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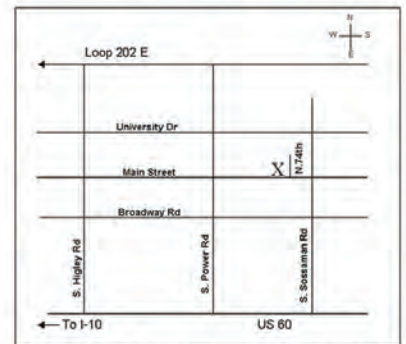
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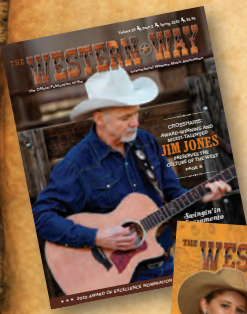


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THE FIRST MATCH WAS PRETTY BASIC. TARGETS WERE STILL LARGELY CARDBOARD AND REQUIRED TAPING BETWEEN SHOOTERS. PROPS WERE MINIMAL, AS WERE MOST OF THE COSTUMES.

END OF TRAIL A LOOK BACK AND A PEEK AT THE FUTURE...

BY TEX, SASS #4

IN THE BEGINNING...

Cowboy Action Shooting™ actually started in 1979, or thereabouts. The Judge (SASS #1) and the General (SASS #2) were members of an action pistol club in Southern California and wondered if their game could be played with “cowboy guns.” For the next couple of years “cowboy” style matches were held at Coto de Caza, a wonderful, gated community in the foothills of Orange County, California. After a few years, the notion of an annual match was hatched... and the rest is history!

The planning was set in motion, costumes were required, and the rules were... “well understood” by everyone interested in playing the game. It would be called “END of TRAIL”... marking the end of the months-long cattle drives

to Kansas... the herd had been sold, the drovers had had a bath, been paid, purchased new clothes, drank a little whisky, played some cards, and experienced the favors of the lovely Kansas ladies. It was time to CELEBRATE!

And celebrate they did! Coto had a large, covered equestrian arena, which was to be the site of the inaugural celebration. Chili was cooked, whisky was drunk, and guns were fired! The expensive thoroughbreds stabled nearby all freaked out and loud discussions ensued. Long story short, the cowboys were disinvited from any further celebrations in the covered arena! This could have been the end!

THE EARLY YEARS...

The early years were all in Coto de Caza, from the first END of TRAIL in 1982 through 1991. There were two bays left over from the 1980 Olympics where the pentathlon was held. Two stages could be set up on each bay and the bays could be rearranged each day for four stages. Early on, END of

TRAIL sported 12 stages of Cowboy Action. All through these early years it was the Wild Bunch that designed the event, produced the event, and hosted the event. Everyone had an assignment and was held accountable. By the end of each match, everyone was exhausted and nobody was speaking to anybody! The most memorable part of this time was the Wild Bunch meeting at the Judge’s home, sitting on the floor, eating and drinking, and designing stages — and laughing... a lot! The problem was, the next morning no one had any idea what wonderful ideas had been fleshed out the afternoon before... so we learned we had to write things down as we went!

The Wild Bunch learned a lot about stage design during this period... balanced stages (time wise) was one of the first things. Several times it got dark before all the competitors had completed the day’s shooting. The stragglers were up first the next morning and then the bay had to be broken down and reset for the new day’s shooting! Another lesson learned was “one shooter – one



OVERALL WINNERS DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO SOME OF THE WILD BUNCH ... THAT'S WHY WE HAVE SHOOTING CATEGORIES. ACCORDINGLY, IN 1989 AND '90, NO OVERALL WINNERS WERE RECOGNIZED. HOWEVER, THE WILL OF THE SHOOTERS ULTIMATELY PREVAILED, AND THE OVERALL TROPHIES FOR THOSE TWO YEARS WERE AWARDED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1991 END OF TRAIL. PAYDIRT, SASS #411, IS SEEN HERE ACCEPTING HIS TROPHY.



THE CARRADINES WERE BUT ONE GROUP OF HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES WHO ATTENDED END OF TRAIL MULTIPLE TIMES. MANY OF THE CELEBRITIES WERE EXCITED ABOUT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN END OF TRAIL AS SPECIAL MOUNTED SHOOTING COMPETITORS.



COSTUMES HAD A MUCH LARGER ROLE IN THE EARLY DAYS. THESE COWBOYS SHOWED UP ON THE FIRST DAY AS CONVICTS. LATER THERE WERE WANTED POSTERS WITH REWARDS FOR FINDING THE ESCAPED CONVICTS. EACH DAY THEY LOST PART OF THEIR COSTUME, AND BY THE END OF END OF TRAIL, THEY PASSED AS "REGULAR" COWBOYS. DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY, THEY EXPLAINED THERE REALLY WAS A REWARD FOR TURNING THEM IN ... BUT NO ONE HAD CAUGHT ON TO THEIR GAME!

entry!" One of the early competitors entered END of TRAIL six times — as six different competitors. He dressed as six different Hollywood cowboy stars, all with distinctive costumes. He completed the match shooting as all six different cowboys, all in costume, and he ended exhausted from all the costume changes!

Rank scoring had been used from the beginning. Initially there were no computer programs available, so scores were recorded on small "tickets" that could be collected, sorted, and manually tabulated. Time was irrelevant, place of finish was all that counted.

Target size and placement were still a work in progress. There was no consistency... some liked small, distant targets and others wanted a bar room fight where all the targets were man sized at ten feet! Ruger Blackhawks with their adjustable sights were favored because of cost and ability to hit small targets more reliably. Colts were used but were definitely in the minority.

The posse concept did not exist. When a shooter was ready to shoot a stage, he simply got in line and waited his turn. It wasn't until the Durango Kid (SASS #8) hosted a match in Durango Colorado that the posse system was invented. He had no club to support the match operations so he said, "Break into groups and shoot the stages as a group. You guys can manage the shooters, count the misses, and keep the scores." It was a revolutionary idea!

In an attempt to ensure order and safety at the early END of TRAILS, the Wild Bunch hired LAPD deputies to be range officials. They were the timer operators and counters. They also refused to allow the cowboys to handle their firearms! They retrieved them from the loading table and staged them. This never set well and was the reason they were let go after a couple of years.

Costume contests were held from the very beginning. It was recognized if we were to have a true fantasy game, we had to look the part. In the beginning, it was as prestigious to win the costume contest as it was to win the shooting match. Phil Spangenberg (Rawhide Rawlins, SASS #834) and Dennis Mader (Wes Terner, SASS #36)



SHOTGUN RED FROM LAS VEGAS ENTERED THE COSTUME CONTEST AS THE ELECTRIC COWBOY. HE ENTERED LATE AS THE JUDGING WAS WRAPPING UP, STEPPED FORWARD, AND BANG!... ALL THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS CAME ON! THE OTHER CONTESTANTS SIMPLY WILTED... AND HE WALKED AWAY WITH THE PRIZE!



PHIL SPANGENBERGER AND DENNIS MADER UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF COSTUMING AND SET A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE TO FOLLOW.



HIPSHOT BECAME THE "FACILITIES MAN" RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING. IN THOSE DAYS, THERE WERE NO WADDIES OR VOLUNTEERS. IF IT NEEDED DOING, HIPSHOT DID IT. THE EARLY END OF TRAILS NEARLY WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE WILD BUNCH! HIPSHOT IS SEEN HERE HAVING SURVIVED THE EVENT BUT CATCHING A FEW WINKS BEFORE IT'S TIME TO TEAR DOWN AND GO HOME!



GREY FOX FROM CANADA WAS AN EARLY END OF TRAIL PARTICIPANT. HE LOOKED THE PART THEN... AND AS A DRAWER FULL OF PERIOD PHOTOS RECEIVED OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS ATTESTS, HE STILL DOES. GREY FOX AND MISS MARY SPENCER LIVE IN THE PAST AND NEVER FAIL TO AMAZE AND PLEASE.



THE WILD BUNCH HAS BEEN AN EVOLVING INSTITUTION FOR END OF TRAIL FROM THE BEGINNING. OTHER THAN THE JUDGE AND GENERAL, THE VERY FIRST MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FELL BY THE WAYSIDE RATHER QUICKLY. BY 1986 WHEN THE ORGANIZATION BEGAN TO "JELL," THERE WERE SIX MEMBERS.



PHIL SPANGENBERGER WAS A SHOWMAN. IN 1988 HE LED A PERFORMANCE OF SEVERAL END OF TRAIL COWBOYS IN A MOUNTED SHOOTING EXHIBITION. IT SET THE STAGE FOR MOUNTED SHOOTING THAT FOLLOWED A FEW YEARS LATER. WHEN HIS HORSE "SPOOKED," PHIL AND HORSE WERE LAST SEEN AS THEY TOPPED THE BACK BERM AND DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT!



BY 1991 THERE WERE NINE MEMBERS OF THE WILD BUNCH. OVER THE ENSUING YEARS, THE MEMBERS AND NUMBERS VARIED AS NEW FOLKS WERE RECRUITED BASED UPON WHAT WAS NEEDED AND WHAT THEY COULD BRING TO THE TABLE. BY THE TIME OF THE REORGANIZATION, ONLY THREE OF THE FOLKS IN THIS PHOTO WERE STILL ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MANAGING SASS AND END OF TRAIL.



WILD SHOT AND MRS. SLICKSHOT, WEST END GUN CLUB, CA TRANSPLANTS, HAVE BEEN IN COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ FROM THE BEGINNING. THEY WERE THE LAST TWO INDUCTED INTO THE WILD BUNCH BEFORE THE REORGANIZATION.



ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A MEMORABLE WAY TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE, THE WILD BUNCH EVEN CONSIDERED ARRIVING IN A LONG, PINK CADILLAC! THAT NEVER HAPPENED, BUT IN 1990 THE WILD BUNCH WAS EITHER MOUNTED OR IN THE STAGECOACH TO BEGIN THE FESTIVITIES.



THIS SIGN INTRODUCED THE VERY FIRST END OF TRAIL. GORDON DAVIS AND THE JUDGE PROVIDED THE SHOOTING MATCH WHILE BILL HAHN PROVIDED THE PROP ARTWORK AND THE MATCH MATERIALS (ALL HAND-DONE).



THE GLORY YEARS END OF TRAIL HAD MANY CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS. ELLSWORTH T. KINCADE AND LADY STETSON DESIGNED AND BUILT FACADES FOR THE TOWN AND THIS ENTRANCE TO THE EVENT GROUNDS.

were participants in the first END of TRAIL and Gary Kangas (Grey Fox, SASS #223) shortly thereafter — all looked 100 percent authentic! In fact, they were the only ones who looked authentic. In the beginning, the winners of the costume contests were the only ones not wearing blue jeans! The early years were definitely a learning time... and shaped the game for years to come!

In 1984 END of TRAIL (the forerunner of SASS) was incorporated. In 1987 *The Cowboy Chronicle* was created (Tex, SASS #4), the SASS Handbook was written (R.J. Poteet, SASS #3), a better Scoring Program initiated (Doc Alan Mortimer, SASS #178), and the SASS alias registry established. At this point SASS was officially “organized,” the Wild Bunch expanded, clubs encouraged, and Judge Roy Bean (SASS #1) was sent on a mission around the country to recruit new members. SASS went from a few thousand Southern California cowboys to a

worldwide organization.

THE GLORY YEARS...

By the early 1990s California real estate was booming (again), and Coto de Caza became the hot seat of money politics. Coto blossomed with two PGA class golf courses, hundreds of mini-mansions, tract homes, and undesirable gunfire in the neighborhood. After payments to officials and payments to Coto management, all shooting was forced out of Coto de Caza. The cowboy club, The Coto Cowboys, built a new home near Norco, CA on a dairy preserve situated on flood control land leased by Mike Rahaague (site of an existing shooting facility).

The move was traumatic! SASS left Shangri-la (Coto) for barren wasteland with berms of cow manure. The mounds of manure were undergoing spontaneous combustion, smoldering with acrid smoke, and covered with flies. And, the berms were turned in

the wrong direction! The first END of TRAIL held there in 1992 was an exercise in determination. Flies were everywhere, dust in the air wasn't dust at all... it was cow s___t! At the end of the match, Wild Bunch member Leadville (SASS #39) announced he had rented all the flies from an outfit in San Diego and we were obligated to turn them all in so they could be returned to the rental agency! Monday morning after the match, I discovered the roof inside my Suburban was black with flies!

In time, the berms were rebuilt, turned around, and bays added. Water, power, and compressed air were installed in the bays. An arena was added. END of TRAIL finally had enough room to accommodate the numbers of competitors eager to participate.

The theme for one memorable END of TRAIL was “Bringing in the Herd.” Dutch (SASS #455) was assigned the task of acquiring a herd.



MARTY COVE WAS ONE OF NUMEROUS HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRITY MOUNTED SHOTS TO THE THUNDEROUS APPROVAL OF THE CIVILIAN SPECTATORS.

Several dozen SASS cowboys were veteran trail drivers having experienced a “real” trail drive in Colorado, living off the chuck wagon, and managing the herd for a week over the Continental Divide (ala *City Slickers*... note: the trail boss in the movie was far nicer than our trail boss!) To our dismay, Dutch had contracted for a herd of dairy calves! Older and wiser cows can be herded... calves are like kittens! Once the calves were released, they disbursed like an explosion and began running through the parking lot in every direction... kids were screaming, women were crying... and the cowboys were frantically trying

to gather the herd! And, that was only the beginning...

END of TRAIL had more waddies than it could manage and was annually held in April. Being close to Hollywood, numerous celebrities (cowboy stuntmen and actors) were easy recruits. Being close to Los Angeles, there were thousands of civilians willing to either play cowboy with us or willing to come see the celebrities. At this point, Dutch took on the job “he was born to do!” Dutch became the spark that ignited the creation and production of the SASS Wild West Show. With a little help from his friends, a series of END



BUFFALO SOLDIERS WERE ONE OF THE GROUPS THAT MADE AN APPEARANCE AT END OF TRAIL. THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A RIDE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS RETRACING THE STEPS OF A HISTORIC MARCH.



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BYDONE FOREVER WAS ONE OF THE GROUPS THAT PERFORMED IN DUTCH'S WILD WEST SHOW. ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS "PERIOD" AND DREW HUGE CROUDS.



ACTION PACKED HORSEMANSHIP WAS WHAT MADE THE WILD WEST SHOW SO APPEALING. IT WAS THE KEY TO ATTRACTING THE SPECTATORS EACH YEAR.



THE CHUCKWAGON RACES WERE A REAL TREAT FOR END OF TRAIL VISITORS. IT WAS AN EXCITING SPECTACLE WITH FLYING WAGONS AND BILLOWING DUST! MOST HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

of TRAIL shows were produced that rivaled Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show. Indians, chuck wagon races, pony express rides, melodramas, and the like filled the bleachers a couple of times each END of TRAIL day. Dave Bourne formed a period correct brass band that provided music for the shows, and Dutch provided color commentary for all to enjoy. These were truly the glory years!

THE LATER YEARS...

Issues had been building for years at Rahaague's facility. After END of TRAIL 2004, SASS moved its Headquarters and END of TRAIL to New Mexico. New Mexico provided a gun-friendly environment, the ability to own the END of TRAIL venue, and more than enough room to comfortably accommodate the competitors. Having a permanent home, investment was now feasible to acquire indoor vendor stores in addition to the traditional tent city. A large auditorium-style building was erected to accommodate END of TRAIL shooters meetings, evening festivities, and award ceremonies.

END of TRAIL 2005 was the first World Championship held in New Mexico. It was special... and eye opening! Everything was fresh and new... and exciting. There were many new faces... especially from New Mexico, but also from nearby Texas. Old friends from Arizona were also in evidence. However, it was chilly (cold, actually). All the transplanted Southern Californians had an opportunity to wear their "woolies" for the very first time! There was rain, sleet, and snow... and the ground suddenly turned soft... there was mud on boots and gun carts... and some of the RVs and cars were stuck due to the soft ground! We learned a lesson about spring weather in New Mexico!

END of TRAIL quickly moved to mid-June, continued to host Mounted Shooting in addition to Cowboy Action Shooting™, and provided professional cowboy stunt men to provide "real West" action entertainment for the public. Miss Tabitha (SASS #26972) and Mad Mountain Mike (SASS #4365) produced a vaudeville-style show with dancing girls, comedy acts, and musical



SATURDAY NIGHT HAS ALWAYS BEEN PARTY NIGHT AT END OF TRAIL. PEACHES O'DAY AND THE DANCING GIRLS WERE A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR SEVERAL YEARS RUNNING. THE VAUDEVILLE-STYLE SHOW FEATURED NUMEROUS ACTS, INCLUDING COMEDY AND ESCAPE ARTISTS.



WITH A "PERMANENT," PRIVATE HOME SITE FOR END OF TRAIL, IT WAS FINALLY VIABLE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE OLD WEST TOWN, SUPPLEMENTING THE ROUGH AND READY TENT CITY USED IN THE PAST. NEARLY A DOZEN INDOOR MERCANTILE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.



THE BELLE UNION, A LARGE STEEL BUILDING, WAS THE FIRST BUILDING ERECTED AT FOUNDERS RANCH. IT SERVED FOR OPENING CEREMONIES, SATURDAY NIGHT FESTIVITIES, AND AWARDS CEREMONIES UNTIL THE EVENT OUTGREW IT. END OF TRAIL WENT BACK TO ITS ROOTS WHEN IT REIMPORTED THE "BIG TENT" FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.



PERIOD CAMPS PROVIDE "AUTHENTIC" ATMOSPHERE AT OLD WEST FESTIVALS. CIVIL WAR PERIOD CAMPS AND BUFFALO SOLDIER CAMPS WERE OFTEN ACTIVE DURING END OF TRAIL.



PERIOD ENTERTAINMENT WAS ALWAYS PROVIDED FOR THE VISITING PUBLIC. STAGECOACH RIDES, LONGHORN RIDES, THE MOUNTED SHOOTER'S PARADE, THE GATLING GUN, AND THE SHOOTING GALLERY ALL PROVIDED HANDS-ON OLD WEST EXPERIENCES.



THE SHOOTING GALLERY WAS A JEWEL! IT WAS DISCOVERED ON THE INTERNET, LOCATED IN COLORADO. COYOTE CALHOUN AND FRIENDS ACQUIRED A TRAILER TO FETCH IT HOME. IT WAS A LONG, HARD TRIP AND THE RESTORATION WAS NON-TRIVIAL... BUT THE RESULTS WERE SPECTACULAR!



HISTORICALLY, VENDOR ROW WAS ALWAYS A HAPPENING PLACE. ANYTHING "COWBOY" ONE MIGHT NEED WAS GENERALLY AVAILABLE WITH A LITTLE SHOPPING.



THE CULMINATION OF EACH END OF TRAIL EVENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE TOP GUN SHOOT-OFF. AT FOUNDERS RANCH IT WAS HELD ON THE EXHIBITION BAY NEXT TO THE COOPER QUEEN HOTEL. THIS WAS ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE SHOOTERS. COLOR COMMENTARY WAS BROADCAST FROM THE SECOND STORY BALCONY WHERE THE WILD BUNCH SAT UNDER SUNSHADES SIPPING COOL REFRESHMENTS.



THE WILD WEST SHOW ENTERTAINMENT AT FOUNDERS RANCH WAS PROVIDED BY A PROFESSIONAL GROUP OF STUNT MEN. FIGHTS, FALLS, GUNPLAY, AND EXCITING THEATRICS AND PROPS ALWAYS HELD THE CROWD ENTHRALLED.

numbers. There was even an escape artist who nearly strangled himself when he couldn't get free of the ropes and chains! Over the years, several period encampments were provided by local reenactors. Civil War soldiers and Buffalo soldiers were often in evidence.

END OF TRAIL continued to evolve over the years. The emphasis on entertainment for the public diminished in favor of creating a "shooters event." And even the shooting had evolved.

Coyote Calhoun (SASS #201) was match director for a while and wanted to provide a "throwback" or nostalgic match that glorified the past by resurrecting memorable stages from the early years. When he looked at the past stages, he realized there was no way. They were too different. He finally settled on, "...in the past this stage was shot 'such and so,' but today we're going to shoot it like this..." Additionally, the match style preferred by the competi-



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tors had changed dramatically. Fewer “extraneous” actions were wanted, speed was wanted, and of course no one wanted to miss! The fantasy flavor that had spawned END of TRAIL was being left behind for a speed match with large, close targets, minimal costuming, and even less fantasy play acting.

Match design accommodated the shooter’s desires and the shooters responded. Match design transitioned from Coyote to T. A. Chance (SASS #4072) and then later to Lassiter (SASS #2080) and finally to Deuce Stevens (SASS #55996). These individuals worked together as Match Directors and each offered a little different stage design philosophy. Inviting others besides the Wild Bunch to do the match design was certainly a successful new idea. In the end, it’s the only way to keep things fresh and new and make each END of TRAIL exciting and different.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF TRAIL...

COVID-19 has certainly not been

a friend to END of TRAIL. Special celebrations were planned for END of TRAIL 2020, but the event had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic. As the 40th Anniversary of END of TRAIL (2021) grew closer, it was clear that a new location and venue needed to be found to avoid another cancellation. Etna Green, Indiana - nestled minutes from Warsaw and through a maze of corn cropped farmland, lies a little slice of Cowboy heaven called Paradise Pass. SASS is proud to have partnered with Paradise Pass to present the 40th Anniversary of END of TRAIL in 2021; the event was limited to only 500 shooting spots and sold out in just over an hour- it was clear that folks were ready to start having some Cowboy Action Shooting fun again!

A LOOK AHEAD...

END of TRAIL will soon move for the third time to Ben Avery Shooting Range in Arizona and will be hosted by the Arizona Territorial Rough Riders. The Phoenix area is a much larger metropolitan area than Albuquerque and may spawn a renaissance of the “glory

years!”

For the past 40 years END of TRAIL and Cowboy Action Shooting™ have provided life-long friends and a wonderful adventure none of us will ever forget. As the Wild Bunch drifts slowly into the sunset, we look forward to traveling to occasional matches, playing the role of “grand ol’ men (and women),” and watching the evolution of our collective game. SASS has undergone reorganization and new leadership has been recruited to guide SASS and END of TRAIL into the future. Misty Moonshine and her new Board are all experienced, knowledgeable, and committed to satisfying the desires of our competitors.





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SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

END OF TRAIL

By now, it's common knowledge EOT has seen its last match at Founders Ranch in New Mexico. Severe regulatory restrictions brought on by COVID-19 sounded the death knell for SASS's World Championship event in the Land of Enchantment — as they did for many other businesses.

Next year, EOT will make its permanent home at the Ben Avery Shooting Range outside of Phoenix, Arizona, but this year various conditions necessitated it being held at Paradise Pass range in Etna Green, Indiana. That event will have taken place by the time you read this. For those of you who have never visited Paradise Pass, it is an excellent facility and I know it will host a superior World Championship.

To honor this year's 40th END OF TRAIL, we've made this a special commemorative issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. Inside you will find Tex's retrospective of the match over the last four decades, as well as an overview of the evolution of costuming at the event from Texas Flower and Cat Ballou.

AMMUNITION WOES

It's also common knowledge we're in the midst of a severe shortage of ammunition and reloading components and prices are soaring. We've seen shortages before, but this one seems particularly onerous and long-lived.

As a way of helping deal with the situation, many clubs throughout the

country are offering — for the duration of the shortage — a special "Adult Buckaroo" category in which participants are allowed to compete using .22 caliber firearms. Even a few Wild Bunch matches have started allowing the use of .22s and other sub-.45 caliber firearms for the time being, as reported by Dusty Boddams elsewhere in this edition.

All this is admirable in that it keeps SASS members shooting, but what about practice time? Even .22 ammo is pretty expensive nowadays and that can translate into reduced or eliminated practice sessions and competitors with rusty skill sets.

I've commented in the past about the benefits of using BB-gun replicas for practice and I think the idea has more merit now than ever. BBs and CO2 cartridges are still readily available and cost far less per round than the least expensive rimfire ammo. Moreover, BB-guns open up the possibility of practicing in a backyard, or even inside.

My favorite single action BB-gun for practice is the Colt-licensed John Wayne Commemorative. It loads with *faux* "cartridges" just like an original — the action operates the same and is as smooth as a nicely tuned revolver. For those who like something a little more exotic, you can get a replica of a Remington 1875.

If you want to get in some rifle practice, Walther has a Winchester 1894 replica available that operates like a real one and is smooth as glass. Even the bolt moves back and forth.

For you Wild Bunch enthusiasts, there are numerous 1911 look-alikes available, but my favorite is the John Wayne Commemorative from Air Venturi. It has the same weight and feel as the real thing, the slide moves back and forth and will even lock back after the last round. The "magazine" is the same size as a genuine 1911 magazine and drops free. It houses the CO2 cartridge

and the BBs.

All the mentioned airguns can be purchased for around \$150 or less, except the rifle, which will set you back around \$500. They can be found at various sources online, but I recommend www.pyramydair.com (Pyramyd Air Gun Mall) or www.midwayusa.com (Midway Reloading Supply).

—Skinny, SASS #7361



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COME AND BE A COWBOY (OR COWGIRL) SASS WESTERN REGIONAL UPDATE

BY ROGER RAPID, #96080

PHOTOS BY ROGER RAPID

The American cowboy didn't have much in the way of possessions. His universe consisted of his horse, saddle, a shirt or two, his boots, whatever he could fit in his saddlebags, along with his hat, a rifle (and most probably a handgun), and his bandana. The bandana was an important multi-purpose accessory. When wetted it kept his neck cool in the summer heat, and on the dry and dusty trails it filtered the grit so he could breathe clean air. And, for some, it protected his identity while in the midst of a mean-hearted or illegal event.

Today, some of us include a bandana as part of our Cowboy Action Shooting™ attire, but back in early 2020 the idea of wearing a bandana or a mask became more than a symbol of the Old West. Masks and other 2020 changes put many of our major matches at risk, including the SASS Western Regional.

“We were already deeply engaged in planning for the 26th Annual Chorro Valley ShootOut/2020 SASS Western Regional when we first heard about a potential health situation,” said Sinful (SASS #73672), Match Co-Director. “For an event like this, where we have



SINFUL AND EL LAZO



MATCH CO-DIRECTORS EL LAZO (LEFT) AND SINFUL, ALONG WITH FACILITIES DIRECTOR TRAPPER MCDANIELS STEP ASIDE AT A MATCH TO UPDATE US ON THE STATUS OF THE SASS WESTERN REGIONAL.



THIS VINTAGE PHOTO PICTURES AN OLD WEST COWBOY — MOST LIKELY WITH ALL HIS POSSESSIONS.

to confirm dates, sign contracts for big-tent rentals, order awards and buckles, purchase shooter name badges and gifts, etc., we have to begin our planning early,” he added.

The Chorro Valley Regulators

range — home of the SASS Western Regional — is located in San Luis Obispo, California in a part of the state known as the Central Coast. The range is 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean and about 10 miles south of Morro Bay



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“As we moved into Spring, we spoke with fellow match directors and the topic of rescheduling/canceling matches was very frontal in everyone’s mind,” commented El Lazo (SASS #13116), the other half of the Match Co-Director

team. “We were about five months out from hosting the Western Regional at our range and all of a sudden we had to deal with the arduous task of figuring out what to do. As we moved into May and June and realized the State and County health mandates wouldn’t allow us to deliver the kind of experience our shooters have come to expect from us, we planned to move the match to Novem-

ber,” El Lazo said, frustrated. “Then, as we got into early Fall and the State and County mandates were not easing up, we made the difficult decision to cancel the match altogether, which was deeply disappointing,” he said.

“So, now things seem to be looking up,” chimed Sinful, “and we’re back in the saddle planning for the 26th Annual Chorro Valley ShootOut/2021 SASS

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CVR MEMBER HORNED TOAD TOM (SASS #83604) POPS A FEW QUICK SHELLS IN THE AIR FROM HIS '73.

Western Regional at our range this coming August 4 through 8, 2021. Our plan is to deliver the same high-caliber match our attendees have come to expect from us. We'll have 12 stages, three warm-up matches, along with our regular speed events for revolver, shotgun, and rifle, and we'll have Cowboy trap and long range side matches." "And we'll have our traditional No. 10 Saloon, poker tournament, and RO1 and RO2 classes," added El Lazo.

"Our attendees always rave about our Five-Star Dinner, which is run by CVR member Jacq Neat (SASS #93557). Every year, she puts together an incredible meal in our big tent, served on real plates with real silverware that features shrimp scampi, salad, chicken, custom-cut prime ribs, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, dessert, and more. I often think some folks come just for the dinner," El Lazo chuckled. "And, of course, Monte Mills and his Lucky Horseshoe Band will be there to entertain all night."

"Our range features a huge camping area with room for up to 170 trailers. And there's a tent camping area, too," said Trapper McDaniels (SASS #79238), CVR member in charge of facilities. "The campground is next to the big tent, which is right next to the range, so getting back and forth is easy. We also have a hay wagon for those folks who want to be shuttled from the range to their trailer."

The SASS Western Regional hosted by the Chorro Valley Regulators is a not-to-miss event. For those who don't camp, there are numerous motels in the nearby cities of Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo, each of which are about ten minutes away.

For more information about the Chorro Valley Regulators, the 2021 SASS Western Regional, to see "Who's Coming," or to process your on-line registration for the match and camping, please visit www.chorrovalleyregulators.com.

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COSTUMING CORNER



1982 — THE FIRST EOT — JUDGE ROY BEAN, DIAMOND JIM

MEMORIES OF PAST END OF TRAIL COSTUMES

BY TEXAS FLOWER, SASS #43753

PICTURES CONTRIBUTED BY CAT

BALLOU, SASS #55 & TEXAS FLOWER

As January 2020 rolled into our lives, we all began to look forward and plan for cowboy matches to attend and costumes to pack! Little did we know we would be “shot down” by something called COVID-19. As the months went by, SASS was forced to cancel END of TRAIL 2020 to protect us all from this “masked villain.”

Without the traditional EOT costume pictures, I thought about what we might do to take the place of those anticipated costume pictures. After discussing the matter with “costuming guru” Cat Ballou, we decided a trip down END of TRAIL costume memory lane would be fun! I had pictures from 2005 forward (the first year EOT was held at Founders Ranch, New Mexico), and Cat would search for pictures taken of EOT costumes before that. We could not cover every year or everybody, but we tried to pick a variety of pictures through the years starting with the first END of TRAIL in 1982, held in Coto de Caza, California! I was eager to see some of the earlier costume pictures!

We have all enjoyed the shooting, shopping, and costuming that comes with END of TRAIL, not to mention seeing special friends each year! No matter what, we will be back and will begin to plan for and look forward to future END of TRAILS!

Hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane of past END of TRAIL costumes!





1982 — WES TERNER, SMOKE EATER.



1988 — LITTLE BRITCHES PROMENADES HER COSTUME.



2013 — MARY-LOU JUNE AND MARY-LOU JULY WANT TO BE IN THE SALOON GIRL CONTEST.



2005 — MISS TABITHA'S SEMINAR, DRESSING FROM THE INSIDE-OUT.



2004 — BEST DRESSED LADIES.



2003 — BEST DRESSED COUPLES GOLDBAR GERTIE & GOLDBAR GRIGSBIE (THIRD PLACE), LOLA GETS & JOHN BRITTLESWOLF (SECOND), PRAIRIE WEET & CHINA CAMP (THIRD).



2009 — BEST DRESSED SOILED DOVES LABANDIDA (FIRST PLACE), BELLA SPENCER (SECOND), GILYS GIRL SUZANN (THIRD).



2002 — BEST DRESSED B-WESTERN MEN HANDLEBAR BOB AND KNIFE MAKER.



2013 — PARLOR HOUSE MADAM AND SALOON GIRL WINNERS.



1990 — BEST DRESSED LADY CONTESTANTS DIAMOND LIL, CAT BALLOU, AND MRS. PHIL SPANGENBERGER.



2014 — FIRST PLACE WILD BUNCH LADY EZGZ, AS ADELITA.



2003 — BEST DRESSED LADIES KATE HOLIDAY (THIRD PLACE), JOY JANGLES (SECOND), SLOAN EASY (FIRST).



2016 — FIRST PLACE SHOOTING COSTUME QUICKLY DOWN UNDER.



2014 — FIRST PLACE WILD BUNCH MAN CAPT. GEORGE BAYLOR.



2018 — COSTUME JUDGES COPPER QUEEN, SLOAN EASY, TEXAS FLOWER, BABY JANE DOE.



2009 — BEST DRESSED LADIES TEXAS FLOWER (THIRD PLACE), DIXIE BELL (SECOND), CLANCY (FIRST).



2015 — BEST DRESSED LADIES TEXAS FLOWER (THIRD PLACE), KATHOUSE KELLI (SECOND), SERENITY (FIRST).



2017 — BEST DRESSED JUNIOR BOYS HAMMER ROCK (FIRST PLACE) AND CATAZTROPE (SECOND).



2018 — BEST LADIES' SHOOTING COSTUME CLARA BARTON.



2016 — BEST DRESSED GENTLEMEN SUNDOWN (SECOND PLACE), W.A. WARD (THIRD), HAWKSHAW FRED (FIRST).



2016 — DOC BARIUM PRESENTS COSTUME TO JUDGES.



2018 — BEST DRESSED MILITARY CAPT. GEORGE BAYLOR (SECOND PLACE), COWTOWN SCOUT (FIRST), HANK HILLS (THIRD).



2018 — BEST DRESSED B-WESTERN LADIES SONORA BLAZE (SECOND PLACE), SHOTGLASS (FIRST), LIL MAGILL (THIRD).



2018 — FIRST YEAR FOR STEAMPUNK CATEGORY — KATHOUSE KELLI (SECOND PLACE), EZGZ (FIRST), BARB STEELE (THIRD).



2016 — BEST DRESSED JUNIOR GIRLS GHOST ANGEL (FIRST PLACE) AND FAST DRAW FAWN (THIRD).



2016 — BEST DRESSED LADIES SHOOTING COSTUMES TEXAS FLOWER (FIRST PLACE), RATTLESNAKE KATE (SECOND), BABY JANE DOE (THIRD).

ANNUAL MATCHES

LEGENDS SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL 2021 WILD BUNCH TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

BY BT BLADE, SASS #35685 LIFE
PHOTOS BY BT BLADE

Hurricane, Utah. As I write this, I see dark clouds and light rain falling outside my living room window. Quite a change from the blue skies and marshmallow clouds that framed Red Rock Country April 19-24, 2021 during this annual event.

While Covid continues to be a concern across our Nation and the World, Utah cases dropped and the State modified its mask mandate in early April. Our County Fair received a thumbs up and was held the week before our match. However, the best news of all, Dixie Regional Hospital saw zero patients in their Covid unit which had been filled to capacity months before. With restrictions in other States lightening up and people looking to interact with each other again, this year's Four Corners Regional and Wild Bunch Territorial Championships had the largest number of shooters in its history — 211 shooters completed the Main match along with 40 RVs camping out on our range. Even though the "Four



Corners" are the States of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico, we had participants from California, Nevada, the Pacific Northwest, as well as North Dakota and Florida, just to name a few. Our 12 "adopted" stages, were groomed and looking their Sunday best. Over the past two years all bays were outfitted with shade covers to provide comfort from the elements. The Dixie Desperados also renamed the center bay "The Midway," which will now host Top Gun shoot-offs as well as Shotgun Challenge events. It's located right in front of our main Pavilion and the renovation is a great addition to what is already a terrific Cowboy Action range.

To say the Hurricane/St. George area is Second Amendment friendly would be an understatement. Washington County supports all shooting sports with local merchants donating door prizes as well as ice and ice cream for our annual Four Corners Ice Cream Social. More on that later! Now, on to the shootin'...

The week began with the Wild Bunch Territorial Championship overseen by Match Director Mokaac Kid (SASS #78721). Over Monday and Tuesday, 47 shooters faced 10 stages and side match events, plus a BAMM match. Our Wild Bunch Match winners as well as Top Gun shoot-off winners are Texas Tiger (SASS #74829) and Mokaac Kid (SASS #78721).

Wednesday was a full but fun day.

We started things off with a Doily Gang Clinic, followed by Side Matches, a great Cowboy Swap Meet/Garage Sale, the remainder of the Long Range events, and a Cowboy Warm Up Match. By Thursday morning things were in high gear!

The Main Match Director was Bit Younger (SASS #37956). Four Main Match stages were addressed each day, Thursday thru Saturday. They were written by Lightning Will (SASS #56934) and Blake Wade (SASS #82593). A few were challenging — *all* were fun! In between the Main Match stages we had four- and six-person Team Shoots, a Plainsman event, Patriotic Costume Awards (on Red Shirt Friday), Side Match Awards and our now famous Ice Cream Social with free Root Beer Floats for everyone!

Three Buckarettes, a Buckaroo,



TOP GUN WINNERS — TEXAS TIGER AND ROBYN DAVAULT



OVERALL MATCH WINNERS — SHAMROCK SADIE AND ROBYN DAVAULT





WILD BUNCH OVERALL AND TOP GUN WINNERS
— TEXAS TIGER AND MOKAAC KID

one Junior Boy, and one Junior Girl completed the Main Match. I had the privilege of meeting each one of them,

plus seeing them shoot. I can tell you the future of our sport will be in good hands with these fine youngsters.

While Southern Utah can have its moments, weather wise, every day was beautiful. There was even low humidity and enough of a breeze each day so the 24 Frontier Cartridge participants wouldn't totally smoke out the remaining 187 shooters! When all the smoke did clear, Robyn Davault (SASS #87360) and Texas Tiger (SASS #74829) emerged as the Top Gun Shoot Off winners.

Our Awards Banquet was held Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn in St. George. The food was excellent and was only surpassed by the great time that was had by all. There were door and raffle prizes, entertainment by Frederick Jackson Turner (SASS #28271), who was joined by Hardtack Henry (SASS #5967) on harmonica for a song that showcased both their musical talents. FJT also entertained the group at the Ice Cream Social during the main match. While I've had the pleasure of hearing him many times over the years, it was quite a thrill to see the smiles and reactions of people

who never had the experience. Everyone in this sport can relate to his original "Cowboy Action" tunes... particularly "The Whining Cowboy." Nicely done, Pard!

As the awards were presented by class, the moment all were waiting for arrived. Robyn Davault (SASS 87360) and Shamrock Sadie (SASS #78511) took top honors as overall man and lady. Congratulations to you both!

As the evening ended and I was packing up my camera equipment, I noticed an unusual but common sight. People continued talking and staying behind as if they didn't want to let go and leave. It took me back to 2004 when Lucky Wheeler (SASS #35686 Life) and I participated in our first SASS State Championship event. We got back home and I coined the phrase, "SASS, come for the shootin' but STAY because of the people!" 17 years later, it's still true! So, the Dixie Desperados invite you join us here in Red Rock Country come April 2022. You won't be disappointed! Visit <https://dixiedesperados.com/legends-regional> for more information and for complete match results.

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MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RANGE WAR 2020

BY SINOLA KID, SASS #30558

Range War 2020 took place over Labor Day Weekend in Kimball, Michigan. This was our 22nd straight year at Bluewater Sportsman's Club. It is a large range with a great assortment of bays to set up our stages. No two stages have a common firing line, allowing us to have many options for stage layouts and movement. The range also has a spacious but cozy area for camping.

This year COVID-19 restrictions were ever changing. Normally we would have 250-plus shooters, but due to our state government restrictions we were restricted to outdoor gatherings of no more than 100 people. We also had restrictions limiting indoor dining, which closed our normal indoor banquet facility. Our Board of Directors took this challenge head on and found ways to still make the best possible match and banquet awards dinner we could.

Special thanks to our Main Match Sponsor Doc Noper Gun Leather (Doc Noper, SASS #65017). Thanks also to our Awards Sponsors Ed's Custom Leather Crafts (Steady Eddie, SASS #29255) and JJ Designs (JJ Hunter,



CLEAN MATCH SHOOTERS

SASS #102294).

We arrived at the range noon on Wednesday and set up all the stages, bays, and ranges by Thursday afternoon. We are blessed to have a large and very dedicated set-up crew. We tear down the stages on Sunday after the shoot and are all packed up by noon on Monday. Please consider putting us on your shooting calendar for Labor Day weekend in 2021. You won't be disappointed.

Once the dust settled at registration, we had a total of 111 registered shooters. We had shooting pards attend

from Iowa, Pennsylvania, Montana, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Unfortunately, we did not have any shooters from Canada this year, as the border was closed for non-essential travel. We really missed having our Canadian pards with us.

Friday is our side match day with Cowboy mini-matches, speed events, long range, and for the first time we had a BMM stage. Our Wild Bunch mini-match director was Ethan Callahan (SASS #41005). We had 19 shooters for Wild Bunch this year, with three



OVERALL LADIES' CHAMPION — HONEY B QUICK



OVERALL MEN'S CHAMPION AND MICHIGAN STATE MEN'S CHAMPION — THREE GUN COLE



MICHIGAN STATE LADIES' CHAMPION — HEY SUGAR





FIRST PLACE BUCKAROO — J BIRD REGULATOR (SASS #110198)



FIRST PLACE YOUNG GUN BOY — JC WADE (SASS #64598)



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fun and fast stages. Our Friday swap meet was a huge success. With travel restrictions in place, it was great to see so many Cowboys and Cowgirls setting up tables for the swap meet.

Saturday morning started off with our Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. We shot five stages on Saturday and five stages on Sunday. Saturday afternoon, our Cowboy Trap was run by Mike Fink (SASS #29047) and Moe Guns (SASS #26854). Every year we have Cowboy Church on the Rang Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Thanks again to Bad River Marty (SASS #23076) for conducting Cowboy Church.

We would like to thank Tazzmanian Kid (SASS #45750) and Single

Rose (SASS #52133) from Klassic Laser Works for the great job they did on our name badges, side match awards, and plaques. They did a fantastic job, especially for those awards we needed last minute.

We would also like to thank Longshot Lillian (SASS #94602) and Wildcat Rose (SASS #89822) for taking pictures of our shooters during the match. The pictures can be viewed on our website.

Our Banquet and Awards Presentation was on Sunday night on the range under the big tents. Congratulations to 2020 Overall Champions for 2020 are Honey B Quick (SASS #47009) and Three Gun Cole (SASS #50738). Michigan State Champions are Hey Sugar

(SASS #93109) and Three Gun Cole (SASS #50738). Congratulations to our 28 shooters who had a Clean Match. A full list of winners can be found on the Wolverine Rangers website at www.wolverinerangers.org

Finally, it would be nearly impossible to list everyone who volunteers to help put on this special match. There are a few, though, who deserve a special acknowledgment. Carolina Belle, our Secretary, put in many hours this summer on registrations and to make sure every shooter received a fantastic door prize. Leadfoot Luke (SASS #93108) and Hey Sugar put in many hours of hard work. Thanks also to Bad Brass (SASS #84355), our side match director and Three Gun Cole, our match director.

We look forward to seeing more of our old friends and plenty of new friends over Labor Day weekend in 2021. There are no shooter limits this year, so come out and enjoy one of the best SASS State Championships there is. Online registration and printable applications are available on our website on the Range War page.

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			.338	200 GR.	RNFP/100
			.348	225 GR.	RNFP/100
			.358	230 GR.	RNFP/100
			.458	405 GR.	RNFP/40
			.458	430 GR.	RNFP/40
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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BLACK POWDER BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR,
SASS #24287 LIFE REGULATOR

Black Powder is an explosive. Smokeless powder is a propellant. What's the difference? Black Powder will explode under circumstances that smokeless powder will simply burn. It makes a difference in loading and storage. Check local ordinances. To the best of my knowledge, all makers of progressive loading presses prohibit the use of black powder in their machines. A lot of people scoff at this. I don't.

Black powder comes in different grades. The bigger the number the smaller of the grains are of black powder. Generally, 3F or FFF is used for .38 and below. 2F is used for .45 and larger. But there is a lot of overlap. 1F is for Cannon, 1-½ F is for rifles such as .45-70 and above. 4F is used for priming in flintlock firearms. Reenac-

tor is for reenactors.

SUBSTITUTES

The difficulty of using black powder along with the extra regulations concerning it have led to the production of black powder substitutes. These are "smokeless" powders that behave like black powder. They are not explosives and can be sold at most gun stores and big box stores such as Walmart. They can be used to replace black powder on a volume per volume basis. Do not try to substitute weight for weight. Substitutes weigh less in equal volumes — 100 grains of Goex 3F weighed 101.1 grains in my tests. American Pioneer Powder weighed 78.4 grains; Triple Seven weighed 77.2 grains. So if you use 30 grains in your .45 Colt cartridges, you will get 231 rounds per pound of Goex, 297 from APP 3F, and 302 from Triple Seven 2F.

THE CHART

Black powder is loaded by volume. Powder is sold by weight. Weight and volume are basically interchangeable in Black powder — 30 grains by volume of 3f black powder should weigh about 30 grains. But there are many variables, such as granular size. Generally,

a 30-grain powder spout will dispense a sample of 3f that is heavier than 2f from the same spout. Confused? No? But wait, there's more. That 30-grain spout would dispense 23.5 grains of American Pioneer Powder 3F, 23.2 grains of Hodgdon Triple Seven 2F. The densities are different. We need to know this conversion factor in order to load one of the substitutes in our progressive reloading machines because we're going to weigh the charges.

I worked up the accompanying chart over several years, trying to make it more accurate each time. I will warn you, you may not ever get the same weight out of two samples of black powder out of the same measuring device if you aren't obsessively consistent. What I did was use a Lee dipper of 4.0 cubic centimeters and weigh several samples of each powder to get a repeatable weight for each one. 4.0 CCs should be 60 grains. The SASS smoke standard is based, among other factors, on 1.0 CC of Goex 2F black powder. For my percussion pistols I can use a measuring powder spout and never have to weigh the powder once the spout is calibrated (by weighing the charge several times and adjusting the length of the spout to throw the exact charge you want). But if I'm loading shotguns or cartridges on a reloading machine, I want to use the

loading machine's powder measure.

So if I want to make a 20-grain load for a .38 special using Triple Seven, I would adjust the powder measure of the loading machine to dispense 16.4 grains of 2F.

PYRODEX

The original substitute is Pyrodex. It shares most of the characteristics of black powder. It requires soft lead bullets with black powder lubricant. It will foul the bore if you use smokeless bullets with hard lube. It requires almost immediate cleaning, especially in humid climates. It does not produce flame like black powder does, but it gives off healthy amounts of smoke. Pyrodex P is for pistol, RS for rifle and shotgun, and Select for cartridges. It also comes in pellets.

HODGDON

Triple Seven is designed for hunters. That is its largest market. It is about 15 percent more powerful than black powder. It has several restrictions, which should be read before use. Triple Seven will work best with hard lead smokeless bullets with smokeless lubes or no lube at all (but no black powder lubes, such as lubed Wonder Wads). A full charge in a .45 Colt cartridge can exceed the SASS velocity limit of 1000 feet per second.

OTHER SUBSTITUTES

American Pioneer Powder is another substitute. It produces a lower velocity than Triple Seven. It has fewer restrictions. It works well with Hi-Tek polymer coated bullets. It comes in 2F and 3F. It produces more smoke than most black powders volume for volume. It is easier to clean up than real black and Pyrodex. It can be cleaned with just water. I will note that in the Old West contrary, to popular Internet belief, they did not use much Teflon coated high-tech synthetic oils on their guns. Their guns were generally cleaned with soap and water and then dried and oiled. Since "Pure Sperm Gun and Machjne Oil" (whale oil) came in sub-one-ounce bottles, I can only assume that oil was reserved for bearing surfaces. Ballistol serves as an excellent replacement for

BLACK POWDER & SUBSTITUTES — Volume to Weight Conversion Chart

				black	APP	American	Jim	Jim	Hodgdon	Hodgdon	
		Goex	Expr.	MZ	Prem	Pioneer	Shockey's	Shockey's	Triple	Triple	
vol.	vol.	Goex	Expr.		FFFg	Powder	Gold	Gold	Seven	Seven	Pyrodex
cc	gr.	FFFg	FFg			FFFg	FFg	FFFg	FFg	FFFg	P
4.00	60.0	60.64	62.78	53.20	48.20	47.05	52.98	49.82	46.32	48.84	45.58
6.67	100.	101.1	104.6	88.7	81.2	78.4	88.3	83.0	77.2	81.4	76.0
6.33	95.0	96.0	99.4	84.2	77.1	74.5	83.9	78.9	73.3	77.3	72.2
6.00	90.0	91.0	94.2	79.8	73.1	70.6	79.5	74.7	69.5	73.3	68.4
5.67	85.0	85.9	88.9	75.4	69.0	66.7	75.1	70.6	65.6	69.2	64.6
5.33	80.0	80.9	83.7	70.9	65.0	62.7	70.6	66.4	61.8	65.1	60.8
5.00	75.0	75.8	78.5	66.5	60.9	58.8	66.2	62.3	57.9	61.1	57.0
4.67	70.0	70.7	73.2	62.1	56.8	54.9	61.8	58.1	54.0	57.0	53.2
4.33	65.0	65.7	68.0	57.6	52.8	51.0	57.4	54.0	50.2	52.9	49.4
4.00	60.0	60.6	62.8	53.2	48.7	47.1	53.0	49.8	46.3	48.8	45.6
3.67	55.0	55.6	57.5	48.8	44.7	43.1	48.6	45.7	42.5	44.8	41.8
3.33	50.0	50.5	52.3	44.3	40.6	39.2	44.2	41.5	38.6	40.7	38.0
3.27	49.0	49.5	51.3	43.4	39.8	38.4	43.3	40.7	37.8	39.9	37.2
3.20	48.0	48.5	50.2	42.6	39.0	37.6	42.4	39.9	37.1	39.1	36.5
3.13	47.0	47.5	49.2	41.7	38.2	36.9	41.5	39.0	36.3	38.3	35.7
3.07	46.0	46.5	48.1	40.8	37.3	36.1	40.6	38.2	35.5	37.4	34.9
3.00	45.0	45.5	47.1	39.9	36.5	35.3	39.7	37.4	34.7	36.6	34.2
2.93	44.0	44.5	46.0	39.0	35.7	34.5	38.9	36.5	34.0	35.8	33.4
2.87	43.0	43.5	45.0	38.1	34.9	33.7	38.0	35.7	33.2	35.0	32.7
2.80	42.0	42.4	43.9	37.2	34.1	32.9	37.1	34.9	32.4	34.2	31.9
2.73	41.0	41.4	42.9	36.4	33.3	32.2	36.2	34.0	31.7	33.4	31.1
2.67	40.0	40.4	41.9	35.5	32.5	31.4	35.3	33.2	30.9	32.6	30.4
2.60	39.0	39.4	40.8	34.6	31.7	30.6	34.4	32.4	30.1	31.7	29.6
2.53	38.0	38.4	39.8	33.7	30.9	29.8	33.6	31.6	29.3	30.9	28.9
2.47	37.0	37.4	38.7	32.8	30.0	29.0	32.7	30.7	28.6	30.1	28.1
2.40	36.0	36.4	37.7	31.9	29.2	28.2	31.8	29.9	27.8	29.3	27.3
2.33	35.0	35.4	36.6	31.0	28.4	27.4	30.9	29.1	27.0	28.5	26.6
2.27	34.0	34.4	35.6	30.1	27.6	26.7	30.0	28.2	26.2	27.7	25.8
2.20	33.0	33.4	34.5	29.3	26.8	25.9	29.1	27.4	25.5	26.9	25.1
2.13	32.0	32.3	33.5	28.4	26.0	25.1	28.3	26.6	24.7	26.0	24.3
2.07	31.0	31.3	32.4	27.5	25.2	24.3	27.4	25.7	23.9	25.2	23.5
2.00	30.0	30.3	31.4	26.6	24.4	23.5	26.5	24.9	23.2	24.4	22.8
1.93	29.0	29.3	30.3	25.7	23.5	22.7	25.6	24.1	22.4	23.6	22.0
1.87	28.0	28.3	29.3	24.8	22.7	22.0	24.7	23.2	21.6	22.8	21.3
1.80	27.0	27.3	28.3	23.9	21.9	21.2	23.8	22.4	20.8	22.0	20.5
1.73	26.0	26.3	27.2	23.1	21.1	20.4	23.0	21.6	20.1	21.2	19.8
1.67	25.0	25.3	26.2	22.2	20.3	19.6	22.1	20.8	19.3	20.4	19.0
1.60	24.0	24.3	25.1	21.3	19.5	18.8	21.2	19.9	18.5	19.5	18.2
1.53	23.0	23.2	24.1	20.4	18.7	18.0	20.3	19.1	17.8	18.7	17.5
1.47	22.0	22.2	23.0	19.5	17.9	17.3	19.4	18.3	17.0	17.9	16.7
1.40	21.0	21.2	22.0	18.6	17.0	16.5	18.5	17.4	16.2	17.1	16.0
1.33	20.0	20.2	20.9	17.7	16.2	15.7	17.7	16.6	15.4	16.3	15.2
1.27	19.0	19.2	19.9	16.8	15.4	14.9	16.8	15.8	14.7	15.5	14.4
1.20	18.0	18.2	18.8	16.0	14.6	14.1	15.9	14.9	13.9	14.7	13.7
1.13	17.0	17.2	17.8	15.1	13.8	13.3	15.0	14.1	13.1	13.8	12.9
1.07	16.0	16.2	16.7	14.2	13.0	12.5	14.1	13.3	12.4	13.0	12.2
1.00	15.0	15.2	15.7	13.3	12.2	11.8	13.2	12.5	11.6	12.2	11.4
0.93	14.0	14.1	14.6	12.4	11.4	11.0	12.4	11.6	10.8	11.4	10.6
0.87	13.0	13.1	13.6	11.5	10.6	10.2	11.5	10.8	10.0	10.6	9.9
0.80	12.0	12.1	12.6	10.6	9.7	9.4	10.6	10.0	9.3	9.8	9.1
0.73	11.0	11.1	11.5	9.8	8.9	8.6	9.7	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.4
0.67	10.0	10.1	10.5	8.9	8.1	7.8	8.8	8.3	7.7	8.1	7.6
0.60	9.00	9.1	9.4	8.0	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.5	6.9	7.3	6.8
0.53	8.00	8.1	8.4	7.1	6.5	6.3	7.1	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.1
0.47	7.00	7.1	7.3	6.2	5.7	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.3
0.40	6.00	6.1	6.3	5.3	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.6
0.33	5.00	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.8
0.27	4.00	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.0
0.20	3.00	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3
0.13	2.00	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5
0.07	1.00	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

CONVERSIONCHART — CONVERT BLACK POWDER CHARGES TO SUBSTITUTES USING THIS CHART. (FOR GOEX OLDE EYNSFORD USE GOEX EXPRESS.)

sperm whale oil.

Jim Shockey's Gold is a version of APP. Use APP loading instructions.

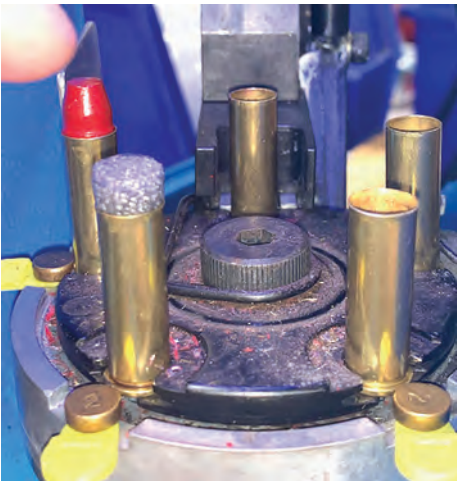
Shooters World Multi-Purpose FFF Black Black Powder Substitute is made by American Pioneer Powder. It is based on APP Superpowder, hotter than APP. Use Black MZ (out of production) on the chart for weights.

CLEANING

Cleaning doesn't differ too much among them. If you ask the question on the SASS Wire or on Facebook, "how do you clean black powder?" you will get 40 or 50 different answers. I am lazy and try to use the easiest method that works. Clean the gun with Windex With Vinegar or equivalent such as Windex Multi



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Surface. Black powder and all of the subs leave an alkaline residue, and mildly acidic cleaners will neutralize this. Scrub as needed with wire or nylon brush. Get in crevices with a Q-tip, etc. Clean the bore with a Bore Snake with Windex in the front section and Ballistol sprayed on the back part or use patches. Oil every part of the gun with Ballistol and wipe off the excess. Then you can store it. When you finish shooting at the range and don't have time to clean it before you go home, spray with Ballistol. Gunk covered by oil won't rust. Detail stripping will be required occasionally depending on what you're shooting. Rifles shooting bottleneck cartridges like .44-40 and .38-40 do not need as much cleaning because the chamber does not get as dirty. But failure to clean under the extractor of a '66 or '73 or a Marlin can be catastrophic for your chances of winning your category.

Real black and Pyrodex work best with Ballistol, a non-petroleum oil. Other substitutes work fine with most gun oils, but I settled on Ballistol for everything.

LIGHT LOADS

Black powder cartridges were designed to be filled with black powder to the level of the bullet and a little bit more so the bullet will compress it slightly. Most SASS shooters do not want the recoil and excess smoke of a .45 Colt (exceptions noted). Neither did the US Army. The original .45 Colt cartridge held 40 grains and used a 250-grain bullet. This was hard on the guns, metallurgy being what it was at the time, and hard on cavalymen, who by regulation weighed no more than 140 pounds in order to be accepted. So, the Army went to 30 grains of powder and 230-grain bullets, with some filler wads to use the empty space.

THE SASS SMOKE STANDARD

"How do I make sure that I make enough smoke to pass the SASS smoke standard?" The short answer is, if you use 1.0 CC (15 grains volume) or more of black or any of the substitutes, you will meet or exceed the smoke standard. The standard is subjective, based on unbiased witnesses observing the shooting of the test ammunition versus the smoke standard ammunition. This means with



SET THE BULLET IN THE BELLING. USE ENOUGH BELLING TO AVOID SHAVING THE BULLETS AND NOT ANY MORE. KEEP THE BULLET IN PLACE UNTIL IT ENTERS THE SEATING DIE.



SEAT THE BULLET.



BULLET ON THE RIGHT IS SEATED. BULLET ON THE LEFT IS SEATED AND CRIMPED.

the bigger cartridges you need to add a filler or wads to take up empty space in the cartridge if you want low recoil. Unlike smokeless powder, air gaps can be dangerous, and at best make the charge erratic. Several things are used to fill the space — grits, corn meal, ground walnut hulls, and ground corn cobs. Wads can be used, and caulk backer rod can be an excellent filler — 3/8-inch diameter for .38s, and 1/2-inch for .44s and .45s. When using filler, use enough to fill the cartridge and then insert the bullet, thus compressing the filler. Leaving loose filler is very dangerous as it can “migrate” and get between the powder and the primer and cause squibs, blocking the barrel. A second fired round can then destroy the barrel and even produce dangerous fragments. If you use lubed wads such as Wonder Wads with BP, put a card wad (milk carton for example) under them to keep the lube from contaminating the powder during storage.

12 GAUGE SHOTSHELLS

Hunters using black powder are known to put in 60 or 70 grains of black powder. Years of SASS competition by

thousands of shooters have demonstrated this is not necessary nor desirable for SASS. That much black powder opens up the charge, sometimes leaving a hole where the knockdown target is. Fiber wads work better with antique shotguns with full-length chokes. Modern plastic wads work better with modern guns, and of course work with progressive loaders. The following recipe works. I got it from a World Champion about 15 years ago — • 35-40 ggrains (volume) of powder • 1-1/8 ounces of shot • Winchester Orange or White 1-1/8-ounce wad or Clayhuster equivalent. The only exception is if you are using a stock SKB. You will need 50 grains or more (or more shot) to reliably switch barrels with the inertia mechanism. The chambers of the shotgun should be scrubbed with a brush wet with Ballistol after each stage.

To clean the shotgun, spray the barrels with Windex/Vinegar and let them soak while cleaning your other main match guns. Then run a Bore Snake with more Windex/Vinegar on the front and Ballistol on the back. Repeat, if necessary.

BRASS CLEANING

Many BP shooters put their fired brass into some sort of liquid and soak it until they can tumble it. Water with a little vinegar works. It prevents it from getting really ugly and scary looking. But if you use a wet tumbler with steel pins, you can just tumble it for twice as long as you tumble smokeless brass, maybe longer. If you let the brass age and develop a lovely black patina, you will need to tumble longer.

MATCHES

Frequent cleanings between stages hide a multitude of sins. Some shooters run a wet patch down the barrel of their rifle and revolvers after every stage. If you use a load that fouls easily, this is a good idea. Using APP, I don't have to touch revolver barrels during a six-stage match day. For the rifle, I spritz the chamber with Windex/Vinegar or Ballistol after every stage and use a chamber brush with Ballistol on the shotgun every stage.

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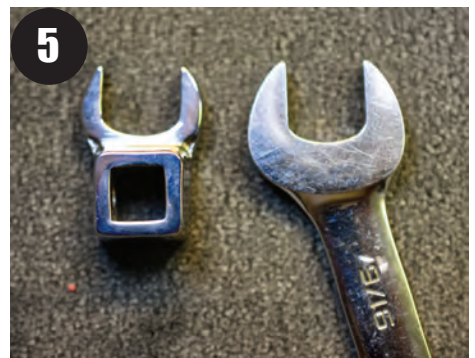
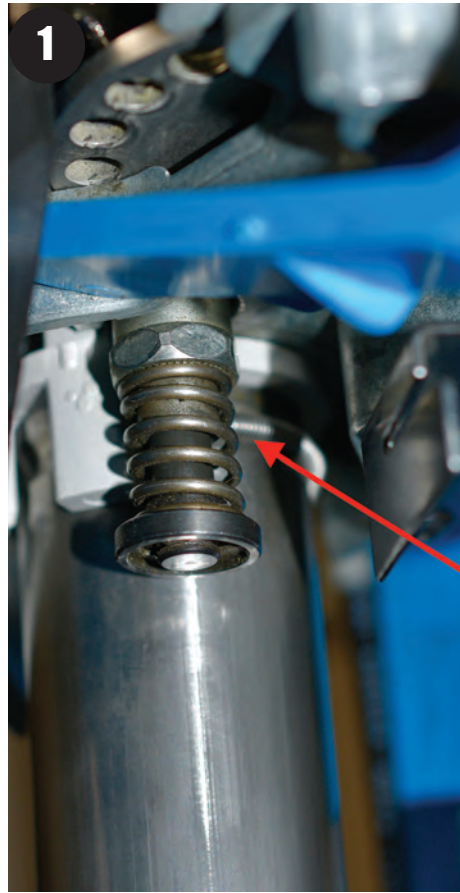
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DILLON 650 PRIMER PUNCH TOOL

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The Dillon 650 is a marvelous machine but has a quirk that has bothered me for years — changing the primer punch. The 650 can be changed between large and small primers. Most of the things necessary to make the conversion are easy to access and easy to change. Changing the actual primer punch, however, can be a real challenge. Dillon is not too far from my house and one day when I was at Dillon back in the machine assembly area I asked “how do you change the primer punch?” The tech replied they do not have a good way of doing it and the first part they put in a machine when building one is the punch because it is so hard to get to. I know some people who have two 650s. One set up for large primers and one set up for small primers. I change back and forth quite a bit and was getting so frustrated I even considered upgrading to the new 750. The major difference between the two is the priming system. However, I have a bullet feeder and frequently run two powder measures when loading black powder and the 750 has some issues on how to deal with those items. So after years of being frustrated I finally worked out a solution by cobbling together a tool to change the primer punch.

The primer punch is under the shell plate platform (Red Arrow, Photo 1). The punch has a spring that is retained by a steel ring (Blue Arrow, Photo 2). The body of the punch with wrench flats is above the spring. I bought a thin jaw wrench that is supposed to work on the 650 (Photo 3). The problem is, any fixed jaw wrench will not fit depending on how the flats on the punch are oriented when the punch is seated. Something that rotates is needed to do the job properly. A deep-well socket cannot be used because the ring is larger than the wrench flats so a socket will not fit. I measured and sketched out a drawing for a deep-well socket with a section removed to go around the ring. This





did not work. Next I tried modifying a flair nut wrench so the wrench could be inserted around the spring and then raised around the flats. This also did not work.

Finally, I thought about a crow's foot wrench. I located one with thin jaws on eBay. It was a used 9/16-inch Snap-On and was about ten bucks (Photo 4). Do **not** get a crow's foot with standard size wrench jaws (Photo 5). These are both 9/16-inch, but the wrench on the right is much wider. After I got the crow's foot wrench I put it up onto the primer punch and found there was enough room to use it with a couple of additional parts. The crow's foot was a 3/8-inch drive but smaller parts are needed to fit up into the 650. So, a 3/8-inch to 1/4-inch adapter was purchased (Photo 6, top). After some measuring and checking angles a 1/4-inch one-and-one-half-inch long extension was also purchased (Photo 6, bottom and Photo 7). A 1.50-inch long extension can be fairly hard to find. I wound up getting this one on Amazon. Next I dug around in my tool chest until I found a 1/4-inch ratchet with very fine teeth. The more teeth a ratchet has the less angle you have to move the handle to get it to engage. The ratchet in (Photo 8) has 72 teeth, so it only has to move five degrees to engage the next tooth when ratcheting.

The tool is inserted into the 650 and the primer punch flats engaged by the crow's foot jaws (Photo 9). When in the machine the "tool" sits at a slight angle (Photo 10). This is why an extension longer than 1.50-inch will not work properly. A slight tug and the punch is free and you can spin it out with your fingers. Remember, righty tighty, lefty loosey. Also remember, when using the tool you will most likely be looking at it upside down. Make sure you are loosening and not tightening. You can put a lot of torque on the punch with the ratchet, so when reinstalling make sure to just snug the punch. The punch is not a head bolt on a diesel truck.

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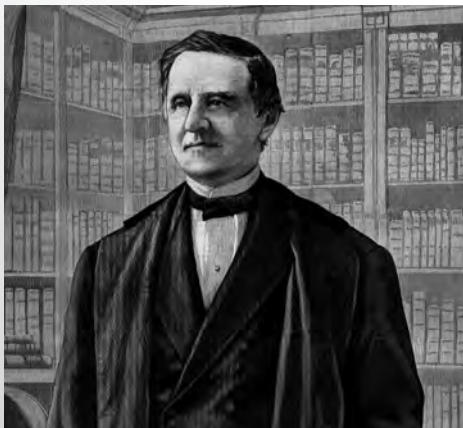


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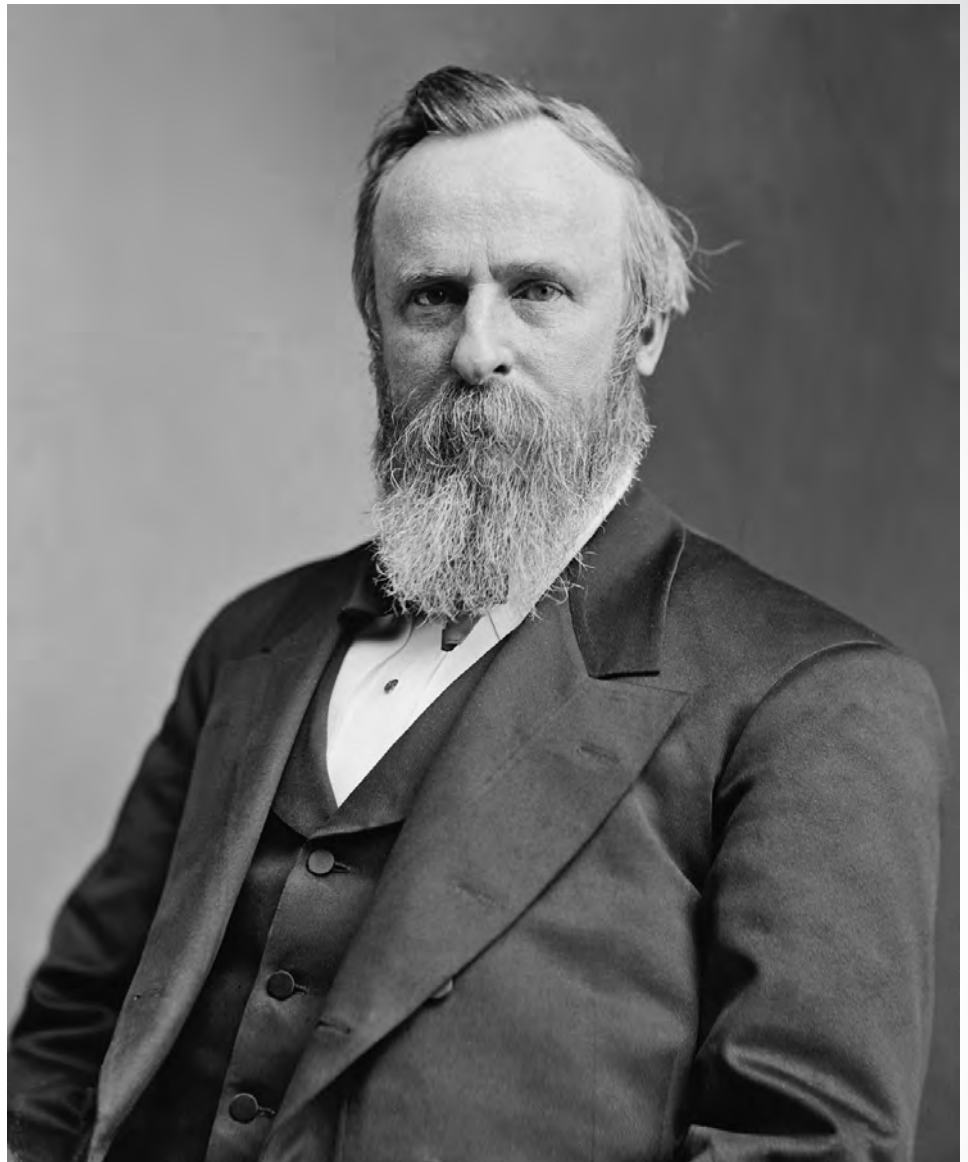
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The Compromise of 1877 was the outcome of a disputed Presidential election, which occurred the previous year. By midnight on November 7, 1876, it appeared that Democrat Samuel Tilden, former governor of New York, would defeat the Republican candidate Rutherford B. Hayes. Tilden had 184 out of the 185 electoral votes needed to win the election. He also had greater than 250,000 more popular votes than his rival. However, the next day the election results were called into question by the Republicans. There had been voting irregularities in three southern states — Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina. Oregon's results had also been controversial. The dispute became instantly acrimonious and by January 1877 Congress set up a bipartisan electoral commission to solve the conundrum.

Political affiliations in the northern and southern states were the inverse of what they are today. The southern states were largely the stronghold of the Democratic Party, while the northern states tended to vote Republican. But it was a bit more complicated than that because in the southern states, former slaves would have overwhelmingly voted Republican because that party was the party of Lincoln and the Thirteenth



SAMUEL TILDEN



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Amendment. For the very reason that the Republican party was supported by southern Blacks, it was detested by most southern Whites. Shortly after the Civil War ended, it seemed the newly enfranchised Blacks might turn the South into a Republican-dominated region. Indeed, during the first years after the war, several Blacks were elected to Congress. This, according to southern Whites, could not be allowed to continue. The South had to be “redeemed” for the White race and the Democratic Party.

The solution involved intimidation on an individual basis or through groups like the Ku Klux Klan. It had gotten so bad during the Grant administration, federal troops had been sent to restore order in some southern states. By 1876, federal troops had mostly been removed, but they remained in the states

of Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina. These were the same states whose election returns had been contested. All three states had Republican governments, but the White population regarded those governments as the corrupt tools of an occupying force.

Three months had gone by before the electoral commission was established. By that time, talk of renewed hostilities between the North and South was making the rounds. Tilden got letters (which he ignored) that thousands of “well-armed men” were awaiting orders to march on Washington. South Carolina became the scene of armed conflict between Whites and Black militia. The situation was rapidly deteriorating.

Meanwhile, discussions between moderate southern Democrats and Hayes' Republican allies were held in

secret. Eventually they reached a deal whereby Hayes would get all the disputed electoral votes if Republicans would agree to remove the remaining federal troops from the southern states. Additionally, the Republicans were to place a southerner in Hayes' cabinet and to provide funds for a transcontinental railroad with a southern terminus. Southerners in turn agreed to respect the voting rights of Blacks in the region. This became known as the Compromise of 1877. On March 2, 1877, the congressional commission gave all the disputed electoral votes to Hayes. Two days later, Rutherford B. Hayes was sworn in as President. (Back in those days a President was inaugurated on March 4 instead of January 20.)

The Compromise of 1877 was a sweet deal for everyone except Samuel Tilden and the Blacks who lived in the South. White southerners were overjoyed to see the last remaining federal troops removed from their soil. That part of the deal was accomplished within a month of Hayes' inauguration. David Key, a Democrat from Tennessee was appointed Postmaster General. Rutherford B. Hayes got to be President and proved to be a mediocre, boring Chief Executive. The nation got a good deal because it did not have to endure Civil War, Round Two. The troops in Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina got to be stationed in places where the local population did not despise them. Most were sent out west to subdue the Indians. (Well, maybe the troops didn't get such a good deal — par for the course in the military.) Hayes dragged his feet about the funds for a southern transcontinental railroad, but eventually it was built.

To his credit, Samuel Tilden declined to make a huge fuss. Some of his supporters urged him to take the oath of office anyway, but he wisely refused. In 1878 a congressional committee was formed to investigate charges of corruption during the Election of 1876. Democrat Clarkson Potter headed the committee. He hoped to embarrass the Republicans so the Democrats would have a better shot at the next Presidential election. The plan backfired because the only concrete evidence of fraud turned out to be several telegrams sent by Democrats during the dispute urging the bribery of election officials. Nevertheless, Tilden hoped to be the Democratic nominee for the 1880 Presidential election, but that eventually went to former Union general Winfield Scott Hancock, who then lost to James Garfield, who was later assassinated.

The folks who got a really bad deal from the Compromise of 1877 were the millions of Black people living in the South. There was no effort at all made to respect their right to vote in the states that made up the old Confederacy. In fact, rather strenuous efforts were made to do just the opposite. Despite the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, over the next decades Black suffrage was systematically reduced, if not altogether curtailed.

The most ingenious devices to deny Black suffrage in the South became known as the grandfather clauses. Most of these laws were passed in the late 19th century. Before registering to vote, you had to prove you had either voted prior to January 1, 1867 or were a direct linear descendant of a person who had voted then. Since most southern Blacks had been either slaves or descendants of slaves, they were excluded from voting. If you were the descendant of a free Black in the South, your ancestor could not have voted anyway.

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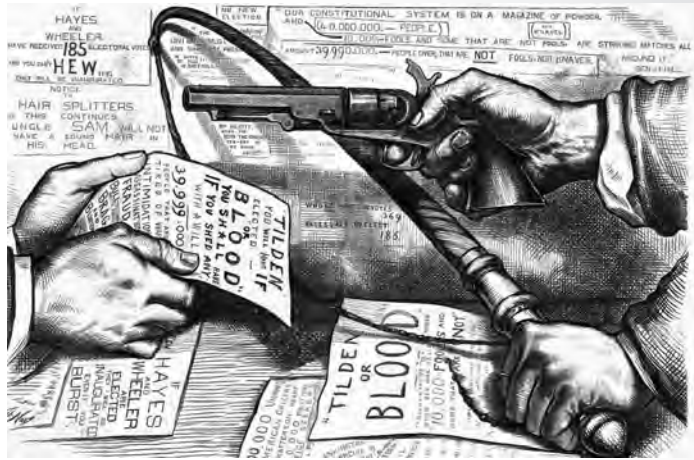
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a bad idea. The Democratic Party was well entrenched by the 1890s and poor whites could fall prey to populist ideas. Southern elites were as unenthusiastic about populism as they were about racial equality.

If all else failed, the tried-and-true methods of violence and intimidation could be dusted off and reapplied. After all, who was going to prevent it? Certainly not the High Sheriff of Hookworm, Mississippi. (Okay, there is no Hookworm, Mississippi; I made it up for instructional purposes.) The only way to put an end to that practice was to keep federal troops in the area. However, the last federal troops had been removed as a result of the Compromise of 1877. Terrorizing Blacks was considered a good outlet for poor Whites and made them feel better about their wretched lots in life.

The history books decry the Compromise of 1877 because it ended Reconstruction, but the truth is, Reconstruction was well on its way out by the time the compromise was achieved. It had gone on for twelve years and the energy for it had faded. Most of the former Confederate states had previously been “redeemed” to white supremacy and the

Democratic Party by the time of Hayes’ election. It wasn’t like the North was a bastion of civil rights and racial harmony anyway. Segregation was as much a part of Northern life as it was in the South. A fair number of leading Republicans had cynically advocated civil rights for Blacks in the South because it strengthened the Republican Party at the expense of the Democrats.

The major advocates of Reconstruction had either lost interest or died by the time of Rutherford B. Hayes’ inauguration. The only enthusiastic Reconstructionist alive at the time was Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, but he had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. Sumner died nine days after Hayes became President. Many people in America felt it was time to move past the Civil War. There was money to be made, railroads and cities to build, immigrants to exploit, and savages to subdue.

When I think of the Compromise of 1877, a photograph of Samuel Tilden enters my mind. He looks as though someone had put a dirty athletic sock under his nose. It’s a fitting metaphor not only for the compromise, but for

the politics of the entire period. The Gilded Age, as the era was known, was not a shining example of this country’s moral integrity. It overlapped the Reconstruction era. The only good thing about the Compromise of 1877 was it averted widespread violence. Other than that, it smelled pretty bad.

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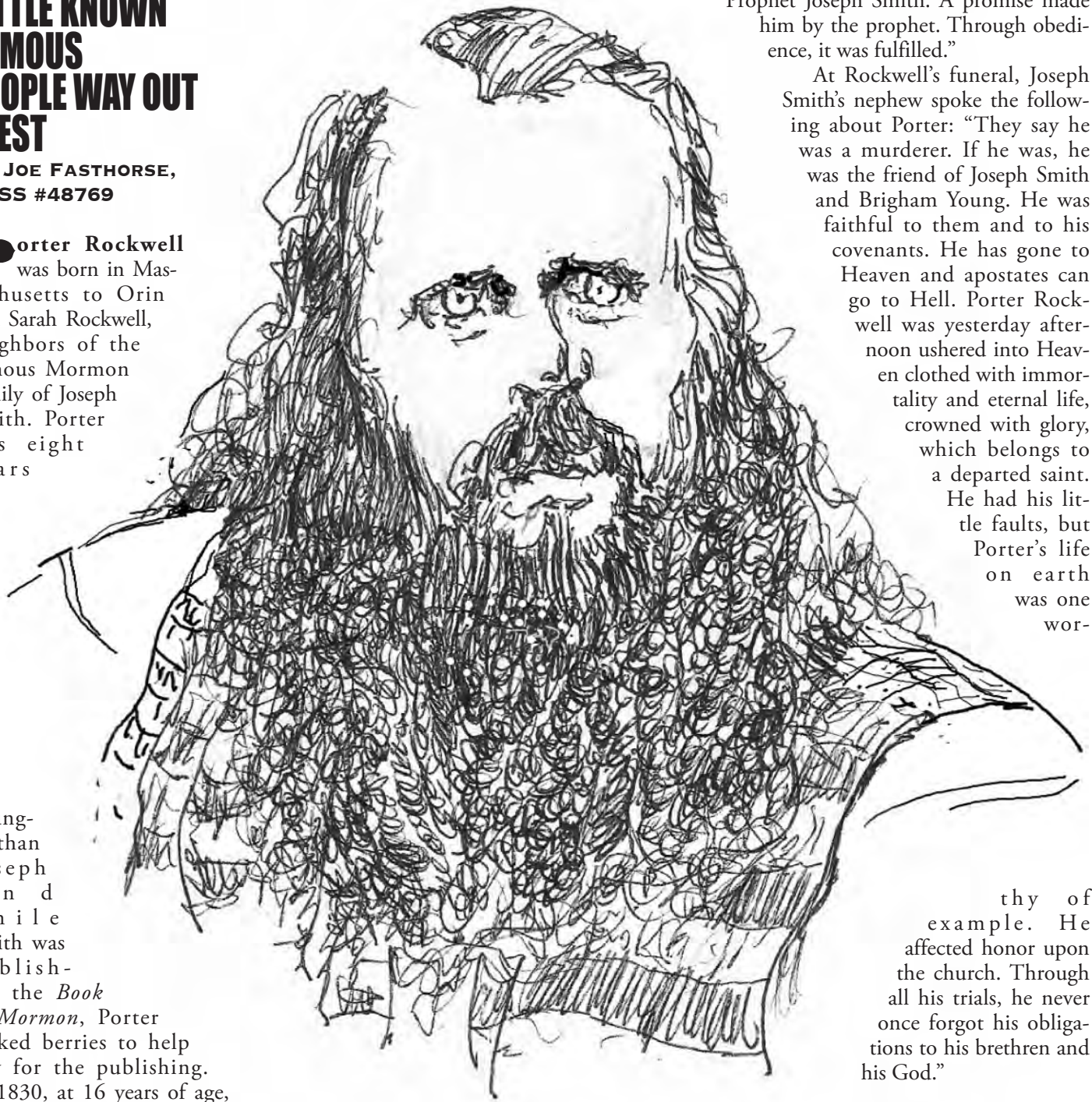
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Porter Rockwell was born in Massachusetts to Orin and Sarah Rockwell, neighbors of the famous Mormon family of Joseph Smith. Porter was eight years

younger than Joseph and while Smith was publishing the *Book of Mormon*, Porter picked berries to help pay for the publishing. In 1830, at 16 years of age, Rockwell was baptized into the Church of Christ and in 1832 he married Luana Beebe.

Rockwell killed many men as a gunfighter, religious enforcer, and Deputy United States Marshal, he told a group of followers in 1869, "I never killed anyone who didn't need killing." He possessed a powerful physical nature welded to a mind of very narrow perceptions, intense convictions, and changeless tenacity. After the death of Smith, Rockwell followed Brigham Young to Utah and in 1849 was appointed Deputy Marshal of Salt Lake City.

Porter Rockwell died in Salt Lake City of natural causes in 1878 and was buried in the City Cemetery. His epitaph reads, "He was brave and loyal to his faith. True to the



Prophet Joseph Smith. A promise made him by the prophet. Through obedience, it was fulfilled."

At Rockwell's funeral, Joseph Smith's nephew spoke the following about Porter: "They say he was a murderer. If he was, he was the friend of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. He was faithful to them and to his covenants. He has gone to Heaven and apostates can go to Hell. Porter Rockwell was yesterday afternoon ushered into Heaven clothed with immortality and eternal life, crowned with glory, which belongs to a departed saint. He had his little faults, but Porter's life on earth was one wor-

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CIMARRON FIREARMS UBERTI 1866 .44-40 CARBINE

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It is easy to think of 1873 Winchester (or the later 1892 Winchester so popular in Hollywood Westerns) as being the rifles that tamed the West. However, that eponym actually belongs to the 1866 Winchester (and its older brother, the 1860 Henry repeater).

The critical period of expansion in the West was from the end of the Civil War in 1865 until about 1885. The Winchester .44 Rifle was introduced in 1866. It is noteworthy that the 1873 Winchester was not readily available until 1875. By the end of 1874, only 126 rifles had shipped, and even by 1878, only about 22,000 had been manufactured. As late as 1883, just over 80,000 of the 1873 models had been produced and distributed. That was less than half the number of the approximately 185,000 total of 1860 Henry and 1866 Winchesters already in circulation by 1883. Those numbers tell us the .44 Rimfire 1866 Winchester the Henry were the most popular and plentiful rifles during the time period of 1865 until at least 1885. Homesteaders, travelers, cowboys, lawman, bandits, and the Indians hunted, protected their homes and businesses, and fought with the 1866 Winchesters until the turn of the Century... and beyond.

With original 1866s being very scarce today, and .44 rimfire ammunition being out of production for decades (original ammo is now worth as much as \$50-\$70 a single round), we can't really shoot originals. Happily for us lovers of Old West firearms, Cimarron Firearms is offering a complete line of fine Uberti-made reproductions of the 1866 Winchester. Uberti makes them available in modern center fire calibers like the .38 Special, .44-40, and .45 Colt.



CIMARRON'S 1866 CARBINE, AN ICON OF THE OLD WEST, HOWN WITH AUTHOR'S KIRST SABER RIVER 1860 KONVERSION.



ORIGINAL 1866 CARBINE.

1866 WINCHESTER HISTORY

In 1860, Oliver Winchester coupled the .44 rim-fire cartridge designed by B. Tyler Henry with a modification of the old Volcanic rifle and marketed the first successful repeating rifle to use self contained, metallic cartridges. The Henry Repeating Rifle was born. This 1860 Henry 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 bar of steel more than two feet long. The Henry rifle had the revolutionary toggle link action with an exposed hammer and finger lever action pioneered by the earlier Volcanic Firearms. Operating the lever ejected the empty round, loaded a live one in the chamber, and cocked the hammer so it could fire immediately. 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.

Though incredibly successful for a revolutionary new design, there were two major complaints about the 1860 Henry. First was the lack of a wooden forearm. As I can testify, after cranking a lot of rounds through the Henry (especially black powder loads), the barrel gets quite hot! I wear a glove on my off-hand when shooting the 1860, to prevent getting the "Henry Finger Sizzle." The second complaint was the magazine. The open slot in the bottom allowed dirt, grit, dust, and leaves into the magazine tube, and loading from the muzzle end was quite cumbersome. Loading just a couple rounds to replace rounds that were fired was not simple.

The one-piece forged barrel/magazine tube was also excessively expensive to manufacture.

In 1866, Oliver Winchester reorganized his New Haven Arms Company into the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Thanks to patents acquired in 1866 by Nelson King (who was Winchester's factory superintendent and engineer at that time) for a loading gate system in the Henry Rifle's receiver, Oliver Winchester ceased production of the Henry rifle in favor of his new "Winchester Repeating Rifle." It was not until later, after Winchester introduced the "Winchester Model 1873," that the improved Henry was referred to as the "Winchester Model 1866" to avoid confusion.

The new Winchester Repeating Rifle was essentially an 1860 Henry with the barrel and the magazine tube manufactured as 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 tube, rather than the slotted bottom of the Henry magazine. This was much cheaper to fabricate than the Henry one-piece barrel/magazine. This



TWO NATIVE AMERICAN WARRIORS WITH 1866 WINCHESTERS.

tubular magazine also allowed the use of a wooden forearm, preventing burns on the hand from grasping the Henry's bare, hot barrel. This new rifle used the same .44 caliber rimfire ammunition as the very popular Henry rifle.

In order to capitalize on the Henry's reputation, Winchester used "brand recognition" and marketed and advertised the first Winchester as the

"King's patent improved Henry Rifle." This "Winchester Repeating Rifle" proved to be even more popular than the Henry. It was such a phenomenal success, it literally saved Winchester financially. The "1866" was produced in carbine, rifle, and military musket versions.

The carbine version represented more than two-thirds of the total 1866 production. This handy carbine was a favorite of those working on horseback. It had a 19-inch barrel and the magazine held 12 rounds of .44 rimfire. It was equipped with a "saddle ring" attached to the left side of the receiver by a "U" shaped staple. If you didn't have a saddle scabbard, this could be used with a standard over the shoulder Cavalry carbine sling and snap ring that was used by the military to make the carbine hang down at your side, or a leather thong that was looped through the ring, then over the saddle horn, placing the carbine across the saddle in front of the rider, or down along your leg.

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held 16 rounds, and was referred to as “sixteen shooters” by the frontiersmen. The full stock 1866 Military Musket came with a sword bayonet, much like the one on the Spencer Navy models and Remington 1863 two band contract rifle. Even though the US Army never adopted the 1866, the military musket version actually saw front line military service with the Turkish forces in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878.

Instances of the 1866’s prowess on the American Frontier are too numerous to count. Cowboys, outlaws, lawmen, teamsters, settlers, scouts, trappers, and Indian braves all prized it for its reliability and firepower. They often called it “Yellow Boy.” You only have to look at the tintypes of that period. If there is a rifle or two shown, chances are at least one is an 1866 Winchester.

Part of this success was due to its ergonomics. The handy little carbine weighed a mere 7.5 pounds, and was only 38 inches long, compared to the venerable 1860 Henry which weighs in at quite a bit more and was significantly longer at 44 inches. Another part of its success was the price, which was significantly less due to ease of manufacturing compared to the Henry. The mechanical improvements of the 1866 also contributed to its extreme popularity. The final factor was demand. With the rapid expansion westward of a virtual wave of humanity, demand for repeating firepower dramatically

increased.

In about 1866/1867, the Henry’s .44 rimfire ammunition was also improved from the original 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. While the overall length of the new cartridge was the same, the slightly lighter, blunt, flat nosed bullet allowed the case to be longer and increased the powder capacity. This cartridge was simply called .44 Flat Rimfire. With its 15 percent increase in powder capacity, it performed better than the Civil War era loading. At 100 yards, the .44 rimfire still has the same muzzle energy of a standard 1911 .45 ACP pistol at the muzzle, and no one would dispute the effectiveness of the .45 ACP!

While still not a powerhouse by today’s standards, many a man and animal met its demise from the .44 Flat Rimfire cartridge. In fact, archaeological excavations of the Little Big Horn Battlefields show that the 1866 Winchester and 1860 Henry were the most common rifles carried by the Native American warriors who defeated Custer’s various commands. They called the 1866 Yellow Boy, “heap rifle,” spirit rifle,” or “rifle of many shots.” Sitting Bull himself carried an 1866 Winchester.

Despite the tremendous popularity of the newer 1873 Model Winchester and its more powerful 200-grain bullet

powered by 40 grains of black powder, the 1866 Yellow Boy continued to be popular in the West until the turn of the century and beyond. Winchester made its last run of 1866s in 1898. A total of more than 170,000 1866 rifles, carbines, and full stock muskets were manufactured over that period of thirty-two years. Of these, about 95 percent were produced in the first fifteen years.

They were so wildly popular, Winchester continued production of the Model 1866 for twenty-five years after the introduction of the Model of 1873, and four full years after Winchester introduced the much stronger Model 1892. Late in production, Winchester even produced a center fire version of the .44 rimfire. The only difference was the use of a center fire primer instead of rimfire. It was not a commercial success and production was limited mostly to export markets.

Ammunition for the .44 rimfire 1866 Winchester and 1860 Henry continued to be manufactured until the beginning of WWII in 1942, when it was discontinued for the war effort. Its production never resumed post-war.

AUTHOR’S NOTE

My wife’s uncle Stanley was a true working cowboy all his life. He worked cattle ranches in the foothills east of the Central Valley of California and all along the western slopes of the Sierra



AUTHOR SHOOTING THE CIMARRON 1866.

Nevada from the 1920s into the 1970s. He once related to me that his favorite saddle gun when riding herd and working in the mountains at the line shacks was actually an old 1866 carbine. He used it to kill deer and black bear for camp meat and to kill mountain lions and wolves that threatened the herd. He really liked the little rifle, and did not see any need to replace it until .44 rimfire ammunition ceased to be available.

CIMARRON'S 1866 WINCHESTER .44-40 CARBINE

Mike Harvey and his Daughter Jamie Wayt at Cimarron have been a major supplier of Old West firearms as long as I have been a Cowboy Action Shooter™ (I joined SASS in 1994). One of their more popular rifles is the 1866 Winchester. The 1866 is offered in both 20-inch and 24-inch rifle versions with octagonal barrels and rifle stocks, and a 19-inch round barreled, saddle ring carbine version. They also offer a Military Musket version by special order. There are a wide variety of standard calibers available — .22 LR, .32 WCF (.32-40), .38 Special, .38 WCF (.38-40), .44 Special, .44 WCF (.44-40), and .45 Colt/Schofield. You do have to check for availability, though, as the majority of the production, to my understanding, is in .38

Special, .44-40, and .45 Colt.

The sample I obtained from Cimarron for this article is a saddle ring carbine chambered in .44-40 Winchester. The Cimarron/Uberti 1866 has an eye-catching brass frame and butt plate, with lustrous blue/black barrel finish. The right side of the frame has a blued loading gate, while the left side has a blued saddle ring attached to the frame by a “U” shaped staple. The bright brass nicely accents the blue-black steel of the barrel, saddle ring, screw heads, and loading gate. The lever and hammer of my sample are nicely color case hardened. It has a the correct carbine-style two position flip rear sight. The Uberti 1866 has a barrel band mounted front sight instead of a barrel mounted one. It has a carbine-style butt stock and hand guard that are made of close grained European red walnut.

The fit and finish of the carbine is perfect. The action of the 1866 is smooth, which is typical of 1866s and 1860 Henrys with their brass followers moving within their brass frames. My .44-40 sample holds ten rounds in the full-length magazine tube under the barrel, as does the .45 Colt version. I believe the .38 Special 1866 also holds 10 cartridges.

My only complaint about the Cimarron/Uberti 1866 carbine was the trigger pull — more than seven pounds. Through the years, I have found this is not uncommon with Italian-made toggle link rifles. While this trigger pull is not a problem shooting a 24- by 24-inch steel plate at 10-15 yards in a traditional SASS match, it does not lend itself to accurate shooting at smaller targets and at longer ranges. I lightened the pull on mine to about five pounds by judiciously stoning the trigger and hammer sear notch.

The .44-40, or .44 WCF (Winchester Central Fire) as it was originally called, is one of my favorite cartridges. Historically it was the most popular cartridge in both the original 1873 and 1892 Winchesters, original 1888, 1889, and 1894 Marlins, and the second most popular cartridge in the Colt 1873 Single Action Army. For many years, it was the third most popular caliber with Cowboy Action Shooters™, behind the .45 Colt and .38 Special.

With this in mind, I selected an 1866 in .44-40 for this article. As .44 rimfire ammunition is no longer made, I thought it more appropriate to at least use a contemporary Old West rifle cartridge like the .44-40. To me, it seems like blasphemy to me to shoot a .38 Special or .45 Colt (which were historically pistol only cartridges) from a 1866 Winchester! But that is just me.

The second reason I chose .44-40 is, in current factory loadings it closely duplicates the original .44 Henry rimfire in performance. The .44 rimfire round shot a 200-grain .442-inch diameter bullet at a listed velocity of 1250 fps. This is nearly identical to the current factory loadings of the .44-40 by Black Hills, Winchester, and others, that also use a 200-grain .427-inch bullet traveling at about 1250 fps. (Original .44-40 loads with a charge of 40 grains of black powder actually clocked at 1350-plus fps).

The present day manufactures load their modern smokeless .44-40 loads to this lower velocity/pressure in case they are used in an original iron-framed 1873 Winchester. If they loaded smokeless rounds to the original black powder velocities, it could be hazardous due to the different pressure curve of smokeless propellants compared to that of black powder. These downloaded .44-40 factory loads coincidentally approximate the .44 Henry rimfire, making them a good choice for 1860 Henry and 1866 Winchester replicas.

AT THE RANGE

Both Black Hills and HSM offer great Cowboy Action Shooting™ ammunition in .44-40. Both brands of ammunition were used for my shooting sessions. Black Hills lists the velocity at around 1150 fps from a rifle, but HSM only gives what is listed as a pistol velocity of about 850 fps for their .44-40 loading.

As for handholds, I used my pet load using a Starline .44-40 case with a moly-coated, .428-inch diameter, 200-grain RNFP from Bear Creek Bullets of Waterford, CA, over a load of either 7.0 grains of Trail Boss or the same 7.0 grains of Unique. Velocity should be close to the Black Hills factory loads,

around 1150 fps.

The Cimarron 1866 performed flawlessly! The bullseye shooting for group size was done at an outdoor range, from a rest at 25 yards.

Out of the box, the carbine was printing a little to the right, though after drifting the rear sight to the left about 1/32-inch, I had no problem I centering it on the target. With the carbine flip sight on its lowest setting, however, the groups were about six inches below point of aim at that 25 yard mark. A little work with a flat file, taking about 1/10-inch off the front sight, brought it up to POI, being about 1.5 inches above POA at 25 yards. This is perfect for SASS shooting.

The 25-yard groups from the

bench for Black Hills factory .44-40 were about 1.5 inch, and the HSM factory ammunition averaged about 1.25 inch at 25 yards. The handholds with 7.0 grains of Unique grouped the tightest at one inch. My Trail Boss handholds gave me about 1.75-inch groups at 25 yards. This is not at all surprising, though, as maximum loads for Trail Boss tend to be less accurate.

I then switched from paper to clay pigeons. At 25 yards, I nailed every clay pigeon laying on the berm with a 6:00 o'clock hold. Then, from a rifle rest, I even whacked a clay pigeon I had laying on the 100-yard berm.

The true test of a CAS rifle is how it does at a CAS match. With that in mind, I took it to our local match to use, instead of the trusty HRA 1860

Henry I usually use. Because of the "Friends of the Chipmunks" (our local rabid environmentalists), there is a court injunction against our club forcing us to stop shooting steel targets. They thought it would effectively shut us down, but we adapted and overcome. Now, our rifle targets are six-inch round poly hanging targets, full soda pop cans, and clay pigeons... all on the 25-yard berm. Our matches, unlike many local SASS matches, are more about accuracy than speed.

At the match, because of the 102-plus degree heat, the rifle part of all the stages was identical (we have only one bay to shoot CAS). The shooter had ten shots to engage each of five targets. After hitting them all, you have to shoot a full pop can (they blow up

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nice when sitting in the sun). If you miss the pop can it is a miss! If you have extra shots left after hitting the pop can, you can then shoot a clay pigeon for a five-second bonus. I shot the same every stage with the 1866 — I hit the five polys at 25 yards with the first five shots, then with the sixth shot I blew up a pop can on the 25 yard berm, and with the seventh I shattered a clay pigeon on the same berm. I had to dump the last three shots into the berm. It seemed like I could not miss with the 1866 carbine. I was using the 7.0 grains of Trail Boss load. I really noticed this little carbine was so much easier to hold steady than the 9.5-pound .44-40 Henry I have been shooting. I can see why the little 1866 carbine was so incredibly popular after it was introduced!

CONCLUSION

Of all the lever guns, past and present, it is no secret that my favorite is the 1860 Henry. This is followed in a close second, however, by the 1866 Winchester carbine, which just says “early Old West” to me. It is perfect to match up with my 1858 Remington and 1860 Colt Kirst .45 Cartridge Konversions. I now find myself alternating between my 1860 Henry and my 1866 every other match.

With the lack of fore-stock and the necessity to do the “Henry Hop” with your off hand to avoid the follower, the 1860 Henry by design is not a particularly “gamer friendly” rifle! The 1866 on the other hand is a perfect platform for a classy looking, short stroke link, lightened action, “gamer gun.” I personally don’t care for such modifications, but others do.

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STAGECOACH MARY THE WOMAN WHO BROKE ALL BARRIERS

ESSAY BY SMOKE N' ASH, SASS #86017,
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Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane are some of the most well known women of the west, and for good reason — they broke gender roles and inspired many. However, there are many lesser-known females of the frontier, including Stagecoach Mary. Born Mary Fields, Stagecoach Mary went from being a slave in Tennessee to the first African American female to work for the U.S. Postal Service (and only the second woman to hold such a job). Not only did she break gender and race barriers of the time, but she also broke age barriers, starting the job at age sixty. Becoming free after the Civil War, Mary went on to work for the Dunne family until the mother died in 1883 and the children were sent to live with their aunt, a Sister in St. Peter's Convent. When the Sister felt ill, she called on Mary to nurse her back



SMOKE N' ASH



STAGECOACH MARY

to health in Montana. Once in Montana, Mary did laundry, gardening, and “men’s work” at the convent. She often wore men’s clothes with a revolver in the waistband. After leaving the convent, she opened a restaurant in nearby Cascade, although it quickly went bankrupt due to Mary’s generosity — she fed everyone even if they could not pay. After this, she worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and did so for eight years. She was known to be extremely reliable and brave; she fought off any thieves that came her way and was rumored to have protected her mail from wolves after a storm flipped her stagecoach. Mary was a highly respected woman and was adored by everyone young and old. When she passed, her funeral was one of the largest in Cascade’s history. I believe this is because of her character; if she were alive today, I know she would have stressed the importance of believing in yourself despite what others may expect of you.

She would have advised me to act with kindness in everything I do, but not to conform to what others want you to be. She would tell me to roll with what life gives you. After all, she went from being a slave and a failed business owner to making history. She always made the best of what was happening to her. Although her career path was rocky and very different from the traditional black woman in the 19th century, she stayed true to her beliefs and did not let others define her or let her tribulations set her back. Stagecoach Mary reminds me there are still many inequities and expectations in this world, but individually you can stand against them and be who you want to be. In my life, I can choose to be like Mary by standing up for my beliefs, being kind in all my actions, and trying to change history for the better. Stagecoach Mary had a remarkable attitude and is an excellent role model for what women can do both in the 1800s and now.

TRAILMARKERS

HOSS AIMRIGHT, SASS #13185 2/15/1945-11/21/2020

BY MESA BELLE, SASS #9560

We lost a dear friend and Cowboy enthusiast with the passing of Hoss Aimright (Gary Gentry). Born into a rural Western Slope family in Delta, CO, Hoss had a love for animals early on. This reflected in his future career endeavors. Hoss was a Certified Veterinary Technician for more than 40 years in the Grand Valley and his amazing care of animals, big and small, gained him recognition by his peers and community. In 2001, the Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians honored him for his dedication and outstanding service.

Hoss enjoyed the outdoors, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved camping with his family. He got into Cowboy Action Shooting™ in the mid 1990s and was instrumental — along with his wife Two Gun Grammy (SASS #13186) — in the formation of Thunder Mountain Shootists, the local CAS club in Whitewater, CO, which is still active. Hoss and Grammy spent many years dedicating their time and services to pro-



HOSS AIMRIGHT

mote CAS in Western Colorado by their participation on the Town Council and traveling and supporting nearby clubs.

What fun was had by all during those early times and Hoss contributed to that for sure! He had a great sense of humor and was notorious for his legendary pranks and practical jokes.

Hoss lived his life with passion, vigor and humor. He treated everybody fair and exemplified the Cowboy Way. He cherished his family, his wife of 56 years (Becky), his three daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He touched many lives in so many ways. May his family be comforted knowing that Hoss lives in the hearts of all those who crossed his path. To call him friend was truly an honor.

ICELADY SASS #71603 8/10/1940-1/8/2021

BY ANEEDA HUGINKISS, SASS #2378
& HELDA HUGINKIDD, SASS #23799

Empty saddle, empty hearts around the campfire... SASS has lost an incredible woman, a fierce, independent mother, wife, equestrian, dreamer, and fighter with the biggest heart we have ever known. These are just a few of the words that describe Icelady (Paula Hodge). She made everyone feel at home and like family. We always looked forward to rubbing elbows with her and Stuttering Wayne (SASS #71602) at Mounted Shoots. She loved her Icelandic horses and that rubbed off on us. She graciously gifted us two Icelandics so we could enjoy them as much as she did.

The first tie we spotted Icelady we didn't know her name yet... it was the second world END of TRAIL event held at the new shooting facility in New Mexico. She was entered in the costume contest and dressed head to toe in furs, riding an Icelandic also covered in fur. Smooth as glass, she rode that little horse demonstrating her Viking warrior skills. And what a warrior she was... someone who would become one of our best friends.

Icelady was president of the Buffalo Range Riders for several years and made many true friends and saddle pals. Stuttering Wayne and Icelady even traveled all the way to Durango, CO to help us



ICELADY

“rob” the Victorian train. It was one of the greatest train robberies ever!

We sure miss our Cowgirl pal. It may be the end of the trail for Icelady, but she is still riding in the Light. Keep those ponies ready for us, Icelady. We will ride with you again!

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**IRON HORSE JIM,
SASS #77955
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BY GRAVER BILL, SASS #62191

There may be people who love Cowboy Action Shooting™ as much as Iron Horse Jim (James Neal Bentley), but no one loves the game more than he did. He started life in Oglethorpe, GA and was brought up to be a southern gentleman by caring parents who taught him how to be successful through hard work and determination. He worked on the family farm and family business while still making good grades in school, which prepared him for a degree from Auburn University. After graduating from Auburn he entered the Navy. Neal felt this was his patriotic duty and an honor, not just a paycheck. He served at many Naval bases around the world including Washington, DC and Vietnam. He was privileged to attend two presidential inaugurations. He had reached the rank of commander when he left the Navy. His career was cut short by illness from Agent Orange. He was not expect-



IRON HORSE JIM

ed to live at that time. He said that some days, while in Vietnam, the deadly liquid soaked their clothes like rain. He proved the doctors wrong by living many more years. Perhaps that's how the alias Iron Horse Jim came to be.

I always admired his devotion to family. He adopted his wife's two children and raised them as his own. He took excellent care of a severely handicapped wife who in later years required 24/7 care. Their daughter also cared for her mother, which allowed Jim to be able to shoot.

I find it sadly ironic that he survived the dangers of military service, Vietnam, Agent Orange, several serious health problems, only to be brought down by Covid.

I had the honor of introducing him to Cowboy Action Shooting™ late in his life, in the Senior category. In no time at all he was a competitor at large matches throughout the Southeast. He was a patriot member of SASS and donated generously to clubs. To new shooters, he was often helpful by loaning guns, ammo, holsters, or whatever someone needed. When he found out I was reloading with an older turret type press, he suddenly found the need to buy himself a new Dillon and gave me his perfectly good old one. That's the kind of man he was.

After the passing of his wife, CAS became a larger part of his life. I could fill this magazine with tales of our travels and shooting adventures.

Iron Horse Jim and I had many plans for after my retirement to travel to completions all over the south in 2021, but sadly he passed away the week after I retired. He will be greatly missed by many but more so by me. I will forever wear his badge on my shotgun belt.



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LOBO JOE, SASS #15668 LIFE 2/21/1936 – 1/9/2021

BY MISS HATTIE WILD #15669

Lobo Joe (Joe Abrams) had a full, active, and sometimes exciting 84 yrs. He was born in Miami, FL and began his interest in guns and shooting at an early age, hunting in the Florida everglades. He spent 21 years in the Air Force, and during his early years excelled as a member of the Air Force Rifle & Pistol team. He spent two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. During this time, he met his wife Pat (Miss Hattie Wild), who was also in the Air Force.

After his retirement from the military, they headed to Alaska where he planned to spend his time fishing and waiting for Pat to retire. But he soon got bored and somehow found himself the oldest member of the State of Alaska Fish & Wildlife/State Trooper Recruit Academy, where he spent the next 10 years as a bush pilot, flying in the pursuit of justice.

Retirement from Alaska brought Joe and Pat to Trout Creek, Montana.



LOBO JOE

He started the Grizzly Bullet Company, making big game bullets. His process was unique and his bullets were sought after worldwide by hunters heading to Africa and Alaska. It was when traveling as snowbirds to Arizona he was introduced to Cowboy Action Shooting™.


Over the years Lobo became a life member of SASS, an RO 1 and RO2 instructor, a Regulator, was Territorial Governor of several clubs, assisted at END of TRAIL, and was co-match director for the NW Regional when it was held in

Idaho. He and Miss Hattie Wild traveled from Washington to Texas, shooting with various clubs. His goal was to establish a SASS club in his hometown, and with the help of like-minded shooting enthusiasts the Rocky Mountain Rangers of Noxon, MT became a reality. He was also involved with Winter Range, the SASS National Championship. At Winter Range, Lobo Joe taught the RO1 and RO2 classes, helped set up the range, found better steel for the targets, and was assistant Range Master, then Range Master. He was a stickler for the safety of the shooters and often had to intervene in disputes regarding the rules and regulations. Although Lobo Joe chose to cease his active participation as a Cowboy Action Shooter™ in the last few years for safety reasons, he maintained his interest in the sport. Unfortunately, in November 2020, while house hunting in Pahrump NV, he suffered a stroke and while in a rehabilitation facility was exposed to Covid and succumbed to pneumonia. Lobo Joe and Miss Hattie Wild enjoyed 54 years of travel, excitement, meeting new people, and of course shooting. Lobo Joe will be greatly missed by family and friends. When the time is right, we will meet again.

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BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907

The Texas Doughboys are a Wild Bunch only club. We have a robust group that enjoys shooting combat style matches and BAMM. Directly because of the components shortages it was decided to implement a few variances at our monthly matches to bene-

fit new and old shooters alike. We feel making accommodations is the best bet for attracting and retaining new shooters. The thought being, competitors have different components and loaded ammo on the loading bench.

For main match we allow *all* SASS legal pistol caliber rifles. In addition, .22 lever actions and pump action rifles with hammer in short, long, and long rifle. We really don't shoot that much rifle in comparison to CAS, as the 1911 is most heavily focused upon. We allow 1911-style pistols in 9mm and .38 super to compete alongside the .45s. We also offer a .22 category, so if you have a 1911-type .22 it can be paired with a .22 rifle. The .22s shoot the same targets and same scenario as the big guns, only they do not have

to knock over a reactionary target. We have not had an issue with seeing and hearing target dings nor with the timer picking up the shots. That's all been a non-issue. Our rifle targets are set out at 25 yards minimum. We also offer the flexibility to shoot a .22 pistol along with a center fire rifle. With these measures, our group has not had to cut back the number of stages or the total round count for the day. These relaxed rules will go away and return to normal WB rules when components return to normal availability without price gouging. Until then, we make do with what's available. We are shooting every month and having lots of fun and entertainment — .22s beat being a bench warmer! I'm Dusty Boddams and that's the Boddam line.

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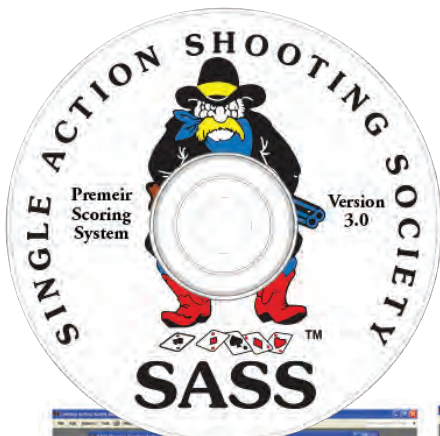


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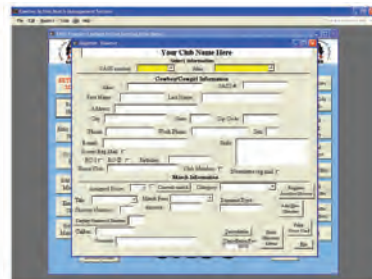
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SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2021 MONTHLY SHOOTING SCHEDULES

CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
AUSTRALIA					
Gympie Claim Jumpers	Veteran	As Sched.	+0411 830 060	Stan Steel	Gympie Pistol Club
Western Wranglers Inc.	Toodyay	2nd Wkd	+61418932002	K. C. Woody	N/A
Westgate Marauders	Port Melbourne	Saturday	610433419284	Stampede Pete	Melbourne International Shooting Club
Wiski Mountain Rangers	Cranbourne	2nd & 4th Sunday	+041 438 3845	The Caretaker	Cranbourne - Dandenong Pistol Club
AUSTRALIAN CAPITOL TERRITORY					
Majura Rangers	Majura	3rd Sun	N/A	Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
QUEENSLAND					
The Gamblers	Gold Coast	1st, 3rd & 5th Sat	+61 413 440 600	Dug Deeper	N/A
Shooters Union Australia Ltd	Queensland	As Sched.	+61 409 471 423	Painted Mohawk	Various Ranges Across Australia
VICTORIA					
Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun	61423052942	Buck Silverton	Eagle Park Range
AUSTRIA					
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	Burgenland	Sat. As Sched.	+43 (0) 664 49 80 32	Fra Diabolo	LSKK Steinbrunn
CANADA					
Nova Scotia Cowboy Action Shooting Club	Camden	As Sched.	902-890-2310	Wounded Belly	Nova Scotia Muzzle Loading Association
ALBERTA					
Porcupine Hills Shadow Riders	Granum	As Sched.	403-687-2284	Southwest Trapper	Willow Lane Ranch
BRITISH COLUMBIA					
Heffley Creek Gun Club	Heffley Creek	3rd Sun	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	N/A
Kamloops Target Sports Association	Kamloops	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun	604-754-7212	Kootenay Jack	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	3rd & 5th Sat	250-897-2194	Little Edgy	Courtney Fish and Game Protective Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Malahat	2nd Sun	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association
NEW BRUNSWICK					
Beaubassin Range Riders	Saint-Andre LeBlanc	2nd Sat	506-312-0455	Frenchy Cannuck	Cap Pelee Gun Club
ONTARIO					
Butler's Rangers	Thorald	As Sched.	905-730-9878	Shaky Brooster	Decew Gun Club
Ontario Single Action Federation	Guelph, ON	As Sched.	519-836-7258	Doc Lonesome	N/A
Robbers Roost Hamilton	Hamilton	As Sched.	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association
Robbers Roost Hamilton Wild Bunch	Hamilton	As Sched.	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association
Ruff's Regulators	Cornwall	As Sched.	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun Club
Square Circle Wranglers	Cheney	As Sched.	613-220-5946	Red Storm	Eastern Ontario Shooting Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun	905-818-1840	Stoney Creek	Wentworth Shooting Sports Club
QUEBEC					
Centre De Tir Granby Multi-Sports	N/A	As Sched.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Club De Tir Beausejour	N/A	As Sched.	N/A	N/A	N/A
SASKATCHEWAN					
Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Sched.	306-222-2480	Dusty Dawn	Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club
CZECH REPUBLIC					
Association of Western Shooters	Pelhrimov	Saturday	42077776066	Colbert	Shooting Range Pelhrimov

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DENMARK

Association of Slesvigske Blackpowder Shooters	Tonder	2nd Saturday	+4560201365	Captain Wildbeard	Tonder Shooting Range
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FINLAND

Classic Old Western Society of Finland	Helsinki	As Sched.	+358-50-5174659	Captain Woodbury Kane	N/A
SASS Finland	Loppi	As Sched.	+358 50 5174659	Woodbury Kane	Loppis Shooting Range

FRANCE

Buffalo Valley	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Slye Buffalo	Avenir Sportif Thymarias
Bull Run Valley	Sainte Opportune	As Sched.	06-47-52-09-37	Ben Calhound	Association Spportive Flers Messei
East Valley	Detwiller	As Sched.	06 76 49 54 81	Cornelius Chesterfield	Club de Tir de la Licorne
Fort Desaix	Mundolsheim	As Sched.	+33 608254502	Old Oak Claudee	Societe de Tir de Strasbourg
Golden Trigger of Freetown	Puylagarde	As Sched.	06-75-70-36-78	Cheyenne Little Colibris	A.S.T.P.V
Greenwood Creek Gang	France	As Sched.	33688091360	Handy Hook	N/A
Joly's Saloon	Bernay	As Sched.	02-32-43-35-95	Myra Maybelle Shirley Reed Starr	Joly's Saloon
Loire Valley Regulators	Cornery	As Sched.	06 83 31 30 53	Yul Tatoo	Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine
Old West French Shooters	Chatillon	As Sched.	0147468749	Trusty Phil	FFT
Reverend Oakley's Cowboy Klan	Nuits St. Georges	As Sched.	+33685137754	Elliot Belt	N/A
Snake Valley	Le Fenti Bernard	As Sched.	06 07 09 5592	Chris T. Bunner	"Champ Blanc"

GERMANY

SASS Germany	Bocholt	Wed	28233426	Rhine River Joe	Caritz Springs
CAS Europe	Heerd	Wed	28235807	Hurricane Irm	TR-Dusseldorf

LUXEMBOURG

SASS Luxembourg	Varies	As Sched.	00352 691 161 580	Katie Lou	SACK
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NETHERLANDS

Dutch Western Shooting Association	Varies	As Sched.	+31619430223	Dutch Bear	N/A
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NEW ZEALAND

Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	+64275221920	Calamity Carrie	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
Green Mountain Boys	Upper Hutt	1st Sun	+644274 221 551	Bald Eagle	Kaitoke Pistol Club
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Hastings	As Sch	+64 34 38 9696	Lindis Ranger	New Zealand Pistol Association

POLAND

SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Lodz	As Sched.	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	1st Western Shooting Range
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RUSSIA

Seven Hills Gunslingers	Moscow	As Sched.	N/A	N/A	N/A
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SLOVAKIA

Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Sched.	+421903667096	Bambino	Shooting range Domaniza
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SOUTH AFRICA

Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 21 702 3070	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
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SWEDEN

SASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	As Sched.	46 702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
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SWITZERLAND

Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Sched.	+41 79 909 92 70	Texas Knight	N/A
Red Sash Cowboy Association	Unterlunkhofen	As Sched.	+41 (0) 56 6342278	Palouse Creek Hondo	N/A

UNITED KINGDOM

British Western Shooting Society	Grimsby, Lincs	3rd Weekend	+44 7903 287398	English Luke	North Cotes Butts Rifle Club
Shooters of the Cast Iron Shore	Liverpool	As Sched.	44 (0) 7903103254	Arkansas Tom Jones	Atlantic Leisure Sport Complex

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA

Alabama Rangers	Birmingham	2nd Sun	205-369-2702	Cahawba Kid	Brock's Gap Training Company
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-504-4366	Buck D. Law	Cavern Cove
Old York Shootists	Blountsville	4th Sun	205-616-9395	Derringer Di	Old York Shootists Cowboy Action Shooting Range
Vulcan Long Rifles	Birmingham	3rd Sat	205-966-3265	Hanso Lowe	Brock's Gap Training Center

ALASKA

Alaska 49er's	Palmer	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-982-5017	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Palmer	As Sched.	907-982-5017	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd & 4th Sun	907-479-9339	Drover Knutts	Chatanika Gold Camp
Juneau Gold Miners Posse	Juneau	3rd Sun	907-500-9735	Coho Cowboy	Hank Harmon Rifle Range

ARIZONA

Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	949-525-7124	Tombstone Sallie	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders	Phoenix	As Sched.	480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	Camp Verde	4th Sat	928-710-8183	Bronc	Forest Service Road 9571
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched.	520-290-8599	Quicksand	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd Tues & 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
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	4th Sat	520-568-2852	Squibber	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Granite Mountain Outlaws	Chino Valley	3rd Sun	928-963-6515	Tramp	Compass Training Center
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-444-8181	Eric Rooster Cogburn	Tombstone Livery
Mohave Marshalls	Golden Valley	3rd Sun	831-588-8936	Loco John	7-Mile Hill Shooting Range
NAZty Bunch	Flagstaff	3rd Sat	928-526-3794	Coconino Pistolero	Northern Arizona Shooting Range
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	602-657-4532	Colt Laredo	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Wilholt	2nd Sun	949-422-9961	Wolfie Lehr	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	St. Johns	3rd Sat	928-245-6276	Fred Sharps	Northeastern Arizona Shooters Association

ARKANSAS

Judge Parker's Marshals	Fort Smith/Van Buren	3rd & 5th Sat & 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	870-847-0733	Arkansas Harper	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st Sat	719-839-0133	Bayou Bob	Twin Lakes Gun Club

CALIFORNIA

5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	559-707-5316	Buddy Love	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
Cajon Cowboys	Devore	2nd, 4th, & 5th Sat	760-900-5199	Pasture Patti	Gem Ranch
California Rangers	Sloughhouse	2nd Sat	916-606-9051	Juss Slim	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
California Shady Ladies	Sloughhouse	4th Sat	916-447-2040	Lady Gambler	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Canyon Oaks Shootists	Sylmar	2nd Sun	626-644-5368	Dusty Sagerider	Canyon Oaks Sportsmans Club
Chorro Valley Regulators	San Luis Obispo	2nd Sun & Prec. Sat	805-286-1188	Sinful	San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association
Coyote Valley Cowboys	Morgan Hill	2nd Sat	408-489-2049	Lucas McDennis	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	Morgan Hill	3rd Sat	510-862-8000	Calamity Carl	Santa Clara County Sports Park
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	760-998-8047	Horse Thief Harold	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	925-783-3800	Tully Mars	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-598-6871	Wichita Belle	Dodge Range
Helldorado Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sunday	707-391-5991	Lead Nickel	Ukiah Gun Club
High Desert Cowboys	Palmdale	3rd Sun	661-579-6917	Doc Silverhawks	Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club
Hole In The Wall Gang	Piru	1st Sun	661-373-2709	Lefty Longridge	California Tactical Academy

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Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Sun	531-739-4000	High Cotton	Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club
Nevada City Peacemakers	Nevada City	3rd Sat	530-274-3430	Constable Dan	Nevada County Sportsmen's Club
Northfield Raiders	Panorama City	3rd Sun	818-344-5170	Old Mustang	Panorama Sportsmans Assoc.
Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	4th Sat	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun of Even Months	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	925-382-5751	Noah Hair	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	1st & 3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nast Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
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	949-235-4437	Razorback Red	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	209-814-5322	Dragon	Manteca Sportsmen's Club

COLORADO

Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat & 5th Sun	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	970-201-4773	Black Mountain Cat	Bears Ears Sportsman Club
Pawnee Station Vindicators	Nunn	3rd Sat	970-213-9608	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.
Rockvale Bunch	Rockvale	3rd Sat	719-252-5970	Cat Tracker	Rockvale Gun Club
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	4th Sun	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club

CONNECTICUT

CT Valley Bushwhackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-384-0543	Double Tap Taylor	Manchester Sportsman Association
Ledyard Sidewinders	Ledyard	1st Sat	860-608-0916	Yosemite Gene	Ledyard Sportsman's Club

DELAWARE

Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	2nd Sun	302-841-8727	Cool Hand Lee	Bridgeville Rifle Club
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FLORIDA

Antelope Junction Rangers	Clearwater	2nd Sat	727-798-0994	Moog	Wyoming Antelope Club
Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	3rd Sat	850-443-7882	Deadeye Davis	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
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-222-4214	Confederate Colt	Fort White Gun Club
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	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.
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
Miakka Misfits	Myakka City	3rd Sun	941-812-1626	Deadly Don	Manatee Gun & Archery Club
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	4th Sat	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral Gun Club
Panhandle Cattle Company	Chipley	4th Sat	850-638-4939	Desperado Dale	Panhandle Cattle Company
Panhandle Cowboys	Cantonment	2nd Sun	850-932-3955	Jeb Stuart Foley	Escambia River Gun Club
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	2nd Sat	850-482-1535	Hollifer A. Dolar	Talon Training Group
Roughshod Raiders	Gainesville	1st Sat	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range, Inc.
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat & 4th Sun	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	2nc Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club

GEORGIA

Doc Holliday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	678-472-7778	Pale Ale Rider	Griffin Gun Club
Georgia Mountain Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	706-714-8441	Iron Chief	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
Lonesome Valley Regulators	Junction City	1st Sun	478-747-8149	Wishbone Hooper	Lonesome Valley Regulators
South River Shootists	Covington	3rd Sat	404-405-8266	Fast Eddie	South River Gun Club
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	423-593-3767	Double Barrel	Phoenix Farms
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	3rd Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.

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HAWAII

Maui Marshals	Lahaina	1st & 3rd Sat	808-870-1796	Shoo-fly Kid	Valley Isle Sport Shooters Club
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IDAHO

Eagle Rock Regulators	Idaho Falls	1st Sat	208-520-8824	Missouri Ruffian	Southeast Idaho Practical Shooters
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

ILLINOIS

Border Bandits	Rockford	4th Saturday	815-721-2280	Dry Fire	NIRPC
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	3rd Sun	815-254-1062	Torano	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Good Guys Posse	Winnebago	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	618-284-7367	Okaw	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-501-9421	Six Fingered Shootist	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-6948	Rusty Banker	Lakewoods Marshals Cowboy Action Shooitn Club Range
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-379-4331	Marshall R. D.	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Midwest Gunfighters	Sparta	As Sched.	217-971-6107	Billy the Avenger	World Shooting Complex
Rangeless Riders	Bunker Hill	1st Sat	618-210-2586	Jean Duke	Brittany Shooting Park Ltd.

INDIANA

Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Deer Creek Regulators	Jonesboro	4th Sun	765-749-6059	Flat Water Bob	Deer Creek Conservation Club of Grant County
Paradise Pass Regulators	Etna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	C. C. Top	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	2nd Sat	812-442-6259	P. R. Undertaker	Pine Ridge Ranch
Wabash Rangers	Cayuga	4th Sat	217-267-2820	Henry Remington	Clark's Shooting Range
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-459-2153	Tinhorn Timmy	Westside Sportsmen's Club

IOWA

Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun	641-660-2452	John Wesley Hardin	Central Iowa Shooting Sports
Outlaw's Run	Red Oak	2nd Sun	712-621-5726	Capt. Jim Midnight	Red Oak
Turkeyfoot Cowboys	Waterloo	1st Sat	319-361-2131	Fence Cutter	Turkeyfoot Long Rifles Range
Zen Shootists	Nevada	2nd Sat	515-783-4833	Sergeant Duroc	Scorpion Gulch

KANSAS

Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-313-0894	Top	Capital City Gun Club
Chisholm Rowdys	Benton	4th Sun	785-224-4918	Chisholm Kid	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Free State Rangers	Parker	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	913-244-4960	Beans Haney	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	913-209-3836	Cooncan	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	5th Sat	913-680-5757	High Plains Hud	Powder Creek Shooting Park

KENTUCKY

Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	859-749-9292	Appalachian Alan	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	502-551-8174	Hinote	Knob Creek Gun Range
Levisa Fork Lead Slingers	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-631-4613	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Copperhead Joe	N/A

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LOUISIANA

Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	225-771-9923	Dusty Sometimes	Florida Parishes Skeet Club
Deadwood Marshals	Sorrento	1st & 3rd Sat	504-458-1898	Doc Spudley	Deadwood Marshals
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat	337-274-3625	Hellbender	Lake Charles Gun Club

MAINE

Maine Marshals	Berwick	As Sched.	207-272-7119	Tyler Tornado	Sanford Springvale Fish and Game
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MARYLAND

Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	2nd Sat	301-253-0578	Dogmeat Dad	Izaak Walton League of America
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	610-724-4842	Black Hills Drifter	Delmarva Sportsman's Association
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	202-330-8545	Dutch Coroner	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club

MASSACHUSETTS

Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Sched.	781-254-8041	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Sched.	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club

MICHIGAN

Eagleville Cowboys	Central Lake	4th Sat	231-676-0922	One Son of A Gun	Eagleville Ranch
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun	574-349-3764	Johnny Rebel	St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	734-320-4941	Sarge	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Wranglers	Attica	1st Sun	810-931-6880	Flat Water Johnny	Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	574-607-1556	Robert Chance Cole	Bend of the River Conservation Club
Rocky River Regulators	Utica	3rd Sun	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Sched.	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field and Stream Club
Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	Breckenridge	3rd Sat.	989-832-8426	Kid Al Fred	N/A
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Sched.	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Blue Water Sportsman's Association

MINNESOTA

Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-384-9115	Riverboat Red	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	2nd Sun	507-822-5214	A J Royal	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd & 5th Sat	320-979-1745	Timber Jack Thompson	Kimball Rod and Gun Club

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	3rd sun & 4th and 5th Sat	901-490-0183	Jered Maddox	Rabbit Ridge Ranch

MISSOURI

Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	417-208-9142	Artemus Von Schutze	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	1st Sat	417208-9142	Artemus Von Schutze	Liberty Range
Boonville Regulators	Boonville	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	816-686-8881	Dusty Dustem	Boonville Regulators
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	2nd Sat & Sun	417-350-5271	Stennet Kid	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Butterfield Trail Cowboys Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	4th Wkd	417-350-5271	Stennet Kid	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	Newburg	3rd Sun	573-486-2259	Irish Jack Daniels	Central Ozarks Pratical Shooters Range
Double M Cowboys	Marshfield	1st Sun	417-839-6797	Boothill Slim	Outlaw Range
Gateway Area Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Glad Top Shooters	Squires	3rd Sat & Sun	417-543-0709	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Bar Lazy B Range
Liberty Land and Cattle Company	Walnut Shade	3rd Sat	217-209-2548	Two Gun Gentleman Jack	Liberty Range Bear Creek Shooting Complex
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	417-839-8325	Two Shot Hoss	Outlaw Range
The Ozark Posse	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	N/A

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MONTANA					
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Sat/Sun apr-oct & 4th Sat apr-oct	406-590-7599	Crusty Curt	N/A
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton	1st Sat	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Club/ Polson Rifle Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-727-7625	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Gallatin Valley Regulators	Three Forks	2nd Sat	406-539-9400	Gooch Hill Drifter	Manhattan Wildlife Association
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	4th Sat	406-628-8694	Angel	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Full Wkd	406-240-2139	Jake the Snake	Noxon Rod and Gun Club
NEBRASKA					
Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	4th Sun	402-710-3645	Tommy Two Dog	Columbus Rifle Club
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	2nd Sun	402-643-5000	Crooked Creek	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 Weekend	308-380-4682	Stirrup Trouble	Heartland Public Shooting Park
NEVADA					
Battle Born Rangers	Fernley	As Sched	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	702-429-4102	Lady Glitter	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
NEW HAMPSHIRE					
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Sched.	603-203-9699	Six Shot Steve	Kinnicun Fish & Game
NEW JERSEY					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	732-928-9028	Bronco Joan	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Quinton Mavericks	Quinton	2nd Sunday	302-750-2381	Yellow Mike	Delaware Blues Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	3rd Sun	973-219-9585	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
NEW MEXICO					
Bighorn Vigilantes	Edgewood	1st Sat	505-286-0830	German George	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	Edgewood	As Sched.	505-379-8957	Chili Cowboy	Founders Ranch
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-956-5221	Hands	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
High Desert Drifters	Edgewood	2nd Sat	505-550-9230	Jim Miller	Founders Ranch
Los Pistoleros	Edgewood	4th Sat	505-563-0545	J. Frank Norfleet	Founders Ranch
Monument Springs Bushwhackers	Hobbs	4th Sat.	575-408-2177	Curley Bill Jones	Hobbs Gun Club
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	4th & 5th Sat & Sun	574-253-2808	Fire Eater	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd & 4th Sun	505-402-6031	Pepper Dane	San Juan Wildlife Federation
NEW YORK					
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	570-296-2032	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	315-357-2352	Feany Valentine	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Ballston Spa	As Sched.	315-357-2352	Feany Valentine	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
East End Regulators	West Hampton Beach	1st Sun	516-729-0381	Deuces	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
Pathfinder Pistoleros	Fulton	1st Sun	315-420-4952	Blackjack Belle	Fulton, NY
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Watertown	4th Sun	315-788-1168	Mr. Stryker	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Owego	1st Sat	604-760-5746	Dusty Drifter	Tioga County Sportsman's Association
Tonawanda Cowboys	Pendleton	3rd Sat	716-544-1638	Rusty Rick	Tonawanda Sportsman's Club
NORTH CAROLINA					
Carolina Cattleman'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
Gunpowder Creek Regulators, Inc.	Lenoir	3rd Sat	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Town of Mine Branch

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Iredell Regulators	Statesville	4th Sat	704-677-0554	Tin Can Sailor	Iredell Lodge - FOP #10
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	Every Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Sched.	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Rowan County Wildlife Association
Old Hickory Regulators	Rocky Mount	1st Sat	252-908-0098	Wendover Kid	Old Hickory Gun Club, Inc.
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association

NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sch	701-223-3085	Rod-Iron-Rip	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	701-833-4282	Buffalochip Dave	Minot Rifle and Pistol Club

OHIO

Big Irons	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportman'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
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-657-8322	Abe Cross Jackass Jack	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	216-789-7885	Harry Yount	Rochester Rod Range
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	419-205-0114	Badfinger Bodene	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Marengo	3rd Sun	614-795-0461	Johnny Longpants	Cardinal Shooting Center
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	440-693-4210	Slow Mo Derm	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

OKLAHOMA

Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Sand Springs	2nd Sun, 3 Sat, & 4th Wed.	918-519-0927	Bad Crooked Aimes	Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-409-9442	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Wknd	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	904-592-5066	Redleg Reilly	N/A
Tulsey Town Cartlemen's Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club

OREGON

Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-389-2342	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
Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Possee	Grants Pass	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	541-226-7814	New Hope Kid	Josephine County Sportsmans Association Park
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd & 4th 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	Redmong Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-760-0884	Barry L Plotz	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Oregon Trail Regulators	La Grande	3rd Sat	541-571-4979	T. J. Maverick	La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club Hwy 244, LGRPC
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	White City	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-282-8555	General Lee Goode	Jackson County Sportsmans Park
Virtue Flat Shootist Society	Baker City	2nd Sat	541-212-5840	Hunt Mountain Drifter	Powder River Sportsman's Club

PENNSYLVANIA

Blue Mountain Rangers	Hamburg	3rd Sun	610-334-3504	Tombstone Coty	Hamburg Rifle & Pistol Club
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Holidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-695-7064	Colorado Smith	Holidaysburg Sportman Club
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th & 5th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	717-648-7491	Circuit Rider Jeff	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Heidelberg Lost Dutchmen	Newmanstown	2nd Sun	717-383-1264	High Spade Mikey Wilson	Heidelberg Sportsman Association
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club

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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	717-307-6374	Farmer Brown	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sat	484-802-7122	Blaze Crittenden	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club

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
Geechee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-737-3501	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	843-756-6351	Palmetto Jack	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Moonshine at Dark Corner	Travelers Rest	1st Sun.	941-264-7572	Fancy Filly	N/A
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-622-2537	Palmetto Traveler	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	As Sched.	605-532-5212	Dakota Nailbender	Cottonwood Cowboy Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulkton	4th Sun	605-447-5893	O' Town Kid	Faulk Coudy Trap Club

TENNESSEE

Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st & 3rd Sat	423-383-3195	Lil Weasel	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-490-4195	Bitterroot Jak	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-595-3819	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-314-0321	Keystone	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	Regulators Range

TEXAS

Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	4th 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	432-553-4306	Jubal Lee	Timberline Ranch
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	Cleburne	4th Wkd	817-980-7206	Shady McLarry	Ormsby Ranch
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Weekend	210-710-3587	Big Iron Patnode	Joma Enterprises LLC
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	3rd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	N/A
Highplains Highwaymen	Pampa	3rd Sat	719-510-7307	Howlin Wolf	Wolfpack Range
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd Wkd	817-774-5636	Cowtown Jack	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Full Wkd	214-384-3975	Denton Dancer	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	903-253-6401	Silver Cloud	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	Comanche Country Ranch
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pictolaros	San Antonio	1st	210-213-4812	Latigo Lee	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-870-9411	Pricklly Pear Peggy	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 3rd Sat	361-254-0064	Ginger Vitis	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	Pampa	1st & 2nd Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Wolfpack Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Sat & Sun	954-632-361	Asup Sleeve	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat as Sched.	954-632-3621	Asup Sleeve	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	1st & 4th Sat	281-785-2397	Osage Mike	N/A
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Sat	979-696-1300	Def Willie	Thomason Ranch

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UTAH

Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-650-6544	Fargo Kid	North Spring Shooting Range
Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	4th Sat	801-913-5634	Tumbleweed Willey	WASR "Big Salty"
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	85246	Navajo Kelly	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	1st	435-668-4613	Mokaac Kid	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Dixie Desperados/Territorial Wild Bunch	Hurricane	As Sched.	801-829-8989	J.T. Wild	Red Rock
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	3rd Sat	435-272-1708	Copper Queen	Gunsmoke Range
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	801-913-6823	Brer Rabbit	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd Sat	801-518-3374	Jubal O. Sackett	WASR "Big Salty"
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex

VERMONT

Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	St. Johnsbury	As Sched.	802-333-9320	Eyesa Horg	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
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VIRGINIA

Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-855-4459	Redrider Slim	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-307-2980	Major B.S. Walker	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	Shacklefords	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
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	203-216-2316	Captian R. Hugh Kidme	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
Virginia City Marshals	Fairfax	1st Tues	540-351-0211	Lawman Mays	NRA Headquarters Range

WASHINGTON

Beazley Gulch Rangers	Quincy	Last Sun	509-787-1782	An E. Di	Quincy American Legion Gun Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-957-6051	Doc Kharon	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-684-2325	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Pataha Rustlers	Dayton	2nd Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	Parit Range
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	2nd & 4th Weekends	509-953-1113	Svenska Annie	Windy West Plains Range
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	360-901-5688	Evergreen Rose	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club

WEST VIRGINIA

Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sun Mar to Oct	304-289-6098	Last Word	Singing Hills Ranch
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st sat	304-832-6550	Blue Ridge Rooster	Dawn Sportsmen's Club
Henderson Wilds Justice League	Williamstown	3rd Sun	740-516-6624	Thaddeus Jones	Range Location To Be Announced
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	Putnum County Gun Club
Whitehorse Riders Cowboy Action	Volga	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center

WISCONSIN

Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Sat & Sun	847-421-1246	Rusty Brec	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
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat	414-659-7650	Saddlespur Kate	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

WYOMING

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
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	Sling Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex

SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2021 ANNUAL MATCHES

CLUB NAME	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	CITY	ST	MONTH	WEB
AUSTRALIA								
Duke York Tribute	9/11/2021 - 9/12/2021	The Caretaker	+041 438 3845	N/A	Cranbourne		September	cdpc.org.au
SASS Australian Regional Championship	10/1/2021 - 10/3/2021	R. C. Shot	+61 447 831 154	russell.behrens@mmem.com.au	N/A		October	www.ssa.org.au
CANADA								
Showdown in the Valley	8/1/2021 - 8/2/2021	Little Edgy	250-897-2194	edgy52@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	August	www.valleyregulators.com
SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Shootout at Bounty Gulch	8/4/2021 - 8/7/2021	Wild Whiskey Wade	306-230-3788	trentunterreiner@live.ca	Saskatoon	SK	August	www.sawws.com
Headquarters Shootout	8/6/2021 - 8/8/2021	Black Ashley	250-744-4705	ash_man@shaw.ca	Malahat	BC	August	www.vfgpa.org/shooting/frontier-shootists/
Show Down on the Macleod Trail	8/19/2021 - 8/22/2021	Alberta Annie	403-687-2284	kranches@platinum.ca	Granum	AB	August	N/A
SASS Canadian National Championship	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Kootenay Jack	604-754-7212	kootenayjack@gmail.com	Mission	BC	Septemer	www.rustywood.ca/rmt/rmz.html
NEW ZEALAND								
End of the Trail	10/23/2021 - 10/25/2021	Calamity Carrie	+64275221920	carolyn.fulton@xtra.co.nz	Palmerston		October	n/a
SWEDEN								
Inidan Attack	9/13/2021 - 9/14/2021	Ace Heart	46 702711107	fweinholt@gmail.com	Torsby		September	N/A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA								
SASS Indiana State Championship Ambush at Paradise	7/2/2021 - 7/4/2021	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	currtbaguns@gmail.com	Erna Green	IN	July	www.paradisepasregulators.com/
SASS Alaska State Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	7/2/2021 - 7/4/2021	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	walling@mtaonline.net	Palmer	AK	July	www.alaskacowboysthooting.com
Shootout at Pawnee Station	7/3/2021 - 7/4/2021	TriggerHappy Ted	970-213-9608	cowboysk@lpbroadband.net	Nunn	CO	July	www.pawneestation.com
SASS Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout	7/7/2021 - 7/10/2021	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	July	idahocowboyaaction.org
SASS Nebraska State Championship Showdown on the Prairie	7/8/2021 - 7/10/2021	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	July	www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/
SASS Minnesota State Championship North Star Showdown	7/8/2021 - 7/11/2021	Timber Jack Thompson	320-979-1745	dloesq@yahoo.com	Kimball	MN	July	www.gcgunslingers.com/
Shootout On the Sun River	7/9/2021 - 7/12/2021	Robert Powers	406-231-0805	robertpowers4@bresnqn.net	Augusta	MT	July	www.sunriverrangers.weebly.com
Violence at Virtue Flats	7/9/2021 - 7/11/2021	Hunt Mountain Drifter	541-212-5840	dan.mcguire@msn.com	Baker City	OR	July	virtueflatsshootist.org
SASS Nebraska State Blackpowder Championship	7/11/2021 - 7/11/2021	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	July	plattevalleygunslingers.com/
Black Gold Shootout	7/15/2021 - 7/17/2021	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	jeromejarvis61@gmail.com	Manchester	KY	July	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS Montana State Championship Battle at Black Horse	7/15/2021 - 7/18/2021	Job's Lady	406-727-7625	dlfajf@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	July	www.blackhorseshootists.com
Oregon Trail Shootout	7/16/2021 - 7/18/2021	T. J. Maverick	541-571-4979	tjmaverick@charter.net	La Grande	OR	July	www.lgrpc.com
The Castle Gate Robbery	7/16/2021 - 7/17/2021	The Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	scotto4570@gmail.com	Price	UT	July	www.thecastlegetaposse.net/
The Ruthless McDraw Final Showdown	7/24/2021 - 7/24/2021	Useless Huston	614-870-3462	devin1@columbus.rr.com	Mt. Vernon	OH	July	www.ohioov.com
Big Sky State Games	7/24/2021 - 7/25/2021	Homestake Drifter	406-652-6158	ar129@aol.com	Billings	MT	July	www.montanaterritorypeacemakers.org/
SASS Missouri State Blackpowder Championship Show-Me Shootout	7/24/2021 - 7/25/2021	J-Bar	417-522-9892	rdbryan1944@gmail.com	Marshfield	MO	July	www.so-mo-rangers.com
Mason Dixon Stampede	7/30/2021 - 8/1/2021	Dutch Coroner	202-330-8545	dutchcoroner82128@gmail.com	Thurmont	MD	July	www.tcandisc.org
Cowboy vs. Lawman	7/31/2021 - 7/31/2021	Two Gun Gentlemen Jack	217-209-2548	truckwizad@gmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	July	libertylandandcartlecompany.com/index.html
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Chorro Valley Shootout	8/4/2021 - 8/8/2021	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgarripec@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	August	https://chorrovalleyregulators.com/
SASS Vermont State Championship Green Mountain Mayhem	8/6/2021 - 8/8/2021	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmavt.net	St. Johnsbury	VT	August	www.greenmountainmayhem.com
Badger Mountain Range War	8/6/2021 - 8/8/2021	Scary Indian Dude	719-491-4524	scaryindiandude@gmail.com	Lake George	CO	August	www.coloradocowboys.net
SHOOTOUT at ELK RUN	8/6/2021 - 8/8/2021	Fence Cutter	319-361-2131	rsebetka@gmail.com	Waterloo	IA	August	www.turkeyfoot.org
Atomic Gunfight	8/6/2021 - 8/7/2021	Missouri Ruffian	208-520-8824	cptv8ng@cableone.net	Idaho Falls	ID	August	www.scips.org
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	8/12/2021 - 8/15/2021	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	www.idahocas.net

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SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL Championship Guns of August	8/13/2021 - 8/15/2021	Deadwood Stan	513-304-3505	ghess5941@gmail.com	Middletown	OH	August	www.bigirons.com
SASS Wisconsin State Wild Bunch Championship	8/14/2021 - 8/15/2021	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	kunesmark@gmail.com	Holmen	WI	August	www.wwildbunch.com
The Long Riders 3 Day Shoot	8/20/2021 - 8/22/2021	Loco Poco Lobo	585-734-0867	locopocolobo@gmail.com	Shortsville	NY	August	www.long-riders.org/
Besemer Jail Break	8/20/2021 - 8/22/2021	Smokewagon Bill	307-267-1155	hooverpatwilliam@hotmail.com	Casper	WY	August	N/A
Mayhem at the Mounds	8/20/2021 - 8/22/2021	Doc Kharon	360-957-6051	coroner_davidson@hotmail.com	Olympia	WA	August	www.mimamarauders.org
SASS New Hampshire State Championship Fracas at Pemi Gulch	8/20/2021 - 8/22/2021	Dakota Joe	603-620-5001	dakota814@msn.com	Holderness	NH	August	www.pemipeacemakers.com/
Annual 2 Day Camp & Match	8/20/2021 - 8/21/2021	Riverview Rattler	989-400-1057	mpjdon@gmail.com	Breckenridge	MI	August	www.SuckerCreek.org
Fire In The Hills	8/27/2021 - 8/29/2021	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	August	www.wowsinc.org
Showdown at Fort Tioga	8/27/2021 - 8/29/2021	Dusty Drifter	607-760-5746	d.drifter@yahoo.com	Owego	NY	August	www.tiogasporsmen.com
Wolverton Mountain PeaceKeepers 16th Annual Match "Maverick The Movie"	8/27/2021 - 8/29/2021	Evergreen Rose	360-901-5688	baughma@yahoo.com	Ariel	WA	August	www.wolvertonmtnpeacekeepers.com
SASS New Mexico State Wild Bunch Championship	8/27/2021 - 8/29/2021	Boggus Deal	505-506-5783	tboggus@hotmail.com	Roswell	NM	August	www.facebook.com/LosPistolerosWBAS/
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@gmail.com	Kimball	MI	September	www.wolverinerangers.org
Cow Camp	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Letort Lawman	717-249-5049	letortlawman@gmail.com	Ickesburg	PA	September	www.perrycountyregulators.com/
SASS RoughRider Roundup	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Rod-Iron-Rip	701-223-3085	ripsroast@bis.midco.net	Moffit	ND	September	www.dakoroughriders.com
Shoot n in the Shade	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	bulldogmcgraw@outlook.com	Hot Springs	AR	September	www.mvsaonline.com
SASS Colorado State Wild Bunch Championship-Showdown at Pawnee Station	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	TriggerHappy Ted	970-667-0734	cowboysk@lpboardband.net	Nunn	CO	September	www.pawneestation.com/
SASS Texas Wild Bunch State Championship	9/3/2021 - 9/5/2021	Asup Sleeve	954-632-3621	g8rcol@bellsouth.net	Comfort	TX	September	www.texicanrangers.org/
SASS Virginia State Championship Star City Shootout	9/4/2021 - 9/6/2021	Mad Dog Irv	504-520-5862	danzanddogs@gmail.com	Hardy	VA	September	www.bendoftrail.com
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship	9/4/2021 - 9/5/2021	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	September	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship	9/5/2021 - 9/7/2021	Irish Ike	775-250-4554	jeich455@charter.net	Fernley	NV	September	www.northernnevadacas.com
25th Annual Roop County Days	9/9/2021 - 9/11/2021	Irish Ike	775-250-4554	jeich455@charter.net	Fernley	NV	September	northernnevadacas.com
Standoff at Smokey Point	9/10/2021 - 9/12/2021	Mudflat Mike	425-335-5176	tmperin@comcast.net	Arlington	WA	September	www.smokeypointdesperados.org
SASS New Mexico State Championship - The Geronimo Trail Shootout	9/10/2021 - 9/12/2021	Captain Clark	575-644-9327	lncolt@gmail.com	Silver City / Mimbres	NM	September	www.gilarangers.com/
Shootout at Stoney Bottom	9/10/2021 - 9/10/2021	Badfinger Bodene	419-205-0114	badfinger66@gmail.com	Gibsonburg	OH	September	www.ourcowboys.org
SASS Colorado State Championship 8th Annual Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	9/10/2021 - 9/12/2021	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	September	www.briggsdalecountysshootists.com
Southwest Showdown	9/10/2021 - 9/11/2021	Tomanator	580-847-2210	claytoma@ymail.com	Albany	OK	September	rrvcowpokes.weebly.com
SASS Maine State Championship Great Maine Gunfight	9/10/2021 - 9/12/2021	Tyler Tornado	207-272-7119	lylet@husson.edu	Berwich	ME	September	www.ssfga.com
Shoot and Toot	9/11/2021 - 9/11/2021	Gooch Hill Drifter	406-539-9400	ardebern@gmail.com	Logan	MT	September	sites.google.com/site/gallatinvalleyregulatoz/
Northwest Territorial Shoot	9/11/2021 - 9/12/2021	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	September	idahocowboyaction.org
SASS Four Corners Territorial Black Powder Championship Smoke at the Gate	9/11/2021 - 9/11/2021	Fargo Kid	435-650-6544	utfargokid@yahoo.com	Price	UT	September	www.thecastlegateposse.net/
Gunfight along the Chisholm Trail	9/11/2021 - 9/12/2021	Monco	316-491-3249	danny38fp@gmail.com	Benton	KS	September	ctaga.com
SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunsmoke	9/15/2021 - 9/18/2021	Bronco Kate	507-269-2230	broncokate45@gmail.com	Morristown	MN	September	www.cedarvalleyvigilantes.com
Gunfight in Dixie	9/16/2021 - 9/18/2021	Bitterroot Jak	901-490-4195	thetroubun@mac.com	Lakeland	TN	September	www.memphisgunslingers.com
SASS Oklahoma State Championship Battle at the Crossroads	9/16/2021 - 6/18/2021	Scott Wayne	918-285-0543	mcac842565@aol.com	Cushing	OK	September	Lincolncountycowboys.com
T-Town Shoot Out	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	J. W. Hopkins	785-640-3742	willowscreekbranch@cox.net	Topeka	KS	September	www.capitalcitycowboys.org
SASS New York State Championship Heluva Rukus	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	Feany Valentine	315-357-2352	gold_dog@frontiernet.net	Ballston Spa	NY	September	www.circleregulators.com/
SASS Oregon State Blackpowder ChampionshipShootout at Saddle Butte	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	Chandelier	541-231-4687	christilemons@gmail.com	Shedd	OR	September	www.oowss.com
SASS Idaho State Wild Bunch Championship	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	Idaho Six Gun Sam	208-866-7271	sixgunsam@cableone.net	Emmett	ID	September	www.gcrge.org
Ambush at Canyon Walls	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	May B. Shecann	406-531-4116	johnny.and.may@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT	September	www.BitterrootBuckaroos.com
SASS Missouri State Wild Bunch Championship Pershing's Own	9/17/2021 - 9/1/2021	Handlebar Scratch	417-865-5953	handlebar@thegunengraver.com	Walnut Shade	MO	September	bearcreekvolunteers.com/
Buffalo Stampede	9/17/2021 - 9/19/2021	Dusty Dustem	816-686-8881	cowboy.bychoice@aol.com	Boonville	MO	September	TBA
Ripshin's Round-Up	9/18/2021 - 9/18/2021	Noah Fitz	828-851-1910	Noahfitz.nci@yahoo.com	Lenoir	NC	September	N/A
Shootout on the Little River	9/19/2021 - 9/19/2021	Goliath	229-244-3161	bigboyd@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	September	http://vc.lrsa.info/shootout.html
Comin' At Cha	9/22/2021 - 9/25/2021	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	tbonedooley@aol.com	Clarksville	TX	September	www.badlandsbar3.com

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SASS Missouri State Championship Show-Me Shootout	9/23/2021 - 9/25/2021	Long Shot John	417-299-7635	easymav12@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	September	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS West Virginia State Championship Appalachian Showdown	9/24/2021 - 9/26/2021	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Largent	WV	September	www.wvcass.org
Fall Roundup	9/24/2021 - 9/26/2021	Rootin' Tootin'	463-349-2273	prlucky299@aol.com	Milan	IL	September	www.milanrifle.club
Shootout At Helldorado	9/24/2021 - 9/27/2021	Lead Nickel	707-391-5991	frednickel@comcast.net	Ukiah	CA	September	www.ukiahgunclub.com
SASS Ohio State Wild Bunch Championship	9/26/2021 - 9/26/2021	Ruger Ray	937-422-4595	rugerray@att.net	Xenia	OH	September	www.greencountycowboys.com
SASS Nevada State Blackpowder Championship	9/29/2021 - 9/29/2021	Lady Glitter	702-429-4102	ladyofglitter@cox.net	Boulder City	NV	September	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Kansas State Championship Border Wars	9/30/2021 - 10/2/2021	Beans Haney	913-244-4960	monicahaney@hotmail.com	Parker	KS	September	freestaterangers.com
High Noon at Tusco	10/1/2021 - 10/3/2021	Prairie Dawg	216-334-9749	lpolsi@yahoo.com	Midvale	OH	October	www.tuscolongriders.com
SASS Nevada State Championship Eldorado	10/1/2021 - 10/2/2021	Lady Glitter	702-429-4102	ladyofglitter@cox.net	Boulder City	NV	October	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Oklahoma State Wild Bunch Championship Red Dirt	10/1/2021 - 10/3/2021	Hondo Tweed	405-694-5270	hondotweed@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	October	cowboy.okgunclub.org
SASS Minnesota State Wild Bunch Championship Return to Agua Verde	10/1/2021 - 10/3/2021	Timber Jack Thompson	320-979-1745	dloesq@yahoo.com	Kimball	MN	October	www.ggunslingers.com/
SASS Southwest Territorial Wild Bunch Championship	10/1/2021 - 10/3/2021	Hondo Tweed	405-694-5270	hondotweed@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	October	cowboy.okgunclub.org
Comanche Moon Shootout	10/2/2021 - 10/3/2021	Tumbleweed Dan	432-557-0860	dhagins421@suddenlink.net	Midland	TX	October	www.comanchetrailshootists.org/
Arkansas/ Missouri Border Wars	10/2/2021 - 10/2/2021	Ozark Captain	417-372-2993	ozarkcaptain@gmail.com	Mountain Home	AR	October	www.twinlakesgunclub.com
SASS Tennessee State Championship Regulators Reckoning	10/7/2021 - 10/9/2021	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	Bill_May@b-f.com	Wartrace	TN	October	www.wartrace regulators.com/
Fandango	10/8/2021 - 10/10/2021	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	kunesmark@gmail.com	Holmen	WI	October	www.wildbunch.com/
Fall Fandango	10/8/2021 - 10/10/2021	Fire Eater	574-253-2808	tkissing@yahoo.com	Albuquerque	NM	October	www.riogranderenegades.org
Buzzard Boil	10/8/2021 - 10/10/2021	Hey Moe	860-508-0563	moedotta@cox.net	Coventry	CT	October	www.CTValleyBushwackers.com
Mayhem on the Mountain	10/8/2021 - 10/10/2021	Arkansas Harper	870-847-0733	arkansas harper@yahoo.com	Heber Springs	AR	October	www.outlawcamp.com
Biggest Little Match	10/8/2021 - 10/10/2021	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	pintoannie@cowboybullets.com	Dayton	WA	October	www.ccs shooting.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	10/15/2021 - 10/17/2021	El Diablo Gringo	973-662-0785	dave@servpro9326.com	Jackson	NJ	October	www.jacksonholegang.com
Whoopin' Ass	10/15/2021 - 10/17/2021	Prickly Pear Peggy	210-912-8227	pjhuddleston@att.net	Blanco	TX	October	http://tejasballeros.net/
Ridin' the Trail	10/16/2021 - 10/17/2021	Smilin Joe	325-669-5903	kjackson4@sbcglobal.net	Anson	TX	October	N/A
SASS West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship at Buffalo Flats VIII	10/16/2021 - 10/17/2021	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	ecclark@suddenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	October	www.kanawhavalleyregulators.com
Shoot for the Cure	10/17/2021 - 10/17/2021	Potter County Kid	804-241-5418	97graves@gmail.com	Shackelfords	VA	October	www.westpointgunclub.com
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/20/2021 - 10/24/2021	Johnny Meadows	928-300-6684	johnnymeadows55@yahoo.com	Tombstone	AZ	October	www.bordertowncas.com
SASS Southeast Regional Ambush at Cavern Cove	10/21/2021 - 10/23/2021	Buck D. Law	256-504-4366	don.carlton@arrowgraphics.net	Woodville	AL	October	www.northalabamaregulators.com
Hot Lead in Deadwood	10/22/2021 - 10/24/2021	Cole Trigger	504-554-2445	jimf@weisersecurity.com	Serrento	LA	October	www.deadwoodmarshals.com/
Comin Thru The Rye	10/23/2021 - 10/24/2021	Derringer Di	205-616-9395	dianaflorence@bellsouth.net	Blountsville	AL	October	www.oldyorkshootists.com
SASS Texas State Blackpowder Championship Regulators Revenge	10/23/2021 - 10/24/2021	Reckon	254-449-0082	ireckon357@yahoo.com	Marble Falls	TX	October	www.greenmountainregulators.org/
Ride of The Immortals	10/29/2021 - 10/30/2021	Pale Ale Rider	678-472-7778	garand65@hotmail.com	Griffin	GA	October	DHLCowboys.com
SASS Kansas State Blackpowder Championship	10/30/2021 - 10/31/2021	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	October	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
Halloween Shoot	10/30/2021 - 10/31/2021	Shady McLarry	817-980-7206	rickeymarsh@charter.net	Cleburne	TX	October	www.comanchevalley.org
Fandango	10/31/2021 - 10/31/2021	Johnny Longpants	614-795-0461	jkruz1675@gmail.com	Marengo	OH	October	www.sciotodesperados.com
SASS North Carolina State Championship Uprising at Swearing Creek	11/4/2021 - 11/6/2021	Noah Fitz	828-851-1910	Noahfitz.ncci@yahoo.com	Salisbury	NC	November	www.sassnmatch.org
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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

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