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✿ VENDORS ✿



Many of the food vendors have learned to cater to visiting New Mexico cowboy tastes ... and have begun selling green chile cheeseburgers (yes, that's chile). They're addictive! For you folks "back east," put this western delicacy on your "must try" list ... you won't be disappointed!



Judge Roy Bean held sway in the SASS booth all through Winter Range. He's there to meet folks and hear what they have to say. Yes, he's a gruff, harassable old coot ... but he's also a delight to chat with. Take the opportunity to meet him when he visits a match near you.



Vendors do more for a match than most folks realize. Their mere presence provides an ambiance that is missing from smaller matches ... and, it's an opportunity to collect missing pieces of your accoutrements ... often pieces you didn't even know you were missing! Large matches are a wonderful place to do your shopping, handle the latest new products from the firearms vendors, get your favorite shootin' iron engraved, acquire a wonderful set of new grips, get fitted for a set of custom boots, complete your costume, and even get a wonderful "period" keepsake photo of you among the cactus in your best "lawdog" outfit! Be sure and spend some money with them and let them know they're appreciated!

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WINTER RANGE 2013

The SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting™

By Larsen E. Pettifogger, SASS Life/Regulator #32933



In Memory of Our Lost Friends

Phoenix, AZ – 2013 was a year for the record books. There were well over 800 applications submitted for the Cowboy Action Shooting™ match, although the match was ultimately limited to 792. Each time someone cancelled, their spot was filled from a waiting list. Wild Bunch was full with 125 shooters, there were 235 Mounted Shooters and there were 100 vendors. The cowboy match was full by December 2, almost three weeks earlier than Winter Range 2012. It was also a year of record setting weather—weather that varied

from the high 70s under crystal clear skies to a first ever blizzard in Phoenix! And, the week was capped by a ferocious windstorm.

Winter Range is an annual labor of love put on by the Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders. The Rough Riders consist of twenty-one individuals that volunteer hundreds of hours of their time to put on this once a year event. Winter Range is not a club and puts on no other shoots. It is a not-for-profit corporation whose sole mission is to put on the annual SASS National Championships.

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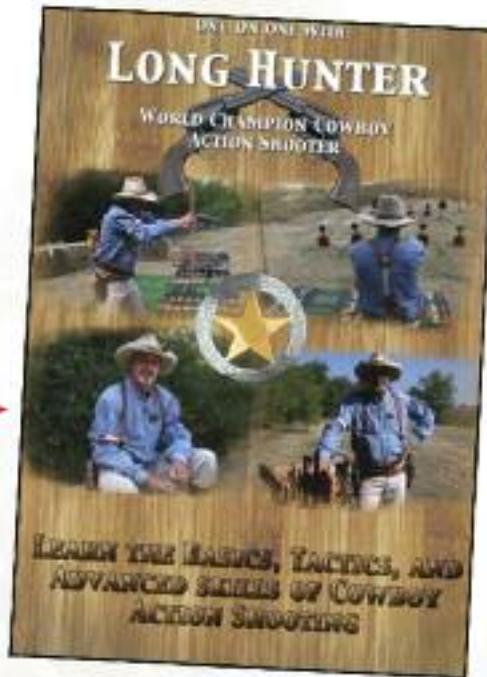
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Contingent Fee McGee, SASS #71885, attended the Oregon State Championship attired as Johnny Depp's rendition of Tonto in the upcoming film, "The Lone Ranger." Love that crow on his head!

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Tex, SASS #4



THE HOAX OF MISDIRECTION

By El Alacran, SASS #20694

John Donne, the poet, once wrote: *Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.* Today the bell clangs louder than ever, and it does indeed toll for thee. The bell-ringers, to no one's surprise, are Liberal politicians in Congress and our state legislatures. They are sounding the death knell for your right to own a gun.

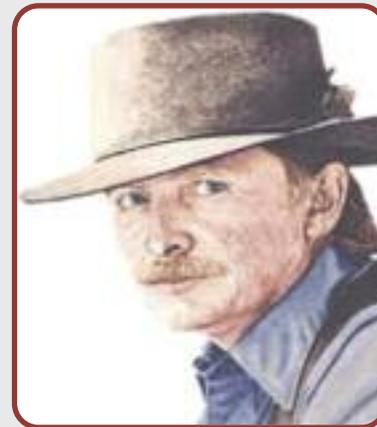
In the current gun control debate, politicians are employing the magician's ancient art of trickery known as "misdirection." A magician will distract your attention with one hand while he performs sleight-of-hand (his magic) with the

other hand. In effect, crafty politicians use misdirection to fool the public about the truth of gun control. Consider some of their more devious sleight-of-hand maneuvers.

A study of twelve school shootings concluded the majority were murder-suicides. The shooters killed themselves at the schools, or committed suicide-by-cop in shootouts with no thought of survival. These tragic murders of innocent children were the diabolic acts of insane killers who should have been locked away. Yet we hear nothing from Liberal politi-

cians about the urgent need to re-open mental institutions and fund treatment of the mentally ill. Nor are the mentally ill entered into the federal background-check database for firearms purchases. Instead, politicians demonize guns and are silent about the real problem, the psychos—a perfect illustration of misdirection.

The so-called "Assault Rifle" is yet another example. These are semi-automatic rifles—one shot at a time—just like the rifles already commonly owned by millions of law-abiding Americans. Politi-



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cians, guided by an ulterior motive, call them "weapons of war" and mislead the public to believe

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they are the same as fully automatic machine guns used by the military. Further, according to FBI records, only 2.6 percent of murders are committed with rifles of any kind, and *less than 1 percent* with the so-called "Assault Rifle." Of course, to gull the public yet again, such statistics are never revealed by politicians—still another illustration of misdirection.

Syracuse University tracks the Justice Department in its enforcement of federal gun laws. The latest report concludes in the past four years weapons prosecutions have declined to the lowest level in a decade. Tens of thousands of firearms purchases were denied by the government's instant background check. Of that number, only 13—that's right, 13!—resulted in convictions, less than two one-hundredths of one percent. Yet the Liberal anti-gunners are now proposing the critical need for a "universal background check." Absolute silence about the dismal conviction record of the past, but an outcry by politicians for the same-old, same-old phrased in a different manner—once more, perfection in the art of misdirection.

Liberal politicians have the mindset the Constitution, particularly the Second Amendment, is an obstacle to be abolished. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has remarked that "Confiscation is not off the table" with respect to guns. Senator Dianne Feinstein (Calif.), after her campaign to outlaw semi-automatic firearms, said: "If I could have gotten 51 votes ... for an outright ban, picking up every one of them ... Mr. and Mrs. America, turn 'em all in! I would have done it." Senator Charles Schumer (NY)

revealed in an interview the goal is "universal registration" of both guns *and gun owners*. As we know from such democratic countries as England and Australia, gun registration soon leads to *gun confiscation*. Politicians are simply employing the trickery of misdirection in their current anti-gun sleight-of-hand. When they propose registration, their actual goal is *confiscation*.

Anyone who believes politicians are genuinely motivated by the safety of school children has a naïve and misguided trust in the Liberal members of Congress. Their intent is to demolish the Second Amendment—the right to keep and bear arms—and thereby forever disarm the American people. They are merely using the murder of innocent children as a cynical and unconscionable excuse. What they want are your guns. Every gun you own.

President Ronald Reagan once cautioned: "We struggle to preserve freedom every day. And freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

We are that generation and now is our time. Stand and fight for liberty!

Call your members of Congress today at 202-224-3121. Tell them you strongly oppose any further gun control legislation. Tell them you will not tolerate infringement of your Constitutional liberties. Join Colonel Dan and Team SASS in our fight to preserve our Second Amendment rights.

El Alacran is otherwise known as Matt Braun, a noted western novelist. SASS is please to feature his second editorial in the pages of The Catboy Chronicle.

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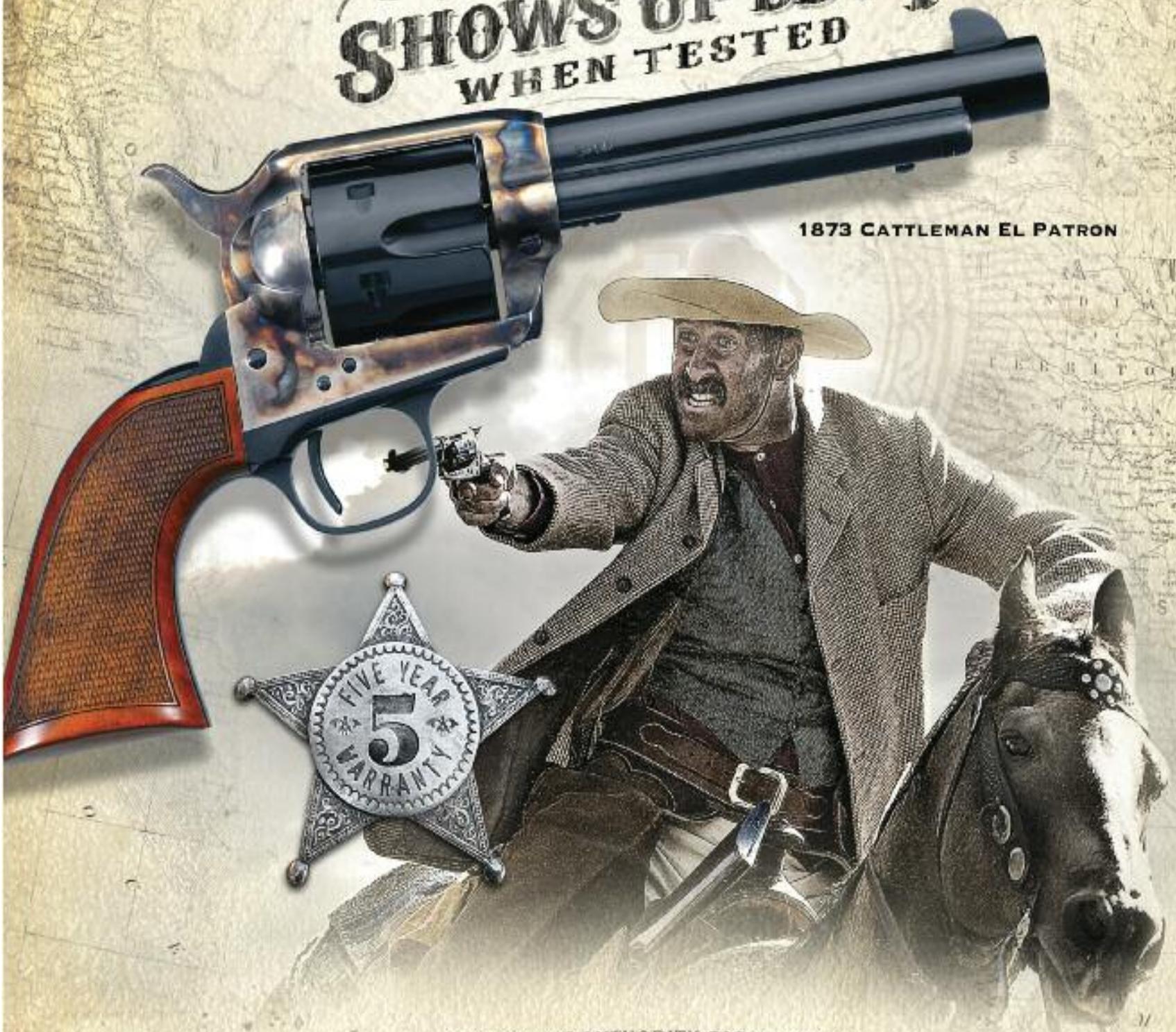
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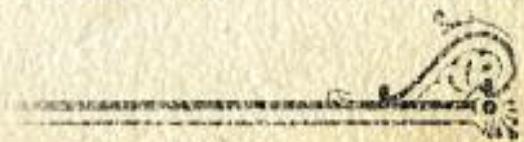
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2013 COSTUME CONTEST AT WINTER RANGE

By Emma Star, SASS #3517, and
Larsen E. Pettifogger, SASS #32933



Cat Ballou, SASS #55

Phoenix, AZ –“As Close as You can get to the Old West Short of a Time Machine!” This mantra has been seen in several magazine advertisements as part of the invitation to join SASS. And, it appears every month in *The Cowboy Chronicle* and scrolls across the SASS homepage on the Internet.



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After hours (particularly if it is Saturday night after bath time!) and after the guns are cleaned and put away, people turn out in their finest 19th Century attire. You can see ladies of the night, ladies in their finest ball gowns, saloon girls, gentlemen in their finest Sunday go-to-meeting suits, soldiers, sailors,



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– Captain George Baylor – Best Dressed Military



– Colorado Starr – Best Dressed Lady Sutler



- *Winter Range Costume Judges -*
Emma Star, Jennifer Bartos, Pea Patch, and Marian Arrington.



- *Sister Sarah -*
Best Working Lady



- *Slickbald -*
Best Dressed Sutler

collection of women's fashions, periodicals, and household items from the late 18th Century to the early 20th Century. They also have a website well worth seeing at www.thebarringtonhouse.org. The judging panel was rounded out with Pea Patch, SASS #23840, and Emma Starr, SASS #3517.

Although the weather at Winter Range 2013 varied from bright and sunny with temperatures in the high 70s to a snowstorm on Wednesday(!), by Saturday the skies cleared to reveal a beautiful day, and the shooters came out wearing some very fine and often very creative costumes. The four judges walked

the shooting line on each wave taking pictures of costumes and gun carts. After careful review and discussion, decisions on the Working Costume winners were made with many difficult choices that left the judges wishing there were a few more categories. Fortunately the fair weather continued into the evening and, again, there were many wonderful costumes. Thanks to all the Evening Costume contestants for waiting patiently in the long line of fellow contestants, allowing the judges time with each one of you. And congratulations to all the costume contest winners. You all looked marvelous!



- *Texas Brett -*
Best B-Western Male



- *Riverboat Annie -*
Best Dressed Cowgirl



- *Nick Nitro -*
Best Dressed Junior Boy

and all manner of people that look like they just stepped out from a 19th Century photograph. Every detail is carefully researched and the accessories and accoutrements are as authentic as the clothing.

This year's Winter Range cos-

tume contest was memorable. Winter Range was fortunate to have Jennifer Bartos and Marion Arrington, founders of The Barrington House Educational Center in Prescott, Arizona, as guest judges. They have a museum housing a vast



- *Sugar Cookie -*
Best Dressed Junior Girl



- *Dixie Bell -*
Best Dressed Lady

Winners			Evening Category		
Working Category			<i>Saloon Girl</i>	Lady Joy, SASS #90932	AZ
<i>Lady</i>	Sister Sarah, SASS #1710	AZ	<i>L Junior</i>	Sugar Cookie, SASS #71327	AZ
<i>Man</i>	U. K. Dane, SASS #19478	CA	<i>Junior</i>	Nick Nitro, SASS #94156	UT
<i>L Junior</i>	Fast Draw Fawn, SASS #94157	UT	<i>L B-Western</i>	Queen of Bling, SASS #94718	CA
<i>Junior</i>	Nick Nitro, SASS #95156	UT	<i>B-Western</i>	Texas Brett, SASS #86844	TX
<i>Gun Cart</i>	Dark Horse Dave, and School Marm, SASS #87749	FL	<i>Military</i>	Capt. George Baylor, SASS #24287	NM
Evening Category			<i>Cowgirl</i>	Riverboat Annie, SASS #60914	CO
<i>Lady</i>	Dixie Bell, SASS #5366	UT	<i>L Sutler</i>	Colorado Starr, SASS #74137	CO
<i>Gentleman</i>	Wild Horse John, SASS #85994	WY	<i>Sutler</i>	Slickbald, SASS #90280	CO
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*By Team Sergeant
(On behalf of 1100 Green Berets)*

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Like you, we are also loving and caring fathers and grandfathers. Like you, we have been stunned, horrified, and angered by the tragedies of Columbine, Virginia Tech, Aurora, Fort Hood, and Sandy Hook; and like you, we are searching

for solutions to the problem of gun-related crimes in our society. Many of us are educators in our second careers and have a special interest to find a solution to this problem. However, unlike much of the current vox populi reactions to this tragedy, we offer a different perspective.

First, we need to set the record straight on a few things. The current debate is over so-called "assault weapons" and high capacity magazines. The terms "assault weapon" and "assault rifle" are often confused. According to Bruce H. Kobayashi and Joseph E. Olson, writing in the Stanford Law and Policy Review, "Prior to 1989, the term 'assault weapon' did not exist in the lexicon of firearms. It is a political term [underline added for emphasis], developed by anti-gun publicists to expand the category of assault rifles."

The M4A1 carbine is a U.S. military service rifle—it is an assault rifle. The AR-15 is not an assault rifle. The "AR" in its name does not stand for "Assault Rifle"—it is the designation from the first two letters of the manufacturer's name—ArmaLite Corporation. The AR-15 is designed so it cosmetically looks like the M4A1 carbine assault rifle, but it is impossible to configure the AR-15 to be a fully automatic assault rifle. It is a single shot semi-automatic rifle that can fire between 45 and 60 rounds per minute depending on the skill of the operator. The M4A1 can fire up to

950 rounds per minute. In 1986, the federal government banned the import or manufacture of new fully automatic firearms for sale to civilians. Therefore, the sale of assault rifles are already banned or heavily restricted!

The second part of the current debate is over "high capacity magazines" capable of holding more than 10 rounds in the magazine. As experts in military weapons of all types, it is our considered opinion that reducing magazine capacity from 30 rounds to 10 rounds will only require an additional 6-8 seconds to change two empty 10 round magazines with full magazines. Would an increase of 6-8 seconds make any real difference to the outcome in a mass-shooting incident? In our opinion, it would not. Outlawing such "high capacity magazines" would, however, outlaw a class of firearms that are "in common use." As such this would be in contravention to the opinion expressed by the U.S. Supreme Court recent decisions.

Moreover, when the Federal Assault Weapons Ban became law in 1994, manufacturers began retooling to produce firearms and magazines that were compliant. One of those ban-compliant firearms was the Hi-Point 995, which was sold with ten-round magazines. In 1999, five years into the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, the Columbine High School massacre occurred. One of the perpetrators, Eric Harris, was

armed with a Hi-Point 995. Undeterred by the ten-round capacity of his magazines, Harris simply brought more of them: thirteen magazines would be found in the massacre's aftermath. Harris fired 96 rounds before killing himself.

Now that we have those facts straight, in our opinion, it is too easy to conclude that the problem is guns and that the solution to the problem is more and stricter gun control laws. For politicians, it is politically expedient to take that position and pass more gun control laws and then claim to constituents that they have done the right thing in the interest of protecting our children. Who can argue with that? Of course we all want to find a solution. But, is the problem really guns? Would increasing gun regulation solve the problem? Did we outlaw cars to combat drunk driving?

What can we learn from experiences with this issue elsewhere? We cite the experience in Great Britain. Despite the absence of a "gun culture," Great Britain, with one-fifth the population of the U.S., has experienced mass shootings that are eerily similar to those we have experienced in recent years. In 1987 a lone gunman killed 18 people in Hungerford. What followed was the Firearms Act of 1988 making registration mandatory and banning semi-automatic guns and pump-action shotguns. Despite this ban, on March 13, 1996 a disturbed

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Protecting The Second Amendment

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43-year old former scout leader, Thomas Hamilton, murdered 16 school children aged five and six and a teacher at a primary school in Dunblane, Scotland. Within a year and a half the Firearms Act was amended to ban all private ownership of handguns. After both shootings there were amnesty periods resulting in the surrender of thousands of firearms and ammunition. Despite having the toughest gun control laws in the world, gun related crimes increased in 2003 by 35% over the previous year with firearms used in 9,974 recorded crimes in the preceding 12 months. Gun related homicides were up 32% over the same period. Overall, gun related crime had increased 65% since the Dunblane massacre and implementation of the toughest gun control laws in the developed world. In contrast, in 2009 (5 years after the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired) total firearm related homicides in the U.S. declined by 9% from the 2005 high (Source: "FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Master File, Table 310, Murder Victims – Circumstances and Weapons Used or Cause of Death: 2000 – 2009").

Are there unintended consequences to stricter gun control laws and the politically expedient path that we have started down?

In a recent op-ed piece in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Brett Joshpe stated, "Gun advocates will be hard-pressed to explain why the average American citizen needs an assault weapon with a high-capacity magazine other than for recreational purposes." We agree with Kevin D. Williamson (National Review Online, December 28, 2012): "The problem with this argument is there is no legitimate exception to the Second Amendment right that excludes military-style weapons, because military-style weapons are precisely what the Second Amendment guarantees our right to keep and bear."

The purpose of the Second Amendment is to secure our ability to oppose enemies foreign and domestic, a guarantee against disorder and tyranny. Consider the words of Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story: "The importance of this article will scarcely be doubted by any persons who have duly reflected upon the subject. The militia is the natural defense of a free country against sudden foreign in-

vasions, domestic insurrections, and domestic usurpations of power by rulers. It is against sound policy for a free people to keep up large military establishments and standing armies in time of peace, both from the enormous expenses, with which they are attended, and the facile means, which they afford to ambitious and unprincipled rulers, to subvert the government, or trample upon the rights of the people. The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them."

The Second Amendment has been ruled to specifically extend to firearms "in common use" by the military by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *U.S. v Miller* (1939). In *Printz v U.S.* (1997) Justice Thomas wrote: "In *Miller* we determined the Second Amendment did not guarantee a citizen's right to possess a sawed-off shotgun because that weapon had not been shown to be "ordinary military equipment" that could "contribute to the common defense."

A citizen's right to keep and bear arms for personal defense unconnected with service in a militia has been reaffirmed in the U.S. Supreme Court decision (*District of Columbia, et al. v Heller*, 2008). The Court Justice Scalia wrote in the majority opinion: "The Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home ..." Justice Scalia went on to define a militia as "... comprised all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense ..."

"The Anti-Federalists feared the Federal Government would disarm the people in order to disable this citizens' militia, enabling a politicized standing army or a select militia to rule. The response was to deny Congress power to abridge the ancient right of individuals to keep and bear arms, so the ideal of a citizens' militia would be preserved." he explained.

On September 13, 1994, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban went

into effect. A Washington Post editorial published two days later was candid about the ban's real purpose: "[N]o one should have any illusions about what was accomplished [by the ban]. Assault weapons play a part in only a small percentage of crime. The provision is mainly symbolic; its virtue will be if it turns out to be, as hoped, a stepping stone to broader gun control."

In a challenge to the authority of the Federal government to require State and Local Law Enforcement to enforce Federal Law (*Printz v United States*) the U.S. Supreme Court rendered a decision in 1997. For the majority opinion Justice Scalia wrote: "... this Court never has sanctioned explicitly a federal command to the States to promulgate and enforce laws and regulations. When we were at last confronted squarely with a federal statute that unambiguously required the States to enact or administer a federal regulatory program, our decision should have come as no surprise ... It is an essential attribute of the States' retained sovereignty that they remain independent and autonomous within their proper sphere of authority."

So why should non-gun owners, a majority of Americans, care about maintaining the 2nd Amendment right for citizens to bear arms of any kind?

The answer is "The Battle of Athens, TN." The Cantrell family had controlled the economy and politics of McMinn County, Tennessee since the 1930s. Paul Cantrell had been Sheriff from 1936-1940 and in 1942 was elected to the State Senate. His chief deputy, Paul Mansfield, was subsequently elected to two terms as Sheriff. In 1946 re-

turning WWII veterans put up a popular candidate for Sheriff. On August 1 Sheriff Mansfield and 200 "deputies" stormed the post office polling place to take control of the ballot boxes wounding an objecting observer in the process. The veterans bearing military style weapons, laid siege to the Sheriff's office demanding return of the ballot boxes for public counting of the votes as prescribed in Tennessee law. After exchange of gunfire and blowing open the locked doors, the veterans secured the ballot boxes thereby protecting the integrity of the election. And this is precisely why all Americans should be concerned about protecting all of our right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment!

Throughout history, disarming the populace has always preceded tyrants' accession of power. Hitler, Stalin, and Mao all disarmed their citizens prior to installing their murderous regimes. At the beginning of our own nation's revolution, one of the first moves made by the British government was an attempt to disarm our citizens. When our Founding Fathers ensured the 2nd Amendment was made a part of our Constitution, they were not just wasting ink. They were acting to ensure our present security was never forcibly endangered by tyrants, foreign or domestic.

If there is a staggering legal precedent to protect our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and if stricter gun control laws are not likely to reduce gun related crime, why are we having this debate? Other than making us and our elected representatives feel better because we think we are doing something to protect our children,

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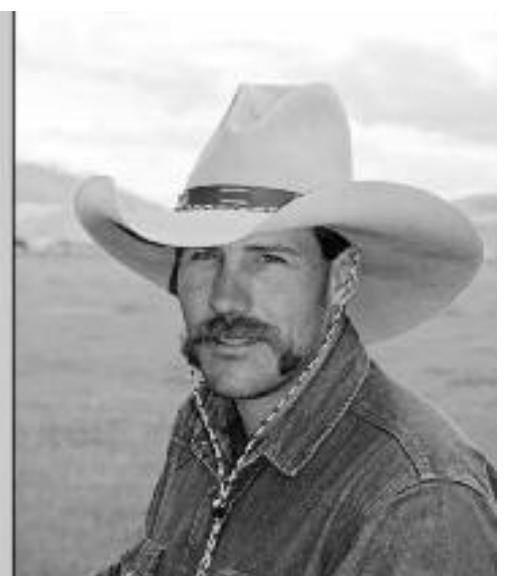
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Becoming **IKE McLAURY**

By Ike McLaury, SASS #41845

My entry into the world of SASS was a long time ago, and I still remember that day. A friend of mine called me up and asked if I wanted to go shooting with him, and of course, I said, "heck yah." The next day bright and early he was at my front door dressed up like some cowboy out west, and I looked at him kind of funny, so he began to explain as we drove to this shooting range. As we arrived, I was curious to why he was dressed up "cowboy looking," to shoot at this regular looking firing range, but we drove down this dirt road some distance past the range in the back, and pulled onto the grass to park.

As I got out the truck, I saw other men and women dressed like western cowboys and cowgirls, carrying shotguns, rifles, and wearing these holsters with six-guns, pulling these strange looking carts around and all heading to a covered

pavilion. As I followed my friend, everyone said hello to me and asked me if I was a new member or could they show me some of their guns, and I was amazed at how friendly and courteous they were.

Before we got inside the pavilion, everyone stopped before the flagpole, and a cowboy led the uncovered assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, and an American Flag was raised. That impressed me a lot as I am a Vietnam Veteran (1969-1975). Next everyone went inside and a cowboy started talking about SASS and changes being implemented and shooting rules, which were to be followed. Then he started describing "stages", which I didn't quite understand yet, but got the gist of it. After the address, he yelled out, "lets go do some shooting and have some fun," at which time everyone left and walked over to where some frontier looking facades were erected.

When I looked through some of the partial buildings, I could see some metal targets downrange from them and really not far in distance. One of the cowboys started to explain the process of shooting, rules of safety, and why the targets were actually close.

Being a Master NRA Class shooter, a certified NRA Firearms Instructor, and a full time Police Officer and Instructor, I was familiar with firearms, but the single action revolvers, the "dog-eared" shotgun, and the lever action rifles were strange to me.

After the stage was completed by some really fast shooting cowboys and cowgirls, one of the cowboys offered to lend me his single action Colts to shoot at some of the targets to "sorta get the feel of er" as I was told. Let me tell you now, after firing my first round and hitting the target should you ask, I was hooked like a fish on a line; oh man, help me 'cuz I so want to be in this. This is FUN. My buddy came up and gave me his rifle to shoot, and I hit the targets one by one slowly getting used to the lever action and amazed at how easy it was to shoot and hardly any kick. He told me they use special "cowboy ammo," which is a lighter load and only lead bullets. As an ammunition reloader, and a certified gunsmith, my mind was in high gear thinking of ways to make bullets, obtain lead, and get some GUNS.

When we got back to the truck to go home, I had a million questions for him and started asking them like a machine gun, and true to the nature of the new "cowboy way," he started answering them one by one. Upon arrival home, I found out his wife is also a SASS member and shoots, too. WOW, can this get any better?

Within a few days I had gone to the Salvation Army and got some pants, made my own shirt out of a cowboy-looking shirt, had boots already, and ordered a pair of six-shooters. My next time at the cowboy shoot with my friend and his wife was a little different as I now looked a little like a cowboy, was loaned some guns to shoot with, saw how it's not as easy as I thought to shoot all the stages "clean" and in good time. But I was so hooked I didn't really care about the time. As a Master Class Shooter in the NRA, I was more interested in shooting all my targets with clean hits and

worry about the time later. THIS IS SO MUCH FUN.

When my guns arrived, I was ready to go shooting that day, but had to wait, bummer! My alias was already made and given to SASS, after much time spent on the phone with the nice people there checking to see if my choice was taken or not. **IKE McLAURY** (a combination of two outlaws), SASS #41845, was born.

A year later I was a fully fledged member of the Louisiana "Bayou Bounty Hunters Posse" and later transferred to the "Deadwood Marshals," due to the growth of the chapter, which had expanded so fast it was hard to get some good shooting time since so many members were shooting.

Two years later I appeared dressed as Curly Bill Brocius, exactly down to the black handled crossed belt Colts and hat, sash, and all, carrying an 1866 Yellowboy rifle, a Henry rifle, a stagecoach shotgun, spurs, and walking and talking cowboy.

Unfortunately, as a certified firearms instructor, and a retired police officer with 30 years behind me, I took a job in the Philippines teaching weapons handling to future military and police college seniors. I say, unfortunately, as no guns are allowed to be owned by foreigners here, so I could not bring in my guns. I am so sad with not being able to play cowboy here. This is virgin territory for SASS, as no one knows what SASS is about. I have received some material from SASS to try and start a chapter here, but with no guns allowed by foreigners, it is really hard. They have lots of ranges here, and most Philippine citizens own guns, some dating back to WWII, or earlier. They also shoot ISPC here, and I have checked with some welders who already have plans in the works for some metal targets, SASS style.

What I really need is to play cowboy again. I had to leave my guns with a friend, and I miss the feel of the strap kicking into my palm, the smell of gunsmoke, the "ding" of the bullet hitting the target, and the joy of shooting my "irons" with some cowboys in the "cowboy way" ... please feel free to contact me as I live here now, at my email ... Would really like some help getting SASS to the Philippines as they have some good shooters here. 

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THE COWBOY WAY

By Stumpman, SASS #89993

When I consider the phrase, “The Cowboy Way,” it conjures up a thought process of the highest standards. It is a reflection of the folks that represent Cowboy Action Shooting™, honest and sincere folks eager to lend a helping hand and assist fellow shooters. Folks who volunteer their time to make shooting a success and shooters enjoying friendly competition with friends and family. The Cowboy Way describes good sportsmanship and defines “the Spirit of the Game.”

Let’s take a few moments to see exactly how our organization describes “the Spirit of the Game.” From the SASS Range Officers Basic Safety Course, **Good sportsmanship defines “the Spirit of the Game.”** When designing and running a match, every match Director and Range Officer must keep in mind the event is solely for the safe enjoyment of the shooters. Range Officers must be professional, polite, and friendly. The SASS Shooters Handbook is to be followed in designing a match, and SASS rules enforced equally and consistently. Skipping down the page of the SASS Range Operations Basic Safety Course, Spirit of the Game, “Because our goal is to provide a safe and fun shooting experience, any competitor or Range Officer who uses foul language or becomes belligerent or threatening in any manner will be disqualified from the event, and, at the Match Director’s discretion, may be required to leave the range.”

This sport requires a certain amount of financial investment for even the newest and basic of our shooters. By the time a shooter is committed to the sport, they can have thousands of dollars invested. Some travel great distances to participate. Others invest their time. Landowners invest in clubs and clubs invest in stages, targets, and everything else that goes into making our sport what it is today.

Competition can be made to be as serious or as fun as a shooter wants to make it. As shooters hone their skills, some become much more serious about shooting.

Some matches require a lot of effort and hard work and can be very trying to those who take on roles to support large or even small shoots. Emotions can run high. So often it is hard to make calls against a fellow shooter, like an accidental sweep at the unloading table, or a shot shell left in a shotgun not noticed at the firing line, or any other infraction. But the one thing we cannot afford to ignore is unsportsman like conduct.

It seems professional athletics has given way to arrogant, self centered, egotistical, over paid showoffs whose only goal is self serving. The example set by these so-called athletes is shameful and certainly not one we should accept or set for younger athletes. Sometimes the desire to win overcomes a lot of us. We lose sight of the fact that at the end of the day the Cadillac goes to Tiger Woods at the Masters Golf Tournament and not to the best Frontier Cartridge Duelist. We have allowed ourselves into thinking it’s my way or the highway. We may become arrogant in interpreting the rules, and we fail at “doing onto others as we would have them do onto us.” Sometimes we take things a little too far, and let our anger get the better of us.

When a person becomes angered to the point of being out of control, it’s time to step back, pull away, and collect oneself before openly expressing anger. There is no place whatsoever in any shooting sport where angry belligerent behavior should be considered tolerable or allowed to go on without that person being held accountable. Sometimes it may require asking the offender to leave, and if the behavior continues or is repeated at the next event, be disallowed from shooting. An outburst will effectively shut down a stage or shoot and adversely affects other shooters. This is un-fair to those who are simply there to enjoy themselves and the sport they love so much. It further sends a bad signal to those spectators who are there to cheer on their family member or favorite shooter and leaves a poor impression of our sport.

So remember, we are all ambassadors for our sport. With today’s focus on guns and gun owners, we cannot afford to have the wrong person see us acting in anything other than a professional, courteous, and safe manner. This sport is for enjoyment, not to receive expensive prizes. If you wake up on the wrong side of the bed, stay at home and come shoot next time. If you have received a bad call, let it go, you will get one in your favor later on that will bal-

ance things out. Don’t argue; simply state your point, and the issue will get worked out. Be kind to fellow shooters; compliment them on their costumes and shooting skills. Understand the RO is doing his best to help you shoot clean as they assist you through the shooting sequence, and that they will make mistakes; it’s human nature. Most of all have fun, laugh, and enjoy. Someday our future generations may only be able to read about us in the history books. 🤠

1798 Resolve Response

Colonel Dan, a very good article about “1798 Resolve Needed in 2013” (April ‘13). Thank you so much for writing what many people are thinking and saying, but for some reason, we are talking mostly among ourselves without really knowing what we should be doing. Keep up the good work.

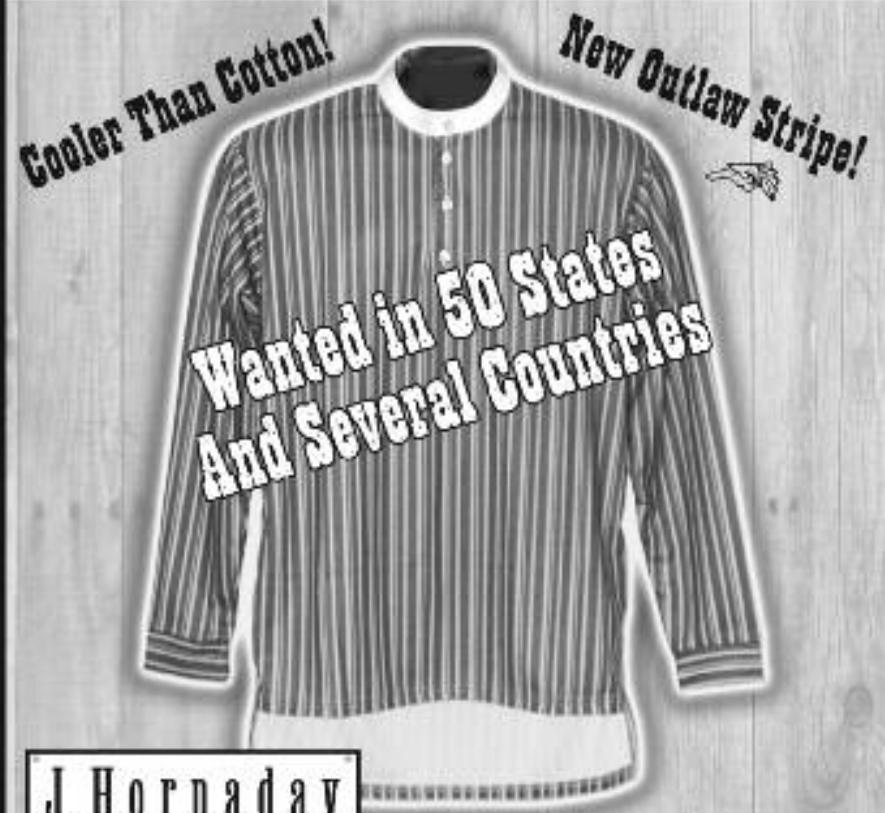
Renee Garsee,
Mansfield, LA

Ms. Garsee – Thank you for those kind words regarding my column. I very much appreciate your thoughts and support. I’ve always said my task is an easy one as I just write down what patriots like you are thinking. Steel your nerve, remain resolute and soldier on ...

Colonel Dan 🤠

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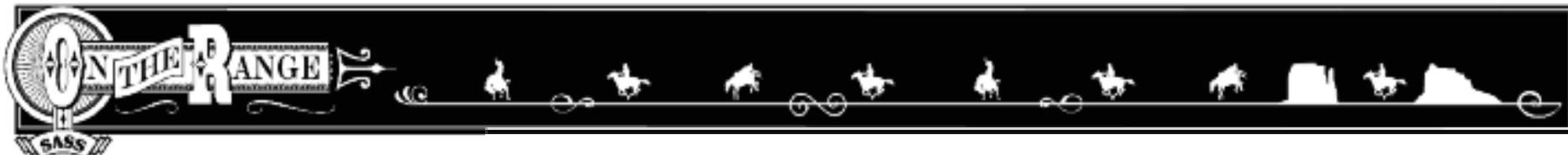
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Return to SILVERADO

By Bumblebee Rose, SASS Life #20189

February 16 – 17, 2013



Posse up and let's get to shooting!



The Gold Coast Gunfight Committee

Sunrise, FL – There are matches that come and go with great experiences by all. The Gold Coast Gunslingers in their town of Burritoville have just finished a two-day shoot that will not only be memorable for the shooting, but the really different weather that came along with this event. On Friday night the tradition is to set-up for the match on the Broward County Sheriff's range with all the facades, targets, and vendors in place for the early arrival of club members, volunteers, and shooters.



Shoot'em up



Cheyenne Culpepper camped at the range and volunteered to help set up in the rainy weather. That's the cowboy way!

four costumed student volunteers from Nova Southeast High School who helped all the committee members by performing Waddie duties. G. W. then introduced Match Director, Sterling Gentry, SASS #46289, who conducted the safety meeting, explained the range rules, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and ended with a resounding "Yee-Haw" exclaimed by all.

As always this time of year our beautiful sunny weather was less than bright. We had the liquid variety of sunshine, and we all enjoyed the nice "refreshing" challenge. With the help of some great club members and great "out-of-towners," Shenandoah Bandit, SASS #84891, and Cheyenne Culpepper, SASS Life #32827, five

stages were set for the Saturday morning start. Our brave vendors arrived and began setting up their baubles and wares in assigned areas valiantly keeping their merchandise dry. With everything as ready as possible and fingers crossed, many of the club members at the set-up journeyed damp, but in good spirits, to our favorite chuck wagon for a well deserved meal.

Saturday dawned a little gray and overcast, but within no time the glorious Florida sunshine broke through and there was a beautiful day to begin the opening ceremonies, welcoming all present to The Return to "Silverado" by club President George W. McLintock, SASS #79645, and introducing the

The shooters in their assigned posses made their way to the corresponding five of ten stages and began re-enacting classic scenes from the memorable western film,



Early morning before the shooting starts, the rain has gone.

WINNERS		Categories	
Overall Winners		<i>Frontiersman</i>	Hoosegow Hank, SASS #21444
<i>Lady</i>	Arkansas Kitten, SASS #144	<i>C Cowboy</i>	Silver Buck Chuck, SASS #85397
<i>Man</i>	Cheyenne Culpepper, SASS #32827	<i>L Gunfighter</i>	Bonfire, SASS #69461
Categories		<i>Gunfighter</i>	Sterling Gentry, SASS #46289
<i>Grande Dame</i>	Baby Ruth, SASS #93367	<i>Duelist</i>	Amadeulist, SASS #28092
<i>E Statesman</i>	Darby, SASS #41290	<i>L 49'er</i>	Cat McLeod, SASS #96242
<i>L Senior</i>	Arkansas Kitten	<i>49'er</i>	Angus McNasty, SASS #17362
<i>Senior</i>	Tornado Tony, SASS #71188	<i>Wrangler</i>	Tony Montana, SASS #76669
<i>S Senior</i>	Jeremiah Long Knife, SASS #21326	<i>Cowgirl</i>	Miss Conduct, SASS #26253
<i>B-Western</i>	Cheyenne Culpepper	<i>L Wrangler</i>	Velvet Sheath, SASS #21327
<i>S Duelist</i>	Coffin Sam, SASS #46904		
<i>F Cartridge</i>	Big Bore John, SASS #55772		



Capt. D is usually over the top with his costume renditions. He never fails to amaze us, and we always look forward to his creative costumes.

“Silverado.” The scenes captured in the scenarios for the movie, wind their way through the “Silverado” story by highlighting Emmett’s release from prison, an immediate attempt on his life, ensuing shoot out with his narrow escape, discovering a half dead man, shoot outs, finding his brother in jail, making a daring escape, and meeting a man with a Henry rifle who is on his way to Silverado. The trio meets a wagon train that has been robbed, and the three set out to get bad guys “holed-



Friends of NRA representative and club member Irishman and Sweet Magnolia Mary testing her luck at the Taurus gun raffle.



up” in a canyon where they ride in and recover the loot from the robbery. This completed the fun-filled and procedurally challenging first day of shooting.

After all the posses had completed all the stages, the side match carried on with the story of “Silverado,” consisting of a two-stage Wild Bunch™ shoot. The target configuration, sequence of fire, and movement proved both to be challenging and fun with Miss Conduct, SASS #26253, placing first in Lady Traditional, Medicine Bow, SASS #3140, first in Traditional, and Texas Jack McCoy, SASS #23899, first in Modern.

After the completion of the Wild Bunch™ match, the cowboys, cowgirls, and guests made their way down to the “meetin’ hall” for a substantial meal of chicken, ribs, baked beans, various salads, and dessert catered for the third year by D-D Catering. The excellent, “messy” bar-b-cue was enjoyed by all. At the closing of the meal, “red-necked” wine glasses made by Sidekick Chick, SASS #73141, were given as



These adorable Saloon Girls were student honors volunteers from Sidekick Chick’s classroom. They all vie for a position on the list to be able to be on the waddie staff. They all have fun and win bragging rights at school for the year, making their fellow classmates green with envy.



Just like in Silverado, Paden needs some clothes – so does our very own Sterling Gentry.

door prizes in a random drawing. At the dinner the contestants for the costume contest were introduced and each contestant explained their costume and each character’s significance. The dinner participants were given ballots to vote on the most popular costume to be announced during the awards presentation. As well as most popular, there was judging for the Best Shooting Costumes during this first day’s shooting with the winner being announced at the awards presentation. At the close of the dinner the satisfied and exhausted cowgirls and cowboys made their way home to recuperate for the second day of the match.

The second day of the shoot arrived to “sunny and hot,” South Florida with the temperatures in the high 40s with a really “nice” and cold strong breeze blowing through the range. The brave shooters, “Cowboyed-up,” and fortified with warm dusters and coats, along with the help of Cappy’s Foods that provided a great breakfast selection, lots of hot coffee, and varied selection of lunches so no one was left

hungry, began the shooting.

The stages 6-10 continued the story of “Silverado” with Jake and Emmett making it to Silverado. After meeting their sister, Paden takes a job at the Midnight Star, meets Stella, and Cobb the owner, who is from his past. Mal finds his family home burned and leaves to find who did this. The son of the man Emmett killed is determined to kill the brothers for revenge and tells Cobb, “it’s time you earn your pay.” At this Cobb and his deputies set out to do their dirty work. Cobb burns down Jake’s sister’s home,

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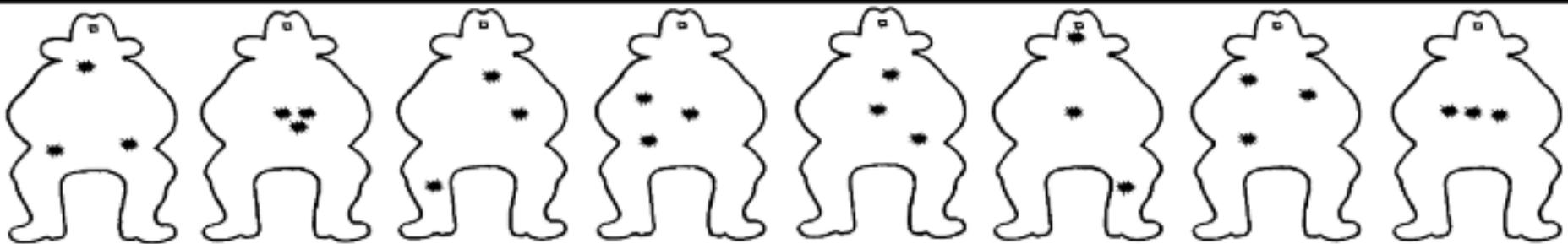
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shoots her husband, kidnaps her son, and Paden determines he can't stay out of it any longer. The brothers, Mal and Paden decided to end it.

With the final posse completing the final stage, the interested shooters signed up for the Shootist Challenge. There were two categories—Cowboy and Cowgirls. Since Arkansas Kitten was the only



Tennessee Flash engages the stage.



Lady Lilly O'Valley, SASS #79646, was the high bidder for the Taurus "Ranch Hand" rifle. Proceeds went to the SASS Scholarship Fund.

Cowgirl signed up, she chose to complete with "the boys." In a rapid fire, expert display of shooting, Cheyenne Culpepper took the title and the trophy.

While shooter stage results were being entered into the SASS scoring program by Sidekick Chick, SASS #73141, the winning raffle ticket for the holster "rig" donated by Black Hills Leather was drawn,



Top Shooters - (bottom row, l-r) Duelin Justice, Cheyenne Culpepper, Arkansas Kitten, Amaduelist. (top row, l-r) Thunderbolt Hayes, Angus McNasty, Jeremiah Longknife, Tornado Tony, Tony Montana, Texas Jack McCoy.

and Wapello Bob, SASS #90875, was the lucky cowboy. Club member Irishman, SASS #83206, negotiated the donation of a Taurus Mfg. Ranch Hand, which was auctioned to the highest bidder, Lady Lilly O'Valley, SASS #79646, with the proceeds donated to the SASS Scholarship Fund.

The awards presentation began with G. W. McLintock, and Miss Conduct, SASS #26253, club Vice-President and awards designer, handing out the unique category awards. Doc Headcase, SASS #83710, was presented with the "Middle of the Road" trophy for shooting "smack dab" in the middle of all the shooters. There were five clean shooters: Amadeulist, SASS #28092, Arkansas Kitten, SASS #144; L. Topay, SASS #29327, Marshal Grizzly, SASS #23468, and Velvet Sheath, SASS #21327. Each received a "Clean Shoot" token and the all important bragging rights for a job well done.

Sidekick Chick, SASS #73141, announced a tie for Costume Contest winners, with Bobby Concho, SASS #48742, and Sterling Gentry, SASS #46289, each receiving a trophy and Capt D, SASS #21385, was



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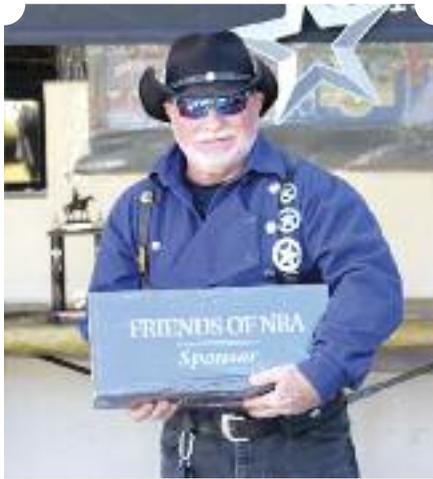
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Clean Shooters (l-r) Velvet Sheath, Amaduelist, Arkansas Kitten, L Topay, and Marshal Grizzly.



Some shady looking characters— Jeremiah Longknife, Darby, and Thunderbolt Hayes.



Our middle of the road winner Doc Headcase



- Top Guns - Arkansas Kitten and Cheyenne Culpepper. Congratulations!



President and Committee Chairman, G. W. McLintock, with one of the vendors from Banks Safe and Lock. Butter'n up to the Safe Representative never hurts.

named as the winner of the Most Popular award. Finally, G. W. McLintock presented the Overall shooters awards to Cheyenne Culpepper and Arkansas Kitten.

G. W. thanked our fifteen sponsors for their support as well as shooters, waddies, club members, and volunteers for all their help.

With the help of some great club members and great "out-of-towners," Shenandoah Bandit and Cheyenne Culpepper, the props, facades and targets were dismantled and stored and the gates were locked to conclude another great shoot and year for the club. The tired and beleaguered shooters made their way to a local watering hole to get a much-needed meal and to prepare their return to modern day life. Come join the Gold Coast Gunslingers in 2014 for another exciting match. 🤠

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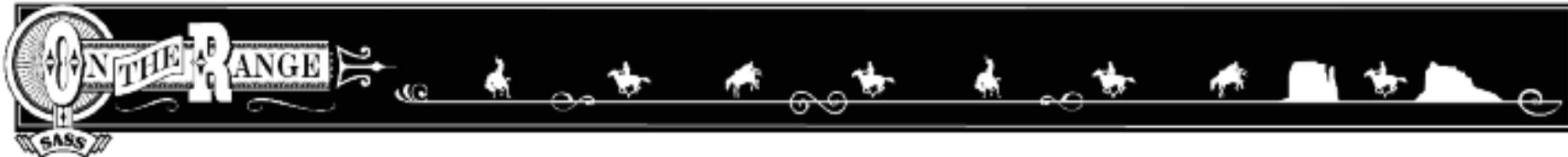
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MANSE'S REVENGE

Greenville, SC - When Confederate cavalry scout and South Carolina native, Manse Jolly, learned that five of six brothers had been killed in the war, he swore revenge. He vowed to kill five Yankees for each brother who died. In 1865 and 1866, Manse and his cohorts killed at least 50 and maybe as many as 100 Union troops, mostly from the 1st Maine, 33rd Regiment who were garrisoned in Anderson County, South Carolina.

The 6' 4" red head's final ride could have been right out of Josey Wales. In late 1866 or early 1867,

By Slippery Stew, SASS Life #82437



—Young Guns State Champion—
Rocky Walls

Manse rode his horse, Dixie, down Anderson's Fant Street through the Yankee camp. He yelled and screamed at the top of his lungs, firing pistols in each hand. So startled by the rebel yell, the Union troops thought they were under attack. Jolly escaped from his Union pursuers and left Anderson County for good. He made his way to Texas, where he established a new life.

In March 2013, about 30 miles from Manse Jolly's home, the Greenville Gunfighters of the Greenville Gun Club hosted their



Pistols Petite won Best Saloon Girl in the Costume Contest

gional at Givhans Ferry, Wolff's Custom Guns, Midway, Tego Tactical, Bullet Splat Jewelry, and others all supported our match.

On Thursday, March 21, Manse's Revenge kicked off. Cowboy music filled the air, the vendors were up and running, and



Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter
Catfish Tom McTeef

second South Carolina state championship, Manse's Revenge. With more than 160 shooters competing and weather threatening, Cowboy Junky, Carolina Girl, Hondo Jackson, Pork Chop, and the whole Greenville Gunfighters crew did a great job pulling off a successful match!

Of course, we could not have pulled it off without the help of our sponsors and vendors. Dewey's Pawn Shop and Jackson's Western Wear were the key main match sponsors again this year, but a long list of sponsors and vendors supported individual stages and events. Clark's Bullets, Classic Impression photography, Dillon, the Hurricane Riders, Jonesy's Concessions, Page Custom Knives, the Palmetto Posse, the Saddle-Up Posse, the Savannah River Rangers, the SE Re-



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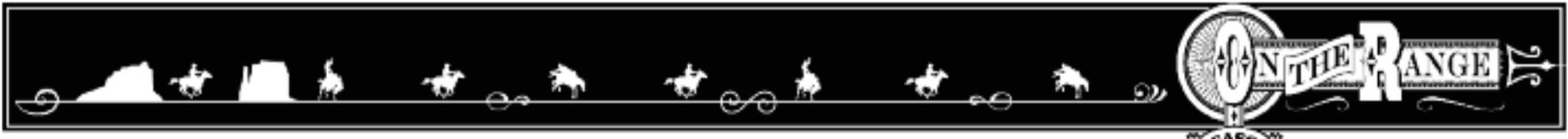
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On Friday afternoon, once the main match had completed the first five stages, a couple's competition was held. Men and ladies teamed up for a head to head match that added some excitement to the afternoon. Knot Hardly Dunn and Shamrock Sadie took the prize!

The weather forecast looked really threatening for Saturday and Sunday, but we made it through Saturday before the rain arrived. Shot all five



*Kid Ray pumping the '97
during the Wild Bunch match*

stages and then quickly made some adjustments to the schedule. Typically we have a top shooters shoot off on Sunday morning after the awards, but with the rain forecast we changed our plans. Instead of a top shooters shoot off, we let anyone who wanted to shoot enter the shoot off. Of course the top shooters entered anyway, but a few others gave it a shot and had fun doing it. Roughneck Rod and Miss Jewel took the honors.

Because we cancelled the Sunday activities due to weather, we
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*Pork Chop not only competed,
he worked hard to setting up
targets and building props.*

Dun Gamblin finished first in Traditional, and Sue Render finished first in Ladies Modern.

The main match started on Friday morning with posses paired so that at each shooting bay there were two Posse Marshalls and two groups. One posse shot while the other worked, and then they switched roles. This works well and frees shooters to concentrate on shooting when their posse is competing.

Posses shot ten stages with a variety of scenarios. There were some gunfighter friendly stages, some split pistol stages, some stand and deliver stages, and a few with real movement.

Everyone found something to like. Props included store fronts and wagons, and even a stage that required a ninety degree turn to the right! Targets ranged from small knock-down circles to huge pigs and buffaloes - which can be missed, I promise.

A special team stage gave our posse members a chance to compete as a group. Each posse had a vertical two x four board assigned to them near stage ten. At the beep, everyone opened up with their rifles and split the board as fast as possible! If you've never tried it, it's loads of fun. The winning team split it in



*- Overall Winners -
Roughneck Rodd and
Sixgun Sallie*

the chuck wagon was on its way.

Thursday side matches included a four stage Black Powder match, a four stage Wild Bunch match, pocket pistols, derringers, and the usual speed rifle, pistol, and shotgun. Early participants were also given a chance to shoot warm-up stages to get their equipment and minds ready for the main match.

In the Black Powder match, Fast Eddie finished first overall and first in Frontier Cartridge. Doc Duncan finished first in Frontiersman. For Wild Bunch, Hondo Jackson finished first in Modern,

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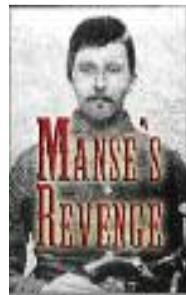
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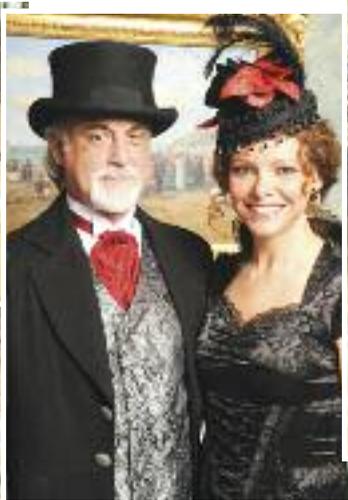
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held the awards on Saturday night at the banquet. A costume contest and cocktail hour were followed by dinner and photos. After dinner, we opened the banquet to everyone, even those who had not planned on attending, so that everyone could be present for the awards. Dozens of prizes were given away in raffles, including a Dillon press, a Page Custom Knife, and a Harland Wolff custom rifle action job!

Manse's Revenge was a total time match with competitors from all over, not just South Carolina. Roughneck Rod and Sixgun Sallie took the top shooter awards with Cowboy Junky and Sue Render taking the overall State Championships!

We have really enjoyed hosting the Championships the last two years, though it has been a lot of work! We hope everyone has enjoyed coming out to shoot with us... and of course, if you find yourself in the up-state of South Carolina, look us up at www.greenvillegunfighters.com.

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South Carolina State Championships (Manse's Revenge) . . .

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Wild Bunch Modern winner Hondo Jackson

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State Champions				
<i>Man</i>	Cowboy Junky, SASS #30851	SC	<i>G Dame</i>	Green Eyed Indian, SASS #51116 NC
<i>Lady</i>	Sue Render, SASS #87925	SC	<i>Gunfighter</i>	California Lady, SASS #91457 SC
Categories				
<i>49'r</i>	Cowboy Junky	SC		Hikes Point Hank, SASS #93071 GA
<i>Buckaroo</i>	Iron Cowboy, SASS #96965	GA		Slippery Stew, SASS #82437 SC
<i>Buckarett</i>	Jessie Mae Mucho, SASS #96394	SC	<i>L 49'r</i>	Sixgun Sallie, SASS #38989 NC
<i>B-Western</i>	Knot Hardly Dunn, SASS #43113	SC		Surly's Delight, SASS #93695 SC
<i>Cattle Baron</i>	Detective Dick, SASS #81352	SC	<i>L B-Western</i>	Scarlett Darlin', SASS #96680 SC
<i>C Cowboy</i>	Gunrunner Joe, SASS #17093	NC	<i>L Duelist</i>	Mt. Zion Gypsie, SASS #44075 SC
	Mt. Zion Yellowboy, SASS #44074	SC	<i>L Senior</i>	Sassy Teton Lady, SASS #47525 FL
<i>Cowboy</i>	Two Gun Tuco, SASS #78297	MD		Redeye Rosie, SASS #83443 SC
	Pants A'Fire Meyer, SASS #87348	SC	<i>L S Senior</i>	Ms. Jewel, SASS #62556 NC
<i>Cowgirl</i>	Carolina Girl, SASS #79564	SC	<i>L Wrangler Senior</i>	Sue Render SC
<i>Duelist</i>	Risin' Outlaw, SASS #64767	SC		Fast Eddie, SASS #76308 GA
<i>E Statesman</i>	Trail Bandit, SASS #52426	SC	<i>S Duelist</i>	Hondo Jackson, SASS #83365 SC
<i>Frontiersman</i>	Doc Duncan, SASS #39037	GA	<i>S Gunfighter</i>	Denny Boy, SASS #85520 SC
	Surly Dave, SASS #14630	SC		Cassalong Hopidy, SASS #39703 FL
<i>F Cartridge</i>	Tuco Forsyth, SASS #72674	GA		Buckshot Dutch, SASS #62835 SC
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<i>F C Duelist</i>	Ktown, SASS #88476	NC		Kid Boston, SASS #85414 SC
	Gilbob Kid, SASS #49699	SC	<i>Wrangler</i>	Roughneck Rod, SASS #81741 FL
<i>F C Gunfighter</i>	Catfish Tom McTeef, SASS #75700	SC	<i>Young Guns</i>	Bulls Head Bill, SASS #33692 SC
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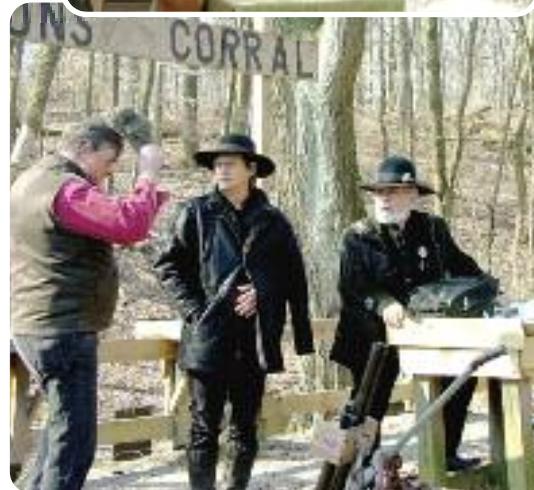


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SMOKE IN THE WOODS

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Black Powder Championship



By Col. (Ret) Fletch O'Dubois III, SASS #14224

Middletown, OH – Smoke in The Woods 2013 was a great match! The inaugural Smoke in the Woods Indiana-Ohio State Championship grew into an annual Territorial shoot several years ago, and this year's "smoke up" continued a long succession of top-notch SASS events. Many shooters from around the country gathered at the Middletown Sportsman's Club in Middletown, OH. There were many experienced blackpowder shooters who have been shooting "The Dark Side" for a quite a while and some novice shooters giving it a try for the first time.

The weather broke cool on day one with temps in the 50s and a slight breeze, perfect for blackpowder shooters. And, it remained beautiful throughout the entire weekend. Cowboys and cowgirls assembled on the hill near stage eight for the traditional opening ceremonies. Deadwood Stan, President of The Big Irons, welcomed all the shooters. Lassiter gave the safety briefing and range instructions, and they were off. A special note of ap-

preciation must be given to 7 Mile Tom for his outstanding work in developing the shooters' handbook.

The twelve stages were well written with enough movement for everyone, and some required a bit of thought about the best plan of action. Seven stages were shot on Saturday and the rest on Sunday. Each stage was designed for maximum fun. At stage eight, the Big Irons Corral, there were four tables, two outside the entry way to the corral and two inside the entry way. The shotgun was staged on either center table and the shooter stood behind either end table with revolvers holstered and rifle in hand with muzzle touching the tabletop. When the shooter was ready, the call to action was, "Who's that man in black?" At the beep, the shooter engaged each of the five targets twice. Then the shooter moved swiftly to the outside table, and with the first five revolver rounds swept the targets from either end. Then, they had to move to the other end position and sweep the targets from either end, and finally get the shotgun and engage two shotgun

targets from at least two positions. It was quick, fun, and gave the shooters some options as to how they preferred to complete the stage. The Indy Kid, shooting Senior, managed to shoot this one in 24.97 seconds! Speaking of the Indy Kid, he was the fastest shooter on four of the 12 stages.

The fastest stage was stage two. Stage two had a box in the middle with a horse mock up several feet away on either side of it. There were three rifle targets, three revolver targets, and four shotgun targets. The shooter staged the shotgun on either one of the horses with the rifle on the opposite horse. Standing behind the box with revolvers holstered and hands touching the box, the shooter exclaimed, "He has a black heart!" At the beep, the shooter engaged the rifle first in a 1-3-1 pattern, then got the shotgun and engaged the four shotgun targets in any order, and finally with the revolver, engaged the first five targets in a 1-3-1 pattern to be followed with the same pattern with the second revolver. Zip=Zap=Zowey, this was quick! Two Bit Drifter got this one under his belt in 18.08 seconds! The fastest lady was Clementine Valentine shooting Lady Gunfighter at 27.34! Spotters had to be on their toes or they could have missed the whole shebang!

Hospitality abounded during the entire match. Lassiter had questioned folks in the morning about what pizza toppings they liked. No one knew what he had in mind at the time. When folks arrived at the Middletown Sportsman's Club clubhouse after the shoot, they were handed a whole large pizza. He had coordinated the Saturday evening dinner and pizzas to be delivered for all. He and Miss Bonnie also provided ice cream for dessert.

Sunday continued the previous day's pattern with warmer temper-

atures and a light breeze—no rain in the forecast. Miss Bonnie had the previous day's scores posted at the entrance to the stages for everyone to peruse. This year continued the tradition of shooting a full seven stages on the first day. This afforded competitors and their families the opportunity to be finished shooting early in the day. The remaining five stages were held on day two so it was easier to attend the awards ceremony and still have time to get home at a relatively decent hour.

On Sunday the competition was over by noon, the scores were tallied, and the awards were presented. The low score of 271.95 was posted by the Indy Kid shooting Senior, and hot on his heels was Two Bit Drifter shooting 49'er with a score of 288.26. Top Lady was Clementine Valentine shooting Lady Gunfighter at 465.04, and our Young Gun Boy, Possum Slayer in 737.86. Seven shooters, Buffalo Dick, Deadwood Stan, Loco Lead-slinger, Longshot Ace (second year in a row), Moonwaltz, Ole Rattlesnake, and Wilbur Green Rexroat were actually able to shoot the match clean!

It was great to have Young Gun Possum Slayer join in the fun this year. I was fortunate to shoot on a posse with him at the Guns of August a while back, and can this young guy shoot! His time of 39.71 on stage nine put a lot of "Old Timers" to shame. It was great to see our younger shooter, having so much fun.

What a shoot! To a person, all



Smoke in the Woods ...

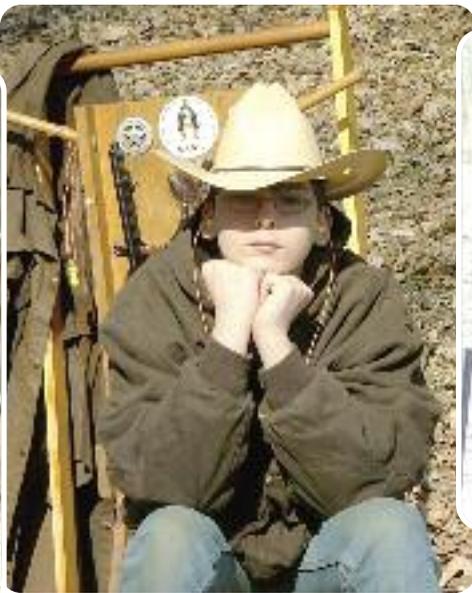


agreed it was again the hospitality of the Middletown Sportsman's Club and Big Irons staff and the Smoke in the Woods stage designs that made this a very memorable event. They plan to spread the word about shooting with the "dark-siders" to have even more of their friends and neighbors come next year. Nestled in the rolling foothills between Dayton and Cincinnati, the Middletown Sportsman's Club is the ideal shooting venue for Cowboy Action Shooting™, particularly for those who love to shoot blackpowder. And, the Middletown staff had everything under control. The campground was ready for those setting up their motor homes, trailers, and campers. They were housed close to the clubhouse with full bathrooms and showers.

The complete match results are posted at the Big Irons (www.BigIron.com), as well as the SASS website. Start planning to join in

Winners

49'er	Two Bit Drifter, SASS #32899
C Cowboy	Loco Leadslinger, SASS #66868
E Statesman	Darby, SASS #41290
Frontiersman	Ohio Cheatin Charlie, SASS #83621
F C Duelist	Longshot Ace, SASS #75961
F Cartridge	Mean Gun Mark, SASS #78668
Gunfighter	Boaz Longhorn, SASS #88829
L 49'er	Fancy Free Spirit, SASS #73738
L Gunfighter	Clementine Valentine, SASS #66179
Pale Rider	Stone Creek Drifter, SASS #58853
P R Gunfighter	Moonwaltz
Senior	Indy Kid, SASS #4638
S Duelist	7 Mile Tom, SASS #10442
S Gunfighter	Cripple Creek Kid, SASS #10614
Young Gun	Possum Slayer, SASS #70839



all the fun next year and be sure to circle this event on your calendars.

Another event you need to be aware of is The Guns of August, conducted annually the second week of August on the grounds of the Middletown Sportsman's Club, 6943 Michael Rd, Middletown OH 45402 (5113-422-5112 or fax 513-422-6113). This year will be the sixteenth anniversary of this event,



and it promises to be bigger and better than any before. The Middletown Sportsman's Club is so easy to get to from anywhere in the country, and now hosts two major SASS events at their wonderful shooting complex. There are two major airports in the vicinity. It is also a great area for a vacation with numerous places to go and things to see within an hour's drive.

Guns of August continues to be a premier event because of its rep-



utation for fun, friendliness, beautiful setting, and central location. The Guns of August 2013 competition will be twelve stages shot over two days, and Cowboy Mounted Shooting will be on the venue as well. Please check out all the details in the Guns of August announcement.

For further information on Smoke in the Woods 2014, The Guns of August 2013, or the host sponsors, The Big Irons, contact Deadwood Stan at 513-422-5112 or Lassiter at 937-687-1039. Check out the Big Irons and SASS websites for up to the minute information. 🐾

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these actions will have no effect and will only provide us with a false sense of security.

So, what do we believe will be effective? First, it is important we recognize this is not a gun control problem; it is a complex sociological problem. No single course of action will solve the problem. Therefore, it is our recommendation a series of diverse steps be undertaken, the implementation of which will require patience and diligence to realize an effect. These are as follows:

1. First and foremost we support our Second Amendment right in that "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

2. We support State and Local School Boards in their efforts to establish security protocols in whatever manner and form they deem necessary and adequate. One of the great strengths of our Republic is State and Local governments can be creative in solving problems. Things that work can be shared. Our point is no one knows what will work, and there is no one single solution, so let's allow the State and Local governments with the input of the citizens to make the decisions. Most recently the Cleburne Independent School District will become the first district in North Texas to consider allowing some teachers to carry concealed guns. We do not opine as to the appropriateness of this decision, but we do support their right to make this decision for themselves.

3. We recommend Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) laws be passed in every State. AOT is formerly known

as Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (IOC) and allows the courts to order certain individuals with mental disorders to comply with treatment while living in the community. In each of the mass shooting incidents the perpetrator was mentally unstable. We also believe people who have been adjudicated as incompetent should be simultaneously examined to determine whether they should be allowed the right to retain/purchase firearms.

4. We support the return of firearm safety programs to schools along the lines of the successful "Eddie the Eagle" program, which can be taught in schools by Peace Officers or other trained professionals.

5. Recent social psychology research clearly indicates there is a direct relationship between gratuitously violent movies/video games and desensitization to real violence and increased aggressive behavior, particularly in children and young adults (See Nicholas L. Carnagey, et al. 2007. "The effect of video game violence on physiological desensitization to real-life violence" and the references therein. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 43:489-496). Therefore, we strongly recommend gratuitous violence in movies and video games be discouraged. War and war-like behavior should not be glorified. Hollywood and video game producers are exploiting something they know nothing about. General Sherman famously said, "War is Hell!" Leave war to the Professionals. War is not a game and should not be "sold" as entertainment to our children.

6. We support repeal of the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990. This may sound counter-intuitive, but it

obviously isn't working. It is our opinion "Gun-Free Zones" anywhere are too tempting an environment for the mentally disturbed individual to inflict their brand of horror with little fear of interference. While governmental and non-governmental organizations, businesses, and individuals should be free to implement a Gun-Free Zone if they so choose, they should also assume Tort liability for that decision.

7. We believe border states should take responsibility for implementation of border control laws to prevent illegal shipments of firearms and drugs. Drugs have been illegal in this country for a long, long time yet the Federal Government manages to seize only an estimated 10% of this contraband at our borders. Given this dismal performance record that is misguided and inept ("Fast and Furious"), we believe border States will be far more competent at this mission.

8. This is our country; these are our rights. We believe it is time we take personal responsibility for our choices and actions rather than abdicate that responsibility to someone else under the illusion we have done something that will make us all safer. We have a responsibility to stand by our principles and act in accordance with them. Our children are watching, and they will follow the example we set.

The undersigned Quiet Professionals hereby humbly stand ever present, ever ready, and ever vigilant.

1100 Green Berets Signed this Letter

We have a list of all their names, and, unlike any MSM outlets, we can confirm over 1100 Green Berets did sign. The list includes Special Forces Major Generals and Special Forces Command Sergeants Major down to the lowest ranking "Green Beret." The letter stands for itself. 🐾



RED MOUNTAIN RENEGADES

Monthly Match A Success Despite MOTHER NATURE'S WRATH!

By Capt. Ignit'us P. LeFue, SASS #94772

Photos by Kootenay Jack, SASS #79341, and Dallas Dancer, SASS #42365

Mission, British Columbia, Canada Our Cowboy Action Shooting™ club, "The Red Mountain Renegades" held their Monthly Fun Shoot Sunday, March 3, 2013. It was the first time hosting a fun shoot for Revolver Ocelot and Smokin' Sally and Mother Nature ensured it would be a "very interesting day," as the two hosts really "got their feet wet" discovering all the trials and tribulations that come with being hosts for a shoot. Following are three emails

of thanks and chronicles on the events of that day.

March shoot - Thanks to everyone who helped Smokin' Sally and I at the shoot. We had some "reengineering ideas" from other shooters that greatly helped redesign our day. As the Captain said you can only imagine the looks on our faces to see what Mother Nature had dealt us, and believe us, there were many choice words going through our heads! We greatly appreciate the help and encouragement we got from many other shooters, and with-

out them we could not have turned that sour lemonade so sweet. We are so glad this became such a memorable shoot, even if it was because of Mother Nature raging her vindictive fury. Again many thanks to everyone that came out, and thank you for all your support.

Revolver Ocelot and Smokin' Sally.

I would like to add my thanks to Revolver Ocelot and Smokin' Sally for making some great "lemonade" out of that very large "pool of lemons", also known as the "pineap-



ple express" that hit us hard heading into the weekend. Can you imagine, you spent weeks thinking about the shoot, devising and writing scenarios, conceptualizing target placement and staging, and then comes the day of the shoot, and wham Mother Nature says, "Surprise!" Can you visualize the look

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of horror on their faces when they showed up Sunday morning to set-up their carefully planned stages only to find all of Bay 1 and most of Bay 2 full of water! And we are not talking about a few large puddles here. Seriously, the entire area of Bay 1 was many inches deep in water, easily knee-deep in the target area; the pool covered the loading shed and entire observation area and walkways. In fact, the water level was about 5 to 6 inches above the boardwalk that usually serves as the firing line. And Bay 2 was only marginally better with about 80% of the target area covered in water that also looked to be knee-deep, and there was a smaller pond about 2 to 3 inches deep at the loading shed, such that two tables had to be set-up on the main walkway for loading and unloading.

Only Bay 3 was in good shape, so our intrepid organizers had to do some crisis editing to compress their vision down to 2 stages, to adjust the target selection and layout to ensure that the dry surface of Bay 3 was used to its full advantage. In Bay 2, they had to throw out the original plan, and just set up what they could around the pond. They

walked along the side berms to set up rifle targets on the far berm. They then waded a little ways into the pond to set up the pistol targets. The shotgun paddles were a problem because the pond started about 6 to 8 feet from the firing line; however, they figured out that if they placed the paddles at the pond's edge, and then shot at them in a diagonal manner from the end doorway, there would be enough distance to satisfy safety concerns. It was a big challenge, but they pulled it off.

It turned out to be a great day with no rain and mostly sunny skies as we shot three stages in each bay. I really enjoyed trying for "shotgun doubles" in Bay 2, as the four paddles were set up to allow the possibility of two doubles, or a "double-double, a Timmy, or a Tim Horton's", as I started to call them. One big advantage of shooting in Bay 2 was it was easy to see the pistol misses as the bullets hit the water with a "Zing" as they shot a jet of water into the air. And in dry Bay 3, what a hoot it was to play with the "Death Star" three times, and the "Red Solo Cup" shotgun popper was a real crowd pleaser.

Everyone worked together, mak-

ing adjustments and allowances for the novel shooting conditions. We all chipped in to provide guidance and assistance to the many new shooters, even those that just thought they would only be watching, but ended up having some guns slapped on them and joining the fracas. The day turned out to be a real showcase for the strong social aspect and generous helping spirit of our Cowboy Action Shooting group. You should all stand up and take a big bow.

Thanks again to Smokin' Sally and Revolver Ocelot for hosting a unique shoot that will never be forgotten.

Capt. Ignit'us P. LeFeu

Just wanted to express Georgia Bank's and my appreciation for Smokin Sally and Revolver Ocelot

taking on and hosting the March shoot. They did a great job writing stages, target placement and target sequences. In a word...."OUTSTANDING!" For the folks that did not make it, you missed a great shoot. For those that were there, I have to say, you all made this a very enjoyable day. It was another day with brand new shooters and everyone did their part to show that good old cowboy generosity and kindness. New shooters find out that Cowboy Action Shooting is a lot of fun, but it's "you folks" being just so darn hospitable and generous that makes them want to come back! Thanks again to Smokin Sally and Revolver Ocelot, and everyone else for a great day!

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SASS *at the* LEHIGH VALLEY SPORTSMAN SHOW

By Nota John, SASS #51089

Allentown, PA Dakota Jack Gunfighter, SASS #21579 was contacted by the promoter for the March 2-3, 2013 Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show in Allentown, PA to find out if SASS was interested in setting up a Cowboy Action Shooting display. Of course we would be interested! Set-up at the show included Chronicles along with SASS promotional literature from SASS headquarters. Gun racks for long arms were set up on tables, along with a DVD player with a large TV, and a

laser shooting game provided by Tin Ear and Ragweed. This game proved to very popular with the people stopping by, especially with the Buckaroos and Buckarettes. One Buckaroo had his parents bring him back multiple times!

Our cowboy costumes seemed to be a great draw for show attendees. Visitors were non-stop with a high interest level about SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting. Total show attendance was reported at 13,000 for both days, and a three day show is scheduled

for 2014.. SASS members at the show were Barley Pop Bill, SASS #53019, Calamity Jame, SASS #84825, J.S.Sooner, SASS #73526,

Lupare Chenz, SASS #40013, Ragweed, SASS #23396, Tin Ear, SASS #15637, Trusty Sidekick, SASS #32866, and Nota John.



Barley Pop Bill hip-shooting the Laser game with TinEar supervising.



TinEar assisting the future Buckarette at the shooting game.

Nota John, Trusty Sidekick, TinEar, Ragweed, J.S. Sooner enjoyed running a SASS booth at the Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show in Allentown, PA



J.S. Sooner, Calamity Jame, Trusty Sidekick, and Nota John drew lots of attention dressed in their cowboy duds.

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By Tex, SASS #4



Whether one had a 1911 or a revolver strapped to their hip, a great time was in store for everyone.



Although this was a Wild Bunch™ Team Match there were no military uniforms in evidence. A couple of the competitors, like Capt. Baylor, shown here, came dressed as Pike appeared toward the end of the Wild Bunch movie.

The Pikes shot against the Pikes, the Dutches against the Dutches, and so forth AND the teams shot against one another. Everyone received both an individual score AND a team score.

The members of each team were randomly selected preventing “put together” teams, and shooters were allowed to get in line and shoot whenever they were ready.

The stages all consisted of 20 rounds ACP, 10 rounds revolver, 10 rounds rifle, and six rounds shotgun. Those shooting the 1911s shot both the revolver targets AND the rifle targets ... otherwise one simply shot the targets appropriate for the firearms they were using. The shooters competed one at a time, just like always, but there were essentially four scenarios, one per character, for each stage. Total time scoring worked just fine for calculating individual scores AND for determining the team scores.

While none of the standard Wild Bunch™ or Cowboy Action categories were recognized, many chose to “stay true” to their chosen disciplines (cowboy gunfighters, Wild Bunch “Traditional,” and the like.) While the cowboys could often get through their portion of the stage in considerably less than 20 seconds, the 1911 shooters were often turning in scores in the low 30s.

As usual, there were lots of smiles as well as outright laughter. Cowboys were getting a taste of “real” shooting (and the use of that “bumpy” thing on the end of the barrel), and the Wild Bunch™ guys were getting to put a bunch of rounds down range. It was loads of

third Sunday (one of six standard shoot days each month!).

In April, Norfleet designed a unique monthly match for the Renegades. He based the match on the Wild Bunch™ Team Event description in the Wild Bunch Shooters Handbook, which allowed everyone in the club to “play the game” even if they didn’t own a 1911 or a Model ‘97.

Each competitor signed up as either Pike (1911/Model ‘97), Dutch (SASS Revolvers/Model ‘97), Lyle (1911/SASS rifle), or Tector (SASS revolvers/SASS rifle). Model 12s were welcomed as well, and Wild



Deputy Dangit chose to use his revolvers in this match. Even though the power factors, calibers, and target distances were not the “cowboy” norm, everyone “cowboyed up” and did reasonably well. It was definitely a new experience for some of the cowboys!

Bunch™ rules applied, including big bores and power factors (for all rifles, revolvers, and pistols—if you’re going to play Wild Bunch™, play Wild Bunch™!). The big bores and power factors along with the Wild Bunch target distances were a bit unsettling for some of the cowboys who are used to shooting large, close targets with lightly loaded .38s!

The competitors were collected into four person teams consisting of a Pike, Dutch, Lyle, and a Tector and then the fun began!



One of the joys of being on the range this Sunday was the New Mexico weather ... this was arguably the nicest day so far this year—clear skies, mild temperatures, and NO WIND!



— Individual Winners —
Norfleet (Lyle), Vaquero Luna (Tector), Mica McGuire (Pike and Dutch) ... Yes, you could pay your money twice and shoot as two different characters!

fun, it was a great experience, it was a successful match, and the Renegades intend to make this an annual club event. Norfleet did good and is to be congratulated!

Consider giving this a try ... it allows non-Wild Bunchers to partic-

ipate and maybe entice them to make the plunge into this exciting new game!
(Editor's note—The decision was made to enforce the power factor rule for everyone competing ... this kept everything fair for everyone and offered a great introduction to the game. Since the regular Wild Bunch™ competitors were only shooting two of their three firearms, there were plenty of "extra" firearms available for loan to cowboys who didn't have the right equipment. While there was pressure to allow lightly loaded cowboy guns into this competition, afterwards the general consensus was not "wimping" and allowing .38s was the correct call.)



EZ GZ continues to show determination ... and improvement in her 1911 skills. She was one of two ladies participating in the match.



Match Director Norfleet is an aggressive "Modern" Wild Bunch™ competitor and did well during this match.



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WINTER RANGE

SASS National Championship of Wild Bunch™ Action Shooting

By Larsen E. Pettifogger, SASS Life / Regulator #32933

Phoenix, AZ – Shooter Ready? Standby. BEEEEEP! The shooter draws his trusty six-shooter and starts to engage ... Wait a second, that's no six-gun; it is a Colt 1911 in .45 Auto! Come to think of it the shooter isn't exactly dressed in 19th Century duds either. What gives, I thought this was supposed to be a SASS match? Turns out it was a SASS match, the largest of its kind in the country, as a matter of fact. But, this wasn't a Cowboy Action Shooting™ match; it was a Wild Bunch™ match.

Wild Bunch™ was designed as a change of pace from Cowboy Action Shooting™ and for a shooting experience from a slightly different era. In Cowboy Action Shooting™ we try to replicate the look and feel of the American West in the late 19th Century. Wild Bunch™ is intended to look and feel like the early days of the 20th Century. The handgun used in Wild Bunch™ matches is the biggest difference. It is a semi-automatic rather than a wheel gun. There are some other differences that make Wild Bunch™ a bit more challenging than Cowboy Action

Shooting™. For those that have shot IPSC or IDPA, you are familiar with “major” and “minor” ammunition and power factors. Multiplying the bullet weight in grains times muzzle velocity and dividing by 1000 determines the power factor. Thus, a 200-grain bullet traveling at 800 feet per second yields a power factor of 160. (200 x 800/1000 = 160.) In Cowboy Action Shooting™ the minimum power factor is only 60. In Wild Bunch™ it is a minimum of 150.

The calibers are large bore, and only the Colt 1911 (or clone) in .45 is allowed. Rifles must be at least .40 caliber. For the shotgun, only pump guns are allowed – the Winchester (and clone) Models '12 and '97 and the reproduction '93/'97.

Shooting scenarios and targets are also a little bit different. Because the power factor is much higher than that used in Cowboy Action Shooting™, it facilitates more use of reactive targets. So, at Wild Bunch™ matches you will typically see pepper poppers, knock-down racks, and dueling trees. The targets are also often placed slightly further out than in a typical Cowboy Action Shooting™ match, so you have to take more careful aim. In Cowboy Action Shooting™ shotguns are normally staged open and empty. In Wild Bunch™ the shotgun is typically staged with the magazine fully loaded with six rounds. In short, Wild Bunch™ is intended to be a large caliber/major power factor match with an emphasis on speed and accuracy.

Finally, in Cowboy Action Shooting™ most stages are 10 rifle rounds, 10 pistol rounds, and 4 rounds of shotgun. Wild Bunch™ matches are more varied in the number of rounds fired and a greater emphasis is usually placed on the pistol. Since there is only one pistol used, almost all stages require pistol reloads, and it is not unusual for 20 or more rounds to be fired out of the handgun. In keeping with the philosophy of major power and keeping equipment and



Samuel B Carpenter, SASS #34043, from Norway was the top Traditional competitor. While not generally as fast and accurate as the Modern Category, the Traditional category is extremely competitive ... and shot the way the 1911 was taught to be shot when it was first introduced!



Rifle and pistol ammo is collected from selected individuals for power factor testing. The rounds are run through “match” guns ... and any ammo that fails the tests is retested in the competitor’s guns. There were no failures this year!

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Traditional	Man	Samuel B Carpenter, SASS #34043	NOR
	Lady	Texas Tiger, SASS #74829	NM

Winter Range 2013...

the rules as simple as possible, Wild Bunch™ also only offers four categories: Modern, Traditional, Lady Modern, and Lady Traditional.

At Winter Range the Wild Bunch™ Championship takes place on Monday and Tuesday (the Cowboy Action Shooting™ match starts on Thursday) and the Wild Bunch™ shooters had two beautiful 70-degree days for the match. Wild Bunch™ stages are typically longer and more complex than Cowboy Action Shooting™ stages. Thus, the Wild Bunch™ National Championship is limited to 125 shooters and ten stages in order to finish each day at a reasonable hour.

The stages presented the shooters with a wide variety of scenarios and varied greatly in the number of rounds fired from each gun. In fact, one stage was shot entirely with the handgun. Wild Bunch™ has evolved a lot the past two or three years, and the shooters have also become use to the Wild Bunch™ rules and shooting style. The stage writers have learned what the majority of shooters like and can, because of the increased power factor, continue to keep things entertaining with plenty of challenging scenarios and reactive targets.

Many returning shooters ac-

knowledgeed there is a learning curve with Wild Bunch™ and there were far fewer penalties this year than in past National Championships. Shooters have learned that the 150 power factor applies to their pistol ammo AND their rifle ammo. So, for 2013 no one failed the ammo chronograph test. Everyone's pistols and magazines were also weighed to make sure they didn't violate the weight limits set forth in the Wild Bunch™ rules.

This year the stage writer's goal was to write stages that would be the most fun for the most shooters. Some stages were written to be close and fast, others required more accuracy, and a lot of reactive targets were used. The basic philosophy for the match stages was power and accuracy and a happy medium seems to have been struck. There was even a clean match for the first time in three years! Pretty much all the shooters agreed the stage writer's goal was met. There was a little bit of everything in the way of shooting scenarios for the shooters and the stages were very shooter friendly.

One of the things that caught a few shooters off-guard were the peculiarities of shooting the Winchester Model '12. Wild Bunch™ shotguns are usually staged with the magazines fully charged. However, the shooter is still required to

AWARDS



Unique "1911" awards were again used this year to recognize the Wild Bunch™ category and overall winners.

start with the hammer down on an empty chamber. The hammer is visible on a '97 or '93/'97. However, the Model '12 has an internal hammer. The only way to tell if it is

down is to pull the trigger. If a shooter is using a Model '12, he/she has to notify the Timer Operator, and then pull the trigger under the
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Winter Range 2013...

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TO's supervision. If the hammer goes CLICK, the shooter just bought him/herself a stage DQ. There were several at this year's National Championship. Like many things in Wild Bunch, there is a learning curve, and in the future, a stage DQ with a Model '12 should become a rare occurrence.

Wild Bunch™ continues to grow and evolve. What might be in the future? As Wild Bunch™ continues to gain popularity, it is faced with the same demographics as the rest of SASS. There are more and more senior shooters. The category system will continue to be relatively simple and the categories few in number. However, State level and above matches have the option of adding age-based subdivisions of the existing categories. (E.g., Senior Traditional, Senior Modern, etc.) Some consideration is also being given to determine if Junior categories are feasible. Wild Bunch™ is

also growing in Europe, and a group from Europe will be traveling to Founder's Ranch later this year to be trained as Wild Bunch™ ROs. Finally, some thought will be given to raising the shooter numbers at the National Championships and possibly shooting twelve stages at some point in the future.

For more information on Wild Bunch™ shooting, go to the SASS homepage, go to the bottom of the page under Departments and click on the Wild Bunch™ Wire Forum. On the Wild Bunch™ forum the rules are posted, and you will find a lot of friendly folks discussing Wild Bunch™ and anxious to answer your questions about Wild Bunch™.

So, perfect weather, well-written stages, great props and targets, and a lot of people dedicated to making Wild Bunch™ a fun and exciting event made this year's Winter Range SASS National Championship of Wild Bunch™ Action Shooting a huge success! Hope to see you all at Winter Range 2014! 🐾

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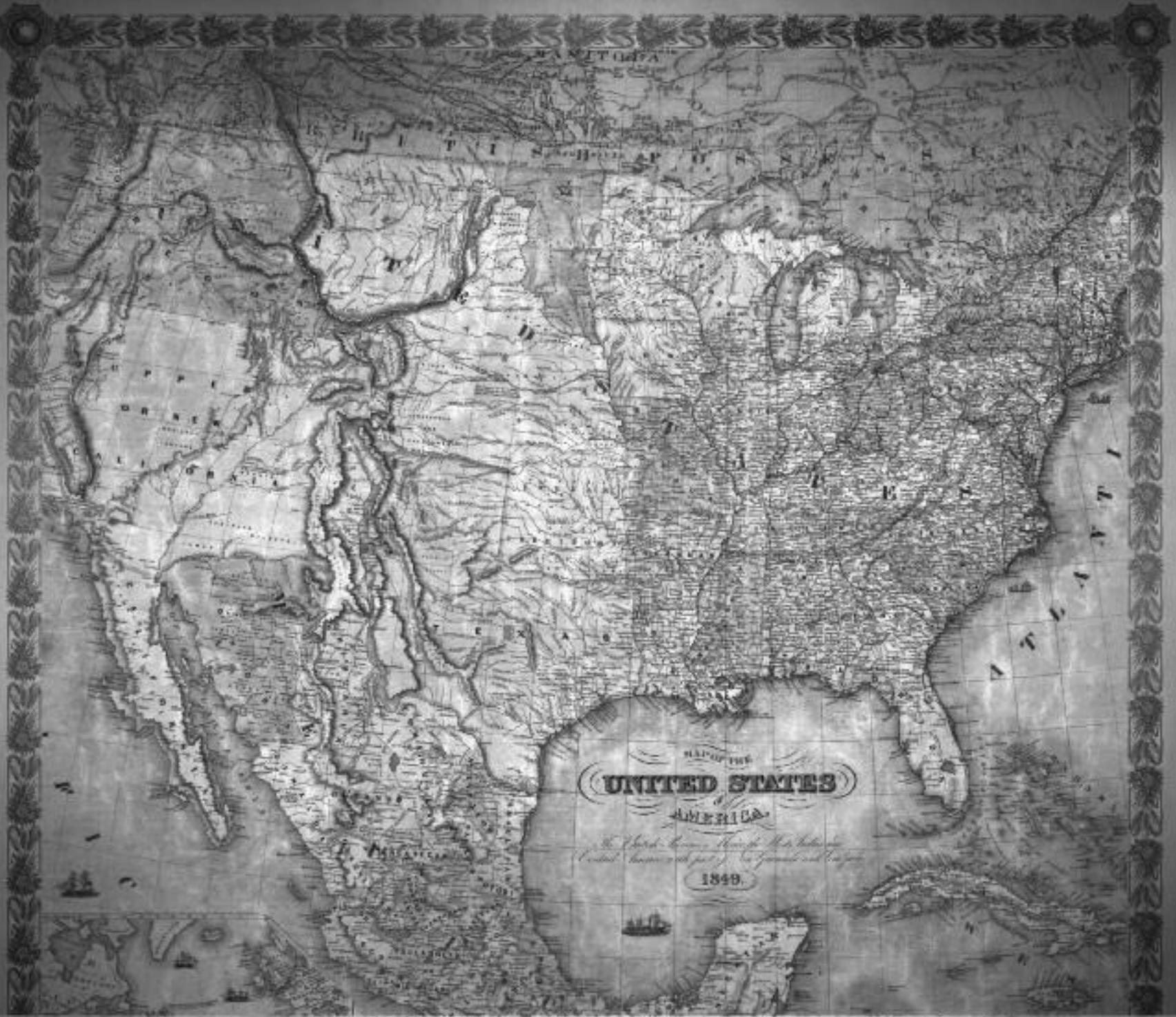
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SASS National Championship of Cowboy MOUNTED SHOOTING and CMSA LEGENDARY GUNS SHOOT OUT



By Dan Nabbitt, SASS #5537, and Larsen E. Pettifogger, SASS #32933

Phoenix, AZ – One of the things the organizers of any large event try to do is make sure visitors have a good time. This is especially true when there are several thousand visitors, and they are milling about trying to find something to do or something fun to watch. Visitors are a source of potential new SASS members, and they make the vendors very happy. So, it pays to keep the visitors happy. Unfortunately,

the props and fronts we use to enhance the shooting experience and to help provide the aura of the Old West for the shooters is a problem for visitors. They just plain can't see the action. This is one area where Mounted Shooting has an edge over what they call "the ground shooters" (Action Shooting). Mounted events take place in a big open arena, and a few well placed bleachers let the crowds see some real western action up close and



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Association) and SASS events to achieve a harmonious outcome for all that were involved.

Three separate one-day matches made up this year's mounted event. Riders could enjoy all or any part of this shindig! On Friday Rowdy Sue, SASS #74625, and company joined forces with the Tombstone Ghost Riders to conduct a Charity match for the Red Shirt Friday Wounded Warrior charity and the Ben Avery development fund. Seventy-four riders entered this worthy event collecting over \$6,600. The Ghost Riders made a separate donation that came to a tad over \$4,300. Dozens of individual donations flowed in as well! We owe our ser-

personal. Because all the action takes place in the open directly in front of the spectators, mounted events rely heavily on announcers to keep everyone informed about what is going on and to keep the level of excitement high. This year's announcer was Matt Zinn, and he kept the crowd on the edge of their seats. This year's Winter Ranch mounted event was a record setter.

The mounted events start a little later in the week than Wild Bunch and the Action Shooting. When the Mounted Shooters started arriving on Wednesday there was an actual blizzard! About 1 a.m. on Sunday morning there was one of the famous Bloody Basin Cyclones!!! (Bloody Basin is the area just north of the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.) Sandwiched between the Phoenix blizzard and the Cyclone, Winter Range enjoyed its biggest and best Mounted event of all time. A total of 235 riders participated in a history-making weekend. The format changed a little for 2013 with a careful blending of CMSA (Cowboy Mounted Shooting



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Zane Chunn and Sharon Little led the charge for the Friday event with some amazing ride'n and fancy (and safe) gun handle'n!

On Saturday 118 desperados toed the line for the main "Legendary Gun" shootout with 5x points and \$5,000 in additional prize money added to the pot. (The Ghost Riders alone chipped in \$4,000.) Because of the unprecedented number of shooters, the Saturday event had to be reduced to three stages, even with the "Balloon Bouys" automatic ballon machines. "Sheriff Bill Murphy," "New River Rider," and "Mule Girl" have developed these amazing contraptions that automatically dispense and fill new balloons at each shooting

pylon. This eliminates the need to manually fill, carry, and place balloons in the arena. This dramatically speeds up the time between shooters. These gizmos are genius, plain and simple. Our hats go off to them! Even with these machines, there was barely time to get the rifle and shotgun stages done before sun down.

By the time the Mounted Shooters got to the Chili Cook-off (won by Expressman, SASS #41513) and the day's winners were acknowledged, it was 9:00 p.m. The planned square dance, prize drawing, etc. had to be deferred, as the riders were all to pooped to pop!

As previously noted, this year's mounted event was a blend of CMSA and SASS events. The big difference between CMSA and SASS mounted is CMSA rides for cash prizes. SASS Mounted Shooters, like their Action Shooter counterparts, shoot only for trophies and buckles. The format for this year's event was simple. Enter the CMSA match and run for the big bucks. Enter the SASS match for an extra \$30 and run at the same time for the buckles and titles. Gary Bennett and Tammy Billingsley won the loot while Canyon Cowgirl, SASS #31074, (CO) and Bad Dog, SASS #86845, (AZ) won the SASS buckles and were declared to be the



SASS 2013 Winter Range National Champions! YEEHA!

We will tweak a few things that our competitors commented on and with a few adjustments next year's event will be even bigger and better. One of the big things being considered is the possible use of two arenas simultaneously so we can spend more time enjoying the plethora of offerings that this historic event offers. The Ghost Riders Board of Directors is already working on this. If you have any constructive ideas please e-mail Dan Nabbitt at williamavery@msn.com. Each year the Mounted Shooters get a taste of live fire Action Shooting with the ALL Around Cowboy and Cowgirl competition. Again due to time constraints, this "live ammo action stage" was held on Friday after the Mounted Charity match. Thanks, Madison and your posse, for running this for the Mounted Shooters! To win the title of All Around Cowboy/Cowgirl, a shooter's Cowboy Action scores are combined with their mounted scores. This year Buck Doff, SASS

#64494, (AZ) and Mustang Momma, SASS #64495, (AZ) were crowned the SASS ALL AROUND COWBOY/COWGIRL Winter Range National Champions for 2013!

On Sunday, right after Cowboy Church, in gale force winds, 43 brave souls voted to ride anyway! Tough bunch, them Mounted Shooters! The balloon bouys proved up to the task and Tuco's Outlaw Blanks were flawless even in high winds. El Paso Bob, SASS #71572, (TX) and Tracy Reinhart, SASS #94491, (AZ) out "toughed" the rest of the competitors to win this low cost, no frills event, and end an historic month of Mounted Shooting. There had been a major match every weekend of February somewhere in the "Valley of the Sun" as shooters practiced for Winter Range! Even our Canadian iron Men and Women were starting to look a little tired by the end of the month. Never seen that before!

On behalf of the Tombstone Ghost Riders, we thank each and every one of the 235 riders for coming to Arizona and playing with us! It is an honor to serve with the Ghost Rider board, and to work with the Winter Range board and the Arizona Department of Game and Fish to provide the best possible event that we can. Y'all come back next year, ya hear? 🤠

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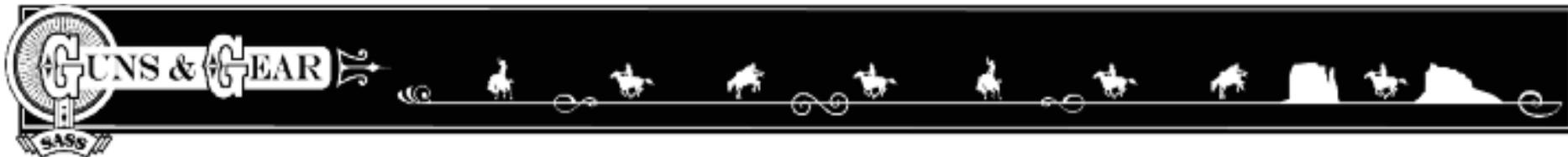


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✻ BUTTONS ✻

By Cree Vicar Dave, SASS Life / Regulator #49907

Dress pants and denim style pants also are fitted with buttons to accommodate leather suspenders. On most of my dress pants the belt loops are removed, but not on the jeans. There are metal clips offered to connect the suspenders to the belt loops, but I favor using buttons.

When I first started in Cowboy Action the Vicar's Wife found brass buttons. She would buy them for me, but connecting them to the clothing was "out of her classification." So the sewing was totally up to me. These brass buttons are just under 3/4" and worked okay, but for me, they lacked pizzazz. Upon further reconnaissance, we

Dressing to fit the Cowboy era is half the fun of Cowboy Action Shooting™ for me. If a frock coat or vest comes with plain plastic buttons they usually are refitted before they get a chance to proudly hang in my closet.



"LeBouton" silver color buttons, sizes 5/8", 3/4" (these are a little over 3/4"), and 7/8". I use the smaller 5/8" size on vests and frock coat sleeves. The mid-sized 3/4" for suspenders and vests with large buttonholes, and the larger 7/8" sized on frock coats, front & back.



Brass buttons on an old pair of bluejeans. These are a little under 3/4" in diameter and slip out of the suspender loops quite easily



"Tandy" leather thread and blunt end needle. This thread seems to last a little longer before the leather saws it off.



Silver buttons on a pair of "Wah Maker" pants. My mid section is fairly straight, so as a result I need a little help to hold up my pants. Suspenders work well for me.

found silver colored "LeBouton" buttons at WAL-MART that are just over 3/4" in diameter. These look a lot nicer, as far as I'm concerned, and they don't slip out of the suspenders as easily as the smaller brass ones do.

When I first started sewing the buttons on, I used waxed linen thread. The buttons were sewed on with a dull point needle. The leather wears hard on the thread and I soon found the buttons were coming undone. It says in Isaiah 6:5a KJV, "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone..." Not wanting to be "undone," an effort on my part was made to remedy the problem. So I started winding more thread around the thread that held the buttons onto the pants. This somewhat prolonged the time before the buttons become undone, but I continued looking for a better button backup plan.

Now I use "Tandy Leather Factory" thread. This leather thread is a lot stronger than the waxed linen thread, and I can sew more thread loops through the buttonhole. I usually tie off the
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Buttons on back of frock coat and sleeve. The silver buttons add flare to the coat.



A pair of old gray dress pants converted to Cowboy Action by cutting the belt loops off and sewing on buttons. The belt loops do not have to be removed.



Colored dress jeans can be set up for braces. Here is a pair of brown dress jeans with buttons. Colored dress jeans go very well with a vest and/or frock coat.

thread 2 or 3 times while sewing the button on, and then wind thread around it a couple layers tying it off after each layer. To help hold it all in place clear fingernail polish is painted on.

These buttons come in three sizes that lend use to Cowboy Action clothing: 5/8", 3/4" and 7/8" diameter. The smaller size works well on shirts, vests, and frock coat sleeves. The midsized ones I use for suspenders, and the larger sized can be used on the front of frock coats.

In time, leather always wins, but it takes a lot longer now before the buttons become "undone."

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Buttons sewn onto blue jeans. I sew them around 3-1/2" to 4" apart.



A CAP GUN STORY

By Buckaroo, SASS #203

When I was six years old, (1948) I lived with my grandparents in a small town in North Dakota, and every Saturday we would go into Devil's Lake for groceries and supplies. That summer there was a set of ivory-handled, gold Roy Rogers cap guns with a fancy belt, metal bullets, and gold metal holsters in the window of Stern's Clothing. I spotted those guns and immediately wanted them. The price was \$49. There was no way



Buckaroo, SASS #203

my grandparents could afford anything so extravagant, but I dragged them by that window every Saturday anyway. One day the cap guns were gone, and I knew some rich kid was wearing my guns.

I always remembered those guns, and about twenty years ago I was living in Arizona and met an antique dealer who dealt in cap guns. I told him about the guns, and he told me he'd look for them. Finally one day he called and said he had a lead on the guns of my dreams. "How much?" "Twelve hundred dollars." I guess some rich kid is once again wearing my cap guns. 🐾

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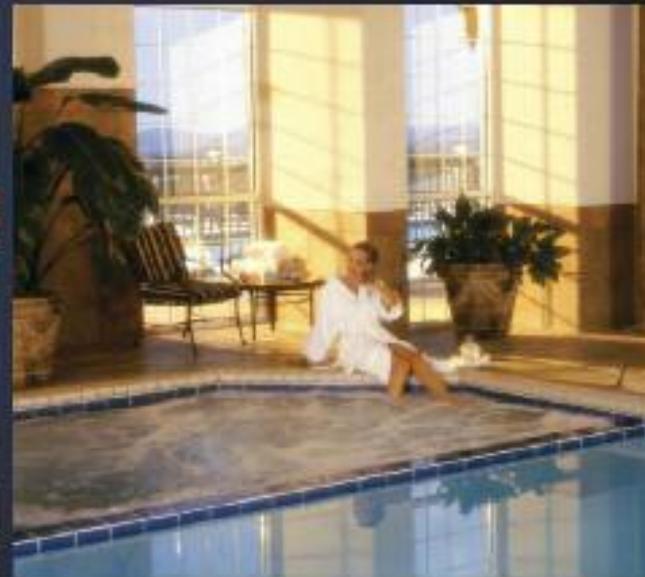
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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR

Testing .. Testing .. Testing

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Doc Noper's Shotgun Belts

Deuce Stevens asked me to test and write about the shotgun belts of Doc Noper Leather (Gary Knoper, 10850—96th Ave., Allendale, MI 49401, H-616-892-6244, C-616-690-6722, <http://docnleather.shutterstock.com/>, docnoper@gmail.com.) Doc Noper is in Allendale Michigan, while I spend most of my time in the western desert, so I didn't know him. Deuce, however, is a champion shooter I've known and respected for several years. If he tells me something works well, I tend to pay attention. So naturally I said yes. Interestingly, though Doc Noper does a full line of Cowboy Action Shooting™ competition leather, what Deuce wanted me to test was just his shotgun belts.

That was intriguing. Deuce is a VERY fast shotgunner.

Then Doc Noper called for sizing information at an opportune time. I'd just switched from .45-70 to .38-55 for my Plainsman rifle. So I gave him an "impossible quest," a belt that would make it easy for me to grab four .38-55 rounds at a time. Plainsman is a side match using a single-shot 19th century (external hammer) rifle, percussion pistols, and double or lever action shotgun. The secret of success is to (a) hit 10 pistol targets quickly, which means making the percussion pistol work, not a small feat in itself, (b) hitting the shotgun targets quickly, and (C) (note capital letter) hitting the rifle targets quickly. In order to hit the targets quickly, you have to load it quickly. This is what usually separates the top shooters. A stage usually has 4-10 rifle targets, sometimes at normal stage distances, sometimes in the next county, depending on the match director. The rifle, like the shotgun, starts and ends empty, so speed loading it is the key to winning Plainsman. If you can pick up, say, four rounds, and load them without fumbling, you have an advantage over someone equally skilled who can only pick up one or two. Distance equals time.

So, a few weeks later three shotgun belts showed up in my size. One was what I would call a con-



*Grabbing four .38-55 rounds
for Plainsman matches.*

ventional belt holding 12 shotgun shells in double loops, appropriate for my double, and three .38 rounds on each side for reloads. The belt itself has a section doubled over the belt itself and stitched down. Since it is doubled on top, this makes the top thicker, and it angles the shells out on top. I noticed the belt was molded in a curve and wouldn't lay down flat for pictures. Since most of us have curved midsections, this is a good thing.

The second belt had canvas webbing shotgun loops. The third belt had all webbing loops, holding ten shotgun shells and fourteen .38-55s. The pistol loops would, of course, hold .38 Special rounds, so this could be your all-purpose belt. Per my request, the rifle loops were on the right. I'm left-handed and load with my right hand. Doc Noper Leather is a one-man shop, so getting a custom belt is easy because that's all he does. The webbing shotgun loops were hard to get rounds into, but easy to get them out of, with no sticking. They were very consistent. Additionally, they never fell out under exertion.

All of the belts work very well.

They're all sturdily made and well finished. I used the .38-55 belt extensively practicing for Plainsman at Winter Range. One of the reasons I switched to .38-55 is that the .45-70 rounds, if I grabbed too many, would "bind." With the Doc Noper belt and .38-55s, grabbing four is doable without binding. Three is easier. I practiced with this belt and an all-leather belt with 12 loops designed for .38 Special, and the Doc Noper belt won the speed contest. All of that practice went down the drain, or maybe the lack of drainage in the rain, snow, sleet, hail, and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, all of which occurred during the Winter Range Plainsman match, which was called after one stage.

The next Plainsman match was Buffalo Stampede, which had perfect weather, and the belt served quite well. I had no difficulty loading the rifle. Do I give credit to the shotgun belt, the Johnny Meadows prepared .38-55 Buffalo Classic, or to practice? Yes. Unfortunately, the rounds do not jump out of the belt and load themselves into the rifle, aim it, and gently squeeze the trigger when it is on target. If you make a belt that will make that happen, let me know. I'll definitely write about it.

Super Powder by American Pioneer Powder

After my last chronograph/Ransom Rest test session of blackpowder percussion loads, I noted that American Pioneer Powder and Jim Shockey's Gold (by American Pioneer Powder) had higher velocity spreads than the other powders tested. Despite that, they had the smallest groups. Brett at American Pioneer Powder told me they had a powder that had extra processing and lower ES (Extreme Spread, the difference between highest and low-



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est velocity) and SD (Standard Deviation). It's called Super Powder, and currently it is only available in Super Sticks designed for hunters. It has a reputation for accuracy. In long range shooting consistent velocity is extremely important. It also results in hunting velocities as high as 2000 ft./sec. that flatten the tra-

jectory considerably compared to standard blackpowder. Higher velocity is a Good Thing in hunting ammunition, all things being equal. He sent me a bottle with an American Pioneer Powder 2F label on it with "Super Powder Form" written with a Magic Marker. So you are not likely to find it at your local store just yet. Brett told me that Super Powder gets extra processing, and that is the secret of its consistency.

I set up the Ransom Rest and Oehler 35 Proof Chronograph at Albuquerque's Shooting Range Park's Hayes City, home of the Rio Grande Renegades. I set the chronograph at measured 10 ft. and the target stand at 45 feet (15 yards). Normally in SASS pistol targets are closer than that. All loads were measured with the same 30 gr. spout using the same techniques. 144 gr. .457 Speer Round balls were used. I tested Super Powder vs. American Pioneer Powder 3F and Jim Shockey's Gold in 2F and 3F. For "wholly" blackpowder, I used Goex 2F and 3F and Swiss 3F. Goex is the most popular blackpowder in SASS matches. Swiss, a premium powder known for its long-range accuracy, had given the widest groups on the previous test, so I was "giving it another chance." The results, in decreasing group size order:

- Swiss 3F: high Vel 882, low 859, ES 23, Avg Vel 873, SD 9, Power factor 126, group 5.5". This mirrors the previous test. The low SD should guarantee one-hole groups. But this isn't long-range rifle, and my Ruger Old Armies make tighter groups with other powders. I'm making no generalizations from it. However, if searching for a load for recalcitrant knockdowns or charging Buicks, I'll start with this powder and fill the cylinder as appropriate.
- Jim Shockey's Gold 3F: High 827, low 678, ES 149, Avg 738, SD 54, PF 106, Group 4". In this test Jim Shockey's Gold 3F was considerably hotter than the same load of American Pioneer Powder 3F.
- American Pioneer Powder 3F: High 570, low 491, ES 179, Avg 607, SD 68, PF 87, Group 2.875". This is the lowest recoiling load.
- Goex 3F: High 772, low 723, ES 49, Avg 754, SD 18, PF 109, group 2.5". A good all around powder.
- Super Powder 2F: High 783, Low 703, ES 79, Avg 748, SD 30, PF 108, Group 2.5". Velocity (and thus recoil) and group size are pretty much a tie with Goex 3F.
- Goex 2F: High 713, low 676, ES 37, Avg 691, SD 15, PF 100, Group 2.2". Lower recoil than Goex 3F and the lowest smoke per volume.



Three different Doc Noper Leather Shotgun belts. Top is all leather. Middle has canvas shotgun loops. Bottom has canvas shotgun loops and canvas loops for .38-55 for Plainsman matches—also fits .38 Special/.357 Magnum for main match use.

- Jim Shockey's Gold 2F: High 638, low 527, ES 111, Avg 589, SD 42, PF 85, group 1.375.

A common question I get is "I can't find American Pioneer Powder, but they have Jim Shockey's Gold. Can I use it?" Yes. Generally speaking the same volume of another blackpowder or substitute of the same granulation can be substituted. You can substitute Gold 2F for APP 3F and probably can't tell the difference. 3F is a little hotter than APP 3F, but you can still substitute it without changing your loads. I started using 3F for everything some years back because of "clumping" with 2F in my Dillon powder measures when making cartridges and shot shells. Current production 2F, however, seems to work fine in my powder measures. All of the group sizes above are acceptable. Super Powder does have less velocity spread than American Pioneer Powder or Jim Shockey's Gold. If it ever becomes available, I'll be a customer.

Revisiting SliX-Shot Nipples

When I tested SliX-Shot nipples when they first came out, the only thing I had reservations about was the fact the Ruger Old Army nipples were .040 longer than stock

nipples. They worked very well, but were hard to seat the caps, especially when the guns were dirty after a few stages. If you didn't get the cap seated completely, the cylinder wouldn't rotate. So you had to stop capping and get your seating tool (a Frontiersman Screwknife, for example) and push the #10 Remington cap on, then continue capping.

The second "batch" of nipples for the Ruger Old Army are .020 longer than stock. This means the hammer will hit the nipple just before it stops on the frame. The result is easier capping and superb reliability. The nipples fit Remington #10 caps, and that's all the makers recommend. I concur. As long as I use the "new" Remington caps (green inside), I get 100% reliability and one "minor" cap jam every 1,000 rounds or so. The "old" (gold inside) Remington caps are not 100% reliable, and CCI caps are less reliable. 830825RS is the part number of the new, shorter nipples. Neither old nor the new nipples have shown any wear or peening, and the hard stainless steel hammers on the Ruger Old Armies are showing no wear. Desperado Cowboy Bullets (Desperado Cowboy Bullets, LLC, 2 Port Way, PO Box 165, Dayton, WA 99328, www.cowboybullets.com, E-mail: sales@cowboybullets.com or tech@cowboybullets.com, 1-866-4-Bullet(s) — 1-866-428-5538, or (509) 382-8926) and Long Hunter Shooting Supply (3403 SW 6th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106 806-342-0000, www.longhunt.com) sell them.

These nipples, because of the side vent holes, allow lighter springs than stock or Treso nipples. With my arthritic thumbs I have difficulty cocking ROAs with stock springs for a full match. The pain slows me down excessively. With these nipples I can use 17# Wolff Old Vaquero springs and can continue to shoot Frontiersman for a while anyway. 🤞



Doc Noper Leather Shotgun belt demonstrating double thickness of leather at the rounds, bent double on top and stitched on bottom, molded on a curve for a comfortable fit, accessibility of rounds.



BELT BUCKLES Aren't Jewellery!

By Sara Bear, SASS #77135

My house was destroyed in the 2011 Bastrop Complex Fire. We were very fortunate we had insurance and unlike many (and for reasons I still don't understand) I evacuated much of my jewelry. I didn't own a ton of gold and diamonds, but much of my jewelry was old and belonged to family members since passed. I wear it and appreciate it. The fact I still have most of it is a comfort to me. However, that being said, we had a \$2500 jewelry/fur policy on our account. Once moved in our rebuilt house, I went through what I did evacuate to figure out what I lost (which isn't a nice feeling) and got my husband to figure out what he had lost, too. (He did the house contents—including a lot of guns!) We came up with about \$2200 in lost items including watches, jewelry, and western style buckles ... it amazed me, but I had collected a LOT over the years and I was into making my own bead jewelry, too.

Due to our jobs, we haven't gone to many big SASS matches, so we didn't own any fancy \$150+ trophy buckles, but even so, I don't consider the average \$30 – \$75 decorative western buckle to be “just a belt;” they are detachable pieces of art (one even had moving parts!). I submitted the claim, and found to my disgust ALL vintage jewelry was devalued up to 80% (“we consider jewelry to have a 15 year lifespan”), and ANY sort of buckle DID NOT COUNT as jewelry. Neither do fancy elaborate handmade barrettes: I lost several of those at \$20 – \$30+ a pop. We got back about half of what I asked for. A solid gold chain and St. Christopher that my husband had owned since a child was devalued to less than the market value of the gold it was made of. I'll get the money back, if I go ahead and buy the items before the two-year anniversary of the fire.

Jewelry isn't high on my list of stuff to buy right now ... we've been buying tools and other household items. My husband is finally putting together his new reloading setup—that just had to wait for other things. I've bought a few odds

and ends as I find them, but if they are on sale, you only get up to that amount, not the original item price. I've got some jewelry shopping to do this summer. But it's not really fun when you HAVE to go buy the stuff.

I strongly recommend you learn from our experience and find out from your insurance company just how they will treat these elaborate buckles, and all the rest of your stuff BEFORE this happens to you. I truly hope it never does. Chances are they will classify western buckles (and all your gun leather) in with the \$20 cheapo belt you got from Wallyworld ... that is, part of your overall house contents.

If you are anything like us, you never realize just how much stuff you really have until you have to replace ALL of it ... “every Q tip,” as my husband said to someone. We should have had much more insurance than we had. Again, in our policy, contents works the same way—devalued—you have to go out and buy new stuff for the same price and submit receipts before you'll get all the \$\$ back ... all within their timeframe. Some of that obviously is not stuff that's as critical as say, having a fridge, or parts for your car. We have seen exceptional generosity in those who came to our aid and poured donations into our little area, so I am not in any way trying to sound ungrateful—I have bought hardly any clothes as I don't frankly care what is “in fashion” right now—I still have a wardrobe full of clothes! But, this isn't the point.

I'm pointing out that something that SHOULD be classed as jewelry isn't, so maybe you'd better find out now and maybe up the homeowner's policy. Maybe even do like we are thinking of doing (given the hoops we are being forced to jump through) and put some money aside every month instead of paying for the extra premium for the jewelry in a hard-to-access account to use only if something bad happens. That way it stays YOUR money the whole time. I hope to goodness none of this ever happens for anyone, but if I may suggest it, keep those trophy buckles in a safe deposit box at the bank! 🐾

GRAVER BILL'S BITS



Graver Bill, SASS #62191

By Graver Bill, SASS #62191

Let me start by introducing myself, I am Graver Bill, SASS #62191, and I have been competing in all types of shooting for 35 years. Cowboy Action Shooting™ is by far the most fun. Many years ago, my wife bought my first competition pistol because she was 21 and I was only 20 and too young to purchase a firearm. I have been shooting Cowboy matches for seven years.

There are no better people in the world than Cowboy Action Shooters. My family also loves traveling with me, and I can't wait until my first granddaughter is old enough to compete.

This will be a regular column about money saving tips and ideas that will improve your shooting scores. Any idea or tip you have that will make our shooting experience more enjoyable will be welcomed. You can send your tips and ideas to BBRN@aol.com or Billy Bates, 2302 Winthrop Dr. SW, Decatur, Alabama 35603. Please include your name, alias and the name of your club.

GRAVER BILL'S TIPS:

(1) Try shooting different shapes of bullets. I accidentally found out my '73 cycles flat point bullets faster and smoother.

(2) You can buy a watch lubricant called KT-22 at jewelry supply companies. I use it on the internal parts of my '73, the

barrel lock of my double, and the cylinder pin of my Rugers. It seems to make my guns cycle smoother.

(3) This next tip can apply to new shooters or old shooters wanting to buy a new rifle. Recently my rifle broke, and I had to borrow several rifles from fellow shooters, so I ended up using many kinds of guns with action jobs done by several different gunsmiths. I found a big difference in the action smoothness from one gun to the next. So, I suggest you try different guns before you plunk down hard earned money for a new rifle.

(4) Lizard litter used in the cages of snakes and lizards can be obtained at some pet stores. It will work for a tumbling media for cleaning and polishing empty brass. Be sure to buy the package that says it's made from crushed nut shells.

(5) Sometimes an empty shotgun shell gets stuck in a dirty chamber and slows down a fast reload. A quick swipe with a brush will stop this. I found a “pipe cleaning” brush at a chain hardware store for \$5.99 that works well, and if I lose or damage it, I'm not out \$40 to \$60, the cost of a good shotgun bore brush.

All right folks, send me your ideas and tips so we can make our Cowboy Action Shooting™ the best experience possible and we can keep this column going! 🐾



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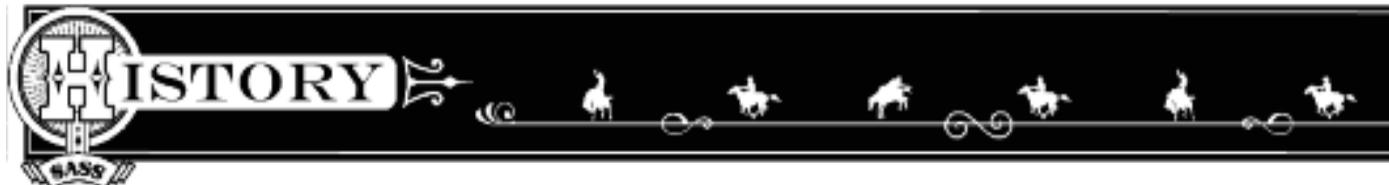
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Col. Richard Dodge,
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Lest we forget the role played in the Old West by the U. S. Army, it is appropriate we take a look at a few of the men who were instrumental in enabling the occupation of the frontier by those whose vision, both good and bad, created the nation as we know it. Many of these men's names are emblazoned in our history books—Custer, Sherman, Crook, and Miles, but many others served their country with honor and courage, displayed uncommon leadership and skill—and disappeared with the passage of



U.S. ARMY IN THE OLD WEST

Lt. Gen. Adna Chaffee, Sr.

By Col. Richard Dodge, SASS Life #1750

years, to be remembered only by those whose business it is to remember such things.

Adna Chaffee is one such man. He is perhaps the only man to ever serve as Army Chief of Staff who not only did not attend West Point, but actually enlisted in the Army as a private in the Civil War and rose steadily through the ranks to the highest levels of command. Such a man had to be one of such a high level of skill, courage, and leadership that he was acknowledged, recognized, and rewarded with promotion by his superiors, something that was not often done by glory-seeking officers who resented and blocked advancement of others

whose accomplishments might dim their own.

Chaffee's 45-year career began as a private in the 6th U. S. Cavalry Regiment in 1861. By 1862 he was already a Sergeant and a 2nd Lieutenant by 1863. Continued meritorious action in several battles, including being wounded twice and even captured temporarily, led to promotions to 1st Lieutenant and Captain.

Choosing to remain in the Army following the Civil War, Chaffee saw considerable action against the Comanches in Texas and the Apaches in Arizona, for which he was brevetted Major and Lt. Colonel. At the Battle of Big
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Dry Wash against the Apaches in Arizona, he brilliantly defeated an entrenched band of Apache warriors with a small force of cavalry that included famed scout Al Siebert and then-Lieutenant Tom Cruse, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the battle.

He became a full Colonel as an instructor of tactics at the Fort Leavenworth Infantry and Cavalry School. As Chief of Staff to the military governor of Cuba following the Spanish-American War, he was further promoted to Brigadier and Major General. It is interesting to note that almost every promotion was accompanied by citations for gallantry and courage in action. The man was a true warrior.

He commanded the U. S. Army China Relief Expedition in the Boxer Rebellion in China, where he demanded—and got—the most ethical treatment of the Chinese from his troops, for which the Chinese rendered him the greatest respect.

A wonderful story is told of the General during that campaign—in stark contrast to his own troops' discipline and restraint, the Russian troops in the adjoining district raped and looted and destroyed with abandon. When they were foolish enough to encroach on the American zone, Chaffee took his immediate aides with him and stormed into the Russian commanding officer's tent, upbraided the startled Russian in language too colorful to print, threatened annihilation of the Russian troops if such behavior was repeated, turned his back on the speechless officer, and marched out. The Russians' behavior was greatly mollified thereafter, though they continued an occasional atrocity.

Chaffee was instrumental in the capture of Beijing, relieving the foreign citizens and embassy staffs entrapped in the Legation Quarter, and ending the rebellion. He then served as military governor of the Philippines and Commander of the East before assuming the rank of Lt. General and Army Chief of Staff, where he developed and implemented far-reaching changes in the Army's organization and doctrine, including implementation of the awarding of campaign medals, which are a major part of military tradition to this day.

Chaffee was one of Ohio's many contributions to American history, a real "soldier's soldier," and a true American military hero. His legacy did not end with his retirement in 1906. His son, Major General Adna Chaffee, Jr., became a military legend in his own right, responsible for development of the Army's mechanized force beginning in World War I. It is for him that Fort Chaffee in Alabama is named.

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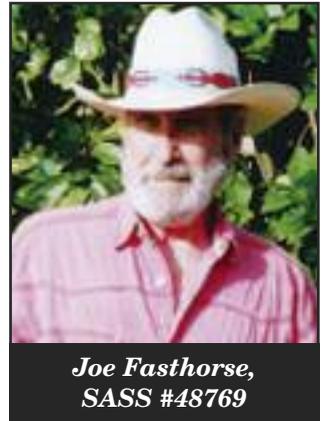
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LITTLE KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE Way Out West -

By Joe Fasthorse, SASS #48769

Thomas "Bear River" Smith

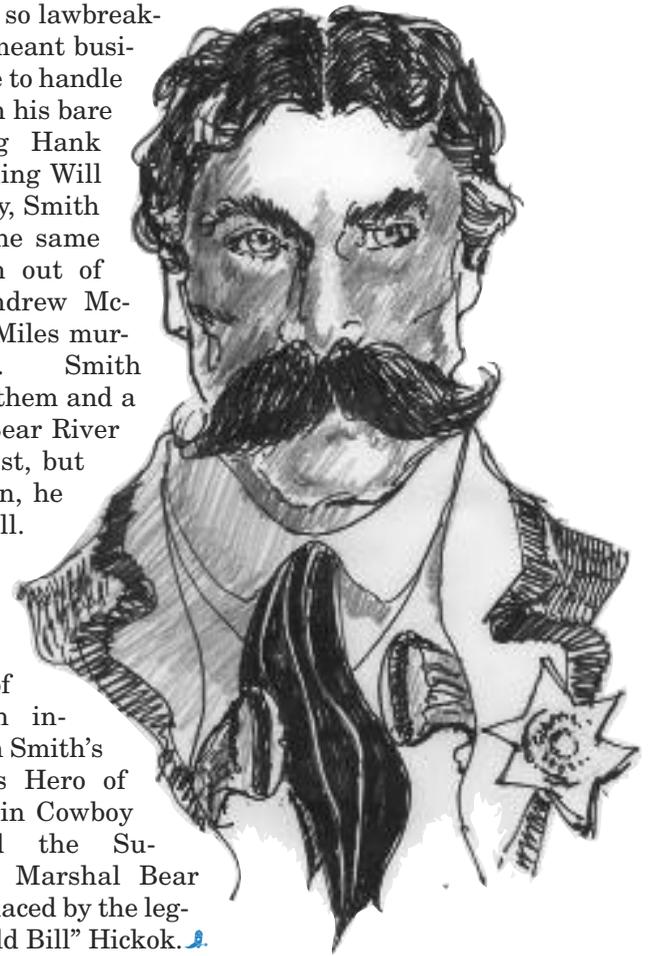


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THOMAS "BEAR RIVER" SMITH was born in 1830. He tamed the rip-roaring cowtown of Abilene, Kansas when he took the job as Town Marshal in 1869. He was a fearless lawman who preferred to keep the peace without resorting to gunplay. However, he always wore two pistols in plain sight so lawbreakers would know he meant business.

Smith was able to handle most hard cases with his bare hands. When Big Hank Hawkins and Wyoming Will got drunk and rowdy, Smith beat both men at the same time and ran them out of town. In 1870, Andrew McConnell and Moses Miles murdered Jack Shea. Smith attempted to arrest them and a gunfight erupted. Bear River was shot in the chest, but before he went down, he killed McConnell.

While Smith lay unconscious, Miles grabbed an ax and cut off the lawman's head. The citizens of Abilene erected an inscribed monument in Smith's honor. "A Fearless Hero of Frontier Days Who in Cowboy Chaos Established the Supremacy of Law." Marshal Bear River Smith was replaced by the legendary lawman, "Wild Bill" Hickok.



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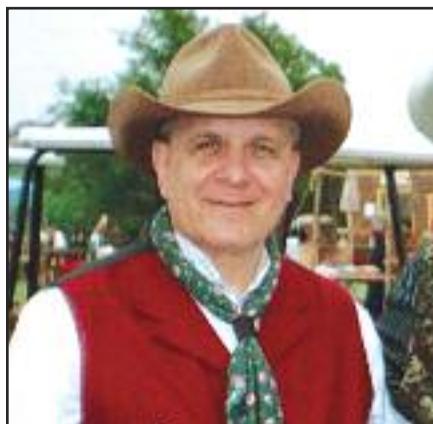
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Dead Man's Burden

By Nubbins Colt, SASS Life #7802

movie review. Okay, dinner was great, too, but that's for a different kind of newspaper or magazine.

Quickly, here's the cast and crew – some new, unheard of folks, but not all:

Cast:
Clare Bowen – Martha McCurry
David Call – Heck Kirkland
Barlow Jacobs – Wade McCurry
Joseph Lyle Taylor – E.J. Lane
Richard Riehle – Three Penny Hank

Crew:
Jared Moshé – Director,
 Screenwriter
Veronica Nickel – Producer
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About two weeks ago I got an announcement, from Willie Earp, SASS Life #19022, telling me and everyone else on his e-mail list to see a new, independently made movie at the Angelika Theater in Dallas—*Dead Man's Burden*. I love western movies as much as anyone plus I had a belated, mutual birthday dinner to celebrate with a lovely woman who is one of my best friends on this planet, so I got two tickets, she agreed to go, and we had a grand evening, and here's the

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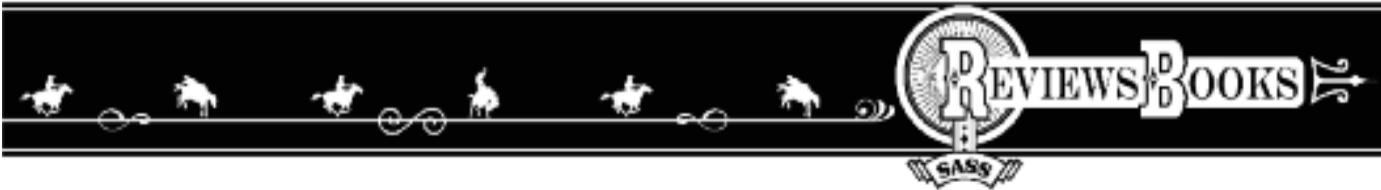
As I said, an independent film. I've seen some bad movies made independently, wooden acting, bad filming, and all kinds of issues. *Dead Man's Burden* had none of those issues. Oh my goodness, was it ever an independently made film without issues—it was spectacular! Not a spectacle in the way of the *Magnificent Seven*, for instance, or *Ben Hur*, would be called spectacular—grand, loud, fast and furious, with a cast of thousands, so to speak, but more in the way that *Casablanca* is spectacular—gripping, deep, thought provoking, even a little disturbing.

I have to admit when I first tried to buy tickets on-line I could not find a link for this film, but I did find the producer's e-mail address and, as you probably know,

your Nubbins not being particularly shy, I asked her directly. Veronica Nickel sent me a better link and afterwards I "warned" her I have written various reviews and stories for SASS' *Cowboy Chronicle*, and she could expect to see a review in that periodical in the not too distant future. She was excited by that prospect but, as you can imagine, hopeful I would enjoy it. Also, she told me the writer/director would be at the screening I was planning to attend and she would let him know I was coming. Even so, that doesn't guarantee a good review, donchano! What guarantees a good review is excellent acting, top notch cinematography, and a gripping, unsettling story that leaves the viewer kind of thunderstruck—and that's what *Dead Man's Burden* delivered.

Apparently it will stay in limited release and then go directly to DVDs, video on demand, etc. Get a copy—you will be mesmerized!

Because I planned to write this review I watched *Dead Man's Burden* with a more critical eye than the casual moviegoer I usually am. So, when the glare of the sun al-



most made me want to squint and reach for sunglasses, and definitely DID make me feel what the characters felt, I took note of that excellent camera work.

After the movie, the writer/director, Jared Moshe, answered questions, and the discussion got around to “shaky cam” versus “steady cam.” Well, I had already taken notice when the scenes got “shaky,” which fit perfectly well, and I thought to myself, “Self, someone did some marvelous cinematography. I’ll be sure to mention that.”

I watched the character development carefully as well—he did such a great job that my own emotions started to come into play. If I get emotional when watching a movie, then you have to know it has simply and wonderfully whisked me away.

The plot, both simple on the surface and deeply complex beneath, is we find ourselves in 1870s New Mexico, and a repudiated, disowned son has returned to the family farm after having been gone for years during and after the Civil War, only to find his parents deceased and his now fully grown sister and her husband struggling desperately to survive and wanting to sell the place and move to California. There is an underlying mystery big brother has to solve, and resolve, and the tension boils towards an explosion. And that’s all I will tell you about that! The family is originally from Texas, and two of Martha’s brothers were killed in the war, one at Sharpsburg and one at Chickamauga. Brother Wade was supposedly dead, too, so they’re all shocked at his return.

During questioning, some interesting facts were brought to light by the writer/director. They chose this particular setting in New Mexico and literally filmed the entire movie in 18 days—three six-day work weeks. He explained how they found the two cabins used in the film and why they had cactus on the roof of the sod cabin (authenticity—folks did that to keep marauding Apaches from clambering up onto the roofs). He even told us about the various construction changes they made to get the overall, farm appearance encompassing the small, sod hut. He discussed the firearms and how they were selected, and for the Catboy Chronicle audience, I will expand on the subject.

Wade McCurry comes home with a Civil War Henry Rifle and a blackpowder revolver. His sister, Martha McCurry, uses a single shot, long barreled Enfield rifle, probably a Pattern 1853. Heck Kirkland, Martha’s husband (note the different names and think about that) carried, to my great delight, a LeMat revolver. Three Penny Hank carries a double barreled, dual hammer shotgun. I am uncertain what gun E. J. Lane carried, but I think it was a Colt Patererson. For a little hint of the tensions involved, remember just who was most likely to have left the Civil War armed with a Henry rifle and, as a counterpoint, Martha’s new husband clearly fought on the Southern side and is armed with a Confederate LeMat. Each of these men has some unfortunate war history of their own they prefer to keep to themselves. It makes for a great screenplay and wonderfully tense moments!

All of the guns are used correctly and in the gunfight that is part of the dénouement, I counted the shots (of course I did –

wouldn’t you?!) and the total is 16—six from the revolver and ten from the LeMat. During the discussion I actually told Jared Moshe I did that and thanked him for his excellent firearms usage, and he exclaimed, “I KNEW IT! I knew someone was going to count the shots!” We were all amused.

Having the discussion with the writer after the film was over was refreshing from a number of standpoints. Not only did we get explanations about why some of the characters did certain things that otherwise would have remained speculative, but the lighter moments relieved the stunning impact of the conclusion. It’s different. It’s real.

Be prepared to really find *Dead Man’s Burden* is a fine piece of Western movie entertainment, but it’s not singing cowboys or *The Lone Ranger* (the original, not the silly modern versions), *True Grit*, or even *Django Unchained*, so ... be prepared! As a matter of fact, be very prepared.

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WINTER RANGE 2013

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The match takes place at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, a 1600-acre group of ranges in North Phoenix. There are over 140 shooting groups with signed user contracts with Ben Avery. And, tens of thousands of individual shooters use the various ranges each year. Working with these groups, the Rough Riders negotiated for the construction of three full-scale buildings that are used by Winter Range and by numerous other shooting disciplines during the year. Given the needs of these other shooting groups, the remaining bays and ranges have been kept open and free of permanent structures. Thus, each and every stage front, prop, and hundreds of decorative items have to be built, assembled on-site, used during the match and then disassembled, removed, and stored for the next year. How does this increasingly large and complex event come together?

I. Preparation

Planning for Winter Range normally begins the day after the previous Winter Range ends. So, on Monday evening, after the props and equipment are stored, everyone gathers together and starts reading the shooter comment cards. Ideas get batted about on how to improve things the next year and some preliminary discussions take place on what new props can be constructed or need to be replaced. Within a week to ten days after Winter Range concludes, the Winter Range Board convenes to hold an after action meeting. Each board member has responsibilities for particular functions at the match and each discusses what went well and what could be improved. Meetings are also held with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Ben Avery staff to discuss any issues they may have observed during the match. Within two weeks after Winter Range ends, the ranges and classrooms needed for the next Winter Range have to be reserved since the other user groups reserve the various ranges at Ben Avery months in advance.

Throughout the year meetings take place to discuss new props, what new equipment is needed, what targets need to be replaced, the theme for the next Win-

ter Range, looking for sources for the hundreds of awards to be given out at Winter Range, etc. And, the Board is constantly looking for and recruiting new people for the board to replace retiring board members. As the months progress, plans for new stages are drawn. Steel for new targets is ordered. Work details are set up, work assignments made, and budgets created for the various board members. Most of this planning takes place in the summer months when it is simply too hot to work out on the range. As the weather cools off in October, the work moves outside, and the pace begins to quicken dramatically.

Thousands of pounds of armor plate begin arriving to make into new targets. **Photo 1.** Winter Range replaces one-third of its targets each year, and over



the past two years, the plate size has grown to where most of the main match plates are now twenty to twenty-four inches. All of the knockdown target faces were replaced for WR 2013. **Photo 2.** And, dozens of new shotgun targets were ordered. **Photo 3.** In order to keep things fresh and interesting, many of the existing props are repainted with new color schemes or repurposed into new structures.



Photo 4. This year one of the major new facades was a railroad trestle. We'll follow the progress on the trestle from construction to final setup on the range. First, plans are drawn up for the basic structure and a "look" conceived for the final stage. Work begins on one pier, **Photo 5,** and soon a second is completed. **Photo 6.** The trestle is built from solid wood and held together with over 100 3/4" bolts. Those piers are HEAVY. It took eight guys to move one ten



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feet. **Photo 7.** Part of the “look” for the stage was that the trestle crossed a tree and boulder filled canyon. There aren’t any trees or large boulders at Ben Avery, so they were created from Styrofoam, wood, and plaster. **Photo 8.** A little carefully applied coloring and

streaking and the Styrofoam and plaster were turned into rocks and boulders. **Photo 9.** As the days pass, the activity changes from preparation to execution.

II. Execution

Ten to twelve days before the start of Winter Range (WR)

the main tent starts going up. **Photos 10 and 11.** Closely followed by the tents that will comprise the vendor village. **Photo 12.** On the Wednesday before WR, setup begins. However, Ben Avery is a very busy range and in the days just prior to WR, the parking lots were full. **Photo 13.** However, these vehicles
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were not from the WR setup crew, they were for the shooters involved in four other matches! There was a silhouette match, IPSC match, bench rest match, and a 1000-yard long-range match all going on while the work to build Winter Range was starting. **Photos 14 and 15.** As soon as these matches were completed, the WR work crews moved in behind them. Thirty-five individuals known as Rangers back up the Rough Riders. The Rangers volunteer for a two-week tour of duty with the Rough Riders and are the backbone of the match setup and operations during the match. Numerous volunteers also show up to assist in setting up WR. They and the Rangers are broken

up into work crews, each crew headed by a Ranger Captain. These crews have the responsibility to set up the various stage scenarios.

Each Ranger Captain is given a construction manual. The manual is color-coded and shows what equipment needs to be delivered to each stage. The ground is marked with color-coded spray paint to coincide with the manual and shows where to place the targets, stage props, and stage fronts. We'll follow the progress of setting up the new trestle stage. **Photo 16** shows the bay shortly after the shooters shown in Photo 14 vacated it. The ground is marked and the first thing that must be delivered are the targets since in many cases once the stage fronts are erected



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there is no room for the target trailers to get behind the props. As shown in Photo 7, the trestles were extremely HEAVY. Thus, they had to be completely dismantled, carried to the bay, and then reconstructed. **Photos 17, 18 and 19.** The hand-car and its operator were installed, **Photo 20**, and the rocks, trees and other props added to complete the stage. **Photo 21.** This year's theme was western musicals. The trestle stage



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24 was setup to replicate the look of the handcar scene from “Blazing Saddles.” (The opening line for the stage was “What in the wide, wide world of sports is a going on here!”)

Other crews were working on other scenarios. Here is the crew building the new church, **Photo 22**, and they had made significant progress by the end of the day. **Photo 23**. Other crews worked on the River Boat, **Photo 24**, and all the other stages. It was sunny and 75 during setup, but there were long-range forecasts of windy weather. So, many of the stage fronts were braced with steel angle iron front and back in the event of strong winds. **Photo 25**. (It was surprising the number of people that asked, “won’t those steel poles get in the way of the shooters? They were all assured the poles would be removed before the match.) Behind the firing line there are also hundreds of props set up around the ranges to provide the Winter Range ambiance.

For example, there is an Indian village. **Photo 26**. This year heavy canvas splatter guards were installed to eliminate the need for hauling hundreds of hay bales to the range. These guards were all “branded” to make them look more western. **Photo 27**. A new front for the main tent was built. **Photo 28**. And two 80KW generators installed to power WR.



Photo 29. The final step before setup is declared complete is inspection by the Beautification Committee!!!! **Photo 30**. The Beautification Committee inspects each and every stage and every prop on the range, touches up paint, moves items that aren’t just in the right places, and in-general makes sure the range is a pleasing sight for the shooters. Once their okay has
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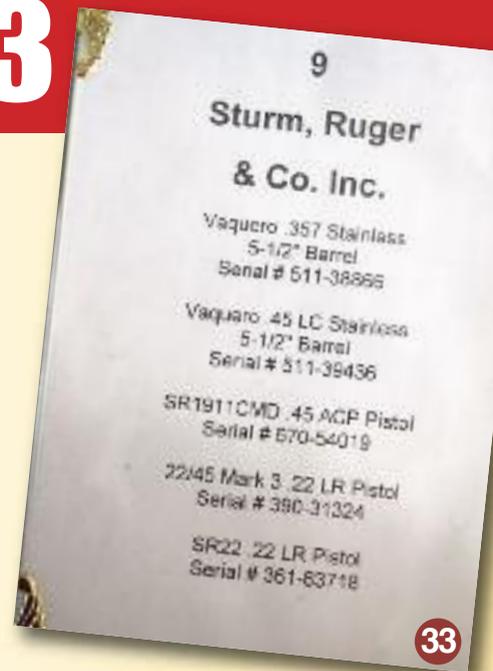


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been given, the range work is declared completed.

Inside the main tent additional work is going on to make sure registration is ready to open on Sunday afternoon and start checking in the 1000 plus Action



and Mounted Shooters. It takes a lot of time and manpower to stuff 800+ shooter bags. **Photo 31.** The new prize drawing was

also set-up and an early arrival looked over the old glass jars. **Photo 32.** In front of each jar was a list of prizes that would be

drawn from that jar. **Photo 33.** This year WR tried something new. Each shooter was given a pair of embroidered gun rugs when they checked in. **Photo 34.** In addition each shooter was given one prize ticket. Rather

III. The Match

Registration was ready for business at noon on Sunday and Winter Range was officially open. On Monday and Tuesday the Wild Bunch National Championship was shot in sunny and seventy degree weather. It was perfect. Then on late Tuesday night and in the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday, an unprecedented storm hit. There have been times when a few flakes of snow have fallen on Phoenix, but they always melted before they hit the ground. On Wednesday there was pounding rain, sleet, hail, a snowstorm, and something I never heard of before – grapple! Grapple, as explained by the local newscasters, is caused by the partial melting of a snowflake that refreezes before reaching the ground. Holy mackerel! In Phoenix? Everything was covered in snow and ice. **Photo 35.** And the snow, ice, and slush had to be shoveled from the main tent as it was starting to sag. **Photo 36.** Soon every dry gully in the area was a raging



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than giving a few large prizes and lots of small ones, the major sponsors were each asked to provide only large gifts. (Guns, reloading machines, complete wardrobes, etc.) A jar was setup for each sponsor and the shooters could pick which prize jar they wished to deposit their ticket. A drawing was held on Thursday night, the winners posted all day Friday, and the prizes handed out on Saturday. The drawing went very smoothly and the shooters seemed to like the opportunity to win a major prize.

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torrent. **Photo 37.**

Wednesday is side match and warm-up match day. A surprising number of brave souls shot the side matches in the storm. **Photo 38.** However, on most of the warm-up matches by the time the first stage was shot most people elected to seek shelter rather than shoot the other three stages. The



Plainsmen not only had to contend with the storm, they had to try and load their muzzleloaders in it. They did things democratically and voted to call the match after one stage.

On Thursday morning the main Cowboy Action Shooting™ match started under cloudy, but dry skies. As the day wore on,

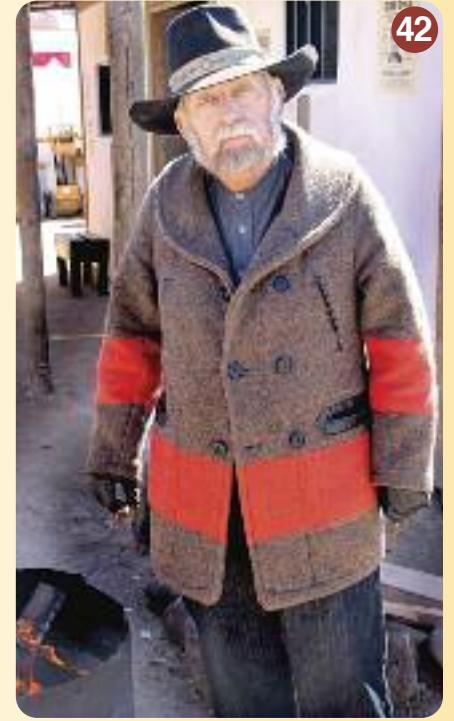


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the skies cleared and the temperatures warmed. Each wave of the Cowboy Action Shooting™ match began with a memorial over-flight of military training aircraft. They circled the range and flew at low altitude directly over the firing line. **Photos 39 and 40.** At the end of the firing, one plane peeled off trailing smoke in the missing man formation. **Photo 41.** Everyone tipped their hats and thought about our friends and associates that passed the previous year, and everyone thanked our men and women in the armed forces worldwide.



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And then the main match shooting began! Walking up and down the lines people renewed old friendships and made new ones. Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1, was visiting people out by the Ranger Shack. **Photo 42.** Gen-
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eral Grant, SASS #2, shot the match and shot it clean! **Photo 43.** There were lots of new people from around the world. WR



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had its first visitors from The Netherlands this year, Chrissy Carson, SASS #85858 and Mad Wolf, SASS # 85657. **Photo 44.** Heck, even Mungo was there. **Photo 45.** (He must have gotten time off for good behavior from the Blazing Saddle scenario over on Stage 6.)

The WR stages are always

written to provide fun for all and to provide a challenge to the top shooters. A couple of stages let the shooter decide the order in which he/she wanted to shoot the targets. Some were mirror stages so a shooter could start on the left or the right side of a stage. There were a few knock-downs and one aerial target. Some stages were up close and fast. Others required a little more deliberation. In other words, there was something for everyone. The weather once again turned into typical sunny Phoenix weather and all was well. Or was it? The wind everyone was worried about for Wednesday had never materialized. The match was over and it looked like, other than Wednesday side match day, the weather had been about perfect, and



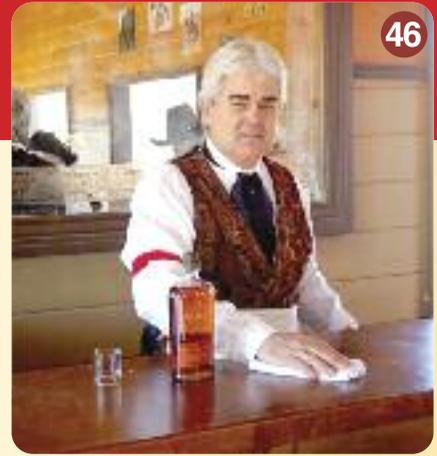
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everyone was laid back and relaxing. Many visited the WR Saloon that was converted from a shooting stage into a working saloon soon after the shooting was over. **Photos 46 and 47.**

Then about 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning it struck! An unforeseen windstorm swept the range and took out an entire section of the vendor village. **Photos 48, 49 and 50.** Guns, clothes, leather goods, and all manner of products were strewn about the desert floor. Soon vendors and



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National Champions			Categories			Categories			Long Range		
Main Match			<i>S Duelist</i>			<i>E Statesman</i>			<i>Optical</i>		
Overall			J. M. Brown, SASS #27309 NC			Evil Roy, SASS #2883 CO			Tail-N-Kid, SASS #43802 OK		
<i>Man</i>	Robyn DeVault, SASS #87360 AZ		<i>Gunfighter</i>			<i>G Dame</i>			<i>Quigley</i>		
<i>Lady</i>	Stormy Shooter, SASS #57333 AZ		Idaho Bad Company, SASS #28943 ID			Ramblin' Rose, SASS #2811 CO			Cpl. Quayne, SASS #895398 AZ		
Top 16 Shoot-off			<i>L Gunfighter</i>			<i>Cattle Baron</i>			<i>Mil S Shot</i>		
<i>Man</i>	Single Barrel, SASS #60184 CA		Granny Annie, SASS #37063 IA			Bloody Bill Anderson, SASS #61673 CA			H. F. McCawley AZ		
<i>Lady</i>	Two Sons, SASS #12636 IN		<i>Senior</i>			Side Matches			<i>Mil Bolt Action 500m</i>		
			Hells Comin, SASS #56436 AZ			Plainsman			Tumbleweed Ed, SASS #65484 NV		
			<i>L Senior</i>			Shotgun			Speed Events		
			Etta Mae, SASS #12478 AZ			<i>Sporting Clays</i>			<i>Shotgun '97</i>		
Categories			<i>49'er</i>			<i>Blackpowder</i>			<i>Man</i>		
<i>S Gunfighter</i>			Long Swede, SASS #22129 CA			<i>Smokeless</i>			Hells Comin AZ		
<i>F Cartridge</i>			<i>L 49'er</i>			<i>Skeet</i>			<i>Lady</i>		
Jess Ducky, SASS #4275 WA			Stormy Shooter, SASS #57333 AZ			<i>Blackpowder</i>			May B. Shecann, SASS #58075 WA		
<i>L F Cartridge</i>			<i>S Senior</i>			<i>Trap</i>			SXS		
Olli the Kid, SASS #68338 DU			Twelve Mile Reb, SASS #30634 UT			<i>Blackpowder</i>			<i>Man</i>		
<i>F C Duelist</i>			<i>L S Senior</i>			<i>Smokeless</i>			Rattlesnake TX		
Lefty Eastman, SASS #20645 CA			Two Sons, SASS #12636 IN			<i>Skeet</i>			<i>Lady</i>		
<i>Frontiersman</i>			<i>Cowboy</i>			<i>Blackpowder</i>			Texas Tiger, SASS #74829 NM		
Split Rail, SASS #24707 OH			Robyn DeVault, SASS #87360 AZ			<i>Smokeless</i>			Crotchety Old Grouch, SASS #51188 OR		
<i>B-Western</i>			<i>Cowgirl</i>			Long Range			<i>'87</i>		
Slick McClade, SASS #69490 LA			Echo Meadows, SASS #50735 AZ			<i>Pistol</i>			<i>Rifle</i>		
<i>L B-Western</i>			<i>Wrangler</i>			<i>P C Rifle</i>			<i>Man</i>		
Whirlwind Wendy, SASS #79889 CA			Arizona, Redneck, SASS #49989 AZ			<i>R C Rifle</i>			Deuce Stevens, SASS #51996 M5		
<i>C Cowboy</i>			<i>L Wrangler</i>			<i>Single Shot</i>			<i>Lady</i>		
Big Six Henderson, SASS #16594 KY			Nellie Blue, SASS #54399 NV			<i>Buffalo Rifle</i>			Missy Mable, SASS #35458 ID		
<i>C Cowgirl</i>			<i>Buckaroo</i>						<i>Revolver</i>		
Hot Tamale, SASS #78531 TX			Skin Dawg, SASS #92351 CO						<i>Man</i>		
<i>Duelist</i>			<i>Buckarette</i>						<i>Lady</i>		
Grazer, SASS #38845 MA			Bonnie MacFarlane, SASS #92385 CA						Texas Tiger NM		
<i>L Duelist</i>			<i>Junior</i>						<i>Derringer</i>		
Dixie Bell, SASS #5366 UT			Rattlesnake Wrangler, SASS #54580 TX						<i>Man</i>		
			<i>L Junior</i>						<i>Lady</i>		
			Slick's Sharp Shooter, SASS #77967 GA						Texas Ghost, SASS #50125 TX		
									Sour Kraut, SASS #82459 NV		

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bronze buckles for the second through fifth place finishers and bronze buckles for the remainder of the top ten in each category. **Photos 54, 55 and 56.** But in another twist of fate, the grand finale to a record setting Winter Range was not to be. After the windstorm, there was no way to ensure the integrity of the main tent and it was ordered evacuated. In the quickest awards ceremony on record, all of the winners were read non-stop. **Photo 57.** The winners then made a mad dash to pick up their trophies and the entire awards ceremony was over in fifteen minutes!

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ceremony. Remington bronze statues and gold and silver buckles were for the top shooters in each category. Garmin trophies and

Meanwhile, out on the firing line the top 16 shoot-off was taking place. It was cold and windy and many of the shooters shot in their heavy coats and earmuffs. **Photos 52 and 53.** The shoot-off was completed and so were the top shooters. Inside the main tent all of the awards were laid out and preparations being made for the awards

campers in an amazing show of the cowboy way showed up in the dark and in a howling wind storm and began securing firearms and helping collect everyone's goods. Other than some scratches and dents, it does not appear that anyone lost any goods. The vendors were doing a terrific business at WR and some continued to work to fill orders even after their tents were gone. **Photo 51.**



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IV. Sponsors, Vendors and Entertainment

At any large match shooting comprises only about 1/3 of a shooter's time. For non-shooting wives, children, and visitors, a match would be boring without things to see and do. Sponsors, vendors, and entertainment fill this gap. This year the match Master Sponsor was Wild West Mercantile, the Premier Sponsors were Phil and Jo Doornbos, and the Main Tent Sponsor was F.A.P F.lli Pietta. Out on range the Girl Scouts were on one end, **Photo 58**, and the Boy Scouts (selling brass) on the other, **Photo 59**. Vendors of all sorts were in between. From guns, to leather, to clothes, and dozens of other western products the vendors were out in force. (See side bar.) Over 200 radio ads were placed in order to try and bring more visitors out to buy goods from the vendors. A local country and western station even broadcast live on-site. **Photo 60**. There were strolling troubadours, **Photos 61 and 62**, a rodeo for the spectators to watch, **Photo 63**, a magician, and cow-



boy fast draw for everyone to try their hand against the clock. **Photo 64**. At night there were banquets, bingo, and cowboy poker. On Saturday night there

was a packed house. **Photo 65**. And who were they all there to see? None other than Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known as America's toughest Sheriff. What is not so well known outside of Arizona is that he also has a comedy routine and performs in local comedy clubs. He had everyone rolling in the aisles.

And food? There were food vendors selling cowboy food cooked in Dutch ovens, Bar-B-Q, Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches, Buffalo burgers, kettle corn, ice cream, and pretty much something to meet all tastes.

V. Takedown and Winter Range 2014

As previously noted, Ben Avery is a busy range. In fact, a large muzzle loading event starts on the Wednesday after Winter Range so EVERYTHING has to be removed from the range no later than Tuesday afternoon. Just as methodically as everything was put up for the match, it is taken down and stored in a yard a few hundred yards away from the main range. Winter Range has hundreds of targets, tons of hardware (nuts, bolts, paint, etc.) and tools, and dozens of stage fronts. These all have to be inventoried and carefully stored out of the summer sun. The storage yard now contains five large conex containers and a large covered shed. All of the

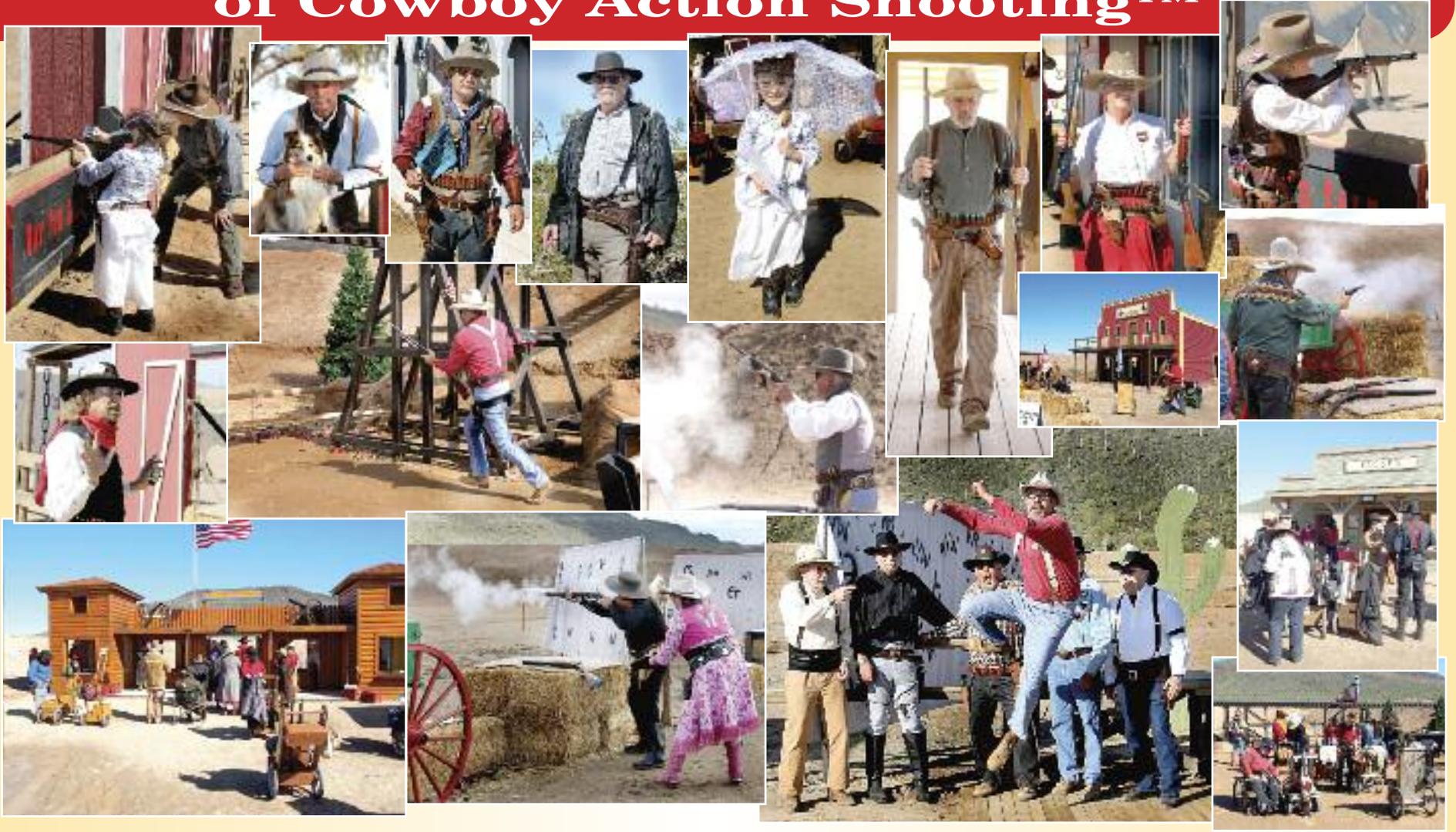


area in between is filled with targets. Because of the abbreviated closing ceremony, many shooter comment cards were not turned in, so the customary reading of the comments on Monday afternoon had to be delayed. The comment form was posted on-line and over 400 comments were received. They have been read, suggestions made, the ranges reserved and the planning begun for Winter Range 2014! Next year's match will take place from February 24 through March 2. See you there!!!

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- Rockwell Arms, Sandpoint, ID - Aug 31

EAST COAST

- Woodbury Outfitters, 47694 Reservoir Road Saint Clairsville, OH 43950 - Aug 3
- Green Top, 10150 Lakendge Parkway Ashland, VA 23005 - Aug 9-11
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- Sheddom Sports, 103 W. Main Ennis, MT 59729 - Aug 17-18
- Red's Trading Post, 203 5th Ave S. Twin Falls, ID - Aug 30-31





2012 SASS Scholarship Recipient

Bismark, ND – Each year when the snow melts, I begin to feel the anticipation of a new shooting season, and I cannot wait to get outdoors onto the range to be among friendly faces and share smiles and laughter over a common interest. Ever since I joined SASS, much to my father's delight, I have grown into a confident adult and have become a familiar face on our home range. The nurturing society that is the Dakota Roughriders has made me believe Cowboy Action Shooting™ is more than just a sport ... it is a community of well-wishers, laughers, and overall jovial people who have never failed to ask my father where I am when I am not present at a match. This "family" I have come to have over the years has always included me in whatever needs to be done. I have never felt out of place on the range while "hunting steel," and I credit that to having a group of successful shooters surrounding me and teaching me the "spirit of the game."

Having successful shooters on the range makes for a myriad of opportunities and lessons learned. By having successful shooters, the atmosphere is friendly and safe so new shooters feel comfortable and have a great time at the range. As well as having fun, both new and returning shooters always learn

Misty Target, SASS #79327

aka Janella Reiswig

Why Everyone needs to be a Successful Shooter

Edited by Justice Lily Kate, SASS #1000

how to be a safety spectator by learning about the different guns used and how to correctly handle them. Everyone learns how to be safe and watch for any sort of malfunction that might put someone in danger. The practice of being a safety spectator is one of the first lessons many of the successful shooters I have met like to pass along. It makes for a safe range and a fun time.

Along with that, it creates a place where people can joke, have fun, and makes for a more relaxed run at the shooting line. I have always been comfortable on the line and have always felt my fellow shooters are interested in how I shoot. I appreciate their pointers and always take them to heart.

One of my favorite moments was when I learned how to "place my feet like I meant business." This happened after a few years of shooting. I was doing fine in my

category, but I still wanted to do better as a shooter, smoother in my transitions, and act more "into the game." One day a friend approached me at the gun cart (our "trusty steed" as I like to call it) and mentioned I was not "leaning into it." I asked him what he meant, and he explained that I looked too proper. I was standing upright like a lady and not anchoring myself with a well-placed foot. He showed me how to remedy it, and on the next stage I "leaned in." Not only did I feel more ready for the timer and my first shot, I flew through the stage and had more fun. I always remember to place a foot and "lean in."

Being around so many shooters who have been kind and offered a helping hand has shown me the importance of having successful shooters in SASS. I am forever grateful to those who gave me the courage to step up to the



line at the first match and convinced me it is not "a big bad shotgun." I am even more grateful to those who have continued to help over the years as I have grown into a recognized shooter in our state for both talent and friendliness. I am most grateful for learning from my Cowboy Action Shooting™ family and have taken it into my everyday life, becoming a trusted friend and helpful acquaintance to many. I have learned from an environment of
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**Red River Emma,
SASS #90161**

aka Paige Townsley

What the Second Amendment Means to Me

Edited by Justice Lily Kate, SASS #1000

Owasso, OK - As an Oklahoman and citizen of the United States of America, the Second Amendment is very important to me. I cannot even fathom the thought of having to live without its protection. The right to keep and bear arms is essential to every American's life, whether they realize it or not. It is a key part to America's safety and wellbeing.

The Second Amendment gives us the right to protect ourselves. People feel safer knowing they have a method of self-defense in the home in case they are burglarized or threatened. Crime rates are proven to be lower in nations that allow firearms for protection. In nations that have prohibited handguns, such as Great Britain, Australia, and Canada, there has been a dramatic increase in crime rates and riots, even knife violence. While citizens may still own weapons, they must be placed and stored in certified ranges or law enforcement care, in which circumstances they are useless for self-protection. In my opinion, banning arms only strips away a source of defense for law-abiding citizens; it's a bit naïve to think criminals are going to willingly turn in their weapons. The police force would have to be extremely large in order to protect a defenseless population as huge as America's.

In many regions, Americans use firearms to hunt, both for sport and for necessity of food and to protect livestock. At my own home in Collinsville, OK, we have had to defend our animals and pets from coyotes and other vermin. Some

families' livestock are their livelihood and the only source of income, and the Second Amendment gives them the right to protect it.

Now that I have been trained to safely handle a firearm, which is something I will continue to study and spread to others by example, I feel much safer knowing that if misfortune ever strikes I have the opportunity and means to defend myself and my loved ones. I have heard stories from my teachers about being robbed and kidnapped; even my mother has had a horrifying kidnapping experience. As a teenaged girl, I can sleep much better at night knowing I have the ability to prevent the same from happening to me.

Finally, without the right to bear arms, I would not be able to enjoy the great sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. I love being able to go out to the range and shoot with my Dad and sister. It means a lot to me to be able to spend quality time with my Dad, participating together in something we both love to do. It's rare one finds an activity they find genuinely enjoyable, regardless of the people involved and the competition it creates. I am thankful I get to enjoy this one.

I hope to see many generations to come enjoy the opportunities made possible by our Second Amendment in careers, business,

and pleasure. Plus my leather holsters would be mighty lonesome without their six-guns if we were placed under a firearms ban!!



Papa Jake, SASS #48550

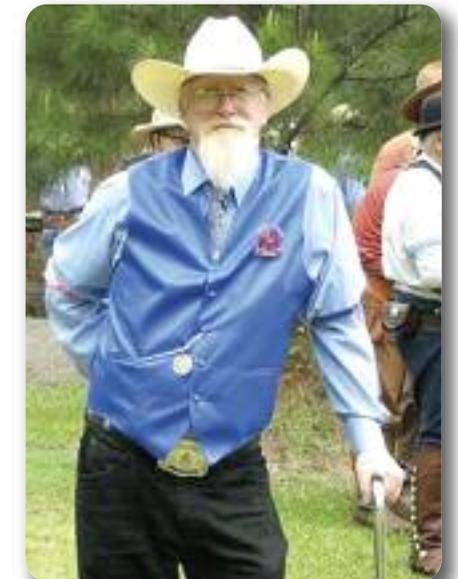
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By Big Boyd, SASS #43159

Valdosta, GA - Hugh H. "Papa Jake" Jacobs Sr. of Hahira, GA, passed away February 28, 2013 at his residence after a brief illness. He was born August 28, 1944 in Panama City, FL. He was a member of the Lakeland Church of Christ and was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Papa Jake was one of the founding members of the Valdosta Vigilance Committee and wore club badge VVC #4. He also belonged to the Doc Holiday Immortals club in Griffin, GA. He untiringly helped Cowboy clubs and Cowboy shooters every chance he had and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Papa Jake loved SASS and the Cowboy way very much. He participated in many local, state, and regional matches around the south, and was always willing to step up and help. He did not like to be idle. Papa Jake's love of SASS spread to his granddaughter Wild Jessie Lou, SASS



#92381, who has enjoyed shooting with her grandfather for several years. Two of his sons and other family members have recently joined SASS and are in the process of getting their gear together.

Each year, Papa Jake rounded up all kinds of door prizes for the *Shootout on the Little River*, the annual match of the Valdosta Vigilance Committee.

His friends have many fond memories of Papa Jake, and will miss him greatly.

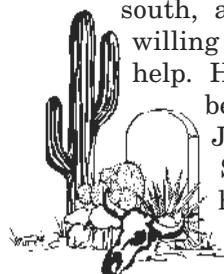
Misty Target, SASS #79327 . . .

(Continued from previous page) successful shooters the "spirit of the game" does not stop once you leave the range, nor does watching

out for the safety of others. Those two tenants are with you every moment, just like the enjoyment of the sport through all seasons.

Little Known Fact

At the beginning of the war, the Confederate Navy did not possess a single gunboat.





READING CATTLE BRANDS

By Swallowfork, SASS #35326

We all have heard the expression, "Riding for the Brand." But how many of us really know how to read a brand? (If yer gonna ride for it, ya pretty well better know how to read it!)

Various jurisdictions have their own specific rules regarding the branding of livestock. However, there are many similarities in brands across North America. Frequently, the same character may be called one thing in one place and by a different name in another province or state. For example, what is termed a "Half Diamond" in Alberta may be called a "Rafter" in Montana. This article deals primarily with brands in the Province of Alberta, Canada.

The first brand to be registered in western Canada was "71" on the left rib. Percy Neale and Sam Steele, former North West Mounted Police officers, registered this brand as partners in January 1880. Five more brands were registered the same year. Twenty-nine were registered in 1881 and another thirty-four in 1882. The two oldest brands in current use that have been kept registered are the circle "O," on the left hip for cattle and the "OH" for the left rib on cattle and the left shoulder for horses. They were registered in July 1881 and have been kept active over the years at the same ranch location where they were initially registered. As of this writing, there were 50,000 registered brands in Alberta.

The basic design for most brands consists of a combination of characters (letters and numbers) and symbols. All letters in the alphabet have been used in brands. Although the letter "Q" can be found in older Alberta brands, it is no longer used due to the similarity to an "O." Similarly, the

letter "G" is now only used in the reversed position  so as not to be confused with a "C."

Other reversed letters that are used are:

These are read as Reversed "B," Reversed "D," etc.

Any numeral can be used except zero "0" and "1" which are registered as the letters "O" and "L."

The design characters currently in use are: anchor, triangle, diamond and box.

A character on its side is referred to as "Lazy." If the top of the character is to the left it is a "Lazy Left", ("Lazy Left M").

When the top is toward the right, it is a "Lazy Right." Lazy rights are no longer used in new Alberta brands.

Letters that are joined back-to-back are referred to as "Monogrammed."  The E is a "Reversed E" and the P is a "Monogram P."

The symbols bar , quarter circle,  and half diamond  are used above or below characters in a brand. A bar above or below the characters is referred to as a "Bar." A bar directly in front, behind or between characters is known as a "Running Bar" ( "Running Bar A").

The ends of a quarter circle point away from the brand characters  while the half diamonds have the ends pointing toward the brand characters.  Older brands may be found with the half diamond and quarter circle pointed in the opposite direction.

Brands are read from top to bottom or from left to right. For example:  "Half Diamond

J  "6"  over 6", S-7 "S Running Bar 7",  "Running Bar Reverse E Monogram P",  "Bar Reverse K Monogram L."

There is a huge variety of older brand characters and symbols which are not found on new brands in Alberta. Here are a few of the many examples:



Brands can be registered on any of six animal positions for both cattle and horses. The cattle positions are shoulder, rib and hip on both the left and right side. The horse positions are jaw, shoulder, and thigh on both sides. The same sets of brand characters applied to two different positions are considered to be registered as two entirely different brands.

So there you have it. Not so complicated after all!
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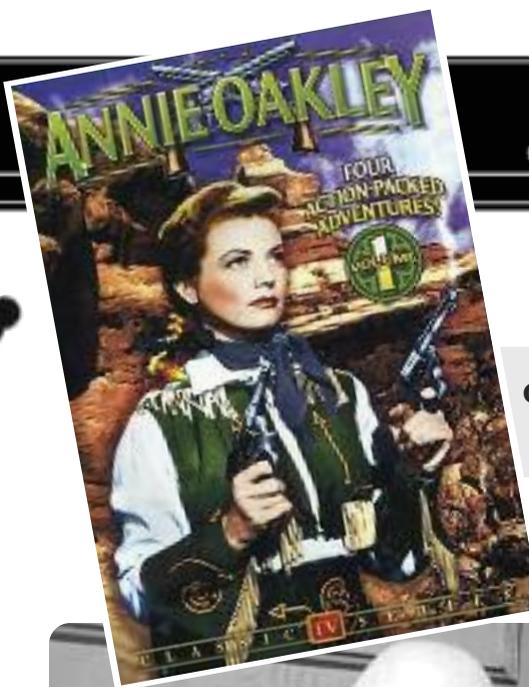
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Wolverine Wrangler,
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Gail Davis (*Betty Jeane Grayson*) as Annie Oakley.

By Wolverine Wrangler, SASS #22963

In the 50s, 60s, and early 70s Western series dominated network television. Here is a look at one of those TV shows.

Annie Oakley starring Gail Davis fictionalized the life of famous sharpshooter Annie Oakley. It ran from January 1954 to February 1957. Reruns were from



Gene Autry discovered Gail Davis, created the *Annie Oakley* TV show, and cast her as the star.

1959 – 1960 and from 1964 – 1965. It ran for three seasons, for a total of 81 black and white episodes, each 25 minutes long.

Gail Davis (1925 – 1997) was the daughter of a small town physician. Her real name was Betty Jeane Grayson. After moving to Hollywood, CA, Betty Jeane signed a contract with MGM in 1946. It was then she took the name “Gail Davis.” She played many supporting roles in films, mostly Westerns, and was discovered by Gene Autry who created and produced the *Annie Oakley* TV show casting her as the star.

The *Annie Oakley* show co-starred Brad Johnson as Deputy Sheriff Lofty Craig and Jimmy Hawkins, as Annie’s brother, Tagg. In one episode, “Bull’s Eye,” the role of Tagg was played by Billy Gray, better known as James “Bud” Anderson, Jr., on *Father Knows Best*. In the series, Annie Oakley rode a horse named Target, Tagg’s horse was Pixie, and Lofty’s was named Forest. Annie and Tagg lived in the town of Diablo, Arizona with their

uncle, Sheriff Luke MacTavish, who was usually away whenever trouble started. It would then be up to straight-shooting Annie and her “silent suitor” Lofty Craig to rescue law-abiding neighbors and arrest outlaws. Often Tagg would be told to stay in town and out of the way, but through disobedience, the need to relay important new information, or being captured by outlaws, he would end up in the middle of the adventure.

Annie Oakley always wore the same fringed cowgirl outfit, of which 15 or more copies were made throughout the show’s production. Her hairstyle was braided pigtails.

Gail Davis was a skillful horseback rider and toured North America in Gene Autry’s traveling rodeo. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2004, she was posthumously inducted into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, TX.

I’ll be turning the rotary TV channel selector dial now. Stay tuned. WolverineWrangler@charter.net

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Buckaroo POEM

By Buck's Litl Pearl, SASS #35008

(A brief history: Buckaroo Joel, SASS #42218, is the grandson of the late Buck Cahill, formerly known as Litl Buck, SASS #23545, and grandson of Buck's Litl Pearl, SASS #35008, that's me. After Litl Buck passed away, I really wanted to carry on the tradition and encouraged Buckaroo Joel to join me. He was a total stranger to guns at that time, but with a LOT of support from our local Liberty Prairie Regulators in Ripon, WI, he started to shoot. He finally got the courage to shoot his shotgun at the last match of 2012 and is looking

forward to using all guns this year. He wrote this poem as a 5th grade class assignment. After finishing, "I am only a Boy" and turning it in to his teacher, he was encouraged to see if he could take it further and proceeded to write "I am only a Gun." He presented this to me on Mothers Day in a frame with his photo from our last shoot. He is amazed that Grandma can shoot, and I am amazed at his writing!)



THE BOY

*By Buckaroo Joel,
SASS #42218*

I am only a boy,
though I do not fear the gun.
A gun tastes like hard-fought victory so hardy and sweet.
A gun feels like a massive weight, though I never let go.
A gun sounds like a thousand cheers, provided by the winning goal.
A gun smells like a blazing wildfire though I contained it.
A gun looks like a looming cliff that I have scaled.
I AM ONLY A BOY.

THE GUN

By Buckaroo Joel, SASS #42218

I am only a gun.
Though the boy does not fear me.
I taste like hard-fought victory, so hardy and sweet.
I feel like a massive weight, but the boy never lets go.
I sound like a thousand cheers provided by the winning goal.
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✿ GUN LAWS ✿

By Sierrita Slim, SASS Regulator #4054

those years spent with either collateral duties or full time as a firearms instructor. I'm also a life member of the NRA and firmly believe anyone who wants to keep the Second Amendment should join, too. I assure you neither I nor anyone I know feels anything but heartbreak for the children, staff members, and all other victims of the recent string of senseless shooting incidents that have been experienced in different parts of this great country as well as for the families who survive them. Had I or any of my comrades or any of you been present at any of these incidents I know the outcome would have surely been better than it was.

Since statistics are my topic

I'll tell you where most of mine come from. The National Institute of Health (NIH) has done studies through the years, and the anti-gun groups never use the NIH statistics. Hmmm, why might that be? The NIH is a government run operation and has accurate studies in many areas so why not use their figures? The answer is the NIH figures for decades have told the truth and disprove most if not all arguments put forward by the antis. As an example, do you recall years ago when the news going around declared there was a child killed in this country by guns every 10 minutes? I sure do. In order to say that, the study had to include as children people up to the age of 23. They included crim-

inals legally shot and killed by the police. They included criminals legally shot and killed by innocent citizens who were defending themselves or some other innocent person. They included gang bangers who shot and killed each other. You get the idea. They included all these people as "children" in order to be able to make their false claim. Do you feel as insulted by that as I do? I hope so.

NIH studies have shown since the 1930s the population has more than doubled and the number of firearms privately owned by that population has more than quadrupled, but the number of gun injuries has dropped over 65%. WOW, there's one reason NIH studies haven't been used in the

With all the talk about gun control lately and with much of the information being presented to us being plain false, I just have to set the statistical record straight. One thing I need to start out with is I have been in law enforcement since 1978 with many of

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cry for more restrictive gun laws. More than twice the number of people owning more than four times the number of guns, yet firearms accidents drops by a huge percentage!

There's been considerable misinformation about the affect of concealed carry (CC) laws, too. I've heard people with concerns if a CC law were passed people would be able to shoot anyone for nearly any reason. How ridiculous is that? But, the fact is the laws governing when you can or cannot use a firearm against another person haven't changed, the CC laws just allow people who have proven themselves to be trustworthy law abiding citizens who receive the appropriate training can carry a gun so they have it in case they need it. Sort of like the jack in your car or truck. You hope you don't need it, but if you do it's sure a nice thing to have handy. The facts show almost immediately after a state passes a concealed carry law, they experience a huge drop in violent crimes like robbery, rape, aggravated assault, and of course, murder.

Another interesting fact concerns the number of criminals that are killed by regular citizens. In relation to the number of criminals shot and killed each year by the police, if you were to guess, how many criminals are shot and killed each year by innocent citizens legally in possession of their firearm, employing deadly force legally because their life was in danger? More than twice as many as the police! Wow, that means that regular citizens under threat of deadly force kill a bunch of bad guys every year with their guns. If they hadn't had those firearms, they would in all likelihood have been killed instead of the criminals, and each year we'd have that many LESS good people and that many MORE bad people walking our streets! I don't know about you, but if I had my druthers, I'd rather "lose" the bad guys!

There is also much talk about keeping guns out of the hands of children. Well let's take a look at existing federal gun laws. Currently it is illegal for a person under the age of 18 to purchase or own a long gun (rifle or shotgun), and they can't be in possession of a firearm unless they're under adult supervision. The legal age for handguns is 21. So that means every single time you hear about

someone under 21 using a handgun in the commission of a crime, they were already breaking the law, just by having the gun. It is already illegal for our children to own guns or to possess them without adult supervision. It is illegal for convicted felons to own guns or even live in a dwelling where guns are kept legally by other residents.

The NRA has an Eddie Eagle program that for many years has been teaching children if they find a firearm to "Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell an Adult." Here's a list of gun safety suggestions the NIH has posted on their site:

- Teach children they shouldn't touch guns, and if they see a gun, to leave it alone and tell an adult.
- If your children play at another home, talk to the parents about gun safety.
- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Always store guns unloaded.
- Lock guns in a rack or safe, and hide the keys or combination.
- Store ammunition away from guns and keep it locked.
- Don't keep guns in your home if someone in your family has a mental illness, severe depression, or potential for violence.

All of these suggestions are common sense things to do, and you might want to consider using them. Did you notice their very first item matches the NRA's Eddie Eagle program? Wow! The NIH agrees with the NRA!

We could go on and on and on with more statistics, but I hope you now understand when you hear people quoting statistics that support more restrictive gun laws, those statistics are more than likely false and fabricated to make it look like we need more gun laws like Chicago has. Lets see ... Chicago has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country, yet their crime and murder rates are off the charts! Places with less restrictive gun laws enjoy much lower crime rates. Gee, sure seems plain to see. I'm curious to see what happens to New York's crime rates now that they've adopted some really restrictive gun laws. I know what effect people want them to have on crime. I also know what history says accompanies laws like these. For the sake of people living in New York I hope I'm wrong ... but statistics say I'm right. 🐾

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AK					CA (continued)				
Alaska 49er's	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Tripod	907-373-0140	Birchwood	Double R Bar Regulators	2nd Sun	Five Jacks	760-949-3198	Lucerne Valley
Golden Heart Shootist Society	2nd Sat & Last Sun	Poco Loco Louie	907-488-7660	Fairbanks	High Sierra Drifters	2nd Sun	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Railroad Flat
Juneau Gold Miners Posse	3rd Sun	Five Card Tanna	907-789-7498	Juneau	Richmond Roughriders	2nd Sun	Buffy	650-994-9412	Richmond
AL					Over The Hill Gang (The)	2nd Sun	Kooskia Kid	818-566-7900	Sylmar
Russell County Regulators	1st Sat	Will Killigan	706-568-0869	Phoenix City	Bridgeport Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Ben Maverick	909-496-3137	Bridgeport
North Alabama Regulators	1st Sun	Drake Robey	256-313-0421	Woodville	Burro Canyon Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Don Trader	714-827-7360	Canyon
Vulcan Long Rifles	2nd Sat	Parson Henry Brown	205-541-2207	Hoover	Nevada City Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Marlin Schofield	530-265-9213	Nevada City
Alabama Rangers	2nd Sun	Dead Horse Phil	205-531-7055	Brierfield	North County Shootist Assoc.	3rd Sat	Graybeard	760-727-9160	Pala
Cahaba Cowboys	3rd Sun	Duke Slade	205-854-0843	Birmingham	Shasta Regulators	3rd Sat	Modoc	530-365-1839	Redding
Gallant Gunfighters	3rd Sun	Buck D. Law	256-504-4366	Hoover	Robbers Roost Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Nast Newt	760-375-7618	Ridgecrest
Old York Shootists	4th Sun	Derringer Di	205-647-6925	Hoover	Gold Country Wild Bunch	3rd Sat	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	Sloughouse
AR					High Desert Cowboys	3rd Sun	Doc Silverhawks	661-948-2543	Acton
White River Gang	1st Sat	Arkansas Tom	870-656-8431	Mountain Home	Kings River Regulators	3rd Sun	Sierra Rider	559-268-1115	Clovis
Critter Creek Citizens Vigilance	1st Sun	Evil Bob	903-701-3970	Fourke	Panorama Northfield Raiders	3rd Sun	Gun Hawk	818-761-0512	North Hollywood
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	1st Wkd	Christmas Kid	501-625-3554	Hot Springs	South Coast Rangers	3rd Sun	Lucky Blackjack Daniel	805-886-5945	Santa Barbara
Outlaw Camp	2nd & 5th Sat	Ozark Red	501-362-2963	Heber Springs	Murieta Posse	3rd Sun	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Sloughhouse
Arkansas Lead Slingers	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Dirty Dan Paladin	479-633-2107	Garfield	Helldorado Rangers	3rd Sun	Will Bonner	707-462-1466	Ukiah
South Fork River Regulators	3rd Sat	Arkansas Harper	870-994-7227	Salem	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	4th & 5th Sat	Lethal Les L'Amour	530-842-4506	Yreka
Judge Parker's Marshals	3rd Sat & Sun	Naildriver	479-651-2475	Fort Smith	Mad River Rangers	4th Sat	Kid Kneestone	707-445-1981	Blue Lake
True Grit SASS	4th Sat & Sun	Tombstone Shadow	501-786-4440	Belleville	Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	4th Sat	Nasty Hag	408-859-4300	San Jose
AZ					Pozo River Vigilance Committee	4th Sat	Dirty Sally	805-438-4817	Santa Margarita
White Mountain Old West Shootists	1st & 3rd Sat	Fred Sharps	928-245-6276	Show Low	California Shady Ladies	4th Sat	Lady Gambler	916-447-2040	Sloughhouse
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	1st Sat	A. J. Bob	480-982-7336	Mesa	FaultLine Shootist Society	4th Sun	Querida	831-635-9147	Gonzales
Old Pueblo Shootist Association	1st Sun	Gilly Boy	520-249-2831	Tombstone	The Range	4th Sun	Grass V.Federally	530-273-4440	Gross Valley
Cowtown Cowboy Shooters	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	Barbwire	480-773-2753	Peoria	The Cowboys	4th Sun	Captain Jake	714-318-6948	Norco
Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association	2nd Sat	Gawd Awful	503-528-6423	Phoenix	Deadwood Drifters	4th Sun	Lusty Lil	661-775-3802	Piru
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	2nd Sun	Turquoise Bill	928-925-7323	Prescott	Sloughhouse Irregulars	5th Sat & Sun	Badlands Bud	530-677-0368	Sloughhouse
Colorado River Regulators	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Crowheart	928-505-2200	Lake Havasu	CO				
NAZTY Bunch	3rd Sat	Tumbleweed Rose	928-899-8788	Flagstaff	Colorado Cowboys	1st Sat	Painted Filly	719-439-6502	Lake George
Lake Powell Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Bare Fist Jack	928-660-2104	Page	Colorado Shaketails	1st Sun	Midnite Slim	719-660-2742	Fountain
Los Vaqueros	3rd Sat	Buckeye Pete	520-548-8298	Tucson	San Juan Rangers	1st Sun	Kodiak Kid	970-252-1841	Montrose
Tonto Rim Marauders	3rd Sun	Silverado Cid	928-595-1230	Payson	Windygap Regulators	1st Wkd	Piedra Kidd	970-799-1133	Cortez
Mohave Marshalls	3rd Sun & 5th Sat	D B Chester	928-231-9013	Kingman	Briggsdale County Shootists	2nd & 4th Sat	Kid Bucklin	970-493-1813	Briggsdale
Altar Valley Pistoleros	3rd Sun & 5th Sun	Mean Raylean	520-235-0394	Tucson	Vigilantes	2nd Sat	Grizz Bear	719-545-9463	Pueblo
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	4th Sat	Whisperin Meadows	928-567-9227	Camp Verde	Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club	2nd Sun	Capt. W. K. Kelso	970-565-3840	Cortez
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	4th Sat	Squibber	602-309-4198	Casa Grande	Montrose Marshals	2nd Sun	Big Hat	970-249-7701	Montrose
Colorado River Shootists	4th Sun	Boston Anniebelle	928-502-1298	Yuma	Castle Peak Wildshots	2nd Wkd	Old Squinteye	970-524-9348	Gypsum
Bordertown, Inc.	As Sch	Swift Water	520-883-1217	Tucson	Pawnee Station	3rd Sat	Red Creek Dick Martin	303-857-0520	Nunn
CA					Rockvale Bunch	3rd Sat	Cherokee Diable	719-371-0172	Rockvale
Sunnyvale Regulators	1st & 3rd Mon Night	Shaniko Jack	650-464-3764	Cupertino	Four Corners Gunslingers	3rd Sun	Cereza Slim	970-247-0745	Durango
West End Outlaws	1st & 3rd Sat	Chickamauga Charlie	951-549-9304	Lytle Creek	Thunder Mountain Shootist	3rd Wkd	Pinto Annie	970-464-7118	Whitewater
Escondido Bandidos	1st Sat	Devil Jack	760-741-3229	Escondido	Northwest Colorado Rangers	4th Sat	Sagebrush Burns	970-824-8407	Craig
The Outlaws	1st Sat	Terrell Sackett	916-363-1648	Sacramento	Sand Creek Raiders	4th Sun	Sweet Water Bill	303-366-8827	Byers
Sierra Sportsmen Club	1st Sat	Bugtown Dusty	530-260-0806	Susanville	Black Canyon Ghost Riders	4th Sun	Double Bit	970-874-8745	Hotchkiss
Two Rivers Posse	1st Sat & 4th Sun	Dragon	209-836-4042	Manteca	CT				
5 Dogs Creek	1st Sun	Mad Trapper of Rat River	661-589-7472	Bakersfield	Ledyard Sidewinders	1st Sat	Yosemite Gene	860-536-0887	Ledyard
River City Regulators	1st Sun	Point of Orgin	530-304-5616	Davis	CT Valley Bushwackers	2nd Sun	Milo Sierra	860-508-2686	East Granby
Hole In The Wall Gang	1st Sun	Frito Bandito	661-406-6001	Piru	DE				
Cajon Cowboys	2nd & 4th Sat	Pasture Patti	760-956-8852	Devore	Padens Posse	3rd Sun	Hazel Pepper	302-422-6534	Bridgeville
Chorro Valley Regulators	2nd & 5th Sun	Mad Dog McCoy	805-440-7847	San Luis Obispo	FL				
Shasta Regulators Of Hat Creek	2nd Sat	Cayenne Pepper	530-275-3158	Burney	Ghost Town Gunslingers	1st Sat	Copenhagen	904-808-8559	St. Augustine
Mother Lode Shootist Society	2nd Sat	Sioux City Kid	209-795-4175	Jamestown	Gold Coast Gunslingers	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	George Washington McLintock	786-256-9542	Fort Lauderdale
Coyote Valley Cowboys	2nd Sat	Bad Eye Bobolu	408-722-0583	Morgan Hill	Hernando County Regulators	1st Sun	Shady Brady	352-686-1055	Brooksville
Guns in the Sun	2nd Sat	Johnny 2moons	760-346-0972	Palm Springs	Miakka Misfits	1st Sun	Serving Justice	914-219-7007	Myakka City
Buffalo Runners	2nd Sat	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Rescue	Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	2nd Sat	Deadly Sharpshoot	352-317-6284	Fort White
Dulzura Desperados	2nd Sat	Hashknife Willie	619-271-1481	San Diego	Okeechobee Marshals	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Kid Celero	561-312-9075	Okeechobee
California Rangers	2nd Sat	Jimmy Frisco	209-296-4146	Sloughhouse	Okeechobee Outlaws	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Dead Wait	863-357-3006	Okeechobee
					Tater Hill Gunfighters	2nd Sun	Judge JD Justice	941-629-4440	Arcadia
					Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	2nd Sun	Conway Kid	407-273-9763	Orlando
					Panhandle Cowboys	2nd Sun	High Card	850-492-5162	Pensacola
					Southwest Florida Gunslingers	3rd Sat	Jed Lewis	239-455-4788	Punta Gorda
					Big Bend Bushwhackers	3rd Sat	Sixpence Kid	850-459-1107	Tallahassee
					Lake County Pistoleros	3rd Sat	Arcadia Outlaw	352-208-2788	Tavares
					Panhandle Cattle Company	4th Sat	Desperado Dale	850-260-5507	Chipley
					Cowford Regulators	4th Sat	General Lee Smokey	904-803-2930	Jacksonville
					Indian River Regulators	4th Sat	Belligerent Orney Bob	321-403-2940	Palm Bay

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OK Corral Outlaws	4th Sun	Kokomo Kid	863-357-2226	Okeechobee	Deer Creek Regulators	4th Sun	Doc Molar	765-506-0344	Jonesboro
Five County Regulators	4th Sun	Jed Lewis	239-455-4788	Punta Gorda	Wildwood Wranglers	4th Sun	VoodooMan	219-872-2721	Michigan City
Doodle Hill Regulators	4th Sun	Dave Smith	813-645-3828	Ruskin	Indiana Black Powder Guild	As Sch	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	Etna Green
Lake County Pistoleros (Wild Bunch)	As Sch	Chilly Willy	863-289-2252	Tavares	KS				
Antelope Junction Rangers	Fri nite & 2nd Sat	Mayeye Rider	727-736-3977	Pineallas Park	Butterfield Gulch Gang	1st Sun	Kanasa Flatlander	785-493-5682	Chapman
GA					Free State Rangers	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	Buffalo Phil	913-898-4911	Parker
River Bend Rough Riders	1st Sat	Done Gone	770-361-6966	Dawsonville	Powder Creek Cowboys	2nd & 4th Sat & 4th Wed	El Dorado Wayne	913-686-5314	Lenexa
American Old West Cowboys	1st Sat	Josey Buckhorn	423-236-5281	Flintstone	Mill Brook Wranglers	2nd Sun	Grandpa Buckten Millbrook	785-421-2537	Hill City
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	1st Sat	Big Boyd	229-244-3161	Valdosta	Sandhill Regulators	3rd Sat	MoundRidge Goat Roper	620-345-3151	Hutchinson
Lonesome Valley Regulators	1st Sun	Wishbone Hooper	478-922-9384	Warner Robins	Capital City Cowboys	4th Sun	Top	785-313-0894	Topeka
Providence Springs Rangers	2nd Sat	Buckshot Bob	229-924-0997	Anderson	Chisholm Trail Rowdies	Last Sun	Cody Wyatt	316-204-1784	Wichita
Doc Holliday's Immortals	2nd Sat	Easy Rider	770-954-9696	Griffin	KY				
Camden County Cowboys	2nd Sat	Christian Mortician	912-227-5683	Kingsland	Kentucky Regulators	1st Sat	Shenandoah Slim	270-354-5040	Boaz
Piedmont Regulators	2nd Sat	Hunter Sam	706-391-4630	Toccoa	Hooten Old Town Regulators	1st Sat	Double Eagle Dave	423-309-4146	Mckee
South River Shootists	3rd Sat	Man From Little River	678-428-4240	Covington	Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	1st Sun	Buck Shot Jock	502-644-3453	West Point
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	3rd Sat	Trail Bones	423-842-6116	Ringgold	Green River Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Yak	270-792-9001	Bowling Green
Cherokee Cowboys	4th Sat	Bad Lands Bob	706-654-0828	Gainesville	Levisa Fork Lead Slingers	2nd Sat	Escopeta Jake	606-631-4613	Pikeville
HI					Ponderosa Pines Posse	3rd Sat	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	Manchester
Maui Marshals	1st & 3rd Sat	Bad Burt	808-875-9085	Maui	Ohio River Rangers	3rd Sat	George Rogers	270-554-1501	Paducah
Big Island Paniolos	3rd Sat	Paniolo Annie	808-640-3949	Ocean View	Breathitt Bandits	4th Sat	Slowly But Surely	606-666-4663	Jackson
Single Action Shootist of Hawaii	4th Sun	Branded Buck	808-351-9260	Honolulu	Rockcastle Rangers	4th Sat	Grinnin Barrett	270-792-3196	Park City
IA					Fox Bend Peacemakers	4th Sun	Tocala Sam	859-552-9000	Wilmore
Turkeyfoot Cowboys	1st Sat	Ranger Mathias Fischels	319-234-1550	Elk Run Heights	LA				
Fort Des Moines Rangers	1st Sun	Pit Mule	515-205-0557	Indianola	Deadwood Marshals	1st & 3rd Sat	Doc Spudley	504-467-6062	Sorrento
Zen Shootists	2nd Sat	Sergeant Duroc	515-783-4833	Nevada	Grand Cane Gunslingers	1st Sat	Blackjack Charlie	318-925-9851	Grand Cane
Outlaw's Run	2nd Sun	Capt. Jim Midnight	712-621-5726	Red Oak	Bayou Bounty Hunters	2nd Sat	Soiled Dove	985-796-9698	Folsom
ID					Grand Ecore Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Ouachita Kid	318-932-6637	Natchitoches
Gunslingers of Flaming Heart Ranch	1st Sat	Jughandle Jack	208-634-3121	Council	Jackson Hole Regulators	4th Sat	Slick McClade	318-278-9071	Quitman
Southeast Idaho Practical Shooters	1st Sat	Hell's Belle	208-529-3594	Idaho Falls	MA				
Squaw Butte Regulators	1st Sun	Acequia Kidd	208-365-4551	Emmett	Cape Cod Cowboys	4th Sat	Curly Jay Brooks	508-477-7771	Mashpee
El Buscaderos	2nd & 4th Sun	Oddman	208-437-0496	Spirit Lake	Shawsheen River Rangers	As Sch	Yukon Willie	978-663-3342	Bedford
Northwest Shadow Riders	2nd Sat	Silverado Belle	208-743-5765	Lewiston	Harvard Ghost Riders	As Sch	Double R Bar Kid	978-771-9190	Harvard
Southern Idaho Rangers	2nd Sat	Lone Thumper	208-251-4959	Pocatello	Danvers Desperados	As Sch	Cyrus Cy Klopps	781-667-2857	Middleton
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	2nd Sun & 3rd Sat	John Bear	208-562-1914	Boise	Gunnysackers	Sat	Nantucket Dawn	781-749-6951	Scituate
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	3rd Sat	J.P. Sloe	208-798-0826	Moscow	MD				
Twin Butte Bunch	3rd Sat	Idaho Rusty Bucket	208-745-6150	Rexburg	Eas'dern Shore Renegades	1st Sat	Teton Tracy	302-378-7854	Sudlersville
Panhandle Regulators	3rd Sun	Halfcocked Otis	509-991-5842	Otis Orchards	Thurmont Rangers	1st Sun	Cash Caldwell	240-285-7673	Thurmont
Border Marauders	3rd Wkd	Mud Marine	208-627-8377	East Port	Monocacy Irregulars	2nd Tues	Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	Frederick
Snake River Western Shooting Society	4th Sat	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	Jerome	Damascus Wildlife Rangers	4th Sat	Chuckaroo	301-831-9666	Damascus
IL					ME				
Shady Creek Shootists	1st & 4th Sun	Dapper Dan Porter	309-734-2324	Little York	Big Pine Bounty Hunters	As Sch	Ripley Scrounger	207-876-4928	Willmantic
Lakewood Marshal's Rangeless Riders (The)	1st Sat	Pine Ridge Jack	618-838-9410	Cisne	Capitol City Vigilance Committee	As Sch	Mark Lake	207-622-9400	Augusta
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	1st Sun	Snakes Morgan	815-751-3716	Sycamore	Beaver Creek Desperados	As Sch	Jimmy Reb	207-698-4436	Berwick
Tri County Cowboys	2nd Sat	Sierra Hombre	815-967-6333	Hazelhurst	Hurricane Valley Rangers	As Sch	Leo	207-829-3092	Falmouth
Kaskaskia Cowboys	2nd Sat	Wagonmaster Ward	618-443-3538	Sparta	MI				
Vermilion River Long Riders	2nd Sun	Lead Poison Lar	815-875-3674	Leonore	Rockford Regulators	1st Sat	No Cattle	616-363-2827	Rockford
Nason Mining Company Regulators	3rd & 5th Sat	Diggins Dave	618-927-0594	Benton	Blue Water Gunslingers	1st Sun	Buggyman	810-434-9597	Kimball
Litchfield Sportsman's Club	3rd Sat	Ross Haney	618-667-9819	Litchfield	River Bend Rangers	2nd Sat	Pitmaster	574-276-8805	Niles
Fort Beggs Defenders	3rd Sun	Torano	815-302-8305	Plainfield	Double Barrel Gang	2nd Sat	Dakota Fats	269-721-8190	Hastings
Long Nine Cowboys	4th & 5th Sun	Lemon Drop Kid	217-787-4877	Loami	Butcher Butte Bunch	2nd Sun	Grubby Hardrock	810-750-0655	Fenton
Good Guys Posse	4th Sun	Dangerous Denny	815-245-7264	Rockford	Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club	3rd Sat	Kid Al Fred	989-832-8426	Breckenridge
IN					Chippewa Regulators	3rd Sat	No Name Justice	906-632-1254	Sault Ste. Marie
Paradise Pass Regulators (formly Cutter's Raiders)	1st Sat	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	Etna Green	Hidden Valley Cowboys	3rd Sun	Saulk Valley Stubby	269-651-5197	Sturgis
Atlanta Cattle Company	2nd Sat	Bear Creek Reverend	765-652-1525	Atlanta	Rocky River Regulators	3rd Sun	Terrebonne Bud	248-709-5254	Utica
Pleasant Valley Renegades	2nd Sat	Nomore Slim	812-839-3052	Canaan	Eagleville Cowboys	4th Sat	One Son of A Gun	231-676-0922	Central Lake
Schuster's Rangers	2nd Sun	Coal Car Kid	219-759-3498	Chesterton	Johnson Creek Regulators	4th Sat	Rainmaker Ray	313-618-2577	Plymouth
Pine Ridge Regulators	3rd Sat	Riverboat Gambler	765-832-7253	Brazil	Mason County Marshals	4th Sat	Two Gun Troll	231-343-2580	Scottsville
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	3rd Sat	Justice D. Spencer	574-536-4010	Bristol	Wolverine Rangers	As Sch	R.J. Law	248-828-0440	Port Huron
Circle R Cowboys	3rd Sat	Mustang Bill	219-208-2793	Brookston	Saginaw Field & Stream Club	As Sch	Bad River Marty	989-585-3292	Saginaw
Westside Renegades	3rd Sat	Johnny Banjo	812-430-6421	Evansville	Lapeer County Sportsmans Club Wranglers	Sun As Ash	Flat Water Johnny	314-378-5689	Attica
Wabash Rangers	4th Sat	Henry Remington	217-267-2820	Cayuga	MN				
Starke County Desert	4th Sat	Whip Mccord	219-942-5859	Knox	Cedar Valley Vigilantes	1st & 3rd Sat	D M Yankee	612-701-9719	Morristown
Big Rock SASS	4th Sat	Southpaw Too	812-866-2406	Lexington	Crow River Rangers	1st Sun	Cantankerous Jeb	763-682-3710	Howard Lake
Red Brush Raiders	4th Sat	Doc Goodluck	812-721-1188	Newburgh	Granite City Gunslingers	2nd & 5th Sat	Amen Straight	612-723-2313	Saint Cloud
					Lone Rock Rangers	2nd Sat	Red Dutchman	651-402-0368	Farmington
					Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	2nd Sat	Wagonmaster	218-780-6797	Virginia
					Fort Belmont Regulators	2nd Sun	Mule Town Jack	507-840-0883	Jackson

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MN (continued)					NM (continued)				
East Grand Forks Rod & Gun Club	3rd Sun	BB Gunner	218-779-8555	East Grand Forks	Otero Practical Shooting Association	1st Sat	Saguaro Sam	505-437-3663	La Luz
MO					Buffalo Range Riders	1st Sun	Shanley Shooter	505-252-0589	Founders Ranch
Ozark Posse (The)	1st Sat	Tightwad Swede	417-846-5142	Cassville	Chisum Cowboy Gun Club	1st Sun	Two Bit Tammy	575-626-9201	Roswell
West Plains Waddies	2nd & 5th Sat	Major Missalot	417-284-1432	Tecumseh	High Desert Drifters	2nd Sat	Shakey Shooter	505-294-3233	Founders Ranch
Moniteau Creek River Raiders	2nd Sun	Doolin Riggs	573-687-3103	Fayette	Lincoln County Regulators	2nd Sat	Guns smoke Cowboy	575-808-0459	Ruidoso
Shoal Creek Shootists	3rd Sat	Chaos Jumbles	417-451-9959	Joplin	Rio Grande Renegades	2nd Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, 5th Sat & Sun	Mica McGuire	505-263-1181	Albuquerque
Gateway Shootist Society	3rd Sun	Bounty Seeker	314-740-4665	St. Louis	Gila Rangers	2nd Wkd	Chico Cheech	575-388-2531	Silver City
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	3rd Sun	X. S. Chance	573-765-5483	St. Robert	Monticello Range Riders	3rd & 5th Sun	J. W. Brockey	575-744-4484	Elephant Butte
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	4th Sat & Sun 3rd Wed	Smokie	417-759-9114	Walnut Shade	Seven Rivers Regulators	3rd Sat	Stink Creek Jones	575-885-9879	Carlsbad
Southern Missouri Rangers	4th Wkd	S. M. All	471-461-0033	Marshfield	Monument Springs Bushwhackers	4th Sat	Val Darrant	575-396-5303	Hobbs
MS					Picacho Posse	4th Sat	Fast Hammer	575-647-3434	Las Cruces
Natchez Sixgunners	1st Sat	Winchester	601-445-5223	Natchez	Tres Rios Bandidos	4th Sun	Largo Casey	505-330-2489	Farmington
Gulf Coast Gunslingers	1st Sun	Old Rebel	228-860-0054	Biloxi	Rio Vaqueros	4th Sun	Anna Sassin	575-744-5793	Truth or Consequences
Mississippi Peacemakers	3rd Sat	Macon A. Longshot	601-954-3720	Mendenhall	NV				
Mississippi River Rangers	4th & 5th Sat	Taska Jim	901-490-2600	Byhalia	Fort Halleck Volunteers	1st & 3rd Sat	Green Springs Thomsen	775-753-8203	Elko
MT					High Plains Drifters	1st Sun	Washoe Zephyr	775-721-6619	Fernley
Honorable Road Agents Shooting Society	1st Sat	Diamond Red	406-685-3618	Ennis	Eldorado Cowboys	1st Wkd	Charming	702-565-3736	Boulder City
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	1st Sun & 4th Sat	Montana Lil' Skeeter	406-761-0896	Simms	Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	2nd Sun	MT Fargo	702-460-6393	Las Vegas
Makoshika Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Doc Wells	406-345-8901	Glendive	Roop County Cowboy Shooters Assn.	2nd Sun	Jasper Agate	775-849-7679	Sparks
Gallatin Valley Regulators	2nd Sat	El Hombre de Montana	406-388-2902	Logan	Silver State Shootists	3rd Sun	Shotgun Marshall	775-265-0267	Carson City
Black Horse Shootists	2nd Wkd	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	406-727-7625	Great Falls	Desert Desperados	3rd Sun	Buffalo Sam	702-459-6454	Las Vegas
Rocky Mountain Rangers	2nd Wkd	Jocko	406-847-0745	Noxon	Lone Wolf Shooters, LLC	4th & 5th Sun	Penny Pepperbox	775-727-4600	Pahrump
Bigfork Buscaderos	3rd Sat	Bodie Camp	406-883-6797	Bigfork	NY				
Last Chance Handgunners	3rd Sat	Bocephus Bandito	406-439-4476	Boulder	Crumhorn Mountain Cowboys	1st & 4th Sun	Lefty Cooper	607-287-9261	Maryland
Custer County Stranglers	3rd Sat	Hartshot	406-232-0727	Miles City	Alabama Gunslingers	1st Sat	Bum Thumb	585-343-3906	Alabama
Montana Territory Peacemakers	4th Sat	Two Gun Montana	406-655-8166	Billings	Tioga County Cowboys	1st Sat	Dusty Drifter	607-659-3819	Owego
Lincoln County Regulators	4th Sat	Lady Belle	406-889-3658	Eureka	Boot Hill Regulators	1st Sun	Judge Zaney Grey	845-352-7921	Chester
NC					Pathfinder Pistoleros	1st Sun	Sonny	315-695-7032	Fulton
Neuse River Regulators	1st & 3rd Sat	Newport Sodbuster	252-726-7977	New Bern	Salt Port Vigilance Committee	2nd Sat	Twelve Bore	585-613-8046	Holley
Old Hickory Regulators	1st Sat	Wendover Kid	252-908-0098	Rocky Mount	Bar-20 Inc.	2nd Sat	Badlands Buck	315-637-3492	West Eaton
Old North State Posse	1st Sat	Tracker Mike	336-558-9032	Salisbury	Hole In The Wall Gang	3rd Sat	El Fusilero	631-864-1035	Calverton
Carolina Rough Riders	1st Sun	Pecos Pete	704-394-1859	Charlotte	Diamond Four	3rd Sat	Kayutah Kid	607-796-0573	Odessa
Carolina Single Action Shooting Society	2nd & 5th Sun	Carolina's Longarm	919-383-7567	Eden	Circle K Regulators	3rd Sun	Smokehouse Dan	518-885-3758	Ballston Spa
High Country Cowboys	2nd Sat	Wild Otter	828-423-7796	Asheville	Sockets Harbor Vigilantes	4th Sun	Ranger Clayton Conagher	315-465-6543	Sockets Harbor
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society	2nd Sat	J. M. Brown	919-291-1726	Creedmore	The Long Riders	4th Sun	Loco Poco Lobo	585-467-4429	Shortsville
Buccaneer Range Regulators	2nd Sat	Jefro	910-330-7179	Wilmington	D Bar D Wranglers	4th Sun	Captain M.A.F	845-226-8611	Wappingers Fall
Gunpowder Creek Regulators	3rd Sat	Herdzman	828-493-1679	Lenoir	Mythical Rough Riders	5th Sun	Rev Dave Clayton	716-838-4286	Hamburg
Cross Creek Cowboys	3rd Sat	Huckleberry Mike	910-980-0572	Wagram	The Shadow Riders	As Sch	Dusty Levis	646-284-4010	Westhampton Beach
Iredell Regulators	4th Sat	Charlotte	704-902-1796	Statesville	East End Regulators	Last Sun	Diamond Rio	631-585-1936	Westhampton
ND					OH				
Trestle Valley Rangers	2nd Sat	Doc Hell	701-852-1697	Minot	Big Irons	1st Sat	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown
Badlands Bandits	2nd Sun	Roughrider Ray	701-260-0347	Belfield	Tusco Long Riders	1st Sat	Prairie Dawg	216-932-7630	Midvale
Dakota Rough Riders	As Sch	Heck Catcher	701-220-8131	Moffit	Greene County Cowboys	1st Sun	Ruger Ray	937-352-6420	Xenia
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Last Sat	Wild River Rose	701-588-4331	Kindred	Firelands Peacemakers	1st Wed, 3rd Sat & 5th Sun	Angry Angus	440-647-5909	Rochester
NE					Sandusky County Regulators	2nd Sat	Curtice Clay	419-836-8760	Gibsonburg
Platte Valley Gunslingers	1st Sun	Firewater	308-226-2255	Grand Island	Shenango River Rats	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	Shenango Joe	330-782-0958	Yankee Lake
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	2nd Sun	Flint Valdez	712-323-8996	Louisville	Miami Valley Cowboys	2nd Sun	Buckshot Jones	937-418-7816	Piqua
Flat Water Shootists of the Grand Island Rifle Club	3rd Sun	Forty Four Maggie	308-383-4605	Grand Island	Scioto Territory Desperados	3rd & 5th Sun	Pickaway Tracker	740-477-1881	Chillicothe
NH					Wilmington Rough Riders	3rd Sat	Paragon Pete	740-626-7667	Wilmington
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH	3rd Wkd	Littleton S. Dalton	603-444-6876	Dalton	AuGlaize Rough Riders	3rd Sun	Deputy Diamond Desperado	419-722-6345	Defiance
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	As Sch	Bear Lee Tallable	603-667-0104	Holderness	Brown Township Regulators	4th Sat	Sandy Creek Jake	330-863-1139	Malvern
White Mountain Regulators	As Sch	Dead Head	603-957-0377	Candia	Ohio Valley Vigilantes	4th Sat	Slow Movin Ron	614-599-0721	Mt. Vernon
Merrimack Valley Marauders	As Sch	Sheriff R. P. Bucket	603-345-6876	Pelham	Central Ohio Cowboys	4th Sun	Stagecoach Hannah Carson	614-868-9821	Circleville
NJ					Stonelik Regulators	As Sch		513-753-6462	Milford
Monmouth County Rangers	2nd Sun	Utah Tom	732-803-2430	Monmouth	OK				
Delaware Blues	2nd Sun	Yellow Mike	302-750-2381	Quinton	Rattlesnake Mountain Rangers	1st & 2nd Sat	Black River Jack	918-908-0016	Checotah
Jackson Hole Gang	4th Sun	Papa Grey	732-961-6834	Jackson	Shortgrass Rangers	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Oklahoma Spuds	405-640-5650	Grandfield
NM					Cherokee Strip Shootists	1st Sun	Scott Wayne	405-377-0610	Stillwater
Magdalena Trail Drivers	1st & 3rd Sat	Grizzly Adams	575-854-2488	Magdalena	Tulsey Town Cattlemen's Association	2nd & 4th Sat 3rd Sun	Curly Thom Mabry	918-376-4376	Tulsa
Del Norte Diablos	1st & 4th Sat	Nevada Ranger	505-220-0892	Rio Rancho					
Founders Ranch Shotgun Sports Club	1st Sat	Mrs. Slick Shot	505-934-2533	Edgewood					
Bighorn Vigilantes	1st Sat	German George	505-286-0830	Founders Ranch					

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OK (continued)					TN (continued)				
Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	2nd & 5th Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Wed	Little Fat Buddy	918-437-4562	Sand Springs	North West Tennessee Longriders	3rd Sat	Can't Shoot Dillion	731-885-8102	Union City
Oklahoma City Gun Club - Territorial Marshals	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	Flat Top Okie	405-373-1472	Oklahoma City	Highland Regulators	3rd Wkd	Iron Maiden	423-628-2715	Winfield
OR					TX				
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	1st & 3rd Sun	Big Casino	541-389-2342	Bend	Comanche Trail Shootists	1st & 5th Sat	Dee Horne	432-557-0860	Midland
Molalla River Rangers	1st Sat	Gold Dust Bill	503-705-1211	Canby	Texas Tumbleweeds	1st Sat	Cayenne	806-355-7158	Amarillo
Merlin Marauders	1st Sat	Mountain Grizz	253-208-1105	Merlin	Texas Troublemakers	1st Sat	Lefty Tex Larue	903-539-7234	Brownsboro
Dry Gulch Desperados	1st Sat	Runamuck	509-520-3241	Milton Freewater	Plum Creek Carriage Cowboy Shooting Society	1st Sat	Long Juan	512-750-3923	Lockhart
Siuslaw River Rangers	1st Sun	Johnny Jingos	541-997-6313	Florence	South Texas Pistoleros	1st Sat	Cibolo Sam	210-213-7746	San Antonio
Table Rock Rangers	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	Jed I. Knight	541-944-2281	White City	Texas Peacemakers	1st Sat	Deadeye Greg	903-593-8215	Tyler
Pine Mountain Posse	2nd & 4th Wkd	Whisperin' Wade	541-318-8199	Bend	Orange County Regulators	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Texas Gator	409-243-3477	Orange
Klamath Cowboys	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Jasper Wayne	541-884-2611	Keno	El Vaqueros	1st Sun	Tom Burden	254-559-7240	Breckenridge
Jefferson State Regulators	3rd Sat	Jed I. Knight	541-944-2281	Ashland	Thunder River Renegades	1st Wkd	Texas Rooster	936-588-6849	Magnolia
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	3rd Sat	Big Casino	541-389-2342	Bend	Texas Riviera Pistoleros	2nd Sat	Stinkng Badger	361-9374845	George West
Oregon Trail Regulators	3rd Sat	Willie Killem	541-443-6591	La Grande	Lajitas Rangers And Rogues	2nd Sat	Texas Trouble	915-603-1366	Lajitas
Orygun Cowboys	3rd Sat	Kansan	503-539-6335	Sherwood	Travis County Regulators	2nd Sat	Cherokee Granny	979-561-6202	Smithville
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	Tuffy Tumbleweed	541-619-7381	Albany	Texas Tenhorns Shooting Club	2nd Sat & Last Full Wkd	Mustang Sherry	903-815-8162	Greenville
Umpqua Regulators	4th Sun	Oregon Gustaf	541-430-1021	Roseburg	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	2nd Sun	Dream Chaser	956-648-7364	Pharr
Columbia County Cowboys	As Sch	Kitty Colt	503-642-4120	St. Helens	Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	2nd Wkd	Long Range Rick	817-980-7206	Cleburne
PA					TX (continued)				
Perry County Regulators	1st Sat	Tuscarora Slim	717-789-3004	Ickesburg	Texican Rangers	2nd Wkd	Red Scott	210-316-0199	Fredericksburg
Dry Gulch Rangers	1st Sat	Pep C. Holic	724-263-1461	Midway	Oakwood Outlaws	2nd Wkd	Texas Alline	903-545-2252	Oakwood
Boot Hill Gang of Tipton	1st Sun	Lester Moore	610-704-6792	Topton	Canadian River Regulators	2nd, 3rd & 5th Sat	Adobe Walls Shooter	806-679-5824	Clarendon
Whispering Pines Cowboy Committee	1st Sun	Panama Red	814-945-6922	Wellsboro	Old Fort Parker Patriots	3rd Wkd	Colt Faro	832-472-3278	Groesbeck
Chimney Rocks Regulators	2nd Sat	Hattie Hubbs	814-515-2166	Hollidaysburg	Big Thicket Outlaws	3rd Sat	Shynee Graves	409-860-5526	Beaumont
Logans Ferry Regulators	2nd Sat	Mariah Kid	412-607-5313	Plum Borough	Tejas Caballeros	3rd Sat	Judge Menday Coming	512-964-9955	Dripping Springs
Heidelberg Lost Dutchmen	2nd Sat	Ivory Rose	717-627-0694	Schaeffers-town	Gruesome Gulch Gang	3rd Sat	Eli Blue	806-729-5887	Kress
Westshore Posse	2nd Sun	Hud McCoy	717-683-2632	New Cumberland	Alamo Area Moderators	3rd Sat	Tombstone Mary	210-493-9320	San Antonio
Dakota Badlanders (The)	2nd Sun	Timberland Renegade	610-434-1923	Orefield	Cottonwood Creek Cowboys	3rd Sat	Pecos Cahill	325-575-5039	Snyder
River Junction Shootist Society	3rd Sat	Mattie Hays	724-593-6602	Donegal	Texas Historical Shootist Society	3rd Sun	Charles Goodnight	281-342-1210	Columbus
Jefferson Outlaws	3rd Sat	Red-Eyed Kid	443-392-1615	Jefferson	Trinity Valley Regulators	3rd Sun	Grumpy Grandpa	972-206-2624	Mansfield
Blue Mountain Rangers	3rd Sun	Cathy Fisher	610-488-0619	Hamburg	Badlands Bar 3	3rd Wkd	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	Clarksville
Matamoras Mavericks	3rd Sun	Hammerin Steel	570-296-5853	Milford	Butterfield Trail Regulators	4th Sat	Texas Slim	325-668-4884	Anson
Silver Lake Bounty Hunters	3rd Sun	Marshal T. J. Buckshot	570-663-3045	Montrose	Comanche Valley Vigilantes	4th Sat	Billy Bob Evans	972-393-2882	Cleburne
Purgatory Regulators	3rd Wkd	Dry Gulch Geezer	814-827-2120	Titusville	Green Mountain Regulators	4th Sat	Bar Diamond Rider	512-638-7376	Marble Falls
Elstonville Hombres	4th Sun	Trusty Sidekick	610-939-9947	Manheim	Tejas Pistoleros	4th Sat & Sun	Texas Paladin	713-690-5313	Eagle Lake
El Posse Grande	4th Sun	Black Hills Barb	570-538-9163	Muncy Valley	Tin Star Texans	4th Sat.	Mickey	830-685-3464	Fredericksburg
Stewart's Regulators	4th Sun	Sodbuster Burt	724-479-8838	Shelocta	Magnolia Misfits	4th Sun	Attoyac Kid	281-448-8127	Magnolia
RI					UT				
Lincoln County Lawmen	4th Sun	Wyoming Blink	401-385-9907	Foster	Three Peaks Rangers	1st & 3rd Sat	Curly Jim Whiskus	435-590-9873	Cedar City
SC					VA				
Palmetto Posse	1st Sat	Dun Gamblin	803-422-5587	Columbia	Big Hollow Bandits	1st Sat	Cinch	435-724-2575	Heber
Hurricane Riders	3rd Sat	Saloon Keeper	843-361-2277	Aynor	North Rim Regulators	1st Sat	Autum Rose	435-644-5053	Kanab
Savannah River Rangers	3rd Sun	Kid Ray	803-960-3907	Gaston	Copenhagen Valley Regulators	1st Sat	M.T. Pockets	801-920-4047	Mantua
Geechee Gunfighters	4th Sat	Doc Kemm	843-863-0649	Ridgeville	Utah Territory Gunslingers	1st Sat	Lefty Pete	801-554-9436	Salt Lake City
Greenville Gunfighters	4th Sun	Cowboy Junky	864-414-5578	Greenville	Musinia Buscaderos	1st Sat	Buffalo Juan	435-528-7432	Mayfield
SD					TX (continued)				
Camp Sturgis Regulators	1st Sat	Brother King	970-481-7569	Sturgis	Dixie Desperados/Senior Games	2nd & 4th Sat	The Alaskan	435-635-3134	St. George
Medicine Creek Road Agents	1st Sun	Iron Mender	605-222-5145	Onida	Deseret Historical Shootist Society	2nd Sat	Old Fashioned	435-224-2321	Fruit Heights
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	2nd Sun	Dakota Nailbender	605-520-5212	Clark	Rio Verde Rangers	2nd Sat	Doc Nelson	435-564-8210	Green River
Black Hills Shootist Association	3rd Sun	Hawkbill Smith	605-342-8946	Pringle	Cache Valley Vaqueros	2nd Sat	Logan Law	435-787-8131	Logan
Bald Mountain Renegades	As Sch	Cottonwood Cooter	605-280-1413	Faulton	Hobble Creek Wranglers	2nd Sat	Hobble Creek Marshall	801-489-7681	Springville
TN					UT (continued)				
Bitter Creek Rangers	1st 2nd & 3rd Sun	Oracle	423-334-4053	Crossville	Wahsatch Desperados	2nd Sun	Sly Steadyhand	801-546-4843	Fruit Heights
Greene County Regulators	1st Sat	Boozy Creek	423-279-0316	Rogersville	Wasatch Summit Regulators	2nd Sun	Old Fashioned	435-224-2321	Salt Lake City
Wartrace Regulators	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	Whiskey Hayes	931-684-2709	Wartrace	Utah War	3rd & 5th Sat	Jubal O. Sackett	801-944-3444	Sandy
Memphis Gunslingers	2nd Sat	Cherokee Sargent	901-674-8220	Arlington	Mesa Marauders Gun Club	3rd Sat	Copper Queen	435-979-4665	Lake Powell
Smoky Mountain Shootist Society	2nd Sat	Jim Mayo	865-300-4666	Lenoir City	Diamond Mountain Rustlers	3rd Sat	Cinch	435-724-2575	Vernal
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	2nd Sat	Hombre Sin Nombre	865-257-7747	Oak Ridge	Castle Gate Posse	4th Sat	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	Price
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	3rd Sat	Double Barrel	423-593-3767	Chattanooga	VA				
					Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	1st & 2nd Sat	Missouri Marshal	757-471-3396	Waverly
					Liberty Long Riders	1st Sun	Thunder Colt	540-296-0772	Bedford
					Cavalier Cowboys	1st Sun	Striker	804-339-8442	Hanover County
					Virginia City Marshals	1st Tues	Humphrey Hook	703-801-3507	Fairfax
					Blue Ridge Regulators	2nd Sun	Bad Company	540-886-3374	Lexington
					K.C.'s Corral	3rd Sat	Virginia Rifleman	804-550-2242	Mechanicsville

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VA (continued)				
Mattaponi Sundowners	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	Flatboat Bob	804-785-2575	West Point
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	4th Sun	Slip Hammer Spiv	540-775-4561	King George
Bend of Trail	4th Sun	Rowe - A - Noc	540-890-6375	Roanoke
Rivanna Ranger Company	As Sch	Virginia Ranger	434-973-8759	Charlottesville
Stovall Creek Regulators	As Sch	Brizco-Z	434-929-1063	Lynchburg
VT				
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	2nd Sun	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	St. Johnsbury
WA				
Northeast Washington Regulators	1st Wkd	Crazy Knife Al	509-684-8057	Colville
Mica Peak Marshals	1st & 3rd Sat	Tensleep Kid	509-284-2461	Mica
Panhandle Regulators	1st & 3rd Sun	Halfcocked Otis	509-991-5842	Otis Orchards
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	1st Wkd	Jess Ducky	425-271-9286	Renton
Windy Plains Drifters	2nd & 4th Sat	Hopalong Hoot	509-220-9611	Medical Lake
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	2nd Sat	Hellfire	360-513-9081	Ariel
Pataha Rustlers	2nd Sat	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	Dayton
Mima Marauders	2nd Sat	Okie Sawbones	360-705-3601	Olympia
Smockey Point Desperados	2nd Sun	Mudflat Mike	425-335-5176	Arlington
Colville Guns and Roses	2nd Sun	Cheyence Sadie	509-684-3632	Colville
Apple Valley Marshals	3rd Sat	Wiley Bob	509-884-3827	East Wenatchee
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	3rd Sun	Doc Neeley	360-417-0230	Port Angeles
Black River Regulators	4th Sat	Wil Sackett	360-786-0199	Littlerock
Custer Renegades	4th Sun	Joe Cannuck	360-676-2587	Custer
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Last Sat	Ricochet Robbie	509-628-0889	Benton City
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Last Sun	An E. Di	509-787-1782	Quincy
WI				
Rock River Regulators	1st & 3rd Sat	Stoney Mike	608-868-5167	Beloit
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	2nd Sun	Huckleberry	815-675-2566	Bristol
Crystal River Gunslingers	2nd Sun	James Rosewood	920-722-4105	Waupaca
Wisconsin Old West Shootist, Inc	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	Blackjack Martin	715-949-1621	Boyceville
Hodag Country Cowboys	3rd Sat	Hodag Bob	715-550-8337	Rhineland
Liberty Prairie Regulators	3rd Sat	Dirty Deeds	920-229-5833	Ripon
Oconomowoc Cattlemen's Association	4th Sat	Marvin the Moyle	414-254-5592	Concord
WV				
Dawn Ghost Riders	1st Sun	Coffee Bean	304-327-9884	Hinton
Frontier Regulators	2nd Sat	Captain Tay	304-265-5748	Thorton
The Railtown Rowdys	2nd Sun	Miss Print	304-589-6162	Bluefield
Rocky Holler Regulators	3rd Sun	Jessee Earp	304-425-2023	Princeton
Kanawha Valley Regulators	3rd Wkd	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	Eleanor
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	4th Sun	Last Word	304-289-6098	Largent
Peacemaker National	As Sch	Cole McCulloch	703-789-3346	Gerrardstown
WY				
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	1st Sat	Yakima Red	307-254-2090	Various
Bessemer Vigilance Committee	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	Smokewagon Bill	307-472-1926	Casper
High Lonesome Drifters	2nd Sat	Kari Lynn	307-587-2946	Cody
Sybill Creek Shooters	2nd Sat	Wyoming Roy	307-322-3515	Wheatland
Southfork Vigilance Committee WSAS	2nd Wkd	Wennoff Halfcock	507-332-5035	Lander
Border Vigilantes	3rd Sat	Assassin	307-287-6733	Cheyenne
Powder River Justice Committee WSAS	3rd Sun	Doc Fehr	307-683-3320	Buffalo
Great Divide Outlaws	4th Sat	Slingn Lead	307-324-6955	Rawlins
Donkey Creek Shootists	4th Sun	Poker Jim	307-660-0221	Gillette
Snake River Rowdies	As Sch	Sheriff John R. Quigley	307-733-4559	Jackson

Monthly Mounted International				
LEBANON				
SASS Lebanon - El Rancho Sporting Club	As Sch	Packin Jesse	96 1138 5982	Varies
CANADA				
Quebec Mounted Shooting Association	As Sch	Dirty Owl Bert	819-424-7842	Joliette QC

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WILD BUNCH USA				
AK				
Alaska 49ers	3rd Sat	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	Birchwood
AZ				
Cowtown Wild Bunch Shooters	1st Sat	Wild Bodie Tom	602-721-3175	Carefree
NATZY Bunch	3rd Sun	Tumbleweed Rose	928-899-8788	Flagstaff
Bordertown Inc.	As Sch	Pecos Clyde	480-266-1096	Tucson
CA				
Hole in the Wall Gang	1st Sat	Frederick Jackson Turner	818-640-0945	Piru
Gold Country Wild Bunch	3rd Sat	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	Sloughouse
CO				
Castle Peak Wildshots	1st Sat	Old Squinteye	970-524-9348	Gypsum
Thunder Mountain Shootists	2nd Sat	Colorado Blackjack	970-260-5432	White Water
FL				
Ghost Town Gunslingers	1st Sat	Copenhagen	904-808-8559	St. Augustine
Lake County Pistoleros	As Sch	Chilly Willy	863-289-2252	Tavares
ID				
Squaw Butte Regulators	1st Sun	Acequia Kidd	208-365-4551	Emmett
IL				
Kaskaskia Cowboys	As Sch	Boben Weev	618-632-0712	Sparta
IN				
Pine Ridge Regulators	1st Wkd	Riverboat Gambler	765-832-7253	Brazil
MI				
Rocky River Regulators	As Sch	Coyote Claxton	810-247-1065	Utica
MO				
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	4th Wkd	Smokie	417-759-9114	Walnut Shade
NC				
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society	4th Sat	J. M. Brown	919-291-1726	Creedmore
NM				
Tres Rios Bandidos	2nd Sun	El Mulo Vacquero	505-632-9712	Farmington
Rio Grande Renegades	3rd Sun	Mica McGuire	505-263-1181	Albuquerque
Los Pistoleros	4th Sat	J. Frank Norfleet	575-648-2530	Founders Ranch
Picacho Posse	4th Sat	Fast Hammer	575-647-3434	Las Cruces
NV				
Lone Wolf Shooters LLC	4th & 5th Wkd	Penny Pepperbox	775-727-4600	Pahrump
OH				
Big Irons (Wild Bunch)	As Sch	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown
OK				
Cherokee Strip Shootists	1st Sat	Scott Wayne	405-377-0610	Stillwater
Oklahoma City Gun Club - Territorial Marshals	2nd Sun	Flat Top Okie	405-373-1472	Oklahoma City
SC				
Greenville Gunfighters	5th Sun	Hondo Jackson	864-414-1968	Greenville
TN				
Wartrace Regulators	3rd Sat	Papa Dave	931-723-7896	Wartrace
TX				
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	4th Sat	Billy Bob Evans	972-393-2882	Cleburne
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Wkd	Long Ranger Rick	817-980-7206	Albany
UT				
Wasatch Summit Regulators	4th Sun	Old Fashioned	435-224-2324	Salt Lake City
WI				
Hodag Country Cowboys	1st Sat	Hodag Bob	715-550-8337	Rhineland
Western Wisconsin	2nd Sat	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	Holmen
WV				
Kanawha Valley Regulators	3rd Wkd	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	Eleanor

INTERNATIONAL				
DOWN UNDER				
AUSTRALIA				
Gold Coast Gamblers	1st & 3rd Sat	Dagger Jack	61 75 537 5857	Gold Coast
Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	Lobo Malo	61 08 284 8459	Korunye
Westgate Marauders	2nd Sun	Stampede Pete	61 393 695 939	Port Melbourne
Little River Raiders	3rd Sun	Lazy Dave	61 40 377 7926	Little River
SASA Little River Raiders Single Action Club	3rd Sun	Tiresome	61 25 978 0190	Melbourne
Cowboy Action Shooters of Australia	3rd Wkd	I.D.	61 29 975 7983	Teralba
Fort Bridger Shooting Club	4th Sun	Duke York	61 418 632 366	Drouin
SASA Single Action Shooting Australia	Sat & Sun	Virgil Earp	61 74 695 2050	Millmerran
NEW ZEALAND				
Trail Blazers Gun Club	1st Sun	Sudden Lee	sudden@farm side.co.nz	Mill Town
Bullet Spittin Sons O' Thunder	2nd Sat	Billy Deadwood	64 63 564 720	Palmerston N.
Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Club	2nd Sun	Doc Hayes	64 63 796 692	Gladstone
Frontier & Western Shooting Sports Association	2nd Sun	Doc Hayes	64 63 796 692	Gladstone

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Club Name	Sched.	Contact	Phone	City
INTERNATIONAL (Continued)				
NEW ZEALAND (continued)				
Tararua Rangers	3rd Sun	J.E.B. Stuart	64 63 796 436	Carterton
Ashburton Pistol Club	3rd Sun	Shellie Jector	643 304 8401	Ashburton
Ashburton Pistol Club Wild Bunch Shooting	3rd Sun	Shellie Jector	643 304 8401	Ashburton
Western Renegades	4th Sat	Black Bart Bolton	64 27 249 6270	Wanganui
SASS Pistol New Zealand	As Sch	Tuscon the Terrible	64 32 042 089	Varies
EUROPE				
AUSTRIA				
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	As Sch	Fra Diabolo	43 664 490 8032	Vienna
CZECH REPUBLIC				
Association of Western Shooters	As Sch	Thunderman	42 060 322 2400	Prelouc
DENMARK				
Danish Blackpowder Federation	As Sch	Slim Dane	45 20 655 887	Copenhagen
Association of Danish Western Shooters	As Sch	Mrs. Stowaway	45 602 013 65	Greve
FINLAND				
SASS Finland	As Sch	Woodbury Kane	35 850 517 4659	Various
Classic Old Western Society of Finland	As Sch	Woodbury Kane	35 850 517 4659	Loppi
FRANCE				
SASS France Golden Triggers of Freetown	1st Sun	Cheyenne Little Colibris	33 67 570 3678	Villefranche de Rouergue
L'Arquebuse d'Antony	2nd Sun	Jeppesen	33 1 4661 1798	Antony
SASS France Greenwood Creek	1st & 3rd Wkd	Handy Hook	33 68 809 1360	Bormes les Mimosas
Buffalo Valley	As Sch	Slye Buffalo	02 37 63 65 83	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais
High Plains Shooters L'oise	As Sch	Jack Cooper	336 1384 5580	Clermont De
Association Mazaugaise de Tir	As Sch	Redneck Mike	33 494 280 145	Mazaugues
SASS France Alba Serena Tir Club	As Sch	Marshall Tombstone	09 62 53 83 32	Moriani
Old Pardis Shooting Society	As Sch	Jeppesen LaSalle	33 1 4661 1798	Versailler
Club de Tir Beaujolais	As Sch	Woodrow the Wild Frenchie	33 047 838 0374	Villefranche sur Saone
Old West French Shooters BERAC	As Sch	Curly Red Ryder	33 3 8582 0203	Caromb
	As Sch	Delano L. Oakley	33 3 8020 3551	Premeaux Prissey
Club de Tir Brennou	As Sch	French Bob	33 024 767 5888	Varies
Reverend Oakley's Cowboy Klan	As Sch	Delano L. Oakley	333 802 03 551	Varies
Les Tireurs de l'uzege (Old West Gunfighters)	Every Sun	Marshal Dundee	33 04 66 759 529	Uzes
Black Rivers	Last Sun	Kid of Neckwhite	33 3 8526 3029	Roanne
Club de Tir de Bernay	Sat	Chriswood	33 2 3245 5900	Bernay
SASS France Yellow Rock	Sat	Little Shooting Missie	336 7555 8063	ECOT
Societe de Tir Bedoin Ventoux (Windy Mountain Vigilantes)	Sat-Sun	Sheriff Ch. Southpaw	33 490 351 973	Bedoin
Tir Olympique Lyonnais	Sun	Barth	33 6 1324 6128	Lyon
Club de tri de nuits Saint Georges	As Sch	Delano L. Oakley	33 38 020 3551	Nuits Saint Georges
Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine	As Sch	Major John Lawson	brisset37@hotmail.fr	Tours
CAS/SASS France	As Sch	Frenchie Boy	336 169 32 076	Varies
GERMANY				
Germany Territory Regulators	As Sch	REPHIL	49 29 216 71814	Varies
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Last Sat	Marshal Heck	49 345 120 0581	Edderitz
Jail Bird's Company	Mon	Orlando A Brick Bond	49 21 317 42 3065	Wegberg
CAS Europe	We	Hurricane Irmi	49 28 23 3426	Bocholt
SASS Germany	Wed	Il Calabrese	49 28 239 8080	Pfalzdorf
SASS Germany	Wed	Rhine River Joe	49 28 235 807	Spork
HUNGARY				
Westwood Rebels	As Sch	El Heckito	362 0460 1739	Galgamacsa
ITALY				
Old Gunners Shooting Club	As Sch	Renato Anese	33 51 24 5391	Toppo di Travesio
Western Shootist Posse				
Green Hearts Regulator	1st Sun	Marshal Steven Gardiner	39 338 920 7989	Trevi
Fratelli Della Costa Onlus	3rd Sat	Oversize	35 05 642 4677	Livorno
Lassiter Fan Shooting Club	3rd Sun	Ivan Bandito	39 34 7043 0400	Mazzano
Maremma Bad Land's Riders	As Sch	Alameda Slim	alamedaslim@owss.it	Siena
Old West Shooting Society Italy	As Sch	Alchimista	39 33 420 68337	Varies
Canne Roventi	Last Sun	Valdez	39 07 1286 1395	Filottrano
Honky Tonk Rebels	Last Sun	Kaboom Andy	39 33 5737 8551	Vigevano
Wild West Rebels	Sun	Bill Masterson	alberto@fron-tisrl.it	Malegno-BS
LUXEMBOURG				
SASS Luxembourg	As Sch	Smiley Miles	35 26 2128 0606	Varies
NORTHERN IRELAND				
Kells County Regulators	1st Sat	Independence Carroll	28 93 368 004	Varies

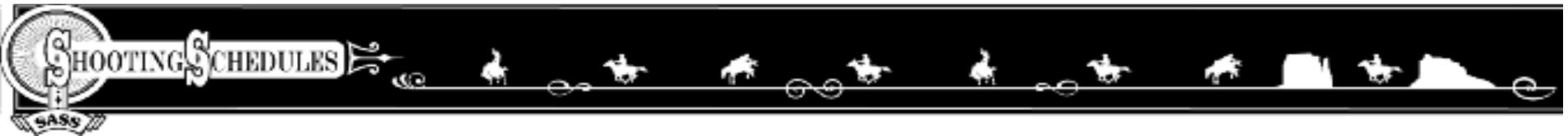
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NORWAY				
Black Rivers	As Sch	Charles Quantrill	47 9325 9669	Loten
Quantrill Raiders	Sun	Charles Quantrill	47 9325 9669	Loten
Schedsmoe County Rough Riders	Thurs	Jailbird	47 6399 4279	Lillestrom
POLAND				
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	As Sch	Trigger Hawkeye	trigger-hawkeye@hotmail.pl	Lodz
SERBIA				
Union of Western Shooters of Serbia	As Sch	Hombre des Nudos	63 721 6934	Humska
SWEDEN				
SASS Sweden Northern Rangers	As Sch	Northern S. T. Ranger	46 72 206 7005	Varies
SWITZERLAND				
Black Mountain Gunfighters	As Sch	Blacksmith Pete	417 9449 5800	Romainmattier
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	As Sch	Hondo Janssen	44 271 9947	Zurich
INTERNATIONAL				
CANADA				
Aurora Desperados	1st Fri	Destry	905-551-0703	Aurora ON
Robbers Roost Hamilton	1st Sat	Bear Butte	905-891-8627	Ancaster ON
South Mountain Regulators	1st Sat	Dutch Charlie	902-538-9797	Berwick NS
Red Mountain Renegades	1st Sun	Preacher Flynn T. Locke	604-820-1564	Mission BC
Bar E Ranch	2nd & 4th Sat	Northern Crow	705-435-2807	Barrie ON
Beau Bassin Range Riders	2nd Sat	Frenchy Cannuck	506-312-0455	Riverview NB
Lambton Sportsman's Club	2nd Sat	Clay Creek	519-542-4644	St. Clair ON
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	2nd Sun	Stoney Creek	905-664-3217	Hamilton ON
Victoria Frontier Shootists	2nd Sun	Black Ashley	250-744-4705	Victoria BC
Valley Regulators	3rd Sat	Kananaskis Kid	250-923-6358	Courtenay BC
Prairie Dog Rebels	3rd Sat	Valley Boy	519-673-5648	London ON
Valley Regulators	3rd Sat & Sun	High Country Amigo	250-334-3479	Courtenay BC
Otter Valley Rod & Gun	4th Sun	Colt McCloud	519-685-9439	Straffordville ON
Robbers Roost Wild Bunch	As Sch	Legendary Lawman	905-393-4299	Ancaster ON
Islington Sportmen's Club	As Sch	Hawk Feathers	905-936-2129	Caledon ON
Blueridge Sportsmen's Club	As Sch	Rebel Dale	519-599-2558	Clarksburg ON
Waterloo County Revolver Association	As Sch	Ranger Pappy Cooper	519-536-9184	Kitchener ON
Mundy's Bay Regulators	As Sch	Indiana Magnum	705-534-2814	Penetanguishene ON
Nova Scotia Cowboy Action Shooting Club	As Sch	Wounded Belly	902-890-2310	Truro NS
Palmer's Gulch Cowboys	As Sch	Caribou Lefty	250-372-0416	Heffley Creek BC
Ottawa Valley Marauders	As Sch	Button	514-792-0063	Ottawa ON
Alberta Frontier Shootists Society	As Sch	Powder Paw	403-318-4463	Rocky Mtn House AB
Club de tir Beausejour	As Sch	Richelieu Mike	450-658-8130	St-Jean Chrysostome / QC
Long Harbour Lead Slingers	Tues	Preacher Man John	250-537-0083	Salt Spring Island BC
SOUTH AFRICA				
Pioneer Creek Rangers	2nd & 4th Sat	Slow Wilson	27 83 677 5066	Pretoria SA
Western Shooters of South Africa	3rd Sat	Richmond P. Hobson	27 21 797 5054	Cape Town SA

Monthly Mounted USA

AZ				
Tombstone Ghost Riders Mounted Club	2nd Sun	Dan Nabbit	520-456-0423	Tombstone
CO				
Revengers of Montezuma	1st Sun	Aneeda Huginkiss	970-565-8479	Cortez
CT				
Connecticut Renegades	As Sch	Cowboy Cobbler	860-558-7484	Granby
FL				
Bay Area Bandits	1st Sat	Slow Poke's Darlin	813-924-0156	Tampa
ID				
Border Marauders Mounted	As Sch	Bad Buffalo Bob	208-610-8229	Eastport
ME				
Maine Cowboy Mounted Shooters	As Sch	Cowboy Bill	207-282-2821	Biddeford
NM				
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	3rd Sat	Chili Cowboy	505-379-8957	Founders Ranch
NY				
Island Long Riders	As Sch	Mecate Kid	516-610-8166	Farmingdale
OH				
Big Irons Mounted Rangers	As Sch	Stoneburner	513-829-4099	Middletown

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USA 2013						AUGUST					
JULY						SASS SOUTHEAST TERRITORIAL BLACKPOWDER CHAMPIONSHIP Smoke Out at South River					
Railhead	04 - 07	Sly Puppy	623-776-5724	Williams	AZ	True Grit	30 - 01	Man From Little River	678-428-4240	Covington	GA
Rocky Mountain Regional Raid	04 - 07	Sweetwater Bill	303-366-8827	Byers	CO						
SASS Alaska Territorial Championship – Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	05 - 07	Tripod	907-373-0140	Anchorage	AK			Dapper Dan Porter	309-734-2324	Little York	IL
Black Gold Shootout	11 - 13	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	Manchester	KY			R. J. Law	248-828-0440	Port Huron	MI
SASS Alaska State Championship	12 - 14	Kootenai Brown	907-377-0331	Chatanika	AK						
SASS Minnesota State Championship	12 - 14	Amen Straight	612-723-2313	Kimball	MN			Two Bit Tammy	575-626-9201	Roswell	NM
SASS Montana State Championship	12 - 14	Montana Lil' Skeeter	406-761-0896	Simms	MT			Jasper Wayne	541-884-2611	Keno	OR
SASS New Hampshire State Championship – Flat Gap Jack Cowboy Shootout	12 - 14	Bear Lee Tallable	603-667-0104	Candia	NH			Trapper Dan	540-890-5162	Roanoke	VA
Fracas at Pemi Gulch	12 - 14	Bear Lee Tallable	603-667-0104	Holderness	NH	SEPTEMBER					
The Geronimo Trail Shootout	12 - 14	Chico Cheech	575-388-2531	Silver City/Mimbres	NM	Snake River Rowdies Labor Day Match	02 - 02	Sheriff John R. Quigley	307-733-4559	Jackson	WY
The Ruthless McDraw Final Showdown	12 - 14	D. J. McDraw	740-767-2326	Mt. Vernon	OH	Roop County Days	05 - 08	C. C. Dollar	775-882-0355	Fernley	NV
Little Big Match	12 - 14	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	Dayton	WA	SASS Maine State Championship	06 - 08	Rhino Jacks	207-324-3117	Berwick	ME
Castle Gate Robbery	18 - 20	Rowdy Hand	435-637-8209	Price	UT	Thunder over Beaver Creek					
Shootout at Pawnee Station	19 - 21	Red Creek Dick Martin	303-857-0520	Nunn	CO	Whispering Pines Ambush	06 - 08	Panama Red	814-945-6922	Wellsboro	PA
Oregon Trail Shootout	19 - 21	T. J. Maverick	541-910-4244	La Grande	OR	Ambush on Deadwood Trail	06 - 08	Brother King	970-481-7569	Sturgis	SD
Hell on the Border	20 - 21	Naildriver	479-651-2475	Fort Smith	AR	Standoff at Smokey Point	06 - 07	Mudflat Mike	425-335-5176	Arlington	WA
Hell on the Prairie	20 - 21	Oklahoma Spuds	405-640-5650	Lawton	OK	SASS US Open	12 - 14	Mose Spencer	270-349-4392	Sparta	IL
SASS Pennsylvania State Blackpowder Shootout Smoke on the Ridge	21 - 21	Slowpoke John	717-676-3198	Ickesburg	PA	First Annual Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	13 - 15	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-339-3650	Briggsdale	CO
SASS NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL The Great Nor'easter	25 - 28	Capt. Morgan Rum	603-772-5041	Pelham	NH	SASS Indiana State Championship	13 - 15	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	Etna Green	IN
AUGUST						SASS Hoosier Ambush					
SASS Washington State Championship Westmatch XXII	01 - 04	Elder Kate	253-946-1438	Renton	WA	SASS New York State Championship	13 - 15	Homer Suggs	518-274-8505	Ballston Spa	NY
Sagebrush Rebellion	02 - 04	Bugtown Dusty	530-260-0806	Susanville	CA	Heluva Rukus					
Badger Mountain Range War	02 - 04	Painted Filly	719-439-6502	Lake George	CO	Northwest Territorial Shootout	14 - 15	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	Jerome	ID
Ambush on the Prairie	02 - 04	Ranger Mathias Fischels	319-234-1550	Elk Run Heights	IA	Great Shotgun Classic	14 - 15	Oklahoma Spuds	405-640-5650	Lawton	OK
Sundown Showdown at Chimney Rocks	03 - 04	Hattie Hubbs	814-515-2166	Hollidaysburg	PA	Eastern High Sierra Shootout	19 - 22	Ben Maverick	909-496-3137	Bridgeport	CA
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	07 - 11	Sinful	805-286-1188	San Luis Obispo	CA	SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – Gunsmoke	19 - 21	Mogollon Drifter	507-838-0026	Morristown	MN
Chorro Valley Shootout						SASS Oklahoma State Championship	19 - 22	Burly Bill	918-830-2936	Sand Springs	OK
SASS Idaho State Championship	07 - 11	John Bear	208-562-1914	Boise	ID	Ruckus in the Nations					
SASS Idaho State Championship	07 - 11	John Bear	208-562-1914	Boise	ID	Adobe Walls	20 - 22	Querida	831-635-9147	Gonzales	CA
Reckoning at Black's Creek						Six Gun Justice	20 - 21	Idaho Sage Hen	208-852-2473	Rexburg	ID
SASS MIDEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	08 - 11	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	Middletown	OH	SASS Kentucky State Black Powder Championship Smokeout in the Hills	20 - 22	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	Manchester	KY
Guns of August						SASS New Mexico State Championship	20 - 22	Half-A-Hand Henri	802-233-3710	Magdalena	NM
Billy the Kid's Breakout	09 - 11	Gunsmoke Cowboy	575-808-1329	Ruidoso	NM	Shoot Out at Old Magdalena					
Richmond Roughriders Annual Match	10 - 11	Leapin Otis	707-746-5145	Richmond	CA	SASS Oregon State Blackpowder Championship	20 - 22	Whisperin' Wade	541-318-8199	Bend	OR
Colorado Shaketails Annual Match	16 - 18	Midnite Slim	719-660-2742	Fountain	CO	Smokin' Gunfight in the Badlands					
Squinty Eye Western Shoot	16 - 18	Wagonmaster	218-780-6797	Virginia	MN	Fifth Annual Old TV Westerns Match	20 - 22	Cascades Annie	541-318-8199	Bend	OR
Shootout at Saddle Butte	16 - 18	Tuffy Tumbleweed	541-619-7381	Albany	OR	Purgatory Rush	20 - 22	Dry Gulch Geezer	814-827-2120	Titusville	PA
SASS Maryland Freestate State Blackpowder Championship	18 - 18	Cash Caldwell	240-285-7673	Thurmont	MD	SASS West Virginia State Championship	20 - 22	Last Word	304-289-6098	Burlington	WV
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Outlaw Trail	22 - 24	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Edgewood	NM	Appalachian Showdown XXI					
Western Legends Roundup	22 - 24	Autum Rose	435-644-5053	Kanab	UT	Cheyenne Autumn	21 - 21	Eli Blue	806-729-5887	Kress	TX
SASS Kentucky State Championship	23 - 25	Double Eagle Dave	423-309-4146	McKee	KY	Hell Fire	27 - 29	Slick McClade	318-278-9071	Quitman	LA
Hooten Holler Round-Up						Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	27 - 29	Ricochet Robbie	509-628-0889	Benton City	WA
SASS Wisconsin State Championship	23 - 25	Captain Cook	715-248-3727	Boyceville	WI	Eagles Revenge	28 - 29	One Son of A Gun	231-676-0922	Central Lake	MI
Fire In The Hills						Rampage	28 - 28	Highland Drifter	801-860-9504	Fruit Heights	UT
SASS Hawaii State Championship	24 - 25	Bad Burt	808-875-9085	Lahaima	HI	OCTOBER					
Great Pineapple Shoot						SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	03 - 06	Evening Star	301-371-6968	Thurmont	MD
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	26 - 01	Big Casino	541-389-2342	Bend	OR	Mason Dixon Stampede					
Shootout at Horse Ridge						Show-Me Shootout	03 - 06	Longshot John	417-461-0033	Marshfield	MO
Siege at San Juan City	29 - 01	San Juan	970-249-4227	Montrose	CO	SASS Nevada State Championship – Eldorado	03 - 06	Charming	702-565-3736	Boulder City	NV
Fourth Annual Great Basin Long Range Shootout	29 - 02	Cascades Annie	541-318-8199	Bend	OR	SASS Alabama State Championship	04 - 06	Drake Robey	256-313-0421	Cavern Cove	AL
SASS Arkansas State Championship	30 - 01	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	Hot Springs	AR	Ambush At Cavern Cove					
Shoot'n in the Shade						Comanche Moon Shootout	05 - 06	Dee Horne	432-557-0860	Midland	TX
						Huntsmans World Senior Games	08 - 12	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	St. George	UT
						SASS Tennessee State Championship	10 - 13	Whiskey Hayes	931-684-2709	Wartrace	TN
						Regulators Reckoning					
						Mississippi Fandango	11 - 13	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	Holmen	WI
						Trade Days	12 - 13	Randy Atcher	812-945-0221	Canaan	IN
						SASS Ohio State Blackpowder	12 - 12	Curtice Clay	419-836-8760	Gibsonburg	OH
						Blackout at Stoney Bottom					
						Peacefuls End of Track at High Sierra	17 - 20	Grizzly Peak Jake	530-676-2997	Railroad Flat	CA
						SASS HIGH PLAINS TERRITORIAL	17 - 19	Jubal O. Sackett	801-944-3444	Sandy	UT
						BLACKPOWDER CHAMPIONSHIP					
						Thunder at Big Salty					
						SASS Arkansas State Blackpowder Championship	18 - 19	Arkansas Harper	870-994-7227	Mountain Home	AR
						Black Smoke on the White River					
						Border Wars	18 - 20	Buffalo Phil	913-898-4911	Parker	KS

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SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	18 - 20	Peacemaker Reb	908-359-8794	Jackson	NJ
Guns of Ojo Caliente	18 - 20	J. W. Brockey	575-744-4484	Elephant Butte	NM
The Last Hurrah a	18 - 22	First Chance	509-667-9377	East Wenatchee	WA
Code of the West End	19 - 19	Duke Skywalker	812-626-0214	Evansville	IN
Diamond Four Roundup	19 - 20	Trail Boss	607-796-0573	Cayuta	NY
The Whoopin'	19 - 19	Judge Menday Coming	512-964-9955	Dripping Springs	TX
Hanging Tree Shootout	20 - 20	X. S. Chance	573-774-6311	St. Robert	MO
SASS Arizona State Championship – Bordertown	23 - 27	Mean Rayleen	520-235-0394	Tombstone	AZ
SASS Missouri State Championship The Branson Triple Classic	23 - 27	Smokie	417-759-9114	Walnut Shade	MO
SASS MIDWEST TERRITORIAL BLACKPOWDER CHAMPIONSHIP The Branson Triple C	23 - 24	Smokie	417-759-9114	Walnut Shade	MO
The Gunfight Behind The Jersey Lilly	24 - 27	Captain Jake	714-318-6948	Norco	CA
Sussex County Range War	25 - 27	Missouri Marshal	757-471-3396	Waverly	VA
Guns of Autumn	26 - 26	Bad Lands Bob	706-654-0828	Gainesville	GA
Shootout at Shakey's Gulch	26 - 27	Justice D. Spencer	574-536-4010	Bristol	IN
Regulators Revenge	26 - 26	Bar Diamond Rider	512-638-7376	Marble Falls	TX
SASS SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Comin' At Cha	31 - 02	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	English	TX
NOVEMBER					
Big Iron Showdown	02 - 02	Tracker Mike	336-558-9032	Salisbury	NC
SASS SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunfight at Givhans Ferry	07 - 10	Doc Kemm	843-863-0649	Ridgeville	SC
SASS California State Blackpowder Smokin' Irons in the Valley of the Coyotes	08 - 09	Bobcat Brian	831-636-1262	Morgan Hill	CA
SASS Louisiana State Championship Hangin' at Coyote Creek	08 - 10	Rattlesnake Blake	985-796-9698	Amite	LA
Turkey Shoot at the Black Canyon	09 - 09	Silver Rings	970-240-0419	Montrose	CO
DECEMBER					
SASS Texas State Blackpowder Championship – Annual Tin Star Lily Christmas Shoot	06 - 08	Mickey	830-685-3464	Fredericksburg	TX
Cowboy Christmas Ball	07 - 07	An E. Di	509-787-1782	Quincy	WA
Holiday Shoot With the Dixie Desperados	27 - 28	Capt. Le Phew	435-773-2184	Hurricane	UT

USA 2014

MARCH 2014					
Raid on Old Fort Parker	20 - 23	Colt Faro	832-472-3278	Groesbeck	TX
APRIL 2014					
Dry Gulch At Arroyo Cantua	03 - 06	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	Sloughhouse	CA

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APRIL 2014 (continued)					
Comancheria Days	10 - 13	Red Scott	210-316-0199	Fredericksburg	TX
Monument Springs Bushwhacker Annual Fandango	25 - 27	Val Darrant	575-396-5303	Hobbs	NM

Annual Wild Bunch Matches

JULY					
SASS Colorado State Wild Bunch Championship	25 - 27	Colorado Blackjack	970-260-5432	Whitewater	CO
AUGUST					
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP – Outlaw Trail	20 - 22	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Founders Ranch	NM
SASS Oregon State Wild Bunch Championship	28 - 29	Hoss Reese	503-907-6522	Bend	OR
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	30 - 01	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	Sloughhouse	CA
SEPTEMBER					
SASS Utah State Wild Bunch Championship Dixie Desperados Go Wild	06 - 07	Dixie Bell	435-627-2942	St. George	UT
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship Uprising at Monticello	07 - 08	Hondo Tucker	913-206-3918	Lenexa	KS
SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship	14 - 15	Penny Pepperbox	775-727-4600	Pahrump	NV
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship Wild Bunch on the Brazos	21 - 22	Billy Bob Evans	972-393-2882	Cleburne	TX
SASS South Carolina State Wild Bunch Championship Raid on Conestee	28 - 29	Hondo Jackson	864-414-1968	Greenville	SC
OCTOBER					
SASS Arizona State Wild Bunch Championship	12 - 13	Wild Bodie Tom	602-721-3175	Peoria	AZ
SASS West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship	19 - 22	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	Eleanor	WV
SASS Missouri State Wild Bunch Championship	23 - 24	Smokie	417-759-9114	Walnut Shade	MO
NOVEMBER					
SASS Idaho State Wild Bunch Championship – Squaw Butte Regulators 1st Annual	02 - 03	Acequia Kidd	208-365-4551	Emmett	ID
CANADA					
SASS Ontario Wild Bunch Provincial Championship	Oct 11 - 13	Bear Butte	905-891-8627	Ancaster	ON

Annual International Matches

CANADA					
SASS CENTRAL CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMP. Battle at the Bar E Ranch	Jul 19 - 21	Northern Crow	705-435-2807	Barrie	ON
Showdown in the Valley Island Championship	Jul 20 - 21	High Country Amigo	250-334-3479	Courtenay	BC
Last Gasp	Aug 03 - 04	Granny Oneshot	306-749-2822	Birch Hill	SK
SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMP. Shootout at Bounty Gulch	Aug 08 - 10	Granny Oneshot	306-749-2822	Birch Hill	SK
Shootout at the Double B Ranch 2nd Annual Invitation	Aug 10 - 11	Frenchy Cannuck	506-312-0455	Riverview	NB
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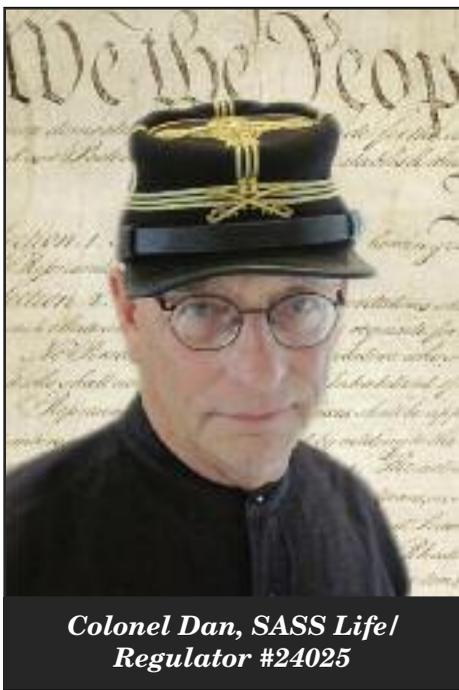
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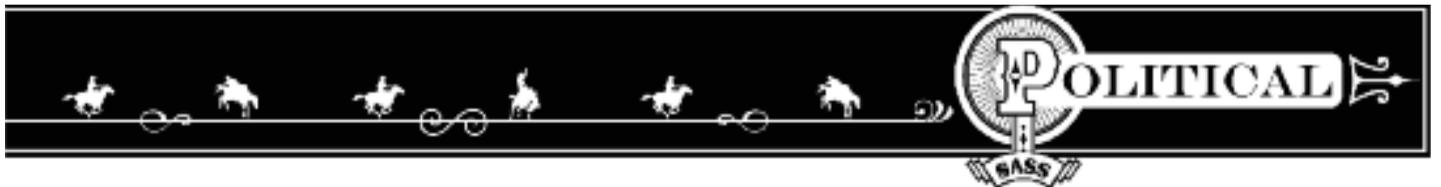
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NO COMPROMISE!

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There's been a rash of bad news recently for pro-constitutional patriots and yes, our side has taken a few temporary hits, so what do we do now? Do we surrender and acknowledge defeat? Not on your life, we're far from beaten. We soldier on with resolve and never compromise that's what we do! Let's factually analyze the battlefield.

Those states that passed legislation that clearly infringe on our Second Amendment rights and the zealots in Washington who are looking to do the same on the federal level are running wild. Pushing their long held agenda of disarming America and using the Newtown tragedy as the basis for their actions, they're making sure not to waste a crisis. Their solutions as we know, however, would have done nothing to save anyone and will do nothing to prevent such recurrences. In other words, their entire premise is built on a foundation of lies and deceit as it has always been.

I know it, and you know it as do all thinking Americans who base their judgment on fact, truth, history, and logic. But, those pushing this anti-gun agenda dare not use any of these elements, as they would lose the argument. They can't afford to risk exposing the truth else their house of deceit would crumble.

So why have they been relatively successful? I see several factors at play here.

There's a growing number of Americans that haven't had appropriate exposure to the principles of America's founding and guns as have past generations. They could care less if government stepped in and confiscated all the guns—it's not important to them. I saw this in my corpo-

rate career when I hired many software engineers in their 20s and 30s who grew up with computer screens, not guns, and couldn't care less about firearms.

Granted this was a narrow sample of that particular generation, but when applied to the general population, I see a positive correlation. So the generational problem is one we face—a generation with minimal experience with or exposure to guns and even less educational exposure to what our Bill of Rights and the Constitution mean to America. In a word, this results in "ignorance," and I don't say that in a personally disparaging way; it's just truth.

Another factor we face is growing apathy. Let's face it; America is rich beyond belief compared to other countries of the current world and those civilizations throughout history. As a result, we've become lethargic to an ever-growing degree because we have access to more than we need to survive. When people reach this state of plenty, they become comfortable in their lethargy. As long as they have food to eat and money to entertain themselves without relatively much worry, "hey, life is good, do what you want world, I'm fine, just don't upset my easy chair." Trouble is, this attitude has always been a fertile field for the tyrant class, and they're nurturing a budding crop in America these days.

As I see it, our main foes in this struggle are deceit, ignorance, and apathy. How do we fight this? I'll just give you the view from my foxhole.

Obviously we must personally try to influence our little part of the world to overcome sociologically based apathy and ignorance. In the political arena, we must adopt a unified **NO** compromise approach.

As I've written many times in the past, when those charged with enforcing and upholding the law

ignore the law, there is no law. The anti-gun element continues to demonstrate it will stop at nothing in their attempt to infringe on your right to keep and bear arms and no amount of discussion will sway them. Facts, the law, and the Constitution be damned. Those who refuse to accept facts as part of any discussion are clearly driven by an agenda of deceit, not truth, and therefore honest dialog is futile.

If anti-gunners can't ban guns outright they'll try to control ammunition, impose new taxes on firearms and components, require onerous insurance laws, expand medically based restrictions on gun ownership, sign on to United Nations treaties, compel magazine restrictions, demand universal background checks that open the door to universal registration, which in turn leads to confiscation, and so on. Bottom line, they're attacking on multiple fronts simultaneously.

They demand compromise on issues they have no constitutional standing to even broach. Many on the pro-gun side unfortunately are falling for these offers of compromise, deluding themselves into thinking that if we just give in to these few new restrictions, they'll go away. News flash: they'll never go away, and Thomas Jefferson knew it—"The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield, and government to gain ground."

This anti-gun assault will not stop until the pro-gun side stops it cold. The willingness to talk about degrees of infringement must be steadfastly resolute and irreversibly limited to just one word—**NO!** We must refuse to discuss any proposed infringement with those whose agenda is based on deceit and whose ultimate goal is subjugation. Simply put, if patriots are unwilling to resolutely say "NO," then we will indeed lose.

You cannot compromise away

the principle of unalienable rights because those rights were not endowed by man, but by God. Compromise of principle is therefore not compromise; it's surrender. As Jefferson advised, "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Patriots must stand like a rock today, or America could fall like straw tomorrow.

Are we outnumbered and is our fight futile? Keep in mind the overwhelming odds faced by our 18th century forefathers. Only 1/3rd supported the Revolution, 1/3rd opposed it, and the final 1/3rd was very much apathetic.

What saved us then will save us today—a passionate commitment and dedication of a unified force to a righteous cause. Pro-gun organizations and forces should combine, coordinate, and cooperate to focus their stand on the principled ground we know to be right and do so with unwavering resolve. I wrote about this in my April editorial; "Needed: 1798 Resolve in 2013."

Can we win? The answer is emphatically, yes! I leave you with a quote from one of our more well known founders who convinced many doubters of his era with this:

"They tell us ... that we are weak - unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be when we are totally disarmed ... Three million people, armed in the holy cause of liberty ... are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us." ~ Patrick Henry ~

That three million of Patrick Henry's day has grown to 80 - 100 million gun owners today, and if there's anything politicians fear, its great numbers unified and focused on a righteous cause. A force that grows in resolve to become an unstoppable tsunami of political power will defeat any force thrown against it.

Keep the heat on high; NEVER compromise your principles and NEVER surrender.

Steel your nerve, remain faithfully resolute, and soldier on my friends.

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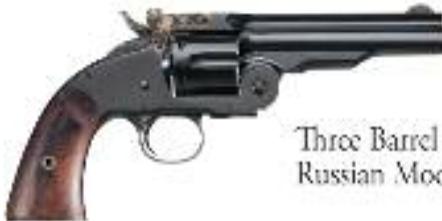
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