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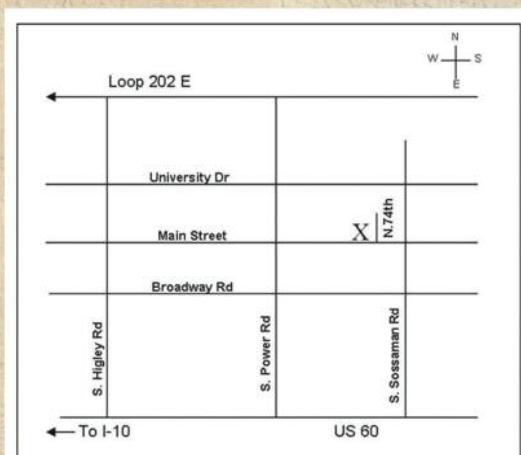


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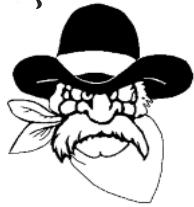
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B-Western is a popular category among Cowboy Action Shooters™, as documented by Kathouse Kelli in this issue, and one of the inspirations for B-Western dress code is Gail Davis, whose portrayal of Annie Oakley on television in the 1950s inspired young girls and boys and led to many successful franchises, including this period coloring book. (Note the double action Colt.)



Guest Editorial

2018 Regional Allocation

The Single Action Shooting Society® is proud to announce a new Regional structure beginning in 2018.

The SASS Regional Championship allocation has a history of evolution as the need arises. Due to several factors that arose within the program in 2016, it was time (again!) to reexamine the structure. This time around the SASS Board of Directors (The Wild Bunch) enlisted the feedback of those directly impacted by the changes—our members. The process took two rounds of voting and elimination, and after hundreds of emails, discussions, and SASS Wire Forum threads, the votes are in.

The 2018 reallocation eliminates one region, the Mideast, bringing the total number of regions down from eight to seven. The states previously in the Mideast Region have been distributed to their neighboring regions. The re-

allocation also addresses numerous petitions from states that requested to be moved to a different region.

The elimination of the Mideast Region comes with the reality that its Championship event, Guns of August, will no longer be a Regional Championship match. SASS would like to recognize and send our sincere thanks to the organizers and hosts of Guns of August for their many years of hard work, dedication, and support. We are certain the fantastic match that is Guns of August will continue for many years to come.

A huge thanks to all the Territorial Governors who talked to their clubs, polled their members, and cast their votes on the reallocation of the SASS 2018 Regional structure.

—Misty Moonshine 

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From The Editor

SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

By Skinny, SASS #7361

RVs and SASS

This issue, Capt. Baylor has devoted his monthly column to a subject I know we've all turned over in our minds once or twice—the idea of spending much or all of our time traveling the country in an RV and dedicating our lives to Cowboy Action Shooting™. For those of us who have achieved the freedom of complete retirement it sounds like a good life indeed. For those who still work regular or—like myself—semi-regular hours it may still be a dream and for still others, the notion of living full time in a motor home may just not be that appealing. But one thing's for sure, the luxury of attending our chosen events and being able to comfortably camp on or near the shooting facility is appealing.

I took the plunge a couple of years ago and acquired a used 21-foot Winnebago built on a VW Eurovan chassis and I haven't regretted it. My choice is small enough to still be maneuverable in most circumstances and still be capable of driving to stores with large parking lots without much more difficulty than a large van or pickup. Additionally, the six-cylinder Eurovan engine delivers reasonable gas mileage for an RV (around 15 MPG). The downside is also the smaller engine, however, as it does not have the gumption to tow even a small car, so when I can't stay on site I'm usually obliged to rent a car, which generally comes to about the same amount it would cost

me to rent a motel room. As a consequence, the appeal for me boils down to the ability to camp near a match and to be able to take my cat, Willy, with me to many events. (One day I may write a book and title it *Travels With Willy*.) Just a few observations for those of you who are considering an RV purchase to keep in mind.

Small Creek: Kid Galena Rides

We're experimenting with a new idea in the pages of our printed *Cowboy Chronicles* for the next several issues—a serialized Cowboy novel. This work of fiction is the brainchild of The Capgun Kid, one of our most faithful supporters and contributors.

I've actually been sitting on Capgun's novel for a little more than a year. He approached me sometime back and asked if I'd be interested in reading two books he'd completed and possibly printing one or both someday. I said sure and I found them to be enjoyable reads, but at around 45,000 words each, I just couldn't feature ever being able to publish either—at least not in its entirety. Then the idea struck me to serialize the first book, *a la* some of the old magazines of the 1800s and early 1900s, such as *The Strand* or *Argosy*. I'm hoping this idea will be well received. If it is, we'll look towards serializing Capgun's second work, *Small Creek 2: The Return of Nevada Ned* in the future.

—Skinny



Skinny, SASS #7361

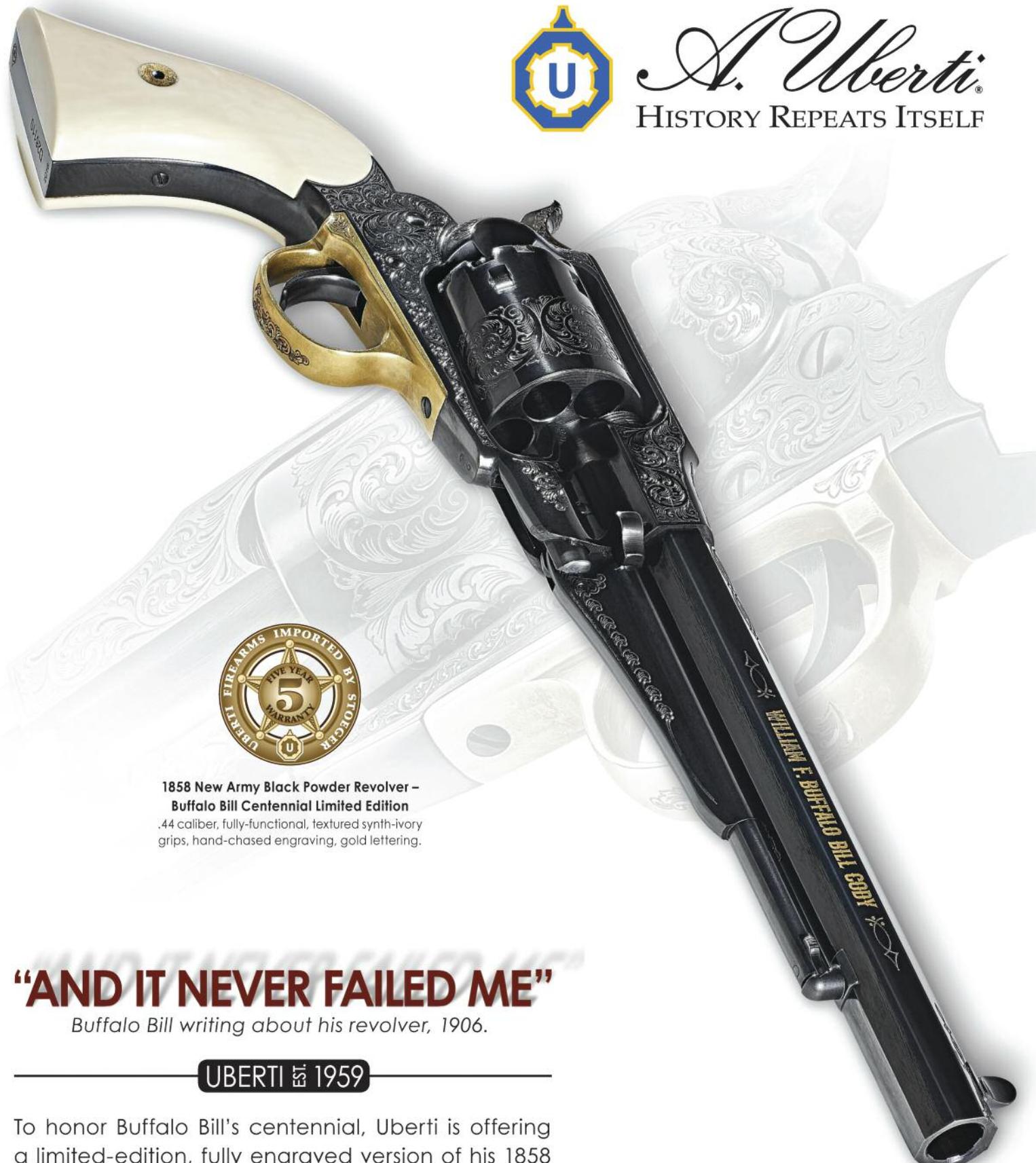


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**Captain George Baylor,
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Judge Roy Bean (SASS #1) invited me up to the ranch house at Founders Ranch after one of the monthly match down below. He wanted me to write an article aimed at getting RVers interested in SASS. Hmm, SASS has gotten a lot of shooters interested in RVing, so turnabout...

In the Beginning...

The Redhead and I got interested in RVing at the 2006 END of TRAIL World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting™ at Founders Ranch near Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Redhead wouldn't come with me unless (a) she could bring our dog, George S. Patton and (b) she didn't have to stay in a hotel. The solution was to rent an RV. After much searching we rented a 31-foot-long trailer from what I now call Satan's Trailer Rental. We would come to call it the Trailer From Hell. Virtually nothing worked, and the AC would not work with any generator we could rent smaller than 9000-watt and it sounded like a squadron of B17s at take off. We got noise com-

DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR SASS For RVers

By Captain George Baylor, SASS #24287 Patron Life Regulator



Camp Baylor shop, a 20-foot enclosed trailer custom made for supporting a SASS shooter. Yes, it's small, but it has worked for 10 years, loading four calibers and 12-gauge shotshells as well as firearm maintenance and cleaning.

plaints from three rows away in the middle of the day. It was small and uncomfortable and cold showers got old almost immediately (but did help conserve water).

You enter Founders at the top of a hill and the "town" and the shooting ranges are in

the valley below. In between are 15 rows of RV parking, capable of accommodating 600-plus RVs. The view of the town below is pretty spectacular. The 2006 END of TRAIL was the 25th Anniversary and attracted 900-plus shooters. The RV parking was pretty full.



Camp Baylor, a 2006 Newmar Dutch Star 40-foot diesel pusher motor home with an enclosed shop/car hauler trailer. The Jeep goes in the trailer.



Some RVs at the 2015 END of TRAIL.

Dispatches From Camp Baylor . . .

Something strange happened in the Trailer From Hell. One morning The Redhead walked outside with her first morning cup of coffee, turned and took in the 360-degree view and fell in love with RVing. By the end of the match we had talked to everyone there who would talk to us about RVing and Cowboy Action Shooting™ and we looked at a lot of RVs. Eventually we found some full-timers and talked to them. Their chosen RVs ranged from fifth wheel toy haulers to 35- and 40-foot motor coaches. Notably, we talked with Silver Heart and Pecos Clyde, who had been full-timing for two years in a 40-foot, four-slide diesel pusher coach with a 20-foot enclosed trailer that housed their Jeep and Clyde's shop with reloading machines. I went with Clyde to the trailer first, while The Redhead went into the coach with Silver Heart.

When we finished the tour of the trailer I walked into the coach and The Redhead turned to me and said, "You need to retire. We need to sell the house, buy a motor home and go to SASS matches full time."

My first thought was, "Who are you and what did you do with my wife?"

To shorten the rest of that story **A LOT**, in June 2007, about five years ahead of schedule and after I had undergone cancer surgery, we left Houston in our 40-foot motor home and have been living in it ever since, going to SASS matches (and a few SASS Conventions) all over the western United States from Louisiana to Montana.

RVs at SASS Matches

Founders Ranch is the model for how RVing at SASS matches should work. There are a lot of RVs there from tents to 45-foot diesel pushers. Normally they're in rows facing west, uphill, but some friends get together and make "squares" with RVs at 90 degrees, their curbside inside making a patio of sorts. Inside the square picnic tables and such are set up, sometimes with an EZUP for shade, sometimes



At END of TRAIL 2011 The Pooley Gang had a swimming pool.

with seating for 20 or so. Parties and group dinners occur—sometimes spontaneously, some, like the Arizona Cowboy Action Shooters party, are anticipated and very popular. If you're lonely at the RV Park you can walk around and eventually someone will invite you in to talk, drink, snack, clean guns, fix a water pump, and so on. Or you can put out your awning and a few chairs, put a Margarita machine on the table, and start it. You will have friends you didn't even know within a few minutes.

A few years back, The Dooley Gang, a Texas-based group known for their parties, had a big, very successful, and occasionally noisy square. This provided inspiration to others. A group of Germans, calling themselves The Pooley Gang had a swimming pool, with water in it. You just don't see that at a match every day.

END of TRAIL has shuttle service from the rows up the hill to the range below and back up. You can also take your "Toad"

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—END of TRAIL 2015—

Two of the four members of the square have arrived, saving spots for the other two.

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down to the shooters' parking lot. If you have a golf cart or four-wheeler you can use that.

Like END of TRAIL, many big SASS matches, state championships, Regionals,

Divisionals, and the National Championship Winter Range have at least some on-site RV parking. Some, including Winter Range, even have hookups or at least electric power. But dry camping isn't a

problem. Most matches are three or four days. END of TRAIL, if you shoot everything from Wild Bunch through the main match shoot-off, is about 11 days, but water and sewer trucks make the rounds daily. You pay at the SASS registration office and post a big, brightly color-coded receipt on the windshield, and the appropriate truck stops. After a few years we have learned the tricks to go the distance without either truck. It's a challenge. I treat it as such and revel in making it with water and black tank to spare and still manage to shower daily. But then, 40-foot coaches have big tanks.

An RV is the best vehicle for accessing a lot of activities at these matches. The nearest hotel might be 30 miles away, but your RV spot is 100 yards from the Belle Union, where parties start Wednesday night. Your friends are sitting around after the match sipping Margaritas. You can join them after you finish cleaning your guns, and if you realize you didn't bring something, just ask around until you find someone who has it and borrow what you need. SASS people help each other. If your toughest competitor breaks a gun, you offer one of your spares. It's SASS, where "The Cowboy Way" means something, not a sport where the winner gets a new six-shooter and the bottom of the fin-



The view of END of TRAIL below at the edge of the RV Park. You don't get this at hotels.



Camp Baylor Square at 2012 END of TRAIL.

Four RVs made a square, making a meeting and partying area in the middle.



Big Rigs were put on the end of the RV park at Hell On Wheels Regional in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 2007, enabling the biggest of RVs to fit—and get in and out. A few hundred more were down the hill in front of the range.



Trigger Happy Ted's beautiful motor home.



Most RV get-togethers are outside, but we had 11 inside our home at END of TRAIL 2016.

Dispatches From Camp Baylor ...

ishing list gets ignored or razed. We still win new six-shooters, but they're given away in drawings and raffles. The guy in last might win one of them, etc. If you're in an RV up the hill, you can stay at the party until late and not worry about the affect of the Margaritas or Moonshine.

SASS people help each other in many ways. Twice at matches I've gotten the 40-foot 34,000-pound coach stuck. In one case, the host club produced a 16-ton earthmover that pulled us out. In the other, we learned how to free the coach with a Jeep, a winch, and a post-hole digger. Note both of those occurrences were

during the first year or so. We have learned the value of reconnaissance, and since then we haven't gotten stuck.

There are times we both wish we had a house (with a garage for the shop), but we get to spend time where we want to be. Phoenix is great in the winter, too hot for an RV in the summer. Albuquerque is great in the summer, too cold for an RV

in the winter. If we decide we want to spend the summer in Nebraska or traveling from match to match and the winter in south Texas, we can do that. It's not for everyone, and I don't try to "sell" anyone on it. But it is a lot of fun for us. RVing is an adventure. So is going to war. After 10 years we still consider it an adventure. We would do it all over again.

Costuming Corner

B-Western Films & Costuming



By Kathouse Kelli, SASS #72384

Earlier this year I wrote in my blog about B-Westerns, as I undertook my next sewing projects. For more on B-Western category requirements, you can refer to the

SASS® Handbook, pages 16-17, but B-Western also relates to TV westerns and the silver screen era—John Wayne, Tom Mix, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and the like—so a little



Shirts and boots for Jackaroo and Kathouse Kelli.

research got me looking further at the term.

Westerns were the most popular TV and film genre in the 1930s through 1960s. Film production in the late 1920s and into the 30s and 40s saw the double billing. The B movie would be inexpensive, shorter, sometimes a continuation of the same character in a series, and added to fill a program. B-Western movies accounted for 25-30 percent of production. B movies made it much more viable for theater rental and running costs for management and staff, benefiting theater-goers as well. More bang for your buck!

Getting back to costuming though, its mostly about the smiley pockets, piping, fringing, different colored cuffs and yokes, brightly colored fabrics, embroidery, with a little bit of bling thrown in for good measure. There are many fine examples of such, with the most revered being those created by Nudie Cohn, in particular for country



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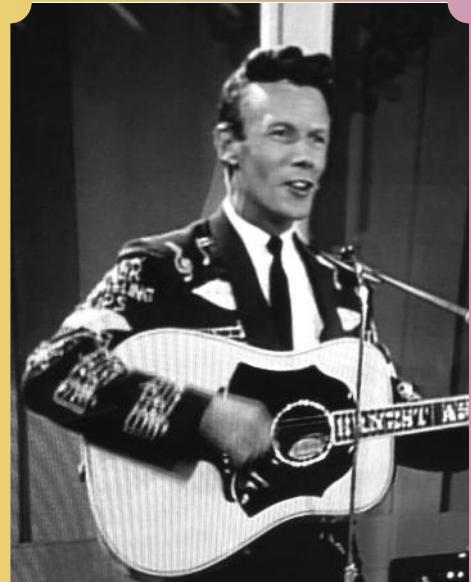
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music artists over many years. Now, the country music artists are an extreme look at a type of B-Western costume and you wouldn't see anyone shooting in these suits, but I seem to recall Handlebar Bob (SASS #4650) having a most spectacular

outfit in this realm for an evening banquet.

I have now had the pleasure of creating a few B-Western costumes and still have a few more to be done. Pictured in this article is Lil McGill (SASS #85754) from Texas in her Annie Oakley inspired cos-

tume (as worn by Gail Davis in the TV series *Annie Oakley* in the 1950s). We saw the original on display in the National Cowboy Museum and Hall of Fame in Oklahoma and it just had to be an outfit for Lil! A ded-

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Robb and Co. and Katie Younger.

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icated B-Western costumer, Lil even went to lengths to match her hat, boots and belt to the deerskin we procured for the outfit. Yes the yokes and fringe are deerskin, with many hours of bling placement and setting. She won Best Dressed B-Western Lady at Winter



Sonora Blaze at Winter Range 2016.

Range 2015, END of TRAIL 2015, and Red Dirt Rampage 2015, the Southwest Regional. Other beautifully dressed ladies from Winter Range 2015 are Sonora Blaze (SASS #69510), who won Second Place and Paniolo Annie (SASS #71269), Third Place—fine examples of costuming.

The Aussie's can be partial to a bit of B-Western flair as well and when Katie Younger (SASS #61370) and Robb and Co. (SASS #61369) hit the USA in 2015 they wanted an Australian-themed getup. So the national emblem, flower, kangaroos, the Southern Cross, and the Australian flag were the order. They won Second Place Best Dressed Couple at END of TRAIL 2015.

Sonora Blaze from Colorado was after a show stopper and we got to doing a Dale Evans-inspired number in turquoise rather than the original coral color worn by Dale. White pigskin and bling rounded out this hand cut shapes and fringes number. Sonora placed Second at Winter Range 2016.

Flat Top Okie (SASS #80827) from Oklahoma required a shirt to match some stylish boots, and after searching for the right color we found the perfect match. Add in some custom styled design, a

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Lil McGill's next outfit.



Lil McGill in her outfit inspired by Gale Davis as Annie Oakley (inset).

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little bit of bling and we were there.

And so we come to the most recent creation in this genre. Another beautiful outfit for Lil McGill, with bits of Patsy Cline and inspiration from the *Annie Get Your Gun* costume for Betty Hutton, Lil will be the ultimate ray of sunshine on the range in this number. Made in Australia, the pearl snaps and embroidered triangles were the final touches added in the US earlier this year. I can't wait to see this one revealed at a match with Lil's personal touches added.

Two more colorful shirts were completed once I got back to Oklahoma. Tom Mix-inspired designs are underway for Jackaroo (SASS #29989) and myself at the moment, and some more shirts for others.

Don't feel this is the only way to do B-Western/Silver Screen though. There are many other options for costuming in this genre. There are 1940s Mexican-inspired *señorita* costumes, gingham dresses, turned up denim jeans, check shirts, and more. So many opportunities exist to create the perfect B-Western costume, it just takes a little research. ☺

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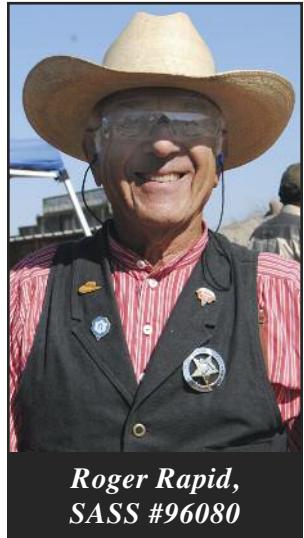
We've had balmy mornings, as we always do on California's Central Coast, but on August 10, 2016 shots rang out before the morning sun melted through the coastal fog, and we were at a full gallop down the trail to the beginning of the Twenty-Second Chorro Valley Regulators Shoot-Out and 2016 SASS Western Regional Championship.

"We had just under 300 shooters," said Sinful (SASS #73672), Sheriff of CVR and Co-Match Director, "and from what I heard from folks at the event, and in emails that

followed, our attendees had a fantastic time."

"The Western Regional featured 12 main matches, warm-up matches, speed events, cowboy trap, 100- and 400-yard long range, speed pistol/rifle/shotgun events, RO1 and RO2 classes, Plainsman and Wild Bunch mini-matches, and a black-powder night shoot," touted Sinful. "There were a lot of shooting activities to keep our Cowboys and Cowgirls busy, challenged, and excited."

Temperatures ranged in the high 70s during the day down



Roger Rapid,
SASS #96080



Founded by Ruby Jewel (SASS #96154), 33 Ladies of Cowboy Action Shooting (LoCAS) who were present at the Western Regional gathered for a group photo (capturing Badman Bob—SASS #70751—in the middle). LoCowboy Action Shooting™ has more than 850 members and uses Facebook as its communication tool to share Cowboy Action Shooting™ ideas, Cowgirl shooting experiences, costuming, and more.



After he got done boiling the barrel of his '73, El Lazo grabbed four at a time from his bandolier for the shotgun sequence.

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to the mid-50s at night. "The weather made the event very comfortable," said El Lazo (SASS #13116), our Territorial Governor and the Match's other Co-Director, "but it was the club's members that made it happen, and I'm really proud of our CVR team. Running an event this size requires devoted folks who contribute a lot of their time and energy to bring it all together and provide our shooters with a great Cowboy Action Shooting™ experience. And," he added, "I get real pleasure when shooters come up to me to say what a great time they had."

"This event drew shooters from all over California," said Horned Toad Tom (SASS #83604), CVR's past deputy and 2015 Cowboy of the Year. "We had Cowboys and Cowgirls of all ages from Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and a few from Texas. It was fun to see familiar faces return from previous years."

"We had shooters of all levels," said El Lazo, "including our young shooters, who are exciting to watch and very important to us. A bunch of these young guns are fast; they really hold our hands to the fire and make us work harder," he chuckled. "We work diligently to enlist young shooters – they are the Cowboys and Cowgirls of tomorrow and they are vital to the future of our sport.

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At the end of the day, the Last Chance Saloon was the place to collect one's thoughts, tell a few tall tales, down a cold one, and try your hand at Texas Hold'em. An old-time wooden bar and mirror, canvas tent, and honky-tonk piano helped us step back in time.

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With such a mix of shooters, Sinful and I put a lot of time into the scenarios and targets to ensure we had a herd of challenges and fun for everyone."

On Wednesday (Day One) we had an RO1 training class led by Snakebite (SASS #4767) and an RO2 class led by Cole Younger (SASS #4237), a Wild Bunch mini-match, Cowboy Trap, and three stages of warm-up mini-matches. Wednesday evening featured the flash, bang, and smoke of our black-powder night shoot with about 25 participants hoping they could see the targets. Cowboy Trap continued through Day

The Chorro Valley Regulators (CVR) is a 25-year-old Cowboy Action Shooting™ range located in San Luis Obispo, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and just five miles from the Pacific Ocean. CVR neighbors with the famous Hogue Action Shooting Range, a popular regional and national speed pistol range where the best-of-the-best have competed for top gun. The CVR range sits among 440 grazing acres that were used by the US Army in 1941 as a grenade, 3.5" rocket, and 100- and 500-yard rifle ranges.

Founded in 1992 by Cole Younger and Johnny Waco, CVR today boasts more than 90 members with regular monthly two-day matches. CVR is a time-honored range with seven permanent stage façades, an open multi-purpose range, and a long-range stage featuring targets at 100 and 400 yards. The range features an adjacent camping area for up to 200 trailers as well as easily accessible housing in nearby Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. And, to ease those tired legs, the CVR hay wagon makes regular runs from its "town" to the camping area.

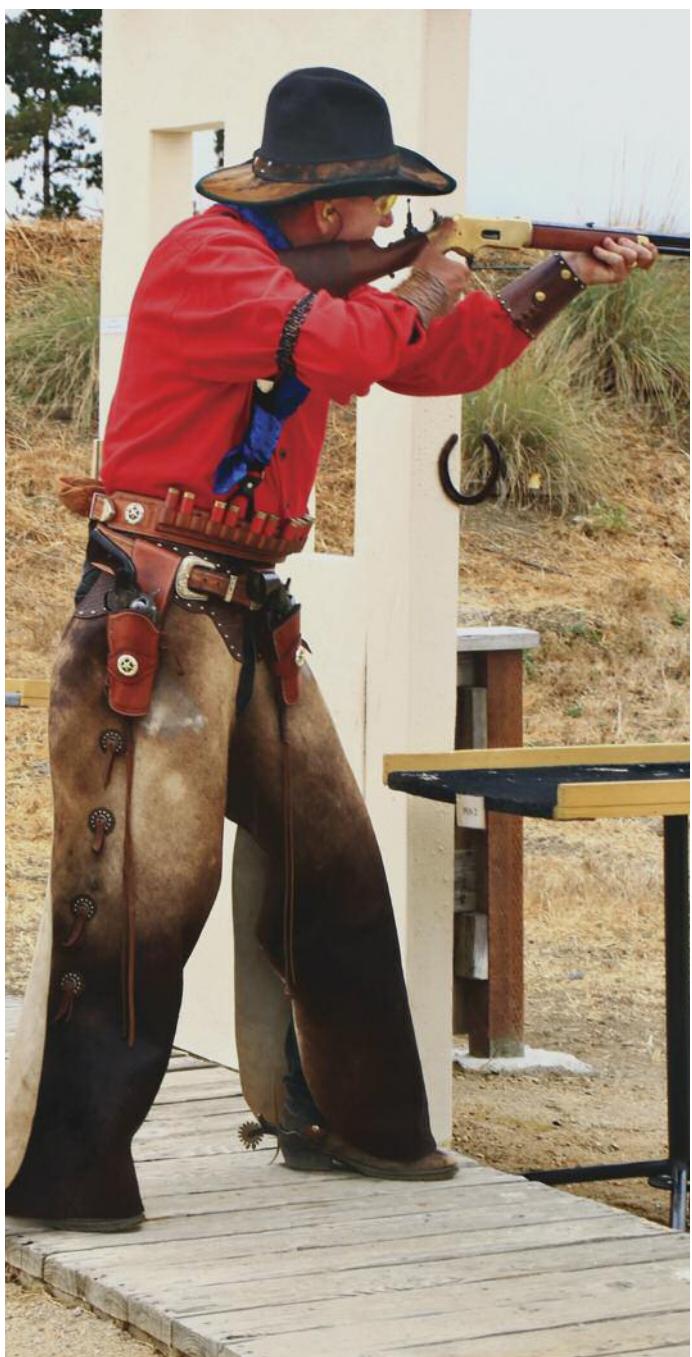
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An 8,000-square-foot tent served as the meeting place during the day and the perfect ambiance for the Saturday night Five-Star Dinner and Dance.

Two, along with more warm-up mini-matches, Long Range, speed events (pistol, rifle, and shotgun), and a Plainsman shoot. We had 24 posses broken down into two waves of shooters. Led by Sinful and El Lazo, Friday morning (Day Three) was kicked off with a mandatory shooters' meeting for the first wave, during which they set the rules and expectations for the match. A second shooters' meeting was





As we do at all matches, folks wore red shirts on Friday to honor our veterans. Here, Chance McCall (SASS #34488) is showing off his outfit.

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held at high noon for posses that shot in the second wave.

Our Western Camp came alive as the 24 vendor's tents were erected. Vendors came from all over to provide a wide range of goods and services, from leather to clothing, boots to spurs, hats, Cowboy Action Shooting™ guns, gunsmithing, ammo, and everything in between. Our on-site chuck wagons included food services and Hawaiian shaved ice.

The black-powder night shoot—a colorful highlight of the SASS Western Regional—featured three stages that

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were trail-bossed by Trapper McDaniels (SASS #79238), CVR's 2016 Cowboy of the Year. "We're happy to have folks join us even if they don't regularly shoot black powder," he said. "We hope they'll load up some black powder rounds or dust off those cap-and-ball pistols and come make smoke with us!" Shooting black powder during the day is fun, but shooting it at night, when you can just barely see the target in the dark and smoke, and when the coastal fog moves in to keep smoke low, stirs up a lot of excitement. Minimal lighting was used to help the shooters see the targets, but once the flash and smoke started, it was anyone's guess exactly where the targets were. There was a point where a "clang" was a spotter's only clue of how well the shooter did.

Scoring for the Regional was done electronically on a system called the Cowboy Action Simplified Scoring system that was developed by CVR member Tex Wayland (SASS #95549) and has been used by CVR for almost three years. "To be sure things ran smoothly during the match," said Sinful, "I requested all of our CVR members to learn how to use the system during our monthly matches, so

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Winners			FC Gunfighter
49'er	Coyote Carson SASS #91660	CA	Lefty Eastman SASS #20645
Lady 49'er	Molly Magoo SASS #74540	CA	Frontiersman Taggart SASS #14398
Buckarette	Little Ace SASS #102945	CA	Grande Dame Paniolo Lady SASS #28694
Buckaroo	Sassparilla Shooter SASS #103005	CA	Grande Patron Old Lawdawg SASS #39821
B-Western	Maddog Mark SASS #77911	CA	Bobcat Tyler SASS #10767
L. B-Western	Whirlwind Wendy SASS #79889	CA	Gunfighter L. Gunfighter Calgary Kate SASS #33287
Cattle Baron	Roger Rapid SASS #96080	CA	Classic C. Dutch Dalton SASS #44089
Cowboy	Soutpaw Gringo SASS #74217	CA	S. Gunfighter Fanner Fifty SASS #59504
Cowgirl	Pinky MacRae SASS #93559	CA	L.S. Gunfighter Cruzan Confusion SASS #39081
Duelist	Pecos Nick SASS #94945	NV	CA
L. Duelist	Querida SASS #63039	CA	Junior Deadwood Dalton SASS #100343
Sen. Duelist	Aimless Lee SASS #49904	CA	Junior Girl Bonnie MacFarlane SASS #92385
E. Statesman	Cold Iron Charly SASS #40009	CA	Senior Royal Flush SASS #78333
F. Cartridge	Nicky Nine Fingers SASS #86190	CA	L. Senior Bella Coola SASS #82744
L. F. Cartridge	Leia Tombstone SASS #73339	CA	Silver Senior Dead Eye Maverick SASS #4434
FC Duelist	Sen. F. Cart. Snakebite SASS #4767	CA	L. S. Senior Prairie Weet SASS #778
	Coffee SASS #7008	CA	Wrangler Lead Ace SASS #87176
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Almost ready to release the hammer, CVR member Lead Astray Sue (SASS #101245) was one of the more than three-dozen Cowgirls who graced our stages (and shot very well). The hand holding the timer belongs to Snakebite.

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every posse at the Regional would have at least two or three folks who were knowledgeable in its use to assist the scorer if need be." During the Regional,

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"For 2017, we've taken a giant leap forward," said Sinful, "I asked Tex Wayland and his sidekick Bruce Martin to apply their computer genius to develop an on-line registration system that would make it totally painless for our attendees to register for the match.

The on-line system, available at www.chorrovalleyregulators.com, lets the shooter register for the match, pick their category, and then—if they are camping with us—they can go into the camping reservation system where they will see a complete site map of all our camping spots." Sinful snapped his fingers. "It's as easy as that. They will see camping sites in green, yellow, and red. The green sites are available, the yellow sites are reserved with a deposit, and the red ones are paid in full. And what is even better, if they run their cursor over the yellow and red squares they will see the alias of the shooter who has reserved that site! Then they go back to their shopping cart where

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they can pay with either PayPal or credit card and they're done!" He snapped his fingers again. "Just like that. And within minutes they will receive a confirmation via email."

"Well, maybe Wyatt Earp didn't reserve a card table at the Oriental Hotel this way, but I'll bet he wished he could!" chided El Lazo.

At the end of the day, CVR's Last Chance Saloon provided the right place and ambiance for peanuts, pretzels, and a cool one. The tent was reminiscent of a Wild West saloon, including background honky-tonk piano music. It was a great time to catch up with old friends and listen to tales of how "the big one got away," "why that old '73 keeps jacking out live ones," and other such questionable tales. As the evening wore on, it was time for our poker tournament, where Texas Hold'em dragged a bunch of cowpokes to their knees, and when the smoke cleared, Callahan (SASS #12298) was sitting in the number one saddle.

On Saturday night, CVR's heralded Five-Star Dinner, one of the icons of this event and a title not to be taken lightly, topped off four days of great shooting. The menu included a choice of prime rib or chicken (or both if you wanted) and shrimp along with all the trimmings, on real plates and silverware. Both the preparation and the service was top notch, as was the ambiance and table settings prepared by CVR's Jacq Neat (SASS #93557) and her team. Dinner was followed by a selection of desserts and live western music lead by the highly touted Monte Mills and his Horseshoe Band. Great food, friends, music, dancing, and folks dressed to the hilt made Saturday night a pretty darn special event.

Sunday morning started with Cowboy Church at 7:45, led by CVR's Bushy Blonco. That was followed by an 8:30 team shoot, and at 10:30 we kicked off the Top-16 Men's and Ladies' Shoot Offs. The competition was pretty fierce, with Bobcat Tyler (SASS #10767) winning the Men's Top Gun and Bonnie MacFarlane (SASS #92385) winning Ladies'. At noon, CVR's Roger Rapid emceed the awards ceremony, where winners were recognized and honored with the presentation of well-deserved trophies.

Then came the sad looks as we realized that our escape into the Wild West was coming to an end, at least for now. But the magic of Cowboy Action Shooting™ never really leaves us, we just leave it for awhile. Handshakes, hugs, and farewells signaled the time to pack up and begin our treks back home, until next time. Mark your calendars for the Twenty-Third SASS Western Regional that will be held August 9-13, 2017. For on-line registration and camping, mail-in registration and camping forms (PDF), a schedule of events, or more information about the Twenty-Third SASS Western Regional, please visit <http://www.chorrovalleyregulators.com>.

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THE First Ride of THE Roughshod Raiders

By Tennessee Tall, SASS #49245 and Rio Drifter, SASS #49244



Little Man (SASS #98721), an up-and-coming Young Gun, shoots well and dresses the part as well.



*Tennessee Tall, SASS #49245
and Rio Drifter, SASS #49424*

When – April 2014

Where – Gainesville Target Range, Gainesville, Florida

What – The beginnings of the Roughshod Raiders SASS Cowboy Action Shooting™ club, thanks to Delta Glen, Roughneck Rod, Hawkeye Gin, Major Mishap, and Sage Siren, who hosted the first match for the Roughshod Raiders.

Now – Monthly shoots run by Delta Glen, Hawkeye Gin, Rooster Ray, and Johnny Showchaps, held the fourth Sunday of each month. The club averages 40 shooters each match. Santa Fe River Stan is their TG.

WHAT'S THEIR SECRET?

January 27, 2017. we rolled onto the range to help with set up, but as it turned out, we were relegated to al-

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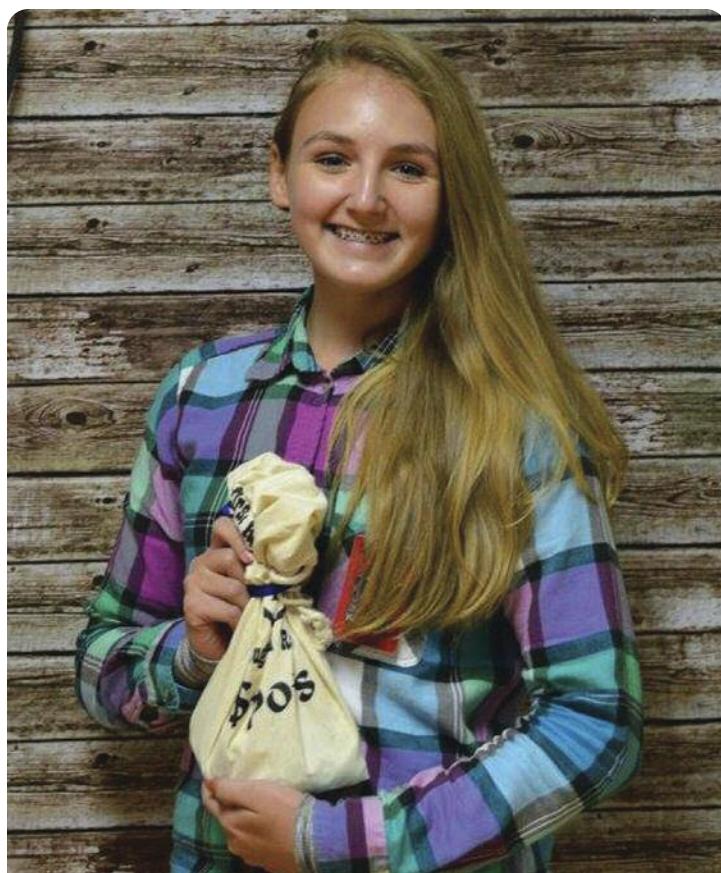
most spectator status! The preplanning was excellent. Major Mishap had built loading/unloading tables (which were actually level enough, ammo didn't roll off). Johnny Showchaps and Tornado Timmy made props bringing the flavor of the old west alive. Miss Patty, Deadly Sharpshooter, Sage Siren, Pistol Whipping Patti, Cassalong Hopidy, Delta Glen, High Springs Drifter, Rocky Creek Shooter, Hawkeye Gin, Zack McGee, and Rooster Ray were on hand putting everything in order. Amazing!

What's their secret for getting everyone out to work? (Could be the fried chicken they served the workers for lunch!)

January 28, 2017. The First Ride of the Roughshod Raiders—their first annual event—drew 87 registered shooters. Match Director Delta Glen and Assistant Match Director Rooster Ray can be proud. Although I never heard a title for Hawkeye Gin, it is safe to say she is a major contributor. Among her many chores she created and maintains www.roughshodraiders.com with tons of videos, photos, and up-to-date information.

Gunshots rang out in the frosty morning air. Rooster Ray and Johnny Showchaps came riding in carrying the Stars and Stripes and Don't Tread on Me flags. The cheers of the crowd almost spooked the horses. Elaine

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First place Buckarette Lefty Lucy (SASS #101552).

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	SASS #81400 FL	Josey Wales	Chicken Scratch
Cowgirl	Hawkeye Gin	SASS #96425	FL
	SASS #44595 FL	Senior	Charlie Covington
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			SASS #98721



The First Ride of The Roughshod Raiders

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Blount (daughter of Johnny Showchaps) sang the national anthem and Rocky Creek Shooter offered up a prayer. An impressive opening for The First Ride of the Roughshod Raiders.

Delta Glen's eight stages included the traditional

Raiders' flavor of knockdowns, plenty of movement, and engaging sequences. (Progressive Nevada sweep anyone?) Each stage was written about one of the Raiders, with the theme of how the raid party came to be—fun stages with a great group of shooters.

After shooting the eight stages we loaded up and drove over to Rena's Ballroom for pulled pork, chicken, and all

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the fixins, complete with sweet tea, y'all! Awards ceremony was unlike any we have seen. A huge thank you to Sage Siren whose loop of pictures of the day's shooters entertained us during the presentation of the First Ride Roughshod Raiders Spoils bags. The Spoils bags were filled with chocolates and beautifully designed First Ride collectors' commemorative coins. Bringing one of the coins to a monthly shoot entitles the shooter to five dollars off

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club logo, another very useful trophy! Check their website www.roughshodraiders.com for all the scores and pictures by Sage Siren Photography.

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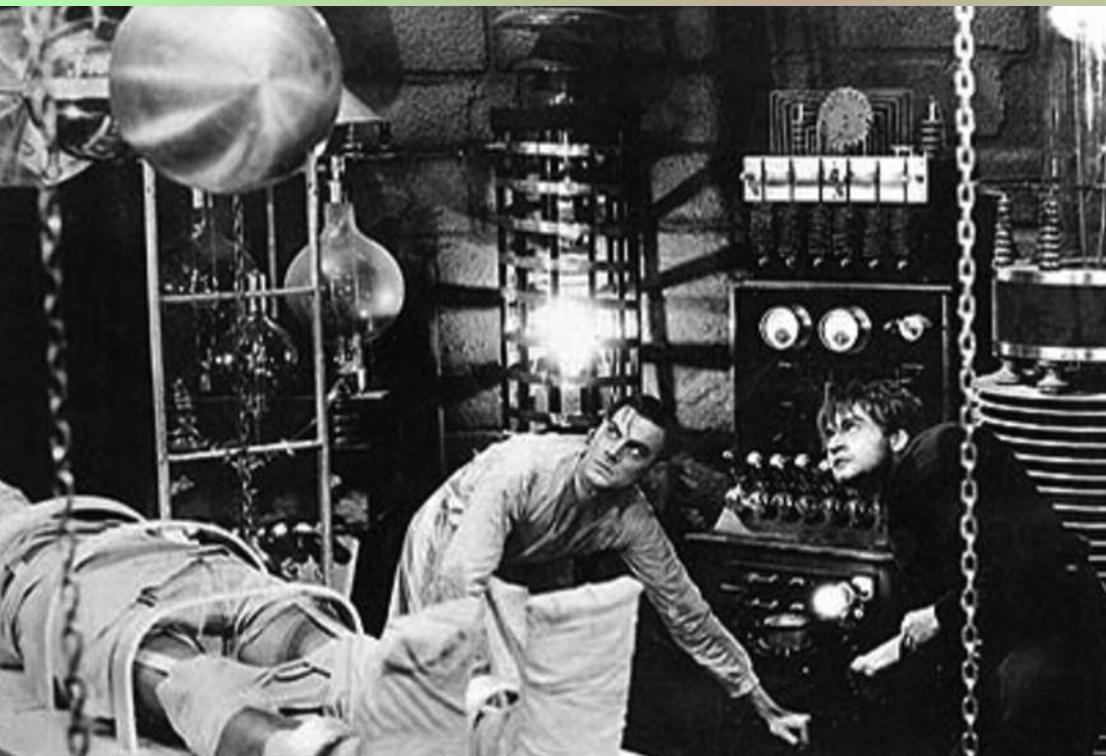
History

NIKOLA TESLA

America's Mad Scientist



By Big Dave, SASS #55632



Though Tesla never created a monster from dead body parts, he might have tried if the idea had struck him. Note the Tesla coil used as a prop in the classic film, *Frankenstein*.

If you were to picture a man in a laboratory filled with weird inventions that nobody but he could really understand, then Nikola Tesla would definitely fit the bill. However, the image doesn't really do

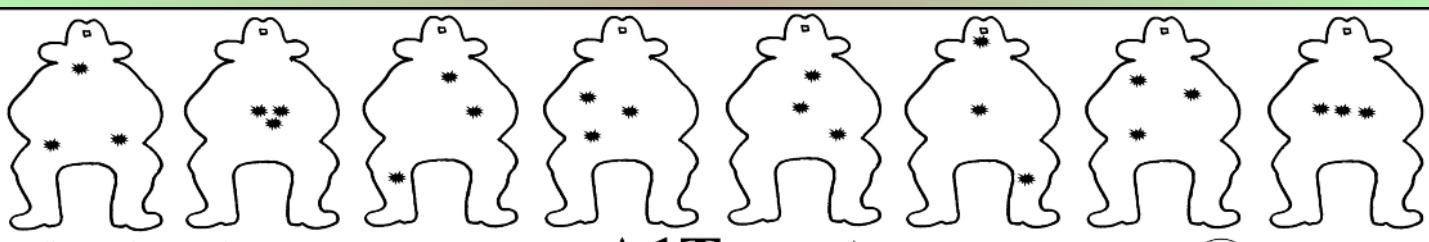
justice to him or his inventions. He was far ahead of his time. Many aspects of modern day life we take for granted were developed, perfected, or at least imagined by Tesla. Like many creative people, Tesla

was eccentric to the extreme. His oddness makes his story all the more interesting. He was an American genius who didn't get the credit he deserved, as well as a fascinating example of the thin line that separates a visionary from a lunatic.

Nikola Tesla is associated with the induction motor, the Tesla Turbine, the Tesla Coil, neon lights, early experiments with radio and radar, robotics, the magnifying transmitter (a form of wireless transmission) and a host of other things. In addition, Tesla promoted the AC current we use in our homes today. He was granted more than 300 patents. Nevertheless, he gets scant credit in history books. One reason is, he wasn't much of a self-promoter; his passion was more for dis-

covery than wealth. Another reason is, Tesla didn't fit anybody's mold. He was pretty weird.

Tesla was born in Similjan, Croatia—part of the old Austrian Empire—in





Tesla believed electricity had health benefits.

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1856, one of five children. His father was a Serbian Orthodox priest who hoped Nikola would follow in his footsteps. However, Tesla was more interested in science than religion. By the time he was 15 years old, he could do integral calculus in his head. Eventually he went to the Polytechnic Institute in Graz, Austria and the University of Prague. Tesla never officially graduated from the University of Prague and did not receive grades for his final semester. During that period he argued with his professors and developed a gambling addiction. He dropped out of college. Later, he suffered some kind of nervous breakdown.

By 1881, Tesla had pulled himself together and got a job in Budapest at the city's telegraph company. The work wasn't all that interesting for him. The next year he moved to Paris and worked for the Continental Edison Company. His job there was to make im-

provements to electrical equipment. In 1884, he left Paris for New York City.

Tesla went to work for the Edison Machine Works in June 1884, about two days after he arrived in America. Though Tesla worked hard and put in 16-plus hour workdays, Thomas Edison proved to be a skinflint when it came to granting raises. According to Tesla, Edison had insinuated that if he could improve the company's generators, which were inefficient, Edison would give him a \$50,000.00 bonus. After Tesla spent countless hours working on the generators, he finally fixed them. Edison claimed the figure \$50,000 was a joke when Tesla asked for the money. Though Edison granted Tesla a raise, it wasn't a very big one and Tesla resigned.

The good news was, Tesla was granted his first patents after leaving Edison Machine Works; he even got backers who financed an

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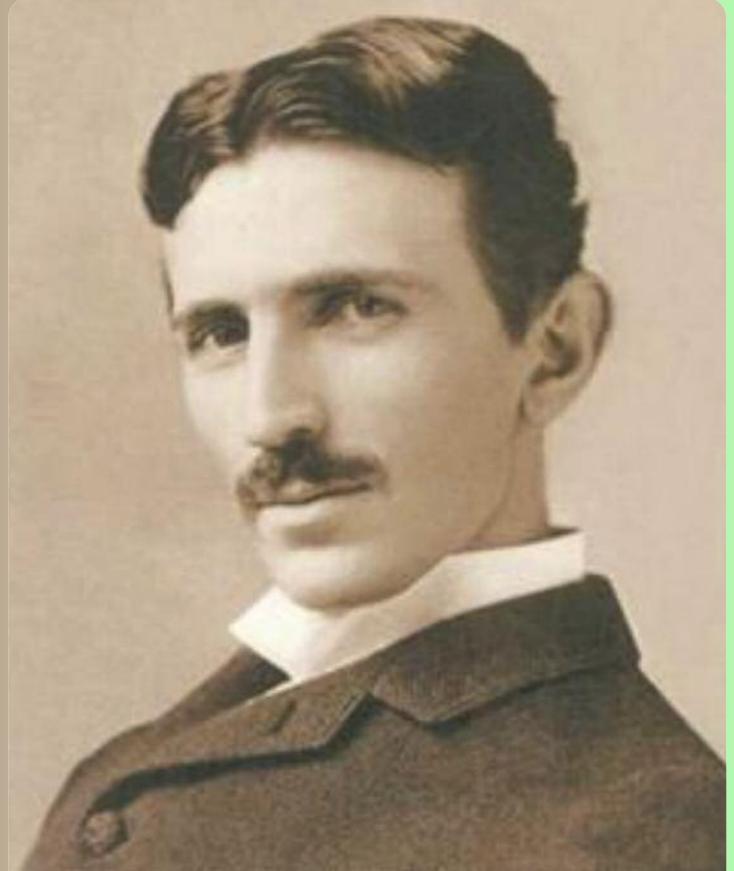
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electric company in his name, the Tesla Electric Light and Manufacturing Company. The bad news was, Tesla was eventually forced out and lost control of the patents. He was in desperate straits and had to do stints as an electrical repairman and even a ditch digger. The winter of 1886/1887 was not one of the best periods of Tesla's life.

Things began to look up during the following year. Word had gotten around that an inventive genius of some sort was reduced to shoveling dirt and Tesla met two influential men, Alfred Brown and Charles Peck, who agreed to put up the money for a second electrical company which became known as Tesla Electric. A laboratory was set up at 89 Liberty Street in Manhattan where Tesla could go to work on improving and inventing new types of electric motors, generators, and other devices.

Tesla's greatest breakthrough during this period was the development of an induction motor that ran on an alternating (AC) rather than a direct (DC) electric current. People were skeptical about alternating current, but Tesla proved that it was not only safe but more practical than the direct current, which was the industry standard at the time. He wasn't able to convince everybody, especially Thomas Edison, and a terrible rivalry between the two was about to develop.

The industrial giant George Westinghouse had been experimenting with alternating current and was quickly convinced that Tesla was on to something. In 1888, he bought Tesla's patents and Tesla Electric was absorbed into Westinghouse Electric. Tesla's partners, Brown and



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Peck, negotiated a shrewd business deal and Tesla became a wealthy man. He then went to work for Westinghouse.

Meanwhile, Thomas Edison, who favored direct current, was threatened by the competition with Westinghouse and Tesla's alternating current. He set out to prove it was dangerous by setting up a series of shocking (excuse the pun) demonstrations. This began the "War of the Currents." (In the event you're an animal rights activist, you should read no further.)

Edison enlisted Harold P. Brown, a professor at Columbia University's School of Mines, to go on a lecture circuit where he would culminate his presentations by electrocuting dogs and horses with AC current. It's difficult to imagine audiences paying to see something like that, but they did. In a bizarre twist to an already unsettling story, the "proof" of AC's lethality led to the first execution by electric chair in 1890. The execution was neither swift nor painless. (This singularly unedifying event was covered in the January issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*.)

Westinghouse and Tesla won the War of the Currents, but unfortunately, Tesla's role in the whole thing is often forgotten. This is probably because Westinghouse Electric became a famous company and Thomas Edison is America's most famous inventor. Edison wasn't gracious about losing. Ahab-like, he continued to electrocute critters with AC current. He even electrocuted an elephant in hopes he would get in the last word.

In 1889, Tesla patented an invention he called the "teleautomaton." It was the first radio-controlled device. He demonstrated it during the Electrical Exhibition at Madison Square Garden by using the device to guide a small boat to the amazement of onlookers. Today we use the term remote control and robotics to describe the teleautomaton. At first, it was considered to be an elaborate toy and it took time for en-

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thusiasm to gather for the gadget's potential. Tesla himself saw his creation as "the first of a race of robots, mechanical men which will do the laborious work of the human race." It was obvious to the inventor that the teleautomaton would have military applications, but the government official to whom Tesla offered the device erupted with laughter.

The next year Tesla moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was now experimenting with wireless transmission and hoped to send wireless telegraph signals from Pikes Peak to Paris. Fortunately (or maybe not), he had people there who were willing to grant him access to all the power he needed without requiring him to pay for it. He had invented the Tesla Coil in 1891 as part of a plan to power cities wirelessly. The thing wasn't good for much at this point except it could shoot lightning bolts, create electron winds, and pass electricity harmlessly through the body. However, Tesla saw a great future with it and began to conduct experiments using his eponymous coil at his laboratory near East Pikes Peak Avenue. Near the lab was an 80-foot mast.

One fine summer evening, people walking on the sidewalks near Tesla's laboratory saw sparks coming off their shoes. Twelve million volts of artificial lightning with bolts almost 150 feet long emanated from the strange looking mast. Thunder was heard nearly 40 miles away and horses panicked in their stalls. According to one story, moths and butterflies became incandescent with St. Elmo's fire. The power generator was shorted out and, in general, the people of Colorado Springs were not pleased with their new citizen.

Tesla fixed the generator free of charge and managed to persuade the superintendent to allow him to power his lab again. However, he didn't remain in Colorado Springs much longer. In 1900 he moved back to New York, this time settling near Long Island.

He continued his experiments with wireless transmission with financial backing from J.P. Morgan. Tesla was working on the development of the radio. Unfortunately, most of Tesla's funds were lost in the Panic of 1901 and Morgan's enthusiasm for the project dried up. As a result, Guglielmo Marconi won the race to become the first person to send a wireless transmission across the Atlantic and most people consider Marconi to have invented the radio. There is an ongoing debate about who really invented it with both sides having passionate defenders.

During this period, Tesla performed another experiment that almost became a danger to public safety. He had invented a steam-powered oscillator (the Tesla Oscillator), which caused vibrations so powerful it threatened to destroy the building that housed his lab. Nearby structures were also affected and Tesla was forced to terminate his experiment with a sledgehammer. The police arrived shortly afterwards. Fortunately, Tesla was able to smooth things over enough to avoid being hauled off to jail.

Tesla thought exposure to electricity was beneficial to a person's health. In 1912, he came up with a plan to make "dull students bright" by wiring a classroom so it was imbued with "infinitesimal waves vibrating at high frequency," according to a 1912 edition of *Popular Electricity* magazine. The electrical waves would form a "health-giving and stimulating" environment for learning. The idea aroused the inter-

est of the New York State Superintendent of schools, but it was never put into practice.

I once had a student who inserted a paper clip into an electrical socket while he was in a colleague's class. (It wasn't in my class, thank God.) The good news was, "Sparky" only received a minor shock from the experience. The bad news was, he never became any more intelligent. He still had the same dull, confused look on his face and his grades remained abysmal. In other words, I doubt Tesla's scheme would have worked. (Sparky's parents became outraged when they found out about his nickname. It took a great deal of patience and tact to calm them down. However, I digress...)

Tesla moved to Milwaukee in 1919 and began working for Allis-Chalmers. He stayed with them for three years. During this time he perfected the Tesla Turbine. By 1923, Tesla was back in New York, again working for Westinghouse Electric. He took up residence in the New Yorker Hotel, where he remained for the rest of his life. His room number was 3327, on the 33rd floor.

Particularly as he grew older, Tesla needed his life to be ordered around the number three. This is where the story about him becomes increasingly weird. It's a pretty good bet a modern psychologist would diagnose him with obsessive-compulsive disorder or OCD. He washed his hands three times before considering them to be clean. Tesla needed to walk around a building three times before entering it. Things had to at least be divisible by three to work for him, hence Room Number 3327.

Tesla never married and is believed to have lived his life

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celibate. He justified this with a comment that married men weren't as inventive as men who remained single. (This doesn't hold up to examination.) A more probable explanation is his phobias stood in the way of his having a relationship.

He was horrified by human hair and got upset by the thought of a strand of hair falling into a bowl of water. In addition, Tesla couldn't abide the prospect of any kind of jewelry that involved pearls. That would make things difficult to hook up with most women back then. Nowadays, a person could find a website to satisfy almost any stipulation, but in Tesla's time a newspaper ad saying, "Wanted: Hairless Woman with Aversion to Pearls" would receive few responses. One can only imagine the appearance of anyone who might have responded to such a request.

He also needed to clean his plates and silverware with eighteen napkins before a meal. It made sense to Tesla (eighteen is divisible by three), but it might have been the "straw that broke the camel's back" for the hairless woman who shared his aversion to pearls, if she happened to have dinner with him. Another impediment in Tesla's path to a relationship was his extreme horror of germs and infections, which could make intimate matters difficult, if not impossible.

Tesla was, at any rate, very fond of pigeons. (They don't have hair and aren't fond of pearls.) Though pigeons aren't the cleanest of animals, they don't get bent out of shape if you have to clean something eighteen times and I guess Tesla could let a couple of things slide. After all, he didn't actually have to converse with them. The ideal date would involve seeds, bread, and a minimum of conversation.

There was a special pigeon in Nikola Tesla's life. She was white with gray tips on her wings. According to Tesla, "I loved that pigeon as a man loves a woman, and she loved me. As long as I had her, there was a purpose to my life." Unfortunately, the pigeon died and Tesla was heartbroken. According to one article, she died in his hands.

Though Tesla could be very entertaining and made some lasting friendships, he was mostly a workaholic loner. He rarely slept

more than a couple of hours at a stretch. He usually dined alone at the Waldorf-Astoria at precisely 8:10 p.m. and was waited on exclusively by the head waiter. Tesla phoned his order in advance so he could dine at the correct time. After all, 8:10 is divisible by three. After dinner, he would work until 3:00 a.m.

In the late 1930s, Tesla claimed he had invented a "death ray," which he called the Teleforce. Not much is known about the device because Tesla made no drawings or blueprints of it. He believed his apartment had been broken into and preferred to keep the details of the Teleforce in his head. Since Tesla had a photographic memory, he could very well have managed to do this. Whether or not the thing would have worked is another story. Many of his ideas never got past the theoretical stage.

Nikola Tesla died in 1943 at the age of 86. In the last years of his life, he didn't get out much except to feed the pigeons. A maid entered his room and found his body. Apparently he'd been dead for a couple of days. An autopsy revealed he'd had a heart attack.

To be on the safe side, the FBI seized all Tesla's research notes and any object which might be related to his purported death ray. An examination revealed he'd produced nothing that would pose a military threat if it fell into the hands of a hostile nation. (After all, WWII was in full swing when Tesla died and, mad scientist or not, Tesla's ideas were to be taken seriously.)

These days, the work of Nikola Tesla is becoming more widely known. Some of it has to do with the new electric car company named for him. In addition, with the rise of computers and the Internet, there are more people who are appreciative of his ideas and predictions. If Tesla were alive today, he'd look at our laptops and say, "I told you so." We'd probably have some sort of death ray and it's also a sure bet Tesla's doctors would have him on some kind of medication.

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LITTLE KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE

- Way Out West -

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John “Portugee” Phillips was born Manual Felipe Cardoso in 1832 near the town of Terra on the island of Pico, in the Azores. At the age of 18, he left the Azores and headed for California to join the ’49 Gold Rush. Phillips followed the lure of gold from California through Oregon and Idaho to Montana. In the summer of 1866 he was prospecting in the Big Horn Mountains when heavy winter snows forced him to seek shelter at Fort Phil Kearny. That winter, the Second Battalion of the 18th Infantry Regiment, under the command of Captain William Fetterman, was stationed at the Fort. In December, a band of Cheyenne and Sioux, under the leadership of Red Cloud and Crazy Horse, lured Fetterman and 80 soldiers into an ambush outside the Fort, where 2,000 Indians attacked them. Fetterman and his entire command were wiped out. Following the defeat of Fetterman, Phillips volunteered to ride 190 miles in subzero weather to deliver official dispatches to Horseshoe Station. The first stop was Fort Reno, which Portugee reached on December 23. There, he received additional messages to carry from Fort Reno to Fort Laramie. Phillips reached Horseshoe Station at 10:00 a.m. on December 25. The dispatches were wired to the headquarters of the Department of the Platte in Omaha and to Washington, DC. Phillips then went on to Fort Laramie to deliver

the messages he had received at Fort Reno. Phillips was carrying mail back to Fort Phil Kearny from Fort Laramie in April 1867, when he found himself surrounded by sixteen Sioux warriors in war paint. The report he wrote of the incident read “without aid of my faithful horse and good revolver, I would have lost my hair, the part of my body I feel most anxious about on the prairies.” Portugee continued to work as a mail courier until he moved to Elk Mountain, where he supplied ties to the railroad in addition to furnishing the army with goods and transportation at Fort Laramie and Fort Fetterman. In 1870, he married Hattie Buck and the couple established a ranch on Chugwater Creek. During a visit to Milwaukee in 1876, Phillips attended a parade in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant, who was running for the presidency. Upon seeing the scout in the crowd, Grant stopped the procession and insisted that Phillips ride with him in his buggy. In 1878, he sold his ranch holdings and moved to Cheyenne. He remained there until his death in 1883.

Hattie died in 1936 at age 94. As the man credited for carrying the news of the Fetterman Disaster through hostile Indian country 236 miles from Fort Phil Kearny to Fort Laramie, John “Portugee” Phillips has long been celebrated as Wyoming’s frontier hero.

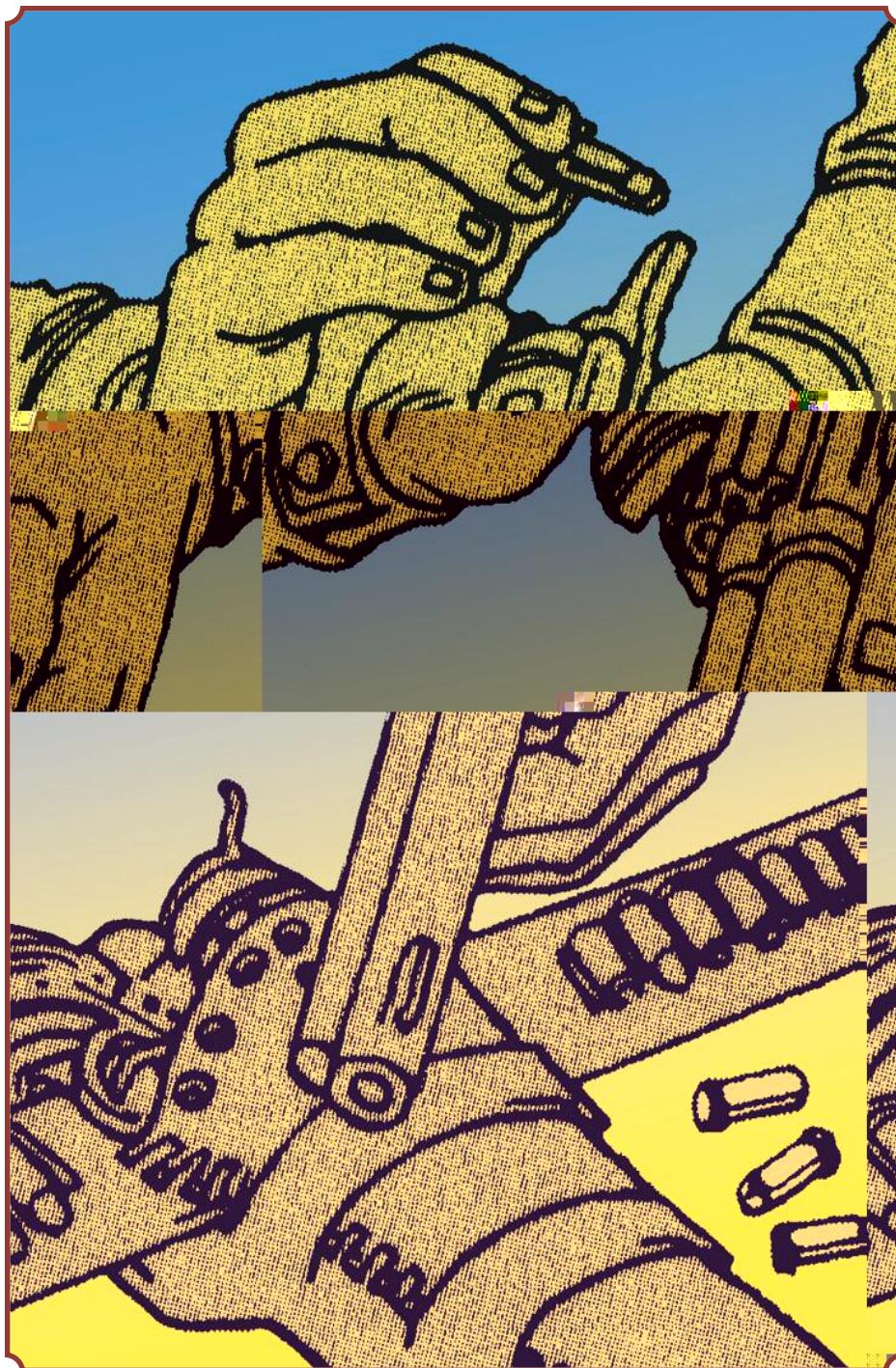
Cowboy Fiction

Small Creek: Kid Galena Rides

By The Capgun Kid, SASS #31398



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Chapter One Nebraska Ned and Black Jack Dan Danbury Connecticut, 1869

When Noah Dobbs IV opened the door to his boot making shop he noticed his hired man, Andrew, was not there. Although it was well past nine o'clock in the morning, the oil lamps were lit. This was something he considered unforgivable when left unattended. When he stepped inside the shop he began mentally noting all the things that were wrong. He might have admitted this was peevish and small-minded in a more reflective moment, but for now he was annoyed enough to forget himself. There was a belt strap on the counter that he could see Andrew had cut crookedly. An awl blade was broken in plain sight and some of the hand wax had begun to run on the workers seat because the man did not take the time to put it back into the tub of water beside the shoe bench.

This was going to be a bad day. The sun was already rising past the point of burning the morning mist and taking the temperature into the very humid nineties. Residual odors from the hat factories would hang heavily in the air. People would be a little crabber. Mrs. Clarke would be by around ten to nag him about her high-topped shoes, which were not

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going to be done today. She always paid handsomely, but she always nagged him, reminding him the days of doing business with his father were more predictable and reliable. He wondered if he should contact his fellow shoemakers and harness makers because he may have invented a new market ploy. He wondered if anyone else had the foresight to use a new phrase, "It'll be ready Tuesday." The ledger book, long and narrow, was wide opened on the countertop, something else he thought unforgivable. Andrew would have to be spoken to most forcefully.

The Store was at the end of Main Street, where it ran into South Street in the City of Danbury, Connecticut. Noah's Father owned the store, and his father before him, and his father before him. Noah, the youngest of six sons at twenty years of age, took it as inheritance because none of the other boys wanted to hang around. He was not more than five foot nine. Brown eyes, brown hair, brown moustache, and so on. His plainly contoured face offered no striking features. This suited him, though, because his father had taught him not only the value of building business on references and relationships, but also the value of remaining prudent and unobtrusive. "The shrewd man observes before he acts."

It was a simple store of Cedar and Pine construction, with stout and reliable beams that had already withstood the test of time. It was painted Slate Blue trim on white clapboards and the same family sign had hung there by the door for generations. It was a simple picture of a shoe. The name Dobbs was printed in black. Nothing fancy here, because the family rule for generations was to rely on quality rather than sales pitch and blow-hard marketing. There was no back room to speak of, but rather a partition divided the back of the store from the front. The counter, on the left side of the store, had a big metal cash machine, and shelves underneath which hid products ready for their customers. Noah, the craftsman, needed and liked the light, so there were big windows on all four walls. He had made eastern- and western-styled saddles, boots that were either stylish, rugged, or intriguingly like those of the western cattlemen, and gun leather... more and more gun leather as the Danbury Residents shared the new Dime Novels about the wild and woolly west.

The family's wealth, amassed back in colonial times in Brookfield, Danbury, and Wilton, could mod-

estly carry him through slow times. Slow times were growing since well before his father and mother had passed away. By the time the War Between the States ended it was even worse. Soldiers returned home poor and the growth of mass-produced goods threatened the business with increasing pressure. Noah's brothers left one at a time between 1865 and 1868. When his father then his mother died within six months of each other, he began to wonder why he himself was staying at all.

Noah found relief from the monotony and stress by reading more and more as the summer passed. Under the counter, near the wall where he kept a rush chair with a high back, were a half-dozen of the dime novels about the wild frontier that were just beginning to permeate Connecticut. There were also some exotic-looking pictures of Indians and several scenes of Kansas. He kept a stamped leather holster with a prototype for the new Colt cartridge-firing revolver in it. The one-of-a-kind gun was stored in a hatch-like drawer where Andrew could not see or get to it, because it was not there for emergencies or protection. It was there so Noah could touch and hold it when he wished, so he could

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strike up images of this emerging wild and woolly west. He was doing so more and more lately. He could stop what he was thinking mid-task and immediately conjure up images of the wild, romantic west: a good horse, a roguish, wide brimmed hat, a striking bandana and a blazing revolver.

He sat down, and looked at the worn cover of a dime novel. The salesman who sold it to him said this was the very first copy by some gentleman named Williams. The picture on the cover showed a blonde woman, amply bosomed and tied to a stake. She was to be shortly saved by a handsome man with a black frock coat and blazing Colt cap-and-ball revolver who was dropping most of the Sioux Nation.

The scene stood out and grabbed Noah every time he looked at it. He tripped the lock on the wooden hatch and pulled out the revolver. He was given it directly from the factory in Hartford when he was there last month. It was one of the first of its kind to be made. It was not yet in production and indeed, this was an early demonstration model. According to what they told him at Colt, he should not have even seen it because he was not a dealer of fine firearms. The salesman who idly stopped by to order some holsters had only shown the revolver to facilitate that. When a case of apoplexy caught up with the drummer and he fell down dead right in the store, Noah thoughtfully tried to return the revolver and his other traps to the Hartford Plant as part of a related business trip. The Vice President he met with was very grateful. Curiously, he did not think this design was going anywhere in lieu of the competing designs by Remington and Smith and Wesson, so they gave him that piece and some of the truck that went with it. Noah left not remotely suspecting that the executive lost his employ within a week.

The ivory grips were striking. Unlike other cap-and-ball revolving sidearms made by Colt, this one had a single, thin strap of steel connecting the top of the barrel to the back of the frame. It was a flat, strap-like piece that seemed to be welded, then smoothed and polished, as if it were put there as an engineering afterthought. The vice president had pointed to it as if it were a flaw, and the central reason why Colt would not penetrate the

brass cartridge-firing revolver market yet. Noah stroked the piece, flipped the new-fangled, brass cartridge loading gate open and checked the back of the cylinder. He spun it. Safely empty. Snapping the gate shut he spun the piece around on his finger twice, the way Nebraska Ned had done before shooting down two rival villains. Hit a dime and give you two cents change. Then he snapped it forward and when it spun over his hand he cocked the hammer and stopped the spinning in the same instant. Someone had told him that Wild Bill Hickock could do that proficiently, even in the heat of combat.

Noah Dobbs... the deadliest pistoleer in Danbury. He put the holster on, noting how much he enjoyed having the thick cartridge belt and stiff brown holster low on his hip, around back by the top of his rear end. He had resisted the urge to put silver spots on the rig, and had hand-sewn everything instead of using the trundle-operated patcher sewing machine from the shop. He enjoyed making it, and now could savor a piece that had drawn a lot of admiration from his fellows in the rod and gun club. The barber bought a scabbard like it and the two blacksmiths from up the street also picked up some holsters. Now he drew the gun and snapped off an imaginary shot. He whirled left and fanned off two more. He holstered the piece and drew it again by allowing it to drop out the back of the holster. That way he could twirl it around before shooting to the right, border rolling the gun into his left hand, cocking it while facing to the left, bringing

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it to bear on Jesse James, the Missouri Outlaw; Nebraska Ned, the terror of Kansas; Black Jack Dan, the heartless killer in Old California; or one of the other henchmen he'd seen in these new dime novels. For some unknown reason, one of the carpenters in Noah's club had taken a fancy to the Nebraska Ned Character, and painted an image of him on a plank for use as a target in their regular Sunday match. That image of their shooting match is what seized Noah's imagination and took his mind from the reality of the shop.

It was an ungodly eternal second or so before he noticed he was facing the door with a cocked revolver pointed at none other than Andrew himself. That man was standing there slack jawed, eyes wide with fear, trying to stammer out enough words to save his life, which he would later tell his children was in mortal peril at that moment. Noah was too surprised to move. He could barely think of the apology due. In that split second Andrew spun his stocky little frame around, bolted down the street, and completely lost the crumb cake fetched from the bakery he had brought back with him for their late breakfast. Panic swept over Noah as he thought of the terrible fear the poor man must be feeling, and the injustice of thinking so ill of him.

He tossed the gun into the hatch-like drawer and took off after Andrew. That man was, by now, leaving a trail of dust as he hurtled toward Main Street. Noah was more limber and spry than the stocky little man, but he made slow progress in catching up while imploring Andrew to stop. Andrew had a look of fear that seemed to be a reflection of his very soul and Noah was very uncomfortable as he began to think of the man as nothing more than a frightened little boy whom he had just bullied. On the other hand, the dairyman, neutrally noticing this event, thought it funny when Andrew flew by him, trying to shuck his apron. The dairyman's lack of any sense of urgency was due to the fact he did not see Noah. Noah did not see the dairyman. Looking over his shoulder, Andrew did not see the maple tree. It was over in a crashing instant. Andrew, after staggering in a small circle around the tree and falling like a sack of grain, was out so cold his feet twitched. When Noah caught up to him he became even more deeply alarmed. He almost vomited over the thought he might have

caused the death of this simple man, whose only crime seemed to be lapses into addle-brained moments. The dairyman turned his rig and headed for the police station. He did so at a pace his horse was not at all used to, and the ensuing rattling of the wagon jarred loose several bottles of fresh milk and cream. Soon several milk puddles, left amid the cobblestones as the rig rushed away, attracted what appeared to be every alley cat and rogue dog in Danbury. The small riot of rival species dispersed soon enough, but was enough to arouse the barber, the butcher and the tailor.

Although this whole scene had taken but a moment, several of the townspeople were beginning to take notice and point to the police station in search of relief to the small crisis. As Noah rose and turned to hail some of them he also began running toward said police station. Noah forgot about the maple tree.

Andrew left town that night, convinced he was the target of a notorious killer. He moved to New Milford to live with his sister. She was a long time friend of the family though, who tried to reassure Noah he should

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not be so conscience-ridden. After all, he was clearly not a violent man and was, in fact, quite sweet and harmless. She was downright moved when she saw Noah had broken his nose during the run-in with the maple tree. It would be forever flattened a little, although it would not impair his breathing. He had no idea the flattened nose gave him a completely different look. In fact, in later years he would state he wished he'd known what impact on his lineage this would have. It became his only distinguishing feature and would separate him from other men at first glance. Whereas he once looked placid and affable, now he looked like a stern man to be reckoned with.

It took all that day at the doctor's and the police station to put an end to the affair. The Chief of Police, a strapping man who seemed perennially red-faced in over-exertion even when standing still, handed all the paperwork over to the local Constable who had known Noah Dobbs IV for years. The Constable had the neighborly foresight to act and closed up the shop before joining the newspaper interviews which documented the misfortune. Danbury had not seemed right ever since that Colt salesman died in his store not too long ago. Now even the Constable was beginning to show some impatience in these breaks in the quiet routine of Danbury, Connecticut. Noah closed the shop the next day and left the lamps unlit on their mountings, content to sit in his chair behind the counter after doing most of the packing. He began arranging finances and set up a special bank account from which he could transfer funds. He read the newspaper and his dime novels and it was well toward evening each day before he'd go to eat. It was over dinner he recalled how he saw, for the first time, the advertisement for all the land a man could handle west of the Mississippi. There was a town called Small Creek. It was said to be right in the heart of the cowboy epicenter of Kansas. There was fertile soil and crop potential worthy of Eden itself. Men, women and children were invited to begin a new life under the watchful protection of the US Army. Merchants and craftsmen were so in demand that special rates and good encouragement would be enthusiastically offered them. There were only nominal fees for processing and mortgages for substantial homes were more than reasonable. Why, the

ground could hardly wait to be tilled and would eagerly give up crops under the bright sun, nurtured further by the freshest air on Earth. There was room for craftsmen and merchants who had a fortune there for the taking. Catholics, Quakers, and Mormons need not apply.

It was well into June of 1869. Noah Dobbs IV, with newfound conviction, signed the papers with the representative of the banker and real estate agent from Kansas. He sent some money to the bank at Small Creek, but thought it prudent to reserve the balance of his money elsewhere, closer to where his brothers lived in New York and Bridgeport. He sold the entire shop to none other than Andrew, via his sister. Her business sense quickly perceived that Noah's conscience could be turned into a pretty penny. Andrew, however, remained a little fearful of Noah, possibly perceiving he had fleeced the man because Noah gave such an attractive price. In spite of his sister's reproach, he talked about how Noah would soon see through the situation and seek revenge. For his part, Noah took half the boot and shoe lasts, a box of his personal tools, which was quite a sizable collection of awls, knives, floats and files, pincers, punches, stamps and a mallet, thread and hand wax, several bundles of pig's hair bristles and an equal number of the new, polished harness needles, two bone folders and several burnishing irons, a small stitching clamp, his patching machine made by Singer and his block and stirrup, his copy of John Rees' book of 1813, which described shoemaking, and three hammers. Of course he took his guns and their scabbards. He had one of those "Yellow Boy" lever action rifles, so called because of its shiny brass frame, a second .44 Colt cap-and-ball revolver, and his new center-fire revolver.

The rest of his personal inventory included the cowboy-styled felt hat he had bought downtown (it was gray with a high crown and a crease in its center), two sets of working clothes, a suit of finer clothes with three shirts and collars and a pair of ties, two pair of shoes which, of course, he'd made for himself, and a pair of brown, unadorned cowboy-styled boots which he had tried to make look as natty as those in the dime novels.

He arranged for the purchase of one "Parson's Boot, Shoe, and Harness Shop" in the western metropolis of Small Creek. He was told it was a thriving, large-scale business enterprise. He wondered, though, why Parson was selling it. No matter. He was sure there was a sound

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business reason, likely the man had already made his profit and was ready to move on. Noah packed everything and shipped most of it per the instructions of the all-too-helpful real estate man who was funding all the migration, within one week after the purchase. Unfortunately, Noah Dobbs IV had no idea the banker had recently left Small Creek just ahead of its irate citizenry, prompting the Boston bankers to frantically install a man named McSweeney to restore order and preserve funds.

Once Noah concluded his travel plans, the west did not seem all that far away. He'd go through Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then to St. Louis, then into the frontier via Sedalia or Kansas City, then onto Abilene, the famous cow town. Lastly, there'd be a single stage ride to Small Creek, his new home.

Small Creek, Kansas was about thirty miles north of Abilene, at a point due west of where the bending creek that carried the town's name met the Mud River. Abilene itself was on the Mud River. There might be an overnight stop for the stage line passengers if the weather demanded such, but it was not out of the question for a man alone, on horseback, to be able to make the trip in substantially less time. Although Small Creek had a stockyard, it was remote and small and certainly no threat to draw any of the Texas herds to the town, thereby making it relatively quiet compared to the more wild and wooly Abilene

Chapter Two The Road to Small Creek, Kansas

It did not bother Noah that the real estate man disappeared just after the papers were signed. He was, in fact, intoxicated with the images of the west to the point where he was constantly skimming the dime novels written by Williams and every newspaper article he could get his hands on regarding doings west of the Mississippi. It was to be expected people like real estate salesmen would come and go. That was not cause to worry. Why, Hell, sir, there'd be so many people building a future out there, it'd be necessary to think of building a complete boot and shoe factory before long.

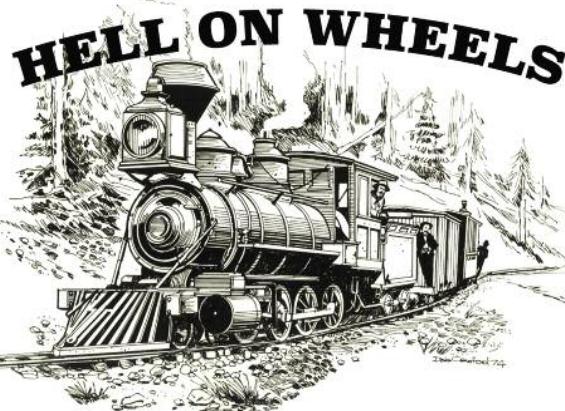
It proved, however, somewhat of an unnerving process of endless detail to manage his chattels and himself to the Mississippi. Money seemed to want to jump out of his pockets at every step of the journey.

Noah found himself having to pay for tickets that were reserved, but not prepaid after all. People were smirking as he, an Easterner and a Yankee, would learn and question why a ticket was not prepaid or a hotel room reserved. Noah began to realize the hardship of being a foreigner as he'd stand in a dusty train station, plain and devoid of decoration, where chipped paint and soiled floor boards made him feel all the more dismal and alone amidst people who were familiar with each other but cast sidelong glances at him. The further west he went, the more dust there seemed to be. There was not a cobble-stoned road to be found and he found he had to have his suit brushed daily and at great expense. He took note of the demeanor of the surrounding residents, changed out of his suit of clothes and donned garb of a simpler, plain cut and tucked his trouser legs into the simple, brown cowboy boots. It did not really help the dust situation much, although he felt a little more comfortable. People were still a little distant, the smells and odors unfamiliar, and the wallet still grew thinner.

Furthermore, as time dragged and complications and

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expenses grew, he noticed he was losing patience altogether. It started on the railroad through Sedalia, Kansas City, and Abilene. The advances he had issued the real estate man were, in fact, not applied at all, so Noah had to pay for everything all over again every time he found a reservation with a balance due. As suspicion grew, he made a point of observing everything, especially during the layovers and overnight stays in the dusty cow town of Abilene. The terrain of the plains and prairie grew monotonous, wholly lacking the lush forests and noble visages of Indians as shown in the illustrations with the ads.

He was growing concerned over the daily and intensifying fact there was less of a west such as he saw in the dime novels and more of a west he did not expect. In addition to experiencing the smirks and elbow nudging he'd see out of the corner of his eye, he was learning these people had a different sort of body odor than those of the east and a different way of speaking as well. There was more of a southern drawl mixed with a consistent chopping off of consonants such as the 'G' from the end of words. Moreover, they'd chop up words and shorten them, such as "t'weren't" or "t'ain't." There seemed to be more of the foul tobacco juice aroma around their vestments, as well as a lot more whiskey available to them. The women, far more scarce then back east, were also not as well dressed. There did not seem to be a buxom blonde heroin within a thousand miles. He did not relish standing behind these folks any more than he had to either and they all smelled of cattle or horses or some other signature of animal husbandry above and beyond that of simple farmers. Many of the rough-looking men he'd seen apparently had a penchant for flatulence and scratching themselves. He wondered if he could stave off fleas and ticks whilst in such an environment.

Although he made sure he ate regularly, he was careful not to get into saloon crowds or thick groupings of the dirtier people he noticed. The fare seemed to be growing in the volume of beans, beef, coffee, and potatoes at the expense of the vegetables, fine salads, and pleasant desserts served east of the Mississippi. On one occasion, he watched as a party of cowboys rode through town firing their pistols in the air. Their mounts thundered by, hooves pounding

deep rhythms in the hardened, packed, dry street as the men wobbled a mite in their saddles and loosed their shots. Most irresponsible. On another, he watched two men shoot each other over what had to be the ugliest woman who ever donned a feathered headpiece and a coat of paint. He took to wearing his new felt hat, fresh from the hatters in Danbury, to keep the sun out of his eyes, and thought about wearing his gun.

He had been told about Abilene along the way to that town, but was amazed at the size and scope of the cattle based economy once he arrived there. Hardly an hour passed without the appearance of another wagon of foul-smelling buffalo hides or a small knot of impatient cattle coming down the street, and the language and bellicose nature of the cowboys and hunters permeated the air. From Abilene, with its massive new stockyards, he resolved to quickly take the stage line to his destination, Small Creek, up the Mud River. When he got to the stage office there was a mob of people there. He was finding out this trend was due to the fact that knots of travelers had to put up with an unreliable schedule, bandits, and general equipment failure due to the poor business management of the owner. That man had an affinity for spirits, the passengers told him, and the saving grace of this company was the experienced and honest drivers. Even more distressing than the daily grind of events came when he found out several of these people were not going to Small Creek, but rather were fleeing from it. They all knew the real estate agent. They all knew the banker.

Now, in the close air and heat of this Abilene stage office, he finally lost patience with the west in general. He had arrived in the morning and sat there through most of the day waiting for service in spite of the reassurances of the office manager. One by one, frustrated refugees told him their life story. He was only slightly reassured by the fact he paid only deposit amounts instead of full fares the real estate agent originally suggested. He was also glad he had only paid a partial finder's fee to the scoundrel and kept a close watch on his own cash reserves. There was an argument between a group of soldiers on leave in which the office manager became more than unnerved. A burly driver with eyes deeply rung with an obvious lack of sleep refused to stop spitting on the floor and also refused to leave the office. He did not look at all like an honest sort

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humly holding this company together. The woman who was occupying his attentions, a blatant woman of ill repute, also refused to stop spitting on the floor in spite of the ring of spittoons that surrounded the pair. Finally, the office manager handed a list to the driver, threw up his hands and left the office.

Noah was in the outhouse briefly and missed most of the abuses the driver handed out in arranging the passengers and their baggage on and in his coach. In a bull-like voice he reminded a corporal of the cavalry he did not respect uniforms. Then the driver challenged and snapped at a woman who was later proven to be a school teacher and daughter of an influential rancher. He was bullishly insistent she should never have traveled alone. He refused any and all responsibility for her safety, insisting that she needed to be taught a lesson. His sneak attack on her was so sudden, the poor little creature suffered to have tears well up in her eyes. Noah saw that exchange, resolving to prevent any repetition of it, forcefully if necessary. He did not hear the first time his name was called out because he was just emerging from the outhouse in the back.

"Noah Dobbs... I said Noah Dobbs the Gul-durned fourth!" The burly driver was looking around the room as he bellowed. "Gul-durn it, I ain't goin' to wait all frikkin' day! Noah Gul-durned Dobbs!"

Noah heard that part as he emerged through the back door, behind the driver. His temper rose immediately. He was now very tired of all this, especially of spending way too much money, and particularly of the dust and smell of the West. When he heard the invective as if it were his middle name he felt himself becoming quite unmanageable and wished he had his sidearm from the bottom of his personal bag. The driver was bellowing something about how he wouldn't wait but one more time before scratching the son-of-a-bitch and was turning slowly on his heels when he yelled out, "WHOOO the hell is Noah Dobbs The stinkin' fourth?!"

Noah now suffered one of the first changes in his demeanor and character he later learned happened to all who made their way out west. The driver was full facing Noah when the angry shoemaker stepped up to him. The burly, unkempt man with the dark rings under his eyes never saw the overhand right. It landed so solidly mid-face as to cross his eyes. The

papers slid from his hand, his entire body stiffened, and he fell straight backward, landing on the pine board floor so heavily the building shook. There was an immeasurable moment of stunned silence, which later storytellers would claim brought the entire town to a halt. When the driver sat up and blinked, Noah answered in a low voice, clearly laced with deadliness, "I'm Noah Dobbs IV. If you raise your voice again, I'll stuff your head so far into your collar that all you'll see is the inside of your vermin-ridden shirt. Understand?"

The driver, who had killed men maybe twice as fierce as this one, was paralyzed by his own astonishment. Maybe it was the flattened nose or the fire in the eye, but the glaring face almost scared him. He didn't really know, but he was certain it was a fascinating face full of a violent past.

"Y-Y-Yessir," he managed weakly through the blood that gushed from his nose.

"And one more thing." Snapped Noah, still not raising his voice.

The driver looked at him like a schoolboy waiting

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for orders. In one motion all the spectators to this affair, who had their eyes on the fallen driver, shifted their astonished stares to Noah.

"You spit on a floor again and I'll kill you."

It was out just like that. Noah had to take a second to ponder whether or not he had said that out loud, but the odd way the folks around him murmured convinced him he had. He'd threatened to kill a man, as if there were more than a remote possibility he could rise to such an action. What amazed him even more was his every action seemed to be taking place while he watched as if he were a spectator trapped inside his own body. He was already regretting his actions. There was not a lick of satisfaction at the obvious justice he had just dispensed. Moreover, when Noah turned his eyes briefly to the schoolteacher, she deliberately avoided his glance. When the driver began to recover himself and thought about getting up (he was not at the point of self control where he considered retaliation), Noah took a forceful step forward with fists clenched. Noah never thought of himself as being able to do something like this. It was as if he was powerless to stop himself. He was astonished when the man stopped all sense of movement as if he were waiting for the next thing Noah would do.

"Do you understand me?" he said, trying to keep his regret from overtaking his stern demeanor.

"Why, shore... didn't mean nothin'... yes Sir! I understand..."

"Good. Now shut up and get my baggage on this coach."

The man scrambled into action. The crowd turned to stare at Noah, who walked out the front door as if to

take in some air. When he was standing on the steps at the street, a single hushed voice from the still numbed crowd whispered, "I seen him before... I know I seen him before... That face... He's... a... pistoleer. Yeah, that's it, a deadly pistoleer!"

The man, whose name was Roberts, was a paunchy little man with a derby hat and a frayed, albeit clean, checked suit. His big red nose was made even more pronounced by his watery eyes, amazed into wide, round globes by what he had just seen.

When the driver came back in, that same man—Roberts—turned to him and said, "You all right Rufus?"

"Yeah, I think so. Who is that feller?"

The man answered back as the schoolteacher gave Rufus a glass of water. "Dunno, but I know I seen him before. I think he faced down Bill Hickock onc't. Don't mess with him anymore, Rufus."

"Well," said Rufus as he accepted the glass and some ministrations from the woman, "I just dunno about that... I can't 'low myself to be so whupped... My mama din't raise no coward..."

Then he set his head back and looked at the school teacher, who was rubbing the blood away, "Miss Alice, I'm so sorry for the way I spoke to you. Please don't pay me no mind..."

"It's all right Rufus, only I wish you wouldn't make so many of these trips without sleeping. A man can't drive a stage for four days without sleeping. You know what happens to you when you don't sleep, and now you have paid too heavy a price."

"Yes Ma'am... I know... and you told me so before. But the simple fact is there ain't... I mean isn't... nobody to run these folks back east to get their money from that feller who sold them wrong unless I do it. Oh! Looky here, Ma'am. By the way, here's my homework on them vowels you was showing me last week. I can work 'em now and I think I'll be able to write my name soon..."

"All right, Mr. McCorkindale," she replied quietly, with a matronly sigh that belied her earlier tears, "don't change the subject. You behave yourself. I'll read it when we get to Small Creek. Now, are you sure you can see well enough to drive this coach?"

Rufus winced. When she called him Mr. McCorkindale he knew he was in trouble. "Yes, Ma'am,

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I'm sure." Alice Mason nodded. "All right, then. You just call on me if the road gets too rough and I'll come up there and help you drive."

"Yes, Ma'am, I surely will." He picked up her canvas bag with a tip of his hat and escorted her through the door. When the door closed, the crowd left behind turned back to the office manager and again churned up the din. The incident might never have happened.

As Noah approached the coach, he noted with satisfaction how the big bully of a driver was doting over the woman to whom he had been so abusive not much earlier. Noah thought smugly to himself that he would be well received by these passengers for having emerged such a hero. He was more than surprised when the entire group gave him a relatively cold shoulder in spite of the service he had done them. One of the soldiers muttered something about how a man ought to be able to spit when he has to spit. Another muttered something about how easterners were always less than friendly. Only the red-nosed man stared at him as if overwhelmed with awe. The driver, whom he had seen answer to the name Rufus, eyed him cautiously, but Noah was not sure about the degree of malice he harbored. As far as the soldiers were concerned, there were no other people in the coach and this was a time for sleep. They both nodded off immediately, and barely roused all day. The woman was another matter. There was a clear chill coming from her. There was not an ounce of friendliness nor a hint of overt disdain, but she remained coolly distant and insultingly apathetic. It amazed him.

In spite of this, Noah found himself mildly intrigued by her neatly bunned red hair, her soft green eyes, and slightly sun-reddened complexion. Any affinity he might have had for the woman turned quickly cold as her mannerisms made it quite clear that he might as well not have been there. Imagine! Lord only knows what abuse from which he had saved her, and she could not see fit to give him the time of day. He half thought she would strike him with her short parasol if he dared to speak to her. Imagine!

The coach left Abilene just ahead of its own swirling cloud of dust. Noah tried to use every moment to note the features of the terrain, but it soon occurred to him there were not that many distinctive

features. The droll and decidedly empty look of the prairie was seemingly unending. The ground heaved and swelled in gentle, grass-covered waves, with occasional rock outcrops and ledges or small knots of cottonwood trees. When the coach stopped by a small stream which ran through a grove of trees to feed the Mud River, Noah was more than unpleasantly surprised when the hand he held outstretched to help the school teacher off the stage was met by an icy stare. She just hovered there, framed by the stage door, staring him down until the paunchy man with the checkered suit intervened.

"Here Miss Mason, Let me help you down."

When she answered with a friendly thank you and spoke his name as Roberts, Noah was both stung by his repudiation and mildly angered that this man Roberts appeared to be part of an organized shun. The driver, whom people were now addressing in friendly exchanges that clearly showed they had known each other for years, became devoted to the idea of getting his passengers to their destination. His nose was black and blue, a discomfort with which Noah was more than familiar, but he moved about his tasks alertly and competently. Noah even caught a nod of greeting from the man. Was there no end to the surprises here!

The passengers stood in a small group by the clear stream. Some of them began gracing themselves with handkerchiefs dipped in the stream and applied tenderly to their faces and necks. More and more of the sky was giving way to a darkening, slate-gray cloud mass, but the heat and humidity were not abating. Noah was beginning to really appreciate his light canvas trousers, ordinary cotton shirt, and wide-brimmed hat. He started to think about fetching his pistol and holster from his

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bag when the voice of the driver broke the quiet in disgusted swearing.

Roberts asked aloud what was wrong. Rufus held up the reins of the left lead horse for view. They were clearly frayed down by the bit to the point of breaking. Although the passengers showed little more than concern, Rufus quite clearly understood the peril in which the coach resided because they were more than halfway to the way station. It would be equally risky to keep going or turn back, and there was some uncertain country ahead. It was hot, and it was going to rain soon. With mounting impatience, Noah walked over to the scene. He asked to see the reins and Rufus gave them over with a curious look of fear, resentment, and straight curiosity on his face.

"I think I can repair them. Can you get my box off the top of the coach?"

Rufus spat off to the side. "Mister, I am plumb out of spares. Iff'n you can fix these I'll get whatever you need from yore poke."

Noah nodded and started to remove the harness section that contained the strained leather. As Rufus climbed up Noah looked the piece over carefully. The upcoming breaks were close enough to the rings that he could shorten the rein and re-stitch it. It would cause only minimal shortening of the overall rein. He knew he had some alum paste, but he was also frustrated for lack of a stitching clamp. He pictured a new loop in the strap, which he would want to stitch for about three to four inches. When Rufus brought the box he quickly set it down and began pulling his materials from it. He'd use some pre-spun flax thread from the factory. He tapered the ends on the pad of his thumb by scraping and pulling with his blade (this was to be a quick job, not a seam on a brogan) and waxed up the thread. He fetched some needles and a good stout stabbing awl from the small box.

"Here, Rufus. You hold this piece like this when I glue it, all right?"

The man looked strangely at Noah and nodded. Noah set up quickly and began stitching at a fast clip, trying to settle between ten stitches to the inch, maybe less. That'd do for today. Stab, left needle, right needle, draw closed, stab, left needle, right needle, draw closed. One by one the passengers straggled over to watch. The intermittent hot sun was

difficult, but there was nothing they could do about that. Here was something that began as mild interest, unrivaled by anything in the area and thereby attractive by default. Noah finished the first rein in quick time and was working with the second when Rufus became somewhat less reliable in holding the piece steady. At first Noah tsked once or twice, then he stopped and gripped Rufus' hands to firm them. He thought the gesture to be reprimanding enough and was surprised to notice Rufus' hand wander again. The third time he looked up he saw the burly driver staring off into the distance. The return glance Rufus offered upon shifting his eyes to meet Noah's was somewhat alarming. When Rufus again looked past Noah's shoulder there was more than a little apprehension on his face. Noah turned and peered quickly, suddenly aware there appeared to be some banditti or outlaw riffraff nearby. He worked faster, but kept his seam straight. His heritage of generation upon generation of shoemakers emerged as he became living proof of what all cordwainers took for granted; time was money. In this case, time may have meant the avoidance of danger. Rufus and the passengers were amazed at how fast his hands flew at their task. In a few moments it was done. Rufus made no bones about urgency as he re-strapped the harness and shooed everybody into the coach. Noah thought there might have been traces of a smile or two for him, but now he was worried about banditti and rain and could not break any ice however it may be melting.

Once the box was secured on top, Noah went to the rear baggage hold and searched out his carpetbag. He strapped on his revolver on and loaded it hurriedly before again embarking. As he approached the door, Rufus stopped him. "Mr. Dobbs... could ya' see fit t' ride on top with me... I might need yore gun before we're through." Noah nodded. He was beginning to think this Rufus fellow was not what he had initially seemed to be. He suddenly felt a little presumptuous.

His throat was bone dry, else he would have answered. He was afraid he'd be shaking. He climbed up on top and became uncertain with the newfound height. He lost his footing, but caught himself just before Rufus poked his head up while mounting the coach. The driver was thus unable to take notice of Noah's clumsiness. Noah did not even get to seat himself before Rufus

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shoved a cut-down shotgun at him. He mumbled something about hoping there'd be no need to use it. Inside the coach, Roberts was becoming fairly insistent. He suddenly snapped his fingers as if locked in a moment of significant discovery. He blurted out, "Kid Galena. That's it, by God! His name is Kid Galena. He's in from Sedalia. He's a foreigner, though. Yeah, I knew it! I knew it all along! Kid Galena."

As Roberts became more and more talkative, Alice began to get a little nervous in that she sensed something was not right. When sober, Mr. Roberts would almost always get chatty when frightened and nervous... and he was always frightened or nervous whenever he was sober. The soldiers simply nodded gravely, attempting to carry the notion they knew of the danger all along. Miss Alice was less than impressed, but said nothing.

"It'd sure be a tale to tell if Nebraska Ned and Kid Galena shot it out, now wouldn't it?" speculated Roberts as they settled in their seats. A hasty glance into the eyes of each of the other passengers quickly told Roberts that the value of his conversation was thinning fast, so he adjusted his hat, smiled, and gazed out the window. That was the other feature about Roberts that struck Alice Mason as a bit odd. He was prone to long, distant stares off into space as if his mind was working at a pace not experienced by common men. It was just another reason to keep his acquaintance at a distance.

The coach jostled and rocked as if moving forward with only the greatest of agony. The dust began to get obnoxious. The only thing that could make it worse was a rainstorm that would turn it into mud. Indeed it was that very same weather occurrence that yielded the difficult ruts in the road when the mud from the last storm hardened as it dried, leaving harsh and deep gashes in the road that marked a previous stage coach's trail. Fortunately for the passengers, it did not rain until they were in sight of the relay station so they were spared the alternative hazard of a quagmire on the road.

Noah had found another area of the Wild West about which he could not think highly. The top of the coach was not at all kind to him. He almost dropped the shotgun several times, but the strain on Rufus' face told Noah why the driver had missed each incident. There was no let up in the violence of the coach's pace. He thought on two occasions he was going to fall off and he felt the bottom of his spine being beaten raw

until he took notice of how Rufus rode with the bumps. By that example he learned how to ride shotgun. He could barely hear anything for the noise. He could not possibly have been party to the conversations inside the coach, where he was the center of speculative conversation. In fact, once he had settled into the rhythm needed to ride on the coach, he found himself getting more sensitive to what was going on in the surrounding area. The sky was blackening fast. There was a constant cloud of dust off to the rear on the drivers side, about a mile or two away. They both knew it was riders.

In spite of this, Rufus did not whip the horses. At this point, the team was moving at a moderate pace. It was not long before Noah saw the corrals and building that made up the way station. The first heavy drops of rain began to slam into the awaiting earth just as the team pulled the stage into the front yard. The building appeared to be half soddy, half logs and was quite large for such a structure, even to the eyes of an easterner. It held enough rooms to provide ample sleeping quarters. The soldiers doubled up in a room because they were used to it and Miss Alice, of course, had her own room. Noah Dobbs slept alone, but Rufus and Mr. Roberts opted to share a room. That left the remaining room to the strangers.

They rode in shortly after Rufus and the way station crew had stabled and fed the horses. There were three of them, all with scruffy-looking whiskers and soiled from obviously hard travel. Two had dusters. All carried their rifles into the main room where they parleyed for some sleeping quarters. They went immediately to their room and were not seen at the dinner table. Supper turned out to be a thin beef stew adorned by large, albeit dry, biscuits. The coffee was also a little thin, having a burned taste due to being on the stove too long. Noah assumed the passengers were all quiet because of the obvious pall the strangers cast over the group. There was no doubt about the tension between the two groups, in spite of the fact not a word had been exchanged between them. Noah strapped on his revolver. He tried to do so with minimal fanfare, but was put out as soon as he realized the man Roberts had not missed it. Watery eyes and all, that man seemed to be fascinated with the shoemaker and it made him uncomfortable and self-conscious.

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Several oil lamps and a set of candles on the crude plank table kept the room from being totally dark. The light was just bright enough to see each other in detail, but it was easy enough to be brought to brooding by the pounding of the newly-arrived rain. The passengers ate with little conversation. Noah thought it was because of the apprehension over the strangers, but the simple fact of the matter was, with the exception of Noah and the soldiers, everyone here knew each other well enough to be taken for granted. Conversation was indeed not needed at all. Moreover, hundreds of mean-looking sorts like these drifted in and out in the course of a year, making them commonplace. There was little else to do except eat and shuffle off to sleep. Noah slept with his handgun under his pillow, dreaming of chasing a green-eyed maiden with flaming red hair and shooting down Nebraska Ned and Black Jack Dan as they harried her.

After coffee and biscuits the next morning, the passengers quietly boarded the coach at about seven-thirty. There was almost no talking, except Roberts chatted quietly with the strangers. Those fellows seemed to mumble, grunt and nod as the extent of their conversation and Noah could not help feel they were talking about him. In fact, he was the main topic of their conversation. Roberts had asked them if they'd seen this man somewhere before and asked where they were headed. One of them prepared to reply at this and Noah was intrigued at the thought these men knew each other. The obvious leader of the pack, an impossibly tall and dapper man of the prairie named Nebraska Ned, touched him with the back of his hand to quiet him. Roberts noticed that, and began apologizing... he did not mean any harm.

"It'll keep," muttered Ned, looking away, not particularly enthused about talking to Roberts.

"Sure, Sure," sputtered Roberts, almost in a whisper, "but I just wanted to see iff'n you knew Kid Galena over there."

"Who the hell is Kid Galena?" answered the most oafish looking of the strangers.

"Well, he's... a... foreigner... you know, a deadly pistoleer from... somewhere..."

"What's Galena?" whispered the same man, harshly. At this point, Ned lost patience with the man.

"Don't you know nuthin', Monte? Galena's the Gul-durned Capital of Gul-durned Spain!" There was

an uncomfortable pause.

"Yeah, that's it." Piped Roberts, "Spain. I knew it! You better watch him, Ned." Nebraska Ned looked impatiently at Roberts and then turned away, walking towards the horses with Monte in tow.

Noah heard little more than the word Galena, as he was looking at the work he'd done on the reins just to make sure it would hold. He had his spectacles on. He'd take them off as soon as he was done with the close in inspection. What was this "Galena" topic, anyway?

The station fell from view before the strangers mounted and rode away. The rest of the ride was more of the same, except Rufus almost got conversational, talking about the weather at least once and complaining about the food at the station on another occasion. The riders did not seem to be following. Rufus remarked—almost casually—he thought the desperados likely to take to their crime and lowly behavior at a later date. He judged they were simply trailing the coach to see its route and the manner of its travel. Noah thought it curious he could feel them not far behind. Perhaps he did have some of the pistoleer instincts he had read about in the dime novels.

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York, PA. My name is Stephanie Leedom, but when I buckle on a set of holsters I go by Killer Rabbit. I have been shooting with my dad, Lee Ridgeway (SASS # 101429) for about five years and shooting Cowboy with him for two years. We first got interested in the sport after attending a match one sunny afternoon just to watch. We weren't standing there more than five minutes before a Cowboy came over to say "hello" and explain the rules of the game. Everything came together after that; a year later we were practicing our draws and wearing our cowboy boots just about everywhere we went.

My dad and I are members of the Perry County Regulators in Ickesburg, Pennsylvania, and the West Shore Posse in Lewisberry, PA. We also shoot with the Elstonville Hombres in Manheim, PA. and with the Welsh Mountain Regulators in Gap, PA. Shoutouts go to some of the great Cowboys and Cowgirls we have met along the way: Tuscarora Slim (SASS #28616), whose kind heart and endearing rabbit comments always make me smile; Annie Dote (SASS #84318); Slim Chance Pistolero (SASS #84317), who have given me valuable shooting advice; Letort Lawman (SASS #12300), whose matches always have variety and challenge; Hud McCoy (SASS #56721), who cheered me on for my first ever clean match; and Trusty Sidekick (SASS #32866), who crafted a "partner shoot" I will remember forever because I had the chance to shoot side-by-side with my dad; and to all of the other amazing people who have become good friends to us.

This fall I will be entering the Honors College at Millersville University to pursue a degree in Biology with a possible minor in Environmental Biology. I also plan on entering graduate school in four years to study Microbiology, from where I hope to work in the research field. I would like to thank SASS and all the Cowboys and Cowgirls who make the scholarship a reality for young shooters. I am honored to have received this scholarship and I hope my hard work in college and a career will serve in humble gratitude.

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SASS® and shooting in general have provided me with both confidence and responsibility that is insurmountable—confidence and grace in shooting competition, and responsibility in promoting the Cowboy tradition as well as doing my small part in helping to protect the rights of responsible, gun-bearing Americans.

There have been quite a few people in my life who have impacted me in such ways that have changed the ways I think or act or even dream. Among these individuals are my family, teachers, and the other enthusiastic shooters I get to see each match. Yet, there is one

person I cannot imagine my life without—my dad, who is my greatest company, has encouraged and supported me in everything that I do, and of course who introduced me to the shooting sports. It is truly a pleasure to shoot every match with him, and I am happy to share something I care about with someone I care most about.

Thank you again to the scholarship committee and fund-raisers for giving me the chance to go after my career aspirations through this generous scholarship and to all of the Cowboys and Cowgirls out there who make the Cowboy sport what it is. 

What Gun Ownership Means to the Individual

By Killer Rabbit, SASS #101430

Adapted & Edited by Justice Lily Kate, SASS #1000

Safety and security are aspects of life that should be granted to all law-abiding citizens no matter where they choose to live, and while this basic concept is provided for us by military, police, and counter-intelligence, no one can have eyes on everything at every time. This is why the right of US citizens to bear firearms is absolutely critical to personal protection and freedom.

Advocates for widespread bans on firearms argue that taking away guns from all people would actually make everyone safer. This type of irrational thinking is pervasive in the anti-gun community and is highly unlikely to succeed in turning all criminals into law-abiding citizens.

What then can be done if it is nearly impossible to change the mindsets and actions of criminals and proponents of gun bans? The answer is simple—put in place a sufficient deterrent. The prospect of going to prison is enough for most of us to stay on the right path, but this is not true for those who disobey the law. There may not be a deterrent that will definitely stop criminals in their tracks, but certainly the knowledge that private citizens may own firearms will make them think twice about committing a crime against the public. Recent media coverage of criminal activity involving guns has shown that criminals are deterred from committing crimes in areas where they may encounter gun owners and instead seek out areas where they know responsible

citizens will follow restrictive rules. I believe expanding the areas where responsible gun owners can legally carry would present a sufficient deterrent.

Those of us who do not support such “blanket” bans on firearms view gun ownership as a self-defense issue as well as a basic right belonging to the people and have few options when it comes to protecting themselves and those we care about. There are physically fit individuals who practice martial arts as a means of self-protection, but for most of us that isn’t an option. Sure, no law can take away an individual’s chance at survival through hand to hand combat, but it *can* take away a person’s right to own a firearm, which for many is the single greatest hope for coming out alive. As the argument goes, “God created man, but Samuel Colt made them equal.”

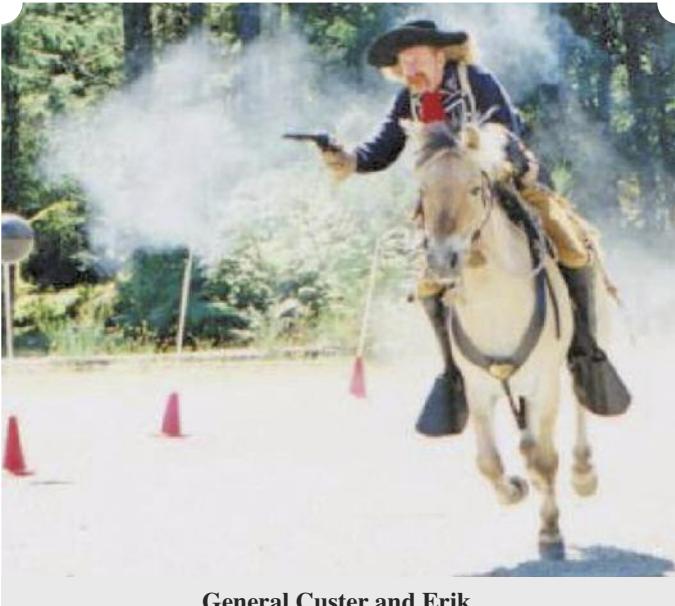
Our fundamental right to keep and bear arms lies with the court system, which in 2008 in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, ruled in favor of the second amendment. There will always be little middle ground surrounding this topic, narrow victories, and some lost battles, but the focus of why it is important for individuals to own guns should never be lost.

Gun ownership is a right that our founding fathers set forth to protect when they drafted the US Constitution and it remains an issue that must stand firm. It is our responsibility as gun owners to protect this right in order to give every citizen a fighting chance. 

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General Custer and Erik.



Grey Fox on Bron.

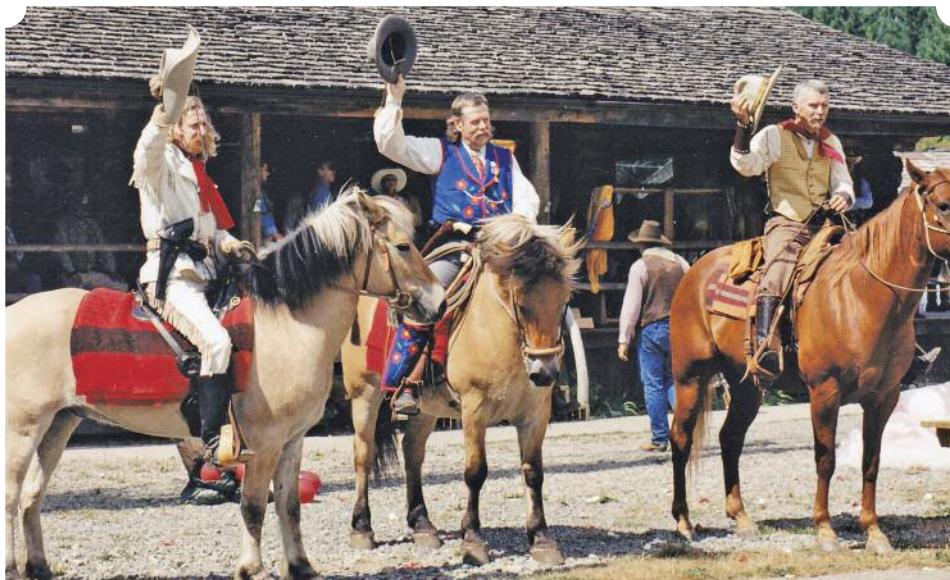
Victoria, British Columbia. Erik, the thespian pony, has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Star of stage, screen, and arena, and famed for his exploits in Wild West Shows for six years, as well as his fund-raising abilities for various good causes, Eric passed away on February 4, 2017 at the age of 32 years, 10 months and 2 weeks.

Erik was one of the trio of horses that introduced Cowboy Mounted Shooting to Canada in the summer of 1998, when Grey Fox (SASS #223), mounted on Bron; Tony Austin (aka General Custer), mounted on Erik; and

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Grey Fox employed Erik as a gun cart during the early days of SASS competitions. Erik was an expert trail horse, having carried Grey Fox thousands of miles. He also was the mount for Tex (SASS #4) on a tour of the hills and trails of rural Metchosin, BC in August of 1995.

Erik had a long and illustrious career. He was well known and cherished by all. May he rest in peace. ↗



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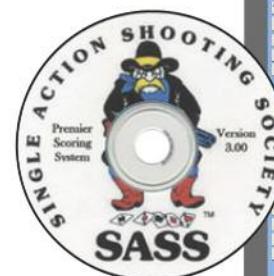


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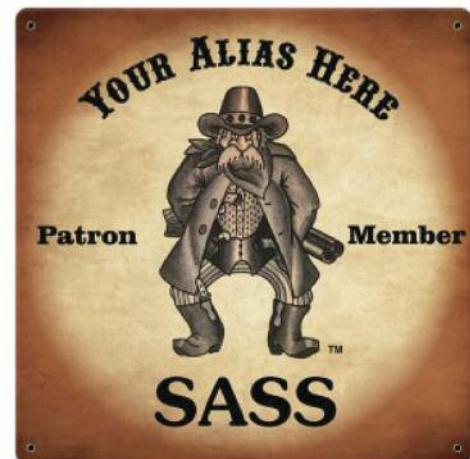
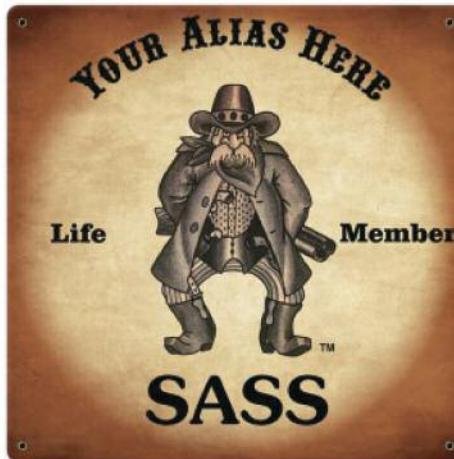
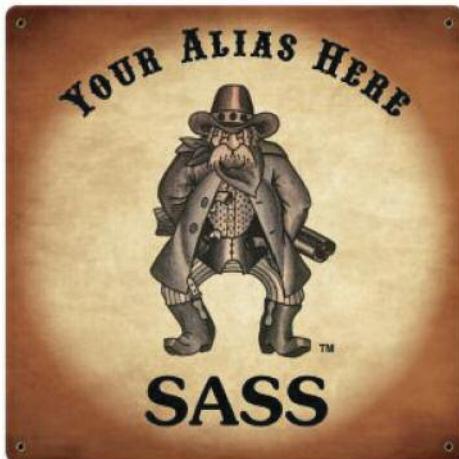
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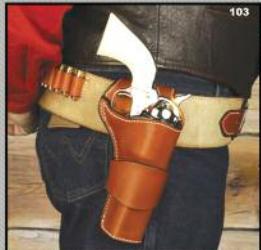


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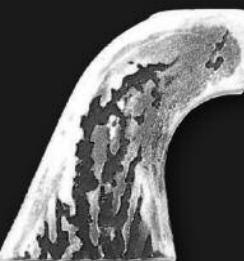
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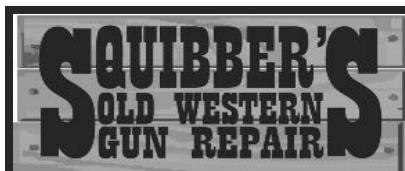
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Australian Capital Territory					
Brigadier's Gun Club	Canberra	1st Sat	02 6249 1111	Brigadier's Gun Club	Brigadier's Gun Club
New South Wales					
Big Country Gun Club	Bathurst	1st Sat	02 6302 2222	Big Country Gun Club	Big Country Gun Club
Blue Mountains Gun Club	Blue Mountains	1st Sat	02 8053 1111	Blue Mountains Gun Club	Blue Mountains Gun Club
Central Coast Gun Club	Central Coast	1st Sat	02 4327 1111	Central Coast Gun Club	Central Coast Gun Club
Country Gunners	Goulburn	1st Sat	02 6302 2222	Country Gunners	Country Gunners
Queensland					
Country Gunners	Chinchilla	1st Sat	07 4652 1111	Country Gunners	Country Gunners
Country Gunners	Rockhampton	1st Sat	07 4946 1111	Country Gunners	Country Gunners
Victoria					
Country Gunners	Ballarat	1st Sat	03 5333 1111	Country Gunners	Country Gunners
Country Gunners	Bendigo	1st Sat	03 5441 1111	Country Gunners	Country Gunners
AUSTRIA					
CANADA					
Alberta					
Calgary Gun Club	Calgary	1st Sat	403 242 1111	Calgary Gun Club	Calgary Gun Club
British Columbia					
Coastal Gun Club	Vancouver	1st Sat	604 522 1111	Coastal Gun Club	Coastal Gun Club
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Maahat	2nd Sun	250 744 4705	Black Ashley	Courtenay Fish & Game Club
New Brunswick					
Beau Bassin Range Riders	Saint-André-de-l'Île-d'Orléans	2nd Sat	506-312-8055	Frenchie Carruck	Cap-Pelé Gun Club
Nova Scotia					
Nova Scotia Cowboy Action Shooting Club	Camden	3rd Sun (weather permitting)	902 890 2310	Wounded Belly	Nova Scotia Muzz
Ontario					
Barrie Ranch	Berrie	2nd & 4th Sat	705-434-7065	Northern Crow	Barrie Gun Club
Brudenell Rangers	Thorold	1st Sat & 2nd Sun	905-574-3328	Grey Owl	Decew Gun Club
Fort Burlington Bushwackers	Burlington	3rd Sat (October-April)	905-647-1281	Chukararon Crew	Burlington Rifle & Trap Club
Huron Valley Gunfighters	Pemberton	As Scheduled	705-576-8593	Buffalo Bill Show	Huron Valley Gunfighters
Ottawa Valley Raiders	Penetanguishene	As Scheduled	905-772-0063	Highwall Drifter	Eastern Ontario H. V. Gun Club
Robbers Roust Hamilton	Chelmsford	As Scheduled	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Anglers
Robbers Roust Hamilton Wild Bunch	Ancaster	As Scheduled	905-393-4299	Legendary Lawman	Hamilton Anglers
Royal City Rangers	Eden Mills	As Scheduled	905-878-9440	Indie Frank	Guelph Rod & Gun Club
Ruff'n'Ready Riders	Cornwall	As Scheduled	613-933-6758	Ruff Justice	Cornwall Handicap
Wild Turkey Posse	Prescott	As Scheduled	819-453-7816	Rooster Corrigan	Crookville Fish & Game Club
Quebec					
Beauséjour Marshals	St-Jean-Chrysostome	As Scheduled	418-889-0517	Roata Slim	Club de Tir Beauséjour
Granny Gang	Gatineau	As Scheduled	450-344-0077	Fatty Paul	Centre de tir Gatineau
Silver Bullet Posse	Sorel-Tracy	As Scheduled	514-452-0820	The Quiet Dude	Club de tir Sorel-Tracy
Saskatchewan					
Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Scheduled	306-749-2822	Granny One Shot	Saskatoon Muzz
DENMARK					
Association of Slesvigsko Blankpowder Shooters	Torup	As Scheduled	456 021 366	Captain Wildbeard	Torup Shooting Club
Danny's Black Powder Federation	Copenhagen	As Scheduled	45 26 656 897	Slim Dave	Copenhagen Shooters
FINLAND					
Classical Old Western Society of Finland	Helsinki	As Scheduled	+358 50-5174659	Woodbury Ranch	N/A
SASS Finland	Loppi	As Scheduled	+358 50-5174659	Woodbury Ranch	Loppi Shooting Club
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Association Mazinguaise de la Rock Canyon	Mazangues	As Scheduled	33 494 280 145	Redneck Mike	Rock Canyon
Black Rivers	Roanne	Last Sun	336 874 62 982	The Kid of Neckwhite	Route du Chêne
Buffle Valley	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais	As Scheduled	02 37 63 65 83	Sly Buffalo	Alvion Sport / Thymerais
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Green Hill Cowboys	Athis-De-L'Orme	As Scheduled	33 023 365 7690	Yellowbeuse	N/A
Greenwood Creek Gang	France	1st & 3rd Wed	33 68 803 1369	Honey Hock	N/A
Loire Valley Reulators (Club de tir Sportif de l'ouest)	Tours	As Scheduled	bistrot7575@wanadoo.fr	Marshall John McClane	Club de tir Sportif de l'ouest
Old West French Shooters	Chatillon	As Scheduled	01 55 260 328	Trusty Jim	FET
Société de la Bédouine (Vertueux Western Mountain Warriors)	Bezons	2nd Sun	0669244103	Sheriff Ch. Southpaw	N/A
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CSA Europe	Heerd	Wed	28235827	Hurricane Jim	TR Dusseldorf
SASS Germany	Wesberg	Wed	49 28 255 207	Prime River Joe	Castler Springs
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Eddertz	Last Sat	49 699 7552588	Marshal Heck	Tomostone Villaq
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Associazione Federal Old West	Civitella Val di Chiana	As Scheduled	366 323 2538	John Skally White	Devil's Club
NETHERLANDS					
Dutch Western Shooting Association	Des Noord Brabant	As Scheduled	21 619 430 223	Dutch Beer	N/A
SASS Netherlands	Leeuwarden	As Scheduled	21 619 430 223	Dutch Beer	N/A
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Ashburton Pistol Club	Ashburton	3rd Sun AM	643 384 840*	Shell-e-fector	Ashburton Pistols
Ashburton Pistol Club Wild Bunch Shooting	Ashburton	3rd Sun PM	643 384 840*	Shell-e-fector	Ashburton Pistols
Killer Spittin'Suns O' Thunder	Palmerston N.	2nd Sat	643 724 5111	Kid Ruster	Rifle Rod & Gun Club
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UK Shooters of the Cast Iron Shore	Liverpool	As Scheduled	44 011 787 637 7609	Woodrow F. Call	Atlantic Leisure Sport Complex
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AK Golden Heart Shootist Society Alaska 49er's Alaska 49ers (Wild Bunch) Juneau Gold Miners Posse	Fairbanks Chugiak Birchwood Juneau	2nd Sat & Last Sun 1st Sat & 3rd Sun 3rd Sat 3rd Sun	907-479-9339 907-373-0140 907-232-1080 907-723-9309	Drover Knutts Tripod Marshal Stone Five Card Tanna	N/A Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park Juneau Rifle and Pistol Club / Hank Harmon Rifle Range
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AR Arkansas Lead Slingers Judge Parker's Marshals Mountain Valley Vigilantes Outlaw Camp White River Gang	Rogers Fort Smith/Van Buren Hot Springs National Park Heber Springs Mountain Home	2nd Sat & 4th Sun 3rd Sat and Sun 1st Wkd 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat 1st Sat	479-633-2107 479-651-2475 501-337-9368 501-362-2963 870-847-0733	Dirty Dan Paladin Naildriver Bulldog McGraw Ozark Red Arkansas Harper	Frisco City Old Fort Gun Club Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association Outlaw Camp Twin Lakes Gun Club
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Border Marauders Hells Canyon Ghost Riders Oregon Trail Rough Riders Snake River Western Shooting Society Squaw Butte Regulators The Vaqueros	East Port Moscow Kuna Jerome Emmett Pocatello	3rd Wkd 3rd Sat 2nd Sun & 3rd Sat 4th Sat 1st Sun 3rd Sat	208-920-9068 208-836-5742 208-466-0061 208-731-6387 208-866-7271 208-237-7521	Mud Marine Cottonwood Hart Gem Hunter Missy Mable Idaho Sixgun Sam Varmit Hunter	Kootenai Valley Rifle & Pistol Range Bernard Peterson Memorial Range Black's Creek Rifle Range Jerome Rod & Gun Club Gem County Rod & Gun Club Gate City Sport Shooting Association
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Fort Beggs Defenders Free Grazers Good Guys Posse Illinois River City Regulators Illowa Irregulars Kaskaskia Cowboys Kaskaskia Cowboys (Wild Bunch) Kishwaukee Valley Regulators Lakewood Marshals Marion County Renegades Marion County Renegades Wild Bunch McLean County Peacemakers Rangeless Riders Shady Creek Shootists The Long Nine Tri County Cowboys Vermilion River Long Riders	Plainfield Effingham Winnebago Chillicothe Milan Sparta Sparta Waterman Rinard Sandoval Sandoval Bloomington Bunker Hill Little York Loami Polo Leonore	3rd Sun 2nd Sat 4th Sun 2nd Sun 3rd Sun 2nd Sat As Scheduled 1st Sun 1st Sat 4th Sat 	815-254-1062 217-821-3134 815-206-3534 309-243-7236 563-340-8288 618-571-2132 618-632-0712 815-751-3716 618-262-4562 618-267-6952 309-379-4331 618-210-2586 309-734-2324 217-971-6107 779-207-5973 815-875-3674	Toranado Fossil Creek Bob Shamrock Granville Stuart Shamrock Sis Phiren Smoke Boben Weev Snakes Morgan Rusty Banker Shell Stuffer Shell Stuffer Marshall R. D. Jean Duke Dapper Dan Porter Billy The Avenger Msgt. SH Long Lead Poison Lar	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club Effingham County Sportsman's Club Dry Gulch Ranch Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club Milan Rifle Club World Shooting and Recreation Complex World Shooting and Recreation Complex Aurora Sportsmen's Club Lakewood Flying Duck Sporting Clays Centralia Trap Club Centralia Trap Club Darnalls Gun Works & Range Brittany Shooting Park Ltd. High Point Gun Club Inc. Leftanders Gun Club Tri County Gun Club Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
IN					
Atlanta Cattle Company Circle R Cowboys Deer Creek Regulators Paradise Pass Regulators Pine Ridge Regulators Pine Ridge Regulators (Wild Bunch) Pleasant Valley Renegades Wabash Rangers Westside Renegades Wildwood Wranglers Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Atlanta Brookston Jonesboro Etna Green Brazil Brazil Canaan Cayuga Evansville Michigan City Bristol	2nd Sat 3rd Sat 4th Sun 1st Sat 3rd Sat 1st Wkd 2nd Sat 4th Sat 4th Sat As Scheduled 3rd Sat	765-215-8758 219-208-2793 765-506-0344 574-354-7186 317-373-0362 313-373-0362 812-839-3052 217-267-2820 812-624-2022 219-221-0868 574-536-4010	Hutch Mustang Bill Doc Molar C. C. Top Rattlesnake John Rattlesnake John Nomore Slim Henry Remington Persimmon Dan Voodooman Justice D. Spencer	Atlanta Conservation Club Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club Deer Creek Conservation Club, Inc. Paradise Pass DBA Proteq DBA Proteq N/A Clark's Shooting Range Westside Sportsmen Facility Michigan City Rifle Club Chief Wa-Ke-De Range
KS					
Free State Rangers Butterfield Gulch Gang Chisholm Trail Rowdies Millbrook Wranglers Powder Creek Cowboys Powder Creek Cowboys (Wild Bunch) Sandhill Regulators	Parker Chapman Benton Hill City Lenexa Lenexa Hutchinson	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun 1st Sun 4th Sun 2nd Sun 2nd & 4th Sat & 4th Wed As Scheduled 3rd Sat	913-904-8733 785-479-0416 316-491-3249 785-241-2537 816-453-0156 913-568-1849 620-664-7003	Buffalo Phil Flinthills Dawg Monco Grandpa Buckten Millbrook K. C. Ranger Fire Boss Merimac Menace	N/A Clark's Station Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association Mill Brook Station Shooting Range Powder Creek Shooting Park Powder Creek Shooting Park Central Kansas Gun Club, Inc.
KY					
Green River Gunslingers Hooten Old Town Regulators Kentucky Long Rifles Cowboys Kentucky Regulators Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild Levisa Fork Lead Slingers Ohio River Rangers Ponderosa Pines Posse	Bowling Green McKee Morehead Boaz West Point Pikeville Paducah Manchester	2nd Sat 1st Sat 2nd Sat 1st Sat 1st Sun 2nd Sat 3rd Sat 3rd Sat	270-792-9001 423-309-4146 606-462-3278 270-354-5040 406-231-2329 606-631-4613 270-554-1501 606-599-5263	Yak Double Eagle Dave Hoss Lytle Shenandoah Slim Shaddai Vaquero Escopeta Jake George Rogers Copperhead Joe	Green River Gun Club Hooten Old Town Kentucky Long Rifles Kentucky Regulators Gun Club Inc. Knob Creek Gun Range East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc. Jackson Purchase Rifle and Pistol Club N/A
LA					
Bayou Bounty Hunters Deadwood Marshals Jackson Hole Regulators	Amite Sorrento Quitman	2nd & 4th Sat 1st & 3rd Sat 2nd Sat	985-789-0744 504-458-1898 318-278-9071	Soiled Dove Doc Spudley Slick McClade	Florida Parsh Skeet and Gun Assoc. Deadwood Marshals Jackson Hole

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Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat	337-274-3625	Hellbender	South Lake Charles Gun Club
MA					
Danvers Desperados Harvard Ghost Riders	Middleton Harvard	As Scheduled As Scheduled	781-254-8041 978-456-6971	Pittsburg Mac Grazer	Danvers Fish & Game Club Harvard Sportsman's Club
MD					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers Eas'dern Shore Renegades Monocacy Irregulars Thurmont Rangers	Damascus Sudlersville Frederick Thurmont	4th Sat 1st Sat 2nd Tues 1st Sun	301-717-9672 302-378-7854 301-717-9672 240-285-7673	Chuckaroo Teton Tracy Chuckaroo Cash Caldwell	Izaak Walton League William T. Roe Memorial Range Monocacy Pistol Club Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
ME					
Beaver Creek Desperados Big Pine Bounty Hunters	Berwick Willmantic	As Scheduled As Scheduled	207-324-3117 207-876-4928	Rhino Jacks Ripley Scrounger	Sanford-Springvale Fish and Game Big Pine Gun Club Inc
MI					
Eagleville Cowboys Hidden Valley Cowboys Johnson Creek Regulators Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Wranglers Mason County Marshals River Bend Rangers Rocky River Regulators Rocky River Regulators Wild Bunch Saginaw Field & Stream Club Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club Wolverine Rangers	Central Lake Sturgis Plymouth Attica Scottsville Niles Utica Utica Saginaw Breckenridge Kimball	4th Sat 3rd Sun 4th Sat (Mar-Oct) Sun As Sch 4th Sat 2nd Sat 3rd Sun As Scheduled As Scheduled 3rd Sat (April-Oct) As Scheduled	231-676-0922 269-651-5197 734-812-5679 810-938-4412 231-343-2580 269-684-1782 248-709-5254 248-709-5254 989-585-3292 989-832-8426 248-528-0440	One Son of A Gun Saulk Valley Stubby Panhead Pete Horse Whisperer George Metis Two Gun Troll Paul Puma Terrebonne Bud Terrebonne Bud Katie Callahan Kid Al Fred R.J. Law	Eagleville Ranch St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club Western Wayne County Conservation Club Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Fin & Feathers Club of Mason County Bend of River Conservation Club Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Saginaw Field & Stream Gun Club Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club Blue Water Sportsman's Association
MN					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes Fort Belmont Regulators Granite City Gunslingers Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	Morristown Jackson Kimball Virginia	1st & 3rd Sat 2nd Sun 1st & 5th Sat 3rd Sat	612-701-9719 507-840-0883 320-979-1745 218-780-6797	D M Yankee Mule Town Jack Timber Jack Thompson Wagonmaster	Cedar Valley Vigilantes Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club Kimball Rod and Gun Club Virginia Rifle & Pistol Club
MO					
Bear Creek Volunteers Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch Butterfield Trail Cowboys Butterfield Trail Cowboys Wild Bunch Central Ozarks Western Shooters Gateway Shootist Society Gateway Shootist Society Wild Bunch Liberty Land and Cattle Company Mountain Oyster Gang Shoal Creek Shootists Southern Missouri Rangers The Ozark Posse	Walnut Shade Walnut Shade Walnut Shade Walnut Shade Walnut Shade Newburg Barnhart Barnhart Walnut Shade Higginville Joplin Marshfield Cassville	2nd Wkd 2nd Wkd 4th Wkd 4th Wkd 3rd Sun 3rd Sun 1st Sun 3rd Fri & Sat 1st Sun 3rd Sat 4th Wkd 1st Sat	417-501-1886 417-501-1886 417-759-9114 417-759-9114 573-486-2259 314-846-2904 314-846-2904 417-294-0239 660-909-6519 417-434-8169 573-374-8491 417-846-5142	Alice K. Grierson Alice K. Grierson Smokie Smokie Irish Jack Daniels Doc Slogun Doc Slogun Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton Schnickelfritz Two Knives Tom Flossie Tightwad Swede	Liberty Range Liberty Range Ozark Shooters Sports Complex Ozark Shooters Sports Complex Central Ozarks Pratical Shooters Range Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club Liberty Range Bear Creek Shooting Complex Lafayette Gun Club Shoal Creek Shootist Range Outlaw Range N/A
MS					
Gulf Coast Gunslingers Mississippi Peacemakers Mississippi River Rangers Natchez Sixgunners	Biloxi Mendenhall Byhalia Roxie	1st Sun 3rd Sat 4th & 5th Sat & 3rd Sun 1st Sat	228-860-0054 662-417-0250 662-851-4153 601-807-1513	Old Rebel Buck Bow Taska Jim Silky	Coast Rifle & Pistol Club Purgatory/Peacemaker Rabbit Ridge Ranch N/A
MT					
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society Bitterroot Buckaroos Black Horse Shootists Custer County Stranglers Gallatin Valley Regulators Honorable Road Agents Shooting Society Last Chance Handgunners Montana Territory Peacemakers Rocky Mountain Rangers	Augusta Hamilton Great Falls Miles City Logan Ennis Basin Billings Noxon	1st Sat/Sun & 4th Sat 1st Sat Wkd of 3rd Sun 3rd Sat 2nd Sat 1st Sat 3rd Sat 4th Sat 2nd Wkd	406-590-7192 406-531-4116 406-727-7625 406-232-0727 406-388-2902 406-640-1184 N/A 406-254-9414 406-847-0745	Picture Takn' Gal May B. Shecann J. E. B. Stuart Montana Hartshot El Hombre de Montana Rough Rider 45 N/A Lascivious Latigo Jocko	N/A Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Club Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex Custer Rod & Gun Club Manhattan Wildlife Association Bloated Carcass Hi Ore Sportsman's Range Billings Rod & Gun Club Noxon Rod and Gun Club
NC					
Buccaneer Range Regulators Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society Wild Bunch Carolina Single Action Shooting Society Cross Creek Cowboys Neuse River Regulators North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. Old Hickory Regulators Old North State Posse	Winnabow Creedmoore Creedmoore Ridgeway Wagram Hevelock Salisbury Rocky Mount Salisbury	2nd Sat 2nd Sat 4th Sat 2nd Sun 3rd Sat Every Sat As Scheduled 1st Sat 1st Sat	910-330-7179 919-791-9816 919-791-9816 336-627-7615 919-830-8054 252-726-3982 919-920-7819 252-908-0098 336-558-9032	Jefro J. M. Brown J. M. Brown Carolina's Longarm Gunrunner Joe One Eye Ray R. J. Gatling Wendover Kid Tracker Mike	Buccaneer Gun Club Sir Walter Gun Club Sir Walter Gun Club N/A Wagram Sportsmen's Association Sure Shot Gun Sports Sir Walter Shooting Services Old Hickory Gun Club, Inc. Rowan County Wildlife Association
ND					
Dakota RoughRiders Badlands Bandits Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers Trestle Valley Rangers	Moffit Belfield Enderlin Minot	As Scheduled 2nd Sun Last Sat 2nd Sat	701-471-2334 701-260-0347 701-793-4116 701-852-1697	Blake Stone Roughrider Ray Wild River Rose Doc Hell	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex Belfield Sportmens Club Sheyenne Valley Peacemakers Range Minot Rifle and Pistol
NE					
Columbus Rifle Club Eastern Nebraska Gun Club Platte Valley Gunslingers	Columbus Louisville Alda	As Scheduled 2nd Sun 3rd Sat	402-276-1391 712-323-8996 308-380-4682	Scruffy Skippy Flint Valdez Stirrup Trouble	Columbus Rifle Club Eastern Nebraska Gun Club Hearland Public Shooting Park
NH					
North-East Western Shooter, LLC Pemi Valley Peacemakers The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH LLC White Mountain Regulators	Pelham Holderness Dalton Candia	As Scheduled As Scheduled 3rd Wkd As Scheduled	603-772-5041 603-703-1355 603-444-6876 603-957-0377	Miss Delaney Belle Crystal Creek Chris Littleton S. Dalton Dead Head	Pelham Fish and Game Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club The Dalton Gang Shooting Range Kinnicumb Fish & Game
NJ					
Jackson Hole Gang Monmouth County Rangers Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Jackson Monmouth Oxford	4th Sun 2nd Sun 3rd Sun	908-872-7459 732-803-2430 973-219-9585	Dancin Angel Uth Tom Johnny Swan	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club Monmouth County Rifle & Pistol Club Shongum Sportsman Association
NM					
Angels and Outlaws Bighorn Vigilantes Buffalo Range Riders Buffalo Range Riders Mounted Chishum Cowboy Gun Club Chishum Cowboy Gun Club Wild Bunch Del Norte Diablos Gila Rangers High Desert Drifters Lincoln County Regulators	Clovis Edgewood Edgewood Edgewood Roswell Roswell Rio Rancho Mimbres Edgewood Ruidoso	2nd Sat 1st Sat 1st Sun 3rd Sat 1st Sun 1st Sat 4th Sat 2nd Wkd 2nd Sat 2nd Sat	575-799-9154 505-286-0830 505-832-6882 505-886-4049 575-626-9201 575-626-9201 505-672-1583 575-388-2531 505-550-9230 505-681-1377	Shadrac Northcutt German George Estancia Kid James Earl Dalton Two Bit Tammy Two Bit Tammy Chimayo Red Chico Cheech Texas Tiger Dirty Earl	Patriot Outdoors Club Founders Ranch Founders Ranch Founders Ranch High Lonesome High Lonesome Del Norte Gun Club Fowler Land and Cattle Company Founders Ranch Ruidoso Gun Club

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Los Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Edgewood	4th Sat	505-563-0545	J. Frank Norfleet	Founders Ranch
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Picacho Posse (Wild Bunch)	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	2nd Wed, 3rd & 4th Sat, 5th Sun	505-670-6347	Rooster B.	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades (Wild Bunch)	Albuquerque	3rd Sun	505-263-1181	Mica McGuire	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Vaqueros	Truth or Consequences	3rd Sun	575-744-5411	Dusty Star	Adobe Hills Shooting Range
Tres Rios Banditos	Farmington	4th Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation
Tres Rios Banditos Wild Bunch	Farmington	2nd Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vacquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation Shooting Range
NV					
Desert Desperados	Las Vegas	3rd Sun	702-419-7024	Nasty Nels	Desert Sportsman Rifle Club
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Wkd	702-328-4867	Creeker	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
High Plains Drifters	Fernley	1st Sun	775-530-3935	Jasper Agate	Fernley Hills Shooting Range
Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Las Vegas	2nd Wknd	702-460-6393	MT Fargo	Clark County Shooting Range
Roop County Cowboy Shooters Assoc.	Fernley	2nd Sun	775-849-7679	Jasper Agate	Reno Fernley Tahoe Speedway
Silver State Shootists	Carson City	3rd Sun	775-586-9178	Tahoe Bill	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
NY					
Alabama Gunslingers	Alabama	1st Sat	716-693-3237	Nickel City Dude	Alabama Hunt Club
Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	315-247-7244	Badlands Buck	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	845-782-0760	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-588-0312	Smokehouse Dan	Kayaderosseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders (Wild Bunch)	Ballston Spa	As Scheduled	518-584-9869	Roy Cassidy	Kayaderosseras Fish and Game Club
East End Regulators	Westhampton	First Sun	631-921-6753	Waco Johnny Lane	Pine Barrons
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	3rd Sat	631-864-1035	El Fusilero	Calverton Shooting Range
Mythical Rough Riders	Blasdell	5th Sun	716-838-4286	Rev Dave Clayton	Blasdell Rod and Gun Club
Oxford Regulators	Oxford	2nd Sun	607-859-2677	Doc Hostetler	Oxford Rod and Gun Club
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Watertown	4th Sun	315-465-6543	Ranger Clayton Conagher	Sackets Harbor Sportsmans Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-467-4429	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Oneida	1st Sat	604-760-5746	Dusty Drifter	Tioga County Sportsman's Association
OH					
Auglaize Rough Riders	Defiance	3rd Sun	419-258-6483	Bear River Smith	Auglaize Village Muzzle Loaders
Big Iron Rangers	Middletown	2nd Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsman's Club
Blackhand Raiders	Nashport	2nd Sun	740-964-0476	Olde Mill Bill	Dillon Sportsman Center
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-863-1139	Sandy Creek Jake	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-563-6034	Stagecoach Hannah	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	419-651-4312	Lefty Lobo Lee	Rochester Rod Range
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun (Mar-Nov)	937-418-7816	Buckshot Jones	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	N/A	N/A	Middleton Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-599-0721	Slow Movin Ron	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	734-241-7933	P K Paladin	Sandusky County Sportsmans Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Piketon	3rd & 5th Sun	740-412-0625	Col Caleb Boone	Arko Gulch-Arkoe Outdoors, LLC
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	330-719-5078	Shenango Joe	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
Stonelick Regulators	Batavia	As Scheduled	513-307-7705	Lindy Longshot	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Stonelick Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Milford	As Scheduled	513-891-3420	Longshot Ace	Miami Rifle and Pistol Club
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-932-7630	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club, Inc.
Wild Wild West Point Cowboy Action Shooting	Lisbon	2nd Sun (Apr-Nov)	330-386-6975	Blue Eyed Bob	West Point Rod & Gun Club
OK					
Cherokee Strip Shootists	Stillwater	1st Sat	405-641-3796	Numa	Stillwater Rifle & Pistol Club
Cherokee Strip Shootists Wild Bunch	Stillwater	1st Sat	405-880-0499	Paladenton	Stillwater Rifle & Pistol Club
Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Sand Springs	2nd & 5th Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Wed	918-830-2936	Burly Bill	Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	1st & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals Wild Bunch	Arcadia	2nd Sun	405-694-5270	Hondo Tweed	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Rattlesnake Mountain Rangers	Checotah	1st & 4th Sat	918-908-0016	Black River Jack	Muskogee Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Wknd	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	405-640-5650	Oklahoma Spuds	N/A
Tater Hill Regulators	Coweta	3rd & 5th Sun	918-622-3630	Tulsey	Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club
Tulsey Town Cattlemen's Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club
OR					
Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st & 3rd Sun	541-848-2819	Cactus John	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Horse Ridge Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Bend	3rd Sat	541-848-2819	Cactus John	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Klamath Cowboys	Keno	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	541-884-2611	Jasper Wayne	Bill Scholtes Sportsman Park
Merlin Marauders	Grants Pass	1st Sat	541-218-3137	Long Henry Thompson	Josephine County Sportsman's Association
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod & Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	TBD	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-619-7381	Tuffy Tumbleweed	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Millican	2nd & 4th Sun	541-350-3339	Stargazer Sal	COSSA
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	Eagle Point	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-944-2281	Jed I. Knight	Jackson County Sports Park
PA					
Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-234-2893	Duncan Disorderly	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-695-7064	Colorado Smith	Hollidaysburg Sportman Club
Delaware Drifters	Muncy	As Scheduled	570-506-0658	Fort Benning John	Keystone Sportsmen Association
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th Sun	570-538-9163	Black Hills Barb	Muncy Valley
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	610-939-9947	Truity Sidekick	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logans Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	412-607-5313	Mariah Kid	Logans Ferry Sportsmens Club
Mainville Marauders	Mainville	2nd Sun	570-690-3932	Dodge Bill	Mainville Sportsman's Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Ickesburg	1st Sat	717-606-5652	Slim Chance Pistolero	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Assoc.
River Junction Shootist Society	Acme	3rd Sat	724-593-6602	Mattie Hays	Indian Creek Sportman's Club
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sat	610-913-1992	Biloxi Bob	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club
Westshore Posse	Lewisberry	2nd Sun	410-984-2249	Hud McCoy	West Shore Sportsmens Assoc.
RI					
Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	3rd Sun	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pine Tree Gun Club
SC					
Benton Bushwhackers	Benton	2nd Sat	864-760-9366	Pants A'Fire Meyer	Benton Gun Club
Geechee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-863-0649	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-414-5578	Cowboy Junky	Greenville Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters (Wild Bunch)	Greenville	5th Sun	864-414-1968	Hondo Jackson	Greenville Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	843-249-3599	Arizona Mahoney	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-422-5587	Dun Gamblin	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
SD					
Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	605-342-8946	Hawkbill Smith	Pringle Shooting Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	2nd Sun	605-881-7929	J. D. Henry	Cottonwood Cowboy Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulkton	4th Sun	605-252-8403	O'Town Kid	Faulk County Trap Club

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TN					
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st Sat & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A
Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st Sat	423-360-7494	Shamrock Paddy	N/A
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Memphis Gunslingers Wild Bunch	Lakeland	3rd Sat	901-867-8277	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-476-5303	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-314-0321	Keystone	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Wartrace	3rd Sat	931-723-7896	Papa Dave	N/A
TX					
Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	3rd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-668-1473	Lil McGill	Abilene Gun Club
Canadian River Regulators	Clarendon	2nd, 3rd & 5th Sat	816-335-9915	Hipshot Percussion	Bar H Dude Ranch
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-0860	Tumbleweed Dan	Timberline Ranch
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	Cleburne	4th Wkd	817-980-7206	Shady McLarry	Ormsby Ranch
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Darby Rough Regulators	West Point	2nd & 5th Sat	979-561-6202	Cherokee Granny	Van Wart Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	254-449-0082	Reckon	Joma Enterprises LLC
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	3rd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	N/A
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd Wkd	817-905-3122	Rock Rotten	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Wkd	214-384-3975	Denton Dancer	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	903-720-7270	Bent Barrel Betty	Old Fort Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Sat	512-626-8189	Dragon Hill Dave	Agarita Ranch
Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders	Slaton	4th Sat	806-777-6182	Armed to the Teeth	Rustic Range
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	2nd Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistolaros	San Antonio	1st & 3rd Sat	210-310-9090	Bexar Bill Brocius	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-275-5424	Barb Steele	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	979-479-4380	Catfish Doyle	Brune Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistolaros	George West	2nd Sat	361-937-4845	Stinkin' Badger	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Sat & Sun	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Top Gun Texas
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsville	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Amarillo	1st Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Tumbleweed Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	210-378-6966	Judge GeePee	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Texican Rangers (Wild Bunch)	Comfort	5th Sat as Scheduled	210-378-6966	Judge GeePee	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	1st Wkd	281-785-2397	Osage Mike	N/A
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Wknd	979-696-1300	Def Willie	Thomason Ranch
UT					
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-820-0076	Ruby Jane Cassidy	North Spring Shooting Range
Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	2nd Sat	801-971-8555	Ace High Bill	WASR "Big Salty"
Deseret Historical Shootist Society	Kaysville	2nd Sat	801-201-0700	Ruckus Rick	Wahsatch Shooter's Association
Dixie Desperados/Senior Games	Hurricane	2nd &4th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Red Rock
Hobble Creek Wranglers	Springville	2nd Sat	801-787-5208	Stoneface Daguerrean	Garth Kilpack Shooting Range
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	2nd Sat	435-979-4665	Copper Queen	Mesa Marauders Gun Club
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	435-840-5193	Rusty Razor	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd & 5th Sat	801-518-3374	Jubal O. Sackett	WASR "Big Salty"
Wahsatch Desperados	Kaysville	4th Sat	801-940-9742	Sly Steadyhand	Wahsatch Shooters Association
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	435-224-2321	Old Fashioned	WASR "Big Salty"
Wasatch Summit Regulators (Wild Bunch)	Salt Lake City	5th Sat	435-224-2321	Old Fashioned	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
VA					
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	504-520-5862	Mad Dog Irv	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-339-8442	Striker	Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club
KC's Corral Cowboy Shooting Association	Mechanicsville	3rd Sat	804-382-3407	Bucksaw Bob	Black Creek Gun Club
Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sun	434-942-7369	Thunder Colt	Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shackelford	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-339-8442	Striker	West Point Gun Club
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	King George	4th Sun	540-775-7213	Justice Deadly	Northern Virginia Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-471-3396	Missouri Marshal	Sussex Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	434-286-6949	Dunderberg Drifter	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
Virginia City Marshals	Fairfax	1st Tues	703-801-3507	Humphrey Hook	NRA Headquarters Range
VT					
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	St. Johnsbury	As Scheduled	802-223-7746	Buckskin Ranger	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
WA					
Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat	509-884-3827	First Chance	North Central Washington Gun Club
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Quincy	Last Sun	509-787-1782	An E. Di	Quincy American Legion Gun Club
Black River Regulators	Rochester	4th Sat	360-786-0199	Short Schatz	Capital City Rifle & Pistol Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-352-1393	Diablo Dalton	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-684-4476	Granny Gunsmoke	Ricochet Junction
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	Port Townsend	3rd Sat	360-461-6927	Jose Cuervo	Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association
Pataha Rustlers	Dayton	2nd Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	Patit Range
Poulbo Pistoleros	Poulsbo	4th Sun	360-830-0100	Sourdough George	Poulbo Sportsman's Club
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	4th Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shootin' Association
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-271-9286	Jess Ducky	Renton Fish & Game Club
Smoky Point Desperados	Arlington	2nd Sun	425-335-5176	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	503-703-2313	Stumpstown Kid	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club
Yakima Black Rock Bunch	Moxee	2nd Sat	509-576-0866	Hondo Red	Sun Valley Shooting Park
WI					
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Sun	815-675-2566	Huckleberry	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Waupaca	2nd Sat or as Scheduled	920-913-1615	Polish Pistolero	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhinelander	2nd Sat	715-493-0152	Singleshot Virgil	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-966-6035	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat	608-931-4821	Stoney Mike	Beloit Rifle Club
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Coyote	Holmen Rod & Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootist, Inc	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	715-790-9959	Colonel Carbine	WOWS Station
WV					
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sun Mar to Oct	540-428-1805	Arizona Anzie	Singing Hills Ranch
Kanawha Valley Regulators	Eleanor	2nd Sat	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Gun Club
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st Sun	304-327-9884	Coffee Bean	Dawn Sportsmen Club
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnum County Gun Club
Henderson Wilds Justice League	Williamstown	3rd Sat	740-516-6624	Thaddeus Jones	Henderson Wilds
WY					
Bessemer Vigilance Committee	Casper	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	307-267-1155	Smokewagon Bill	Stuckenhoff Sport Shooters Complex
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-5567	Daze Bristol	Otto Road Shooting Range
Cheyenne Regulators	Cheyenne	1st Sat	307-637-6974	Wild Horse John	Otto Road Shooting Range
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Donkey Creek Shootists	Gillette	4th Sun	307-686-7519	Wyoming Gus	Milney Valley Range
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-320-7250	Slingin' Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex
High Lonesome Drifters	Cody	2nd Sat	307-587-2946	Joe Cross	Cody Shooting Complex

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CANADA							
Showdown in the Valley	Aug 5-6, 2017	Kananaskis Kid	250-923-6358	brianslater15@shaw.ca	Courtenay	BC	www.valleyregulators.com
SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Shootout at Bounty Gulch	Aug 9-12, 2017	Grey Beard	306-749-2822	chuckm@sasktel.net	Saskatoon	SK	www.sawws.com
Headquarters Shootout in the Canadian West Salmonella Gulch	Aug 25-27, 2017	Black Ashley	250-744-4705	ash_man@shaw.ca	Victoria	BC	www.vfgpa.org/shooting/frontier-shootists/
USA							
Showdown at Purgatory	Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2017	Diamond Lilly	601-594-7992	marty@coffeenewsjackson.com	Mendenhall	MS	www.mississippipeacemakers.com/
SASS North Carolina State Black Powder Championship The Big Iron Showdown	Apr 1, 2017	Layden Payde	704-785-6096	layden22953@attel.net	Salisbury	NC	WWW.ONSPUS
SASS Alabama State Blackpowder Championship Bama Red's Last Ride	Apr 2, 2017	Marshal T. K. D.	256-262-4545	gofftd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	www.northalabamaregulators.com
Land Run	Apr 6-8, 2017	Missouri Mae	405-373-1472	missourimae@gmail.com	Oklahoma City	OK	cowboy.okcgunclub.org/
SASS Texas State Championship Comancheria Days	Apr 6-9, 2017	Judge GeePee	210-378-6966	judgegepee@gvtc.com	Comfort	TX	www.texianrangers.org
Gunfight at the Double C	Apr 8-9, 2017	Striker	804-339-8442	les.lilige@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	www.cavaliercowboys.org
Shootout at Fort Miller	Apr 13-15, 2017	Snakebite	559-787-2943	snakebite4767@yahoo.com	Clovis	CA	www.kingsriverregulators.com
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	Apr 20-23, 2017	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
SASS Washington State Blackpowder Championship Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	Apr 21-23, 2017	Crisco	509-521-9628	m.ensminger@frontier.com	Benton City	WA	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
Showdown at Rattlesnake Mountain	Apr 22-23, 2017	Ricochet Robbie	509-628-0889	ricochetrobbie@rattlesnakegulch.com	Benton City	WA	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
SASS Western Territorial Wild Bunch Championship	Apr 24-26, 2017	B. T. Blade	949-677-7926	bbugland@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Legends	Apr 24-29, 2017	B. T. Blade	435-635-0258	bbugland@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS California State Championship	Apr 27-30, 2017	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
SASS Illinois State Wild Bunch Championship	Apr 29-30, 2017	Back Forty	618-663-7423	back.40@earthlink.net	Sparta	IL	www.kaskaskiacowboys.com/
SASS New York State Wild Bunch Championship Muster At Fort Misery	Apr 29-30, 2017	Roy Cassidy	518-584-9869	roycassidy1911@yahoo.com	Ballston Spa	NY	www.circlekregulators.com
SASS MidEast Territorial Black Powder Championship Smoke in the Woods	Apr 29-30, 2017	Lassiter	937-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	www.bigirons.com
The Great Spaghetti Western	May 5-7, 2017	Hairtrigger Hayes	972-658-4347	hairtriggerhayes@texas10horns.org	Leonard	TX	www.texas10horns.org/ClubLeadership.html
SASS Kansas State Black Powder Championship Siege at Clarks' Station	May 5-7, 2017	Flinthills Dawg	785-479-0416	dawgpownd@eaglecom.net	Chapman	KS	www.butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Delaware State Championship Ea'dern Shore Round-Up	May 5-7, 2017	Teton Tracy	302-378-7854	tetontk@yahoo.com	Sudlersville	MD	www.dsarange.com/
Ambush at Ricochet Junction	May 6-7, 2017	A. T. McGee	509-684-2325	donaldlindacleave@gmail.com	Colville	WA	www.newregulators.com/
Middle of the Road	May 6-7, 2017	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gepdaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	www.idahocowboyaction.org/ica/
The Best Shoot by a Damn Site 2017	May 6-7, 2017	Creeker	702-328-4867	sass43022creeker@aol.com	Boulder City	NV	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Georgia State Black Powder Championship Smokeout at South River	May 18, 2017	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	www.srscowboy.com
SASS Georgia State Championship Stampede at South River	May 18-20, 2017	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	www.southrivergunclub.com/
Battle of Rogue River	May 19-21, 2017	Long Henry Thompson	541-218-3197	long.henry.18117@gmail.com	Grants Pass	OR	www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com
Southeastern New Mexico Shootout	May 19-21, 2017	Curly Bill Jones	575-392-5017	mattray1220@yahoo.com	Hobbs	NM	www.msbushwackers.com
SASS West Virginia State Black Powder Championship Smoke over Buffalo Flats, X	May 20-21, 2017	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	ecclark@suudenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	www.kanawhavalleyregulators.com
SASS Utah State Black Powder Shootout Castle Gate Smudge Match	May 20, 2017	Fargo Kid	435-650-6544	fargokid@emerytelcom.net	Price	UT	www.thecastlegateposse.net/
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	May 20-21, 2017	Marshal Stone	907-373-0140	walling@mtaonline.net	Birchwood	AK	www.alaska49ers.pistolshooting.com
SASS Texas State Blackpowder Championship The Fort Goes Black	May 20-21, 2017	Kow Katcher	903-219-2862	kowkatcher@gmail.com	Groesbeck	TX	www.oldfortparkerpatriots.com/
2nd Annual Lazy Arrow ShootOut	May 25-28, 2017	Roger Rapid	805-801-8750	siminoff@siminoff.net	Santa Margarita	CA	www.prvcatlazarrow.com
High Sierra Shootout	May 25-28, 2017	Marlin Schofield	530-265-9213	grantr@hughes.net	Rail Road Flat	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com
SASS Mississippi State Championship Smokin'Guns at Rabbit Ridge	May 26-28, 2017	Deuce McCall	901-833-1316	RNDuke@bellsouth.net	Byhalia	MS	www.MississippiRiverRangers.com
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	May 26-28, 2017	Black Hills Barb	570-538-9163	basnyde1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	www.elpossegrande.com
End of Road	May 26-28, 2017	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missy@idahocas.com	Jerome	ID	www.idahocas.com
SASS Ohio State Championship Shootout at Hard Times	May 26-28, 2017	Mean Gun Mark	937-219-4376	mak21122000@earthlink.net	Piqua	OH	www.miamivalleycowboys.org
SASS Iowa State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	May 26-28, 2017	Tuco	515-988-2301	tucold@msn.com	Indianola	IA	www.fortdesmoinesrangers.com
Where the Old West Stayed Young	May 27-28, 2017	Sagebrush Burns	970-208-3196	270burns@gmail.com	Craig	CO	www.bearssars.org
May Mayhem	May 27-28, 2017	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com/
SASS Utah State Championship Utah War	Jun 1-3, 2017	Jubal O. Sackett	801-518-3374	sackett@utahwar.com	Salt Lake City	UT	www.utahwar.com
The Plainfield Incident	Jun 2-4, 2017	Bangor Brink	530-679-2321	bangorbrink@gmail.com	Davis	CA	rivercityregulators.org/
SASS MA, CT, and RI State Championship	Jun 2-4, 2017	Yankee	781-383-9799	yankeesass26@gmail.com	Harvard	MA	www.harvardghostriders.com
SASS Nebraska State Championship	Jun 2-4, 2017	Scruffy Skippy	402-276-1391	fricke_roofing@hotmail.com	Columbus	NE	www.columbusrifelclubcowboys.weebly.com/
Prince of the Pistoleers	Jun 8-10, 2017	K. C. Ranger	816-453-0156	kc.ranger.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Colorado State Championship	Jun 8-10, 2017	Colorado Blackjack	970-260-5432	coloradoblackjack@hotmail.com	Whitewater	CO	www.tmscba.com
SASS Oklahoma State Wild Bunch Championship	Jun 10-11, 2017	Hondo Tweed	405-694-5270	hondotweed@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	cowboy.okcgunclub.org
SASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END of TRAIL	Jun 15-25, 2017	SASS Office	505-843-1320	Sass@sassnet.com	Founders Ranch	NM	www.sassnet.com
SASS North Dakota and South Dakota State Championship Peace in the Valley	Jun 15-18, 2017	Wild River Rose	701-793-4116	wildriverrose5@aol.com	Enderlin	ND	www.shewyennevalleypeacekeepers.com
Revenge of Montezuma	Jun 16-18, 2017	Piedra Kidd	970-799-1133	piedrakidd01@beyondbb.com	Cortez	CO	www.windygapregulators.com
SASS Wyoming State Championship Hell on Wheels	Jun 16-18, 2017	Assassin	307-287-6733	chrshrdyh@aol.com	Cheyenne	WY	www.bordervigilantes.com
Ridin' the Trail with BTR	Jun 17-18, 2017	Lil McGill	325-668-1473	cwbplace@suudenlink.net	Anson	TX	www.btrsass.com/
Women's Wild West Shoot	Jun 17, 2017	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com/
SASS Virginia State Blackpowder Championship Smoke on the Mattaponi X	Jun 24, 2017	Striker	804-339-8442	les.lilige@gmail.com	West Point	VA	www.westpointgunclub.com

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SASS Wisconsin State Black Powder Shootout Smoke in the Hills	Jun 24-25, 2017	Tracker Jack Daniels	715-643-2011	trackerjackd@yahoo.com	Glenwood City	WI	www.wowsinc.org
SASS Alaska Territorial Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	Jun 30-Jul 2, 2017	Marshal Stone	907-373-0140	walling@mtaonline.net	Anchorage	AK	www.alaskacowboyshooting.com
SASS Alaska State Championship Chatanika Shootout	Jul 7-9, 2017	Sweet Caroline	907-456-3583	jandcholz@hotmail.com	Fairbanks	AK	www.ghsfairbanks.org
Shootout On the Sun River	Jul 7-9, 2017	Gooch Hill Drifter	406-763-4268	ardeberm@gmail.com	Augusta	MT	www.sunriverrangers.weebly.com
SASS Minnesota State Championship North Star Showdown	Jul 7-9, 2017	Timber Jack Thompson	320-979-1745	dloesq@yahoo.com	Kimball	MN	www.gcgunslingers.com/
SASS New Hampshire State Championship Fracas at Pemi Gulch	Jul 7-9, 2017	Dakota Joe	603-620-5001	dakota814@msn.com	Holderness	NH	www.pemipeacekeepers.com/
Shootin' for the Brand	Jul 7-9, 2017	Calamity Di Bar	580-847-2210	dibartoma@me.com	Albany	OK	n/a
Renegade Shootout	Jul 8-9, 2017	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gedaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	www.idahocowboyaction.org/ica/
Black Gold Shootout	Jul 13-15, 2017	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	jeromejarvis61@gmail.com	Manchester	KY	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS Montana State Championship Battle at Black Horse	Jul 14-16, 2017	Jeb's Lady	406-727-7625	dljfaf@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL The Great Nor'easter	Jul 20-23, 2017	Preacher Ben Pray'n	401-651-5827	Heath53@cox.net	Pelham	NH	www.thegreatnor'easter.com/
SASS Missouri State Wild Bunch Championship Outlaw Range Mid-Summer Shootout	Jul 21-22, 2017	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS Missouri State Blackpowder Championship Outlaw Range Mid-Summer Shootout	Jul 22, 2017	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS Washington State Championship Westmatch	Aug 3-6, 2017	Margarita Villain	206-979-7495	dsrbtloys@aol.com	Renton	WA	www.rucascowboys.com/
Ambush on the Prairie	Aug 4-6, 2017	Ranger Mathias Fischels	319-235-3300	ted.simons@mchsi.com	Elk Run Heights	IA	www.turkeyfoot.org
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Chorro Valley Shootout	Aug 9-13, 2017	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgarripee@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	www.chorovalleyregulators.org/
SASS MIDEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Guns of August	Aug 10-14, 2017	Deadwood Stan	513-894-3500	jswanner@cinci.rr.com	Middletown	OH	www.bigirons.com
SASS Idaho State Championship Magic in the Valley	Aug 10-13, 2017	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missy@idahocas.com	Jerome	ID	www.idahocas.com/
SASS Vermont State Championship Green Mountain Mayhem	Aug 11-13, 2017	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmavt.net	St. Johnsbury	VT	www.vtcowboys.com
Shootout at Pawnee Station	Aug 18-20, 2017	TriggerHappy Ted	970-667-0734	cowboytsk@ipbroadband.net	Nunn	CO	www.pawneestation.com
SASS Kentucky State Championship Hooten Holler Round-Up	Aug 25-27, 2017	Double Eagle Dave	423-309-4146	doubleeagle3@hotmail.com	McKee	KY	www.hootenoldtown.com/
SASS New Mexico State Wild Bunch Championship	Aug 26-27, 2017	Boggus Deal	505-506-5783	tboogus@hotmail.com	Edgewood	NM	www.lospistoleros.org/
SASS Alabama State Championship Ambush At Cavern Cove	Sep 1-3, 2017	Marshal T. K. D.	256-262-4545	gofftkd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	www.northalabamaregulators.com
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	Sep 1-3, 2017	Deuce Stevens	616-890-6657	deucestevens45@yahoo.com	Kimball	MI	www.wolverinerangers.org
RoughRider Roundup	Sep 1-3, 2017	Rod-Iron-Rip	701-223-3085	ripsroast@bis.midco.net	Moffit	ND	www.dakotaroughriders.com
SASS Arkansas State Championship	Sep 1-3, 2017	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	mvvcowboys@yahoo.com	Hot Springs	AR	www.mvsonline.com
SASS Virginia State Championship Star City Shootout at Bend of Trail	Sep 1-3, 2017	Mad Dog Irv	504-520-5862	danzanddogs@gmail.com	Hardy	VA	www.bendoftrail.com
SASS Oregon State Wild Bunch Championship	Sep 1-3, 2017	Texas Jack Morales	541-420-3955	guntraders@gmail.com	Bend	OR	www.hrp-sass.com/
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship Uprising at Monticello	Sep 2-3, 2017	Tucker McNeely	402-274-8832	tuckermcneely9111@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Indiana/Illinois State Championship	Sep 8-10, 2017	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	c.ebersole@yahoo.com	Etna Green	IN	www.paradisepassregulators.com/
Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	Sep 8-10, 2017	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	www.briggsdalecountyshootists.com
SASS Maine State Championship	Sep 8-10, 2017	Matchlock	603-512-6292	gdrew629@excite.com	Berwick	ME	www.ssfga.com
Northwest Territorial Shoot	Sep 9-10, 2017	Gem Hunter	208-466-0061	gedaisy@msn.com	Boise	ID	www.idahocowboyaction.org/ica/
SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunsmoke	Sep 12-16, 2017	Bronco Kate	507-269-2230	broncokate45@gmail.com	Morristown	MN	www.cedarvalleyvigilantes.com
SASS Oklahoma State Championship Ruckus in the Nations	Sep 14-17, 2017	Creek County Kid	918-370-0781	stockstill.gunshop918@yahoo.com	Sand Springs	OK	www.itsass.net
SASS New York State Championship Heluva Rukus	Sep 15-17, 2017	Maurice "Mo" Lasses	518-762-9190	donadler@hotmail.com	Ballston Spa	NY	www.circlekregulators.com/
SASS Four Corners Territorial Black Powder Shootout	Sep 15-16, 2017	Fargo Kid	435-650-6544	fargokid@emerytelcom.net	Price	UT	www.thecastlegateposse.com
SASS Missouri State Championship Show-Me Shootout	Sep 21-24, 2017	Two Shot Hoss	417-839-8325	twoshothoss@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	www.so-mo-rangers.com/
Rampage	Sep 22-23, 2017	Howlin Wolf	719-510-7307	wolpow@msn.com	Fruit Heights	UT	www.wahsatchdesperadoes.com/
SASS West Virginia State Championship Appalachian Showdown	Sep 22-24, 2017	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Burlington	WV	www.wvcass.org
Fall Roundup	Sep 22-24, 2017	Shamrock Sis	563-340-8288	sisandta@gmail.com	Milan	IL	www.shadycreekshootists.com
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Badger Mountain Thunder N' Brimstone	Sep 27-Oct 1, 2017	First Chance	509-667-9377	originalchancey@yahoo.com	East Wenatchee	WA	www.applevalleymarshalls.com
Comin' At Cha	Sep 27-30, 2017	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	tbonedooley@aol.com	English	TX	www.badlandsbar3.com
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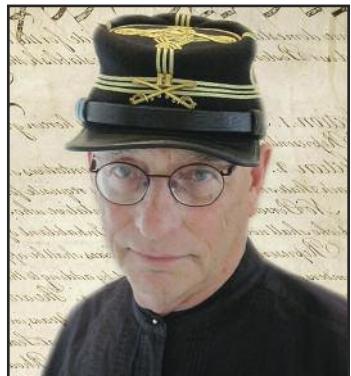
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Shall Not Be Infringed

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**Colonel Dan, SASS Life/
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The book cover features a large, ornate scroll at the top left. The main title, "Shall Not Be Infringed", is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center. Below it, the subtitle "THE NEW ASSAULTS ON YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT" is written in a smaller, dark font. At the bottom, the authors' names, "David A. Keene and Thomas L. Mason", are written in a script font.

The book by **David A Keene** (past president of the NRA, former Chairman of the American Conservative Union and columnist), along with **Thomas L. Mason** (attorney, Oregon House of Representatives, associate professor at Portland State University and author), is a very educational, enlightening read.

Keene and Mason provide an in-depth, well researched encapsulation of historical events which have impacted gun owners everywhere, shaping our gun laws and the Second Amendment into what we have today. In short, it links “isolated” events and actions, tying them together thus giving the reader a clear view of how we got from the original “...shall not be infringed” to the more than 20,000 infringements with which we are forced to live today.

Not only do they outline America’s internal political push for increasingly restrictive gun control, but they clearly show how the push for global governance and international actions have and will continue to tighten the noose around our Sec-

Shall Not Be Infringed . . .

ond Amendment. They particularly illustrate the dangers imposed by the UN Arms Trade Treaty if America signs on to it, surrendering yet more of our sovereignty to international governments. They go into detail regarding this dangerous treaty, which former President Obama called an “agreement” in a feeble attempt to circumvent the treaty clause of the Constitution, thus sidestepping the required Senate approval for all such treaties. They also outline Obama’s and Clinton’s roles on the world scene in this regard and tie in the relationship to the Benghazi fiasco.

Keene and Mason not only point out the dangers of such glacial international movements and the pressures placed on America to comply, but provide a good recounting of the on-going NRA actions designed to thwart such freedom-robbing initiatives and thus preserve, protect, and defend everyone’s Second Amendment rights.

They conclude by summarizing their thoughts and recommendations in answering the universal question of “what can I do?” Keene and Mason provide nine common sense actions all of us can take that will strengthen our position and aid significantly in the fight to preserve, protect, and defend America’s cherished right to keep and bear arms... not only for us, but for generations yet unborn.

In summary, *Shall Not Be Infringed* is a truly enlightening “connection of the dots.” It is intended to be historically factual, educational, and revealing while providing effective actions gun owners (in fact all patriots) can take to join in the fray for the preservation of freedom built on a solid foundation of American constitutionalism. I highly recommend this work to all in the SASS family and encourage each to share it with as many others as possible. 

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