seven men or three ladies minimum made it: Classic Cowgirl and Ladies Frontier Cartridge Duelist.

A lot of the worry would be eliminated if more people entered before May 1. My suggestion is to take one of the donated guns and have a drawing for it with only the names of entries received by April 30 in it. This would encourage procrastinators.

### Posse Shoots and Entertainment

Starting Friday, every posse took its turn shooting down an innocent piece of lumber, a 4 x 4.

END of TRAIL was open to the public Friday and Saturday. While contestants were shooting, entertainment started at the outdoor stage, Native American Dancers, Syd Masters and the Swing Riders, and Echoes of the Wild West Medicine Show.





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### Friday Night

LOCAS, Ladies Of Cowboy Action Shooting™, had a group photo at the end of the shooting day. Ladies of Cowboy Action Shooting™ were busy with various activities all through END of TRAIL.

Mr. Powdrell's Barbeque, a long time Albuquerque restaurant, served an

excellent Friday night dinner. Side match awards and shooting costume awards were announced. Over in the Gem Saloon poker tournament director Poker King ran the poker tournament in a professional manner, appropriately enough as that's what he does for a living.

### Saturday

The final day of the match started off windy and cloudy, to the delight of the early morning black powder shooters. The shoot went without incident and finished on time.

The evening Best Dressed Costume Contest enjoyed the biggest entry in years, which actually delayed the awarding of prizes enough to eliminate the traditional promenade.

Syd Masters and the Swing Riders provided music for the Saturday night

party. Los Cuates Mexican Food, really appropriate for a New Mexico based event, catered dinner. The big tent with room for everyone certainly added to the party. So did air conditioning.

### Sunday

Sunday morning started at the Cowboy Memorial Chapel with Sunrise Catholic Communion Services followed by Cowboy Church. Then came the Sweet Sixteen and Top Gun Shoot-offs and Wild Bunch Shoot-offs, always a spectator favorite. Then, in the big air-

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conditioned main tent, came the awards presentation. Here the badges went 10 deep and said "Top Ten."

This is where I break in and mention something to future speakers at END of TRAIL and elsewhere. SASS members are aging, and thanks to modern medicine, a lot of us are still alive after our warranties expired. Probably a third of the entrants are wearing hearing aids and more should. A lot of us can't hear the average awards presentation. This isn't a comment on END of TRAIL. It's a common big match problem. One suggestion,

emphasize names. Often I heard things that sounded like, "And the SASS Wooorld Chammmmpion in Claasssic Cooowbooy is tbdly." Who? No, it should have been "And the SASS World Champion in Classic Cowboy is Teeeee Boooooone Doooleeeyy." Emphasize the name. The most important words are the names you are saying. Everyone in the room is listening for the name.

### Results

END of TRAIL was scored on rank points. Rank points are controversial. Looking at the results I see Matt Black



solved the dilemma by winning both on rank points and total time. Missouri Lefty was second. Both were clean. The difference was in fractions of a second per stage, with the difference being 9.38 seconds over 12 stages. 0.78 seconds per stage.

Top Lady, SASS Kicker, on the other hand, won Cowgirl by 36.77 seconds.

Fairly quickly, all of the awards were presented, the winners pictures were taken, the 36 Spirit of the Game awards (one per posse) were given out, and the 127 clean shooters got their pins.

The Waddie Spirit Award went to Hot Cole, SASS #34888. Volunteer for next year's END of TRAIL. END of TRAIL needs you, and it's fun.

And, then, suddenly, it was all over. The only thing left was saying goodbye to friends, congratulating winners, and making your way home.

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One week later, all the people have gone. The tents are gone. The vendors are gone. The RVs are gone. The magical END of TRAIL town is reduced to the permanent structures, lonely for the noise of laughter and conversation, greetings and goodbyes, and, of course, the beep of timers and the sound of gunfire. Next year, the cycle will begin again. The tents will rise. Buildings will be refurbished and repainted again. New target arrays will appear. Vendors will set up shop. The smells of food vendors will waft across the town. New shooters will arrive to challenge returning champions. Old friends will catch up on the year's hap-



penings. Everyone who experiences END of TRAIL will come to the conclusion that this is a one of a kind event. Nowhere else in the world can you compete to become a SASS World Champion. 🤠



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# END of TRAIL Winners

## Side Match Winners

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**Speed Pistol Duelist**  
 Cowgirl—Shamrock Sadie  
 Cowboy—Smokestack

**Speed Pistol Two Handed**  
 Cowgirl—SASS Kicker  
 Cowboy—Smokestack

**Speed Rifle**  
 Cowgirl—Shamrock Sadie  
 Cowboy—Waterloo

**Speed Shotgun Double**  
 Cowgirl—SASS Kicker  
 Cowboy—Cody James

**Speed Shotgun Hammered Double**  
 Cowgirl—Hot Tamale  
 Cowboy—Dragon Hill Dave

**Speed Shotgun '97**  
 Cowgirl—Hey You  
 Cowboy—Missouri Traveler

**Speed Shotgun '87**  
 Cowgirl—Serenity  
 Cowboy—Crotchety Old Grouch

**Pocket Pistol**  
 Cowgirl—Ivy Wild  
 Cowboy—Last Chance Morales

**Derringer**  
 Cowgirl—Hey You  
 Cowboy—Smokestack

**Texas Surrender**  
 Cowgirl—Dew R Dye  
 Cowboy—Blackhawk Henry  
 Young Gun—Jus One Shot

**Long Range Rifle Lever—Rifle Caliber**  
 Cowgirl—Texas Tiger  
 Cowboy—Jackpine Bill

**Long Range Rifle Lever—Pistol Caliber**  
 Cowgirl—Texas Tiger  
 Cowboy—Jackpine Bill

**Long Range Single Shot Rifle**  
 Cowgirl—Shot Z Lady  
 Cowboy—Jim Miller

**Long Range SS Rifle Black Powder**  
 Cowgirl—Ez Gz

**Long Range Buffalo Rifle**  
 Cowboy—Sarival Slim

**World's Fastest**  
 Cowgirl—Dew R. Dye  
 Cowboy—James Samuel Pike  
 Young Gun—Nick Nitro

**Rimfire Pistol**  
 Cowgirl—Kathouse Kelli  
 Cowboy—Nick Nitro

**Rimfire Rifle**  
 Cowgirl—Missouri Mae  
 Cowboy—Naildriver

## Wild Bunch Side Match Winners

**Wild Bunch BAM Rifle**  
 Lady—Idaho Six Gun Sam  
 Man—Last Chance Morales

**WB 1911 Speed Pistol – Modern**  
 Lady—Idaho Six Gun Sam  
 Man—Shell Stuffer

**WB 1911 Speed Pistol – Traditional**  
 Lady—Lady Jane

**WB Speed Rifle**  
 Lady—Lady Jane  
 Man—Capt. Sam Evans

**WB Speed Shotgun**  
 Lady—Lady Jane  
 Man—Capt. Sam Evans

**WB Four-Man Team**

- Back 40
- Billy the Avenger
- Shell Stuffer
- Mica McGuire

**WB Wobble Trap Two-Man Team**

- Capt. Sam Evans
- Last Chance Morales

**WB Sporting Clays**  
 Lady—Half-A-Hand Henri  
 Man—Mica McGuire

**WB Five-Stand Three-Man Team**

- Mica McGuire
- Capt. Sam Evans
- Last Chance Morales

## Cowboy Clays Winners

<b>Cowboy</b> —Mica McGuire	<b>Smokeless Team</b>	<b>Black Powder Team</b>	<b>Young Guns Team</b>
<b>Cowgirl</b> —Half-A-Hand Henri	Mica McGuire	Half A Hand Henri	Jus One Shot
<b>Young Gun</b> —Nicky Nine Fingers	Goatneck Clem	Mica McGuire	Nicky Nine Fingers
	Capt. Sam Evans	Tex	Tater The Kid

## Wild Bunch Winners

<b>Modern</b>	Last Chance Morales SASS #67180	<b>L. Sen. Mod.</b>	Second Fiddle Sue SASS #55872	OR	UT
<b>Traditional</b>	Capitan Regulator SASS #84262	<b>L. Sen. Trad.</b>	Lawless Lil SASS #80605	NM	NM
<b>L. Modern</b>	Idaho Sixgun Sam SASS #28944	<b>Senior Mod.</b>	Evil Roy SASS #2883	ID	TX
<b>L. Traditional</b>	Lady Jane SASS #72857	<b>Sen. Trad.</b>	Marshall Stone SASS #53366	NM	AK

## Plainsman Winners

<b>Modern</b>	Ol #4 SASS #41004	AZ
<b>Traditional</b>	Lefty Eastman SASS #20645	CA

## Main Match Winners

<b>49'er</b>	Santa Fe River Stan SASS #36999	FL	<b>FC Gunfighter</b>	Billy the Avenger SASS #92117	IL	<b>Lady Senior</b>	Sassy Dancer SASS #70118	AZ
<b>Buckarette</b>	Little Lady E SASS #102718	IN	<b>Frontiersman</b>	Shaddai Vaquero SASS #69779	KY	<b>L. S. Senior</b>	Lefty Jo SASS #18830	CO
<b>Buckaroo</b>	Hotshot Cotton SASS #102963	AR	<b>Grand Patron</b>	Papa Dave SASS #17266	TN	<b>L. Wrangler</b>	Kathouse Kelli SASS #72384	AUS
<b>B-Western</b>	Slick McClade SASS #69490	GA	<b>Grand Dame</b>	Two Sons SASS #12636	IN	<b>La Patrona</b>	Lawless Lori Sue SASS #80852	NM
<b>C. Baron</b>	Rowdy Bill SASS #9628	NY	<b>Gunfighter</b>	Rusty Remington SASS #61821	TX	<b>Senior</b>	Roy's Creek Dan SASS #73697	OK
<b>C. Baroness</b>	Shot-Z Lady SASS #60903	OR	<b>Junior Boy</b>	Spud SASS #35418	PA	<b>S. Duelist</b>	Randy Saint Eagle SASS #64903	TN
<b>Classic CB</b>	T-Bone Dooley SASS #36388	TX	<b>Junior Girl</b>	Bonnie Macfarlane SASS #92385	CA	<b>S. F. Cartridge</b>	Silver City Rebel SASS #38607	GA
<b>Classic CG</b>	Serenity SASS #64982	CAN	<b>Lady 49'er</b>	Missouri Mae SASS #80828	OK	<b>S. FC Duelist</b>	Stone Creek Drifter SASS #58853	OH
<b>Cowboy</b>	Matt Black SASS #54580	TX	<b>Lady BW</b>	Panhandle Cowgirl SASS #77924	TX	<b>S. Gunfighter</b>	Max Montana SASS #23907	IN
<b>Cowgirl</b>	SASS Kicker SASS #91899	AZ	<b>Lady Duelist</b>	Iron Maiden SASS #67188	TN	<b>Silver Senior</b>	Long Swede SASS #22129	CA
<b>Duelist</b>	Pecos Nick SASS #94945	NV	<b>Lady FC</b>	Dixie Pistols SASS #98145	GA	<b>SS Duelist</b>	Smokin' Iron SASS #22149	OH
<b>E. Statesman</b>	Ole Short Tom SASS #12635	IN	<b>Lady FC Duel</b>	Kiamichi Queen SASS #26033	OK	<b>SS FC Duelist</b>	Big Iron Buster SASS #9361	WA
<b>ES Duelist</b>	Tumbleweed Dan SASS #48676	TX	<b>L. Gunfighter</b>	Shamrock Sadie SASS #78511	SC	<b>SS Gunfighter</b>	Lassiter SASS #2080	OH
<b>Fr. Cartridge</b>	Damascus Jon SASS #87751	AZ	<b>LS F Cartridge</b>	Honey B Quick SASS #47009	OH	<b>Wrangler</b>	Deuce Stevens SASS #55996	MI
<b>FC Duelist</b>	Four Bucks SASS #36386	ID	<b>LS Gunfighter</b>	Half-A-Hand Henri SASS #9727	NM			



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# Unloading a 1911 Safely On The Line

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



**Texas Tiger demonstrates a correct way to unload a 1911 at the end of a stage in the rare situation in which it ends loaded due to a malfunction. She has dropped the magazine. She has grasped the slide in a manner to keep her hand away from the ejection port and pulled it sharply to the rear. The round is in the air. She isn't trying to catch it.**

*Photo by Black Paw (Gustavo Castilla Photography)*

An incident occurred at the END of TRAIL Wild Bunch match that bears discussion to prevent a recurrence. The shooter had a malfunction that required him to insert an extra magazine to finish the pistol string. The string ended the stage. That left him with a magazine with three rounds and one in the chamber at the end of the stage. He correctly dropped the magazine. Then, to eject the round, he racked the slide—but with his hand over the slide. This is the method used to load a round into the chamber at the beginning of the stage. The round apparently hit his hand and bounced back into the chamber—backwards. The bullet was against the breech-face. The slide closed. The barrel hood struck the primer, igniting it. The brass opened up like a flower, and the shooter's hand was cut and powder burned. The posse marshal immediately called for the medical staff and a few posse members kept everyone out of the stage building who didn't need to be there. Dusty Garnet, the nurse, bandaged the hand and the shooter shot the next stage. She cleaned the wound after the match. He shot the rest of END of TRAIL.

### **Worst Case Example**

A similar accident happened recently at a major (*not* SASS) pistol match. In that sport, ending a stage with rounds still in the pistol is common. The shooter had his hand over the ejection port to catch the round so he wouldn't have to pick it up. The round detonated out of battery and did serious damage to his hand.

### **Normal End-of-Stage procedure**

At Wild Bunch Action Shooting matches, stages are designed so we shoot the 1911 until empty and restage it with the slide locked back. Showing clear to the range officer is simple. Let him see the empty mag well and empty chamber, then, on command, lower the slide, pull the trigger, and holster. Take your time. You may, if you prefer, use your weak hand to gently lower the slide



**Multiple time World Champion Texas Tiger demonstrates an unsafe way to unload a 1911. Her hand is over the ejection port and she is racking the slide, which will eject the round and possibly hit her hand and bounce back into the chamber where the primer might be struck by the ejector, the barrel hood, or the edge of the slide.**

*Photo by Black Paw (Gustavo Castilla Photography)*



**Next Texas Tiger is holding the slide back so the Timer Operator can see the chamber and the magazine well. Once the timer tells her, she can lower the slide, pull the trigger, and holster.**

*Photo by Black Paw (Gustavo Castilla Photography)*

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Shooter's hand a few minutes later.

to eliminate wear on the sear. You also eliminate sear wear by applying pressure on the trigger while pressing the slide release to drop the slide. Then PULL the trigger while pointing the gun safely downrange to lower the hammer. Don't lower it gently. That could (worst case example) leave a round in the chamber.


### End of Stage with Loaded Pistol Procedure

If you finish the stage with a round in the chamber, drop the magazine. Grasp the pistol from behind, pinching the rear of the slide (where the grooves are) and pull the slide to the rear briskly, ejecting the round forcibly. Don't try to catch it. Don't drop the slide. Hold the slide back so the chamber and mag well can be checked. Then continue with the normal unloading procedure. Lower hammer, pull trigger, holster.



Close up of the primer shows indentation that matches the corner of the barrel hood.

### How to Avoid Ending a Stage With a Loaded Pistol— The Barney Fife Method

Keep one magazine with one round in it in the back mag pouch, facing rear, preferably a different color from the others. If you have a malfunction and need one more round to complete the string, use it. Load the magazine and fire the round. Now your pistol is empty. The slide is locked back. Continue as needed. 



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## Cover Feature

# Remember Posse 15!

By Will Two-Gun Adams, SASS #89352



**I**t may go down in END of TRAIL annals as one of the most unique collections of shooters ever. From Sassy Dancer shooting mid-teens to the father/daughter gunfighter duo of Miss Gypsy Rose and Myles Houston, it had a little bit of everything. Expertly marshaled by Blue Ridge Ranger, we were the largest posse at END of TRAIL. Our apologies certainly go out to posse 14, which had the somewhat dubious distinction of following us for three days, but nary a complaint did we hear from them when gun carts invariably gathered behind us.

Surely there was an inward groan, a sideward glance or two from posse members that first baking midday start when roll call was taken — new buckaroos! A new junior boy! A rookie wrangler father! And they're all sharing two sets of guns? Wait, make that just one Chinese-made 97 amongst them? *OH, MY. WILL WE EVER FINISH A STAGE?*

But then the lead began to fly. Lo and behold, these kids could actually shoot! From tiny, eight-year-old Skrap P. (his name backwards), clad in natty Scottish attire, to

older brothers Gut C. Gunman and D. Stroyer, to cousins Grit and Heartbreak Kid (both seasoned veterans of one whole year) they not only knocked down the knock downs with that solitary 12 gauge, but reset them with lightning speed! Obviously, kudos are due to their dads (and patient moms) for showing these waifs in boots how things are supposed to be done—the Cowboy Way. *MAYBE THIS ISN'T GONNA TAKE FOREVER AFTER ALL*

To borrow from a horrible cliché, “It takes a posse to raise a Cowboy Action Shooter™.” Never was this more apparent than on posse 15 at END of TRAIL 2017 when the help started pouring in. Youngsters were taken under experienced and protective wings; creaky knees bent to whisper tips in eager ears; patient reminders were issued to pick up long guns after a particularly good run amid bright smiles all around—we fortunate few were taken back to when the Cowboy Action Shooting™ world was new.

Then the help came from outside the posse. Gunsmoke Cowboy and Capitan Regulator chimed in with tuned re-

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## Remember Posse 15! . . .

volvers and the ammo to go with it. Jared of Long Hunter Shooting Supply, replaced the broken hands and fixed the timing on not just one, but both of the brand new SASS Vaqueros Mountain Lion bought for his kids to practice with two weeks before the match. (Evidently that answers the question of, “Can you dry-fire Rugers to death?”) And then they watched Missouri Lefty shoot a stage in five seconds (okay, okay... maybe I exaggerate just a bit *LITTLE*), who afterwards graciously came to the fence and shared with them his tips on reaching the top, shaking hands all around. Never had we felt so much pride in all of our Cowboy compatriots. We remembered this is a sport filled with helpful competitors.

Nine stages in, ten year-old Gut C. Gunman tried to make up some lost time on a cranky rifle and dropped his second revolver... loaded. We all know what that means, even if he didn't at the time. It was hard for him to fathom that all his fun had come to such an immediate and crashing stop. But after taking some time off a few feet away for “reflection,” that young Cowboy came right back and showed what “gutsy” really means. He finished out the day by helping with normal posse duties—and with a smile, at that! Well, perhaps “rueful grin” might better describe it. Posse marshal Blue Ridge Ranger made it his mission to take the castaway under his tutelage, for such is the Cowboy Way.

So here's to posse 15! And here's to the whole Cowboy Action Shooting™ family at END of TRAIL 2017.

You are the reason buckaroos (and buckarettes next year) will be coming back. From the bottom up to the very pinnacle, they are what make this work the way it does. Pat yourself on the back, for you've well earned it. And if you ever get to wondering what you spend all the money and travel all the miles and take all the trouble for—just remember posse 15, chock-full of buckaroos! 🤠

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# Costuming Corner

## COSTUME CONTESTS AT THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL END of TRAIL A Banner Year for Costumes

By Cat Ballou, SASS #55  
Photographs by Black Jack McGinnis, SASS #2041



**F**ounders Ranch, New Mexico. The END of TRAIL 2017 is now in the SASS® history book, and it was a banner year for costumes. Many folks entered the numerous costume contests, and their costumes were truly stellar.

END of TRAIL is the world championship of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and also the World Championship of Costuming, so there are numerous costume contests in which folks can participate. A Wild Bunch costume contest takes place during the Wild Bunch shooting competition. During the main event two costume contests take place—the Daytime Shooting Costume Contest, judged during the Thursday and Friday shooting relays, and the Best Dressed Costume Contest held Saturday evening. Daytime costume categories include Best Shooting Costumes—Men, Ladies, Juniors, Gun Carts, Conventioneers, Waddies, and Sutlers. Saturday night brings out the “cream of the crop” in the Best Dressed categories of Men, Ladies, Military, Juniors, and B-Western Men and Ladies. Mounted Shooters hold their own costume contest, which includes the horse’s tack.

Our continuing sponsor for all the costume contests is Wild West Mercantile of Mesa, Arizona. They have been our costume contest sponsor for nearly three decades. Please visit their website at [www.wildwestmercantile.com](http://www.wildwestmercantile.com) for some of the finest in Cowboy Action outfits. Thanks again to Claudia Feather and Dan Scully for supporting costuming at so many major matches throughout the country.

Costume contests can’t happen without judges, and this year I stepped in to help judge as two of our regulars, Sloan Easy and Creek Harding, were unable to attend. Wild Bunch judges were Copper Queen and myself, while Happy Jack “wrangled” the sign ups.

Daytime Shooting Costume judges were Copper Queen and myself for all the shooting costumes and Sundown for gun carts, while

### WB Winners ‘17



– Wild Bunch Lady –  
Second place, Dixie Bell, SASS #5366.  
Attired in a white cotton peasant top and trousers, complete with a Mexican sash and an antique silver cuff, she is dressed as a revolutionary out to avenge her husband’s death. She is armed to the teeth with her brother’s .45-70 and her trusty 1911.



– Wild Bunch Lady –  
Third place, Kathouse Kelli, SASS #72384.  
A Mexican “Adelita” (woman soldier), she wears a flamenco-style blouse and skirt, a corset made from Adelita scenes, topped with a bandoleer and carrying her 1911. She also wears her dancing shoes as now the fighting is over, and it’s time to dance with her Sergeant.

## WB Winners '17



**– Wild Bunch Man –**  
*First place, Captain George Baylor, SASS #24287. Dressed as an officer from the 11th Cavalry, 1916 New Mexico Punitive Expedition led by General “Black Jack” Pershing in pursuit of Pancho Villa after his destructive raid on Columbus, New Mexico, his uniform is an exact rendition of those worn on that excursion. His officer’s hat sports the correct 3”-4” brim with stitching. His uniform is made of khaki cotton instead of wool. He wears leather puttees and 1904 walking shoes, a 1905 garrison belt, 1912 spurs, antique goggles, correct officer’s tie, and carries his 1911 in a period correct holster. The only accessory not present is his 1914 Dodge touring car that Lt. George Patton had borrowed to pursue some Villistas. Lt. Patton brought back their bodies on its hood.*



**– Wild Bunch Man –**  
*Second place, Wild Horse John, SASS #85994. Dressed as a West Texas/Lea County New Mexico rancher from 1915, wearing a plaid wool vest, period correct felt hat and eye glasses, cavalry boots, carrying a pocket watch with a Masonic fob, and wearing a 1911 given to him by an anonymous Texas senator. He now herds his cattle in a Model T rather than on horseback.*

“costume wrangler,” Happy Jack, handled the sign-ups. Copper Queen and Happy Jack visited all the vendors and judged their costumes on site since vendors are always busy selling their wares to event participants.

Best Dressed Costume judges were Copper Queen, Baby Jane Doe, and myself, while both Happy Jack and Sundown assisted as “costume wranglers.” It was very exciting to see all the participants presenting their terrific costumes that evening. We really had quite a large group of entrants.

After not judging for quite a few years, I have great appreciation and respect for anyone who takes on judging duties at many of our



**– Wild Bunch Lady –**  
*First place, EZ GZ, SASS #83885. Dressed as Rosa de las Flores, a Mexican flower seller from the war-ravaged town of Agua Verde, which had been invaded by the North Americanos. She is now making many pesos from selling so many flowers for so many funerals. Rosa’s turquoise peasant dress is adorned with embroidered handkerchiefs on the top and around the hem. She wears a cream-colored vintage felt sombrero also decorated with pink roses and the Mexican eagle emblem. Her hair is braided in the style of the area and her gun cart is festooned with roses.*

matches. The ensembles I was privileged to judge this year were some of the very best I have ever seen at this event. Even with our judges’ scoring sheets, it was a very difficult task determining the winners from such magnificent costumes.

During the awards ceremony, the judges and costume wranglers were presented with plaques of appreciation for all their years of judging the contests at END of TRAIL. Costume judging is one of the most difficult things to do, and our judges throughout the years are some of the most knowledgeable in our sport. Thanks again to all our judges, past and present!

So, take a look at all the photos of the costume winners, first through third place, and the descriptions of their winning outfits. Thanks again to everyone who participated in all the costume contests at END of TRAIL. Costuming is one of the reasons Cowboy Action Shooting™ continues to be the greatest sport in the world with the greatest people involved! Hope to see you all at next year’s END of TRAIL. 🤠

# Daytime Winners '17 • CONVENTIONEERS



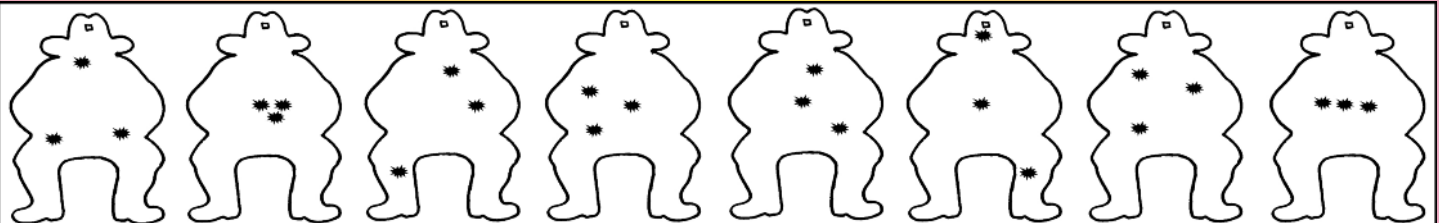
**– Conventioneer Lady –**  
*First place, Comin in Hot, SASS #102594. Dressed B-Western with a leather fringed skirt, great fringed leggings, a “bling” belt, beautiful B-Western shirt, turquoise jewelry, and braid trimmed hat.*



**– Conventioneer Lady –**  
*Second place, Frontier Faith, SASS #94293. Dressing in the 1890s period, she is going to a political meeting to secure voting rights for Texas women. She wears a beautiful embroidered shawl, an embellished fan, and a velvet hat with roses.*



**– Conventioneer –**  
*Man, First place, Calvin N. Hobbes, SASS #17218. Attired as an Indian Scout from J.D. Challenger’s painting, “Wears White Man’s Power,” wearing a red polka dot shirt and tie, silver scarf, a horse fetish, with elaborate and beautiful beadwork on his gloves, quirt, and hat. His coat is an Indian War’s style with beaded epaulets. His holsters and rig are embellished with silver tacks and conchos. (The judges agreed this was one of the most stunning outfits ever seen at END of TRAIL.)*



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## Daytime Winners '17 • CONVENTIONEERS

– Conventioneer –  
Man, Second place,  
Gusty Winds,  
SASS #81657.  
As a Scout for  
General Miles,  
he is dressed  
in a  
buckskin shirt  
with fringe  
and beading  
and wears a beaded  
“possibles” bag.  
He chose a wide  
brimmed hat with  
beaded hatband  
to shield him  
from the sun.



– Conventioneer –  
Man, Third place,  
Minnesota Clay,  
SASS #45970.  
He wears an  
1876 US Army field  
uniform from the  
Fifth Cavalry  
out of Ft. Leavenworth,  
Kansas on his way  
to participate  
in maneuvers  
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## Daytime Winners '17 • VENDORS



– Best Dressed Vendor – Lady –  
*Talkalittle Sherrie, SASS #23161,  
from Mernickle Leather.*  
*Sherrie took on Steampunk this year  
and did a great job with her Steampunk  
ensemble complete with “flip up” glasses.*



– Best Dressed Vendor – Man –  
*Slick McClade, SASS #69490, of Slick’s Magic Gun.*  
*Slick always dresses B-Western. His outfit is a black and silver embellished shirt,  
black pants, chaps, boots, and silver inlayed Emerson spurs.*

## Daytime Winners '17 • WADDIES

– Best Dressed  
– Waddie – Lady –  
*Sunshine Belle,  
SASS #91375.*  
*She wears an  
1880s style  
calico dress trimmed  
with a lace collar.*  
*She carries a  
parasol to protect  
her skin from the  
hot New Mexico  
sun and a teapot,  
as she works in a  
tea shop  
(the tea tent at  
END of TRAIL).*



– Best Dressed Waddie –  
Man –  
*XMark, SASS #105267.*  
*Dressed as an  
1881 cowboy,  
XMark made his  
elk skin chaps  
and carries a  
braided leather whip.*  
*This was his first year  
as a Waddie at  
END of TRAIL.*

## Daytime Winners '17 • GUN CARTS



– Guncarts – First place –  
*M. T. Jar, SASS #97360.*  
*Exquisite walnut cabinetry with a redwood rolltop and a carving on its front of a jar and guns.*



– Guncarts – Second place –  
*Quickly Downunder, SASS #99856.*  
*This guncart is adorned with 1300 tacks, Amish wheels, a cowhide seat, and trim.*

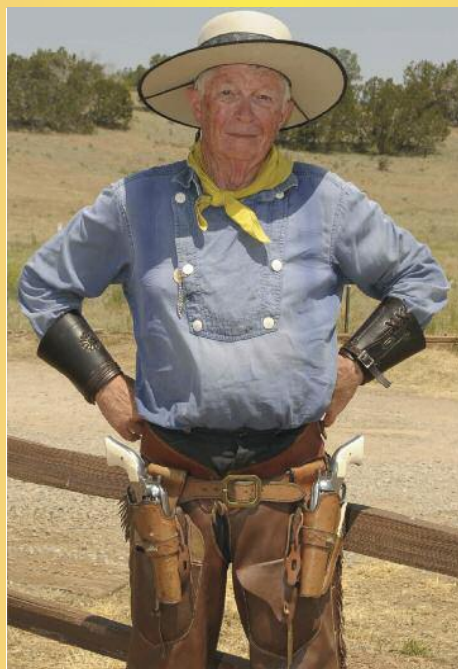


– Guncarts – Third place –  
*Silver Heart, SASS #48482.*  
*Everything is coming up pink on this guncart because Silver Heart always dresses in pink and so should her gun cart!*

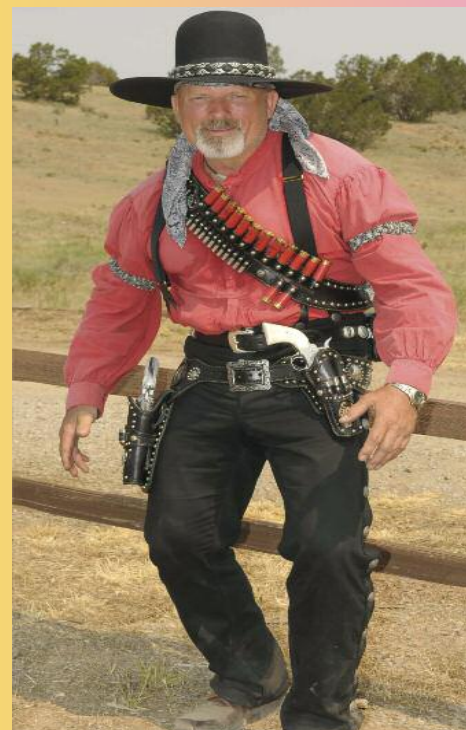
## Daytime Winners '17 • MEN



– Shooting Costume Man – First place –  
*Cheyenne Wolf, SASS #104946.*  
*Dressed as the son of a Cheyenne chief and a German mother, he made and beaded his leather leggings, moccasins, belt, rifle stock, and fashioned his “spirit” necklace.*



– Shooting Costume Man – Second place –  
*Captain George Baylor, SASS #24287.*  
*Dressed as an 1880s Montana cowboy, wearing a sun-faded double-breasted shirt, shotgun chaps, cuffs, tobacco pouch, period style boots and spurs, and Boss of the Plains hat.*



– Shooting Costume Man – Third place –  
*Quickly Down Under, SASS #99856.*  
*Dressed as a B-Western bounty hunter, his rig, holsters, bandolier, and spurs are adorned with silver conchos and silver scorpions.*

## Daytime Winners '17 • JUNIORS



**– Shooting Costume – Junior –**  
*First place, Catazrophe, SASS #97878. Dressed as a working cowboy with leather cuffs, chaps, spurs, and vest, he chose a Derby as his hat instead of a Stetson.*



**– Shooting Costume – Junior –**  
*Second place, Fast Draw Fawn, SASS #94157. Fawn decided upon the B-Western cowgirl look with red and white skirt and red-fringed boots.*



**– Shooting Costume Junior –**  
*Third place, Longhorn Lizzy, SASS #104473. Lizzy sports a more traditional look, wearing a calico dress with a white pinafore and a black beaver hat.*

## Daytime Winners '17 • LADIES



**– Shooting Costume – Lady –**  
*First place, Texas Flower, SASS #43753. Wearing a replica of an 1898 ladies bicycle riding outfit, complete with leggings, feathered hat, leather gloves, and antique bicycle goggles discovered on Ebay.*



**– Shooting Costume Lady –**  
*Second place, Shotgun, SASS #17153. Dressed in an exquisitely embroidered-with-pheasants riding outfit, she wears her hair in a snood under a feather hat, leather gloves, and carries a quilt.*



**– Shooting Costume Lady –**  
*Third place, Miss Tabitha, SASS #26972. Dressed as an actual working cowgirl in a leather skirt, vest, and cuffs, with a large silk scarf, fancy leather belt, and a wide brimmed beaver hat.*



**Best Dressed Winners '17 • B WESTERN LADIES**



**– B-Western/Silver Screen – Ladies –**  
*First place, Sonora Blaze, SASS #69510. Sonora's stunning blue and white outfit embellished with thousands of rhinestones and rhinestone hand cut fringe, is a replica of one worn by the Queen of the Cowgirls, Dale Evans. Kathouse Kelli made the ensemble and Sonora accessorized it with a B-Western style Stetson, white-fringed boots, decorated cuffs, blue scarf, and silver slide.*



**– B-Western/Silver Screen – Ladies –**  
*Third place, EZ GZ, SASS #83885. EZ made her Steampunk outfit, which features a belt made from gun and clock parts on her corset, decorated riding hat with goggles, a lapel watch and a necklace watch, and brown and white laced shoes.*



**– B-Western/Silver Screen – Ladies –**  
*Second place, Lil McGill, SASS #85754. Lil's outfit, also made by Kathouse Kelli, pays homage to one worn by Betty Hutton in the 1950s film, Annie Get Your Gun. A beautiful sunflower yellow, it is decorated with silvery white embroidered flowers on the shirt and skirt, and tan suede fringe on the shoulders and hem. A yellow B-Western Stetson, a bling belt, leather gloves, and fancy stitched boots complete the look.*



**– B-Western /Silver Screen – Men –**  
*First place, Dragon Hill Dave, SASS #59561. Dragon Hill goes all out Steampunk as an airship commander from The Wild, Wild, West. He also carries a glass grenade on his hip!*

**Best Dressed Winners '17 • B WESTERN MEN**



**– B-Western/Silver Screen – Men –**  
*Second place, Texas Jack Diamondback, SASS #81453. Texas Jack opts for a traditional B-Western look.*



## Best Dressed Winners '17 • COUPLES



– Best Dressed Couple – First place –  
*Hawkshaw Fred, SASS #36811, and Annie D Vine, SASS #103798. Dressed as a wedding couple going to their nuptials at the Grand Canyon, Annie wears a vintage wedding dress embroidered with flowers and pearls, long white gloves, a flowing veil, and carries a sprig of orchids, while Hawkshaw looks nervous in his period correct tuxedo and black top hat.*



– Best Dressed Couple – Second place –  
*Minnesota Clay, SASS #45970, and Frontier Faith, SASS #94293. Dressed as a school master and his lady on their way to a Chautaugua Society meeting (an adult literary society popular in the late 19th century) in the 1880s, he wears a brown frock coat, tan wool pants, striped vest with ascot, and a top hat. Faith completes her ensemble with a beautiful lace shawl, flowered hat, ornate fan, and purse.*



– Best Dressed Couple – Third place –  
*Side Show, SASS #105054, and Clara Barton, SASS #105055. Dressed as a couple on a theatre outing, Clara Barton wears an 1860s red cotton with black stitching ensemble with a vintage black ostrich feather hat, her grandmother's cameo pin, and carries an antique velvet purse with silver clasp. Side Show wears a black collarless jacket, red ascot, striped pants, and black paisley scrolled vest.*

## Best Dressed Winners '17 • JUNIOR BOYS



– Best Dressed Junior Boy –  
– First place –  
*Hammer Rock, SASS #86674. He wears a vintage 1950s re-enactor's Confederate Artillery uniform made by a company that produced these uniforms beginning in the early 1900s. Red signifies Artillery and is on his collar and sleeves, as well as his sash and gold braided Kepi hat.*



– Best Dressed Junior Boy –  
– Second place –  
*Catazrophe, SASS #97878. He is dressed as a dirty, dusty cowboy (his words).*



**Best Dressed Winners '17 • JUDGES**



*END of TRAIL judges proudly display their appreciation plaques at the Sunday awards ceremony (l-r) – Sundown, Copper Queen, and Happy Jack.*

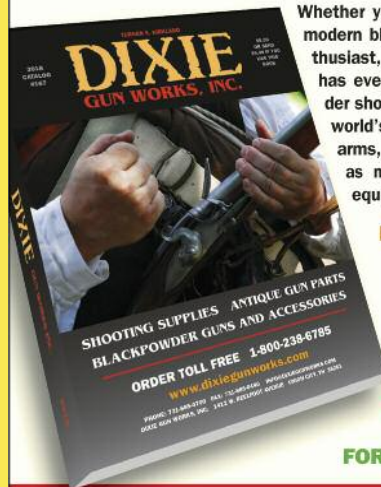


**Best Dressed Judges**  
*(l-r) Cat Ballou, Copper Queen, and Baby Jane Doe listen intently as El Aquilar describes his outfit.*

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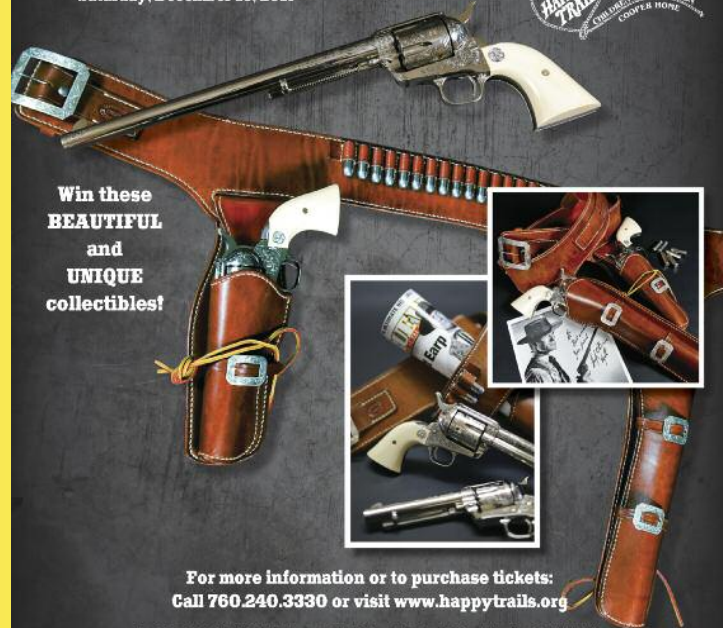
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– Best Dressed Ladies –  
– First place –

Texas Flower, SASS #43753. This 1865 theatre gown is a replica of one worn by Clara Hamilton Harris, a guest of Abraham and Mary Lincoln in their box at Ford's Theatre, on the night of April 14, a witness to President Lincoln's assassination. Her gown is of pink *moire* watered silk with black velvet trim on the bodice, sleeves and skirt's sash. Her white chiffon blouse has period correct Pagoda sleeves. She wears black gloves and attached to her chatelaine is an antique velvet purse and fan. An antique black cameo is pinned to her bodice's collar. Her hair is styled in the late 1860s style with a small lace trimmed headpiece. To complete her outfit, she carries a set of antique opera glasses.



– Best Dressed Ladies –  
– Second place –

Kathouse Kelli, SASS #72384. This late 1870s–1880s theatre gown was made by Kelli and features a cuirass bodice embellished with silk organza flowers, also hand made. Her ruffled underskirt is tiers of chiffon and lace. She wears a gold tiara, long white gloves, carries a fan and antique opera glasses. Hair is styled according to the period.



– Best Dressed Ladies –  
– Third place (Tie) –

Dixie Bell, SASS #5366. As a rancher's wife going to church on Sunday, this 1870s three-piece bustled walking dress is navy striped cotton trimmed in white on the ruffled hem, sleeves, train, and vest front. Her flowerpot straw hat is embellished with navy and blue feathers. She wears Victorian bracelets, necklace, and earrings, and a reticule hangs from her chatelaine.

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Best Dressed Winners '17 • MILITARY



– Best Dressed Ladies –  
– Third place (Tie) –

Shotglass, SASS #17153. A stunning blue and gold 1870s dinner dress with gold brocade on bodice, trimmed with gold lace at the bodice, sleeves, and ruffled hem. She carries an antique gold ostrich fan in her long white buttoned gloves and wears a gold and blue decoration in her hair which is worn in the style of the period.



– Best Dressed Military –  
– First place –

El Aquilar, SASS #43539. Dressed as a Chiricahua Apache scout, the Great Eagle, this is a stunning outfit with all the accessories a scout of this time period would have worn. His face is painted and ready for battle.



– Best Dressed Military –  
– Second place –

Hank Hills, SASS #78028. Dressed in an 1898 Rough Rider's uniform complete with .30-40 Krag rifle ready to join Colonel Roosevelt's regiment.

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## Best Dressed Winners '17 • JUNIOR GIRLS



– Best Dressed Junior Girl –  
 – First place –  
*Fast Draw Fawn, SASS #94157.*  
 Depicting a gun twirler  
 in a Wild West Show,  
 she wears a red bandana print  
 fringed skirt, a blue denim shirt  
 with red bandana accents,  
 red-fringed boots, and a black hat  
 festooned with a black rose.



– Best Dressed Junior Girl –  
 – Second place–  
*Darlin' Diamondback, SASS #103899.*  
 She wears a blue satin gown  
 with lacy trim on the bodice  
 and underskirt panel,  
 carries a black fan, and  
 wears a hairpiece with a  
 blue feather decoration.



– Best Dressed Junior Girl –  
 – Third place–  
*Longhorn Lizzy, SASS #104473.*  
 She wears a white English blouse,  
 gold lace embroidered skirt,  
 lace gloves, and a small  
 black flower pot hat  
 with feathers.

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**– Best Dressed Men – First place –**  
 Captain George Baylor, SASS #24287. Dressed as an 1890 Texas legislator in an exact replica of a sack suit currently on exhibit in a Wisconsin museum, he sports a rosebud in his tussie-mussie, wears an appropriate grey Derby hat, white shirt with black bowtie, gold pocket watch and chain, period correct shoes, and carries a walking cane.



**– Best Dressed Men – Second place –**  
 Wild Horse John, SASS #85994. Dressed as the owner of a Cheyenne Wyoming sporting house, The Depot, he is dressed to the hilt in tan plaid wool frock coat and vest, brown plaid trousers, gold pocket watch and chain with an elk tooth fob, hat with a silver knotted hat band, and ivory rabbit head cane. He's looking very prosperous!



**– Best Dressed Men – Third place –**  
 Doc Joker, SASS #75680. Attired as a druggist and gambler from 1887, he wears a burnt orange frock coat, brown striped vest and pants, white leather gloves, pocket watch with gold chain, stylish hat, tussie-mussie with a flower, and carries a walking cane. He also assured the judges he carried cures for their possible "female ailments."



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# Mounted

# END of TRAIL 2017

## Mounted Style

By Sassy Susie Q, SASS #59662

**END of TRAIL** started early with a work party and lots of labors of love. Special thanks go to all of those dedicated members who helped out, and not just a little, but big time. We painted the grandstand and the crow's nest, replaced carpet, weed whacked and cleaned up, cleaned out the trashcans and put in trash liners, we put out the flags of the states and all the SASS® sponsors' banners, to name just a few things. Nine of us worked for several hours to get everything looking good.

In addition, more special thanks go to behind the scenes workers Cinch Cutter and Bam Bam (tractor drivers), and Bam Bam for setting up courses; JED for being Range Officer; Kat Knik for announcing; Beverly for keeping scores; Kristy Kagan for computer set ups and maintenance as well as sponsoring three



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### END of TRAIL • Mounted Style . . .

balloon setters in the quick draw contest. Chili Hills was one of our sponsors from Edgewood, providing several meal gift certificates for our out-of-towners. Pat and Mari Roberson were sponsors of the T-shirt sales and fund raising.

We had a yummy pot luck Thursday, following several warm up stages with great coaching by Cinch Cutter. Friday morning



opening ceremonies were led by Firefox in posting of the colors. The main match consisted of six stages, three on Friday and three on Saturday. Side matches were held each day as well.

I finally made the first page of the paper, *East Mountain Telegraph*, on June 29, 2017. And a **grand time** was had by all.

**Surprise!** As a joyful ending to the match, Songbird Annie not only won an EMF Great Western II revolver in the prize drawing, but due to her bravado and mounted shooting determination, the gun was upgraded and expanded to *two* guns—the GW II Pony Express model specifically designed for Cowboy Mounted Shooting. These guns were donated by EMF Company (Debbie Sims) together with Pietta Firearms (Alchimista). Now she will have a matched pair. *What fine companies with whom to do!*

**Results**—Clinch Cutter beat out Bam Bam (who had won overall the last three years and is reserve men's for 2017) for Overall by two seconds, and Firefox/TaWillow Romero won Ladies' Overall, followed by Silver Bullet for Reserve Ladies.

Divisional buckle winners included some new ones and we were so happy for them. Mens 1 – Pistola Pete; 2 – TR Twister (also 4<sup>th</sup> overall); 3 – White Wolf Rider; 4 – Chili Cowboy, 5 – Clinch Cutter; Ladies 1 – Songbird Annie; 2 – Silver Bullet; 3 – Lady Moon Dancer; 4 – Firefox.

Pony Express Winners – Arab Angel and Lady Moon Dancer. Quick Draw – Clinch Cutter first and friend Daniel Gammill second. Shotgun – TR Twister.

World Speed Contest – Bam Bam.

All Around Cowboy – Clinch Cutter.

Costume Contest – Colorado Cupcake, Ladies'; Calvin N. Hobbes, Men's. 🐶

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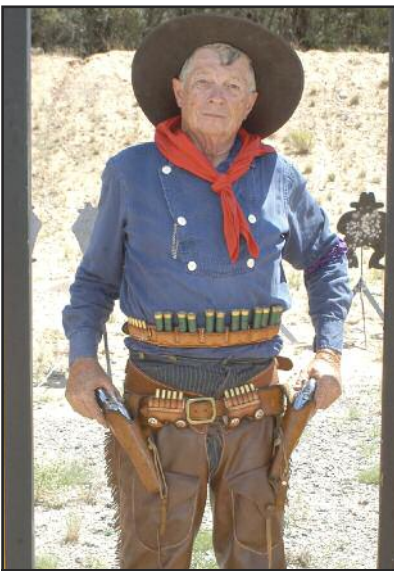
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## Guns & Gear

# DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR

## Choice Ammunition

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

Choice Ammunition is located in Victor, Montana, or as they put it, “in the scenic Bitterroot Valley of the Big Sky Country in Western Montana.” It has a 6,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution facility that produces more than 260 different rounds of hand loaded premium ammunition. They started with safari ammunition, which needs to be extremely precise and reliable. They make defense ammunition with equivalently loaded practice ammunition so you can practice with the same load you carry without shooting several hundred expensive defense loads.

They make competition ammunition for long range, Three Gun, and—appropriately enough here—Cowboy Action Shooting™. They just started doing Cow-



*.357 magnum 125-grain LTC Cowboy Action Shooting™ load.*



*The Ransom Rest and Oehler 35P  
Chronograph setup at Founders Ranch.*

boy ammunition. Dan Fison (Badwater Dan, SASS #25001) sent me sample boxes of most of their Cowboy ammunition to evaluate.

The ammunition is so new it didn't come in the neat vintage style boxes shown. The standard boxes work fine. The plastic trays look durable. The ammunition also came with Winchester primers. These work for most competition ammunition, but in Cowboy Action Shooting™ some of us lighten everything and some of us have all of our guns tuned to work with Federals, which will go bang with lighter hammer strikes. However, they have switched to Federals in production. Dan managed to send me some .357 Magnum with Federal primers in time to beat the deadline but not in

time to chronograph. The original .357 was RNFP 1.49" OAL with a claimed velocity of 725 feet per second. The replacement is TCFP 1.58" OAL. This just happens to be about max length for Uberti 66/73 carriers (1.43 works well; the 125-grain RNFP .38s at 1.35" won't work in them). It also is a length that works very smoothly in those rifles. Claimed velocity is 675 ft./sec.

### Chronographing

Chronograph variables include altitude, temperature, humidity, the gun used, etc. The results I got at nearly 7000 feet in the summer in New Mexico won't necessarily be those you get at sea level in the dead of winter. I use an Oehler 35P (proof) chronograph with four-foot screen separation for greater accuracy. In

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the middle is a third, or proof, screen. The chronograph compares the velocities using the first and proof screen vs. those of the first and third screen. If they aren't essentially the same, it does not record a reading. It also automatically calculates high, low, extreme spread, mean, and standard deviation. Because of the variables, it's always a good idea to use ammunition that exceeds power factor by a sufficient amount to pass if tested at a match in different conditions.

Chronographing all these rounds wound up requiring three sessions. I chronograph in the summer at Founders Ranch, 42 miles each way. The first session had problems that wound up taking so long the range closed, cutting the session short. In that session I set up the Ransom Rest so I could chronograph and group test at the same time. I chronographed and group tested all of the .38/.357 and .45 ACP. In a second session.

I chronographed the .45 Colt loads in a 19" barreled Cimar-


ron '73 built in the late 90s. This resulted in a call from Dan requesting I shoot them from a pistol, because the velocities were wildly different from what they advertise. Thus I did a third session using one of my Ruger Old Armies and an R&D conversion cylinder.

The ammunition looks very good. It is consistent in O.A.L. and velocity. Unlike some "Cowboy" ammunition that is just re-boxed general purpose ammunition, this is DESIGNED AND MADE FOR COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™. The chart tells all about performance, but some notes:

If I were to choose one of the .38 special loads for my all-around load, I would look very hard at the Black Hi-Tek 115 TCFP load because I like the advantages of coated bullets. I would like it to be 50 ft./sec. higher for a safety factor if tested, and Dan hinted they might tweak it in that direction. The company is small enough to be very responsive. Dan mentioned the

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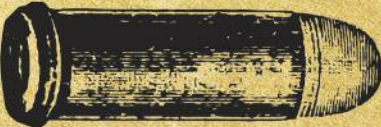
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ammunition is made on Dillon XL650s. All of the .38 Special loads were very consistent and accurate. The difference between best and worst groups would be immaterial in a Cowboy match. All were light-shooting.


### .45 Colt

The lightest load, 180-grain LRNFP at 83 power factor and low felt recoil strikes me as a really good load for Classic Cowboy. Despite the fact .45 Colt does not normally like light powder loads, it was pretty consistent. As expected, one side of the fired brass had black carbon staining, a fairly common occurrence in Cowboy Action Shooting™ .45 Colt brass. It comes off in tumbling. The 200-grain load power factor is 102 out of the pistol and 142 out of the 19" rifle barrel. This strikes me as just needing a little tweaking to be a WB legal rifle load. Most Wild Bunch contestants use 200-grain bullets.

The 250-grain Cowboy Action Shooting™ load, at 609 ft./sec. out of the rifle, is WB legal, even if only marginally so from the 19" barrel. The 250-grain WB load was hot at 900 ft./sec. (PF 227). Checking records of past tests, Winchester 250-grain Cowboy ammunition was 871 ft./sec, PF 217.8. Bone Orchard 200-grain ran 887 ft./sec. PF 177.8. HSM 200-grain was 1070 ft./sec. PF 217.

### .45 ACP



The tightest group tested was from the .45 ACP load. I did "cheat" by using a gun that did three inches at 50 yards when new with Federal match ammo. It was a delight to shoot, very little felt recoil, low SD, and superbly accurate. I used some of the ammunition in a local match that required shooting a couple of six-inch or smaller reactive targets. It worked flawlessly and shot accurately. At a power factor of 154, it was as low as I would dare go for match ammunition. The SD of 15 was pretty impressive on that light of a load. I would say if you need




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.Ruger New Vaquero, 4-3/8" Barrel, .357 Magnum												
CAL	Vel.	bullet wt	Shape	OAL	Hi	Lo	ES	Avg	SD	PF	Group	
.38 Spc	580	105	LTC	1.44	636	604	32	617	14	65	1.9	
.38 Spc	550	115	CTC	1.45	538	498	40	525	15	60	2.13	
.38 Spc	610	120	LTC	1.48	634	597	37	618	13	74	1.75	
.38 Spc	650	125	LRNFP	1.35	624	618	6	621	2	78	2.25	
.357 Mag	725	125	LRN	1.49	856	759	97	812	40	102	2.75	
.357 Mag	675	125	LTC	1.58	Arrived too late to test							

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July 14, 2017, Founders Ranch, 95°F, 6850 ft.  
Test rifle: Cimarron 1873 Carbine 19" barrel

CAL	Vel.	bullet wt	Shape	OAL	Hi	Lo	ES	Avg	SD	PF
.45 Colt	460	180	LRNFP	1.57	699	682	17	690	7	124
.45 Colt	440	200	LRNFP	1.57	730	697	33	710	12	142
.45 Colt	450	250	LRNFP	1.57	620	588	32	609	12	152
.45 Colt	730	250	LRNFP	1.57	921	896	25	906	10	227

July 29, 2017, Founders Ranch, 85°F, 6850 ft.  
Test Revolver: Ruger Old Army, R&D Conversion cyl. 5.5" barrel

CAL	Vel.	bullet wt	Shape	OAL	Hi	Lo	ES	Avg	SD	PF
.45 Colt	460	180	RNFP	1.57	501	444	57	462	25	83
.45 Colt	440	200	RNFP	1.57	559	400	159	516	66	103
.45 Colt	450	250	RNFP	1.57	528	463	65	495	23	124
.45 Colt	730	250	RNFP	1.57	718	692	26	702	11	176

**Chronograph and Ransom Rest test Results.**

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**Conclusion**

Everything in the test was impressive. Clearly, Choice Ammunition is making an effort to not just sell "Cowboy" ammunition, but to craft competition worthy ammunition for competitors who can't reload or can't get their ammunition to matches. It's all match worthy and their ability to make corrections on the fly is impressive.

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## Fiction

# Small Creek: Kid Galena Rides

Continued From the July Issue 

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*The story thus far: Noah Dobbs IV arrives in Small Creek, Kansas to set up his newly acquired Boot and Harness Shop. He is at first mistaken for the notorious outlaw, Kid Galena, but clears that up with acting sheriff Axel Sweet and his deputy, McGee. After some target practice with the law officers, he participates in the prevention of a robbery at the First National Bank of Kansas, owned by Elroy McSweeney.*

### Chapter Four

## The Deputy Small Creek, Kansas, 1869



“There are laws to protect honest citizens and compensate property damage, you know,” said Banker McSweeney in an urgent tone as he shook his finger while addressing Noah Dobbs IV on the latter’s porch, “You ought to at least consider petitioning and maybe suing the town board for the restitution of your sign. I’m sure we can get a little more compensation, if you know what I mean.”

Maybe it was the way McSweeney winked and touched the side of his nose, maybe it was the way he spoke, but Noah Dobbs began to feel

uneasy about the assuredness of this man. Besides, he could not imagine something as sophisticated as a Town Board in this little rat hole.

“I was brought here specifically by my Boston Firm to ensure the good citizens of our town receive a fair shake. You have your rights, you know.” McSweeney repeated, the way he had opened this growingly unwelcome conversation. “Yessir, I know what I got. My ancestors helped write the Constitution. So I know I got my rights.” Replied Noah. “And I’ll allow that I’ve suffered great harm and serious emotional distress by the

fact that I am now an “Oot and Shoe Maker” because of the late bandit’s errant shot...”

Noah did not get off the rest of the sentence because Elroy interrupted him... something Noah noticed about this man because it appeared to be a habit. “Not the Bandit. He’s dead and irrelevant. I might point out it was Sheriff Sweet’s poor judgment that resulted in the loss of your personal property. Action against that fellow and the town itself is called for if you wish to uphold your rights.”

“You’re going to blame the sheriff because

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those fellows turned to robbery?"

McSweeney nodded and began to speak, the thought of which irked Noah because such claptrap of trying to cobble blame to make a win a legal point struck him as dishonest.

"Well, I tell ya, Mr. McSweeney. Thanks for your interest, but I got a little work to do inside my shop before I worry about whether or not folks need "Oots and Shoes" and I am a little too busy to entertain discourse on the philosophies behind my rights. Now, if you will excuse me..."

"Of course. Here's my card. I'll be available if you need me. Good Day, Mr. Dobbs." With that, McSweeney swung around, stepped off the porch, and marched toward his bank in what Noah perceived as a complete fullness of himself and certainty of his beliefs.

Noah grunted as he watched the banker waddle across the street and into the brick edifice that marked the center of the town. "Thet thar feller belongs back east," he muttered to himself, trying to sound like a western cowboy with his artificial drawl. Before turning to go back into his own store, Noah noticed the blacksmith opening up the shop on the other side of the Oak Tree that separated them. He waved and crossed his own threshold.

Within an hour Noah had the wooden racks that would hold most of his shoe and boot lasts in place on the walls beside the door. He unpacked and hung the portrait of the original Noah Dobbs opposite them. Then he thought the better of it based on his experience with the deceased bandit. He hung the portrait next to the door, where it would be blocked off when the door was left open. He unpacked a sturdy saddle he had almost finished back in Danbury and added the remaining conchos and laces before setting it aside and putting some mink oil into it with his bare hands. Noah did not like to use rags to rub down the leather with which he worked. Next he set up his patcher, aligning it on the base that housed the trundle. It was a Singer, dated from about 1818, and he was in the midst of tightening the last bolt when McGee's form quietly filled his doorway.

The Deputy had a plank under his arm, and Noah quickly noticed there was some very even lettering written on it. The outlines of the letters, in black charcoal, were distinct and even, but Noah could not make them out because they were sheltered under McGee's armpit.

"Alice Mason writ 'em," McGee explained almost apologetically, pausing for what seemed an uncomfortably long time, "being a school-teacher." Noah tilted his head in a futile effort to see the lettering. It struck him, this fellow spent more time choking off his words than thinking them up. McGee released his hold on the plank and presented it in front of his chest. Noah could now see that the plank was about six feet long and he wondered how McGee hid it so effectively while standing there. It plainly said "Boots and Shoes" in even and uniform letters, although Noah estimated the height of the wording was about three inches short of the existing letters inscribed on the false front of his little store. Feeling a little awkward, he motioned to McGee to stand it up against the bench in the middle of the shop, and moved quickly to assist him.

He offered the deputy some coffee, but McGee indicated he had to return to the jail. Another pause, in which Noah leaned a little too far forward waiting for the second sentence and had to shift his feet to keep his balance. Deputy McGee stated Axel Sweet would stop by directly, and retired amidst Noah Dobbs' profuse thanks. Noah, now left alone with his work, began to sort out all the awls, knives, rasps and peg floats, and thread bobbins. He arranged all these tools about the bench in the middle of his small shop, checking to see how the light played in so he could position himself when hand stitching so as to capitalize on it. He also had a small set of leather stamping tools that were so designed as to be able to cunningly craft designs in the face of the moistened leather by positioning and holding them and selectively tapping them with a rawhide maul. While still in Connecticut, he had been informed by one of his drummers that this patterning on or about the edges of holsters and belts was all the rage out west.

It was the soft thumping of the Sorrel's hoofs in the thick dust just

at the edge of his short porch that pried Noah from concentrating on his work. When he caught himself, he looked out his window and saw only two feminine hands tying the reins to the hitching rail he had for such a purpose, but he could not quite make out whom it was. The figure was blocked from view just at the edge of the window. She may have lingered before coming through the door and into view, because Noah was keenly aware of some suspense in awaiting her entry. He found his heart thumping a little, because he realized who it was.

When she stepped into the doorway, framed by the brighter light behind her, Noah confirmed that it was none other than Alice Mason, the woman from the stage ride his first day in Small Creek. Noah was again more than mildly intrigued by her red hair, her soft green eyes, and slightly sun-redened complexion. Inasmuch as these were constantly visible features, no matter what the circumstance, he could readily call her image to mind. Indeed, and not at all infrequently, he found himself doing just that since first meeting her and encountering her cold countenance. He learned she was a year or two younger than he, but had been to a college, something Noah had not ever thought of doing.

"Do you repair heels?"

Her query, aside from being sudden, was crisply articulated as she adjusted her gauntlets, flexing her fingers inside them and keeping her eyes fastened on that task and thus away from Noah. He was somewhat taken aback. There was no greeting, just this brusque inquiry without preface.

"I beg your pardon?" he replied, not quite sure of what to make of her intentions. He was caught off guard by this sudden turn of conversation. It was well away from what he had in mind the many times he thought of her and remaking her acquaintance after the cold exchanges during his arrival in Small Creek.

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up from her gloves. "I asked, do you repair heels? You are a cobbler, aren't you? One would think cobblers repair heels, or am I mistaken in my presumption?"

"That you are, ma'am.,," replied Noah with just short of an indignant snort, "I am NOT a cobbler, but am a Master at my craft of manufacture, and the occasions upon which I repair are governed by the mutual regard I have with my friends."

He'd have thought the response would take her aback. In that instance, in lieu of his earlier intent to smooth relations with her, he almost regretted his words. He arrived at no such end, though, when she responded, without missing a beat, "Well, then. My ability to arrive at that exclusive state of intimacy with you notwithstanding, can you help me here? Because I seem to have turned my heel on the very same riding boots I intend to use this afternoon." She turned her left leg outward from underneath the long riding skirt she was wearing and showed the distorted heel. She was looking downward in such a fashion as to allow Noah a full view of the brocading on the brim of the pert vaquero hat she was wearing. He tightened his lips, pressing them together in his mild, but steadily growing resentment of this woman.

Alice Mason's small schoolhouse had between five and ten pupils in a given school year. . . rarely less and, as time went on, more and more. This vocation was of great perplexing concern to Bennet Mason, her father, the local rancher and, by default, cattle baron. He saw no reason for the effort, because she was, after all, well off, and could live comfortably at the Circle D ranch he owned to the Northeast of Small Creek. Moreover, he fretted over her ability to find a husband while locked in such circumstance. In fact, he was continually upset over her general unwillingness to even try. Of even greater concern were her stubborn efforts at maintaining the ramshackle little house she lived in at the southeastern end of town. Bennet could see no use of that and was greatly perplexed over her unwillingness to accept even the smallest sum to help her pay the rent. This state of relations between them either produced, or as some would have it, was the byproduct of, the intense notions of independence Alice Mason so often demonstrated.

She had decided long ago to become a self-made woman and one of letters, at that. This is not to imply she was devoid of all the skills one would expect to find in a young lady of the frontier; she could shoot reasonably well, rode with the best of the men, was a proficient cook, and understood all the aspects of animal husbandry necessary in a ranching life. Some said she could even spit admirably, although she was reluctant to demonstrate the vulgar skill in public. Of course, being one of the groups of aggressive women who campaigned for suffrage and an end to the use of alcohol, she would occasionally smoke a cigareet or a seegar just to break convention. She disdained the pipe, though, considering it just beyond the socially acceptable domain of statements concerning female independence. Obviously, to her way of thinking, that implied the pipe must forever be part of a group of concessions to men who could not be expected to master sufficient intelligence to change. They would forever remain intellectually inferior.

In later years, Noah would comment on how readily he picked up on that haughty concern because she focused her glance on the idle pipe he left on the edge of his workbench. For an instant, as she shifted her eyes away from the pipe and met his, he thought she would soften and then, perhaps, apologize for being so abrupt. In fact, he wished for such a little more fervently than he would have liked given this moment.

"I see," she stated flatly, looking directly at him and thoroughly trashing his unspoken desire. "Well, then, I guess I'll just have to get used to the idea of staggering about, won't I?"

They stared for a moment. Noah instantly knew this would become a contest unless he did something quickly. Inasmuch as he did not want a contest, he changed the pace. Pointing and retracting said gesture before speaking, Noah turned her attention to the sign McGee had left earlier. "I am told you took the time to stage the printing on my new sign,"

he stated, carefully inflecting a more amicable tone in his voice. "If that is the case, I wish to thank you for your generous assistance."

"Yes, I suppose it was rather generous," she coolly replied, with a casual air that incensed Noah, "but that is something I would have done for any new resident, such being a requirement of the most basic of courtesies that we, in the west, extend, even to those from the east."

Right then and there, Noah Dobbs IV resolved, in the strongest inclination, to abandon his interest in Alice Mason. That irritating statement betrayed her knowledge of the way the west and frontier were articulated to the public of the east and he instinctively recoiled at what he viewed as her over-stated education. Most likely it was due to college, where most of what they teach you is grossly unnecessary and effete in its snooty intellectualism. Now he'd fix her damned heel just out of spite. He motioned, with a rolling gesture of his right hand, for her to bring the boot to the bench. Without a word, she sat down and pulled the boot with the brass jack he unpacked earlier. It was typical of the cricket-like appearance so common in New England.

She limped over to the bench to bring him the afflicted footwear, keenly aware he did not come to her as a gentleman might have thought to do to save her the effort. She decided that she truly despised him. Now she'd finish the sign while he worked just to spite him. As Noah set the boot on the bench in front of him and turned to don his apron, Alice Mason picked up the small can of paint McGee had left with the sign and opened it with one of Noah's screw drivers. She fetched the brush, also left here by McGee, and stepped up to the sign. Without moving it, or regard for its position or angle, she began to fill in the outlines of the letters one-by-one. Noah took notice, but did not speak as he examined the boot. He ascertained her source of discomfort was due to the fact the nailing job on the layered heel was done so shoddily, and without completion. He set the boot, inverted, on the iron last. Taking a small claw, he pried off the heel about midway down the stack of leather pieces that composed the it. With his hook knife he pared a couple of pieces of thick, stiff sole bend, and placed them atop the inverted heel.

"The East," continued Miss Mason as if there were no pause in the conversation. "Isn't that where they make all the guns the desperados out here use to create their mayhem?"

"So, this is how it's going to be," thought Noah to himself. "Yup, that's true. They give 'em out to lawbreakers and lawmakers with equal relish, but it is the human countenance that makes 'em work."

"I'm told you used yours well yesterday, for an Easterner." Alice smirked without looking directly at Noah.

He decided to let that comment go. He became absorbed in finishing the heel, paring a new piece and reinforcing the poorly done nail job to secure the whole mounting. He had thoroughly lost hope for any amenable relationship with this woman. When he finished rasping and filing and smoothing the new heel extension, he turned it over to her.

"Here you are, Miss Mason," he said as he held the boot out toward her. He thought for a moment he would actually gloat over being able to forego the charges when asked. In fact, she did not take them directly but finished darkening in the last of the letters on Noah's sign, tossing the used brush into the trash as she stepped back to look at the work. She accepted the boot with a downward cast and a flickering smile. She never wanted to see this cobbler again.

She sat down and slipped the boot on, got up without a word, virtually choking over the fact that she would have to show the courtesy of bidding good day, and stepped into the doorway ahead of Noah's icy silence. Her words surprised herself as she heard them tumble out.

"Oh, by the way," she said, only half turning toward Noah, "my father, Bennet Mason will be coming into town by the end of the month, and we will go a'riding. Would you care to join us for a picnic?"

"Why, I'd be delighted, Miss Mason. Shall I bring something?" He could hardly believe the voice articulating those words was his own.

"Not at all. I am so glad you can come. We'll probably leave around nine or so, two weeks from this Friday. Is that suitable?"



## Small Creek: Kid Galena Rides . . .

“Looking forward to it.”

The little shop seemed to suddenly fill with sunshine, and her bright smile would long after be the highlight of her brief visit. She led the Sorrel saddle horse back down the Turnpike, humming and stepping lively. Noah went back to his work and did not notice the day slipping by. He stopped himself from humming several times. His routine was interrupted. He'd barely have enough time to groom Loopy, the horse he had just purchased from the Blacksmith, and would have to settle for turning him loose in the corral rather than riding.

Well before dusk, Axel Sweet stopped by, quietly walking up to the doorway, where he stood holding his empty pipe in his left hand. Being later in the day, the sunlight over his right shoulder allowed Noah to make out the details of Axel's face, which revealed a sort of smirk as he lifted the pipe slightly. Noah wiped the sweat from his forehead, removed his apron and went for his own pipe. He fetched out the tobacco he used when smoking with guests, and they filled up, standing there at the bench. In a marked difference between the tense appearance of Alice Mason and the visit by McSweeney, Noah found he actually hoped this terse and direct man would stop by periodically. Axel smiled underneath his squinting eye and stepped through the doorway, his boots thumping on the floorboards. The sun was still hot enough to keep them inside the cooler shop.

“Mebbe the only thing Parson ever did right,” started Axel as he looked upward to the ceiling, “was to make a double-planked roof and face the windows so as to catch the breeze. I believe, m'boy, you got the coolest building in town.”

Noah nodded in affirmation, striking the match with his thumbnail and lighting the pipe. Sheriff Sweet made some small talk for a few minutes, Noah guessed was a gesture to ascertain the shoemaker was all right after yesterday's shoot-out, and Noah found that gratifying. After a little while, Sweet pushed the front brim of his hat backward on his forehead and stared a little more closely at Noah.

“We are truly beholding to you, McGee and I, that is, for yore help yesterday. Regrettably, there ain't no reward posted for any of them bandits. I trust the sign is a suitable substitute, though, as a reparation for your trouble?”

Noah nodded, thanking Axel, as the Sheriff continued. “Now I'd like to do you another small favor. Ben Mason is coming into town shortly, I believe, to pave the way for his fall herd of cattle and remuda of saddle stock coming into the pens. I understand, only this far into yore tenure here, he has already heard about yore prowess with these here tools. You might want to stay on his favorable side.”

Noah looked at Sweet curiously, and Axel judged he might be taking this the wrong way. “Now, Ben is an honest man that no one of us can accuse of abusing his wealth. But I know for a fact his ranch is going to be needing some leather and his drovers have already started talking about all them fancies they want. I'll allow Rufus told them about how you repaired his reins out in the middle of nowhere. A man with a skill is always needed out here, and you can be sure every one of them fellers will be passing by you on the way to Pete Williams'.”

Noah again nodded, thanking Axel for the information. They smoked in silence for a few minutes, before Axel got up, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and bid Noah a good day. “By-the-By, partner, you might want to try putting single F powder in yore pea-shooter. I judge it'll take some of the kick out and drop your bullet path a little.” He said as he rapped the pipe smartly over the trash. Noah started to smile and nod absent mindedly, and then caught himself. “Ain't single F cannon powder?” He asked. Axel winked and nodded, “Yup. That it is. But you'll be surprised at the difference.” On his way out the door, he turned, tipping his hat and said very distinctly, “Oh... and by the way... thank you in advance for yore help tomorrow on the posse. This'll be the only time you Deputy without pay. Next time you'll get a wage. Be ready just after sunlight so I can introduce you to the boys, proper.”

“Posse? What's a Posse?” shot back Noah, almost losing his pipe

with his demeanor.

“Why, consternation, son!!! A posse is a group of fellers that chases after bandits under the approval of the law! Everybody knows that!” Axel did not pause as he stepped out into the street, with Noah beginning to chase after him. “What Posse is this?! What do I have to do with it?” Noah blurted out as he emerged through the doorway, hot on Axel's heels as the latter crossed the street. At that point, the crashing noise and cloud of dust at the south end of The Turnpike broke the concentration of Noah Dobbs IV. The stage had arrived.

When the dust settled, Rufus McCorkindale had already jumped off the stage after wrapping the reins around the brake. This time though, he did not open the door for any of the passengers, but strode briskly down The Turnpike, poking through the mailbag. He did not ordinarily do that, but was prompted on this trip to do so at the behest of Banker McSweeney. Noah watched him from where he stood in the street as Rufus strode by. He touched his hat in greeting to Noah, who responded. Rufus did not slow his pace, but rather strode briskly past the Sheriff's office. Noah was surprised to see Rufus gasp as he evidently found something he was looking for. He quickened his pace, muttering to himself, “I thought so! Looked like that envelope was a mite too big for itself!”

Noah's curiosity was peaked, and he decided to head over to the bank and see what the fuss was about. He had not even returned from hanging his apron on a peg when he noticed the banker was stepping lively to one of the pillars that held up his porch. Under his arm was a small sign, and he hung it hurriedly on mountings that had obviously been put up earlier in anticipation of this event. When he stepped back, Noah realized what all the fuss was. Banker McSweeney was also Lawyer McSweeney, the envelope obviously being his license and credentials. He thumbed his vest on both sides with both hands as he surveyed the town after hanging the shingle.

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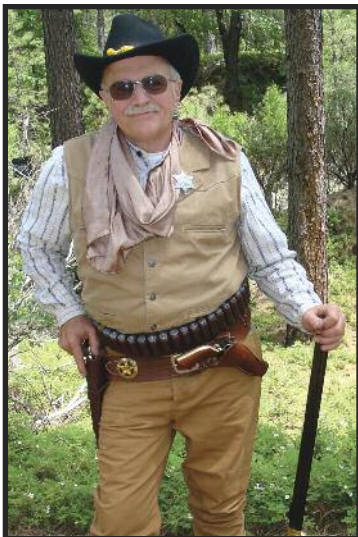
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## Reviews - Product

# CIMARRON Firearms

## .44-40 Thunderer Revolver



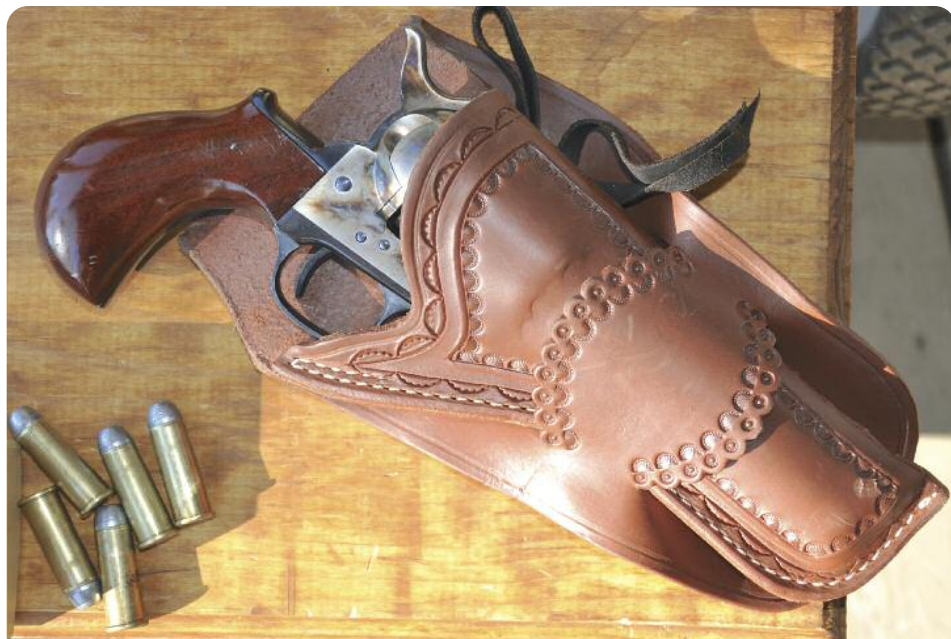
*By Tuolumne Lawman, SASS #6127*

Many people are guilty of thinking only in terms of single action Colt "Peacemakers" and Smith and Wesson No. 3 revolvers as being the primary handguns of the Old West. Well, that just isn't so, folks. Besides the plethora of percussion Colt and Remington single actions and their cartridge conversion cousins, smaller double action revolvers like the Colt 1877 .41 Thunderer and .38 Lightning abounded. Cimarron Firearms has introduced their Thunderer revolver for the current day Cowboy Action Shooter™ who might want the same grip and mystique of 1877 Colt double actions, but in single action to meet SASS® main match revolver requirements.

### 1877 Thunderer History

While God may have created all men and women equal in his eyes, he did not give everyone the same size hands! This was true in the heyday of the American West, as it is today. Folks who wanted a sidearm with some punch, but either had small hands or needed something concealable had limited choices in the 1860s and early 1870s. There were various percussion pocket pistols, though in a rather anemic .31 caliber. The .36 Navy revolvers of 1851 and 1861 had a grip favored by folks with smaller hands, but were still long. It was not uncommon to find 1851, 1860, and 1861 percussion and cartridge conversion revolvers with their barrels cut down to a handier size.

Then there was also the consideration of some people that double action revolvers were desirable for quick first shots. There were a number of successful double action percussion revolvers in the late 1850s to early 1870s. Adams, Tranter, and Starr were among the most common. These, once again, were large and not concealable or



*Thunderer's fit standard 1873 SAA holsters.*

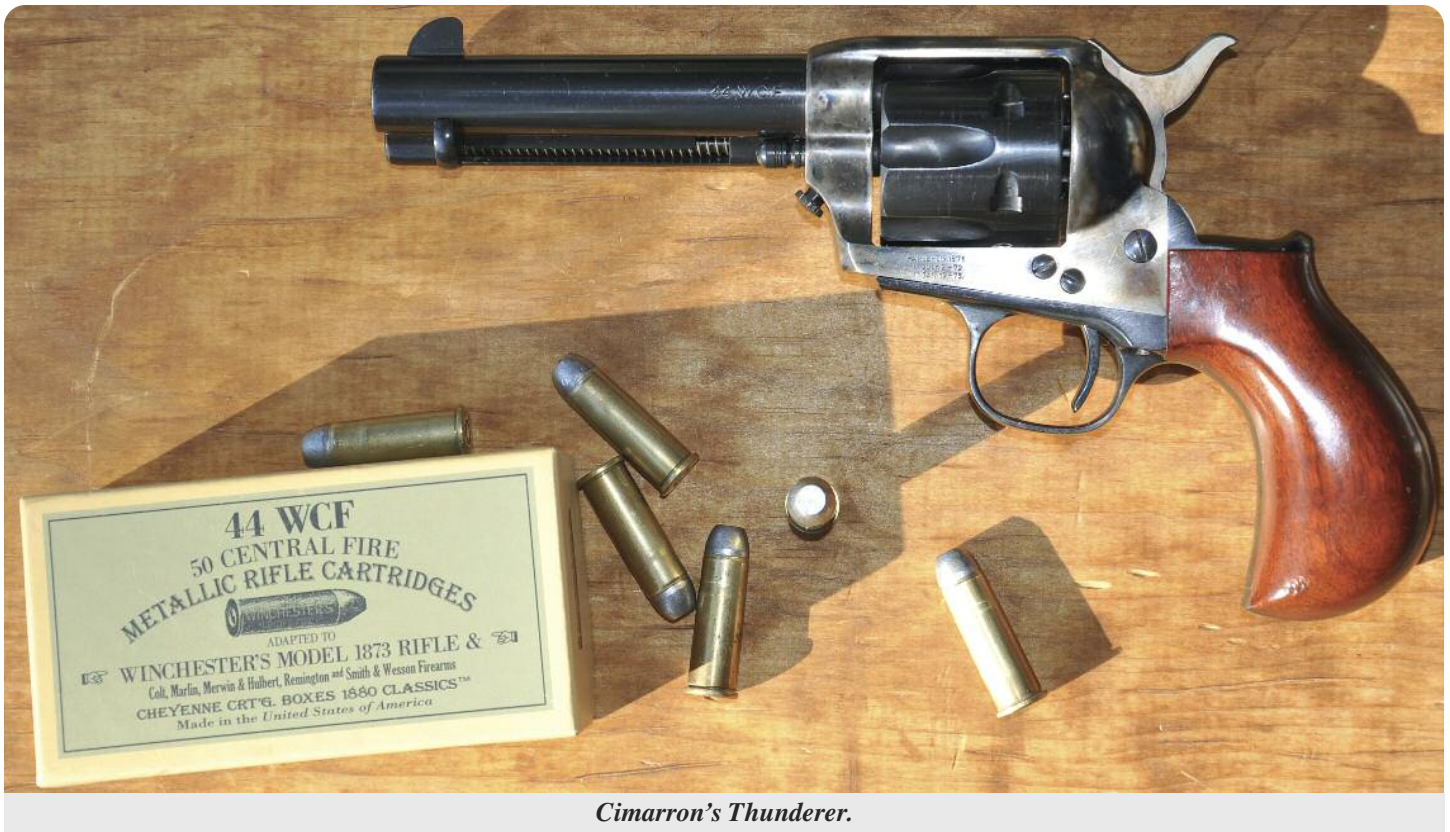
amenable to folks with smaller hands. I am sure there were efforts by frontier gunsmiths to cut some of them down also.

Colt came up with an answer to both issues. Something more powerful than a .41 derringer, yet concealable and double action for faster first shots. In 1877, they released their newly-designed double action revolver. It looked similar to a Single Action Army, though it was scaled down to about three-quarters the size. It employed a double action/single action ignition system, necessitating a disproportionately large trigger guard compared to the Single Action Army. The 1877 DA also had a smaller, "birds head" grip, with a raised bump on the back strap to assist in keeping your grip during double action firing and under recoil. Another difference was the 1877 DA locking lug engaged

the rear face of the cylinder, rather than the exterior like the larger Single Action Army.

Initially it was issued in the same .38 Colt center fire cartridge used by the 1851 and 1861 Navy cartridge conversions (subsequently dubbed .38 Long Colt to differentiate it from the .38 Short Colt used in later pocket class pistols). This used a healed bullet (rebated base in the case mouth and bullet the same diameter as the case, like modern .22 LR rounds) of .375- to .380-inch diameter. The bullet was around 130-150 grains and used 17 or 18 grains of black powder in an .88-inch long case. It achieves around 150 to 160 lbs. of muzzle energy, making it about the same as a light .38 special target load. While not a powerhouse, the cartridge had achieved popularity in the earlier cartridge conversions.

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*Cimarron's Thunderer.*

## Cimarron Firearms • .44-40 Thunderer Revolver . . .

The 1877 .38 Colt double action revolver was such a success, they subsequently issued the slightly larger 1877 DA in a new and more powerful caliber, the .41 Colt center fire. This originally used a 200-grain healed bullet of .408 diameter and about 22 grains of black powder in a case that was .93-inch in length. With a little over 200 lbs. of ME, this put the .41 Colt in almost the same class as the .44 Russian round's 246-grain bullet over 19-20 grains of black powder, that was used in the No. 3 Smith and Wesson.

The .38 Colt variation of the 1877 DA was dubbed the "Lightning" by Colt wholesalers, and not by the Colt factory. The more powerful .41 Colt was dubbed "Thunderer." The .38 Lightnings and .41 Thunderers came in two basic styles – short barreled (2½" to 4") with no ejector rod, and longer barrels like 4.75" and 5.5" with ejector rod assemblies like the Single Action Army. The smaller ones were considered "hide-out" guns, while the longer ones with ejectors were considered "belt models" and would generally be worn in a holster, just like a Single Action Army.

The Colt 1877 DA Thunderer and Lightning revolvers had one flaw, though. They were generally considered somewhat fragile due to their delicate double action lock work. When they worked, though, they worked well, and the Colt 1877 DA Thunderer and Lightning revolvers were a tremendous success. Many notable pistoleros of the time carried them – Jesse James, Tom Horn, John Wesley Hardin, Billy the Kid, Pat Garret, and John Selman, to name a few.

### Note about Ammunition for Original Thunderer and Lightning revolvers

In 1892, the .38 Colt switched to hollow based .357 diameter, inside lubed bullets in a slightly longer 1.02" case. This was in response to the US Army requiring an inside lubed .357 bullet for their model 1892 double action revolver, with its .357 bore. The

new ammunition would work in both the older .375-.380 bores of the cartridge conversions and 1877 Colts (expanding to engage the rifling of the larger bores), and still work in the new, smaller .357 bores of the newly issued 1892 Army guns.

Just prior to the turn of the century, Colt switched to a 1.13-inch-long case for .41 Colt, and switched it to a standard inside lubed bullet of .386 diameter. This had a deep hollow base that would obdurate (expand) to engage the .41 caliber bore. This allowed the use of grease grooves within the case, instead of the messy outside lube on healed bullets. This also simplified the manufacture of the .41 Colt ammunition.

### Cimarron's 44-40 Thunderer

Original Lightnings and Thunderers, while not terribly hard to find, are not suited to Cowboy Action Shooting™. Even discounting the fact that current SASS rules do not allow the use of double action revolvers, even in single action mode, there are other problems. First is the fragile double action mechanisms. Most shootists of the Nineteenth Century would not put as many rounds through their Thunderer or Lightning in a lifetime as we would in just several matches.

They were known as the "Gunsmith's Favorite" due to their fragile double action mechanisms. Nineteenth Century metallurgy is not what it is today. If they do break (as they probably would in the middle of a match with my luck), finding parts for them is almost impossible. Secondly, loading the healed .38 Colt and .41 Colt bullets is a very time consuming "pain in the you know what." Granted, you can use the longer brass and load hollow based bullets, but it is still difficult to do properly.

Mike "Texas Jack" Harvey, the founder and owner of Cimarron Firearms, came up with an answer. In 1990, Mike worked with Uberti to produce a single action only variation of the Thunderer chambered for the three most popular SASS calibers – .357/.38 special, .44-40,

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## Cimarron Firearms • .44-40 Thunderer Revolver . . .

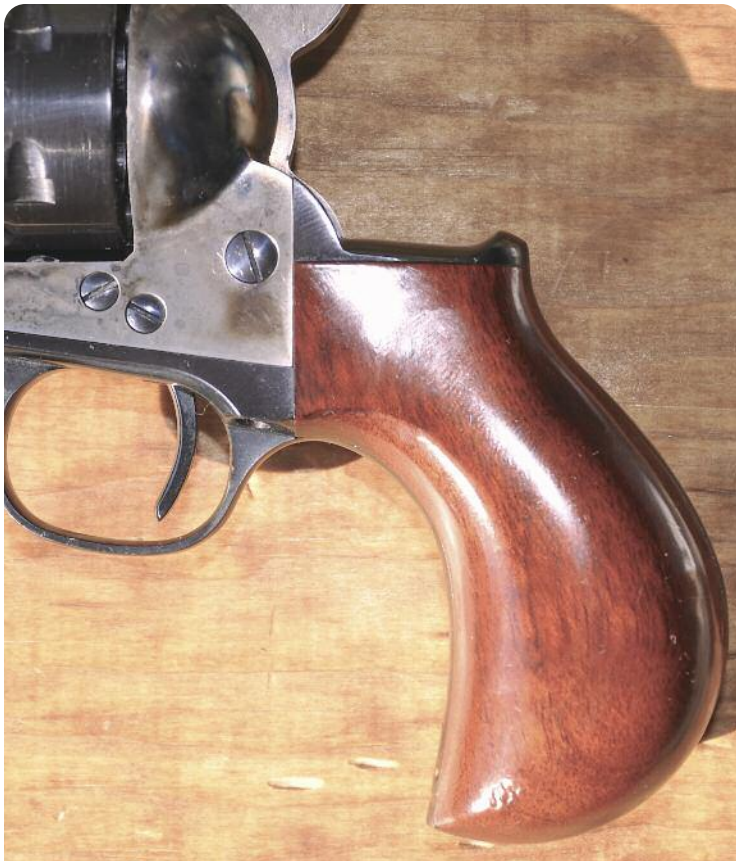
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and .45 Colt. While still using the standard Single Action Army frame size, they mated the same grip frame and birds head grip of the original 1877 Colt Thunderer and Lightning. The Cimarron Thunderer is available in 3.5", 4.75", and 5.5" barrel lengths. The Thunderer is made solely for Cimarron by Uberti, in Italy.

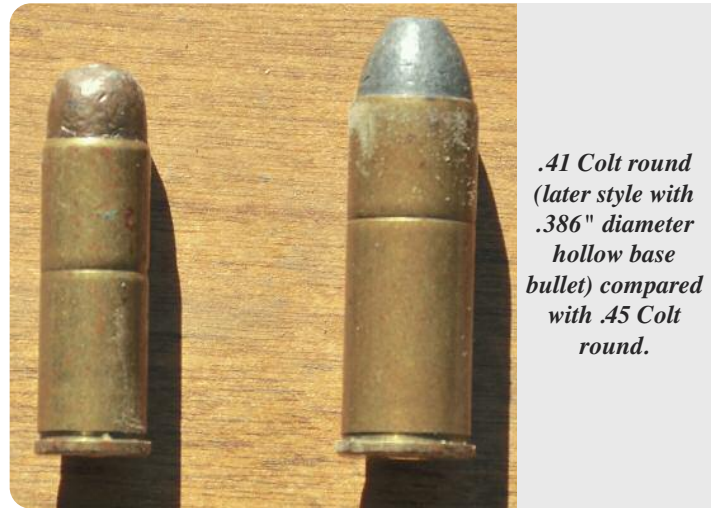
I obtained a 4.75" barreled Cimarron Thunderer in .44-40 to pair with my Uberti 1866 Sporting Rifle. The barrel is identical with a standard SAA barrel, to include the ejector rod assembly and front sight. It is gorgeous! The barrel and back strap have a really nice polished blue-black finish. The barrel is marked ".44 WCF." The action on my sample is tight and correctly timed and the trigger pull is very light at 2.5 lbs!

The Thunderer has a pre-1900 "black powder" style frame, the cylinder base pin being retained by a screw in the front, rather than the spring loaded transverse retainer of the post 1900 model Colts. My sample uses a knurled headed screw rather than a slotted one like the originals. This facilitates take down without a screwdriver. The hammer and receiver are color case hardened. The hammer of my sample does not have the small screw activated "safety" lever that is common on some imported single actions.

The Cimarron Thunderer comes with the walnut "birds head" Thunderer grip, with the hump (or some call it a "knuckle") at the top of the back strap, just like original Colt Thunderers. The wood to metal fit of the grip is flawless. With this grip, the heft seemed about just right, with maybe a hint of muzzle heaviness with the 4.75" barrel. This helps with felt recoil. It tips the postal scales at 36 ounces. That would be just about right for most Cowboy Action Shooting™



*Unique Colt Thunderer style bird's head grip.*



*.41 Colt round (later style with .386" diameter hollow base bullet) compared with .45 Colt round.*

loads. Any lighter and I think it would have too much bite.

The grip is comfortable, but seems slightly smaller in my hand than a standard SAA grip. However, it is not too small for my fairly large hands. The Thunderer's bird's head grip is larger than the similar bird's head grip on the Cimarron Lightning single actions. The bump on the back-strap of the Thunderer, above the web between the thumb and trigger finger on your hand, helps to control the roll back during recoil common with the Single Action Armies.

### How it Shoots

All shooting was done off-hand using a traditional two-hand hold at ranges of 10 to 15 yards. I used both Black Hills factory .44-40 ammunition and my own hand loads for the test. I like stout loads for CAS. My hand load is a Missouri Bullet Company .428 diameter, 200-grain RNFP over either 7.0 grains of Trail Boss or the same charge (7.0 grains) of Unique with a Winchester Large Pistol primer. Both handholds feel about the same in felt recoil, and have the same relationship of POA and POI, and match closely the POI of Black Hills factory ammo.

The Black Hill .44-40 loads were outstanding. At ten yards on paper targets, I had one five shot group that was just over one inch. Using a 6:00 o'clock hold, bouncing pop cans on the hillside, I would average four out of five at 10 to 15 yards. On paper, the hand loads duplicate the Black Hills loading almost exactly. However, I did find I was slightly better bouncing pop cans with the Black Hills load.

### Conclusion

I think the Cimarron Thunderer is an absolute winner! Not just for shooters with smaller hands, but even for Cowpokes like me with big hands. Every time I shoot it at a match, it gets admiring stares and comments. For style points, it rates close to the top. After all, a Thunderer in .41 Colt was the favorite of William Bonney (Billy the Kid), and it is also a favorite of mine. It just feels great in the hand. Even with my warm Trail Boss loads, the Cimarron Thunderer is quicker on the second shot because of its unique backstrap.

A full line of correct leather for the Thunderer is available from Cimarron's subsidiary, Texas Jack's. As a rule, though, any holster designed for an 1873 Single Action Army should work.

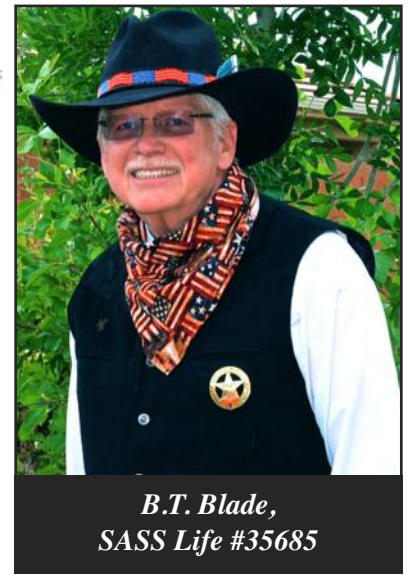
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# Articles

## END of TRAIL Through My Lens One Photographer's Perspective

By B.T. Blade, SASS Life #35685



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The ten-hour drive from southern Utah was uneventful. After several fuel and “rest” stops, Lucky Wheeler and I arrived at Founders Ranch with daylight to spare. It was Wednesday June 14, 2017, three days before the Wild Bunch World Championships and more than a week until the Cowboy World Championship match would begin. Even so, I had work to do. One last gear check—two camera bodies, three lenses, two flash units, and ten SD memory cards. “Ten memory cards?” you ask. It’s no different than preparing for a Main Match... take more “ammo” than you think you’ll need! I was all set.

As I walked through town early the next morning I did my own form of “shadow shooting,” checking out positions for photo composition in the bays, noting the position the sun would be traveling, and more. You’ve all seen pictures of shooters with brass and 12 gauge hulls flying through the air. The action shots of shooters transitioning with the grace of a well-executed double play.

Those Frontier Cartridge pard and parettes who can ring steel through clouds of dense smoke. I needed to capture all that – but also tell the END of TRAIL story a bit differently.

Over the next 12 days my goal was to photograph END of TRAIL from the eye of the competitor as well as the spectator. I needed to shoot this match “clean” with a pair of digital Nikons instead of my Ruger Vaqueros. Looking through a lens has always given me the opportunity to see things one normally misses in everyday life. It was now time to do that at Founders Ranch.

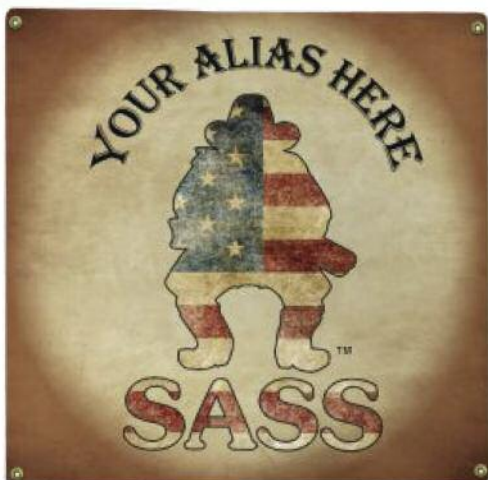
I shot thousands of pictures at END of TRAIL this year. Most show the shooting; the smoke, and of course the awards. I’m sure you’ve seen some of them by now and I hope you’ve enjoyed them! Now join me and take a look at END of TRAIL a bit differently.

If you were there this year I know you had a great time. If not, I invite you to come out and see what you’ve been missing. Who knows... maybe we’ll have the opportunity to meet and I’ll get to “shoot” you! 🤠



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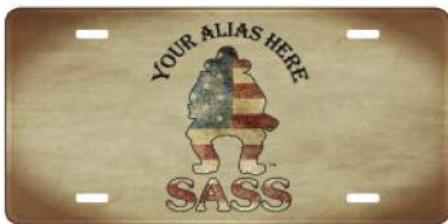
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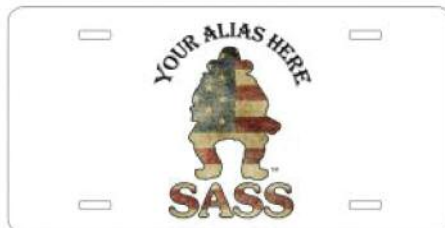


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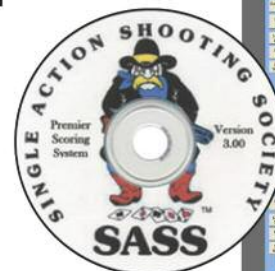
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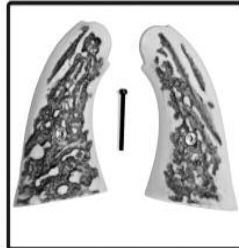
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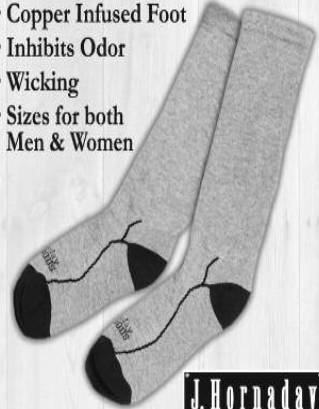
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<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>					
Majura Rangers	Majura	1st Sat		Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
<b>New South Wales</b>					
Cowboy Action Shooters of Australia	Teralba	3rd Sun	041218-474179	Lonesome Dove Runs With Wolves	Newtec Pistol Club
<b>Queensland</b>					
Gold Coast Gamblers	Gold Coast	1st & 3rd Sat	0413 440 600	Dug Deeper	N/A
Single Action Shooting Australia Inc.	Millmerran	As Scheduled	+617 4695 2050	Virgil Earp	Western Creek
<b>Victoria</b>					
Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun	03 974 78280	Tony Diablo	Eagle Park Range
Westgate Marauders	Fishermans Bend	2nd Sun	61 39 369 5939	Stampede Pete	Melbourne International Shooting Club
<b>AUSTRIA</b>					
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	Vienna	Saturday	43 664 490 8032	Fra Diabolo	Jagd und Sportschutzen Club Steinbrunn
<b>CANADA</b>					
<b>Alberta</b>					
Spruce Grove Gun Fighters	Spruce Grove	Saturday	780-458-5361	Sunwapta Haze	Spruce Grove Gun Club
<b>British Columbia</b>					
Kamloops Target Sports Cowboys	Kamloops	As Scheduled	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Palmer's Gulch Cowboys	Kamloops	3rd Sun	250-579-5819	Turkey Will	Heffley Creek Gun Club
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun	604-820-1564	Preacher Flynn T. Locke	Mission Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	3rd Sat	250-334-3479	High Country Amigo	Courtenay Fish and Game Protective Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Malahat	2nd Sun	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association
<b>New Brunswick</b>					
Beau Bassin Range Riders	Saint-Andre LeBlanc	2nd Sat	506-312-0455	Frenchy Cannuck	Cap Pelé Gun Club
<b>Nova Scotia</b>					
Nova Scotia Cowboy Action Shooting Club	Camden	3rd Sun (weather permitting)	902-890-2310	Wounded Belly	Nova Scotia Muzzle Loading Association
<b>Ontario</b>					
Bar E Ranch	Barrie	2nd & 4th Sat	705-434-7065	Northern Crow	Barrie Gun Club
Butler's Rangers	Thorald	1st Sat & 2nd Sun	905-374-3328	Grey Owl	Decew Gun Club
Fort Burlington Bushwackers	Burlington	3rd Sun (October-April)	905-647-2281	Chuckwagon Chad	Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club
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Ottawa Valley Marauders	Cheney	As Scheduled	514-792-0063	Highwall Drifter	Eastern Ontario Handgun Club
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Wild Turkey Posse	Prescott	As Scheduled	819-453-7816	Rooster Corrigan	Greenville Fish and Game Club
<b>Quebec</b>					
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Granby Gang	Granby	As Scheduled	450-344-0077	Filthy Phil	Centre de tir Granby Multisport Centre
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<b>Saskatchewan</b>					
Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Scheduled	306-749-2822	Granny One Shot	Saskatoon Muzzle Loader Club (SMLC)
<b>DENMARK</b>					
Association of Slesvigske Blackpowder Shooters	Tonder	As Scheduled	+4560201365	Captain Wildbeard	Tonder Shooting Range
Danish Black Powder Federation	Copenhagen	As Scheduled	45 20 655 887	Slim Dane	Copenhagen Shooting Center
<b>FINLAND</b>					
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Green Hills Cowboys	Athis De L'Orne	As Scheduled	330233657690	Vallombreuse	N/A
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Societe de Tir Bedoin Ventoux (Windy Mountain Vigilantes)	Bedoin	2nd Sun	0609244403	Sheriff Ch. Southpaw	N/A
<b>GERMANY</b>					
CAS Europe	Heerd	Wed	28235807	Hurricane Irmi	TR-Dusseldorf
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Sat	4916097652588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
SASS Germany	Wegberg	Wed	49 28 235 807	Rhine River Joe	Caritzi Springs
<b>ITALY</b>					
Association Federal Old West	Civitella Val Chiana	As Scheduled	3663232538	Jonn Skally White	Devil's Club
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>					
Dutch Western Shooting Association	Oss, Noord Brabant	As Scheduled	31 619 430 223	Dutch Bear	N/A
SASS Netherlands	Leeuwarden	As Scheduled	31 619 430 223	Dutch Bear	N/A
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>					
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<b>SWEDEN</b>					
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<b>SWITZERLAND</b>					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Unterlunkhofen	As Scheduled	05616342278	Palouse Creek Hondo	N/A
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<b>USA</b>					
<b>AK</b>					
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<b>CO</b>					
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
Castle Peak Wildshots	Gypsum	2nd Wkd	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Gypsum Shooting Sports Park
Castle Peak Wildshots Wild Bunch	Gypsum	1st Sat	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
Colorado Cowboys	Lake George	1st Sat	719-491-4524	Scary Indian Dude	M Lazy C Ranch
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	Nunn	3rd Sun	970-667-0734	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pueblo West Vigilantes	Pueblo West	2nd Sat	719-545-9463	Grizz Bear	Pueblo West Sportsmen's Assoc.
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 Sat & Sun	970-464-7118	Pinto Being	William Jarvis Shooting Complex
Thunder Mountain Shootists Wild Bunch	Whitewater	2nd Sat	970-260-5432	Colorado Blackjack	William Jarvis Shooting Complex
Windygap Regulators	Cortez	1st Sun	970-739-9705	Stumble Leena	Windygap Regulators
<b>CT</b>					
CT Valley Bushwackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-508-2686	Milo Sierra	Manchester Sportsman Association
Ledyard Sidewinders	Ledyard	1st Sat	860-536-0887	Yosemite Gene	Ledyard Sportsman's Club
<b>DE</b>					
Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-670-9990	Vaquero Dan	Bridgeville Rifle Club
<b>FL</b>					
Antelope Junction Rangers	Clearwater	Fri nite & 2nd Sat	727-742-2434	Horrace E. Rider	Wyoming Antelope Club
Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	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
Five County Regulators	Punta Gorda	4th Sun	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Shooting Range
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-222-4214	Confederate Colt	Fort White Gun Club
Ghost Town Gunslingers	St. Augustine	1st Sat	904-808-8559	Copenhagen	Ancient City Shooting Range
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol & Rifle Range
Hernando County Regulators	Brooksville	1st Sun	517-622-4372	Shoulda Dun Gun	Hernando Sportsman's Club
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	352-208-2788	Arcadia Outlaw	Eustis Gun Club
Lake County Pistoleros (Wild Bunch)	Tavares	As Scheduled	352-208-2788	Arcadia Outlaw	Eustis Gun Club
Miakka Misfits	Myakka City	1st Sun	941-758-9454 Ext.106	Crossfire Brown	Manatee County Gun & Archery Club
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	3rd Sat	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral 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	Gulf Rifle Club
Panhandle Cowboys	Cantonment	2nd Sun	850-932-3955	Jeb Stuart Foley	Escambia River Gun Club
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	3rd Wkd	850-459-5472	Cassalong Hopidy	Talon Training Group
Roughshod Raiders	Gainesville	4th Sun	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range, Inc.
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Shooting Range
Tater Hill Gunfighters	Arcadia	2nd Sun	863-990-7822	Arcadia Ranger	Desoto Gun Club
Wewahatchee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	1st Sat	407-847-7285	Cypress Sam	Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club
<b>GA</b>					
Cherokee Cowboys	Gainesville	4th Sat	706-654-8109	Krazy Kajun	Cherokee Gun Club
Doc Holiday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	678-230-0316	Captain Bill Burt	Griffin Gun Club
Georgia Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	770-540-7612	Rolan Kraps	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
Lonesome Valley Regulators	Junction City	1st Sun	478-922-9384	Wishbone Hooper	Lonesome Valley Regulators
River Bend Rough Riders	Dawsonville	1st Sat	770-893-7745	Done Gone	River Bend Gun Club
South River Shootists	Covington	3rd Sat	404-405-8266	Fast Eddie	South River Gun Club
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	423-593-3767	Double Barrel	Mystery Dog Ranch
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	1st Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.
<b>HI</b>					
Maui Marshals	Lahaina	1st & 3rd Sat	808-280-1061	Darnin' Daisy	Valley Isle Sport Shooters Club
<b>IA</b>					
Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun	515-537-3633	Marshal Kane	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
<b>ID</b>					
Border Marauders	East Port	3rd Wkd	208-920-9068	Mud Marine	Kootenai Valley Rifle & Pistol Range
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
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun, 3rd Wed, 4th Sun	208-322-3351	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod & Gun Club
The Vaqueros	Pocatello	3rd Sat	208-237-7521	Varmint Hunter	Gate City Sport Shooting Association
<b>IL</b>					
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	3rd Sun	815-254-1062	Toronado	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
Illinois River City Regulators	Chillicothe	2nd Sun	309-243-7236	Granville Stuart	Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-340-8288	Shamrock Sis	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-571-2132	Phiren Smoke	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kaskaskia Cowboys Wild Bunch	Sparta	As Scheduled	618-632-0712	Boben Weev	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-751-3716	Snakes Morgan	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-4562	Rusty Banker	Lakewood Flying Duck Sporting Clays
Marion County Renegades	Sandoval	4th Sat	618-267-6952	Shell Stuffer	Centralia Trap Club
Marion County Renegades Wild Bunch	Sandoval	2nd Sun	618-267-6952	Shell Stuffer	Centralia Trap Club
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-379-4331	Marshall R. D.	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Rangeless Riders	Bunker Hill	1st Sat	618-210-2586	Jean Duke	Brittany Shooting Park Ltd.
Shady Creek Shootists	Little York	1st & 4th Sun	309-734-2324	Dapper Dan Porter	High Point Gun Club Inc.
The Long Nine	Loami	4th & 5th Sun	217-971-6107	Billy The Avenger	Lefthanders Gun Club
Tri County Cowboys	Polo	2nd Sat	779-207-5973	Msgt. SH Long	Tri County Gun Club
Vermilion River Long Riders	Leonore	2nd Sun	815-875-3674	Lead Poison Lar	Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
<b>IN</b>					
Atlanta Cattle Company	Atlanta	2nd Sat	765-215-8758	Hutch	Atlanta Conservation Club
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club
Deer Creek Regulators	Jonesboro	4th Sun	765-506-0344	Doc Molar	Deer Creek Conservation Club, Inc.
Paradise Pass Regulators	Etna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	C. C. Top	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	3rd Sat	317-373-0362	Rattlesnake John	Pine Ridge Ranch
Pine Ridge Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Carbon	1st Wkd	317-373-0362	Rattlesnake John	DBA Proteq

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Pleasant Valley Renegades	Canaan	2nd Sat	812-839-3052	Nomore Slim	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	As Scheduled	219-221-0868	Voodooman	Michigan City Rifle Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	Cheif Wa-Ke-De Range
<b>KS</b>					
Free State Rangers	Parker	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	913-904-8733	Buffalo Phil	N/A
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Chisholm Trail Rowdies	Benton	4th Sun	316-491-3249	Monco	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Millbrook Wranglers	Hill City	2nd Sun	785-421-2537	Grandpa Buckten Millbrook	Mill Brook Station Shooting Range
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 Scheduled	913-568-1849	Fire Boss	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Sandhill Regulators	Hutchinson	3rd Sat	620-664-7003	Merimac Menace	Central Kansas Gun Club, Inc.
<b>KY</b>					
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	2nd Sat	270-792-9001	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 Slingers	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-631-4613	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Ohio River Rangers	Paducah	3rd Sat	270-554-1501	George Rogers	Jackson Purchase Rifle and Pistol Club
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Copperhead Joe	N/A
<b>LA</b>					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	985-789-0744	Soiled Dove	Florida Parsh Skeet and Gun Assoc.
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	337-274-3625	Hellbender	South Lake Charles Gun Club
<b>MA</b>					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Scheduled	781-254-8041	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Scheduled	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
<b>MD</b>					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Damascus	4th Sat	301-717-9672	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 and Sportsman Club
<b>ME</b>					
Beaver Creek Desperados	Berwick	As Scheduled	207-324-3117	Rhino Jacks	Sanford-Springvale Fish and Game
Big Pine Bounty Hunters	Willmantic	As Scheduled	207-876-4928	Ripley Scrounger	Big Pine Gun Club Inc
<b>MI</b>					
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
Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Wranglers	Attica	Sun As Scheduled	810-938-4412	Horse Whisperer George Metis	Lapeer Wayne Sportsmen's Club
Mason County Marshals	Scottville	4th Sat	231-343-2580	Two Gun Troll	Fin & Feathers Club of Mason County
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	269-684-1782	Paul Puma	Bend of the 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 Scheduled	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field & Stream Club	Saginaw	As Scheduled	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field & Stream 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 Scheduled	248-528-0440	R.J. Law	Blue Water Sportsman's Association
<b>MN</b>					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-701-9719	D M Yankee	Cedar Valley Vigilantes
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	2nd Sun	507-840-0883	Mule Town Jack	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	1st & 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 & Pistol Club
<b>MO</b>					
Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	2nd Wkd	417-501-1886	Alice K. Grierson	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	2nd Wkd	417-501-1886	Alice K. Grierson	Liberty Range
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	573-486-2259	Irish Jack Daniels	Central Ozarks Pratical Shooters Range
Gateway Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Gateway Shootist Society Wild Bunch	Barnhart	1st Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Liberty Land and Cattle Company	Walnut Shade	3rd Fri & Sat	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
Shoal Creek Shootists	Joplin	3rd Sat	417-434-8169	Two Knives Tom	Shoal Creek Shootist Range
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	573-374-8491	Flossie	Outlaw Range
The Ozark Posse	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	N/A
<b>MS</b>					
Gulf Coast Gunslingers	Lumberton	1st & 3rd Sun	504-722-8988	Cooper York	Lamar County Shooting Range
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	4th & 5th Sat & 3rd Sun	662-851-4153	Taska Jim	Rabbit Ridge Ranch
Natchez Sixgunners	Roxie	1st Sat	601-807-1513	Silky	N/A
<b>MT</b>					
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Sat/Sun & 4th Sat	406-590-7192	Picture Takn' Gal	N/A
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton	1st Sat	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittec Rifle & Pistol Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-727-7625	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Custer County Stranglers	Miles City	3rd Sat	406-232-0727	Hartshot	Custer Rod & Gun Club
Gallatin Valley Regulators	Logan	2nd Sat	406-388-2902	El Hombre de Montana	Manhattan Wildlife Association
Honorable Road Agents Shooting Society	Ennis	1st Sat	406-640-1184	Rough Rider 45	Bloated Carcass
Last Chance Handgunners	Basin	3rd Sat	TBA	TBA	Hi Ore Sportsman's Range
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	4th Sat	406-254-9414	Lascivious Latigo	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Wkd	406-847-0745	Jocko	Noxon Rod and Gun Club
<b>NC</b>					
Buccaneer Range Regulators	Winnabow	2nd Sat	910-330-7179	Jefro	Buccaneer Gun Club
Carolina Cattleman's Shooting and Social Society	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Carolina Cattleman's Shooting and Social Society Wild Bunch	Creedmoore	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	919-830-8054	Gunrunner Joe	Wagram Sportsmen's Association
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	Every Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Scheduled	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.

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Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association
<b>ND</b>					
Badlands Bandits	Belfield	2nd Sun	701-260-0347	Roughrider Ray	Belfield Sportsmens Club
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Scheduled	701-471-2334	Blake Stone	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-793-4116	Wild River Rose	Sheyenne Valley Peacemakers Range
Trestle Valley Rangers	Minot	2nd Sat	701-852-1697	Doc Hell	Minot Rifle and Pistol
<b>NE</b>					
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	2nd Sun	712-323-8996	Flint Valdez	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	As Scheduled	402-276-1391	Scruffy Skippy	Columbus Rifle Club
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	308-380-4682	Stirrup Trouble	Hearland Public Shooting Park
<b>NH</b>					
North-East Western Shooter, LLC	Pelham	As Scheduled	603-772-5041	Miss Delaney Belle	Pelham Fish and Game
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Scheduled	603-703-1355	Crystal Creek Chris	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	Sun As Scheduled	603-957-0377	Dead Head	Kinnicum Fish & Game
<b>NJ</b>					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	908-872-7459	Dancin Angel	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Monmouth County Rangers	Monmouth	2nd Sun	732-803-2430	Utah Tom	Monmouth County Rifle & Pistol Club
Quinton Mavericks	Quinton	2nd Sun	856-625-8647	Josh Durham	Delaware Blues Rifle and Pistol Club
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	3rd Sun	973-219-9585	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
<b>NM</b>					
Angels and Outlaws	Clovis	2nd Sat	575-799-9154	Shadrac Northcutt	Patriot Outdoors Club
Bighorn Vigilantes	Edgewood	1st Sat	505-286-0830	German George	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-323-8487	Garrison Joe	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	Edgewood	3rd Sat	505-886-4049	James Earl Dalton	Founders Ranch
Chisum Cowboy Gun Club	Roswell	1st Sun	575-626-9201	Two Bit Tammy	High Lonesome
Chisum Cowboy Gun Club Wild Bunch	Roswell	1st Sat	575-626-9201	Two Bit Tammy	High Lonesome
Del Norte Diablos	Rio Rancho	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
High Desert Drifters	Edgewood	2nd Sat	505-550-9230	Jim Miller	Founders Ranch
Lincoln County Regulators	Ruidoso	2nd Sat	575-937-5499	Gunsmoke Cowboy	Ruidoso Gun Club
Los Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Edgewood	4th Sat	505-563-0545	J. Frank Norfleet	Founders Ranch
Monument Springs Bushwhackers	Hobbs	4th Sat	575-942-8445	Curly Bill Jones	Hobbs Gun Club
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Picacho Posse (Wild Bunch)	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	2nd Wed, 3rd & 4th Sat, 5th Sun	505-670-6347	Rooster B.	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades (Wild Bunch)	Albuquerque	3rd Sun	505-263-1181	Mica McGuire	Clark County Shooting Range
Ro Vaqueros	Truth or Consequences	3rd Sun	575-744-5411	Dusty Star	Adobe Hills Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	4th Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation
Tres Rios Bandidos Wild Bunch	Farmington	2nd Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation Shooting Range
<b>NV</b>					
Desert Desperados	Las Vegas	3rd Sun	702-419-7024	Nasty Nels Creeker	Desert Sportsman Rifle Club
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Wkd	702-328-4867	Jasper Agate	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
High Plains Drifters	Fernley	1st Sun	775-530-3935	MT Fargo	Fernley Hills Shooting Range
Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Las Vegas	2nd Wkd	702-460-6393	Jasper Agate	Clark County Shooting Range
Roop County Cowboy Shooters Assoc.	Fernley	2nd Sun	775-849-7679	Tahoe Bill	Reno Fernley Tahoe Speedway
Silver State Shootists	Carson City	3rd Sun	775-586-9178	Tahoe Bill	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
<b>NY</b>					
Alabama Gunslingers	Alabama	1st Sat	716-693-3237	Nickel City Dude	Alabama Hunt Club
Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	315-247-7244	Badlands Buck	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	845-782-0760	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-588-0312	Smokehouse Dan	Kayaderosseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders (Wild Bunch)	Ballston Spa	As Scheduled	518-584-9869	Roy Cassidy	Kayaderosseras 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 Hostettler	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	604-760-5746	Dusty Drifter	Tioga County Sportsman's Association
<b>OH</b>					
Auglaize Rough Riders	Defiance	3rd Sun	419-258-6483	Bear River Smith	Auglaize Village Muzzle Loaders
Big Iron Rangers	Middletown	2nd Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsman's Club
Blackhand Raiders	Nashport	2nd Sun	740-964-0476	Olde Mill Bill	Dillon Sportsman Center
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-863-1139	Sandy Creek Jake	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-563-6034	Stagecoach Hannah	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	419-651-4312	Lefty Lobo Lee	Rochester Rod Range
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun (Mar-Nov)	937-418-7816	Buckshot Jones	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-599-0721	Slow Movin Ron	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	734-755-7013	P K Paladin	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Pikeon	3rd & 5th Sun	740-412-0625	Col Caleb Boone	Arkoe Gulch-Arkoe Outdoors, LLC
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	330-719-5078	Shenango Joe	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
Stonelick Regulators	Batavia	As Scheduled	513-307-7705	Lindy Longshot	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Stonelick Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Milford	As Scheduled	513-891-3420	Longshot Ace	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-932-7630	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club, Inc.
Wild Wild West Point Cowboy Action Shooting	Lisbon	2nd Sun (Apr-Nov)	330-386-6975	Blue Eyed Bob	West Point Rod & Gun Club
Wilmington Rough Riders	Wilmington	3rd Sat	740-626-7667	Paragon Pete	Clinton County Farmers and Sportsmen's Assoc.
<b>OK</b>					
Cherokee Strip Shootists	Stillwater	1st Sat	405-641-3796	Numa	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	1st & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals Wild Bunch	Arcadia	2nd Sun	405-694-5270	Hondo Tweed	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Rattlesnake Mountain Rangers	Checotah	1st & 4th Sat	918-908-0016	Black River Jack	N/A
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Wkd	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 Capital Rod & Gun Club
Tulsey Town Cattlemens Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club
<b>OR</b>					
Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st & 3rd Sun	541-848-2819	Cactus John	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association

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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	541-218-3137	Long Henry Thompson	Josephine County Sportsman's Association
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod & Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers Wild Bunch	Redmond	4th Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-619-7381	Tuffy Tumbleweed	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Millican	2nd & 4th Sun	541-350-3339	Stargazer Sal	COSSA
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	Eagle Point	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-944-2281	Jed I. Knight	Jackson County Sports Park
Umpqua Regulators	Roseburg	4th Sun	541-430-1021	Oregon Gustaf	Roseburg Rod and Gun Club
<b>PA</b>					
Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-234-2893	Duncan Disorderly	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-695-7064	Colorado Smith	Hollidaysburg Sportman Club
Delaware Drifters	Muncy	As Sch	570-506-0658	Fort Benning John	Keystone Sportsmen Association
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	Muncy Valley
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	610-939-9947	Trusty Sidekick	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
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
Mainville Marauders	Mainville	2nd Sun	570-690-3932	Dodge Bill	Mainville Sportsman's Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Ickesburg	1st Sat	717-606-5652	Slim Chance Pistolero	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Assoc.
River Junction Shootist Society	Acme	3rd Sat	724-593-6602	Mattie Hays	Indian Creek Sportman's Club
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sat	610-913-1992	Biloxi Bob	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club
Westshore Posse	Lewisberry	2nd Sun	410-984-2249	Hud McCoy	West Shore Sportsmens Assoc.
<b>RI</b>					
Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	3rd Sun	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pine Tree Gun Club
<b>SC</b>					
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
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-414-5578	Cowboy Junky	Greenville 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
<b>SD</b>					
Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	605-342-8946	Hawkbill Smith	Pringle Shooting Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	2nd Sun	605-881-7929	J. D. Henry	Cottonwood Cowboy Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulkton	4th Sun	605-252-8403	O'Town Kid	Faulk County Trap Club
<b>TN</b>					
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A
Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st Sat	423-360-7494	Shamrock Paddy	N/A
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Memphis Gunslingers Wild Bunch	Lakeland	3rd Sat	901-867-8277	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-476-5303	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-314-0321	Keystone	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Wartrace	3rd Sat	931-723-7896	Papa Dave	N/A
<b>TX</b>					
Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	3rd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-668-1473	Lil Magill	Abilene Gun Club
Canadian River Regulators	Clarendon	2nd, 3rd & 5th Sat	816-335-9915	Hipshot Percussion	Bar H Dude Ranch
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-0860	Tumbleweed Dan	Tumbleweed Ranch
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	Cleburne	4th Wkd	817-980-7206	Shady McLarry	Ormsby Ranch
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Darby Rough Regulators	West Point	2nd & 5th Sat	979-561-6202	Cherokee Granny	Van Wart Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	254-449-0082	Reckon	Joma Enterprises LLC
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	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	903-720-7270	Bent Barrell Betty	Old Fort Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Sat	512-626-8189	Dragon Hill Dave	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 & 3rd Sat	210-310-9090	Bexar Bill Brocius	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-275-5424	Barb Steele	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	979-479-4380	Catfish Doyle	Brune Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-386-0039	Hoss	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Sat & Sun	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Top Gun Texas
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Amarillo	1st Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Tumbleweed Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	830-634-3414	Crazy Clyde	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Texican Rangers (Wild Bunch)	Comfort	5th Sat As Scheduled	830-634-3414	Crazy Clyde	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	1st & 4th Sat	979-549-5752	Blackpowder Burn	N/A
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Wknd	979-696-1300	Def Willie	Thomason Ranch
<b>UT</b>					
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-820-0076	Ruby Jane Cassidy	North Spring Shooting 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/Senior Games	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Red Rock
Hobble Creek Wranglers	Springville	2nd Sat	801-787-5208	Stoneface Daguerean	Kirk Kilpack Shooting Range
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	2nd Sat	435-979-4665	Copper Queen	Mesa Marauders Gun Club
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	435-840-5193	Rusty Razor	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd & 5th Sat	801-518-3374	Jubal O. Sackett	WASR "Big Salty"
Wahsatch Desperados	Kaysville	4th Sat	801-940-9742	Sly Steadyhand	Wahsatch Shooters Association
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	WASR "Big Salty"
Wasatch Summit Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Salt Lake City	5th Sat	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
<b>VA</b>					
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-890-6375	Rowe-A-Noc	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-339-8442	Striker	Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club
KC's Corral Cowboy Shooting Association	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
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	King George	4th Sun	540-775-7417	Justice Deadly	Northern Virginia Gun Club

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Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club Rivanna Ranger Company Virginia City Marshals	Waverly Charlottesville Fairfax	1st & 2nd Sat 2nd Sat 1st Tues	757-471-3396 434-286-6949 703-801-3507	Missouri Marshal Dunderberg Drifter Humphrey Hook	Sussex Shooting Sports Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club NRA Headquarters Range
<b>VT</b> Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	St. Johnsbury	As Scheduled	802-223-7746	Buckskin Ranger	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
<b>WA</b> Apple Valley Marshals Beazley Gulch Rangers Black River Regulators Mima Marauders Northeast Washington Regulators Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters Panhandle Regulators Pataha Rustlers Poulsbo Pistoleros Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters Smokey Point Desperados Windy Plains Drifters Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers Yakima Black Rock Bunch	East Wenatchee Quincy Rochester Olympia Colville Port Townsend Otis Orchards Dayton Poulsbo Benton City Renton Arlington Medical Lake Ariel Moxee	3rd Sat Last Sun 4th Sat 2nd Sat 1st Wkd 3rd Sat 1st & 3rd Sun 2nd Sat 4th Sun 4th Sat 1st Wkd 2nd Sun Sat & Sun 2nd & 4th Wkd 3rd Sat (Mar-Sept) 2nd Sat	509-884-3827 509-787-1782 360-786-0199 360-352-1393 509-684-2325 360-461-6927 509-991-5842 509-520-2789 360-830-0100 509-628-0889 425-432-3534 425-335-5176 509-953-1113 503-703-2313 509-576-0866	First Chance An E. Di Short Schatz Diablo Dalton A. T. McGee Jose Cuervo Halfcocked Otis Pinto Annie Sourdough George Ricochet Robbie Cedar County Sheriff Mudflat Mike Svenska Annie Stumptown Kid Hondo Red	North Central Washington Gun Club Quincy American Legion Gun Club Capital City Rifle & Pistol Club Evergreen Sportsman Club Ricochet Junction Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association Otis Hills Patit Range Poulsbo Sportsman's Club Tri Cities Shooting Association Renton Fish & Game Club Windsyville Rifle Club Windy West Plains Range Wolverton Mountain Gun Club Sun Valley Shooting Park
<b>WI</b> Bristol Plains Pistoleros Crystal River Gunslingers Hodag Country Cowboys Liberty Prairie Regulators Rock River Regulators Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch Wisconsin Old West Shootist, Inc	Bristol Waupaca Rhinelander Ripon Beloit Holmen Glenwood City	2nd Sun 2nd Sat or as Sched. 2nd Sat 3rd Sat 1st & 3rd Sat 2nd Sat 2nd Sun & 4th Sat	815-675-2566 920-722-4105 715-493-0152 920-966-6035 608-931-4821 608-790-3260 715-790-9959	Huckleberry James Rosewood Singleshot Virgil Dirty Deeds Stoney Mike Flyen Doc Koyote Colonel Carbine	Conservation Club of Kenosha County Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club Hodag Sports Club Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club Beloit Rifle Club Holmen Rod & Gun Club WOWS Station
<b>WV</b> Cowboy Action Shooting Sports Dawn Ghost Riders Henderson Wilds Justice League Kanawha Valley Regulators Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Great Cacapon Hinton Williamstown Eleanor Eleanor	4th Sun Mar to Oct 1st Sun 3rd Sat 2nd Sat 2nd Wkd	540-428-1805 304-327-9884 740-516-6624 304-397-6188 304-397-6188	Arizona Anzie Coffee Bean Thaddeus Jones Eddie Rebel Eddie Rebel	Singing Hills Ranch Dawn Sportsmen Club Henderson Wilds Putnam County Park Gun Club Putnum County Gun Club
<b>WY</b> Bessemer Vigilance Committee Border Vigilantes Cheyenne Regulators Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS Donkey Creek Shootists Great Divide Outlaws High Lonesome Drifters	Casper Cheyenne Cheyenne Powell Gillette Rawlins Cody	1st Sun & 3rd Sat 3rd Sat 1st Sat 1st Sat 4th Sun 4th Sat 2nd Sat	307-267-1155 307-287-5567 307-637-6974 307-254-2090 307-686-7519 307-320-7250 307-587-2946	Smokewagon Bill Dazee Bristol Wild Horse John Yakima Red Wyoming Gus Sling Lead Joe Cross	Stuckenhoff Sport Shooters Complex Otto Road Shooting Range Otto Road Shooting Range Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club Milley Valley Range Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex Cody Shooting Complex

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<b>USA</b> High Noon at Tusco	10/6-8/2017	Prairie Dawg	216-932-7630	prairiedawg.lou@gmail.com	Midvale	OH	www.tuscolongriders.com
Comanche Moon Shootout	10/7-8/2017	Tumbleweed Dan	432-557-0860	dhagins421@suddenlink.net	Midland	TX	www.comanchetrailshootists.org/
Huntsman's World Senior Games	10/10-14/2017	Bit Younger	435-239-4014	N/A	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS Tennessee State Championship Regulators Reckoning	10/12-14/2017	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	Bill_May@b-f.com	Wartrace	TN	www.wartraceregulators.com/
SASS SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Red Dirt Rampage	10/12-14/2017	Missouri Mae	405-517-8433	missourimae@gmail.com	Oklahoma City	OK	cowboy.okgunclub.org
Peacefuls End of Track at High Sierra	10/12-15/2017	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	trb94611@yahoo.com	Mokelumne Hill	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	10/13-15/2017	Cholula Mike	609-658-0115	mnielsen@acscottelectric.com	Jackson	NJ	www.jacksonholegang.com
SASS New Mexico State Championship Ambush on the Butterfield Trail	10/13-14/2017	Fast Hammer	575-644-3317	aguirreauto@gmail.com	Las Cruces	NM	www.picachoposse.com
SASS Wisconsin State Championship Fandango	10/14-15/2017	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	dockoyote@aol.com	Holmen	WI	www.wildbunch.com/
SASS Pennsylvania State Black Powder Shootout Smoke on the Ridge VII	10/15/2017	Letort Lawman	717-249-5049	letortlawman@gmail.com	Ickesburg	PA	www.perrycounteregulators.com/
SASS WESTERN DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP The Gunfight Behind The Jersey Lilly	10/19-22/2017	Mattel Sackett	805-402-4144	mattelsackett@gmail.com	Norco	CA	www.thecowboys.org
Fall Fandango	10/20-22/2017	Rooster B.	505-670-6347	lrybkr@aol.com	Albuquerque	NM	www.riogranderenegades.org
SASS Oklahoma State Black Powder Championship War Drums and Black Smoke in Tulsa	10/20-22/2017	Reverend Lyin Kerrdawg	918-955-6190	revlyinkerrdawg@gmail.com	Tulsa	OK	www.tulseytown.com
SASS Southwest Territorial Blackpowder Championship Fire and Smoke at the Fort	10/20-22/2017	Kow Katcher	903-219-2862	kowkatcher@gmail.com	Groesbeck	TX	www.oldfortparkerpatriots.com/
Border Wars	10/21-22/2017	Buffalo Phil	913-904-8733	N/A	Parker	KS	freestaterangers.com
Shootout in the Swap XII	10/21-2/2017	Lawless Len	239-338-8455	redfishnookfish@gmail.com	Punta Gorda	FL	www.swfps.com
Iron Hero	10/21/2017	Stirrup Trouble	308-894-2146	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Grand Island	NE	www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/
SASS West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship at Buffalo Flats VIII	10/21-22/2017	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	eccclark@suddenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	www.kanawhavalleyregulators.com
Range War	10/21/2017	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	417-294-0239	bhampton@whiteriver.org	Branson	MO	libertylandandcattlecompany.com/index.html
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/25-29/2017	Quicksand	520-290-8599	pikecoyle@msn.com	Tombstone	AZ	www.bordertowncas.com
The Branson Triple Classic	10/25-28/2017	Smokie	417-759-9114	jeffedunaway@cs.com	Walnut Shade	MO	www.btc-sass.com/
SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship Nevada Day Blowout	10/27-28/2017	Bordello Fellow	775-971-4029	gadvore1@hotmail.com	Fernley	NV	www.northernnevadacas.com

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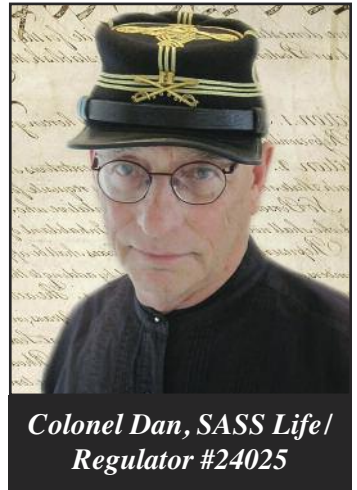
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# Political

# The Real GOP

By Colonel Dan, SASS #24025, Life/Regulator/Hall of Fame



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I'm disgusted with entrenched establishment Republicans. They've shown their stripes too many times to continually be forgiven... and re-elected. Their latest behavior regarding the deliberate undermining of the Trump presidency/agenda, because he's not "one of them," is clear enough for even the most obtuse observer. Let's consider a few examples.

### Continual Compromise:

Can someone explain why establishment Republicans, with a few honorable exceptions like Cruz, Lee, and Paul for example, never effectively stand up for what they continually tout as their principles? It's always the GOP that "reaches across the aisle" to compromise with Democrats who run wild pushing their leftist agenda even when they're not in the majority.



In my youth, I thought this lack of fight and conservative progress was because they had no gumption for the struggle. Thoughts in my later years however lean decidedly toward stating the obvious—big government Republicans, like the Democrats, and *unlike authentic constitutional conservatives of any party*, clearly want more power and more government, not less. Unfortunately, all too often in politics it's the most obvious that needs the most scrutiny. Paraphrasing Yogi Berra, I'm simply observing the obvious just by watchin'.

**Obamacare:** The Republican Congress passed a bill 20-plus times demanding a full and clean repeal of Obamacare knowing Obama would veto it. However, they haven't sent that same bill to Trump when they know he would sign it as pledged throughout his campaign. Instead, they're pushing a version of Obamacare II. The former was obviously just for political show while the latter reveals their true leanings. They too want your health care under the control of a powerful government.

**Border Security:** They constantly campaigned on building the wall and securing the border yet after winning the election they voted to not fully fund that initiative. My conclusion for years has been politicians of both parties want some level of illegals for two reasons, cheap labor and votes. The campaign rhetoric is again, all show and no go.

**Tax Reform:** They ran on promises of tax cuts/reform as a major priority yet after winning the election we have yet to realize any *substantive* movement in that direction. Again, just words? TBD.

The GOP has repeatedly stated it stands for small, honest government, less taxation, less regulation, reduced spending, enhanced security and is a staunch supporter of the Constitution. Yet the fruit they hand us at harvest time tells a very different story. Again, let's look at a few examples of their recent history.

**The Record:** Despite promises, government grew even larger when the GOP took control of Congress in 1995. The Department of Education they once said should be abolished was given the largest increase of all cabinet departments in Bush 43's first budget. The income tax they once said should be simplified or replaced with a flat tax or fair tax remains very much alive and even more complex. Your constitutional right to free speech was blatantly violated by the McCain Feingold Campaign Finance Reform act and signed by Bush 43. Again, Republicans! They've always voted to increase the debt ceiling in violation of their "promises" of supporting a "balanced budget amendment," but their proposed amendment doesn't require a spending cap or a super majority to raise taxes! This simply means *their* spending can and will continue while *your* taxes will be raised if the ledger is ever to be balanced. How stupid do they think we are? We've seen a full retreat on that "rock solid" pledge to oppose new taxes, secure our borders, and re-

## The Real GOP . . .

peal Obamacare. In short, Republicans' "fight" against deficit spending and larger government *over the long term* has been much more political sound than effective fury!

The harvested fruit just doesn't match the flowery promises and I'm a believer of judging a tree by its fruit. This sage Biblical advice doesn't tell us to judge a tree by its blossoms. Blossoms, although pleasing to the eye for a short while, have no lasting substance—their superficial appearance has nothing into which you can sink your teeth. It's the same with Republican rhetoric.

Had it not been for Trump issuing his executive orders, does anyone really believe the GOP, on their own initiative, would have done what he's done on so many fronts? You already know the answer.

No major political party can be that inept, leaderless and politically disorganized over such an extended period of time by random accident. It's clear there's another more revealing motive behind this lack of fight and broken promises. The obvious conclusion is they want the same as the Democrats—the centralized power of big government... *but with themselves in charge.*

I recently contacted Mike Shelton, the renowned political cartoonist to get his permission to publish my favorite cartoon. Mike drew the accompanying cartoon in 1997 and it illustrates my point exactly. I added the labels "promises" and "actions." The GOP is long on words but short on action. Good job Mike and thank you.

If my assertion about establishment Republicans is accurate, then they are dangerous hypocrites. They're undeniably following a disingenuous course of instilling an elitist oligarchy while ignoring the constitution and their sworn duty to preserve, protect, and defend its sacred principles.

**A Critically Important Exception:** I'm confident the Second Amendment and our armed forces will or at least should be much more secure under a Republican government than Democrat. Keep in mind, however, it took *both* parties to pass the 20,000 gun laws currently imposed on Americans.

**Conclusion:** As I write this in June, I'm hoping beyond hope by the time it's published the GOP will have turned things around. Stakes are high and I see this Congress and White House as possibly the GOP's last chance. If this administration and congress do not fulfill their promises this time after voters gave them EVERYTHING they asked for, conservative patriots may very likely leave the party in droves and the GOP will essentially "die" a political death, as it deserves, leaving us with leftist politicians in charge.

**Solution:** America desperately needs new patriotic blood in Washington!

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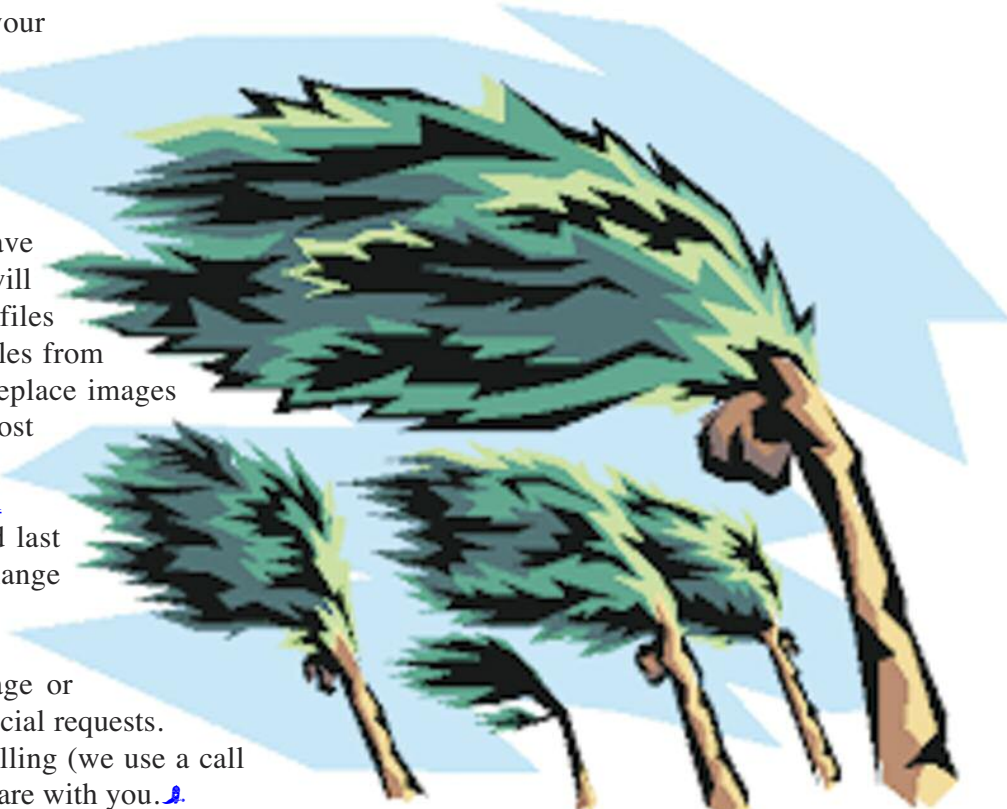
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**Attention SASS members affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**

~ A message from Artie Fly at Major Photography ~

Once things settle down and your recovery efforts take care of the immediate needs, you will want to start getting back to normal. For those of you who have had damage to any images which Sexie Sadie or I have made for you over the years, we will replace them. We have archived files stretching back to 1993 (digital files from May 1998 to present). We will replace images digitally at no charge. See our most current contact information on our web site <http://majorphoto.com> as our snail mail address changed last year and our email server may change shortly (Google Fiber has arrived in our neighborhood). Call us at **512-447-7504** and leave a message or email us with any questions or special requests. We prefer email contact before calling (we use a call blocker). Meanwhile, our prayers are with you. 🙏



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