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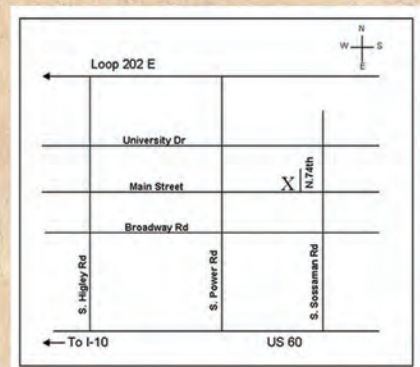
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GUEST  
EDITORIAL

DRESSING UP IS  
HALF THE FUN

BY PUNXSUTAWNEY PETE,  
SASS #1286 LIFE

**H**aving been a member of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) since 1990, I was a little surprised to see that the costuming requirements for SASS events could drive new persons away from the sport. From my experiences as an actor, lawyer, competitive chili cook, former North-South Skirmish Association member and SASS member, perhaps I can draw on elements of these experiences to show how important costuming is in SASS.

Costuming is part of real life. If you are in trouble, you want to see someone who is in the recognized uniform (costume) of a first responder (police, fireman, EMT) to assist you. If you are watching a production of the play 1776, it would be difficult to achieve the necessary suspension of disbelief if the actors were dressed like they came off the street in 2018 instead of being dressed as persons would have in colonial America. When appearing



PUNXSUTAWNEY PETE, SASS #1286 LIFE.

in court, I wore a good suit because I believed it would project an image of professionalism and decorum, and would inspire me in making my presentation to the judge.

I have appeared in numerous community theater productions. At the start of rehearsals, the actors are working on their lines and movements while in their regular clothes. But as opening night approaches, with adoption of the costuming, the actors become the

characters they are portraying. Belonging to SASS is more than just being in shooting competitions. In a way, SASS events can be considered a form of open air theater. Stop and think of what happens when shooting a stage. Just like in a stage play, there are lines to be spoken and movements to be made, as set forth in a script.

The character that Cowboy Action Shooter establishes is his “brand” (in a commercial sense, not for marking



cattle). The maker of a product can be protected from imitators by the concept of “trade dress,” which recognizes the distinctive appearance of that product. Stop and think about how in SASS many people know each other by our aliases but not by our legal names. Our costumes are the “trade dress” of our respective “brands,” the characters we create in order to participate in events as members of SASS.

Costuming does not have to be expensive. The major part of my costume, my serape, was purchased for about \$20 from traveling merchants at a county fair. Combined with a couple bandanas and my appearance, I have created my “brand” that is recognized at SASS events and in chili cooking competitions, one of my other life activities (it never hurts to able to get double duty out of a costume). In SASS events, comparatively few people know me by my legal name, but many people know me by the personal “brand” I have established with my costuming. In anything other than my “trade dress,” I wouldn’t have the association with the particular event that gets noticed, photographed, and remembered.

Re-enactors of any historical period immerse themselves in the spirit of those

times. That includes the clothing that would have been distinctive for the requisite time. Wearing a Confederate Army uniform while carrying an M-1 Garand rifle would seem out of kilter and definitely not historically correct.

It was not my intention to end up preaching to the choir. My suggestion is to keep a few copies of this essay handy at your club and/or in your shooting box to give to persons trying Cowboy Action Shooting™ if they ask why it is necessary to establish a costumed character for SASS events. When they have a chance to study and research what Cowboy Action Shooting™ is about on their own time, then perhaps they will see why in SASS costuming is half the fun.



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# END OF TRAIL 2018

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS #24287 PATRON LIFE, REGULATOR  
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**F**ounders Ranch, Edgewood, NM – Cowboy Action Shooting™ is a fantasy sport. Nowhere is the fantasy more apparent than when you get to Founders Ranch the first time and drive past the END of TRAIL sign (or get out of the car and take a picture of you standing next to it) and meet the greeter at the welcome booth. Then your drive

becomes magical. You can see tantalizing glimpses of the town below between the bushes, a chapel, storefronts, buildings, and tents. One of the tents is huge. Then you can see it all. It's a 480-acre complex completely dedicated to Cowboy Action Shooting™, and it's unique.

There is no other place like it. Seventeen shooting bays lie across the far

edge of the valley. Several have permanent props, including full-sized buildings (Two saloons, one cantina, and a gun shop, appropriately enough). Over a hill to the left is the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Arena, so well hidden by terrain and foliage you wouldn't know it's there.

It's easy to imagine you've just rid-









den over the crest of the hill after a long cattle drive and the town lays before you, the object of your dreams for the trip. You'll be able to get some new duds to replace those worn on the drive. And there are four saloons and a cantina for other "needs." The fantasy continues.

If your fantasy is shooting a lot, you could shoot for eight days straight—nine if you started at the Shotgun Sports Center and 10 if you qualified for the shoot-offs.

## WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING

First came Wild Bunch, four stages of warm up on Friday, June 16. That evening a catered reception in the main tent welcomed Wild Bunch shooters. There were 12 stages over three days of main match starting Saturday, June 17, plus myriad side matches. Stages included from 21 to as many as 42 rounds of 1911... a total of 371 pistol rounds for the entire match!

Since the pistol had seven round multiple strings, to make it mentally easier several stages had seven rifle rounds. So, for example, if you were doing four seven round Nevada sweeps on four targets (1-2-3-4-3-2-1), the

same instruction was used on the rifle. This wasn't done 100 percent of the time. Nine rifle rounds were called for on one stage.

Stages with more than 35 rounds called for only one long gun and the two 42 round stages were all 1911.

Saturday began with a little rain on and off. No stages were delayed.

Wild Bunch side matches included a WBAS Five-Stand team for three shooter teams, 1911 Speed Pistol, WBAS Speed Rifle, WBAS Speed Shotgun, BAM Rifle, and Wild Bunch Team Shoot.

BAM Rifle? This is a match for mil-spec Bolt Action Military rifles up to and including WWII. The rifle starts loaded with five rounds. Ten rounds are shot on the clock. This year the long-range course allowed targets out to 200 yards.

## COWBOY ACTION WARM-UPS

Cowboys not shooting Wild Bunch could shoot four stages of warm ups on Monday, June 18. They continued on Tuesday with all 12 bays used, but a different course of fire than in the main match.

## WBAS AWARDS

Tuesday evening the Wild Bunch Side Match, Costume Contest, and Main Match awards were presented. This year, "Top Ten" buckles were awarded through tenth place in each category, the same buckles awarded in the cowboy match. It was popular, everyone likes to be a winner!

## SIDE MATCH DAY

Wednesday was a busy day, with SASS University courses. TO Tips with Deuce Stevens, Deuce Steven's SxS shotgun clinic, and Cobra Cat Transitions Clinic. The Doily Gang held a Ladies Only Transitions Clinic. Additionally, an RO2 course was held.

Side matches included Speed Rifle, Speed Shotgun, Pocket Pistol, Derringer, Texas Surrender, World's Fastest Cowboy, Cowboy Clays, Cowboy Clays Five Stand Three-Man Team event, Rimfire Pistol, and Rimfire Rifle. Long Range side matches included Single Shot Black Powder, Single Shot Smokeless, Lever Action Rifle Caliber, Lever Action Pistol Caliber, and Buffalo Rifle.

Long Range was scored on group



size, 10 shots per contestant. All 10 had to be on the paper to be scored.

## PLAINSMAN

Plainsman is a stage event much like main-match, but the rifle is a single shot and pistols are percussion. All firearms shoot black powder or a black powder substitute. Most of the rifle targets were at the far end of the bay and main match rifle and pistol targets were used as pistol targets.

The plainsman mini-match consisted of four stages and two categories, Modern and Traditional. Modern allows ejectors on the rifle.

## END OF TRAIL OPENING CEREMONIES AND KICK OFF RECEPTION

The opening ceremonies are always spectacular. The flags of all of the countries entered in the match are brought in ceremonially and the Star-Spangled Banner is sung. This year the singer was

SASS' own Ruby Ruthless, and a beautiful job she did.

The SASS Wooly Awards were awarded...

2017 Club of the Year - Texican Rangers

2017 Match of the Year - Red Dirt Rampage

2017 TG of the Year - Texas Jack Daniels

The new SASS Regulators were presented their badges and SASS Scholarship award winners were presented. The Kick Off Reception with free food and drink followed.

I will note that the large size of the main tent enabled everyone to sit comfortably without crowding or people having to stand and wait outside.

## MAIN MATCH

At 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning the first wave attended their mandatory safety briefing and then started shooting at 7:30.

Shooting at END of TRAIL is divided into three flights of 12 posses,

about 20 shooters per posse, shooting four stages a day. There were no serious delays and everyone finished either early or on time by the end of the day. This speaks well of the course design and administration. Deuce Stevens and Lassiter were match directors and had created 12 really good, really equal stages. Lassiter mentioned to me that his philosophy is the guys who win overall would win overall no matter how tough the stages are. But the average shooter, one who finishes further down and will never get anything higher than a top 10 buckle, suffers from difficult stages with small, distant targets. Missing is not entertaining. Tough stages just spread the difference in time between the top shooters and the average shooters. His goal was to make a course that anyone who shot it and had a miss could say, "How could I miss that?" They spend as much money on transportation, entry fees, and hotel bills as the overall winners, so they deserve an enjoyable course of fire. This one filled the bill.

There were 107 shooters (17%) who shot clean. This is no small feat, no matter how easy the course. Everything must work perfectly, and that includes the shooter.

## CATEGORIES

Realizing more shooters will enter if they have a chance of winning, and there are a lot more older shooters than there used to be in this sport, END of TRAIL has categories some matches don't have. The way it works, when you enter, if you use the downloadable entry blank, you will notice there are age-based categories and the two costuming categories. In the blocks for shooting style categories and black powder categories there are instructions to check the age option first.

This opens up possibilities. If enough men over 70 wanted to shoot elder statesman frontier cartridge they only had to check the right boxes. And they did. There was a deadline of April 1 to get the minimum number to have some of these "extra" categories, so next year, call your friends and tell them to get their entry in by April first. Trophies have to be ordered for each extra category. We had Silver Senior Duelist,



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DIAMOND KATE (SASS #95104) ACCEPTS HER SASS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FROM JUSTICE LILY KATE (SASS #1000).



MATCH DIRECTORS DEUCE STEVENS AND LASSITER.



# END OF TRAIL 2018 WINNERS



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## COWBOY ACTION

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*Holy Terror*  
SASS #15362

*Matt Black*  
SASS #54580



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## WILD BUNCH MAIN MATCH & SHOOT-OFF

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*Last Chance Morales*  
SASS #67180

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## COWBOY ACTION TOP GUN SHOOT-OFF

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*Holy Terror*  
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Elder Statesman Duelist, Elder Statesman Frontier Cartridge, Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Senior Gunfighter, Silver Senior Gunfighter, and Lady Senior Duelist. In the regular age-based categories we went all the way up to El Patron and La Patrona. Those, I should note, are protected, meaning you don't have to meet the minimums to have say La Patrona. El Patron turned out to be pretty popular with eight entries, by the way.

At the other extreme, we had three Buckarettas and 17 Buckaroos. Nine Junior Boys and five Junior Girls filled out the youth categories.

## EXPLORING THE SCORES

This was the first year of the switch from rank points to total time for scoring at END of TRAIL. Fastest overall time wins. I've heard several people discuss the fact they will employ a different strategy since it's total time. But, I find the strategy that works best for the actual winners is to shoot clean as fast as you can. That hasn't changed. END of TRAIL is an endurance race, not a sprint. The difference between first and tenth place is only 21.46 seconds. That's 1.78 seconds per stage. The slightest error moved you down by several places. No pressure! But, it was obvious Matt Black won by being consistently fast and clean — 180.77 seconds for 12 stages. His individual stage times ranged from 10.81 to 19.94. But, second place overall, Cobra Cat, was also very fast and clean, 192.46, less than a second per stage slower. Last year Matt totaled 179.09 — he's not only fast, he is extremely consistent. Of course, he's been shooting since he was five. He won his first match when he was 11. He has an excellent instructor and dedicated mentor — his father, Colt Faro. By the way... Matt used stock Ruger Vaqueros with 5.5" barrels and original high hammers, with only a spring kit!

I should note the seventh overall shooter was Junior Boy, Kiwi Rooster, at 201.07. Clearly, he has a future in SASS.

Speaking of someone who started young, the Top Lady was Holy Terror. She too grew up under the tutelage of a champion shooter, Evil Roy. She too











has been a Cowboy Action Shooting™ champion for many years. She finished in 223.61 seconds. Bonnie MacFarlane finished in 224.86 seconds. That was a close 1.25 second differential for 12 stages, or about a tenth of a second per stage! And, Wrangler Deuce Stevens was 2.65 seconds faster than James Samuel Pike. You can't say there wasn't competition at END of TRAIL!

You can go to [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) and follow the links to see complete scores for everything.

## EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday evening featured the vendors and sponsors reception. Several vendors told me how happy they were to be recognized with the reception and with their treatment in general by the END of TRAIL staff. If this event had a shortcoming it was the fact that a lot of past vendors were not there that should've been. For one thing, the vendors who were there sold a lot of merchandise. There were lines outside all the gunsmith trailers most of the time. You can't have too many gunsmiths. As usual, Mernickle Holsters sold almost to the bare wall, as did Cowboy Shooter Supplies. On Sunday of the Wild Bunch match a line of shooters was helping them unload cases of Winchester "Low Noise Low Recoil" 12-gauge shot shells (the most popular shotgun round in SASS) from their truck to their tent. Simultaneously, the cases were leaving at retail (but about \$15 a case below local gun store

prices) in the front of the tent at about the same rate. Both hat makers D Bar J and Colorado Mountain Hat Company left with a lot fewer hats than they arrived with and several orders. Both were in buildings with air-conditioning. Long time vendor Mad Mountain Mike of River Crossing said he put two window air conditioners in his shop. It was cooler than last year but still, having air conditioning is an attraction for customers. Being a successful vendor at END of TRAIL is pretty easy. Have merchandise SASS people want and be friendly when they walk into your tent. ("Hello" works wonders compared to saying nothing.) Have things they can use at the match... for example, if they have forgotten something or something unbreakable breaks. And have things they want for the next match. SASS people don't generally go to END of TRAIL to buy things that have nothing to do with Cowboy Action Shooting™. They're there to shoot, and they're there to shop for things they use in shooting, including clothing and customing.

On Friday night, side match and shooting costume awards were given out before a tasty barbecue dinner and the poker tournament at the Happy Jack saloon concluded the day. R.C. Shot, SASS #56873 (from Australia) won an 1873 Dakota Pistol.

Dinner catered by Los Cuates Mexican Food was served for Saturday night. Live music and dancing went until 11:00 p.m. with Syd Masters and the Swing Riders.

## SUNDAY

After cowboy church at the Cowboy Memorial Chapel, the Sweet 16 and Top Gun shoot offs occurred with a huge audience. It was very crowded anywhere you could see the shoot off.

Then at noon the awards ceremony got under way. The size of the tent allowed us to sit at a table just like we had at dinner instead of sitting in rows. This was much more comfortable.

It went rather quickly, especially when you consider how many awards were given out. Having the photographers take the pictures on the stage instead of the winners going outside saved a lot of time, and it allowed the spectators to get pictures of the groups as well.

And then it was all over. We said so long to friends until we meet them again, maybe not until END of TRAIL next year. And soon the big friendly venue was once more virtually a ghost town. But next year it'll be alive again with the big tent and the busy shooting days and party nights and a lot of people parked up the side of the hill. Some of us are preparing for it now...



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# @COSTUME @CONTESTS

## At The 37th Annual END OF TRAIL

### A FIRST FOR STEAMPUNK

BY CAT BALLOU, SASS #55 | PHOTOGRAPHS BY MUSTANG JOHN BASS, SASS #53153

**F**ounders Ranch, New Mexico – The 37th annual END of TRAIL is now in the SASS history books. Many folks entered the numerous costume contests and their costumes were truly stellar. And, this was the first year Steampunk was recognized as a new costume category.

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 par-

ticipate. A Wild Bunch costume contest takes place during the Wild Bunch shooting competition. During the main Cowboy 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, B-Western, Soiled Doves and Parlor House Madams, and now, Steampunk. 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 more than three decades. Please visit their website at [www.wildwestmercantile.com](http://www.wildwestmercantile.com)



DAYTIME & EVENING COSTUME JUDGES  
(L-R) SLOAN EASY, SASS #28219 (CA), COPPER QUEEN, SASS #20449 (UT), TEXAS FLOWER, SASS #43753 (TX)



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 we consider ourselves so fortunate to have such knowledgeable judges who give of their time year after year to make the costume contests successful. Wild Bunch judges were Copper Queen, Sundown, and Cat Ballou.

Daytime Shooting Costume judges were Copper Queen, Sloan Easy, and Texas Flower for all the shooting costumes and Creek Harding for gun carts, while "costume wranglers" Happy Jack and Sundown 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, Sloan Easy, and Texas Flower, while Baby Jane Doe and Happy Jack assisted as "costume wranglers."

This year Sloan Easy, a long-time costume judge at END of TRAIL, and a costume "champion" many times herself, announced her retirement. We appreciate her many years of supporting costuming within our sport, and we thank her for being such an outstanding judge. Thanks again to all our judges, past and present!

The new Steampunk category brought out quite a few Steampunkers

at the Saturday night banquet, even though more seemed to enjoy just dressing a la Steampunk, rather than entering the costume contest. Come on, "punks," strut your stuff for the judges next year!

So, take a look at all the photos of the first place costume winners, 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 the 38th END of TRAIL in 2019.

For a complete list of winners please go to [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) and follow the links.

## BEST DRESSED



### B WESTERN/ SILVER SCREEN LADY

**FIRST PLACE**  
PORTRAYING RED HARRINGTON FROM THE 2013 LONE RANGER FILM, SHE WEARS AN 1850S STYLE RED GOWN EMBELLISHED WITH BLACK FLOWERS, BLACK RUFFLES, BLACK AND PURPLE DETAILS ON THE NECKLINE AND SLEEVES, A FETCHING PURPLE FLOWER POT HAT WITH RED FEATHERS, AND CARRYING A RED PARASOL.  
**SHOTGLASS, SASS #17153, TEXAS**



### B WESTERN/ SILVER SCREEN MAN

**FIRST PLACE**  
DRESSED AS CLINT EASTWOOD'S CHARACTER, JOE KIDD, IN THE 1972 FILM JOE KIDD, AND WEARING A TWEED JACKET WITH LEATHER TRIM, BROWN SHIRT AND HAT, RED PANTS, BLACK BANDANNA, AND SPURS.  
**THE MAN WITH NO NAME, SASS #8285, OREGON**



### COUPLES

**FIRST PLACE**  
PAYING HOMAGE TO THE EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT MEXICO AND NUEVO MEXICO FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, THEY WEAR APPROPRIATE 1880S SKULL MASKS. HER GOWN IS GREEN AND GOLD WITH WHITE FEATHERS, A GREEN AND GOLD FEATHERED SOMBRERO, AND SHE CARRIES THE FLOWERS OF THE CELEBRATION, MARGIGOLDS. HE WEARS A VAQUERO SUIT, WIDE BRIMMED HAT, GREEN SASH, AND CARVED WALKING CANE.  
**ANNIE DEVINE, SASS #103798, AND HAWKSHAW FRED, SASS #36811, TEXAS**



### JUNIOR BOY

**FIRST PLACE**  
DEPICTING A DUSTY, DIRTY COWBOY ON THE TRAIL WITH FRINGED CHINKS, BROWN LEATHER VEST, BROWN CUFFS, RED PLAID SHIRT, AND BLACK HAT.  
**CATAZTROPHY, SASS #97848, NEW MEXICO**



# BEST DRESSED

(CONTINUED)



## MILITARY

**FIRST PLACE**  
DEPICTING A MAJOR IN THE ACTIVE RESERVE, ENGINEERING CORP, CARRYING A 1902 SABER, AND HIS UNIFORM DISPLAYING HIS RIBBONS FROM 1890-1918.  
**COWTOWN SCOUT, SASS #53546, TEXAS**



## PARLOR HOUSE MADAM

**FIRST PLACE**  
OWNER OF A FINE ESTABLISHMENT "DOWN UNDER," SHE IS ATTIRED IN A WINE-COLORED TAFFETA DRESS WITH BEADED OVERSKIRT AND HER CORSET IS ADORNED WITH PLAYING CARDS.  
**DALLAS ROARAKE, SASS #106724, AUSTRALIA**



## SOILED DOVE

**FIRST PLACE**  
SINCE HER FAMILY WAS KILLED, SHE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME A DOVE. SHE WEARS A RED SATIN DRESS WITH BLACK CORSET, AND A PLUMED SATIN HAT TOPPED WITH A BLACK SATIN FLOWER.  
**DIAMOND BLAZE, SASS #97568, COLORADO**



## LADY

**FIRST PLACE**  
WEARING AN EXQUISITE 1883 BLACK EVENING GOWN WITH BEADING AND LACE THAT SHE MADE, CARRYING HER FAN AND RETICULE, AND HAIR IN PERIOD STYLE.  
**ASPEN FILLY, SASS #50535, COLORADO**



## GENTLEMAN

**FIRST PLACE**  
HE CAME TO CALIFORNIA AS A '49ER, BUT OVER TIME BECAME A WEALTHY "CALIFORNIO" RANCHER. WEARING A VAQUERO JACKET WITH SILVER CONCHO BUTTONS, A BLACK DOUBLE-BREADED VEST ADORNED WITH SILVER BUTTONS, A GOLD POCKET WATCH WITH GOLDEN CHAIN, BLACK STRIPED VAQUERO PANTS WITH SILVER CONCHOS, A RED SASH AROUND HIS WAIST, TALL BLACK BOOTS WITH SILVER STUDDED SPURS, AND CARRYING HIS TRUSTY COLT IN A SILVER STUDDED GUN BELT.  
**COAL TRAIN, SASS #8136, CALIFORNIA**



## STEAMPUNK LADY

**FIRST PLACE**  
READY FOR TIME TRAVEL, SHE WEARS A BROWN TRAVELING JACKET WITH RUFFLES, LEGGINGS WITH POCKETS, A CORSET WITH GEARS AND CHAINS, HAT WITH GOGGLES, AND CARRIES HER TRAVELING CARPETBAG AND HER ANTIQUE CLOCK.  
**EZ GZ, SASS #83885, NEW MEXICO**



## STEAMPUNK MAN

**FIRST PLACE**  
DRESSED AS AN AIRSHIP COMMANDER SCOUTING FOR HOSTILES, HE WEARS A BROWN DOUBLE-BREADED VEST WITH TAILS, TOP HAT WITH GOGGLES, CUFFS, MEDICINE POUCH, FANCY SLEEVE GARTERS, POCKET WATCH, AND CARRIES A GAS GRENADE FOR PROTECTION.  
**DRAGON HILL DAVE, SASS #59561, TEXAS**



# DAYTIME SHOOTING CATEGORIES



## BEST DRESSED SUTLER, MALE

**FIRST PLACE**  
AN 1873 TRADITIONAL MOUNTAIN MAN TO A SCOUT OUTFIT; LEATHER FRINGED PANTS, HAND PAINTED COAT, CONCHO BELT, MOCCASINS, AND PERIOD HAT.  
**MAD MOUNTAIN MIKE, SASS #4385, RIVER CROSSING, INC, COLORADO**



## CONVENTIONEER, LADY

**FIRST PLACE**  
WEARING A PRAIRIE DRESS WITH A CAMEO BROOCH, FLOWERED STRAW HAT, AND LACE UP BOOTS.  
**BIRDIE WALKER, SASS #42749, CALIFORNIA**



## CONVENTIONEER, MAN

**FIRST PLACE**  
RUNNING AGAIN FOR MAYOR OF TENT CITY, SPORTING A TOP HAT, CANE, VEST, FROCK COAT, AND AN ELEPHANT RHINESTONE PIN.  
**W. A. WARD, SASS #11723, CALIFORNIA**



## JUNIOR GIRL

**FIRST PLACE**  
SHE'S A PONDEROSA COWGIRL WITH A RED RUFFLED BLOUSE, DENIM PANTS, A BLACK HAT, RED FRINGED BOOTS, AND CARRYING A RETICULE.  
**FAST DRAW FAWN, SASS #94157, UTAH**



## SHOOTING COSTUME FEMALE

**FIRST PLACE**  
ATTIRED IN A CIVIL WAR NURSE'S UNIFORM, WITH CAPE, NURSE'S PIN AND WATCH, WHITE APRON, AND NURSE'S HAT CARRYING HER MEDICAL BAG.  
**CLARA BARTON, SASS #105055, COLORADO**



## SHOOTING COSTUME MALE

**FIRST PLACE**  
DRESSED AS A SCOUT FOR THE ARMY IN A DEERSKIN SHIRT HE MADE, WITH A BEADED NAVAJO BELT, ARAPAHO BEADED HOLSTERS, AND LEATHER LEGGINGS.  
**BIG HORN, SASS #1522, NEW MEXICO**



## WADDIE

**FIRST PLACE**  
DRESSED AS AN 1880S WORKING COWBOY, WITH A RED STRIPED SHIRT, VEST, WILD RAG, CONCHO SCARF SLIDE, AND MONTANA PEAK HAT.  
**YUL LOSE, SASS #74578, CALIFORNIA**



## GUN CART

**FIRST PLACE**  
HIS AND HERS ROLL TOP CRAFTED WITH HAND SELECT AMERICAN AND AFRICAN LUMBER WITH A FINE FURNITURE FINISH, EMBELLISHED WITH A HIGH RELIEF LEATHER CREATION OF THE END OF THE TRAIL PAINTING. (THIS IS HIS 65TH HAND-MADE GUN CART!)  
**YUL LOSE, SASS #74758, CALIFORNIA**



# WILD BUNCH WINNERS



## WILD BUNCH MAN

**FIRST PLACE**  
 DRESSED AS A CAPTAIN FROM THE 11TH CAVALRY, 1916 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. THE UNIFORM IS KHAKI COTTON, BOTH SHIRT AND TROUSERS. HIS OFFICER'S HAT HAS A 6" CROWN AND 3"-4" BRIM WITH CORRECT STITCHING. HE WEARS LEATHER PUTTEES, 1904 WALKING SHOES, A 1905 GARRISON BELT, ANTIQUE GOGGLES, PROPER OFFICER'S TIE AND COLLAR DESIGNATIONS, AND CARRIES HIS PEARL HANDLED 1911 IN A PERIOD CORRECT HOLSTER, BUT LEFT-HANDED. **CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS #24287, TEXAS**



## WILD BUNCH LADY

**FIRST PLACE**  
 WEARING A TRADITIONAL MEXICAN TRAJE (COSTUME), CALLED A CHINA POBLANA, COMPRISED OF AN ANTIQUE, FLANNEL-LIKE SKIRT EMBELLISHED WITH SEQUINS AND EMBROIDERY OUTLINING THE MEXICAN EAGLE AND SERPENT, HER GRANDMOTHER'S WHITE LACE EMBROIDERED PETTICOAT WHICH SYMBOLIZES MODESTY, A MULTI-COLORED PEASANT BLOUSE, AND BRAIDED HAIR TRADITIONAL OF THE REGION, WITH A HAIR ORNAMENT IN THE COLORS OF THE MEXICAN FLAG. **EZ GZ, SASS #83885, NEW MEXICO**

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## GUNS & GEAR

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# DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR

## CAMPING AT END OF TRAIL

**BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR,  
SASS #24287 LIFE REGULATOR**

**A**t END of TRAIL, if you participate in everything from Wild Bunch Warm Up through the shoot offs, you're shooting for nine days straight. The most convenient way to do this is to camp on the side of the hill overlooking the town and all of the shooting bays. The spaces do not have hookups, so the choice is dry camping or commuting. Campers range from tent campers to 45-foot Luxury Motor

Coaches. Tent campers, you're on your own, but I might be able to help some of the others. We've been dry camping since 2006. We typically arrive early and spend 11 nights. I think we've gotten the hang of it. Some suggestions...

### PREPARATION

Over the years we've had things break on the motor home: water pump, house batteries, and engine batteries, all in different years. So now we check things out early enough to fix them.

We take the coach to Cummins for the annual service on the engine, generator, and chassis a few weeks before the trip. This year the grey tank wouldn't drain when we did this so the coach spent three days in the shop. Due to the RV boom in the United States there is a shortage of technicians, so a two-hour job took three days. We exercise the slides and jacks (and the driver's window, which sticks if not exercised) often enough to minimize the chance a last-minute problem. Note I said minimize, not eliminate. RVs break. If



your RV breaks while you're at END of TRAIL you will find it's hard to get someone to come out and fix it. We have Good Sam's roadside assistance program which has helped us at END of TRAIL in the past.

## TIRES

The most common and potentially dangerous RV problem is tire failure. Trailer tires, especially, are prone to belt shedding. They should be changed at least at five-year intervals no matter what the tread and sidewalls look like. How I learned this wasn't pretty. Sitting on one spot for months at a time contributes to belt failures. Additionally, trailer tires are normally only rated for 65 mph sustained, at most. Our shop trailer has commercial grade truck tires, replaced after they started failing at, you guessed it, five years. Massive damage can result from the belt flapping and the driver doesn't know there's a problem. Tire Pressure Monitors are absolutely necessary and don't cost much for the protection they offer. Front tire failures on motor homes have resulted in fatalities. Get a good tire pressure monitor system. I will add the disclaimer that if the belt breaks loose and the tire doesn't lose air, the tire pressure monitor may not catch it.

## MICKY AND FRIENDS

Our cat Angelique is a triple mouse ace with 15 kills in nine years. Some were at Founders Ranch. If mice in your vehicle would bother you, get some sort of mouse repellent in sufficient quantity to protect the RV.

There also are snakes at Founders Ranch. Don't pet them.

## WATER

Even if you have big tanks, water conservation is a must. Fill your fresh water tank at the last available opportunity until it overflows. Just because the indicator lights indicate full doesn't mean it is full. Water and sewer trucks are available at END of TRAIL but have to be scheduled at the registration office. We discovered the first year that the water truck driver would not stay long enough to fill the (105 gallon)

tank, so we paid \$25 for 30 gallons or so, about a third of a tank. This helped to encourage us to learn how to conserve water.

Since then we learned water conservation. Some ideas...

Put a bowl in each sink, the largest bowl that will work. When you use it, instead of water going to the grey tank, it goes to the bowl. Then use it to flush the toilet. Put leftover water in gallon water jugs and keeps them by the toilet for flushing.

Install an inline on-off switch before the showerhead. Home Depot has some for a few bucks. Then you can turn the water on and off without changing the heat setting. One of the super-efficient water saving showerheads is a good idea. We have an Ecocamel, designed for RVs.

## THE 15-SECOND SHOWER

Turn the faucet to full hot and fill the bowl at the faucet nearest the showerhead or the shower head itself. Since the water started cold it will be tepid to warm when full. Use the water to soap up and do first rinse. For final rinse turn the shower on. While the water is on count one-one thousand, two-one thousand, etc. When you get to 15 shut the water off. You should be

rinsed. You can shave using the water in the bowl. Washing your hair will use water, but then, you're supposed to look like a Cowboy, so dirty hair is okay.

## GET ICE EVERY TRIP TO TOWN

Your electric/propane refrigerator won't make ice when on propane. If you serve eight gallons of Margaritas to 100 of your closest friends, you will need ice.

Paper plates and plastic cups save water. Using waterless hand cleaner such as Goop saves water. Only flushing the toilet when absolutely needed saves water. Some people go to the nearest port-a-potty, but that's carrying it pretty far.

If you have small tanks you will still need the water and sewer service of course, but not as many times. If you have big tanks and work at it, you won't. Water weighs 8.34 pounds per gallon. Our grey and black tanks hold 100 gallons total. If you're going a long way before stopping the day you leave Founders Ranch you might want to get your tanks drained before you leave to save having to carry 800 pounds extra.

## GENERATORS

We try to limit generator usage but still use it three to eight hours a day. The refrigerator runs on propane when the generator is turned off. We have friends with residential refrigerators. They have to run the generator from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., the hours allowed at END of TRAIL. Onan generators need an oil change every 150 hours. Yes, that means get it serviced before END of TRAIL, and if you're heading to another dry camping match, get it changed between them.

Generators come in various sizes and noise levels. If you have a 9000-watt gasoline construction generator, parking on row 15 or 16 is a good idea. If you need your generator on at night for your CPAP machine and your generator is noisier than a 2000-watt Honda, then you might want to pick an upper row as well to avoid angry



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neighbors.

You should know the fuel consumption of your generator and have sufficient fuel. Otherwise a trip for fuel in mid-match might be in your future.

By the way, motor homes with diesel generators supply fuel from the main tank. The pickup tube is at one-quarter tank. Your generator will not run your main tank dry, but it won't work below one-quarter tank. FILL UP before you get to Founders Ranch. Big diesel generators burn as much as half a gallon per hour.

## PUT PADS UNDER LEVELING JACKS

I only remember an hour of rain during one END of TRAIL and a day of rain during the 2018 Wild Bunch match, but if there is extensive rain, leveling jacks that don't have big pads will sink into the ground. Since some other match sites are more likely to get soaked, we keep two-foot sections of 2 x 10s to put under the jacks.

## HOUSE BATTERIES

If you have lead-acid deep cycle batteries, they should be topped off with distilled water periodically. One trick for extending battery life and minimizing corrosion is to remove four ounces of water from each cell and replace it with mineral oil. It keeps the battery from spewing acidic discharge. It leaves the terminals and cables very clean and extends battery life.

You can go online and get instructions on how to check your batteries for shorts and open cells. It's worth doing a few weeks before END of TRAIL. If they're several years old it's mandatory, even if you have to pay someone to do it.

Of course, fill the propane tank before going to Founders Ranch, too.

## THE PARTY SQUARE

Many contestants have gotten together with their friends, usually four, and parked in a "square" with curbsides (the right side of the RV) in the square, sharing awning coverage and patio mats and chairs and such—and refreshments. It can give the place a friendly, sometimes party atmosphere. This is great for clubs as well as groups of friends. Some have had dinner with seating for 20 or so. Groups have, in the past, added swimming pools or karaoke microphones and speakers. The only recorded instance of a sheriff's deputy being called was from a noise complaint about it after 10:30 p.m. on Saturday night. Go figure.

Dry camping isn't for everyone. There are several RV parks nearby with full hookups, and there are some new motels very close. One serves breakfast at 5:00 a.m. during END of TRAIL for early shooters. But much of END of TRAIL's non-shooting activities occur at night, and the conviviality of being in the middle of several hundred shooters shouldn't be missed. It's worth the extra hassles.



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HENRY'S REPEATING RIFLE.

## THE .44 HENRY RIMFIRE CARTRIDGE THE CALIBER THAT REALLY OPENED THE OLD WEST

BY TUOLUMNE LAWMAN, SASS  
#6127 LIFE

**W**e think of .45 Colt Peacemakers and 1873 Winchesters in .44-40 as being the firearms and calibers that tamed the west. Consider, however, that the critical period of expansion in the West was from the end of the Civil War in 1865 until the mid to late 1870s. After that, the big cattle drives were over and the railroads were already crossing the continent, not just in the north and south, but everywhere in-between. Almost all the major Indian battles had been fought by 1878.

With this perspective, consider then that the 1873 Winchester was not readily available until 1875 (by the end of 1874, only 126 rifles had shipped) and before 1878, only about 22,000 had been manufactured! Even by 1883, only 81,000 of the 1873 Winchesters had been produced. That was less than half the number of 1860 Henry and 1866 Winchesters produced between 1861 and 1873. As for revolvers, the seemingly ubiquitous Colt Peacemaker did

not become generally issued with most troops until 1875, and became available to the public around the same time. Prior to the introduction of the 1873 Single action Army in .45, Colt first produced their 1872 Open Top revolver in .44 Henry.

What guns opened the west during this crucial ten-to-fifteen-year post Civil War era, then? The Military rifles of that time ranged from Civil War front-stuffers to various cartridge guns in calibers such as 56-50 Spencer, .50-70 Government, and at the end .45-70. The military handguns until the mid 1870s were .44 Colt and Remington percussion revolvers. These guns also saw some civilian usage. Weaponry in the early West was a large and diverse assortment.

I believe, however, the .44 Henry rimfire cartridge was the most significant single cartridge during the expansion era of 1865 to 1880. While the use of various Spencer cartridges (.56-56, .56-50, and .46-50) were widespread in both surplus military and new civilian rifles and carbines, the .44 Henry still outnumbered them.

There were seven firearms in .44 rimfire caliber during this period that could be found all through the West: The 1860 Henry rifle; the 1866 Winchester rifle and carbine; the Smith & Wesson No. 3 top break "American"; the 1872 Colt Open-Top revolver; the 1873 Colt Single Action Army (in .44 rimfire); assorted "long cylinder conversions" of 1860 Colts; and converted 1858 Remington revolvers. The com-

bined production of the 1860 and 1866 Winchesters alone numbered almost 200,000 guns. Homesteaders, travelers, cowboys, soldiers, scouts, and even the Indians hunted and fought with these guns, continuing until the turn of the Century and beyond.

## THE 1860 HENRY RIFLE AND ITS CARTRIDGE

The firearm that started it all was the Henry rifle. The development of the Henry by Oliver Winchester gave birth to the .44 Henry rimfire cartridge. This is the gun that fathered the cartridge and the experiences with it demonstrate the effect of it and its cartridge on the opening of the West.

In the late 1850s, virtually all shoulder arms were single shot. Most were "front stuffers" that required loading each shot by pouring powder down the barrel, ramming a single bullet down with a ram rod, then priming the nipple with a percussion cap. Needless to say, this made repeat shots VERY slow!

Oliver Winchester, saw the potential the repeating rifle design had. He bought the Volcanic Arms Co. and renamed it New Haven Arms Co. and set out to improve on the design. He wisely employed Volcanic's Superintendent, an inventor named B. Tyler Henry. Winchester, knowing the Volcanic's shortcoming was the very under-powered ammunition (that had a really nasty habit of going off in the under



barrel magazine), put Henry in charge of ammunition development.

In 1858, Henry patented a .44 caliber rim fire cartridge. It utilized a copper case with a priming compound in the folded rim, much like a modern-day .22 LR cartridge. The powder charge was 26 grains of black powder behind a 216-grain conical bullet. The bullet was a “healed” design, which is where the bullet is the same diameter as the cartridge case. To attach the bullet to the case, the base of the bullet is rebated, this smaller diameter portion being crimped inside the case (also like a modern .22 LR round). The original Henry rounds moved out at between 1100 and 1150 fps. It would prove very popular during its time.

Winchester coupled this cartridge with a modification of the old Volcanic rifle and in 1860 the Henry Repeating Rifle was born. It was a heavy weapon, tipping the scales at almost 9.5 pounds! The majority of this weight was in the barrel and magazine, which was machined out of a single solid forged piece of steel more than two feet long. The Henry rifle had an exposed hammer and finger lever like the earlier Volcanic. Rather than a cartridge loading gate on the side of the receiver like later designs, the Henry loaded from the muzzle end of the magazine tube. Another distinctive feature of the Henry is the absence of a wood forearm, that would be found on subsequent lever action rifle designs.

The new Henry rifle held an unprecedented 15 shots in the magazine and one more in the chamber. In a world full of single shot muzzle loaders, the Henry earned a much deserved reputation for awesome firepower! While a muzzle loader is capable of several shots a minute, the new Henry was capable of an unbelievable one aimed shot every second! Winchester capitalized on this with some rather fanciful advertising. He said the Henry was the most effective weapon in the world. He also said: “A resolute man, armed with one of these rifles, particularly if on horseback, can not be taken!”

Production of the Henry began very slowly, with only a couple of thousand rifles completed by 1862. Some early production rifles had a forged iron receiver, but the majority were produced

with the more familiar brass receiver. With its expensive machining of the one-piece barrel and magazine tube, the rifles sold for the incredibly high sum of \$42.00! Ammunition was \$10 a thousand. This was a princely amount in 1860. Winchester tried to interest the Ordnance Board in his new repeating rifle. In 1862, the “Great Conflagration” of the Civil War was in full swing. Even with encouraging ordnance tests that showed the Henry bullet imbedding itself five inches into a wood target at 400 yards, the official reception was less than enthusiastic. The Board felt that there was no advantage to a repeating rifle!

While not officially accepted for general issue, just under 2,000 were ordered for some select units. The First District of Columbia Cavalry and 66th Illinois Infantry were armed with Henry rifles, and several times defeated much larger Confederate forces. Private sales to Union troops far outstripped the government sales. Winchester could not keep up with the orders coming in. Fully 11,000 of the 13,000 Henry rifles produced during the war were used in the conflict. The Confederates called it “that damn Yankee gun that you load on Sunday, and shoot till Wednesday!” Even with this, Union military bureaucrats did not take the Henry rifle seriously.

Out west is where the Henry really became a household word. While some Henry rifles went west during the war, most migrated with the displaced and restless former soldiers as they journeyed west for their fortunes and adventures. It was not long until the Henry gained a reputation as a fearsome weapon, both with the settlers and Native American warriors. The braves, accustomed to military single shot muzzle-loaders, were stunned by their encounters with the “white eyes” armed with the firepower of the Henry rifles. They referred to it as “the Spirit Gun of many shots” or simply “the Spirit Rifle.”

One very notable encounter where the Henry earned this reputation was the “Hayfield Fight” on August 1, 1867. In the Hayfield *fracas*, nine troopers and nine civilians were cutting hay when they were beset upon by a large war party. The group held up in a makeshift corral and held the war party at bay with their Henry and Spencer repeaters. Many of

the war party died, but only three troopers and one civilian were killed. D.A. Covin, armed with a Henry and 1,000 rounds of ammunition, shot steadily from 9:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon. He fired more than 300 rounds and according to Finn Burnet (a Spencer wielding participant) “He was a dead shot, and if he missed an Indian in that fight, none of us knew it.”

In another notable encounter on September 17 to 22, 1868—the “Battle for Beecher’s Island”—a band of civilian scouts under the command of Major George Forsyth and Lt. Frederick Beecher was attacked by another war party. The party held up on a sandbar in the middle of the Arikaree fork of the Republican River in Colorado. Once again the Henry and Spencers of the scouts rained lead on the attacking force, successfully holding them off for five days. The white casualties were 25 wounded and five killed, while the Indians suffered 75 dead, and an unknown number wounded.

There are many other instances of the Henry rifle’s well-deserved reputation during the period of 1861 to around 1880. Some notable figures carried the Henry rifle. Ed Shieffelin, the prospector who founded Tombstone Arizona, and the notable Wells Fargo Detective that captured the notorious Black Bart, James B. Hume are just two. Indians also liked the Henry. Sitting Bull carried one, as did High Back Wolf. His Henry was found beneath his mummified body in 1921. Recent archaeological excavations in South Dakota show Henry rifles were carried by some of the large war party at the Custer battle at the Little Big Horn.

## THE 1866 WINCHESTER

In 1866, Oliver Winchester stopped producing the Henry rifle in favor of his new “King’s patent improved Henry,” the 1866 Winchester. It was essentially a Henry with the barrel and magazine tube being separate pieces and a loading gate on the side of the familiar brass receiver to make loading easier. It had the improvement of an enclosed magazine, rather than the slotted bottom of the Henry that allowed dirt and debris into the magazine. This also allowed the use of a wooden forearm, preventing





WINCHESTER 1866 YELLOW BOY.

burns on the hand from grasping the Henry's bare, hot barrel.

This 1866 proved to be even more popular than the Henry. A total of 170,000 1866 Winchesters were manufactured between 1866 and 1898. Of these, probably 95 percent were produced between 1866 and 1873. The 1866 came in both carbine and rifle versions. The handy carbine was a favorite of those on horseback. It had a 20" barrel and the magazine held 13 rounds of .44 rimfire. The rifle came with a 24" barrel, in both round and octagonal configurations. The rifles held 16 rounds and were referred to as "sixteen shooters" by the frontiersmen.

Instances of the 1866's prowess are too numerous to count. From 1866 to 1880, it was the most common and popular repeating rifle on the American frontier. Cowboys, outlaws, lawmen, teamsters, settlers, and Indian braves all prized it for its reliability and firepower and called it "Yellow Boy." You only have to look at the tintypes of that period. If there is a rifle shown, chances are it is an 1866 Winchester.

By this time the ammunition was also improved from the 216-grain round nose bullet with 24-26 grains of black powder of Civil War days to a 200-grain

flat nosed, healed bullet over 28-29 grains of black powder. The cartridge was simply called .44 Flat Rimfire. While still not a powerhouse by today's standards, many a man and many a game animal met its demise from the .44 Henry cartridge. In fact, the recent archaeological excavations of the Little Big Horn Battlefields shown that the 1866 Winchester was one of the most common rifles carried by the Indians that defeated Custer's various commands.

## SMITH & WESSON NO. 3 "AMERICAN"

From the time of the California Gold Rush, the Civil War, and the early westward migration, almost all revolvers were percussion firearms, with the exception of the Smith and Wesson revolvers. Smith and Wesson held the rights to Rollin White's patent on "bored through revolver cylinders." From about 1860 on, S&W produced their No. 1, No. 1½, and No. 2 revolvers, which were in .22 and .32 caliber rim fire. Though popular, they were rather anemic in the "fight stopping" department. In 1869, S&W introduced their No. 3 "American Model" top

break revolver. It was first manufactured in .44 Henry rim fire caliber. It had an eight-inch barrel and a distinctive "plow handle" grip that differentiated it from later Smith and Wesson No. 3s. With its top break, self ejecting action, it was an instant success. Later, after thorough trials by the US Army, they requested a version in a centerfire caliber. This was the .44 S&W American cartridge (which was essentially a center fire Henry). It was also an instant success, and was even adopted by the US Army on a limited basis.

## THE COLT 1872 OPEN TOP

In 1871, the Rollin White patent for bored through cylinder expired. Many manufactures, including Colt, worked feverishly to come up with cartridge revolvers. Colt introduced Richard's patented conversion of the 1851 Navy and 1860 Army revolvers. Another Colt engineer named Mason patented some changes to the basic conversion. Both of these revolvers were an instant success.

In 1872, though, Colt ran out of 1860 components, and introduced the new 1872 Open Top. While very similar in appearance to the conversions, it was made from all newly manufactured parts. The Open Top name derives from the fact that, just like the earlier 1860s and conversions, there was no top strap over the cylinder. The only parts that were interchangeable with the 1860s and conversions were the grip frame and I believe the wedge! Unlike the earlier Richards and Richards-Mason conversions, the 1872 Open Top was available only in .44 Henry rim fire. It was very popular with people who carried 1866 Winchester and Henry rifles. A total of around 7,000 Open Tops were manufactured by Colt



SMITH AND WESSON'S NO. 3 BREAKTOP AMERICAN.





COLT'S 1872 OPEN TOP REVOLVERS.

between 1872 and 1876.

## COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY

Few people know the second caliber produced in the 1873 Colt was .44 Henry rimfire, not the .44-40. In 1875, Colt began producing the 1873 Single Action Army in .44 rimfire. They wanted to capitalize on the "one caliber for pistol and rifle" that they had started with the 1872 Open Top (which was still in production). As 1860 Henry and 1866 Winchesters alone far outnumbered the .44-40 1873 Winchesters until 1886, it was just Good business sense to produce the 1872s and 1873s in .44 rimfire. In fact, Colt did not introduce the .44-40 "Frontier Six Shooter" until 1878. A total of 1863 .44 rimfire 1873 Single Action Army Colts were produced between 1875 and 1880.

## PRIVATE CONVERSIONS — 1860 COLT AND 1858 REMINGTON

Most people also do not realize that many percussion revolvers were

converted to cartridge revolvers, not just by the factory, but by frontier gunsmiths. Frequently, the .44 Rimfire was the cartridge of choice, due to its availability and popularity in the Henry and Winchester rifles. Generally, the Colt 1860 cylinder was replaced with a longer, newly-fabricated bored-through cylinder. These "long cylinder Conversions" are desirable collector pieces.

Remington 1858 New Model Army revolvers were also popular for these frontier gunsmith "long cylinder conversions." They are less common than the Colts, as Remington's tended to be converted to a five-shot .46 rimfire. Remington converted many 1858 New Model Army revolvers for the Army even before the Rollin White patent expired, choosing to pay Smith and Wesson a royalty for each pistol and including that as a factor in the price they charged.

Both the 1860 Colt revolver and the 1858 Remington had a bore that was nominally .452". The .44 Henry had a .445" diameter, soft lead bullet. While it would obdurate somewhat to fill the larger bore, accuracy was, as you might expect, less than target grade, but rather "minute of bad-man."

## CONCLUSION

I do not think anyone, having absorbed this information, could dispute the .44 Henry rimfire cartridge was the cartridge that originally opened the Old West. It was used in towns from California up to Montana, and down to Texas and Arizona. It has been found on battlefields like the Little Big Horn and was used on the prairies and planes by cowboys and sod busters alike. While a limited case may be made for other cartridges like the 56-56 and 56-50 Spencer, and .50-70, etcetera, at the very least it must be granted the .44 Henry had a more significant influence on the conquest of the West than all others until the late 1870s or beyond.

Until 1878, "a Colt's .44" meant either an 1860 Army .44 percussion, a cartridge conversion, or an 1872 or 1873 Colt in .44 rimfire. Likewise, prior to around 1880, when a man said .44 Winchester, he probably meant an 1866 Winchester in .44 rimfire. As I said previously, only 27,000 1873s in .44-40 had been manufactured by the close of 1879, less than 15 percent of the number of .44 rimfire rifles made by that time!



# ANNUAL MATCHES

## SASS CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### SHOOTOUT AT ARROYO CANTUA 2018

BY SINGLE-MALT SAL SASS  
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**I**t's been years since I picked up a single-action revolver, but after one match to ease myself back into the game

(I came in last), it was my pleasure to play the roving the reporter at the 2018 California State Championship. Put on by the clubs that share Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town, it was held at its usual haunt, Cowboy Town in Sloughhouse. It's officially known as Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town, in honor of the late and respected cowboy shooter Diamond Dick Price. A lot of aliases were new to me, but not all. Dick is still looking down on his wife, Paniolo Lady (SASS #28694) as she gets ready to draw. The posses were just as fast (or slow) but having just as much fun. That's what it's all about. "If you can't have fun, you might as well not be here" is a common refrain.

At this year's match Jokers Wild (SASS #101256) emerged victorious as the male overall winner with an overall time of 186.92. He also shot a clean match to boot. There were 23 clean shooters total. The overall woman was Morguns Ann Ammo (SASS #92217). Just a kid, she clocked in at 241.58 and

was in an eighth place overall. She's won big in other matches too, including END of TRAIL in 2016 where she won the Junior Girl category. Another shooter who will be a force to reckon with is The Kid With No Name (SASS #101908). At only 13, he is the youngest in the country to have the range officer certification. He won the Buckaroo Category without breaking a sweat, even after shooting black powder on the last stage.

Now he's hooked. The Kid said, "I'm switching to black powder. I told my dad if he does all the loading, I'll clean all the guns."

There were 142 shooters at this year's championship, and while the numbers were down a bit, you wouldn't realize it. There were campers and trailers lined up in droves, campsites set up for five days of shooting and festivities. Shooters and their families came from all over the state and outside of it. At least one shooter came all the way from Norway where the



OVERALL WINNERS JOKER'S WILD AND MORGUNS ANN AMMO.









SHOOTOFF WINNERS COYOTE CARSON AND CAMP HAG

game is very popular. The Championship also boasted a New Zealander, The Kiwi Kid (SASS #105981).

The weather was perfect, although the occasional breeze whipped up the flags and had some shooters sitting with their backs to the sun as they waited their turn.

The jangling of spurs and silver rings and gun carts being pulled along a gravel path give it the sound and the feel of a nineteenth century western town. Even the population is similar, except that some things, such as a fancy car, give it away.

Some local shooters show up in style. Known for his all-white outfit and giant Indian headdress, Pancho Sin Lefty (SASS #92366) makes the

trip over in his Porsche. It carries all he needs (with the exception of the gun cart, which he keeps at the range), and he carefully covers it before the shooting begins.

Numerous vendors are nestled against the campers and trailers peddling everything the modern Cowboy gunslinger needs—hats, boots, jewelry, T-shirts, and some fancy Sunday leather. The clothing is period enough to wear to Cowboy matches, but works just as smart at the office meeting the next day. Even a food vendor fed the hungry Cowboys and gals.

There is something about a Cowboy match that sets it apart from all the other shooting sports. The clothing, the cheesy B-Western movie lines

that start each stage, the easy smiles and laughter—even after a disastrous stage—signal that this about more than taking home a belt buckle. There are always competitors, but even their demeanors lack a rigid intensity. It's more of a twinkle as they deliberately flub the line just before the buzzer goes off. It's always been about the fun.

And forgiveness. There are important safety rules that must be followed, but a gentle warning is usually all that's needed to remind shooters. But stay safe they did. According to match director Sutter Lawman (SASS #24333), it went off without a hitch. Asked if there were any memorable incidents this year, he had to think about it. "I can't think of anything except the occasional shooter



had a train wreck [during a stage].” (Translation: a miss, procedural or fumble.) There weren’t too many of those, but it can make all the difference in a close match.

The most fun a shooter can have is during the shoot-off on the final day. It’s fun because all the competition is over and now it’s all fun. Most shooters just have fun watching and wondering, “Will the overall winner take the shoot-off, too?” Well, you’d be surprised. Round robin style, the first two men shooters face off, and the winner moves on to the next round. The two best Cowboys and Cowgirls are left to duke it out. But even the winners of a round robin can’t believe their performances.

“What a mess!”

“I’ll try to shoot slower next time.”

The friendly taunt, “gamer,” is heard throughout the crowd.

This time around Joker’s Wild couldn’t quite pull it out, losing his round, leaving Sinful (SASS #73672) to face off against Coyote Carson (SASS #91660). It was close. A fumble and reload cost Sinful just enough to leave Coyote Carson standing tall.

The final face off for the ladies was between Camp Hag (SASS #84031) and Molly Magoo (SASS #74540). Camp Hag was just too fast, but not fast enough to beat Coyote Carson in the final, final shoot-off, but she got close. The last plates fell at the same time, but Coyote Carson won because his plate was on the bottom. In some top man and top woman shoot-offs, the man will start with a disadvantage. Demonstrating the true spirit of the game, Camp Hag wouldn’t allow it. Fair is fair.

That just left ice cream and a table full of trophies to hand out. Some folks who traveled far had to pull up stakes early and hit the road, but most stayed to enjoy the social festivities to the end. As the winners were called off, it took some shooters a while to weave through the crowd to get their bling. The bling didn’t matter to most shooters. But for some young guns just jumping into the game—such as new kid with the crazy alias Cake Batter (SASS # 39008)—that belt buckle means a lot. He’s going to keep coming back and get faster and faster. “I really like the people,” he said, naming some of his favorites.

Co-match director Jimmy Frisco (SASS #85877) said while the fun and camaraderie will never change, the numbers are shrinking. Trying to get youngsters involved to replace the aging population is one challenge, but surprisingly, the popularity has its downside.

“This is the third year for the California State Championship at Diamond Dick’s. It is getting smaller,” Jimmy said, adding that at one point there were very few matches. That’s changed. Now clubs are springing up everywhere. “It’s not just getting the young people. There’s too much competition. People have to choose where to go.”

It looks like plenty of people chose Diamond Dicks Cowboy Town this year, even if being from outside the state meant they couldn’t be crowned California State Champion. There’s always a shot at something. And it’s always fun.

To see the full list of winners, go to the California Gunslingers website at: [www.californiagunslingers.com](http://www.californiagunslingers.com).

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## COMANCHERIA DAYS 2018

### SASS TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY YUMA JACK, SASS #11261,  
PATRON LIFE

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**T**he Texican Rangers once again hosted the SASS Texas State Championship during Comancheria Days on April 12-15, 2018. Comancheria Days is the Texican Rangers' annual club match. The first Comancheria Days match held in 1995 was the inspiration of Texas Jack (SASS #5148, aka Mike Harvey, owner of Texas Jack

Wild West Outfitter and Cimarron F.A. Co the primary sponsor of the match). This year, the match filled up quickly and had a waiting list of 12 shooters. I think the 2018 State Championship may have been the largest Comancheria Days match ever. It was attended by 307 shooters who made the journey from all over Texas, as well as from 12 other states as far away as Alaska, to the Texas Hill Country to join in the fun. The tradition of this "Old West" shootin' match has endured for 23 years. Not many clubs can make such a boast!

On Wednesday, Texican Rangers Territorial Governor, Dusty Lone Star (SASS #31537) offered Range Officer (RO) Level 1 and 2 Classes. Match Director and President A.D. Texaz (SASS #16339) and his assistant Newt Ritter (SASS #5891) must have paid much "wampum" to the rain dancers because the match experienced almost perfect Texas weather conditions. It

started out cool on Thursday and Friday mornings and then really warmed up in the afternoons. Saturday morning got downright cold, enhanced by some wind that at least benefited the Lords of Soot. But then it warmed up again in the afternoon. Like I said *almost* perfect Texas weather. Just have to wait a few hours for the change.

Thursday saw a four-stage Wild Bunch and a three-stage Plainsman match. Other Side Matches including Fastest Rifle, Revolver, Shotgun, Derringer and Pocket Pistol were available for all to challenge or use as warm up for the main match. Then there was a Bolt Action Military Match (BAMM) and Blazing Saddles with traditional Cowboy revolvers or a 1911 (or both). Long Range competition also occurred on Thursday. Side Matches allowed your best time out of three tries except for BAMM and Long Range.

The Main Match started on Friday,







with participants shooting five of the ten stages. Friday evening folks gathered under the lovely spreading oak trees to enjoy some good food, camaraderie and Side Match awards. Gumbo Annie served up pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, beans, chips, salsa, cookies, and ice tea. Desserts were donated by shooters and the bar was BYOB. After dinner, Side Match awards as well as Best Man and Lady Shooter's Costumes were announced.

The stage scenarios were written by Newt Ritter but the shooting sequences were designed by A.D. Texaz. He aimed to avoid the somewhat typical left-to-right revolver, rifle, shotgun sequences. Only one stage required starting with the revolvers and that stage had to be negotiated from right to left. Two stages required moving from right to left and three could be negotiated in either direction at the shooter's discretion. One stage required all shooters to move in both directions ending in the middle of the stage shooting the revolvers! Shooting sequences ranged in difficulty from sweeping five targets in either direction with both rifle and revolver to a "round-count" stage requiring a red



MEN'S TEXAS STATE CHAMPION MATT BLACK.

target to be engaged twice and three black targets to be engaged once each for each five-shot string from the rifle and revolvers. All stages were "gunfighter-friendly" but three of them probably took a little extra mental planning by shooters in that category.

My favorite stage started with the rifle held in both hands and the shoot-

er uttering Tom Selleck's line from the movie *Monte Walsh*, "You can't have no idea how little I care." At the buzzer the center of three rifle targets had to be double-tapped, then all three targets swept in either direction for the first five shots and then repeated for the remaining five shots. Moving to the right into the cabin's doorway the shooter had to engage three revolver targets using the rifle target instructions. Then moving out of the cabin to the right engage the four knock-down shotgun targets in any order.

The remaining five stages were shot Saturday. That evening found folks in their finest period clothing at the awards banquet. The banquet venue this year was the Pioneer Pavilion at the Lady Bird Johnson Park. El Patron (SASS #102037), who usually serves Fajitas on Friday night, was the caterer for Saturday. He served Texas brisket, sausage and all the fixin's. The banquet featured the always-popular Stretch Raffle for an Uberti 1873 Rifle, a Dillon 650, a Ladies Accessories Package, and other items. This was in addition to several registered shooter drawings for guns, Visa gift cards, and more. Participants also had a chance to purchase



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tickets Thursday through Saturday for an engraved nickel revolver benefiting the SASS Scholarship Fund. Handlebar Bob (SASS #4650) once again served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet. Texas Flower (SASS #43753), Doc O'Bay (SASS #63631) and Kathouse Kelli (SASS #72384) were on hand to judge the costume contest which included first, second and third place awards for Lady, Gentleman, Couple, and Soiled Dove. Buckle awards were presented to winners in 40 categories and 48 shooters completed the match without a miss or penalty. Matt Black (SASS #54580) took top honors as the

Men's Main Match Winner and the Men's Texas State Champion. Although Kathouse Kelli from Oklahoma was smokin' as the overall Ladies Match Winner it was Texas' own Panhandle Cowgirl (SASS #77924) who prevailed as the Ladies Texas State Champion.

There were vendors to fill shopping needs and empty your pockets. If you got hungry, Comfort Café, Buzzie's Bar-B-Q, and Kona Ice were on site Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Gun and wood engraving was available on site from Larry Hopewell Engraving and Klassic Laser Works ([www.KlassicLaser-Works.com](http://www.KlassicLaser-Works.com)). Clothing, outfitting, and

leather goods were on sale by Dirty Sally Handmade Earrings, Gold By Linda, Lone Star Leather, Miss Patty, T-Star Leather and Way Out Yonder. Boomstick Arms and Long Hunter Shooting Supply ([www.longhunt.com](http://www.longhunt.com)) were available to provide their expertise as gunsmiths. Additional shooting supplies could be had from Cimarron Bullets. Major Photography provided posse and banquet costume photos. Representatives of the Former Texas Rangers Association & Foundation as well as the Texas State Rifle Association (TRSA) provided information about those organizations.





LADIES' TEXAS STATE CHAMPION PANHANDLE COWGIRL.



MATCH DIRECTOR A.D. TEXAZ AND ASSISTANT NEWT RITTER.

The club leadership did an amazing job of organizing this match, finding space for more than 300 shooters plus guests and making it run like clockwork. The remarkable success is also due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of the many members of the Texican Rangers club who contributed their time, sweat and treasure over the past months to put on the match. It's little wonder the Texican Rangers were a recipient of a Woolly Award at END of TRAIL this year. How about you mark your calendars for April 10-14, 2019 and plan to come shoot with the Texican Rangers when we will again be celebrating Comancheria Days. You can check the website for more information, and for complete scores, at <http://www.texicanrangers.org>.



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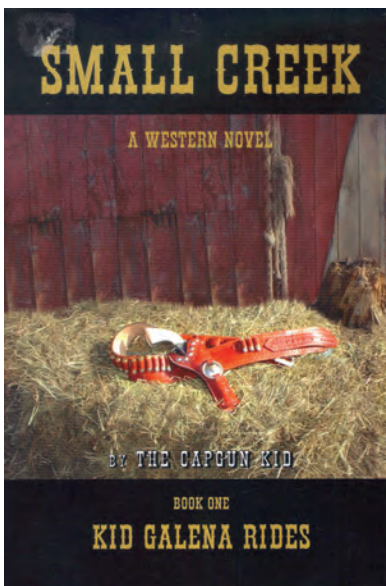


# FICTION



## SMALL CREEK: KID GALENA RIDES CONTINUED FROM THE JULY ISSUE

BY THE CAPGUN KID, SASS #31398



**THE STORY THUS FAR:** AT FIRST MISTAKEN FOR LEGENDARY OUTLAW KID GALENA, NOAH DOBBS IV CLEARS HIS NAME WITH SHERIFF AXEL SWEET AND SETS UP HIS BOOT AND HARNESS SHOP. AFTER HELPING STOP A BANK ROBBERY AND RIDING WITH THE SHERIFF'S POSSE IN SEARCH OF THE BANDITS, NOAH RETURNS TO TOWN WHERE LOCAL RANCHER BENNET MASON SUGGESTS HE TAKE PART IN A CATTLE DRIVE, BUT COMMENTS HE MIGHT WANT A MORE APPROPRIATE HAT.



## CHAPTER EIGHT

### THE SPORTING MAN'S HAT SMALL CREEK, KANSAS

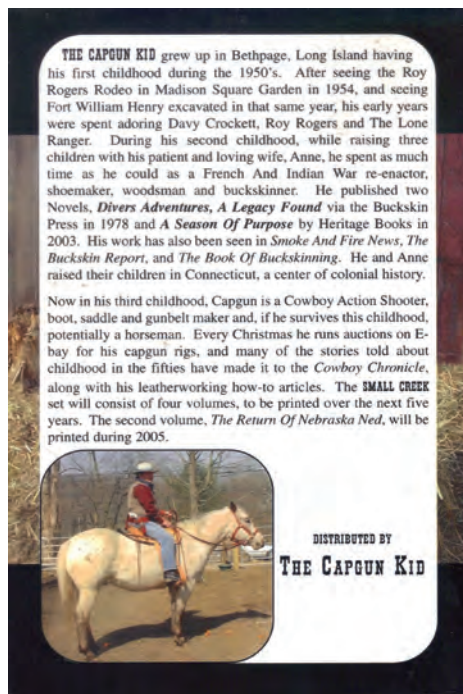
**A**xel Sweet looked squarely at Noah and said, "We gotta do something about that hat."

Axel might have called him short, or fat, or even ugly, but there was nothing that would irritate Noah Dobbs more right now than having his hat criticized. Being mindful of the sting generated by Bennet Mason's comment of yesterday, he laid the hat out on the bench, creased the crown by sinking the entire top into a flattened ring, and ironed the brim so it would curl upward just above his right eye, giving the headpiece a rakish look. He had even checked it in the mirror. It was everything he had ever seen in a dime novel. Now Axel Sweet had just cut him down with casual sarcasm.

Sweet dipped into his tobacco pouch with his fat fingers, filled his pipe and then offered Noah some without looking directly at him, rather peering out the front window. "That hat makes you look like a sporting man and a cheap shot, neither of which is an adequate statement about yore demeanor and countenance. Yup...you need a new hat."

He casually lit a match by sweeping it against his striped pants and began to place the flame over the bowl, sending bluish white smoke before him as he lit the pipe. The sweet aroma began to fill the room. Sweet had rested his coat on the edge of the bench opposite from where Noah was going to do a small repair for him before they left to do some shooting and then to sample the Thompsons' dinner. When his eyes met Noah's he grinned, pointed to Noah's reddening ears and said, "Yes-sir, McGee said you'd be techy about yore hat, and I guess he was dead on right!" He began to laugh, which irritated Noah more.

"My hat'll do just fine the way it is."



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He replied, failing to think of anything else to retort. "Now gimme the damn gunbelt, tell me about this dinner gala and sit down over there."

Axel peeled off his belt, retaining his cap and ball revolver just the same, and sat down. Noah looked at the billet, clearly noting the stretch marks and beginnings of a tear where the holes that fit into the buckle were. Taking his hook knife, he cut the stitches and removed the billet altogether. He traced it onto some stout, thick leather. While he was cutting out the piece with his rounded moon knife, he again asked Axel about the dinner that evening, noticing through the window that McGee was approaching. Noah punched the required holes into the new piece, picked out a length of pre-waxed thread he had worked up as part of yesterday's batch and threaded two harness needles. He put Axel's rig in the clamp and stitched the replacement billet in place after dyeing it and burnishing the edges until they looked like glass. While he paused to wait for the dye to dry, watching McGee approach from the street, he asked Axel about the dinner party a third time, realizing that the Sheriff had not answered

because he was concentrating on Noah's every move. Sweet jerked his mind away from the leatherwork and started. He could see that he was clearly nervous about the event.

"Look, Kid. Just show up and be yourself. These people like you. You're the first feller I've seen them cotton to so quickly. Now stop crawin' about it and let's move along. Did you change yore load like I asked you?"

McGee stepped through the door, framed in the late afternoon light bursting through the doorway, and walked over to the stove looking for coffee. Noah replied without looking at the deputy, "Yes, yes, yes already. Single F powder, same grain weight by the scales. Mills Fawcett said it was the best powder made. Sat up all last night just thinking of doing everything you ever told me."

A slight smile crept unnoticed across Axel's lips. Noah's irritation and familiarity gave him confidence that the Yankee easterner might fit in here after all, and that he would be the second deputy Sweet wanted. Seeing that no coffee was brewing, McGee turned to face Noah. He gestured toward the hat on the bench and asked, "That yore hat?" Noah nodded. McGee grunted softly to himself, picked up the hat and stated flatly, "What the hell did you do to it? You ain't a sportin' man." Axel slapped his knee and began to guffaw. Even Noah took notice because McGee inadvertently strung two sentences together. Trying to keep his poise, Noah picked up the hat with a smile, and Axel Sweet immediately stopped laughing.

Noah pointed his finger at Sweet, stating flatly, "That's right. I ain't a sportin' man, and I'll wager I can shoot yore eyes out before you can shed a tear, so be wary of making mock of my hat. Now let's get to target shooting and go to this bloody dinner before I die of privation."

As they walked down the street, Noah noticed that, although Axel carried his coat, McGee wore none at all. He had a collar and a tie, but no coat. Noah, now grumpy and a little hot, snorted, "Ain't you a little under dressed? Axel has a coat, and I am suffering the same, but you are going in shirtsleeves. Clearly the evening is not



one for shirtsleeves. Are you not a little recalcitrant because you are going in shirtsleeves, Deputy McGee?"

"If recalcitrant means the best looking stud in this paltry herd, then I'm it."

Sweet guffawed again and even Noah cracked a smile as they turned toward their shooting spot. Axel poked McGee hard enough to move the man sideways a little as they walked.

"Don't be stringin' so many fancy words together, Deputy, or you might break yore jaw 'cause of all the work yore puttin' it through!!"

Not willing to lose the moment, Axel continued, "McGee put on a tie only because Mauve asked him to. He says he might wear a coat to their wedding or her funeral, but otherwise he don't wear coats. Ain't that right, Deputy McGee?" Axel slapped his deputy on the back and McGee again shuffled a step to the side to keep his balance.

"Mauve?" asked Noah, "Is that one of Wendell Thompson's girls? The one with the Chinese eyes and the golden brown hair?"

"The very one." Replied Axel, "Only, mind yore manners Mister Kid Galena. Deputy McGee intends to marry the lass."

Noah stopped up short, staring at McGee. "I'm sorry." He blurted out, "I had no idea..."

"I'll forgive it on account of yore hat must be addling yore brain." Replied McGee, pointing lazily to the hat to underscore his point.

By now, Noah was familiar enough with these two men to realize the loss of poise he suffered here would be exploited to the maximum. They rarely missed an opportunity to lever-

age their innate sarcasm, and the fact that he felt a part of this constant sparring was the weightiest evidence of their regard for him of which he was aware.

When they got to the bale he was especially careful to concentrate on each shot, because he knew they would be merciless at any chance. Surprisingly, the pistol showed less of a kick and the group, although still a little high, was tight. All five of his shots were within an inch of each other. With satisfaction, he noted he would not be the target of their barbs on that topic. Axel fired off two cylinders he kept capped in his coat pockets by pointing the gun, not aiming. "That's the problem with getting yore load right and knowing where you are going to hit. When you have to shoot at men you don't think to take aim if you know what's good for you. You are deliberate and you point." Noah reloaded and took aim again. To heck with Axel's advice. Not willing to give up the initiative, they poked fun at his hat.

The Thompsons' Saloon had been prettied up a little for the affair. Noah noticed that as soon as he stepped through the door, removing his hat and placing his gunbelt on the table thoughtfully provided for such a purpose. The bar was covered with a tablecloth that was brightly checked in red and white. A bowl of punch stood in the middle of the bar and several of the dishes the town wives made were spaced and arranged on both sides of the punchbowl itself. There was no liquor in sight. The rickety little tables were pushed against the walls, flanked on each side by chairs, and small curtain-like arrangements of gingham were adorning the walls behind each set. The cloth was of the same type featured at Mrs. Fawcett's millenary. The middle of the floor was cleared for some hoofin', as Wendell announced in a booming voice that welcomed each of the families. Noah noticed that the floor had been swept clear of any sawdust.

Big Foot Fawcett had his Mandolin, Shorty Allen brought a fiddle, and Pete Williams brought a guitar. Wendell's "daughters" were all decently dressed, and devoid of their normal coat of paint. Mrs. Fawcett approached Noah early on, holding her glass of tart punch, and remarked she was glad her husband was playing tonight so she could dance with all the other men of the town. Noah took the hint, and danced a lively waltz with her.

He quickly found out that any of the reservations that made him ill at ease about this party were unwarranted. For one thing, most people in the room had money lodged at McSweeney's bank. His defense of said funds was regarded as a "downright heroic community service of the highest order," as Mills Fawcett put it in the first toast of the evening. By far, his greatest challenge was the dilemma over approaching and socializing with Miss Alice Mason. She was all too frequently on his mind, but he did not relish the idea of going through an evening of *tête-à-tête* with her. What proved worse was the fact that, during and after the few dances he had with her, she proved no more interested in him than any of the other men in the room.

Banker McSweeney plied him for details of life back east. He was clearly ill at ease, by nature, here on the edge of nowhere, and he touted his newly attained lawyer's license as the counterpoint of his exile. Noah wondered

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if he was sent here by his firm as a sort of banishment. McSweeney did impress him as a man of vision and when they parted during the evening's festivities the Banker spent a great deal of time cloistered in a corner with Ben Mason. Noah passed some time with a cleaned up and slicked down Rufus McCorkindale, who parted his hair in the center of his crown and greased it down with hair oil. He looked awfully formal, as Mrs. Fawcett remarked. Miss Mason took several dances with him, and he sweated profusely as she showed him how to manage each step. Several times Noah looked for McGee, wishing to share some of the punch with him, only to find, at each turn, the Deputy was completely taken by Mauve, dancing with her all night and even eating with her at the farthest table in the room.

The evening ended with a stirring reel that had to be played three times over at the request of the jubilant townspeople. Noah left thinking there was not a square inch left of him into which could be crammed the spare ribs, pork roast, sweet potatoes, turnips, squash, pie, and strawberry shortcake in which he so liberally indulged. His only regret came when Ben Mason stepped up to walk Miss Mason home, thus depriving him of an opportunity. The Rancher shook hands cordially and reminded him of their upcoming ride and picnic. It was very clear, without any associated words, that Ben wanted time tonight with his daughter.

The surprise of the evening came when Banker McSweeney, who had ordered two bottles of Champagne

from St Louis (actually he ordered six, knowing there would be casualties on the journey), matched them with fresh strawberries brought in by Mr. And Mrs. Kraptauer directly from their farm. They toasted their town, each other, the upcoming cattle season, Noah's new business, and Rufus McCorkindale's newfound literacy. When there was more champagne left, they toasted the moon and all the planets, having been through the republic, Kansas, and The President of the U.S. of A. When he collapsed into the simple brass bed in his tiny home, he slipped into sleep feeling, for the first time, like he just may have belonged in Small Creek.

The next day started off sluggishly enough, Noah being nowhere experienced enough in a feast such as that or an engagement with champagne to overcome it instantly, and he opened his shop late. Mrs. Thompson surprised him by stopping by with a pair of store bought shoes. She claimed they pinched her outer toes to the point of distraction. She insisted anything he could make her would be infinitely better and, to Noah's own surprise, he found himself measuring her for a pair of high-topped calfskin shoes. She let him know what a fine young man she thought he was because he had danced with each of her "daughters" without reservation or inkling to look down his nose at them. Then she filled him in on the situation concerning McGee and Mauve. This was the first time Noah had the details related to him.

When she rose to part company, Noah actually felt himself wishing she'd stay a little longer because he knew just enough about everybody

now to want to know more. She bid good day, stepping through the door Noah opened for her, and turned to say, as a parting comment, "Oh...and Mr. Dobbs...I thought I would point out that our neighbor, Mrs. Fawcett, is carrying a fine line of broad brim hats. OH! Not that there is anything wrong with your hat, but I thought you looked a little more dignified than a sporting man..."

Somewhat more than flummoxed, Noah tended to cutting out the uppers for Mrs. Thompson's shoes and began to botch the cuts because he could not concentrate. He put the rounded knife down with a pronounced exhale and decided to go over to Williams' and groom his horse, Loopy. He fetched out his brush and the pail he kept his poke in, plopped on his hat and went over to the stable. To his surprise, he almost collided with Axel Sweet, who was saddling his horse. When they settled down and Axel saddled up while Noah brushed down Loopy, the sheriff informed him that he and McGee were riding out to the Kraptauer farm because one of their milk cows was missing.

"More than likely a stray through an open gate, but it might also be one of Good Pony's Cheyenne or worse. We expect to be back before dark, but you are the law west of the Mud for the day, Deputy Dobbs. Now, here. Take yore badge."

Noah looked down at the badge in his left hand.

"Now, raise yore right hand. Say I do."

Noah stopped brushing Loopy. "What?"

"Say I do...I do, I do! You can handle them two words can't you?"



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Noah slipped one brush under his arm, freeing his right hand, which he absent-mindedly raised. "All right, then! I do! Do WHAT?"

"It ain't important. 'Cept for your hat, you are every inch a lawman of respect. Now, you are in charge of these here good citizens of Small Creek, so protect 'em and don't let me down with any poor behavior such as they don't experience with me at the helm. Seeing as how you are deputized official like, you will be compensated the part time salary of a dollar a week, starting today."

Axel moved his horse over and continued, "Here. Move Loopy over there and I'll sweep out the stall. I have to wait for McGee anyhoo and I already saddled his."

When they were finished Noah turned Loopy loose in the corral behind the stalls. McGee came in through the door while Noah was out back. Approaching his horse, he poked his shotgun into the scabbard and laced on his saddlebags as Noah came back into the stable. Without

looking up he muttered, "Still wearin' that hat?"

Axel snorted while trying to choke back a laugh and Noah flushed red. He started to respond through gritted teeth when the Sheriff interjected, "Here...Here! Wait a second! We'll ask a party with no stake in the matter. Pete...What d'ya think of this here hat?"

Pete looked up from the anvil, looked at Axel, then at Noah and his hat, then back at Axel, then at the chalk marks on the anvil. "Looks like a sportin' man's hat."

Noah Dobbs stomped out of the stable amidst the laughs of the two lawmen behind him. When he was gone, Pete looked up at Axel, who started to lead his horse out onto the street. Pete Williams snapped his fingers loudly and assumed an impatient look on his face. Axel Sweet turned to meet his gaze and asked lamely and with an air of assumed innocence, "What?"

Pete snapped his finger again. "Two bits, please. You said two bits."

"All right, all right," responded Axel, reaching into his vest with his free hand, "But remember you ain't gonna say anything to Dobbs...ever!"

"Huh! That'll cost you another two bits. Forever's a long time, and his hat don't look all that bad, Mr. Law-West-Of-The-Mud."

Noah Dobbs did not wave as he watched Axel and McGee trot out of town, and chose to ignore the laughter they were enjoying as they rode off to work. He presumed they were making light of some trivial event of which he had no knowledge. He lingered only long enough to see three strange looking cowboys with the large Mexican hats, sashes, and leather wrist cuffs that marked them as Texans. Even across the street he could hear their broad and gaudy spurs jingle as they shifted their feet or thumped their Cuban-heeled boots on the porch.

They were dismounting as he entered his own shop and put the pail back in the corner from which he drew it. He looked out his door again to watch them swagger into Thompson's Saloon. He set to working on Mrs. Thompson's uppers and was well into

the task when the commotion out on the street caught his attention. He went over to the door only to see the Texans on the porch in front of Thompson's, one of them knocking Andy Farrell into the street while the other one held Mauve fast in a grip from which she could not escape.

When Mrs. Thompson emerged from the saloon she smacked the Texan holding Mauve with the length of her broomstick. The slapping noise resonated across the street as the man howled and released Mauve. She darted back into the building as the Texan stumbled down the porch, pursued by the murderous Mrs. Thompson. His partner, a lanky fellow with a striped white and blue shirt and a gaudily studded gun belt, guffawed loudly as the first Texan stumbled around trying to regain his feet under the merciless beating. The laughter ended abruptly when Wendell stepped out behind him, rapped him smartly on the back of his head with the butt of a shotgun, and sent him careening onto the street.

It was time for the intervention of the Law, such as it was, and the prevention of anything out of hand with the shotgun. Noah reached behind the door opening and pulled his rig off the peg by the door. He buckled the gun belt on and stepped out into the street. The first of the Texans had mounted his horse, and was well on his way down T'other Turnpike, barely hanging on as his mount shuffled off. The other two Texans had already forgotten their incident at the saloon and were stumbling across the street, singing about Texas in the most raucous of off-key, drunken voices. It was not clear where they were going. Noah smelled an arrest here, and wondered where the keys to the jail cell were. Axel forgot to inform him of any of the details of deputy work.

He was on his way toward them, more than a little nervous and trying to think of what to say. He fingered his hat with one hand and his revolver with the other. Then he stopped suddenly in his tracks when he caught wind of what the Texans were saying in their revelry. One of them caught the other's attention and pointed off to the corral. Noah

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could see him pointing at Loopy, who stood quietly by the fence. He remarked, at the top of his voice, about what an ugly Cayuse was over to the corral...as ugly a painted fleabag as God could cram three colors into. He'd have to fulfill his Christian Duty and put the animal out of its misery. He dropped his gun while pointing with his free hand.

Noah, realizing that he was pointing to Loopy, did not wait to hear more, but bolted toward the Texans. "You there! Hold fast! I want your guns!"

The Texans started and their faces blanked in surprise as they saw Noah for the first time. Noah drew and cocked his revolver, leveling it at the startled Texans. The first one, with the blue and white shirt, blurted out, "Who the hell are you?" as he raised his hands. The other man followed suit. From behind them, under the shade of the Oak tree, came a voice, "He's Kid Galena, and you would do well to obey him and our laws!" It was that pouchy fellow Roberts, who always seemed to be able to stir a pot. It occurred to Noah he had not seen Roberts about for some time. He overcame his distraction and focused his attention on the cowboys.

Noah always felt he did not give that poor Texan a fair shake. He should have identified himself as the Deputy and been content to haul the man off to jail. As it was, though, his growing anger over the hat and mounting fury over the perceived threat to Loopy got the best of him. He took his finger off the trigger, gripped the gun by its cylinder and frame, and struck a crisp blow atop the Texan's head. The man's legs buckled under him and he fell down in a heap. Noah turned his furious glance to the other Texan whose eyes foretold a blatant fear. "You Son Of A Bitch!" Noah snarled. "You think you're gonna shoot at my horse? You wanna hurt my horse, do you?"

The Texan, with his striped ticking trousers shaking violently as his knees vibrated uncontrollably, could only stammer and protest the harmlessness of their intent. He looked almost boyish, sombrero in hand, bulbous nose and pouchy cheeks set below his watery blue eyes. The redness in his face, from years on the trail, made him appear to flush to the point of bursting. After all, nobody loved horses more than Texans, and they were, in fact, here to buy some stock from the Mason Remuda.

Noah would have none of it. This angered Noah all the more, inasmuch as a minute ago this same groveling cowboy was so arrogant and willing to inflict harm on the helpless. Noah Dobbs IV had no tolerance for bullies. He dragged, kicked, pushed, and shoved them over to the jail. He shoved them into the cell and threw their pistols on the floor near Axel's desk. He slammed the cell shut. While they were still staring at him slack-jawed, he drew his Colt and cocked it, keeping it pointed at the floor.

"Now if you dumb critters want to see the daylight, you'll tell me what a marvelous hat I am wearing."

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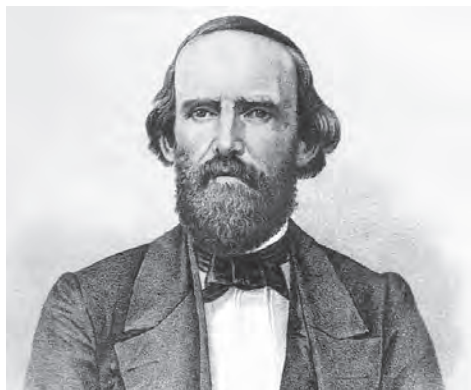
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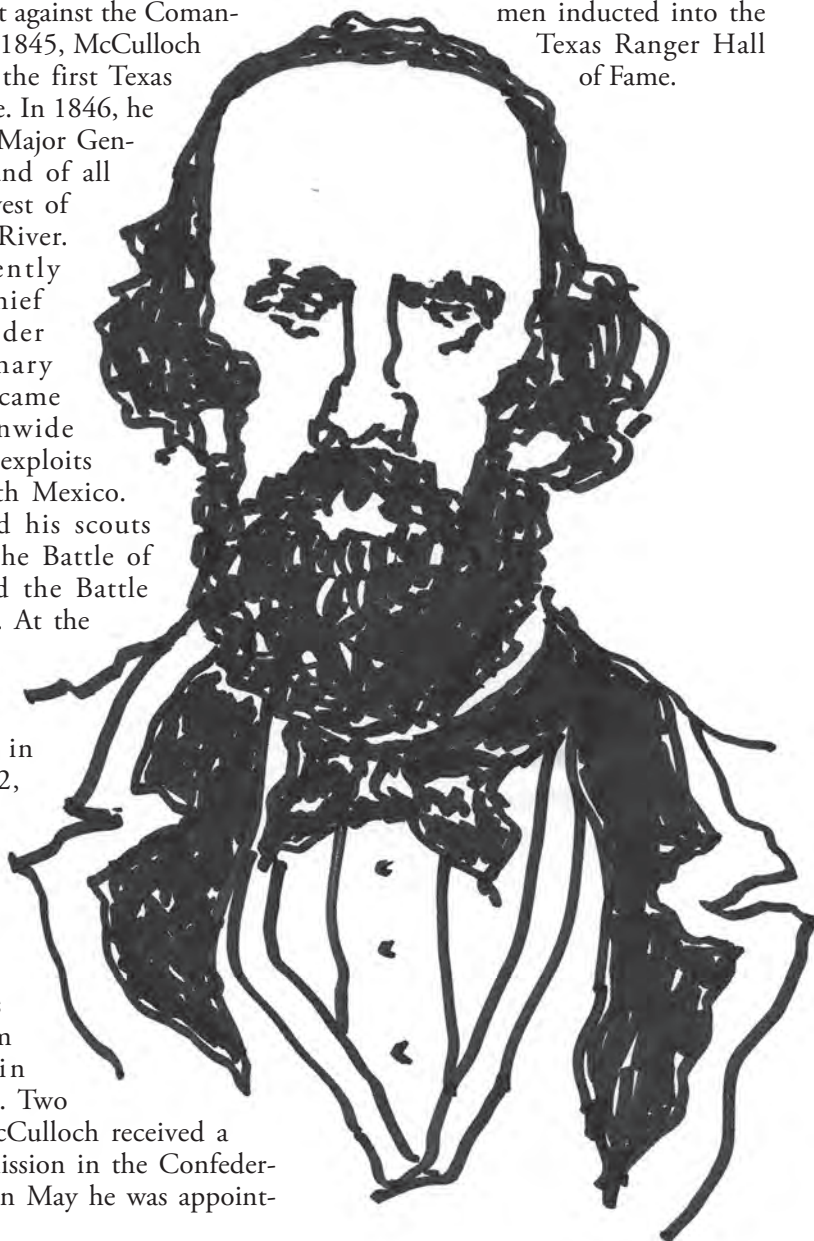


**B**en McCulloch was born in Tennessee on November 11, 1811. He was one of twelve children of Alexander McCulloch and Frances LeNoir. Ben's father was an officer in the Greek War and the Battle of New Orleans. His mother was a daughter of a prominent Virginia planter. The McCulloch family had been wealthy in North Carolina before 1776, but Ben's father had wasted his inheritance. The McCulloch family moved by necessity in the twenty years following their move from North Carolina and Ben's birth. They lived in Tennessee and Alabama, finally settling at Dyersburg. Their closest neighbor was Davy Crockett who was a great influence on young Ben. In 1834 McCulloch headed west. He landed in St. Louis, moved on to Wisconsin and in the fall of 1835 returned to Tennessee to take up farming. When Davy Crockett went to Texas in 1835 Ben McCulloch decided to tag along. He and Crockett arrived at Nacogdoches on January 5, 1836. Ben contracted measles and was bedridden for several weeks, so Crockett pressed on to San Antonio alone. Ben's illness prevented

him from arriving in San Antonio until the Alamo had already fallen. McCulloch joined the Texas Army under Sam Houston and fought in the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. In 1838 he signed up with the Texas Rangers and served under Captain John Coffee Jack Hays. As a Ranger, he earned a reputation as a fierce Indian fighter, favoring shotguns, pistols, and Bowie knives. Ben was elected to the Republic of Texas House of Representatives in 1839. In 1842, he went back to intermittent military service. At the Battle of Plum Creek he served as a scout against the Comanche Indians. In 1845, McCulloch was elected to the first Texas State Legislature. In 1846, he was appointed Major General in command of all Texas militia west of the Colorado River. He subsequently was named chief of scouts under General Zachary Taylor and became known nationwide for his daring exploits in the War with Mexico. McCulloch led his scouts to victory at the Battle of Monterrey and the Battle of Buena Vista. At the war's end, Ben joined the gold rush to California in 1849. In 1852, McCulloch was appointed U.S. marshal for the Eastern District of Texas. Texas seceded from the union in February 1861. Two weeks later, McCulloch received a colonel's commission in the Confederate Army and in May he was appoint-

ed a brigadier general. He was placed in command of the Indian Territory and built alliances with the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Creek Nations. His troops defeated the Union Army at the Battle of Wilson's Creek at Missouri in August 1861. McCulloch was fighting at the Arkansas Battle of Pea Ridge in March 1862 when he was shot out of the saddle and died instantly. Ben's body was buried on the field at Pea Ridge, but was later moved to the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Ben

McCulloch is one of thirty men inducted into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.





# HISTORY/MILITARY

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U.S. CAMEL CORPS

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**T**he U.S. Camel Corps was an excellent idea that never evolved into a permanent policy. The Camel Corps experiment lasted only ten years and despite the success of the venture, it wasn't adopted by the U.S. Army. It could have saved time, expense, wear and tear on men, mules and horses, but it ended up being shelved. Nevertheless, the U.S. Camel Corps is one of the most interesting (if obscure) stories of the American West.

It doesn't take a genius to realize the broad expanses of the western United States are difficult to traverse. The problem is lack of water and forage. What you need is a beast capable of existing on little water and the most indigestible types of vegetation. Horses and mules can exist in a desert climate, but their water and food must be transported with them. Camels on the other hand are perfectly suited for life in the desert.

In 1836, US Army Lieutenant George Crosman suggested the army should adopt camels as beasts of burden. They were ideal for use in the West. According to Crosman, "They will go without water, and with but little food, for six or eight days, or it is said even longer. Their feet are alike well suited for traversing grassy or sandy plains, or rough, rocky hills and paths, and they require no shoeing." Despite Crosman's enthusiasm, the idea was shelved. Camels were unfamiliar creatures and the U.S. Army at the time was not willing to dabble with the unfamiliar.

A little more than a decade passed. Crosman, who was now a major, met up with another camel advocate named Henry C. Wayne. Wayne, also a major, submitted a request for an experimental camel corps to the War Department. This time there was more



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interest. Senator Jefferson Davis of Mississippi thought the idea was worthy of consideration, although little was done until five years later (1853) when Davis became Secretary of War under the Pierce Administration. Davis recommended trying out the camels and two years later the sum of \$30,000 was appropriated to the venture. Though the idea was met with a fair amount of skepticism, Davis persuaded enough people to give it a try.

Major Wayne was appointed head of the expedition to acquire the camels. A ship, the *USS Supply*, was specially outfitted to transport the beasts from North Africa. A fair amount of planning went into the operation and Wayne consulted with various camel experts as to its feasibility and implementation. The Navy fitted the ship with hoists to lift the camels and deposit them into the hold. Special stables were designed inside the *Supply* so the creatures could endure the voyage with as little discomfort as possible.

It took months of sailing around the Mediterranean to pick out and purchase the camels. Meanwhile, Wayne and other officers interviewed everyone they could find about the care and maintenance of the beasts. Eventually,

they purchased thirty-three camels. Though the majority were Arabian, or one-humped camels, they also bought a couple of Bactrian camels—the two-humped variety which were noted for their load carrying ability. Wisely, the expedition hired five native camel drivers to assist the Americans in managing the animals. Apparently, some expertise is required when camels are being used. They can be difficult to deal with if they are annoyed and respond by spitting a foul-smelling mixture of undigested food and saliva on their tormentors. If a camel is particularly annoyed, it can stomp someone to death. In addition, they aren't particularly fragrant and make weird noises. Camels also scare the heck out of horses that have never seen them before.

The meticulously planned expedition returned to the U.S. in the spring of 1856 and the camels were unloaded at Indianola, Texas. Although one camel died during the voyage, two calves were born en route, so the expedition came out one camel ahead. The camels were moved about 180 miles to Camp Verde, Texas, which became the base of operations for the Camel Corps.

Camp Verde is about 60 miles from San Antonio. Not long after the camels



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arrived, Major Wayne decided to pit the camels against a traditional mule team to see which was more efficient in making the trip from San Antonio for supplies. He sent three wagons, each pulled by six mules and six camels to San Antonio. The mules were hitched to their wagons, the camels were loaded up, and the race back to Camp Verde was on.

The camels beat the mule teams handily. The three camels carried about the same weight of oats as the three wagons pulled by a total of eighteen mules. It took the camels two days to get to Camp Verde and the wagons five days. Based on that experiment alone, I'd say the camels proved their superiority. A few other tests were conducted with the same results. In 1857, Jefferson Davis reported the success of the experiment to Congress, stating that the camel corps was working out far better than anyone had hoped. I'll spare everybody a direct quotation because Davis' prose was even more tortured than the typical prose of that time.

Later in that year, another opportunity came up to test of the camels' abilities. By that time, John Floyd had replaced Davis as Secretary of War and Floyd decided the camels would be included in a surveying expedition. The expedition was ordered to construct a wagon road from Fort Defiance in New Mexico to the Colorado River on the California/Arizona border. This would take a path through some of the most dry and difficult terrain that the United States had to offer. The leader of the expedition, Edward Beale, chafed at the requirement to use camels but orders were orders. Beale had to pick up the camels in Camp Verde and move them to Fort Defiance. Reluctant and grumbling, on June 25, 1857, Beale set off from Camp Verde with twenty-five camels in addition to the usual pack animals.

By the time Beale arrived at Fort Defiance in August, his attitude toward the camels had changed considerably. Not only were they able to carry heavy loads, they could forage for themselves

and didn't require the extra weight of grain sacks. Indeed, the camels carried the grain used by the horses and mules. The camels were also faster than the horses and mules and could travel over more difficult terrain.

The expedition left for the Colorado River in late August. Again, Beale was impressed by their performance. At one point, the surveyors got lost in a canyon in the middle of nowhere and the water situation became desperate. A small detachment of men was sent with some of the camels to find water, which they found twenty miles away. This probably saved the expedition. In a report to the Secretary of War, Beale referred to the camel as "a noble and useful brute" and concluded by stating the men of his preferred "one of the most indifferent of our camels to four of our best mules."

When the expedition reached the Colorado River, Beale was concerned the camels wouldn't be able to cross it. However, they proved to be capable swimmers even when fully loaded. Sadly, the mules and horses didn't fare as well. Two horses and ten mules drowned.

Edward Beale took the camels to the San Joachin Valley after the expedition. They were used to haul freight for his business partner's ranch. Beale was a private contractor who had been hired



THE CAMEL IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR TRAVELING IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST.

by the Army and made up a lame excuse for not taking the camels immediately back to Camp Verde. Meanwhile, the beasts were extremely useful for Beale's enterprises. They were even used in a fight against the Mojave Indians. Neither the Indians nor their horses had ever seen camels before and they scattered.

Despite Beale's shady business practices, in 1858 he got another contract with the Army to survey a wagon road from Fort Smith, Arkansas to the Colorado River. He used twenty-five camels from Camp Verde in the venture. (Somehow, he still hadn't gotten around to giving back the other camels from his previous expedition.) Again, the camels performed admirably.

Secretary of War Floyd gave his whole-hearted recommendation to Congress for the adoption of camels for military transport and supply. He lobbied for the purchase of an additional one thousand camels.

So, what happened? Why didn't the Army adopt camels as beasts of burden in the American desert?

Unfortunately, there was a lot going on in the late 1850s in the United States. The country was steadily drifting toward civil war. The Senate and House of Representatives were divided between pro and anti-slavery factions. The issue of slavery in the Territories occupied most congressmen's thoughts at the time. Camels weren't a hot topic and the project was in limbo.

When the Civil War broke out, the camels in Camp Verde, Texas became property of the Confederate States of America. They were used at first for hauling supplies, but owing to the absence of people trained in camel driving, problems arose. The camels spit and stomped; the Confederates retaliated. One camel was pushed over a cliff by its exasperated handlers. To say the least, the camels' new masters were not convinced of their virtues.

The camels in California had been recovered by the U.S. Army by 1861. Nobody was sure what to do with them.



# HISTORY/MILITARY

They were used for various minor hauling projects and were eventually auctioned off to the public at about \$52 dollars a head. When the war was over, the camels in Texas were likewise sold. Many of them wound up in circuses. A few unlucky ones were apparently made into jerky. Some of the camels were transported to Nevada where they were used to haul freight. Virginia City holds camel races to this day in commemoration. They are a big tourist attraction in the fall. Other camels wandered off into the wastelands and became feral. They and their offspring were sighted for decades afterward.

There is a strange folk tale about a feral camel called the "Red Ghost." In 1883 a woman in southern Arizona was stomped to death by a large unfamiliar animal. Witnesses claimed there was a skeleton riding it. According to the story, some miners along the Verde River in Arizona spotted a huge camel and shot the beast. Lashed to the camel was a badly decomposed corpse. Nobody knows how the corpse got there or why. It was not recorded whether the miners had been drinking and if so, exactly what mixture they had indulged in. Mescal, for example, can produce unsettling visions. At any rate, evidence and documentation are sketchy and the only thing provable is the existence of the story.

An interesting postscript to this story is "Beale's Wagon Road"—the route which the Beal expedition had surveyed back in 1857 with the help of camels—pretty much runs along present day I-40. It's funny to think of camels as one drives along the highway through Arizona. However, it goes through some of the most desolate terrain in the country and would have been an ideal place to test the practicality of the Camel Corps. It's a shame the Army didn't find a permanent use for them. However, the Civil War and its aftermath sounded the death knell of the experiment. The project was associated with Jefferson Davis, who became President of the Confederacy. John Floyd, his successor in the late 1850s became a Confederate general. In the years immediately after the war, the Transcontinental railroad made the whole thing a moot point.

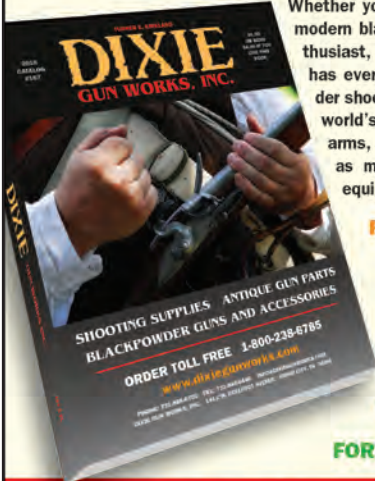
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# PROFILES



## CAT BALLOU AWARDED LEGENDARY "LOCAS" AT END OF TRAIL 2018

BY TEX, SASS #4

**D**uring the Awards Ceremony at the 37th annual END of TRAIL, the Ladies of Cowboy Action Shooting (LOCAS), recognized Cat Ballou, SASS #55, as a Legendary Lady of Cowboy Action Shooting™, for her three decades of achievements in SASS, as well as her decades of supporting and promoting the involvement of women in the sport. Cat was presented with a beautifully engraved silver buckle from Molly's Custom Silver Buckles, as well as receiving a standing ovation from the audience. Cat was truly surprised, and said she was honored and touched to receive this recognition.

Also receiving LOCowboy Action Shooting™ awards were Misty Moonshine, CEO of SASS, and Ruby Jewel, one of the LOCowboy Action Shooting™ founders.

## CONTINUING THE SPORT

BY ECHO BELLE, SASS #75636

EDITED AND ADAPTED BY JUSTICE

LILY KATE, SASS #1000

**I** believe if we can get the names Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Single Action Shooting Society® in the eyesight of more people, the number of people involved in CAS and SASS will increase.

The first idea I have to increase involvement is to get more kids out to the range and get them interested in the idea of gun handling. From someone who has been competing in SASS events for nine years, the sparsest categories are Buckaroo and Young Guns.

Kids are the future to everything but what we need to focus on is getting adults to bring them. Many times, young kids do not get to come because it is too hard for the adults to watch after them while they are shooting. I believe incorporating special matches specifically for young kids who may not be old enough to handle real guns or are too afraid to handle real guns will bring more young people into the sport.

These matches could have knife throwing, whip cracking, and electronic gun with knock down targets to help simulate regular monthly matches. Since this is for kids only, parents and grandparents would be there to support and teach their young ones how to properly handle firearms and other weapons. I feel after time kids will be more likely to want to shoot in regular monthly matches. The best part is, they will already have been taught safety and the proper way to act at the range. Also, this would be a good time for young ROs like myself to practice timing and watching for gun safety on the range.

The next two ideas have to do with advertising. If it weren't for a local gun

show my grandpa would have never gotten involved with SASS. In return, I never would have started shooting either. If we can get flyers out to vendors at more local gun shows, then the odds of more people becoming involved in Cowboy Action Shooting™ and SASS increase by a lot. I feel this would be very effective because we would be helping vendors make sales when they mention to their customers there is a place for them to regularly use the guns they purchase.

My final idea is to get what we do on social media. Each club could have a Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube account. You never know when a thirty-second video of a twenty-two second stage is going to go viral. I can personally speak for this idea, In April of 2012, *The Edge of Entertainment* did a segment in which they filmed me and the host in a knock down pistol duel. After that episode aired, I felt like we had several people come to the range who were interested in SASS.

While there is always room in other areas to attract more people to the game, focusing on the children and advertising will bring bigger results.





# MOUNTED



MOUNTED OVERALL WINNERS – COWGIRL AND CHILI COWBOY

## END OF TRAIL 2018 MOUNTED STYLE

BY CHILI COWBOY, SASS #59663

Cowboys and Cowgirls mounted up for a hog tyin' balloon killin' time at END of TRAIL. A huge gully washer had damaged the local livery streets, but El Jefe Chili Cowboy hitched up his plow and soon had the streets back in usable condition. From there, the gathering riders had good weather and lots of exciting trails and outlaws to shoot. The posse met up and set out to collect the promised rewards. TR Twister dispensed with his men's Level 2 competitors and then went on to win the quick draw contest with an amazing 2.9 seconds, drawing, holstering and shooting five targets. Other buckle winners were Wild Kat Carson, lady level 2, and Sassy Susie Q (SASS #59662), lady level 3. Back at the ranch, Patina (SASS #76840), our little buckarette, on her mother's world championship horse, would have come in fourth overall if she had been shooting. Coco Loco on his speedy horse, Spade, really cut dirt and set a new World Speed Course record at 17.849 seconds. He also deftly pulled Old Betsy from his scabbard to win the shotgun contest. Winning overall, the top shooters were Chili Cowboy, men's division, and Cowgirl, winning women's overall. The only mishap was when Bam Bam (SASS #86267), a previous world champion, got bushwhacked off his horse on the first day. It made for a good conversation at the chuck wagon that night. Finally, Firefox and her partner won the hilarious pony express obstacle course, as they skilfully followed the prescribed trail loaded with obstacles, dry gulches, and hidden snakes in the grass. The next morning a farewell breakfast with cackle berries, burritos, and brown gargle sent the riders off to return home. This is the long and short of our story. Just remember to always drink whiskey with your gun hand, to show your friendly intentions.

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## CHARACTER OVER STRATEGY

BY COLONEL DAN, SASS  
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*“Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.”*

—H. Norman Schwarzkopf

**A**merica is facing yet another agonizing election year. As I listen to the political rhetoric from a seemingly never-ending campaign trail, I continually hear calls from and for politicians and pundits alike to stick to the issues, discuss policy and specific ideas instead getting into personal attacks. “Personal attacks” defined as any question that touches on character—even if that question of character is based on verifiable fact, past actions or words of the candidates themselves.

In my view however, character is the very essence of leadership—the



source and shaper of a person’s judgment, trustworthiness and honor. By far, character is *the* most important issue we should evaluate in choosing our leaders—much more so than all this tripe about specific positions on policy or strategy.

A politician’s position on any single issue can change more frequently in Washington than the position of the pigeons on the capital dome—and I don’t say that in a disparaging way. Specific policy details are based on the fluid national and international scene, circumstances dependent on an infinite number of variables that are often times outside the control of any politician. Therefore it is unreasonable to expect any candidate to be able to tell you with a high degree of specificity what detailed policy he will support over his elected term in any selected situation or on any issue. Besides, how do we know what they say today they will or can actually do tomorrow?

The closest we can come to gaining insight into how someone will act in office is by closely examining the general philosophy with which the candidate views life and how they have actually lived their life. With what internal make up and set of eyes does he or she view the world and life in general? Past behavior provides the best insight of the person, their capabilities, reflects their character and is by far the best indicator of future behavior. As Patrick Henry said in 1774, “I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no other way of judging the future but by the past.”

I look at this in the same way I selected key NCOs and young officers for positions of leadership within my units. After seeing evidence of basic military competence, I evaluated the candidate’s character more than any other attribute.

Character is the foundation of his judgment, honor, integrity, and deci-

sion making capability. I didn’t grill them on what they would do in every conceivable situation over the next 2-4 years. When I found a person with the right stuff, I knew I could trust them to make sound decisions, regardless of the specifics of the situation. It was the question of character that earned my trust and confidence and thus determined the final selection.

Character is the word I use to describe the essence and earthly manifestation of a person’s soul, the source of what they are, that which forms their behavior—the very font of their being. It is the basis of that which they draw upon to determine and define what they call judgment, trust, and honor and it is character which will ultimately determine and guide the strategy of their life—their policies if you will.

A lot goes in to making up one’s character. You can say it depends on upbringing, what God given values were instilled in them during their most formative years, what was developed within as they matured over a lifetime and where they placed their priorities in that life. One of those characteristics of very great importance being how they view themselves relative to others, relative to their job or mission, and relative to God and country. If they place themselves first and all else second, and do so regardless of facts or truth, and have no remorse when they do so, we have evidence of a sociopath. If however their character is such that they place themselves fourth in line behind God, Mission, and Others, we have the makings of a leader.

I define *God* in this case to include not only God himself, but moral values, honesty, and truth. *Mission* I see as the job or vocation. *Others* I categorize, not just as individuals with whom a person directly interacts, but their fellow countrymen as well. How they view those three elements relative to *self* will determine what is most



# POLITICS

important in their life, in their make up, and in their foundation. It is this view that helps drive a person to do the things they do in any given set of circumstances. It will be the focus and foundation of their decision-making process and what they will use as their frame of reference when seeking solutions to the problems they face. This view becomes the eyes with which they see the world and define that world. Is their world self-centered or mission centered? Are their priorities based on an ambitious, self-indulging philosophy or a selfless, serving one? Do they or will they place honor and integrity before personal interest and ambition in what they have done or anything they will do? Will they be truthful with those they serve?

If a person's judgment is guided by and based upon a solid foundation of honor, integrity, and common sense, what I describe as character, that person will make sound decisions—decisions made in the best interest of the country. And if such a person does not have the expertise necessary to make an informed decision on some given issue, a person of character will admit it and humbly seek advice from honorable people who do have the neces-

sary expertise because they know such decisions are far more important than either public image or self.

If on the other hand they have no honor, lies when the truth would suit better, have no moral values, do not put God, mission and others above self and their own interests or ambitions and have a history of corruption, I don't care what they say about policy. I will never be able to rely on nor trust them to act in the best interests of America, even if I agree with the details of what they currently say about policy or strategy. The character of such a person is flawed and they are not worthy of trust—on anything. The Bible itself addresses this issue:

*If you can trust a man in little things, you can also trust him in greater; while anyone unjust in a slight matter is also unjust in greater.*

—Luke 16:10

I've always believed and relied on that sound advice and still do. If politicians lie with natural ease about little things, then they have a seriously flawed character. Consequently, they can't be trusted with the greater responsibilities demanded of a leader.

And I suppose it's evident by now that I don't buy these left wing stories

about what the private man is doesn't affect what the public man does. To believe that, you would have to believe that a person has two brains and two distinct sets of formative life experiences! I've seen fewer bull chips in rodeo stockyards.

A person in a position of leadership whom you can't trust is not a leader; he's a dangerous pretender—a fraud. I don't want frauds representing me or leading our country. I want proven character in our leaders—with or without a current detailed strategy on every conceivable issue.

For whatever a man or woman is or ever will be depends on and is determined by character—all that they are, emanates from and is born of that character. General Schwarzkopf and I are of like mind on this choice. If I had to choose to do without character or strategy in a candidate, I would do without strategy because solid character will most times spawn solid strategy but corrupt character spawns only corruption. In the end, I urge all to search their conscience and vote accordingly. Just the view from my foxhole...

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CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>					
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>					
Majura Rangers	Majura	1st Sat, 3rd Sun, & Every Tues	N/A	Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>					
Cowboy Action Shooters of Australia	Teralba	3rd Sun	0418-474179	Lonesome Dove Runs With Wolves	Newtcc Pistol Club
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>					
Gold Coast Gamblers	Gold Coast	1st & 3rd Sat	0413 440 600	Dug Deeper	N/A
Last Frontier Shooting Club Inc	Gunalda	1st & 4th Sun	0754864248	Sheriff of Tinstone	Last Frontier Shooting Range
Single Action Shooting Australia Inc.	Millmerran	As Scheduled	+617 4695 2050	Virgil Earp	Western Creek
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>					
Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club	Korunye	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	61 08 284 8459	Lobo Malo	Korunye
Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Inc.		As Scheduled	+61 447 831 154	R. C. Shot	NSW, QLD, VIC, ACT, SA, WA, NT, TAS
<b>VICTORIA</b>					
Fort Bridger Shooting Club	Drouin	4th Sun	61 41 863 2366	Duke York	WDPC
Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun		Sambucca Kid	Eagle Park Range
SASA Little River Raiders Single Action Club	Melbourne	3rd Sun	61 25 978 0190	Tiresome	Eagle Park
Westgate Marauders	Fishermans Bend	2nd Sun	610433419284	Stampede Pete	Melbourne International Shooting Club
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>					
Western Wranglers Inc.	New Norcia	2nd Wkld	+61418932002	K. C. Woody	N/A
<b>AUSTRIA</b>					
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	Vienna	Sat As Scheduled	0046 664 490 80 32	Fra Diabolo	Jagd und Sportschutzen Club Steinbrunn
<b>CANADA</b>					
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>					
Kamloops Target Sports Association	Kamloops	As Scheduled	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun	604-820-1564	Preacher Flynn T. Locke	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	3rd Sat	778-420-0021	Helena Handbasket	Courtneay 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	As Scheduled	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 & 4th Sun	905-374-3328	Grey Owl	Decew Gun Club
Huronion Gunfighters	Penetanguishene	Thurs	705-526-8459	Buffalo Bri Bowie	Huronion Hand Gun Club
Ottawa Valley Marauders	Cheney	As Scheduled	514-792-0063	Highwall Drifter	Eastern Ontario Handgun Club
Robbers Roost Hamilton	Hamilton	2nd Sun	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association
Robbers Roost Hamilton Wild Bunch	Hamilton	3rd Sun	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association
Royal City Rangers	Guelph	As Scheduled	905-878-9440	Indian Frank	Guelph Rod & Gun Club
Ruff's Regulators	Cornwall	As Scheduled	613-933-6798	Ruff Justice	Cornwall Handgun Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun	905-664-3217	Stoney Creek	Wentworth Shooting Sports Club
Wild Turkey Posse	Prescott	As Scheduled	819-453-7816	Rooster Corrigan	Greenville Fish and Game Club
<b>QUEBEC</b>					
Beausejour Marshalls	St-Jean-Chrysostome	As Scheduled	418-889-0517	Reata Slim	Club de Tir Beausejour
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Scheduled	306-749-7518	Granny One Shot	Saskatoon Muzzle Loader Club
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>					
Association of Western Shooters	Pelhrimov	As Scheduled	42077776066	Colbert	Shooting Range Pelhrimov



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<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>					
Classic Old Western Society of Finland	Helsinki	As Scheduled	+358-50-5174659	Woodbury Kane	N/A
SASS Finland	Loppi	As Scheduled	+358 50 5174659	Woodbury Kane	Loppis Shooting Range
<b>FRANCE</b>					
Association Mazaugaise de Tir - Rock Canyon	Mazaugues	As Scheduled	33 494 280 145	Redneck Mike	Rock Canyon
Black Rivers	Roanne	As Scheduled	336 87 46 25 82	The Kid of Neckwhite	Route de Charlieu
Buffalo Valley	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais	As Scheduled	02 37 63 65 83	Slye Buffalo	Avenir Sportif Thymarias
Bull Run Valley	Sainte Opportune	As Scheduled	06-47-52-09-37	Ben Calhound	Association Sportive Flers Messei
CAS/SASS France	Varies	Varies	336 169 32 076	Frenchie Boy	Golden Trigger of Freetown
East Valley	Dettwiller	As Scheduled	336 76 49 54 81	Cornelius Chesterfield	Club de Tir de la Licorne
Fort Desaix	Mundolsheim	Sun As Scheduled	+33 608254502	Old Oak Claudee	Societe de Tir de Strasbourg
Golden Trigger of Freetown	Puylagarde	As Scheduled	06-75-70-36-78	Cheyenne Little Colibris	A.S.T.P.V
Green Hills Cowboys	Athis De L'Orne	As Scheduled	1 33 6 07 84 32 99	Vallombreuse	N/A
Greenwood Creek Gang	France	1st & 3rd Wkd	33688091360	Handy Hook	N/A
Joly's Saloon	Bernay	Oct-Nov	02-32-43-35-95	Myra Maybelle Shirley Reed Starr	Joly's Saloon
Loire Valley Regulators	Cornery	As Scheduled	33 6 88 267372	Marshall John McClane	Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine
Old West French Shooters	Chatillon	As Scheduled	0145326028	Trusty Phil	FFT
Reverend Oakley's Cowboy Klan	Nuits St. Georges	As Scheduled	+33685137754	Elliot Belt	N/A
Societe de Tir Bedoin Ventoux (Windy Mountain Vigilantes)	Bedoin	2nd Sun	0609244403	Sheriff Ch. Southpaw	N/A
Tir Olympique Lyonnais	Lyon	Sun	04 78 22 41 20	Thierry Dadoy	N/A
<b>GERMANY</b>					
CAS Europe	Heerd	Wed	28235807	Hurricane Irmi	TR-Dusseldorf
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Sat	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
SASS Germany	Bocholt	Wed	28233426	Rhine River Joe	Caritz Springs
The Chain Gang	Erndtebrueck	As Scheduled	+4915158795501	Blue N. Wild	Red Mountain Ranch
<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>					
Ashburton Pistol Club	Ashburton	3rd Sun AM	+64 21 525 347	Kiwi Witch Doctor	Ashburton Pistol Club
Ashburton Pistol Club Wild Bunch Shooting	Ashburton	3rd Sun PM	N/A	Kiwi Witch Doctor	Ashburton Pistol Club
Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	+64275221920	Calamity Carrie	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Hastings	As Scheduled	+64 21 488 345	Kiwi PJ	New Zealand Pistol Association
Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Club	Gladstone	2nd Sun	+6421774666	Wild Ben Hickok	Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Sports Club Inc, Gladstone
<b>POLAND</b>					
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Lodz	As Scheduled	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	Polish Sport Shooting Association
W.A.S. Banditos	Ostroda	1st Sat	+48512707038	Pavlos Banditos	Garda Ostroda Kaczory
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>					
Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Scheduled	+421903667096	Bambino	Shooting range Domaniza
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>					
Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 21 702 3070	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
<b>SWEDEN</b>					
SASS Sweden Northern Rangers	Torsby	As Scheduled	46 702711107	Ace Heart	N/A
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Scheduled	+41 79 909 92 70	Texas Knight	N/A
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>					
Shooters of the Cast Iron Shore	Liverpool	As Scheduled	44 7876377609	Woodrow F. Call	Atlantic Leisure Sport Complex



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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### ALASKA

Alaska 49er's	Chugiak	As Scheduled	907-232-4958	Tripod	Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Chugiak	As Scheduled	907-232-1080	Marshal Stone	Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd Sat & Last Sun	907-479-9339	Drover Knutts	Chatanika Gold Camp
Juneau Gold Miners Posse	Juneau	3rd Sun	907-723-9309	Five Card Tanna	Hank Harmon Rifle Range

### ALABAMA

Alabama Rangers	Brierfield	2nd Sun	205-369-2702	Cahawba Kid	Brierfield State Park
Gallant Gunfighters	Birmingham	3rd Sun	205-587-5103	Dobe Bob	Brock's Gap Training Center
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-431-3737	Drake Robey	Cavern Cove
Russell County Regulators	Phenix City	1st Sat	706-566-1740	Will Killigan	East Alabama Gun Club
Vulcan Long Rifles	Birmingham	2nd Sat	205-541-2207	Parson Henry Brown	Brock's Gap Training Center

### ARKANSAS

Judge Parker's Marshals	Fort Smith/Van Buren	3rd Sat and Sun	479-651-2475	Naildriver	Old Fort Gun Club
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	Hot Springs National Park	1st Wkd	501-337-9368	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	2nd, 4th & 5th Sat	501-362-2963	Ozark Red	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st Sat	636-463-2361	Lakeview Drifter	Twin Lakes Gun Club

### ARIZONA

Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	602-564-0321	Champ	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	Camp Verde	4th Sat	480-266-1096	Pecos Clyde	N/A
Bordertown Inc. Wild Bunch	Tombstone	As Scheduled	480-266-1096	Pecos Clyde	Tombstone Livery
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Scheduled	520-290-8599	Quicksand	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	928-669-8707	Mike L. Phikzit	Lake Havasu Sportsman's Club
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	4th Sun	209-613-4598	Dirty Harriet	Adair Range
Cowtown Cowboy Shooters	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Cowtown Wild Bunch Shooters	Peoria	2nd Sun	602-721-3175	Wild Bodie Tom	Cowtown Shooting Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	4th Sat	520-568-2852	Squibber	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-235-0387	Myles Houston	Tombstone Livery
Mohave Marshalls	Golden Valley	3rd Sun	928-231-9013	DB Chester	Mohave Sportsman Club
Old Pueblo Shootist Association	Tombstone	1st Sun	520-249-2831	Gilly Boy	Tombstone Livery
Old Pueblo Shootist Association Wild Bunch	Tombstone	4th Sat	520-249-2831	Gilly Boy	Tombstone Livery
Payson Cowboys	Payson	3rd Sun	575-937-9297	Rowdy Lane	Jim Jones Shooting Range
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	480-982-7336	A. J. Bob	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	2nd Sun	928-925-7323	Turquoise Bill	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	St. Johns	1st & 3rd Sat	928-245-6276	Fred Sharps	Northeastern Arizona Shooters Association
White Mountain Old West Shootists Wild Bunch	St. Johns	5th Sat	928-245-6276	Fred Sharps	Northeastern Arizona Sportsman's Association

### CALIFORNIA

5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	661-549-7916	Panhandle Red	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
Buffalo Runners	Rail Road Flat	Sat Before 2nd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	Taylor Park
Cajon Cowboys	Devore	2nd, 4th, & 5th Sat	760-900-5199	Pasture Patti	Gem Ranch
California Shady Ladies	Sloughhouse	4th Sat	916-447-2040	Lady Gambler	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Chorro Valley Regulators	San Luis Obispo	2nd Sun & Prec. Sat	805-286-1188	Sinful	San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	909-228-5154	Smiley Ed	Lucerne Valley Lions Club
Dulzura Desperados	Dulzura	2nd Sat	619-997-2755	Reuben J. Cogburn	South Bay Rod and Gun Club
Escondido Bandidos	Escondido	1st Sat	858-735-2354	Rustler	Escondido Fish & Games Assoc.
Faultline Shootist Society	Morgan Hill	4th Sun	408-306-1886	Pascoe Pete	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Gold Country Wild Bunch	Sloughhouse	3rd Sat	530-713-4194	Sutter Lawman	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Guns in the Sun	Thousand Palms	2nd Sat	760-346-0972	Johnny 2moons	N/A
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-467-4045	Wichita Belle	Dodge Range
Helladorado Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sun	707-391-5991	Lead Nickel	Ukiah Gun Club
High Desert Cowboys	Palmdale	3rd Sun	661-579-6917	Doc Silverhawks	Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club
High Sierra Drifters	Rail Road Flat	2nd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	West Point Rod & Gun
Hole In The Wall Gang	Piru	1st Sat	661-373-2709	Lefty Longridge	California Tactical Academy
Imperial Valley Rangers	Imperial	2nd Sun	TBA	TBA	Imperial Valley Rifle & Pistol Association
Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Sun	559-268-1115	Sierra Rider	Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club
Lassen Regulators	Susanville	1st Sat	530-260-0806	Bugtown Dusty	Rice Canyon Shooting Range
Mad River Rangers	Blue Lake	4th Sat	707-445-1981	Kid Kneestone	Long Prairie Gun and Archery Club
Mother Lode Shootist Society	Jamestown	1st Sun	209-795-4175	Sioux City Kid	Mother Lode Gun Club
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Nevada City Peacemakers	Nevada City	3rd Sat	530-274-3430	Constable Dan	Nevada County Sportsmen's Club
Northfield Raiders	North Hollywood	3rd Sun	818-761-0512	Gun Hawk	Lopez Canyon Shooting Range 16550 Bailey Road, Sylmar
Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	4th Sat	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camata Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun As Scheduled	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	707-227-5905	Napa Belle	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	1st & 3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nast Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
Sloughhouse Irregulars	Sloughhouse	5th Sat & Sun	530-265-9213	Marlin Schofield	Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town
Sunnyvale Regulators	Cupertino	3rd Mon Night	650-464-3764	Shaniko Jack	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
Sunnyvale Regulators Wild Bunch	Cupertino	4th Mon	408-264-5647	Lucas McDennis	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-402-4144	Mattel Sackert	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
The Outlaws	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	209-296-2709	Allie Mo	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	209-814-5322	Dragon	Manteca Sportsmen's Club



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<b>COLORADO</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
Colorado Cowboys	Lake George	1st Sat	719-491-4524	Scary Indian Dude	M Lazy C Ranch
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-338-5912	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Montrose Marshals	Montrose	2nd Sun	970-240-0419	Silver Rings	Montrose Rod & Gun Club
Northwest Colorado Rangers	Craig	4th Sat	970-208-3196	Black Mountain Cat	Bears Ears Sportsman Club
Pawnee Station Vindicators	Nunn	3rd Sat	970-667-0734	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pawnee Station Vindicators 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.
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 Sun & Prec. Sat	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 Wkd	970-739-9705	Stumble Leena	Windygap Regulators
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>					
CT Valley Bushwhackers	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>DELAWARE</b>					
Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-670-9990	Vaquero Dan	Bridgeville Rifle Club
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Antelope Junction Rangers	Clearwater	2nd Sat	727-798-0994	Moog	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	910-797-7110	Shelleen	Gun Craft Inc. Range
Five County Regulators	Punta Gorda	4th Sun	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-222-4214	Confederate Colt	Fort White Gun Club
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol and Rifle Range
Hernando County Regulators	Brooksville	1st Sun	517-622-4372	Shoulda Dun Gun	Hernando Sportsman's Club, Inc.
Indian River Regulators	Palm Bay	4th Sat	321-431-6404	Turkey Creek Red	Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
Lake County Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Tavares	As Scheduled	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
Miakka Misfits	Myakka City	3rd Sun	727-488-5836	Buckshot Frank	Manatee County Gun & Archery Club
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	3rd Sat	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral Gun Club
Okeechobee Marshals	Sebastian	2nd Sat	561-371-5507	Amaduelist	Indian River County Shooting Range
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 Sat	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 Range and Gun Club
Tater Hill Gunfighters	Arcadia	2nd Sun	863-990-7822	Arcadia Ranger	Desoto Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	1st Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club
<b>GEORGIA</b>					
Doc Holliday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	678-472-7778	Pale Ale Rider	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	478-247-8149	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	423-827-2527	Hurricane Charly	Phoenix Farms
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	1st Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.
<b>HAWAII</b>					
Maui Marshals	Lahaina	1st & 3rd Sat	808-463-0636	Darnin' Daisy	Valley Isle Sport Shooters Club
<b>IOWA</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	319-215-0340	Grizzly Red	Turkeyfoot Long Rifles Range
<b>IDAHO</b>					
Border Marauders	East Port	3rd Wkd	208-920-9068	Mud Marine	Kootenai Valley Rifle & Pistol Range
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Moscow	3rd Sat	208-882-1888	Zebra Dunn	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	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators Wild Bunch	Emmett	4th Sun	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club
The Portneuf Vaqueros	Pocatello	3rd Sat	208-540-0367	Varmint Hunter	Gate City Sports Shooting Association



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<b>ILLINOIS</b>					
Good Guys Posse	Winnnebago	4th Sun	815-923-2191	Cornbread Lawman	Dry Gulch Ranch
Illinois River City Regulators	Chillicothe	2nd Sun	309-243-7236	Granville Stuart	Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	309-236-5082	Justice James Newton	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-615-3988	Randolph Raider	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kaskaskia Cowboys Wild Bunch	Sparta	As Scheduled	618-663-7423	Back Forty	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	Coon Creek Ridge Riders Club
Marion County Renegades Wild Bunch	Sandoval	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	618-267-6952	Shell Stuffer	Centralia Trap Club
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-379-4331	Marshall R. D.	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Midwest Gunfighters	Sparta	As Scheduled	217-971-6107	Billy the Avenger	World Shooting Complex
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.
Tri County Cowboys	Polo	2nd Sat	779-207-5973	Msgr. SH Long	Tri County Gun Club
<b>INDIANA</b>					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Paradise Pass Regulators	Erna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	C. C. Top	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	3rd Sat	812-420-2250	Buckshot Butt	Pine Ridge Ranch
Pine Ridge Regulators Wild Bunch	Carbon	As Scheduled	812-420-2250	Buckshot Butt	Pine Ridge Ranch
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	812-457-0304	Dead Eye Mike	Westside Sportsmen's Club
Wildwood Wranglers	Michigan City	4th Sun	219-221-0868	Voodooman	Michigan City Rifle Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	St. Joseph Valley Rifle and Pistol Association
<b>KANSAS</b>					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-220-4203	Badmoon Rison	Capital City Gun Club
Chisholm Trail Rowdies	Benton	4th Sun	316-491-3249	Monco	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Free State Rangers	Parker	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	913-904-8733	Buffalo Phil	N/A
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	816-507-2887	K. C. Ranger	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	5th Sat	913-680-5757	High Plains Hud	Powder Creek Shooting Park
<b>KENTUCKY</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	Longshot Ace	Kentucky Long Rifles Club
Kentucky Regulators	Boaz	1st Sat	270-556-4082	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	Paducah Shooting Sports Complex
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Copperhead Joe	N/A
<b>LOUISIANA</b>					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	985-789-0744	Soiled Dove	Florida Parishes Skeet Club
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>MASSACHUSETTS</b>					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Scheduled	781-599-1930	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Scheduled	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
<b>MARYLAND</b>					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	4th Sat	301-717-9672	Chuckaroo	Izaak Walton League of America
Eastern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	410-924-7284	Gunpowder John	William T. Roe Memorial Range
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	240-285-7673	Cash Caldwell	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
<b>MAINE</b>					
Beaver Creek Desperados	Berwick	As Scheduled	207-324-3117	Rhino Jacks	Sanford-Springvale Fish and Game
<b>MICHIGAN</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	313-618-2577	Rainmaker Ray	Western Wayne County Conservation 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	Terbonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress



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Rocky River Regulators Wild Bunch	Utica	As Scheduled	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Scheduled	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field and Stream Club
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Scheduled	248-528-0440	R.J. Law	Blue Water Sportsman's Association

### MINNESOTA

Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	952-467-3874	Whopper	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	2nd Sun	507-840-0883	Mule Town Jack	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd & 5th Sat	320-979-1745	Timber Jack Thompson	Kimball Rod and Gun Club
Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	Virginia	3rd Sat	218-780-6797	Wagonmaster	Virginia Rifle & Pistol Club

### MISSOURI

Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	2nd Wkd	417-501-1886	Alice K. Grierson	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	1st Sat	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 Practical Shooters Range
Gateway Area 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 & 5th Sat	417-294-0524	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Liberty Range Bear Creek Shooting Complex
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

### MISSISSIPPI

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	901-490-0183	Jered Maddox	Rabbit Ridge Ranch

### MONTANA

Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Sat/Sun & 4th Sat	406-452-3015	Montana Wrangler	N/A
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton	1st Sat	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecarr 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	N/A	N/A	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

### NORTH CAROLINA

Buccaneer Range Regulators	Winnabow	2nd Sat	910-330-7179	Jefro	Buccaneer Gun Club Inc.
Carolina Catlemen's Shooting and Social Society	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-470-4891	High Noon Henry	Wagram Sportsmen's Association
Neuse River Regulators	HeveLOCK	Every Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Evry Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Scheduled	919-920-7819	R. J. Gatling	Rowan County Wildlife Association
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association

### NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Scheduled	701-400-5648	Bohunk Charley	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-793-4116	Wild River Rose	Sheyenne Valley Peacekeeper Range
Trestle Valley Rangers	Minot	2nd Sat	701-852-1697	Doc Hell	Minot Rifle and Pistol Club

### NEBRASKA

Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	As Scheduled	402-276-1391	Scruffy Skippy	Columbus Rifle Club
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	2nd Sun	712-323-8996	Flint Valdez	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Lincoln Area Regulators	Bennet	1st Sat	402-429-2277	Mustang Gregg	Izaak Walton League, Chapter 65
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	308-380-4682	Stirrup Trouble	Heartland Public Shooting Park

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

North-East Western Shooters	Pelham	As Scheduled	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pelham Fish and Game
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Scheduled	603-648-6641	Crystal Creek Chris	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH, LLC	Dalton	3rd Sat	603-444-6876	Littleton Sidecar Dalton	The Dalton Gang Shooting Range
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Scheduled	603-957-0377	Dead Head	Kinnicum Fish & Game

### NEW JERSEY

Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	908-872-7459	Dancin Angel	Central Jersey 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



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<b>NEW MEXICO</b>					
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	2nd Sat	505-379-8957	Chili Cowboy	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 Sat	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
Monument Springs Bushwhackers	Hobbs	4th Sat	575-942-8445	Curly Bill Jones	Hobbs Gun Club
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	2nd Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, 5th Wkd	505-301-4993	Rich Diamond	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades Wild Bunch	Albuquerque	3rd Sun	505-263-1181	Mica McGuire	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Vaqueros	Truth or Consequences	3rd Sun	575-744-5411	Anna Sassin	Adobe Hills Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation
<b>NEVADA</b>					
Battle Born Rangers	Fernley	As Scheduled	775-250-4554	Irish Ike	N/A
Desert Desperados	Las Vegas	3rd Sun	702-419-7024	Nasty Nels	Desert Sportsman Rifle and Pistol Club
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Sun & Prec. Sat	702-328-4867	Creeker	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Las Vegas	2nd Wknd	702-460-6393	MT Fargo	Clark County Shooting Range
Silver State Shootists	Carson City	3rd Sun	775-586-9178	Tahoe Bill	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
<b>NEW YORK</b>					
Alabama Gunslingers	Bason	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	518-368-3535	Annabelle Bransford	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Ballston Spa	As Scheduled	518-584-9869	Roy Cassidy	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
East End Regulators	Westhampton	1st Sun	631-874-2061	Waco Johnny Lane	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	3rd Sat	631-864-1035	El Fusilero	Calverton Shooting Range
Holliday's Rough Riders	Blasdell	5th Sun	716-838-4286	Rev. Dave Clayton	Blasdell Rod and Gun Club
Oxford Regulators	Oxford	2nd Sun	607-434-8883	Doc Hostetler	Oxford Rod and Gun Club
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Watertown	4th Sun	315-465-6543	Ranger Clayton Conagher	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
<b>OHIO</b>					
Big Iron Rangers	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Blackhand Raiders	Nashport	2nd Sun	614-313-6122	Iron Horse Garrett	Dillon Sportsman Center
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-904-5166	Sixgun Seamus	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Association
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun	937-219-4376	Mean Gun Mark	Piqua Fish & Game
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-870-3462	Useless Houston	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	734-755-7013	P K Paladin	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Piketon	3rd & 5th Sun	740-412-0625	Col Caleb Boone	Arkoe Gulch-Arkoee Outdoors, LLC
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	330-719-5078	Shenango Joe	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-334-9749	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club, Inc.
Wild Wild West Point Cowboy Action Shooting	West Point	2nd Sun	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>OKLAHOMA</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	Sperry	3rd Wkd, 4th Wed, & 5th Sun	918-207-7586	Irish Kid	Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club
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 Wknd	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	Broken Arrow	3rd & 5th Sun	918-622-3630	Tulsey	Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club
Tulsey Town Cattlemen's Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club
<b>OREGON</b>					
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-848-7260	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Horse Ridge Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-848-7260	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Klamath Cowboys	Keno	2nd Sun	541-884-2611	Jasper Wayne	Bill Scholtes Klamath Sportsman's 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 and 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
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club



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Pine Mountain Posse	Millican	2nd Sun	541-678-2566	Stonewood Kid	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod and 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	Oregun Gustaf	Roseburg Rod and Gun Club

### PENNSYLVANIA

Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-234-2893	Duncan Disorderly	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Boor 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
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	610-939-9947	Trusty Sidekick	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Hamburg Rifle and Pistol Club	Hamburg	3rd Sun	610-334-3504	Tombstone Coty	Hamburg Rifle and Pistol Club
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-727-7879	Dirt Slider	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's 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 Association
River Junction Shootist Society	Acme	3rd Sat	724-593-6602	Mattie Hays	Indian Creek Sportman's Club
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sat	610-286-0036	Biloxi Bob	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club
Westshore Posse	Lewisberry	2nd Sun	410-984-2249	Hud McCoy	West Shore Sportsmen's Association

### RHODE ISLAND

Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	3rd Sun	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pine Tree Gun Club
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### SOUTH CAROLINA

Belton Bushwhackers	Belton	2nd Sat	864-363-3147	Slippery Stew	Belton Gun Club
Geehee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-737-3501	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-414-5578	Cowboy Junky	Greenville Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	843-756-6351	Palmetto Jack	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-447-0853	Stone Ground	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	612-817-2212	Boulder Canyon Bob	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

### TENNESSEE

Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Memphis Gunslingers Wild Bunch	Lakeland	2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-476-5303	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-567-1574	Horse Doc	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A
Wartrace Regulators Wild Bunch	Wartrace	3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A

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Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	3rd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-669-5903	Smilin Joe	Anson
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-6598	Dee Horne	Timberline Ranch
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	Cleburne	4th Wkd	817-980-7206	Shady McLarry	Ormsby Ranch
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd & 4th Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Darby Rough Regulators	West Point	2nd & 5th Sat	512-801-8424	Dodge City Mike	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
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 Parker 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	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st & 3rd Sat	210-379-3711	SaukValley Sam	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-870-9411	Mia Jameson	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 Shooting Sports
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Amarillo	1st & 2nd Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Texas Tumbleweed Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Sat & Sun	210-862-7464	A.D. Texaz	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	281-785-2397	Osage Mike	N/A



CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Sat	979-696-1300	Def Willie	Thomason Ranch
<b>UTAH</b>					
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-650-4449	Wolf of North Springs	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	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	1st & 5th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Hobble Creek Wranglers	Springville	2nd Sat	801-787-5208	Stoneface Daguerrean	Garth Kilpack Shooting Range
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	2nd Sat	435-272-1708	Copper Queen	Gunsmoke Range
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	801-201-9758	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
Wasatch Summit Regulators Wild Bunch	Salt Lake City	5th Sat	801-201-9758	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
<b>VIRGINIA</b>					
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-890-6375	Rowe-A-Noc	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Blue Ridge Regulators	Vesuvius	2nd Sun	540-886-3374	Bad Company	Blue Ridge Shooter's 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
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shackelfords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-241-5418	Potter County Kid	West Point Gun Club
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	King George	4th Sun	540-775-7417	Justice Deadly	Northern Virginia Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-635-6198	Bear Tooth Les	Sussex Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	434-286-6949	Dunderberg Drifter	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
<b>VERMONT</b>					
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Sr. Johnsbury	As Scheduled	802-363-7162	Doc McCoy	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
<b>WASHINGTON</b>					
Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat	509-667-9377	First Chance	North Central Washington Gun Club
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Quincy	Last Sun	509-787-1782	An E. Di	Quincy American Legion Gun Club
Black River Regulators	Rochester	4th Sat	360-786-0199	Short Schatz	Capital City Rifle & Pistol Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-352-1393	Diablo Dalton	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-684-2325	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	Port Townsend	3rd Sat	360-461-6927	Jose Cuervo	Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association
Panhandle Regulators	Oris Orchards	1st & 3rd Sun	509-991-5842	Halfcocked Oris	Oris Hills
Poulsbo Pistoleros	Poulsbo	4th Sun	360-830-0100	Sourdough George	Poulsbo Sportsman's Club
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	4th Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shootig Association
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-432-3534	Cedar County Sheriff	Renton Fish & Game Club
Smokey Point Desperados	Arlington	2nd Sun	425-335-5176	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Windy Plains Drifters	Medical Lake	Sat & Sun 2nd & 4th Wkd	509-953-1113	Svenska Annie	Windy West Plains Range
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	503-703-2313	Stumptown Kid	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club
Yakima Black Rock Bunch	Moxee	2nd Sat	509-576-0866	Hondo Red	Sun Valley Shooting Park
<b>WISCONSIN</b>					
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Sat & Sun	815-675-2566	Huckleberry	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Dayton	2nd Sat	920-722-4105	James Rosewood	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-493-0152	Singleshot Virgil	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-602-8925	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat	608-931-4821	Stoney Mike	Beloit Rifle Club
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Koyote	Holmen Rod and Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootists, Inc	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	715-790-9959	Colonel Carbine	WOWS Station
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
Brassmasters Cowboy Action	Peeltree	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sun Mar to Oct	540-428-1805	Arizona Anzie	Singing Hills Ranch
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st Sun	304-832-6550	Blue Ridge Rooster	Dawn Sportsmen's Club
Henderson Wilds Justice League	Williamstown	3rd Sun	740-516-6624	Thaddeus Jones	Henderson Wilds
Kanawha Valley Regulators	Eleanor	2nd Sat	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Park Gun Club
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Gun Club
<b>WYOMING</b>					
Bessemer Vigilance Committee	Casper	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	307-267-1155	Smokewagon Bill	Stuckenhoff Sport Shooters Complex
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-6733	Assassin	Otto Road Shooting Range
Cheyenne Regulators	TBA	As Scheduled	307-214-7706	Wild Horse John	N/A
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Donkey Creek Shootists	Gillette	4th Sun	307-686-7519	Wyoming Gus	Milney Valley Range
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-320-7250	Slingin Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex



# SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2018 ANNUAL MATCHES

CLUB NAME	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	CITY	ST	WEB SITE
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>							
SASS New Zealand Regional Championship High Noon	11/1—4/2018	Kiwi Witch Doctor	+64 21 525 347	h2k11@xtra.co.nz	Ashburton	NZ	www.pistolnz.org.nz
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>							
SASS Nevada State Championship Eldorado	10/4—7/2018	Creeker	702-328-4867	sass43022creeker@aol.com	Boulder City	NV	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS EASTERN DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Mason Dixon Stampede	10/4—7/2018	Dogmeat Dad	301-253-0578	cmilparis@compuserve.com	Thurmont	MD	www.tcandsc.org
High Noon at Tusco	10/5—7/2018	Prairie Dawg	216-334-9749	lpolsi@yahoo.com	Midvale	OH	www.tuscolongriders.com
Comanche Moon Shootout	10/6—7/2018	Dee Horne	432-557-6598	selzmlton@gmail.com	Midland	TX	www.comanchetrailshootists.org/
Arkansas/Missouri Border War Shoot	10/6/2018	Lakeview Drifter	636-463-2361	lakeviewdrifter@yahoo.com	Mountain Home	AR	www.twinlakesgunclub.com
Huntsman's World Senior Games	10/9—13/2018	William Waddy	435-773-8916	drbilldsc@hotmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS Tennessee State Championship Regulators Reckoning	10/11—13/2018	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	Bill_May@b-f.com	Wartrace	TN	www.wartraceregulators.com/
Peaceful End of Track at High Sierra	10/11—14/2018	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	trb94611@yahoo.com	Mokelumne Hill	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com
The Southwest Showdown	10/11—13/2018	Calamity Di Bar	580-847-2210	dibartoma@me.com	Albany	OK	rrvcowpokes.weebly.com
Fall Fandango	10/12—14/2018	Rich Diamond	505-301-4993	dubois-rich@comcast.net	Albuquerque	NM	www.riogranderenegades.org
SASS Kansas State Championship Millbrook Massacre	10/12—14/2018	Fort Hays Preacher	785-650-2225	fort.hays.preacher@gmail.com	Millbrook Station	KS	www.millbrook.ruralnet.net
SASS Arkansas State Blackpowder Championship Mayhem on the Mountain	10/12—14/2018	Ozark Outlaw	501-362-2963	ozarkoutlaw357@yahoo.com	Heber Springs	AR	www.outlawcamp.com
Ridin' the Trail	10/13—14/2018	Smilin Joe	325-669-5903	kjackson4@sbcglobal.net	Anson	TX	N/A
SASS WESTERN DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP The Gunfight Behind The Jersey Lilly	10/18—21/2018	Mattel Sackett	805-402-4144	mattelsackett@gmail.com	Norco	CA	www.thecowboys.org
SASS Hawaii State Championship The Great Pineapple Shoot	10/19—21/2018	Ranger Mike	808-357-1742	rangermike1014@gmail.com	Lahaina	HI	valleyislesportshootersclub.com
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship Skirmish at Mill Creek	10/19—21/2018	Shady McLarry	817-980-7206	rickeymarsh@charter.net	Cleburne	TX	www.comanchevalley.org
SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	10/19—21/2018	Cholula Mike	609-658-0115	mnielsen@ascottelectric.com	Jackson	NJ	www.jacksonholegang.com
Border Wars	10/19—21/2018	Beans Haney	913-244-4960	monicahaney@hotmail.com	Parker	KS	freestaterangers.com
SASS Southwest Territorial Blackpowder Championship Fire and Smoke at the Fort	10/19—21/2018	Kow Katcher	903-219-2862	kowkatcher@gmail.com	Groesbeck	TX	www.oldfortparkerpatriots.weebly.com/
SASS West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship at Buffalo Flats VIII	10/20—21/2018	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	eccclark@suddenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	www.kanawhavalleyregulators.com
SASS Pennsylvania State Black Powder Shootout Smoke on the Ridge VIII	10/21/2018	Slow Poke John	717-676-3198	N/A	Ickesburg	PA	www.perrycountyregulators.com/
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/24—28/2018	Quicksand	520-290-8599	pikecoyle@msn.com	Tombstone	AZ	www.bordertowncas.com
The Branson Triple Classic	10/25—27/2018	Smokie	417-759-9114	jeffedunaway@cs.com	Walnut Shade	MO	www.btc-sass.com/
Hot Lead in Deadwood	10/26—28/2018	Doc Spudley	504-458-1898	docspudley@bellsouth.net	Sorrento	LA	www.deadwoodmarshals.com/
Regulators Revenge	10/27—28/2018	Kit Carson	512-924-5466	jcarson@kvue.com	Marble Falls	TX	www.greenmountainregulators.org/
SASS North Carolina State Championship Uprising at Swearing Creek	11/1—4/2018	R. J. Gatling	919-920-7819	brollins@entech-pme.com	Salisbury	NC	www.sassnmatch.org
Battle of Plum Creek	11/2—4/2018	Dragon Hill Dave	512-626-8189	dhdonald@mindspring.com	Lockhart	TX	www.plumcreekss.org
SASS SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunfight in Dixie	11/6—10/2018	Hot Lead Lefty	901-601-7459	Inolan@nolansav.com	Lakeland	TN	www.memphisgunslingers.com
Hangin' at Coyote Creek	11/9—11/2018	Soiled Dove	985-789-0744	soiled dove@bellsouth.net	Amite	LA	www.bayoubountyhunters.com
SASS California State Black Powder Smokin' Irons	11/9—10/2018	Lucas McDennis	650-207-3676	lucasmcdennis@gmail.com	Morgan Hill	CA	www.coyotevalleycowboys.com
SASS Arizona State Blackpowder Championship Copper State Smokeout	11/10—11/2018	Champ	602-564-0321	champ3845@cox.net	Phoenix	AZ	www.acsainc.com
ACSA Copper State Annual Match	11/10—11/2018	Champ	602-564-0321	champ3845@cox.net	Phoenix	AZ	www.acsainc.com/
Shootout in the Swap XIII	11/17/2018	Lawless Len	239-338-8455	redfishsnookfish@gmail.com	Punta Gorda	FL	www.swfps.com
The Reckoning at Turtle Flats	12/16/2018	Buckshot Frank	727-488-5836	buckshot@miakkamisfits.com	Myakka City	FL	www.miakkamisfits.com
Territorial Prison Breakout	1/18—20/2019	Dirty Harriet	209-613-4598	ymmsecretary@yahoo.com	Yuma	AZ	www.yumamatchmasters.com/
Shoot Out with the Barber	1/19/2019	Palmetto Jack	843-756-6351	palmettojack45@gmail.com	Galivants Ferry	SC	www.hurricaneriders.net
Fire and Ice	2/16—17/2019	Barbwire	480-773-2753	snow.g@att.net	Peoria	AZ	www.ccsa-az.us
SASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Winter Range	2/18—24/2019	Sunshine Kay	623-465-8683	kbrand@cox.net	Phoenix	AZ	www.winterrange.com
SASS Southeast Territorial Blackpowder Championship Darkness Falls	3/7/2019	Confederate Colt	352-222-4214	confederatecolt@yahoo.com	Fort White	FL	www.fwcc.net
SASS International Blackpowder Championship A Dark Day on The Santa Fe	3/8—9/2019	Confederate Colt	352-222-4214	confederatecolt@yahoo.com	Fort White	FL	www.fwcc.net
Shootout at Aubrey Hills	3/10—11/2019	Mike L. Phikzit	928-669-8707	m.gold@npgcable.com	Lake Havasu City	AZ	N/A
SASS Arkansas State Championship Hell on the Border	3/14—16/2019	Naildriver	479-651-2475	naildriver2355@gmail.com	Fort Smith	AR	www.ofgc.org/
The Ide's of March	3/15—17/2019	Smart Asterisk	650-776-2854	SmartAsterisk@Outlook.com	Tavares	FL	www.lakecountypistoleros.com
Cops and Cowboys	3/30/2019	Mia Jameson	210-870-9411	slomchinskia@yahoo.com	Dripping Springs	TX	www.tejasocaballeros.org
SASS Texas State Championship Comancheria Days	4/11—14/2019	A. D. Texaz	210-862-7464	joeneumann@sbcglobal.net	Comfort	TX	www.texicanrangers.org
SASS Nebraska State Championship Showdown on the Prairie	4/11—13/2019	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/



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SASS Florida State Championship Red Hills Ruckus	4/11—14/2019	Cassalong Hopidy	850-459-5472	cdv1875@comcast.net	Midway	FL	redhillrangers.com/2018sasschampionship/
SASS Nebraska State Blackpowder Championship	4/14/2019	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	plattevalleygunslingers.com/
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	4/19—21/2019	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Legends	4/22—27/2019	William Waddy	435-773-8916	drbillsc@hotmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS California State Championship	4/24—28/2019	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
Siege at Clarks' Station	5/3—5/2019	Flinthills Dawg	785-479-0416	N/A	Chapman	KS	www.butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Delaware State Championship Eas'dern Shore Round-Up	5/3—5/2019	Cactus Whiskey	302-834-0396	bud649@aol.com	Sudlersville	MD	www.dsarange.com/
SASS Kansas State Blackpowder Championship Gunfight at the Crossing	5/11—12/2019	Buffalo Phil	913-904-8733	3840cas@gmail.com	Parker	KS	freestaterangers.com
SASS New York State Wild Bunch Championship Muster At Fort Misery	5/11—12/2019	Renegade Roper	518-275-1342	dischena6@gmail.com	Ballston Spa	NY	www.circlecreglulators.com
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	5/18—19/2019	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	walling@mtaonline.net	Birchwood	AK	www.alaskacowboyszooting.com
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	5/24—26/2019	Black Hills Barb	570-337-3974	basnyder1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	www.dpossegrande.com
3rd Annual Lazy Arrow ShootOut	5/24—26/2019	Roger Rapid	805-801-8750	siminoff@siminoff.net	Santa Margarita	CA	www.prvcatlazarow.com
SASS Iowa State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	5/24—26/2019	Tioco	515-988-2301	tucohd@msn.com	Indianola	IA	www.fortdesmoinesrangers.com
Where the Old West Stayed Young	5/25—26/2019	Sagebrush Burns	970-208-3196	270burns@gmail.com	Craig	CO	www.bearsars.org
Duel in the Desert	5/25—27/2019	Gilly Boy	520-249-2831	gillyboy18499@gmail.com	Tombstone	AZ	www.oldpubloshootists.com
SASS Kansas State Championship Prince of the Pistolets	6/6—8/2019	K. C. Ranger	816-507-2887	kc.ranger.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END of TRAIL	6/13—23/2019	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Sass@sassnet.com	Founders Ranch	NM	www.sassnet.com/EoT/
SASS North Dakota and South Dakota State Championship Peace in the Valley	6/13—16/2019	Wild River Rose	701-793-4116	wildriverrose5@aol.com	Enderlin	ND	www.sheyennevalleypeacekeepers.com
SASS Virginia State Blackpowder Championship Smoke on the Mattaponi	6/22/2019	Potter County Kid	804-241-5418	97graves@gmail.com	West Point	VA	www.westpointgunclub.com
SASS Wisconsin State Blackpowder Championship Smoke in the Hills	6/22—23/2019	Tracker Jack Daniels	715-643-2011	trackerjackd@yahoo.com	Glenwood City	WI	www.wowsinc.org
Hell on Wheels	6/27—30/2019	Assassin	307-287-6733	chrshrdyh@aol.com	Cheyenne	WY	www.bordervigilantes.com
Shootout at Pawnee Station	7/5—7/2019	Red River Wrangler	970-225-0545	dgbishop55@digis.net	Nunn	CO	www.pawneestation.com
SASS Alaska Territorial Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	7/5—7/2019	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	walling@mtaonline.net	Anchorage	AK	www.alaskacowboyszooting.com
Iron Cowboy Challenge	7/5—7/2019	Assassin	307-287-6733	chrshrdyh@aol.com	Cheyenne	WY	www.bordervigilantes.com
SASS Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout	7/11—14/2019	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	idahocowboyaction.org
SASS Alaska State Championship	7/12—14/2019	Sweet Caroline	907-378-9472	jandchobz@hotmail.com	Fairbanks	AK	www.ghsfairbanks.org
Black Gold Shootout	7/19—21/2019	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	jeromejarvis61@gmail.com	Manchester	KY	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS Montana State Championship Battle at Black Horse	7/19—21/2019	Jebs Lady	406-727-7625	dljaf@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Missouri State Blackpowder Championship Outlaw Range Mid-Summer Shootout	7/27—28/2019	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS Wisconsin State Wild Bunch Championship	7/27—28/2019	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	kunesmark@gmail.com	Holmen	WI	www.wildbunch.com
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Chorro Valley Shootout	8/7—11/2019	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgarricep@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	www.chorrovalleyregulators.com
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	8/15—18/2019	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missy@idahocas.com	Jerome	ID	www.idahocas.com
SASS Wisconsin State Championship Fire In The Hills	8/23—25/2019	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	www.wowsinc.org
SASS Kentucky State Championship Hooten Holler Round-Up	8/23—25/2019	Kentucky Renegade	606-776-4420	dannypence58@gmail.com	McKee	KY	www.hootenoldtown.com/
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	8/30—9/1/2019	Deuce Stevens	616-890-6657	deucestevens45@yahoo.com	Kimball	MI	www.wolverinerangers.org

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Please submit articles in MS Word or something compatible. Open Office and Apple Pages (saved as MS Word) are also fine. A count of 500-800 words is a good target to shoot for, but shorter pieces are also fine. Match reports on larger events, like END of TRAIL, Winter Range, and Regional and Divisional matches may run 1000-1500 words if necessary. We will accept lengthier articles, but may choose to break them up into two or more parts to run in consecutive issues, or heavily edit them.

Please do not embed your photos in the Word document. They can be extracted for use in the *The Cowboy Chronicle*, but it can be a chore to do that. Instead, send your photos separately, in one or more emails, as attachments. Three to six photos per email usually works best. It's best to send JPEGs, but other formats are acceptable, and it's best to keep them at about 300 dpi and 3000 pixels (10 inches) on the short side. That size is

ideal and will allow us plenty of leeway when it comes to cropping and adjusting them for publication. Photos should be at least 1000 pixels on the short side to be used for publication. If you're unsure of the size of your pictures, or how to size them, send what you have and we'll adjust them and/or inform you if they're usable.

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

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