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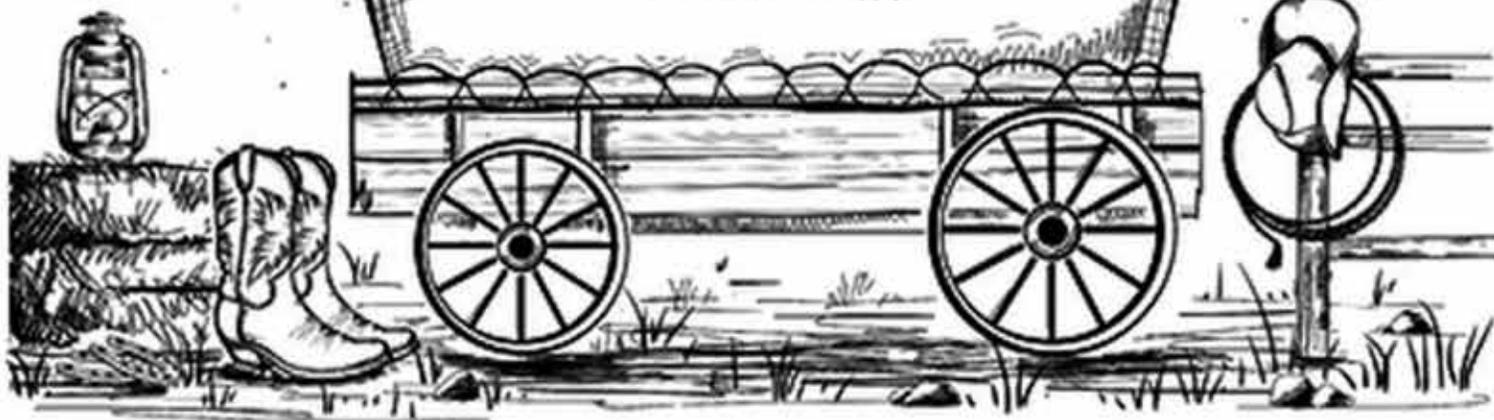
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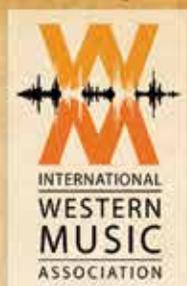
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DRAGON HILL DAVE (SASS #59561) POSES IN FRONT OF THE RIVERBOAT STAGE FRONT — BEFORE 80-MILE-PER-HOUR WINDS TOOK IT DOWN.

## **COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END OF TRAIL 2025**

BY RUBY RUTHLESS, SASS #105922

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**W**hilst one drives through the desert of Arizona and surveys the vast landscape, it is hard not to wonder who once rode through those mesas and what trials took place along the wagon trains. Arizona is full of a rich

and vibrant history, plenty of cactus, dust, and of course... Cowboys.

As the end of February approached, more than 650 Cowboys began to congregate at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona for the SASS

World Championship of Cowboy & Wild Bunch Action Shooting — END of TRAIL. This pilgrimage of SASS Cowboys is something one must see in person to truly understand. The Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders



WIND GUSTS NEARLY TOOK DOWN TWO OTHER STAGE FRONTS UNTIL TRACTORS WERE BROUGHT IN TO SHORE THEM UP. POSSE MARSHAL KID RICKY BOBBY (SASS #66389) DEALS WITH ONE WHILE READING THE STAGE DESCRIPTION.



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and their countless volunteers, known as Rangers, transform Ben Avery into a Cowboy haven. Countless hours of hard work, planning, and preparation all culminate for this one week of competition amongst our SASS Family. Thank you to the Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders for putting on an event that Cowboys and Cowgirls alike can come to enjoy, compete and maybe even get a complementary dust spa treatment.

The cool desert air began to warm and the sun rose across the range on February 24 as the Wild Bunch Action Shooting World Championship kicked off with 141 competitors, followed by two days filled with the Wild Bunch Opening Ceremonies, the WBAS Main Match, and culminated with the Top Gun Shoot Off and Awards. A big congratulations to the Ladies Wild Bunch World Champion, Holy Terror (SASS #15362), and the Men's Wild Bunch World Champion, Skrap P (SASS #105726). We look forward to seeing you all next year!

As the Wild Bunch match wound down, the work for the Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders was far from over. Even as Wild Bunch awards were taking place, many of the volunteers were out on the range getting ready for what was to come next, the Cowboy Action Shooting World Championship. Wednesday morning came into view as a flurry of competitors began to arrive and ready for what fun the day was to bring. Some might say the range was even busier than the streets of an old west town coming to life as Cowboys and Cowgirls started their days, shops opened for business, and the saloon occupants headed home after a ruckus of a night.

In this case, the shops that began to open were the Vendors throughout Sutler's Row. This year 35 vendors attended END of TRAIL and gave us Cowboys and Cowgirls lots to see and even more to buy. The sunny Arizona Wednesday was filled with warm ups for the Cowboy competitors, speed events, long range events, the Plainsman event, and the Opening Ceremonies. The day flew by as it does when one is having fun and before you could blink, Opening Ceremonies were about to begin. Rattlesnake Slim (SASS #91827) began

the Cowboy Action Opening Ceremonies with a warm welcome to all the competitors, a big thank you to all match sponsors (23 to be exact!), volunteers, and the introduction of the Match Director Red River Wrangler (SASS #52503) and Co-Match Director Serenity (SASS #64982), followed by a beautiful invocation given by Lash Toru (SASS #85004). Turquoise Bill (SASS #39118), was recognized for his many years of service as a Rough Rider and his retirement was announced.

This year 11 countries were represented at END of TRAIL from across the world, including Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Germany, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, and the United States. Yes, you read the right, for the first time in EOT history, Mexico was represented by Adelita (SASS #113569), confirmed by Tex (SASS #4) during the ceremony. As a collective, SASS members traveled more than 732,000 miles and sent around 311,000 rounds down range. The presentation of Flags is a big part of the opening ceremonies and it is truly moving to witness the pride that each competitor has in carrying their country's flag. As the American flag was presented, Thin Mint (SASS #112898) sang a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem and a thunderous swell of clapping and yee-haws erupted as she sang the final notes.

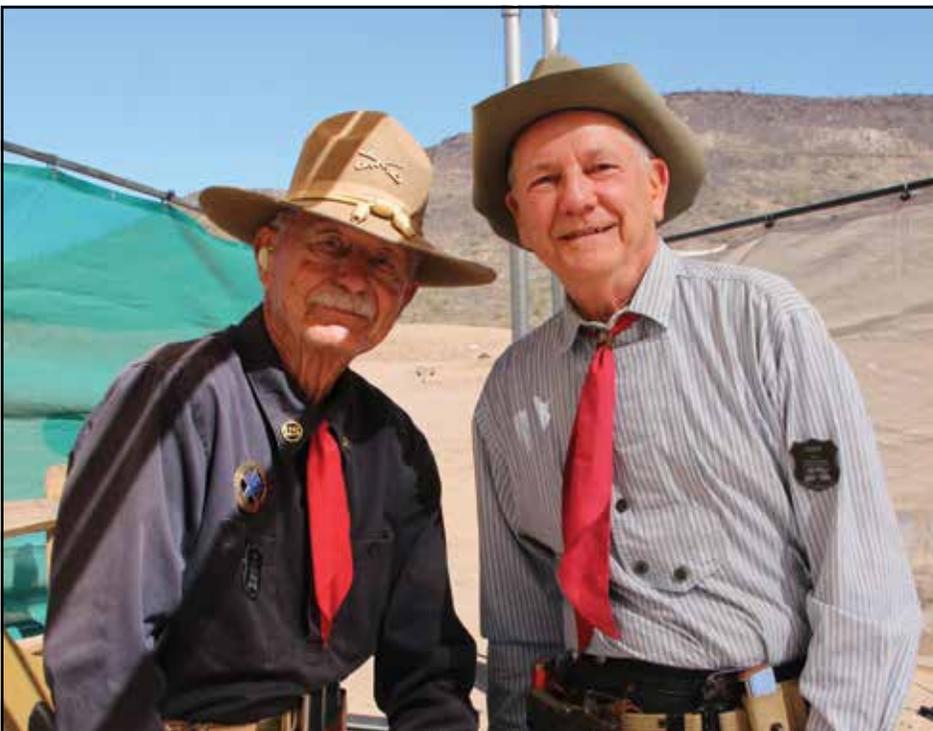
The announcement of the 2025 class of Regulators was presented by SASS CEO Misty Moonshine (SASS #83232). This honor is one that is not taken lightly as it represents the true personification of the Cowboy Way and those awarded with this honor are shining examples of what is meant by the Spirit of the Game. Congratulations to the 2025 class of Regulators, you have most certainly earned it, and we thank you for your dedication to SASS, your clubs, and fellow Cowboy family. The evening ended with a delicious BBQ dinner provided by Grill King BBQ and some Cowboy Karaoke hosted by Ranger Worse Case Scenario (SASS #112070). Let's just say that no saloon singer held a candle to the Cowboys and Cowgirls who decided to serenade us during karaoke.

The dust would not stay settled for long on Thursday morning as the first





FRIDAY IS TRADITIONALLY “RED SHIRT DAY” AT EOT — TO PAY HONOR TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND FIRST RESPONDERS.



EVERYTHING OLD IS... OLD AGAIN? COWBOY CHRONICLE EDITOR EMERITUS TEX WITH PRESENT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SKINNY.

day of the Cowboy Action Shooting World Championship geared up and so did the wind! The highest clocked wind gust was 80 miles per hour and it sunk the boat... in the middle of the desert.

Only one passenger was aboard the boat when it sunk and luckily Mustang Dave (SASS #95854) had minimal injuries. Thanks to the wonderful Rangers who made sure Mustang Dave was okay and

able to continue shooting the match. While the wind continued and the term Cowboy Up was perpetuated, three waves of the main match got underway and the day’s schedule concluded with the SASS Territorial Governors meeting and the swap meet, which was filled with bargains as far as the eye could see in the main tent.

Friday morning brought a calm breeze and plenty of sunshine... a welcome change from the dust bath everyone had received the day before. Another day of throwing lead down range ended with a delicious Mexican dinner in the main tent provided by Don Jose’s, the presentation of Side Match Awards, and the world-famous World Championship of Cowboy Bingo sponsored by Light Bender (SASS #103409) of Hunters HD Gold. The competition was steep, but CC Moonshine (SASS #62639) came out victorious as the World Champion of Cowboy Bingo and took home the coveted Cowboy Bingo Buckle.

Saturday signaled the last day of the competition, which for any competitor is both nerve-racking and bittersweet. The mix of emotions is one we all know too well as you begin to review the match and wonder where you might end up and reminisce about the wonderful week you have had with friends new and old. With the sun starting to set and the day coming to an end, the shooting was complete, the range closed, and the evening festivities were about to begin. The saloon opened and folks dressed in their finest attire began to fill the main tent awaiting the Evening Costume Contest and fun to begin. The main tent was brimming with laughter and the sound of smiles floated across the air as tales were told of the past week of competition and comradery. Offerings of delicious food in a buffet style were provided by Chef John for all to enjoy.

The evening kicked off with the Costume promenade and the Evening Costume Contest awards. Applause filled the main tent as each name was called and folks once again admired contestants’ costumes. The Ladies of Cowboy Action Shooting (LOCAS) group awarded this year’s EOT 2025 Cowgirl of Honor award and gave recognition to Sunshine Kay (SASS #17452). Another deserving cowgirl,

Half-A-Hand Henri (SASS #9727) was recognized and awarded the honor of being the 2025 Legendary LOCAS. The long-awaited announcement of the Top 16 contenders was declared which gave way to the evening's entertainment, The Pat James Band. Live music filled the tent as folks continued to linger around the saloon and some took to the dance floor to cut a rug.

The cool desert sunrise of Sunday morning faded away as the desert sun intensified and the Top 16 contenders readied themselves for the Top Gun Shoot off to commence. Anticipation and excitement surged through the crowd that began to gather to watch the final standoff of competitors. With each round, the crowd grew louder in their cheers and in the end, Cimarron Sierra (SASS #110927), at only 17 years old and shooting Lady Gunfighter took the victory as Top Lady and REPHIL (SASS #5897) took Top Man, besting Cimarron Sierra in the head-to-head.

With the final shot sent down range, it was time for the awards ceremony to begin and END of TRAIL 2025 paid homage to the champions of 52 shooting categories. Among those competitors, Echo Sackett (SASS #113910) was the youngest competitor at eight years of age and the match's oldest competitor at 89 years was California Dutchman (SASS #27556). There were a total of 35 competitors who shot the match clean — approximately six percent of the total number of participants. With each category top ten lining up on stage, cheers, hugs and booming applause filled the tent in praise and congratulations on what each competitor had achieved. The Overall World Champions were all that was left to be crowned and with skill, speed and accuracy Holy Terror from Cleveland, TX came out triumphant as the 2025 Ladies Overall World Champion. Whistlin Will (SASS #88382) of Courtenay, Canada took home the title of 2025 Men's Overall World Champion, making it his first Overall World Champion win- and the first Canadian to take the World title.

All good things dust come to an end (pun intended) and END of TRAIL 2025 was the master of dust; it sure knew how to shake things up and keep us cowboys and cowgirls on our toes. Until next year, see you down the trail!

## END OF TRAIL 2025 COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ RESULTS

Visit [endoftrail.org](http://endoftrail.org) for complete results, including Costume Contest awards, Wild Bunch, Plainsman, and side matches.

### END OF TRAIL 2025 CAS WORLD CHAMPIONS

Overall Man – Whistlin' Will, SASS #88382 (Canada)

Overall Lady – Holy Terror, SASS #15362 (TX)

### CAS CATEGORY 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONS

Lady Frontier Cartridge – Polly Wanda Krakker, SASS #108266 (OR)

Frontier Cartridge – Damascus Jon, SASS #87751 (ID)

Senior Frontier Cartridge – Johnny Angel, SASS #91812 (GA)

Lady Silver Senior Frontier Cartridge – Brazos Belle, SASS #82399 (TX)

Elder Statesman Frontier Cartridge – Silver City Rebel, SASS #38607 (GA)

Lady Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter – Scarlett Darlin', SASS #96680 (SC)

Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter – Avery Wade, SASS #97444 (CO)

Senior Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter – Texas Jack Daniels, SASS #8587 (TX)

Lady Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Connivin' Katie Jones, SASS #58535 (OR)

Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Lefty Too Slim, SASS #44564 (NM)

Silver Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Four Bucks, SASS #36386 (ID)

Frontiersman – Joe McGlue, SASS #37429 (AZ)

Lady B-Western – Panhandle Cowgirl, SASS #77924 (TX)

B-Western – Rusty Razor, SASS #90266 (UT)

Lady Senior B-Western – Cooncan, SASS #101282 (KS)

Silver Senior B-Western – Ben Fishin, SASS #106674 (OK)

Classic Cowgirl – Half-A-Hand Henri, SASS #9727 (NM)

Classic Cowboy – Slick McClade, SASS #69490 (LA)

Silver Senior Classic Cowboy – Short Fingered Bill, SASS #82161 (Canada)

Lady Duelist – Quick Chick, SASS #106974 (NM)

Duelist – Ethan Callahan, SASS #41005 (MI)

Lady Senior Duelist – Barbwire, SASS #10179 (AZ)

Silver Senior Duelist – Hawkeye Kid, SASS #24196 (CT)

Elder Statesman Duelist – Shiloh Red, SASS #95350 (FL)

Cattle Baron Duelist – J.M. Brown, SASS #27309 (NC)

Lady Gunfighter – Cimarron Sierra, SASS #110927 (CO)

Gunfighter – Molasass Moose, SASS #111430 (CA)

Lady Senior Gunfighter – Lady Bulldog, SASS #67897 (CO)

Senior Gunfighter – Whisperin' Wade, SASS #36209 (OR)

Elder Statesman Gunfighter – Cheyenne Culpepper, SASS #32827 (OH)

Buckarette – Sweet K. Oss, SASS #106975 (NM)

Buckaroo – Jace the Ace, SASS #111226 (FL)

Junior Girl – Quinn Chester, SASS #113434 (CO)

Junior Boy – Skrap P., SASS #105726 (NM)

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Cowboy – Whistlin' Will, SASS #88382 (Canada)

Lady 49er – Mad Cat with a Gun, SASS #101175 (Norway)

49er – Santa Fe River Stan, SASS #36999 (FL)

Lady Senior – Texas Tiger, SASS #74829 (NM)

Senior – Willie Mescal, SASS #86327 (MO)

Lady Silver Senior – Molly Magoo, SASS #74540 (CA)

Silver Senior – Oklahoma Dee, SASS #44562 (TX)

Grand Dame – Lilly Long, SASS #81344 (UT)

Elder Statesman – Frederick Jackson Turner, SASS #28271 (CA)

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Cattle Baron – Hells Comin, SASS #56436 (AZ)

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La Reina – Lawless Lori Sue, SASS #80852 (NM)

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MISTY MOONSHINE KNOWS HER WAY AROUND A '73!

# WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP END OF TRAIL 2025

BY FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER, SASS #28271

PHOTOS BY B. T. BLADE, SASS #35685, DEADEYE AL, SASS #28454, AND FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER

**T**here's only one World Championship of Wild Bunch Action Shooting, so welcome to the 2025 END of TRAIL, held at the superb Ben Avery Range, just up the road from Phoenix, Arizona!

The Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders go all out for the creation of this match, and that is evident from the care that goes into the construction of each stage. The pristine bays, the impressive stage props, and the sheer multitude of steel that is carried, arranged, and painted for the shooters are testimonials to this. You know you are at a special event, before the first timer beep has sounded or the first

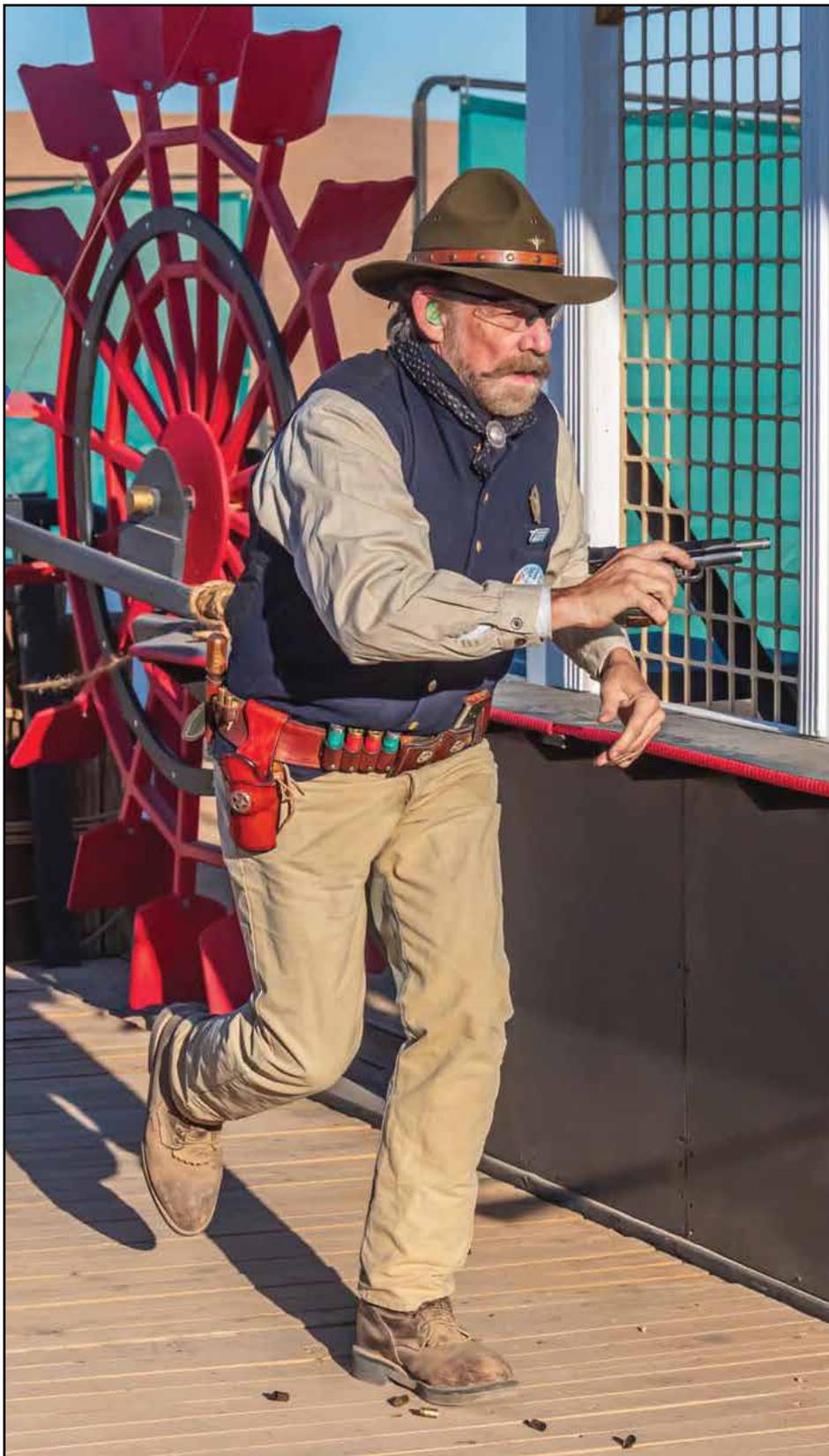
round has gone downrange.

What should you expect from the World Championship? For starters, a good variety of stage designs, a few brain teasers, and targets that force the shooters to mind their sights. This ain't no spray 'n' pray match, pards.

Then, there is the camaraderie among the competitors. I have dinner the night before the match begins with Mad Cat With a Gun (SASS #101175), a delightful shooter from Norway. I brought out a thousand rounds for a squad of shooters from the Czech Republic, traded barbs with REPHIL (SASS #5897) and Dammit Olli (SASS #68338) from Germany, and tips with

Coffee (SASS #7008) from Texas.

As I pulled up to the Big Tent the day before, the Arizona Rangers organization was well-poised for the influx of shooters. My package had gone walkabout, but after a bit of shuffling around, Sunshine Kay (SASS #17452) worked her logistical magic, and I was assigned to Posse 703, headed up by Wooden Nichols (SASS #104984). He's a long-time Wild Bunch shooter, and in addition to smoothly running the posse he good-naturedly brought along a bag of Jolly Rancher candies, inviting any competitor who cleaned a stage to help themselves. Did I mention that Wild Bunch is a bit more of a challenge than



TREADING A SEA OF BRASS, FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER NAVIGATES THE RIVERBOAT STAGE — A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE BOAT COLLAPSED UNDER 80-MILE-PER-HOUR WINDS!

Cowboy Action Shooting? It was not a big bag of candy, and at the end of the match he took most of it home. It was that kind of match!

I had some august company on my

posse. Misty Moonshine (SASS #83232), CEO of SASS was there, shooting her first major Wild Bunch match (spoiler alert — she really performed well!) along with C. C. Moonshine (SASS #62639),

who clearly has a good deal of semi-auto experience under his belt judging from the facility with which he ran the match. Multiple time champion Texas Tiger (SASS #74829) was also on the posse, her skill set demonstrating why she is a multiple-time winner. Until the wheels fell off, which can happen to anyone.

Oh, there was a good cross section of shooters on Posse 703, from newbies, to old timers. One of my posse mates was Sidewinder (SASS #26)!

Match day dawned clear and cool, and after the brief shooters' meeting, it was time to head out to the range! Swallowing my first stage jitters, I pulled out a clean stage, a bit slower than I'd like, but I hate throwing away a match before the seats are warm, y'know?

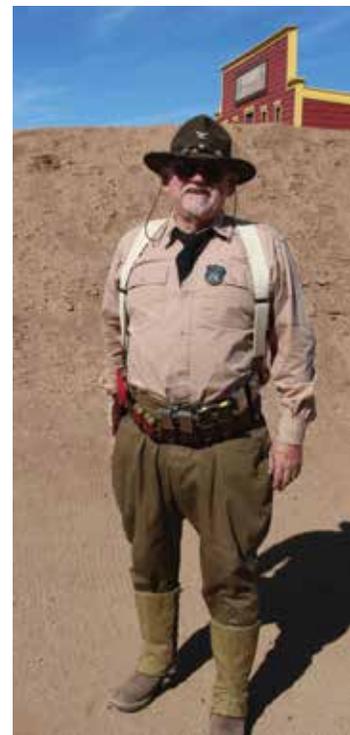
It was a tough match, and by the end of the first day, our posse had only one clean competitor — lady shooter, Lucky Wheeler (SASS #35686). When the sun rose over the horizon for the second day, everyone, and I mean everyone, was rooting for her to garner a clean match. On the first stage, nerves, target distances, and the weight of the pressure combined to end her clean run, which she took with a smile and a shrug. It may be that she was actually a bit relieved. She was able to relax with those first misses out of the way.

Old friend Blake Wade (SASS #82593) was there, a bit stove up, but he was not going to let mere physical injury get in the way of having a good time. That's the spirit, Blake!

Despite having apparently standardized on seven-round rifle runs, the match designers seem to have gotten away from allowing shooters who choose to do so to shoot the rifle sweeps with their 1911. If I may editorialize a bit here, I like giving the shooters that option. For shooters who complain they don't want match designers to "cowboy their Wild Bunch," the greater difficulty of shooting even more challenging targets with their 1911 should satisfy that craving.

And Arizona cooperated, by providing some splendid weather, so the shooting conditions were, honestly, pretty ideal. I can recall a couple of years in the past when the weather presented as much of a challenge as the stage scenarios, but for the second year in a row, it was pleasant shooting weather.

Some helpful stuff... targets with





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multiple hits are painted contrasting colors, to help allay any confusion. There's plenty of running on the boardwalks between stage left and stage right. This is an Action Shooting sport, after all!

There were a couple of brain teasers, as I mentioned. Stage 3 featured split shotgun with eight rounds, offering some intriguing possibilities for reloading on

the run. (Or, keeping it simple, which I would normally choose to do.) My plan was to run with the action open, fire the two remaining shots on the far side of the stage, and then reload. Then I watched as a couple of shooters on my posse ran with the action closed, stuffing the two extra shots into the magazine tube, while on the move. "Oh, that's for

me!" I thought, so I tried it myself. The buzzer went off, I blasted away, and my reflexes immediately went to war with my best intentions. I wanted to, I really intended to, keep that action closed with the hammer down, after those first four shots. Beeeep! I fired my first four shots and kicked the action open. Banging that shotgun action open after each shot is so ingrained in me, it overcame my best intentions. Action open, well, now I can't load the mag tube on the move. Grumbling and berating myself with what I hoped was my inside voice, I sprinted to the far end of the stage, fired the two remaining rounds, and reloaded the last two shots off my belt. It cost me a few seconds, but at least I cleaned the stage. Grrrr... I'll take it.

Stage 5 featured a clockwise sweep on the rifle targets, which were far enough out there that I considered using the elevator notch on my '73. Probably should have — I took a rifle miss on that stage. Clean match gone. There's more... the stage called for split shotgun targets again. Based on my experience back on Stage 3, once again I intended to fire and run with the action closed on a spent cartridge. Then, the buzzer went off, I ran the shotgun at (what for me is) breakneck speed, and whanged that action open as soon as I fired it. Sigh. I need a louder inside voice. Next time, for sure, FJT.

Stage 6 had a dueling tree AND a hostage target. IPSC shooters ate it up. The rest of the posse — well, we mostly just ate it.

Stage 7 was the ever-popular all-knockdown stage. This year they eliminated the option of using the rifle from the stage, which to my mind was curious, as leaving it in offered the shooters the choice of using the rifle or pistol, at the shooter's discretion, which I really enjoy. All pistol it is, then. Beep! The knockdowns all cooperated, unlike the unfortunate events on the same bay for the Cowboy match, and so, shooters could keep blasting away until they cleaned the stage. I'm not going to say that I'm NOT completely confident in my abilities... I staged a couple of magazines at the last two shooting positions. Mercifully, I didn't need them!

Stage 10 was my favorite, though. Starting with a magazine on the table, with an empty gun (!) the shooter had



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to load, rack, and get to it. The Nevada sweeps were easy to navigate and the target distances were sufficiently shooter friendly that at last the shooters could blaze a bit with their pistols, at least, for better or worse. Mine was better! I was glad of that. These eyes ain't getting any younger.

With a few minutes to spare after the competition, I got hornswoggled into the costume competition by Marshal W. Hill (SASS #88223) and his good-natured crew, and spent among the more enjoyable few minutes of the entire match demonstrating my carefully assembled kit. An extra smile, as I came home with a third place trophy for my shooting costume!

The awards were Tuesday night, and

were commendable for the cheery nature of the event, the quality of the trophies, and the brevity with which the event was conducted. There are a whole lot less categories in Wild Bunch than in Cowboy Action Shooting, for better or worse, but man, that sure does speed the process!

I have to shout out the shooters from Slovakia. These guys ran into trouble at the London airport and pulled into Ben Avery very late, the night before the event began. Using borrowed ammunition and kit, jet-lagged, with no food and very little sleep under their belts, Dedo (SASS #10181) pulled off a third place in Senior, Phil Grave (SASS #106146) a third in Traditional, and even Colbert (SASS #87058) managed a creditable 20th in Modern. I've been there, and

that's a great finish, lads. Overall Winners and Wild Bunch World Champions were Skrap P. (SASS #105726) and Holy Terror (SASS #15362). Holy Terror was also the only clean match shooter. Visit [endoftrail.org](http://endoftrail.org) for complete results.

I am remiss if I don't mention I was asked by color guard leader and volunteer coordinator, Captain Dan Blodgett (SASS #75655) to pin his new Regulator badge on his chest. An honor, sir.

If you have a 1911 (and honestly, what red-blooded American doesn't?) SASS has made it pretty easy to play this game. Any SASS legal rifle and SASS legal shotgun and a 1911 will get you in the game. Stick a toe in the water folks. It's great fun, and I'm certain you'll love it!



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## SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

### THOMPSON RIFLES

**T**his issue features an article by Colonel Montana Kid Hammer (SASS #6476) postulating on the use of the .45 ACP semi-automatic Thompson rifle in Wild Bunch matches and/or Wild Bunch side matches. That sounds like fun! But make it clear — neither 1927 nor 1942 pattern Thompsons are SASS legal in Wild Bunch. Both models appeared too late in the twentieth century to fit the period portrayed. Even if we accept arms that existed through World War I — a period that has become accepted in Wild Bunch costuming — the 1927 Thompson arrived on the scene just a little too late. So it's fun to think about utilizing a Thompson in Wild Bunch, but it's really not appropriate (even for side matches) and I doubt it will ever come to pass. Individual clubs (below state-level matches) are of course free to experiment with such things.

Having said that, Thompsons are really cool. I don't own one but I've always wanted to and the Colonel's writing has rekindled that desire. Perhaps I'll be on the lookout for one, and if I ever get one, and if I ever travel to the Colonel's neck of the woods (Alaska), perhaps I'll try to compete with it.

### COMIC BOOK CORNER

Regular readers know I often run public-domain reprints of old western comic book stories — primarily from the 1940s and 1950s — in the digital-only issues of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. They never appear in printed issues because I don't like to use up space that could be otherwise used for legitimate SASS news.

Now, I know some readers who are not comic book fans will cringe to hear this, but I've received a few inquiries as to whether Comic Book Corner would ever appear in printed issues. The answer, which should please the non-fans, is no. The stories I use in *The Cowboy Chronicle* are gleaned from

Comic Book Plus (comicbookplus.com) and are used with their blessing, but they are meant to be viewed online and the resolution of the images is optimized for the web. That means the resolution is not high enough for print publication, so you will never see them anywhere except in digital issues.

### SUMMER TRAVEL

By the time you read this I will have traveled to and returned from Maryland. I used to live in that area and got to know many fine Cowboy Action Shooters™. This year, I will have attended in order to participate in the twenty-fifth annual — and final — Maryland State Championship, Thunder Valley Days, hosted by the Damascus Wildlife Rangers in Damascus, Maryland. The club was begun by Chuckaroo (SASS #13080) 28 years ago and TV Days started up 25 years ago. Although Chuckaroo is still involved with the match, he semi-retired a few years ago and turned the reins over to Dogmeat Dad (SASS #48563). Now Dogmeat is ready to relax a little and 2025 will mark the last state championship held by the Wildlife Rangers.

Happily, however, Dutch Corner (SASS #82128) and his group at the Thurmont Rangers in Thurmont, Maryland, is stepping up to take over. Mason Dixon Stampede — formerly the Northeast Regional Championship — will host the Maryland state match beginning with their twenty-second annual event in 2026. Follow them at [www.masondixonstampede.org](http://www.masondixonstampede.org) for updates.

And if you want to know how things went for me (and others) at Thunder Valley Days this year, check <http://www.damascusiwla.org/dwr/dwr.html> for the results.

—Skinny (SASS #7361)



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# ANNUAL MATCHES

## LEGENDS 2025 FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL AND WILD BUNCH TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY B. T. BLADE, SASS #35685  
LIFE REGULATOR  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BT BLADE

Folks who know me know I'm as comfortable shooting a Nikon as I am my Cowboy guns. I'm also of the mindset that SASS Match Directors are in the "Entertainment Business." So when I look through my viewfinder instead of my front sights I have one goal in mind — to send folks home with lasting memories of the great time they had at a SASS event. You can't Photoshop a good time into a picture; you have to make it happen with planning and teamwork. The Dixie Desperados attained that goal this year (as they've done in the past) at the Four Corners Regional and Wild Bunch Territorial Championship matches, held April 21-26, 2025.

"Hurricane" Utah got its name for a reason. But aside from just a few



hours of moderate wind, we had beautiful weather all week with pleasant temperatures. The Washington County Fair was in full swing less than a mile down the road and with Zion National Park about 45 minutes away there were additional options for fun before and after range time. Utah's State motto is "Life Elevated" and here in Red Rock Country we take it to a whole 'nother level!

While we had many return participants, we had lots of first timers this year as well. There were also a number of families in attendance and it was cer-

tainly gratifying to see them having a great time together; making new friends and showing the community that SASS is certainly a "Family Sport"!

The week kicked off with the Wild Bunch Territorial Championship, which drew 48 shooters. Texas Tiger (SASS #74829) won overall lady with Mokaac Kid (SASS #78721) winning overall man. The Top Gun Shoot Off saw Lucky Wheeler (SASS #35686) come out as overall lady with Jim Miller (SASS #74828) winning the men's top gun award.

In addition to the Long Range



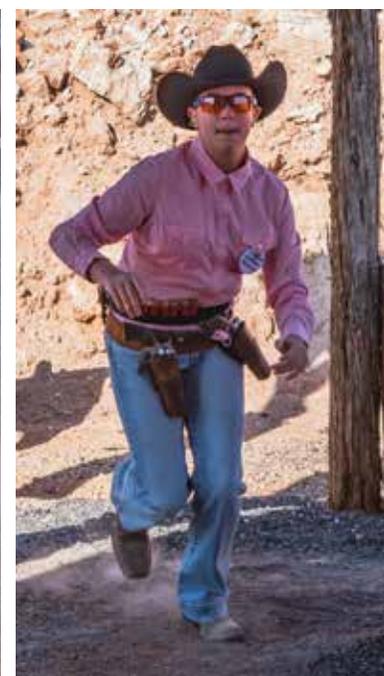
WILD BUNCH TOP GUN WINNERS LUCKY WHEELER AND JIM MILLER



WILD BUNCH OVERALL WINNERS TEXAS TIGER AND MOKAAC KID



COWBOY TOP GUN WINNERS TEXAS TIGER AND SHALAKO SLIM



competition taking place those first few days, Wednesday started off with a "Cowboy Swap Meet," then side match competitions. Lucky Wheeler and yours truly have run the Speed Shotgun side match venue for a number of years now... and every year it appears that total times get a bit lower. Folks are certainly practicing and it's paying off!

Our Main Cowboy Match commenced on Thursday morning with 179 shooters facing the first four of twelve stages. A complimentary "meatball hero" lunch was provided by the Dixie Desperados with so many sides and fixins' that your gunbelt needed to be loosened a mite afterwards. Not to break that momentum, our club's "Root Beer Float/Ice Cream Social" took center stage after lunch on Friday.

After the final four stages on Saturday it was lunch, then the Cowboy Top Gun Shoot Off. Texas Tiger proved that she was just as proficient with her single actions as she was with her 1911, taking the ladies' Top Gun Title. Shalako Slim (SASS #113822) prevailed as Top Gun in men's.

Saturday night saw our Award



COWBOY OVERALL WINNERS BAD CHAD AND TEXAS TIGER

Banquet at the always popular Hilton Garden Inn in St. George. Everyone showed up in their finest and as I roamed the floor taking random photographs I couldn't help but think what a tough job the costume contest judges had. Glad I wasn't one of 'em! The

evening saw great food, great friends... and awards intermingled with some terrific raffle prizes. A Dillon 750, full rig from Mernickle Holsters and a '73 Winchester were just a few of the items given away.

Last but not least, the Main Match overall lady and man were announced with Texas Tiger (once again!) taking the top ladies honor and Bad Chad (SASS #106337) taking men's. (Visit [dixiedesperados.com/legends-region-al](http://dixiedesperados.com/legends-region-al) for complete results.) As the evening and week drew to an end, it was interesting to see how the banquet hall slooowly emptied out. As in most major SASS events I've attended, not many people seemed to be in a hurry to leave. Folks were shaking hands, hugging and wishing each other safe travels. It appeared many were holding on till the last minute to say, "Until next time"; no surprise in this venue where you "come for the shootin' but STAY because of the people!" So on behalf of the Dixie Desperado's, this is BT wishing you Happy Trails and inviting you to come on out to Red Rock Country and join us April 20-26, 2026 for Wild Bunch & Legends 2026!

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# BORDERTOWN 2024 ARIZONA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER,  
SASS #28271

**B**ordertown is the Arizona SASS State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting™. And, folks, there's simply no match like it, anywhere. It's the fastest, most furious video game of a Cowboy match you'll ever see, and shooting it will take your breath away. The target distances and stage scenarios turn ordinary shooters into heroes and heroes into legends. As Sassy Dancer (SASS #70118), the match ramrod, said in her brief but informative safety meeting, "We started 24 years ago to build a match where any shooter, from beginner to the champion, could say, 'I just shot the fastest stage I ever shot in my whole life!'" And boy howdy, once again, did they succeed!

It is the fastest match in the world and people come from all over the world to shoot it. Strolling along the firing line, I bump into Joe Dakota (SASS #64518), who has come over from Germany. Out in the parking lot, I see license plates from almost a dozen states and I've made the drive all the way from California to "See the Elephant," as the sign on the archway proudly proclaims as you drive onto the range.

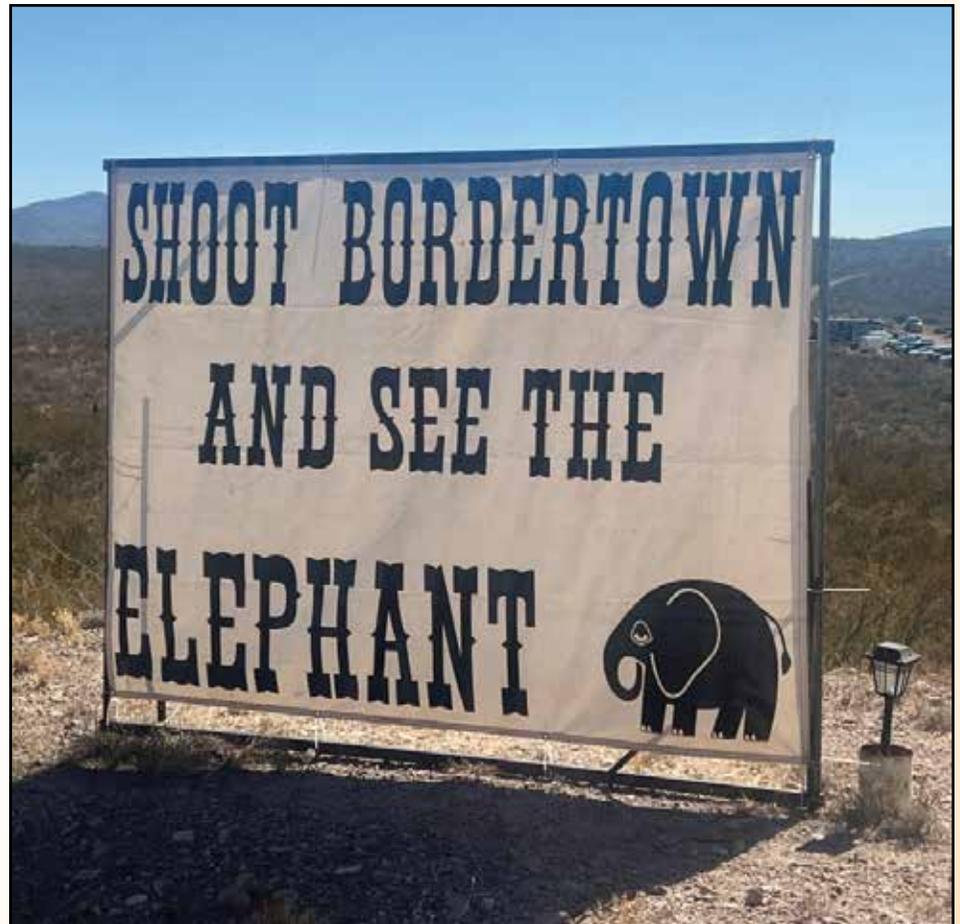
Held just outside Tombstone, Arizona, once called by contemporaries, "The town too tough to die," Tombstone is a touchstone of the American West, steeped in gunpowder, lead, and blood. Not ten minutes from the range, a visitor can walk the very streets where the Earp brothers clashed with the Clantons, where the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral wrote a crimson chapter into American history, and where starry-eyed prospector Ed Schliefflen came looking for silver. Local folks promised he would find only his Tombstone.

Well, now it's the home of the Arizona State Cowboy Championship. Here, new legends will be written at breakneck speed, and where the fastest shooters come to display their talents and ply their trade.

After a long drive from Southern California, Scarlett Raine (SASS



AMBS ACES, GETTING' AFTER IT, DUELIST STYLE! GOTTA LOVE THOSE CLOSE TARGETS!



#110134) and I pull into a nice Air B&B hosted by the good folks from Mernickle Leather, Happy Shootzmore (SASS #101003), Tam Bam (SASS #101005), and Harry Trigger (SASS

#85480). Mernickle Leather does so much to promote our sport, and they make such terrific leather gear for Cowboy Action Shooting™, that it's a treat to spend a bit more time with these folks

than just saying, “howdy!”

It’s a pretty good drive from California, so it’s late Monday night when we pull in and, emptying the car, we are aghast to realize that one of the two people in the car forgot to pack Scarlett Raine’s Cowboy clothes. This is an epic contretemps, and worthy of a good thrashing, but Scarlett good-naturedly refuses to either despair or punish the maroon who forgot it. And word gets out, so within an hour of waking up the following morning, the ladies in the Cowboy community have banded together and Ms. Scarlett is soon sporting a fresh wardrobe; some finds from a local thrift store, some borrowed, some bought from the on-site vendors. Crisis averted, let’s get to shooting!

Tuesday is side match day with a raft of speed events, long range, Plainsman, and my favorite, Wild Bunch. Bright and early, the shots start to ring out for Wild Bunch, and true to Bordertown form, all six stages are fast, close, and furious. Match director Zona (SASS #54629) has been designing WB matches for years and has a wealth of experience to draw from, so it is a great match. There’s plenty of 1911 action, including one 42-round stage, which is classic Zona. Also classic Zona, it was typically well-designed and there was little confusion, just plenty of shooting!

On my posse are several of my favorite shooters; Garrison Joe (SASS #60708), The Butcher (SASS #6030), and, new to me, his son Little Butcher (SASS #6031), who is destined to win Men’s Modern, and the match, overall.

Did I mention the driver of the car that I was driving may have forgotten to pack a certain señorita’s clothing? That wasn’t the only thing the unfortunate oaf neglected to bring along. On my first stage, my trusty 1897 does what ’97s love to do and shucks out an unfired round. With a *sigh*, I slap one in as the time ticks relentlessly on and complete the stage. Then it does it again, on the next stage. Why? Why, oh my trusty... wait a minute. I look at the bolt, and realize to my horror that I have brought a shotgun that is intended for the gunsmith’s attention, and my race-ready ’97 is resting comfortably back at home in the gun safe. Sigh. It’s gonna be that kind of a week. With my Model 12 out on loan, I’m just going



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to have to suck it up, and do the best I can.

You know the old saw about the ’97 — nobody can own just one, you have to own three. One at the gunsmith’s shop, the broken one in your cart, and the one you’re holding... which is getting ready to break... Yeah.

I can only shake my head and ruminate on the words to a couple of songs

I know well (because I wrote them...), “The Wreck of the Old ’97” and “97 Ways to Break Your Heart.”

I blast my way through the rest of the match, perfecting my shotgun reloading technique, and am fortunate to finish first in Men’s Senior Modern, missing out on the Overall behind Little Butcher by less than two seconds. That’s real racing, folks, and the sign of a ter-



HIGH DOLLAR UNLIMBERS HER SIDE BY SIDE. DO I NEED TO MENTION HOW NICE THE WEATHER WAS?

rific match! Overall Lady was Whirlwind Wendy (SASS #79889).

The Plainsman category took place after WB in the afternoon, and with some of the fastest names in the game entering it, the boom and plumes of black powder shooting echoed over the range. I've got to try that sometime soon. Those guys sound like they are having waaay too much fun! And black powder is quick, fun, and easy to clean up, right? Overall winners were Gilly Boy (SASS #18499) and Blackfire Opal

(SASS #104823).

After a day of shooting it was time to head back for dinner, and to catch up on some much needed sleep. There'll be time to visit with friends and do the town properly, tomorrow!

Wednesday brought the Border-town Blast. These four-stage warm-ups have no bearing on the match outcome, but they are a chance to navigate the props, take in the target size and distance, and generally blaze away as you get the lay of the land. And

there's always bragging rights! I'm pretty pleased with my efforts, and my warm up posse feels the same. We have Hawkeye Hart (SASS #112564) and Calamity Gray (SASS #112565), a couple of junior shooters, who are sparking the posse. Jax T (SASS #106617) and family came for the Bordertown experience and were not disappointed. Mojo Rising (SASS #106938), Sandstone Drifter (SASS #111617), Dixie Dawn (SASS #111743), and Dodge City Dixie (SASS #90920) were all shooting in the mid-teens and hoots and hollers abounded. Sassy Dancer made having a good time the goal, the Arizona crew delivered on their promise of fast and fun, and the posse was loving it.

Speed matches followed and some unbelievable times emerged. I am slowing down in my old age and struggled to stay in the low three-second range with my rifle. The number of shooters in the low two- and high one-second range was astonishing. Ditto the revolvers. Sheesh! I gotta practice more! It was a day filled with amazing displays, very little pressure, a lot of shooting, and breakneck speeds.

Thursday brings the real deal — Main Match, Day 1, Posse 1, Bay 1. I drew the first day 8:00 a.m. rotation. After a short and to the point shooters meeting, mentioned above, our posse meets up at the range. Alberta Annie (SASS #85914) is our Posse Marshal, and she's a delight. Clear, concise, and cheerful, our posse quickly drops into a routine, and starts clicking as smoothly

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The stage instructions are so simple, and the distances are so close, a Cowboy should just blaze through the stages. But, as I go to the line, there's a bit of first stage jitters on hand, too. That's all part of the fun, right? The first shots ring out, and with them begin the litany of shucked out rifle rounds, missed shotgun make-ups, and disbelief at missed shots, as wide-eyed shooters find their limits and maybe step over them a time or two. It's all great fun, and hearty whoops and "Whoo-Yeahs!" echo across the range for every clean stage.

As mentioned before, there are some amazing shooters at this match, and the machine-gun cacophony emanating from adjacent ranges is a bit disconcerting to us mere mortals. The bays are close enough that you can hear when the fast guys on adjacent stages go to work. Smokestack (SASS #87384) is smoking, Cody James (SASS #90540) is putting on a display, and Gut C. Gunman (SASS #105725) is showing why we... more seasoned shooters... might want to spend a little more time practicing.

I load up and head to the line. The targets are close and easy, and I absolutely blaze through the stage... until I get to the shotgun. That blinking '97... Clank. A shell sticks in the ejection port, then turns around. They work SO much better when they eject. *Sigh*. Another verse for "The Wreck of the Ol' '97" writes itself.

That's how the day is gonna go. That does little to diminish the fact that I'm shooting with great folks, competing on great stages, with a fun posse. And even fumbling along with the pack, I'm having a great time. Unlike a certain redhead, at least I have my own clothes.

After the shooting, a group of us head out to Tombstone, for a sashay down Allan Street, to walk in the footsteps of the Earps and the Cowboys. It's a bit touristy, but it's real cowboy history, and kind of a Mecca for cowboys. There's no shortage of Cowboy Action Shooters™ strolling around, most of them better turned out in costume than the re-enactors who put on gun-fights regularly through the day. I watch

## A LITTLE COWBOY ROMANCE BORDERTOWN MAGIC, BORDERTOWN LOVE

BY FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER,  
SASS #28271



CAT A TONIC AND COPPERHEAD JOE

Copperhead Joe (SASS #39162) and Cat A Tonic (SASS #109664) met one evening in Kentucky in 2019. He asked her to fly to AZ to attend a certain famous Cowboy match in Tombstone. Intrigued at having never been to a Cowboy Action Shooting™ event, she acquiesced. However, per Cat, she rented a car to travel solo from Tucson to Tombstone just in case she needed to make a fast exit from the smiling cowboy.

Cat traveled from the Tucson airport straight to The Crystal Palace where there may or may not have been (depending on who you ask) some moonshine involved. However, the next day Cat A Tonic experienced her first Cowboy Action Shooting™ match. And not just any CAS match, but Bordertown, the Arizona State Championship, home of the big and close, fast and furious competition.

Long story short, she was hooked and jumped right in. Turns out she not only said yes to CAS she said yes to Copperhead Joe when they married five years later, right there in Tombstone, on the Crystal Palace patio. They spent their honeymoon competing at Bordertown. Obviously marriage suits them as they both made it to the 2024 Top 16!



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TAM BAM, LIGHTING UP A STAGE!

one group; they do a creditable show. And my date reaches out and whispers, "I could take those guys, y'know..."

Friday, Day 2. This time, we start on the 2:00 rotation. It's warm, but not uncomfortably so, and the posse has settled down a bit. I've gone over the shotgun, replaced the left side extractor, and the result knocks about five seconds off of each of my stage times. Better!

Plenty of movement, lots of variety, and those targets... Scarlett Raine has been shooting a little undertwo years and she rips off a 22-second stage. The beaming smile on her face says she'll be back.

That night, there is a party at Monument Ranch, a western-themed ranch on the outskirts of town. I have been asked to play by our hosts, Ambs Aces (SASS #103511) and High Dollar (SASS #105250), and so out comes the guitar, and in moments, the crowd is shouting for "Shotgun and Shovel," "The Oops Song," and roaring back the chorus to, "Shut up and Dance." Then I am joined by Mad Trapper of Rat River (SASS #78641), and the exuberant sounds of his old-timey fiddle and my guitar under the waning moon make for a magical evening. The food is great, the crowd is wonderful, and under the stars, some real western magic is taking place. It's a delightful and well-attended event, but there's still shooting to be done, so we get to bed a just a smidgen later than is responsible.

Saturday, Day 3. Having shot the early and late rotations, on our last day we shoot the middle rotation, and by now, the kinks are worked out. After a few late-night tweaks, the '97 has stopped beating me up, the weather is just about perfect; I screw together a few decent stages and pull out a clean match. Clean, but s-l-o-w. Despite that, with a great posse and terrific stages, I'm having a wonderful time. The Arizona clan have managed to pull off a match which is both cutting edge SASS and which contains a few of the elements that the old-timers in the sport have always enjoyed; things like starting a stage by throwing a rubber chicken into a pot, or clutching a skunk to your chest. It's all in good fun, and that's why we're here, right?

The match over and all the pressure gone, I wander through the little

vendor's encampment. American Gun Works is there; I watch as a separated case head is pulled from Utah Blaine's (SASS #54601) rifle, getting him back in the game before his posse is done shooting the stage. It's a deft bit of gunsmithing, but they won't take a dime for the trouble.

Jim Downing, one of the finest engravers in the game, as well as proprietor of the finest mustache in SASS, is busy working his art on a clutch of guns, but finds time to engrave a star on the empty cylinder for each of Scarlett's revolvers, chatting up a humorous storm the entire time. Next to his tent, nobody knows more about shotguns than Johnny Meadows (SASS #28485) and he's there dispensing wisdom and shotguns to all passersby. Whisper Meadows is there with him, vending her superb jams and a couple of jars go home with us. And members of the hardworking crew that assembled the match are always in view, motoring back and forth, with cool water for the shooters, or perhaps a bit of candy to keep the energy up. There are smiles all



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FUTURE OF SASS!

around, because they know they're running a legendary franchise, and they are proud of it.

If you've seen any of the articles I've penned over the years for the many

matches in which I've had the pleasure of competing, you know I have shot, literally, all over the world. I have numerous category wins at the state, national, international, and world level. And yet, there's no accomplishment in which I take more pride than once having finished fifth overall at Bordertown, shooting Duelist. It's that kind of a match. It's a unique shooting competition you just have to see to believe.

I'll never forget the first time I walked up to a Bordertown stage, back in the day, and looking at targets the size of car doors, said to no one in particular, "Man! Those pistol targets are close!" An old Cowboy, lounging in the shade in the morning Tombstone sun looked up, nodded, and said, "Those are the rifle targets. The pistol targets are down there." Well, that's the way I remember it, anyway!

Overall and State Winners for 2024 are Cody James and Shamrock Sadie (SASS #78511). Visit [www.bordertown-cas.com/scores](http://www.bordertown-cas.com/scores) for complete results.

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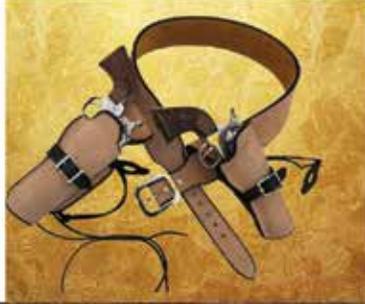
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## THE BUSHWHACK 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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**R**oy Rogers and Gene Autry filled the air at the Belton Gun Club in Belton, South Carolina. Themed “Singing with the Cowboys,” the fifth annual Bushwhack — the South Carolina State Championship — attracted about 135 shooters from 18 states April 10-12, 2025! Texas, Iowa, Maryland, New York, New Mexico, and others all chose to visit the beautiful upstate of South Carolina. The shooter that may have set the record for distance traveled to our match is our new friend Sgt. Sinew (SASS #74206)... all the way from Alaska.

Main match stages started with

lines from the old singing cowboy westerns, while video clips and music played over the public address system all weekend... featuring music by Tex Ritter, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Carolina Cotton, Jimmy Wakely, Smiley Burnette, and others.

Groundhog (SASS #107692) was once again the Men’s State Champion, and Sue Render (SASS #87925) was the Ladies’ State Champion! Picket (SASS #108967) from Tennessee took the top honors overall. At our website — [SCSTATEMATCH.COM](http://SCSTATEMATCH.COM) — you can view the full results.

Just as we have done in the past, every shooter won something at registration! Lots and lots and lots of door prizes, including Bluetooth speakers, lanterns, bore snakes, tool kits, and more. And three shooters won the Golden Door Prizes. One won enough ammo to shoot the match, another won a pair of Pietta 1851 Navy .36 caliber revolvers, and the biggest prize was a new Uberti 1873 Cattleman in 9mm! All were given as door prizes,

no raffle ticket to buy.

Shooters enjoyed an all-day Trading Post/Swap Meet on Thursday along with ten vendors for the three days, including the fabulous Front Porch Churn Ice Cream, Southern Smoke BBQ, and Carolina Silver Sweets. Mad Eye Leatherworks, Wild Hair Larry’s Cleaned Brass & Hulls, Combat Cats Creations (they engraved my rifle), Marion River Wood Craft, Kitty’s Kloset, Page Custom Knives, and of course, Bullets by Scarlett!

With the help of Main Match sponsors Bullets by Scarlett, Page Custom Knives, Kitty’s Kloset, Uberti USA, AAA Locksmiths, and the Greenville Gunfighters, we provided shooters with a four-stage Wild Bunch mini match, a four-stage Black Powder mini match, speed rifle, revolver, and shotgun, a warm up stage, and an RO II class... all during the three days!

Friday evening, a group hung around to enjoy my annu-





SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS GROUNDHOG AND SUE RENDER.

al mind reading show, a yearly tradition at The Bushwhack... and my other obsession. Want a show at your match? Reach me through the SCSTATEMATCH website or [BeltonBushwhackers.com](http://BeltonBushwhackers.com).

The Bushwhack is taking a break next year. The Belton Gun Club is expanding and my crew could use a break. The 2026 South Carolina State Championship will be hosted by the Geechee Gunfighters at the Palmetto Gun Club, Charleston, South Carolina. Plan on coming out to support the match in April 2026 and enjoy the lovely Charleston while you're here. Watch [SCSTATEMATCH.COM](http://SCSTATEMATCH.COM) for details later this year.

And last, a personal note to the shooters who have supported us the last five years... THANK YOU, we couldn't have done it without you. And a heartfelt and tearful thank you to my working crew. You know who you are and you make it all happen! But... The Bushwhack will be back! Look for us in 2027 or 2028 at an expanded range and a new facility at the Belton Gun Club.

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# TEXAS RIVIERA PISTOLEROS HOST GUNFIGHT AT GAMBLE GULCH 2024

BY MAR-LYNN, SASS #94314  
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There was a “Gunfight at Gamble Gulch,” and when the smoke cleared, the crowd cheered the Texas Riviera Pistoleros (TRP) for another successful annual Cowboy Action Shooting™ competition. Held from December 13-15 at the Gamble Gulch Range near George West, Texas, the event drew more than 80 competitors and guests from across Texas and beyond, including shooters from Alabama, Mississippi, and Wyoming. All were eager to test their skills in the international sport regulated by the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS)®.

It was a weekend full of fun, skill, seeing old friends, and making new ones, as shooters took aim at ten challenging stages set in the spirit of the Old West. The event began with a warm welcome from Live Oak County Sheriff Larry Busby, Texas’ longest serving sheriff still in office and a former SASS member (SASS #21613).

After a safety briefing given by TRP Vice President Totes Magoats (SASS #101926), the competitors got down to the shoot-out. Because “there’s no second place in a gunfight,” only the top shooters in each category received



OVERALL WINNERS BUCKSHOT SULLY AND SHOOTING IRON MILLER.

the much-coveted buckles, with second place contestants receiving an engraved coin for a free shoot.

Buckshot Sully (SASS #94103) emerged as the overall male winner of the Gunfight, while Shooting Iron

Miller (SASS #85140)) was the overall female winner. Visit [trpistoleros.com](http://trpistoleros.com) for complete results.

In addition to the main match, competitors enjoyed long-range, Wild Bunch and Plainsman events. Always a



COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS CAME FROM NEAR AND FAR TO THE ANNUAL GUNFIGHT AT GAMBLE GULCH.



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WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED, TOTES MAGOATS WAS THE FRONTIER CARTRIDGE CATEGORY WINNER.

hoot is the “Blast from the Past,” a side match in which Cowboys and Cowgirls had to rid the town of an evil nutcracker soldier. The unique fun challenge required not only traditional shooting skills but also the use of a Nerf gun and a hula hoop to rope the nutcracker. Another favorite was the team relay shoot, in which randomly drawn four-person teams competed in an exciting and fast-paced challenge.

While the competition was fierce, the Gunfight at Gamble Gulch remained family-friendly and safe, staying true to the spirit of Cowboy Action Shooting™. As the dust settled on the final day and Cowboys and Cowgirls rode off into the sunset, one thing was clear... the Texas Riviera Pistoleros are standing armed and ready for the next Gunfight at Gamble Gulch, which will be Dec. 12-14, 2025.



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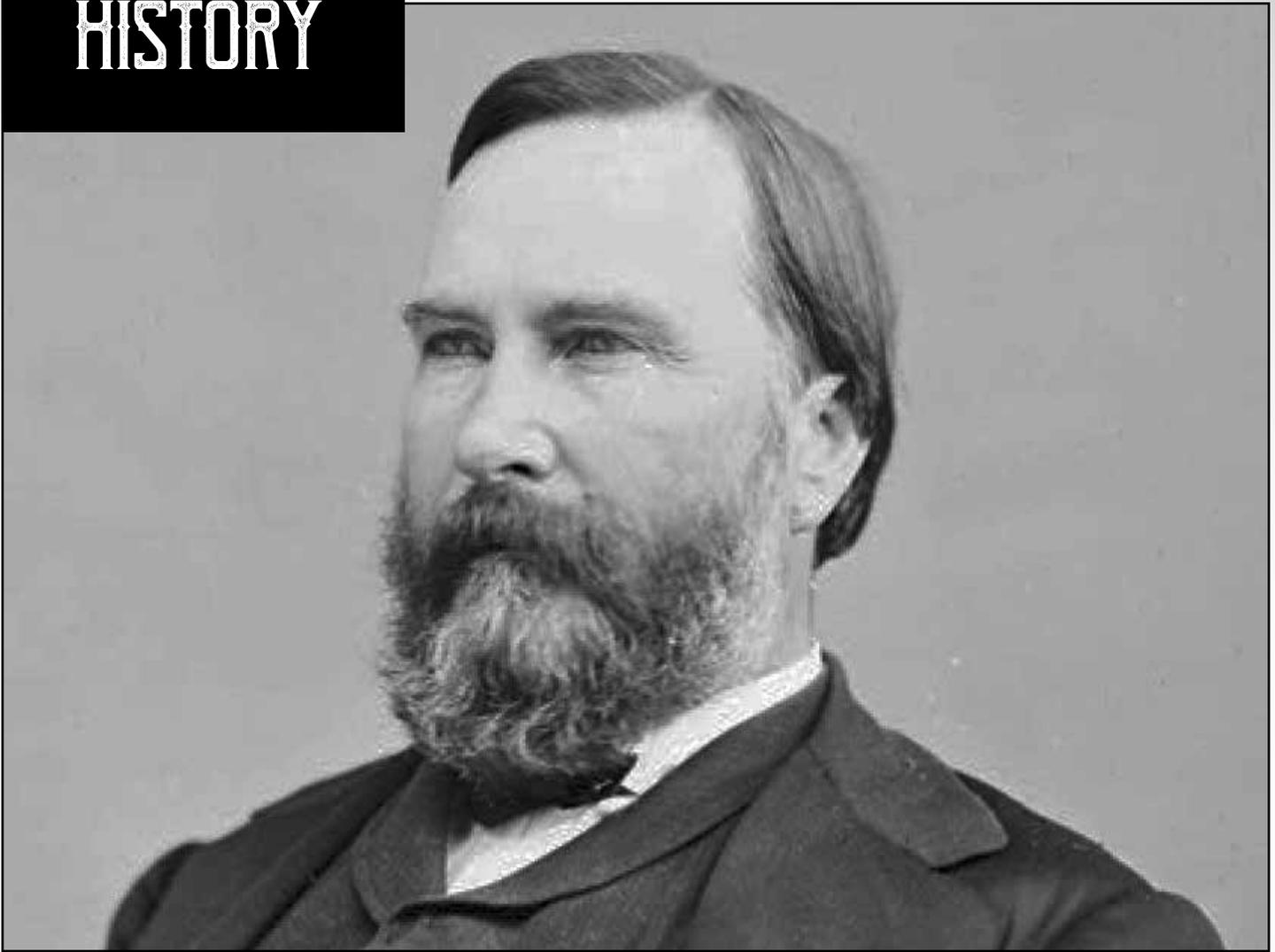


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## FROM HERO TO ZERO THE POSTWAR CAREER OF JAMES LONGSTREET

BY BIG DAVE, SASS #55632

**J**ames Longstreet was one of the Confederacy's most famous generals. He took part in most of the Army of Virginia's major battles and was a deciding factor in one of the Army of Tennessee's few victories, the Battle of Chickamauga. Though seriously wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864, he returned to duty four months later to serve until the surrender at Appomattox in April 1865. He doesn't match Stonewall Jackson in terms of military genius; in fact he made some notable flubs, but he was solid, professional, and reliable. Robert E. Lee called Longstreet his "Old War Horse." At the end of the war, his

reputation in the South was excellent, but only a few years later he became a scapegoat and a pariah to many of his former colleagues.

Before the Civil War broke out, according to some sources, Longstreet was rather tepid about the topic of secession. His attitude toward slavery was more favorable; he owned several slaves and came from a slaveholding family. He was a native Georgian, so that fact is hardly surprising. Following the bombardment of Fort Sumter, he, like many of his southern West Point classmates, resigned his commission as a brevet major in the U.S. Army. He traveled from New Mexico Territory to become a brigadier general in the newly formed Confederate Army in May 1861. After that, he was all in with secession.

Among other things, Longstreet fully supported the Confederate policy of returning escaped slaves to their

masters in the event of their capture. He also used the threat of a widespread slave revolt as a tool for motivating his troops after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. When the Confederate Army captured Blacks in Union territory, it wasn't picky about who had been a freeman as opposed to who was a runaway or a "contraband." It seems Longstreet had little problem rounding up suspicious-looking Blacks and sending them to captivity in the South.

In a famous dispute, he and Lee disagreed about how to properly conduct the Battle of Gettysburg. When the Union forces proved difficult to dislodge after the first day, Longstreet argued for bypassing them and forcing them to fight on terrain that was more favorable to the Confederates. Longstreet could be slow on the best of days but at Gettysburg he was downright balky. He was especially dismayed by the prospect of a frontal

assault on the third day of the battle. When he finally gave the order for the charge to commence, he looked like he was about to vomit. Hindsight shows Longstreet was correct in his assessment of the Union position. Even though he was correct, this dispute with Lee would haunt Longstreet during the years after the war.

After Gettysburg, Longstreet requested and was granted a transfer to the Western Theater, where he served under General Braxton Bragg. Longstreet saved the day at the Battle of Chickamauga when he ordered an attack that broke the Union lines. Unfortunately for the Confederates, Union General George Thomas was able to make a stand that allowed the Union forces to escape to Chattanooga. Following Chickamauga, Longstreet was given a semi-autonomous command with the objective of capturing Knoxville, but that campaign turned out to be a disaster. Much of the blame for that disaster justifiably falls on Longstreet. Eventually, he and his men were transferred back to the Army of Northern Virginia.

Longstreet rejoined Lee's command just in time for the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864. At that battle, he was wounded by his fellow Confederates near the spot where Stonewall Jackson was also shot by friendly fire the previous year. It was a sad irony. He spent a long convalescence recovering from a wound that would probably have killed most people; he'd been shot in the shoulder, but the bullet also ripped open a gash in his throat. Somehow he survived and rejoined Lee in October 1864. Longstreet served until the bitter end at Appomattox in April 1865. One of his last recommendations to Lee was, "General, unless he (Grant) offers us honorable terms, come back and let us fight it out!"

Although he wasn't present at the McLean House for the actual surrender, Longstreet visited the place shortly afterwards at Grant's invitation. He was pleasantly surprised by his old friend Ulysses Grant's warm greeting. Grant acted as though nothing had really happened during the time when they served together in the pre-Civil War US Army. It made an enormous and lasting impression on Longstreet. Though depressed at the South's defeat, he accepted it without looking back.



NOBODY COMMISSIONED A STATUE OF JAMES LONGSTREET UNTIL COMPARATIVELY RECENTLY. THE "GOOD" NEWS IS ANY STATUE OF HIM WOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY MODERN ZEALOTS. THE BAD NEWS IS HIS OVERDUE MONUMENT IS A RATHER SUBSTANDARD ARTWORK RELEGATED TO AN OBSCURE CORNER OF GETTYSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD.

During the first few years after the war had ended, Longstreet attempted to rebuild his life. He moved to New Orleans and was joined by his wife. The immediate months after the war were unpleasant for ex-Confederate generals. There had been talk about trying them for treason. Longstreet's name was prominently on the list. When the indictment proceedings began Grant personally interceded with President Johnson and threatened to resign from the Army if they continued. On June 20, 1865, the Attorney General put an end to the matter of his intended trial. Longstreet applied for a presidential pardon and unsurprisingly, was refused. President Johnson was adamant in his reply. "There are three persons of the South who will never receive amnesty: Mr.

Davis, General Lee, and yourself. You have given the Union cause too much trouble."

During the first few years of Reconstruction, Longstreet became president of the Southern and Western Life and Accident Insurance Company, joined a cotton brokerage firm and unsuccessfully tried to enter the railroad business. He argued that the best course of action for the South was to obey federal laws and support Reconstruction. Longstreet also recommended that white southerners should join the Republican Party, because otherwise it would be dominated by the newly enfranchised former slaves. Though he was no proponent of racial equality, he believed that it would be to the South's advantage to find a way for Blacks and Whites to find a way to work



THE CANAL STREET RIOT, OR BATTLE OF LIBERTY PLACE, WAS A DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR FROM THE START. LONGSTREET COMMANDED AN INTEGRATED MILITIA THAT SUPPORTED THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. THE MILITIA WAS DEFEATED BY THE PRO-DEMOCRAT WHITE LEAGUE.

together.

James Longstreet's views won him few friends among the southern white population. To most of them, "Reconstruction" was synonymous to "Occupation." Indeed, there were thousands of federal troops still stationed in the South during the first decade after the Civil War. The Republican Party was the party of Lincoln, abolition, and invasion. Southerners had quickly forgotten that they had brought war and ruin onto their own heads with the bombardment of Fort Sumter. They also had forgotten that thousands of northern Democrats flocked to join the Union army. To them, the Republican Party was composed of wild-eyed liberals and pointy-headed professors. As for the notion that Whites and Blacks should cooperate with each other, the short explanation was, "forget it." Southern Whites who joined the Republican Party were termed "scalawags." (Scalawag is an archaic term which means "rascal.") Though we can all think of worse modern epithets, to be considered a scalawag was far from a compliment.

In June 1868, again with Grant's help, Longstreet received a pardon. Now that he was enfranchised, Longstreet offi-

cially joined the Republican Party. He supported his friend's bid for the presidency. The following year, Ulysses S. Grant became the 18th President of the United States. Longstreet was present at the inauguration. Less than a week later, he received an appointment as surveyor of customs in New Orleans.

This wasn't well received by Longstreet's white southern peers. It was a lucrative post that had a salary of \$6,000, worth nearly \$145,000 in today's currency. Southern Democrats portrayed him as a cynical opportunist. To make matters worse in their eyes, Black and White officials worked together at the Customs House. The idea of an integrated society was utterly repugnant in the former Confederate states. (In all fairness, it should be noted that the idea wasn't warmly received by most white northerners either.) Southern society began to ostracize Longstreet. D.H. Hill, a former friend of Longstreet's, wrote, "Our scalawag is the local leper of the community."

Undeterred, Longstreet gave his support to the Republican governor, Henry C. Warmouth. Warmouth, a former Union officer, was considered a "carpetbagger." In other words, a Northerner who had moved to the South for the

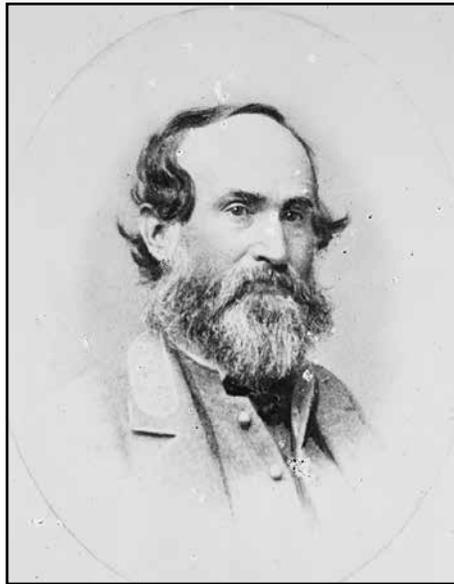
purpose of political and financial gain. Carpetbaggers were hated as much, if not more than the federal troops still left in the South. Longstreet was rewarded for his loyalty by being appointed adjutant general of the Louisiana State Militia, which had been racially integrated. This was an outrage to most white Louisianans; he was now held to be some sort of reincarnation of John Brown, the infamous abolitionist of the pre-Civil War era. In addition, Longstreet was named president of the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad. This further encouraged allegations of opportunism. Less than two years later, Longstreet was promoted to major general of the Louisiana state militia. He now commanded all militia and police forces in New Orleans.

1874 was a fateful year in the history of Reconstruction Louisiana. There had been a lot of violent racial and political discord there after the Civil War ended. The same holds true for many of the former Confederate states, but the discord was particularly brutal in Louisiana. Indeed, it was mostly because of the violence in Louisiana that Congress passed the Reconstruction Act. Everything came to a head two years earlier following the election of Republican Governor William

Pitt Kellogg in 1872.

It had been a close and heavily contested election, with charges of fraud from both parties. Even today, it's hard to tell who should have been the legitimate winner. The Gilded Age was not a shining example of political integrity anywhere in the country, but corruption was an especially defining characteristic of the South during Reconstruction. On April 13, 1873, the supporters of the Democratic candidate John McEnery, a former Confederate general, perpetrated a hideous event in Grant Parish in the northeastern part of Louisiana. Known as the Colfax Massacre, it resulted in the deaths of at least 150 black militiamen. Longstreet sent the state militia to attempt to rescue the militiamen, but they arrived a day late. The only job left for them was to bury the dead. It must have been especially grisly work because some of the bodies had been mutilated in a manner that would have made a Comanche blush.

In April 1874, things got particularly confused when McEnery and his allies declared a second legislature in New Orleans, which was then Louisiana's state seat.



JUBAL EARLY, ONE OF LONGSTREET'S FORMER COLLEAGUES, BECAME ONE OF HIS GREATEST DETRACTORS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR.

A battle erupted between the state militia and the White League, a pro-McEnery paramilitary group. This unedifying spectacle involved a siege when the outnumbered state militia was forced to take refuge in the Customs House. Longstreet, along with Governor Kellogg, anxiously waited for federal troops to come to their

rescue. When order was restored, a compromise was reached where the insurgents agreed to withdraw in exchange for the dismissal of all charges. More than 30 people died during the Canal Street Riot, also known as the Battle of Liberty Place. Federal troops remained in Louisiana until the formal end of Reconstruction in 1877. Longstreet wasn't there by that time. He wisely decided it would be a good idea to move back to Gainesville, Georgia, his family home. He had another ongoing battle to fight.

Several former Confederate generals had been attacking Longstreet in local papers for his cooperation with the Republican Party and for his support of Reconstruction. These began in 1872 and were to plague him for the rest of his life. His war record was criticized, especially his conduct at the Battle of Gettysburg. Jubal Early led the charge.

Although Early was only one of the proponents of the "Lost Cause" interpretation of the Civil War, he was probably the loudest. Bitter and unrepentant, Early was outraged that a fellow former Confederate general would not only advocate Republican policies but would

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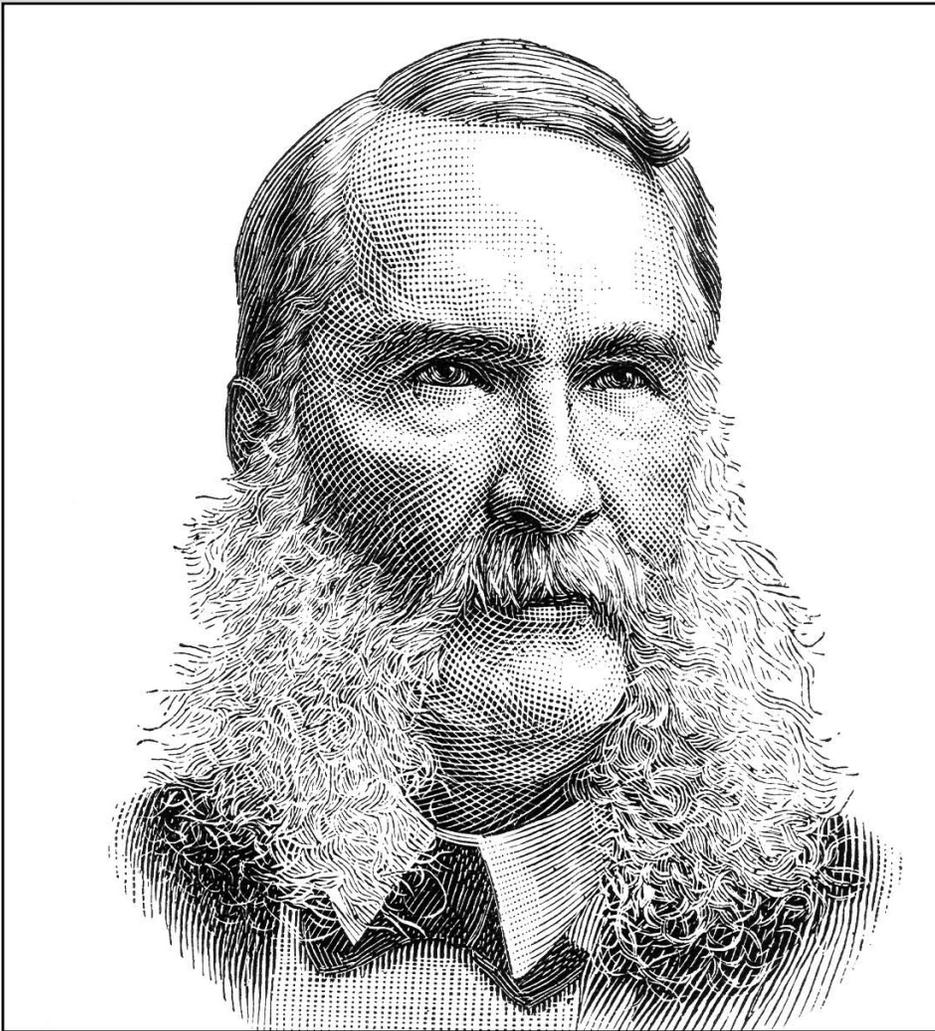


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lead integrated militia troops against his fellow white Southerners. According to Early and some of Lee's former commanders, Longstreet was a traitor to his social class, his former comrades, his region, and his race. Early's attacks resembled those of a medieval bishop hurling anathemas against a heretic.

Longstreet vigorously defended his reputation. Whenever he had spare time, he responded to nasty editorials and speeches. William "Sandy" Pendleton, who had been commander of Lee's artillery, accused Longstreet of deliberately refusing Lee's order to attack at sunrise on July 3, 1863. Single-handedly, according to Pendleton, Longstreet had caused the failure of Pickett's Charge. With this accusation, Pendleton contradicted his own report written shortly after the battle. Longstreet mentioned this during his defense of himself, but it did little good to change his critics' minds. Though Pendleton never could prove his charges,

it didn't matter. "Alternate facts" have been around for a long time.

In an 1874 interview with the *Indianapolis Journal*, Longstreet aptly summed up the situation. "Men can't all think alike, and the problem with the Southern people has always been that they won't tolerate any difference of opinion. If God Almighty had intended all men to think just alike, He might as well have made but one man." There's a lot of truth in that quote; it applies as much to the New South as it did to the Old South.

Despite his local unpopularity, Longstreet had an extensive political career. Of course, he wouldn't get many votes in an election, but he served his country through several political appointments. Unsurprisingly, these were Republican appointments. Under the Hayes administration, Longstreet was Minister Resident to the Ottoman Empire. In 1881, he was appointed a U.S. Marshal in Georgia. When Grover

Cleveland, a Democrat, was elected in 1884, his political career came to a temporary halt. Though Cleveland was from New York, he dared not have anything to do with a southern Republican.

Longstreet went back to Gainesville and went into semi-retirement. On April 9, 1889, (the 24th anniversary of Appomattox) Longstreet's house burned to the ground. He lost most of his personal papers in the blaze. Later that year, his wife Louise died. However, Longstreet was a tough old hoss and wouldn't let anything knock him down.

In 1896, his memoir, *From Manassas to Appomattox*, was published. Longstreet dared to criticize Robert E. Lee's strategic thinking, even though his account of his former commander was respectful. Although I've never read the book, it seems that Longstreet went out of his way to disparage some of the former generals who had attacked him in print after the war. Jubal Early had died a couple of years previously, but he figured prominently in Longstreet's rebuttals.

In retrospect, it's too bad Jubal died before the book came out. He had become a tiresome old bore. In the 1880s he donated \$1,000.00 to erect a statue of Robert E. Lee in Richmond. When Early learned that the pedestal had been made of Maine granite, he threw a fit and withdrew his contribution. His devotion to Lee had begun to resemble that of the character Renfield in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Longstreet's memoir would probably have sent him into convulsions. It would have been a fitting end.

With the election of William McKinley, Longstreet's political fortunes were on the rise. He was appointed U.S. Commissioner of Railroads, a position he retained until his death in 1904. Longstreet even managed to pull a few surprises out of his hat during his autumn years. He remarried in 1897 when he was 76 years old. His new wife, Helen Dortch, a former librarian, was 34. Something tells me she wasn't invited over for tea very often by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She outlived Longstreet by almost six decades and spent a lot of her time defending his reputation. She was surely up to the task. Helen was an exceptionally intelligent and independent woman. She was an early feminist, a suffragette, and even kept her maiden name after marriage.

When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898, Longstreet volunteered to lead U.S. troops in Cuba. He was 77 years old at the time. He didn't get a commission and that was probably a good thing. He might have been able to stand the climate, but the fact was he was far too old to go gallivanting into another in war. A couple of years after the turn of the century, his health began a steady decline. He suffered from rheumatoid arthritis and could barely walk. Then he developed eye cancer, which was treated with the newfangled X-Ray therapy. In January 1904, he contracted pneumonia and the end came swiftly.

Thousands marched in Longstreet's funeral procession. It was the largest gathering ever seen in Gainesville, Georgia. Nevertheless, it could have been grander, as would normally befit an American hero. The Savanna chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy refused to send a wreath. Many other ex-Confederates declined to attend. However, President Theodore Roosevelt sent Helen Dortch a graceful letter in which he lauded the old general's "high-souled patriotism" and described him

"as staunchly loyal to the Union as he had been loyal to the cause for which he fought during the war itself."

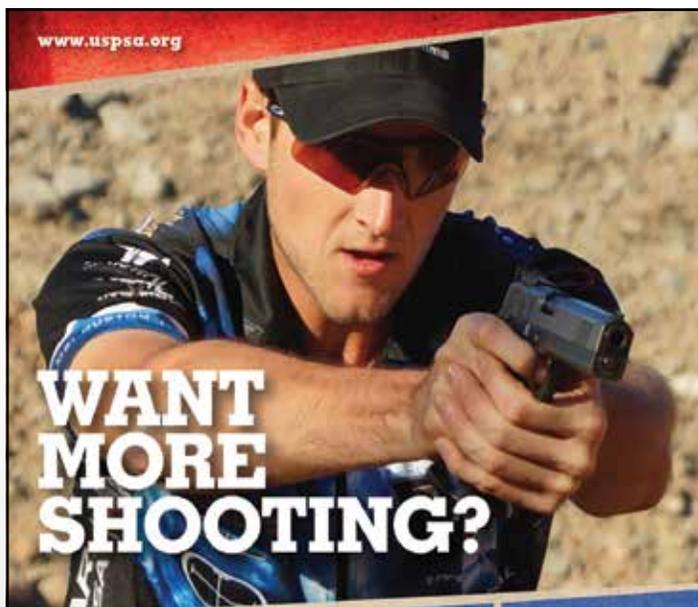
You won't see any statues of Longstreet in the southern states. I suppose it's a moot point, because they would have been removed anyway during the Great Purge of Confederate statues during the last decade. The simple fact that you won't (or wouldn't) see them is that none were erected to begin with. Longstreet was simply too controversial for southerners to celebrate his memory. To use a contemporary term, he had been "canceled" because of his about-face after the Civil War. It wasn't until 1998 that a statue was erected to the memory of General James Longstreet. It stands in an obscure part of the Gettysburg National Military Park. It's kind of a cheesy monument, in my opinion. The horse looks like an oversized dog and there is no pedestal. Maybe they just don't make equestrian statues like they used to, but the statue seems like an apologetic afterthought.

The whole Longstreet controversy serves as a reminder that cancel culture and political correctness are clumsy weapons wielded by both ends of the political

spectrum. They only serve to bludgeon us further into our respective corners. This kind of thing has been around for a long time and has never served us well, unless you believe that encouraging ignorance is beneficial. Hopefully we'll learn to avoid these pitfalls in the future.

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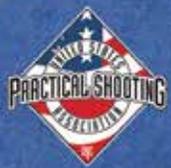


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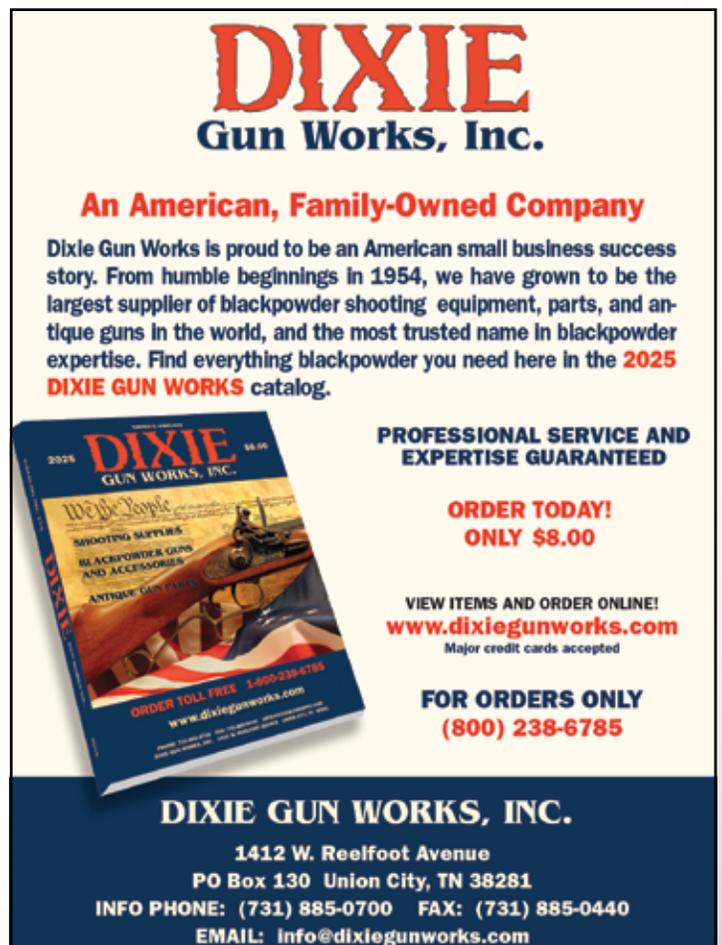
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# THE FAR FRONTIER PART II CIRCA 1582

BY LOUIS A. GARAVAGLIA

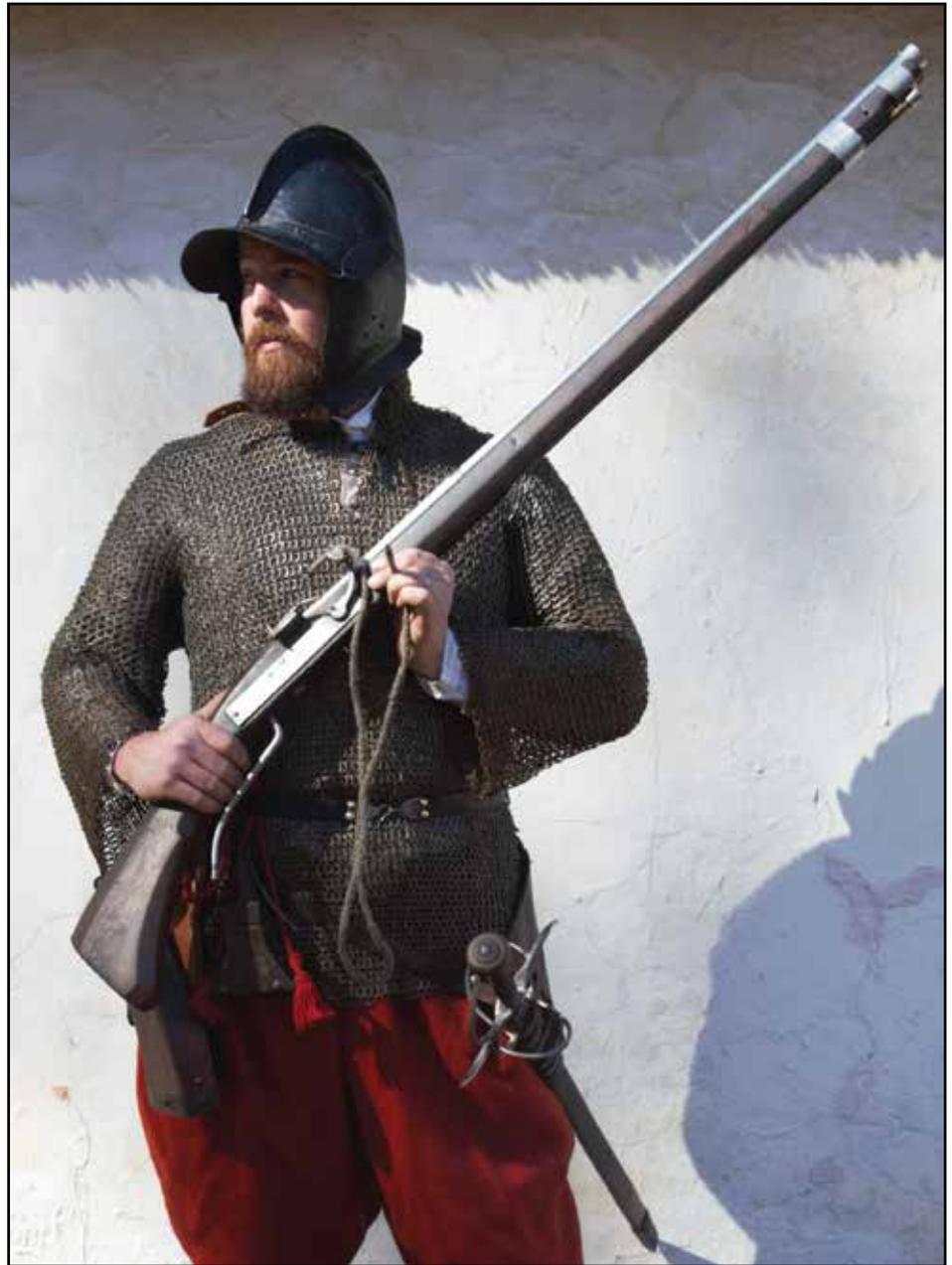
*Editor's note: This article comprises the second part of a two-part report on the early American West by the author. Part one appeared in the January 2024 issue of The Cowboy Chronicle.*

**I**n April of 1582, after ten months in what is now New Mexico, the remaining members of the Chamuscado party straggled back to Santa Barbara. One of the witnesses to their homecoming was a prosperous cattle rancher from central Mexico named Antonio de Espejo who, at the moment, was hiding from the law — avoiding a heavy fine levied against him months earlier, and arriving in Santa Barbara shortly before Chamuscado's men got there. He listened carefully to their stories about the region they had explored — and he also heard the complaints from local Franciscans about the fact that two of their number had been left behind in the pueblo country.

After weighing his circumstances, Espejo developed a plan; he would organize, finance, and lead an expedition to the north to find the friars and protect them from harm. Enlisting fourteen soldiers and one friar for his venture, Espejo left Santa Barbara in November of 1582, accompanied by Indian servants. All were well mounted, with a remuda of more than a hundred horses and mules to maintain that condition. The Spaniards were armed and equipped as Chamuscado's party had been — steel helmets, chain mail coats and breeches, swords, and the all-important harquebuses — the firearms.

The party pushed hard. Diego Perez de Luxan, who kept a journal of the expedition, noted repeatedly that "...the mounts were worn out." At a point not far south of present-day El Paso the horses were so worn down that the party halted for a week, re-shoeing the animals where needed and using part of the time to do a little gunsmithing.

"[The native's] mode of fighting is with Turkish bows and arrows, and



HISTORIAN BRIAN BECKLEY OF THE JAMESTOWN-YORKTOWN FOUNDATION, ARMED AND EQUIPPED MUCH AS CHAMUSCADO'S OR ESPEJO'S MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN.  
—PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN BECKLEY

[clubs] made of tornillo-wood, which is very strong and flexible. We all made stocks for our harquebuses from this tornillo-wood because it was very suitable for the purpose. These stocks were fashioned by an Indian whom we brought with us, a good man, and a fine soldier and harquebusier named Gregorio de Tlaxcala."

With weapons restocked and horses rested, the men pressed on. By mid-January of 1583 they had reached and passed the site of El Paso, in weather cold enough to freeze the water holes. Moving north along the Rio Grande, they halted in

early February at a pueblo near present-day La Joya, and there they got grim news: "...the Indians told us by means of signs that the friars had been killed," probably because of the tools and trade goods that Chamuscado had left with them. Ready for battle, Espejo and his men rode north to Puala pueblo, where the murders had occurred (just north of the site of Albuquerque), but found it abandoned.

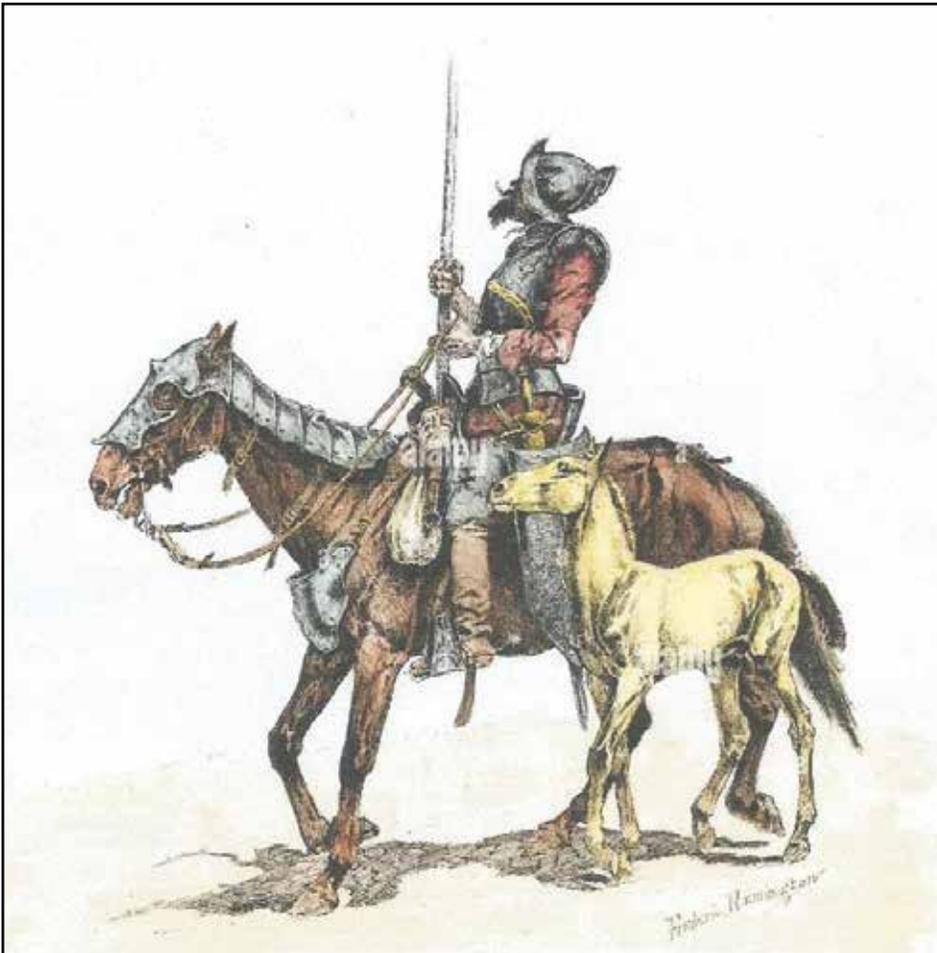
With the main reason for the expedition gone, Espejo could have turned for home. During the trek north, however, he had heard the



SHORT GERMAN-MADE MATCHLOCK, CIRCA 1540-1550, WITH A HEAVY .55-CALIBER OCTAGON BARREL ONLY 15-3/4" LONG, A HANDY LENGTH FOR USE IN THE SADDLE. DURING THE 16TH CENTURY SPAIN OFTEN IMPORTED GUNS FROM GERMANY AND ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION THE KING OF SPAIN RESETTLED TWO PROMINENT GERMAN GUN MAKERS IN HIS COUNTRY.  
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GERMAN-MADE MATCHLOCK, CIRCA 1550-1560, WITH A .71-CALIBER ROUND/OCTAGON BARREL CUT TO A LENGTH OF 25-1/4" PRESUMABLY FOR EASIER HANDLING.  
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FREDERICK REMINGTON'S IDEA OF A CONQUISTADOR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

usual rumors about rich mines, and decided to seek them out. Breaking away from the Rio Grande, the party first headed northwest along the Jemez River, then turned west toward the Zuni Pueblos, passing Acoma and riding through intermittent snowfalls. Just beyond Zuni lay Hawikuh (near the present Arizona-New Mexico border), and while resting the horses there, they heard words that they much wanted to hear; an Indian who came into their camp picked up a Spanish trumpet and said, "...sixty days from his town toward the northwest was something shiny like that. It was in the west, of higher quality and more shiny than the metal of the trumpet. [We] showed him a copper spoon to see if he would say that it was like that, but he maintained that it was like the metal of the trumpet and even better. He said that in the place mentioned where the metal is found the natives wear it [on] their arms [and] head."

That was enough for Espejo's men — once again they saddled up for a journey west. The Indians assured them that they would have no trouble along the way, because of their



LATE MATCHLOCK, SPANISH OR ITALIAN, CIRCA 1580-1600, WITH A .65-CALIBER ROUND/OCTAGON BARREL 25-7/8" LONG, AND DECORATIVE INLAIS IN THE STOCK. THIS PIECE HAS A CONVENTIONAL TRIGGER INSTEAD OF THE TILLER-LIKE TRIGGER OF EARLIER ARMS, AND A WIDE LOCKPLATE SUGGESTIVE OF THOSE USED ON WHEELLOCKS.  
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LATE MATCHLOCK, CIRCA 1580-1600 WITH A .54-CALIBER OCTAGON BARREL 23" LONG. THIS PIECE ALSO SHOWS FEATURES TYPICAL OF WHEELLOCK ARMS, SUCH AS THE TRIGGER, THE LONG RECURVED TRIGGER GUARD, AND THE CONTOURS OF THE BUTTSTOCK.  
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"...arms, horses, and harquebuses... good defensive weapons which shot fire and made the stones crumble like the lightning from heaven."

As promised, there was no Indian trouble — it would come later — but their journey toward the sunset was long, and the country rugged. Just west of the Little Colorado River, near present-day Winslow, Arizona, they encountered "...dense, rough woodlands with bad trails, a very dangerous route in an enemy country. We descended a slope so steep and perilous that a mule belonging to Captain Antonio de Espejo fell and was dashed to pieces." Regardless, they pressed on, and finally found the mines, "...in a very rough sierra, and so worthless that we did not find in any of them a trace of silver, as they were copper mines, and poor." Besides the disappointment, it was now early May and they had traveled some 100 leagues, or 260 miles, west of the Rio Grande Valley.

So they turned back, plodding

eastward past Hawikuh and Zuni without incident until they halted at an Indian rancheria near Acoma, where real trouble started. For some reason, the natives "...surprised us with a shower of arrows and much shouting. [So] we rushed at once to the horses, firing our harquebuses. For this reason the Indians wounded only one horse...[Then] half of our men with all the servants went to the rancheria and set [it on] fire."

A truce followed, but it was brief. Several days earlier one of Espejo's men, Francisco Barreto, had acquired an unwilling Indian woman as a servant and now, during the fusillade of arrows and gunfire, she fled to the hostile Indians. Determined to keep her, Barreto attempted a parley, asking Luxan to cover his back. As a gesture of good faith, he was willing to leave both his sword and harquebus behind and begged Luxan to do the same. So with misgivings, Luxan left his harquebus on his saddle and with Barreto beside him he approached the natives

on foot.

His fear was well founded. Halfway to the Indian position they walked into another shower of arrows, two of which hit Barreto in the cheek and arm. Badly outnumbered and without guns, the Spaniards retreated to their horses and recovered their weapons. Then, in view of the odds against them, they decided to continue toward the Rio Grande.

There, more Indian trouble awaited them. The pueblo of Puala, where Chamuscado's friars had been killed, was no longer abandoned. Instead, about 30 Indians on the roofs shouted insults at the Spaniards.

Espejo was in no mood to negotiate, and ordered an attack. First, "...the corners of the pueblo were taken by four men, and four others with two servants began to seize those natives who showed themselves...[Then] we took out the prisoners, two at a time, and lined them up against some cottonwoods close to the pueblo of Puala, where they were garroted and shot

many times until they were dead. Sixteen were executed... This was a remarkable deed for so few people in the midst of so many enemies....”

Furthermore, “The news of what had happened at Puala spread throughout the provinces and the people were very much afraid and all served and regaled us.”

With that murderous matter settled, the party continued east, across the Rio Grande, again looking for mines. As food was getting scarce, they halted at the great pueblo of Pecos to ask for provisions, but the natives refused. So the Spaniards edged into the place “...with great precaution and care, [and] discharged some of the harquebuses while passing through the plaza... [the Indians] became so frightened that hardly one of them dared to appear.” Finally an old man showed himself, begging the intruders not to fire again and promising to give them everything they would need for the trip to Santa Barbara. Resupplied, Espeso’s men turned for home, following the Pecos River south instead of the Rio Grande. In September of 1583, after ten months on the trail, the party reached Santa Barbara. Then Espejo wrote a report — a report with no mention of the disappointing mines or the sixteen Indians executed at Puala, but one that would practically guarantee other expeditions would follow.

“...In the greater part of those provinces, there is an abundance of game beasts and birds...There are also fine wooded mountains with trees of all kinds, salines, and rivers containing a great variety of fish. Carts and wagons can be driven through most of this region and there are good pastures for cattle as well as lands suitable for vegetables or grain crops, whether irrigated or depending on seasonal rains. There are many rich mines, too...”

The era of the Wild West was about to begin.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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## DISPATCHES FROM FORT BAYLOR SLICK MCCLADE'S DREAM GUN BECOMES A PIETTA MATCH READY GUN

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS  
#24287 PATRON LIFE REGULATOR

**S**lick McClade (SASS #69490), in case you've never heard of him (unlikely), is a 10-time World and National Champion in B-Western.

But wait, there's more! His wife, Miss Allotta Steel (SASS #69492) decided she wanted to shoot Classic Cowgirl. Classic is the hardest category to shoot (with the possible exception of Frontiersman). It requires big bore (.40 caliber or larger) revolvers and rifle, hammer double or '87 Lever action shotgun, and specific costume items that have to be worn to all match activities, including bed and in the shower (just kidding, but then one Classic Cowboy says wearing his

chaps to bed is reserved for special occasions).

Slick decided to switch to Classic Cowboy with her. He had never shot duelist or hammer doubles, and he was used to a Marlin '94 instead of a '73 rifle.

As expected, the experts predicted failure in that effort but he went to work dry practicing five nights a week, no live fire except matches. I perked up at that. I can't practice live fire SASS techniques without a two-hour round trip drive. The punch line? Now he's a three-time Classic Cowboy World and National Champion.

Additionally, he fits in my list of "the real thing." There are several in SASS. The Real things are people who are really what they present to be. In his case, I was convinced he was in 2013 at Winter Range. After I shot Saturday, I had left my Ruger Old Armies with him so he could fit Sure Hit Sights on them. Sunday morning, while having breakfast The Redhead and I saw Facebook posts of Vendors Row flat on the ground after a twister

had come through.

We immediately went to the range, not knowing what to expect. All of the tents were down, and their contents spread out. People were working to make sense of the situation. As we walked toward the back row, we saw Slick standing at a folding table doing the final touches on the front sight with a Dremel polisher.

Slick has done a lot of work on revolvers, modifying them into match guns. He concluded that match grade guns should be, in his words, available out of the box. Such guns are rare. This is difficult for a manufacturer to do economically, and the market is tough.

Slick tells the story. "In 2019 I decided to approach Alessandro Pietta about building a match grade single action that someone could purchase straight from the manufacturer, take it out of the box, take it to a match, and not have to do anything to it. At that time we were building match grade guns using Ruger frames and match grade Shilen barrels and my partner was thinking of going out of business.

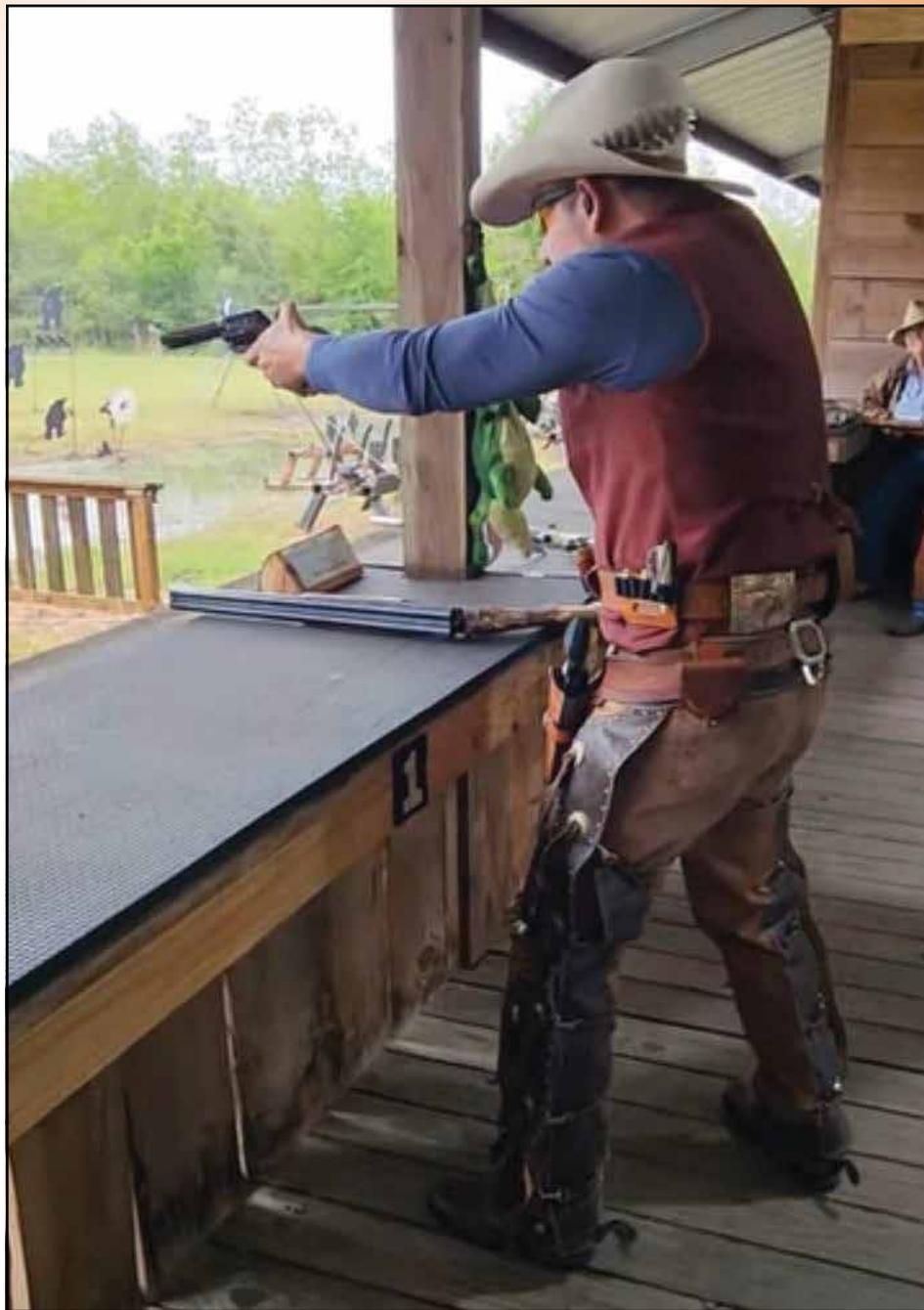
So I approached Allesandro Pietta.”

Perhaps you don't know Pietta. Allesandro Pietta (Achimista, SASS #41531) is a long time SASS shooter as well as being a Pietta. He has done a lot for SASS and made it possible for EMF to continue in business after General Grant died. In case you're not familiar with Pietta, from EMF, F.A.P F.LLI, "Pietta was established in 1960 by Knight Giuseppe Pietta. The company first entered the world of gun-making by producing hunting guns, including side-by-side and over and under shotguns. In 1964, F.A.P F.LLI. Pietta started manufacturing replicas of the firearms used in the American Civil War. Over the years, they have made an excellent reputation (in a very difficult market) for making quality black powder reproductions. In 2002, Mr. Gordon Davis, (General U. S. Grant, SASS #2) CEO/ President of EMF Company turned to Knight Giuseppe Pietta to manufacture EMF's Great Western line of single action revolvers. The joint efforts of these two great companies have resulted in the production of one of the finest single action revolvers on the market today.”

Pietta makes replica firearms, and their SAA replicas have become more and more popular in SASS as they make several with four-click hammers like real Colts. The import requirement for a safety of some sort is fulfilled with a two-position base pin. If pushed in too far it makes it impossible to fire the gun. I discovered this when reassembling one gun after cleaning. (Though I never recommend removing a safety feature permanently I note there are a few competition-only modifications. Evil Roy, for example, had his gunsmith shorten the base pin on his Evil Roy revolvers.

Standard length base pins are available online. If you get a pair of those and use them for SASS, keep the original "import legal" base pin. Put them in the guns when you sell them. Liability lawyers are quite good these days.

Slick continued, "Alessandro was all for it and was excited about the project and shortly after we decided he sent me a prototype I put on my YouTube channel, and I actually won



SLICK MCCLADE IN FULL CLASSIC COWBOY REGALIA SHOOTING THE .357 IN THE WRANGLER CATEGORY, HENCE THE TWO-HANDED GRIP.

a world championship with a prototype gun. It ran very well and I literally quit counting after 10,000 rounds.

"As we were getting ready to start production COVID hit and totally shut down everything and set the project back all the way to last year.

"Alessandro finally sent a couple of samples over and once they were approved, put them in production."

## PRODUCTION GUN FEATURES

Octagonal barrel, the extra weight minimizes recoil and muzzle flip for rapid follow-up shots. Keeping all five

shots of a "dump" is easier.

Historically, Colt used octagonal barrels for the 1836 Paterson and 1851 Navy, later switching to round barrels to increase production. Hand-made octagon barrels took a lot of time.

The front of the muzzle, the cylinder, and the ejector rod housing have all been rounded for easier re-holstering.

The front sight is solid brass, about .125" wide, and stands out very well.

The rear sight is wide to accom-



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THE CYLINDER NOTCHES ARE LENGTHENED TO A POINT INSTEAD OF ROUND FOR SMOOTHER ROTATION OF THE CYLINDER.

moderate the front sight. The sight picture is bright and fast.

It has a wide, low profile hammer. Low profile hammers are preferable for duelists, shortening the reach of the thumb. For two-handed shoot-

ers, if the gun has been short-stroked, the lowered hammer works. If it has not, then the hammer can hit the web of the hand if the grip is high. It shouldn't be, but it happens. The wide hammers are easier to cock.

Complete action work with short stroke from the factory. The action was smooth and light, no flaws.

### THE CYLINDER

"We lengthened the cylinder notch to a point instead of round so that way you get a smoother rotation of your cylinder. This is something that's pretty much exclusive."

### THE TRIGGER

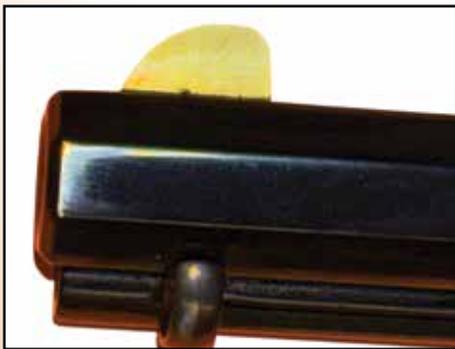
"One thing I did change from the prototype was the trigger. The '73 was designed with a narrow trigger off to the left. This is perfect for a right-handed shooter shooting one handed.

"Of course we have people shooting gunfighter or double duelist, or those of us who shoot with our left hand. The wide trigger solves the problem.

"The trigger pull is four pounds and very crisp. They have to be four pounds or more for import regulations. Lightening the trigger on Colt pattern guns is fairly easy. If you are a shooter new to SASS, I would suggest adjusting the shooter to the trigger



CHECKERED GRIPS.



THE MUZZLE, THE CYLINDER, AND THE EJECTOR ROD HOUSING HAVE ALL BEEN ROUNDED FOR EASIER RE-HOLSTERING.

and see if that works. If they were mine, I would just shoot them. Yes, my Rugers have light, gunsmith-tuned triggers. I don't seem to have a problem going from one to the other.

"The factory grips made by Pietta are checkered with fine checkering and provide a very good grip.



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"Raj at Eagle Grips is working on Gunfighter Grips with Reactiv® checkering for these guns."

## AVAILABILITY

"They are now in production. We just got the second batch this week. The second batch has 5.5-inch guns in it as well as 4.75 so this design, called the Competition, will be engraved nickel. For the second batch we did a little trigger modification (right at four pounds on my trigger pull gauges, one electronic, one spring driven).

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# MERNICKLE ITEMS FOR CLASSIC COWBOYS

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS  
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**R**unning right up to the deadline, I sent last issue's article in with-

out some things Howlin' Wolf wanted included.

It was about Mernickle's Classic Cowboy rig. They put together a package with some things you need to shoot Classic, not just the gun and shotgun belts. The cuffs and butt covers made it into the article. Three didn't.



WESTERN LEATHER STRING TIE AND SLIDE. I SEE THIS IN MY FUTURE AT PARTIES.



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# GADGETS AND TOOLS FROM UNIQUETEK

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS  
#24287 PATRON LIFE REGULATOR

**A**t my first Winter Range in 2000 I saw many neat vendors. Many of those are gone now and never replaced. One that stood out and is still here is UniqueTek. Lee Love owns it and works the matches and gun shows himself. He introduced me to several things that I added to my SASS tool collection over the years.



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Since then I've written about several things I got from him. After the column became "a thing," I got some just for testing and writing about them. Many of those written about have a place in some shooter's shop or gun cart.

I had planned a full article in April, an online only issue with more room than the written issues, for items I hadn't gotten around to writing about, but that article got bumped. So, since I don't have enough room for a big article, I'm doing a couple for this issue and scheduling more for the future.

## POWDER MEASURE DRAIN-N-CHANGE

If you don't like taking a powder measure down to drain and change powder, this is for you. The instructions are complete and very good, so I won't repeat them here. Essentially

you push the powder bar out with the Drain-N-Change going in right behind it. You loosen and remove the bell crank cube and try not to lose it. It is best dealt with while the powder measure is horizontal. That kind of defeats the purpose of draining powder in place. I recommend getting five spares from Dillon first. Don't ask me why. Verify that powder is completely gone if you're changing powders.

## XL650 PRIMER EJECTOR TOOL

The 650 uses a rotary magazine. Six primers will be in it between the pick-up point under the priming station. If it is not used, then it will be dropped to the primer chute. Do not attempt to use the 650 primer ejector tool to force a jammed rotary primer disk. Applying that much force may bend the primer indexing arm and rotary primer disc. It is recommend-



GENTLY PUSH THE TOOL TO THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE THE ROTARY PRIMER DISK. THERE IS MORE TO IT. THIS IS JUST FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES.

ed to remove the primer system from the press. The 650 Primer Ejector Tool can also be used at the start for of a reloading session to advance the rotary primer disk to where the first primer will arrive at station two at the same



THE OPTIONAL HOLDER.

time as the first case. This requires just

six strokes. This does not constitute instructions for use. Read the ones that come with the tool.

### OPTIONAL HOLDER

Their Primer Rod Holder just happens to fit this to hang it on the Primer System Magazine. I consider this to be mandatory. Otherwise I'll lose it in the shop. Several guns and a Jeep Wagoneer are lost in there.

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## SHOOTING WILD BUNCH WITH A THOMPSON RIFLE?

BY COLONEL MONTANA KID HAMMER,  
 SASS #6476 PATRON REGULATOR

**M**y job with the Former Texas Rangers Foundation presents the wonderful opportunity to teach youngsters about the guns of the Texas Rangers. When a thirteen-year-old fellow asked, “Isn’t a Thompson old school, Kid?” that’s when the idea struck me that Thompsons might prove a viable pistol-caliber rifle for SASS Wild Bunch competitions, the movie, *The Wild Bunch* being an all-time favorite of mine. That movie’s setting is 1913, so Thompsons, like the Browning M-1917 water-cooled machinegun in the film, are anachronistic.

For clarification in this article, I’ll refer to the semi-automatic Thompson as the Thompson rifle or T-rifle and the select-fire model as a submachine gun or Tommy gun. The difference between the

Tommy gun and the T-rifle is that the Tommy gun fires from an open bolt while the T-rifle operates from a closed bolt. The submachine guns have two selectors on the fram’s left side. The front switch selects either the full auto or a single-shot mode. The back switch selects “fire” or “safe” modes. The Thompson rifle has a single switch for “fire” or “safe.” An important step to remember about the T-rifle is never cock (draw the bolt rearward) with the selector in the safe position, or in time you’ll break the firing pin. I’m going to address only the T-rifle in this article.

I operate two Deluxe Thompson rifles, an M-1927A-1 with a detachable butt stock and an M-1942A-1, both chambered in .45 ACP. The M-1927 can be charged with stick magazines of 10, 20, or 30 cartridges and a 50- or 100-round drum magazine. The M-1942 only accommodates stick magazines. I recommend using 20- or 30-round magazines. The 10-round magazine is a nice fit, but it can be tough to charge with 10 rounds. A drum makes the rifle clumsy to stage and

isn’t the easiest device to install rapidly. The bolt locks back on an empty stick magazine of the ’27 or the ’42 however, without a device called the “third-hand” installed, with a drum magazine the bolt won’t lock back when the drum is empty.

Something to consider if you decide to operate a Thompson rifle as your main match rifle is that the M-1927 weighs 13.5 pounds, and the M-1942 weighs 11 pounds empty. Both have heavy main recoil springs, so when cocking and/or charging the rifle you may have yourself a handful. The ’27 has a Lyman Vernier rear sight; the ’42 has a crude L-shaped metal rear sight. Both rifles have large fixed front sight blades. Either sight system is easy to acquire when addressing these rifles correctly. Because of the rifle’s weight, recoil from the .45 ammunition is negligible, like many SASS-legal lever or pump rifles.

My experience with Thompson rifles, like with my 1911 pistols, is they should be well-lubricated. It won’t take you long to discover how much lubrication is sufficient. After discharging 150 rounds



M-1927 DELUXE WITH DETACHABLE BUTT STOCK.

through each of my two rifles, I noticed the rifle bolt's wear-in marks. Once I polished these marks from each bolt and lubricated the bolts, much like my 1911 frame rails, both rifles ran without feeding or cycling issues. Watch the health of your magazines, like your pistol magazines, and try to not drop your magazines on hard surfaces whenever possible.

The 1927A-1 specifications are 13.5 pounds and 13.665 pounds with ten rounds. The overall length is 41 inches. The sight radius is 28 inches. The frame width is 1.8 inches. My semi-automatic trigger measured 9.5 pounds, mildly heavy yet very smooth. How do the T-Ri-

fles measure up to SASS Wild Bunch legal rifles? These rifles have 16- to 20-inch barrels and a magazine capacity of 10-30 rounds, utilizing the .45 ACP cartridge, like our 1911 pistols. It operates from a closed bolt using a gas-blow-back system. It is hand-manipulated to cock the hammer and charge the chamber with the initial cartridge. The bolt locks open when the magazine is emptied. The T-rifle frame is ¼-inch taller than the submachine gun, so if you have original-issue military stick magazines, they will require a modification of ¼-inch to lock into the frame's magazine well catch. The T-rifle isn't an NFA classified firearm and doesn't violate



L-R: ORIGINAL SUBMACHINE GUN 30-ROUND MAGAZINE WITH ¼-INCH MODIFICATION VS. T-RIFLE 30-ROUND MAGAZINE.

most clubs' prohibition about machine-guns.

You ask, "Doesn't that semi-automatic rifle give you a winning edge in speed?" When timed, I emptied 16 rounds from my Henry lever rifle in 11 seconds. Shooting 16 rounds from my Thompson Rifle took me about 13 seconds.

Using a 230-grain lead round-nose projectile like those of my 1911, ammunition has worked well in both T-rifles. My primary reloading reference is the Lyman reloading manuals and I've found success with the following propellants: Bullseye, Blue Dot, WW-231, Unique, Zip, and Trail Boss. I've used all kinds of the popular large pistol primers successfully.

These rifles are hardy, yet like all Cowboy guns, you'll experience breakage. I've discovered that firing pins and recoil spring guides will break before many of these rifles' other parts. Having your extractor factory-adjusted and watching out for your magazines' health makes for a smooth-running rifle. Kahr Firearms Group is where I purchase spare parts ([www.shopkahrfirearmsgroup.com/parts-accessories/1927-tommy-gun](http://www.shopkahrfirearmsgroup.com/parts-accessories/1927-tommy-gun)).

So, whether you wear Old West togery or trend towards the US Army Uniform of 1910, the Thompson rifle ought to win you style points.

I sincerely thank The Golden Heart Shootist Society and Bullets-by-Scarlett for assisting me in bringing this article



UPPER ACTION PARTS — BOLT BLOCK, RECOIL SPRING GUIDE WITH SPRINGS, FIRING PIN ROD AND SPRING, PIN, HAMMER AND CHARGING HANDLE.



L-R: 50-ROUND DRUM WITH THE "THIRD HAND DEVICE", 30- 20- AND 10-ROUND STICK MAGAZINES.



A BROKEN RECOIL SPRING GUIDE WITH DAMAGED SPRINGS AND THE BROKEN FIRING PIN.

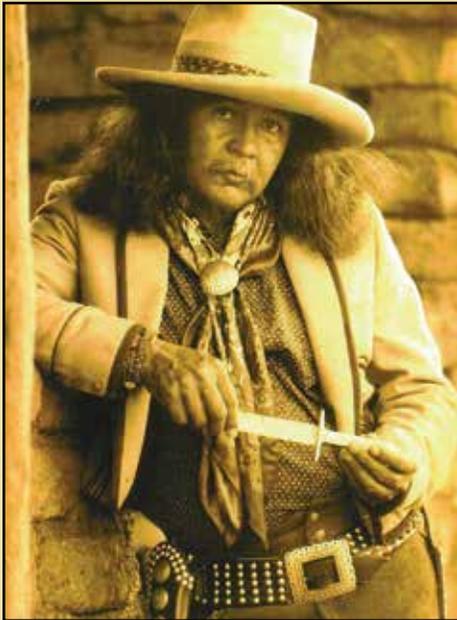
to you. T-rifles aren't SASS-legal rifles. I hope, via a few amended rules, regulations, and SASS' permission, Thompson rifles might be grafted into future Wild Bunch competitions. Should you have a Thompson rifle handy, give this firearm a go. I'm sure you won't regret it.

*Author's note — If you want to learn about Thompson rifles, contact me at [www.montanakidhammer@yahoo.com](mailto:www.montanakidhammer@yahoo.com), or 907-978-2296. I'm in Fairbanks, Alaska (Alaska Standard/Daylight Saving Time). Thanks!*

# TRAILMARKERS

## APACHE KID FEBRUARY 4, 1940 – MARCH 27, 2025

BY GREY FOX, SASS #223 AND MISS  
MARY SPENCER, SASS #55147



THE APACHE KID

**R**eg Byrum (The Apache Kid, SASS #37 Life) passed away March 27, 2025 at home attended by his devoted mate and then spouse of 38 years, Miss Clementine, with family and friends on hand in support.

The Apache Kid was born in Salinas, California, destined to lead a life of adventure. The Kid enjoyed motorcycles, cars, hot rods, guns, and horses. He became a proficient pistolero and skilled horseman.

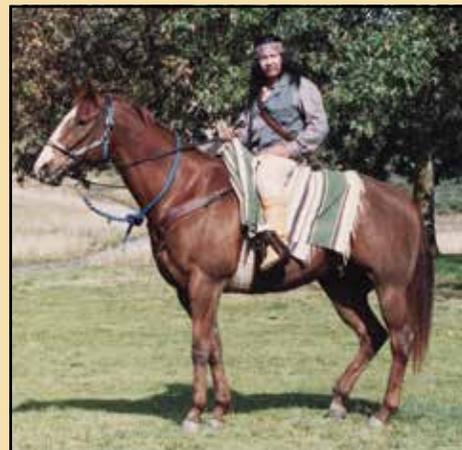
On occasion, when the Apache Kid was subject to discrimination he negotiated diplomatically, backed up by his 1911 Colt and the quote “how do you like me now?”

In the Viet Nam era he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and patrolled the Tonkin Gulf. The Apache Kid met Grey Fox and Miss Mary Spencer at the fourth END of TRAIL, May of 1985. The Kid was a skilled artisan woodworker, leather crafter, and much more. He was always involved with projects. He was an avid Cowboy Action Shooter™ and signed up on the first day when SASS was organized in

1987. The Grey Fox organized the first mounted ride-in at END of TRAIL, Coto de Caza 1987, he called the Apache Kid to be a participant and the Kid replied “he would be there.” The Kid was always delighted to be involved in an adventure. When the Grey Fox suggested in 1988 that they drive a herd of cattle over the highest cattle trail in North America the Kid’s reply “what time do you want me to be there?” The Grey Fox and Miss Spencer organized the first SASS affiliated match in Canada in 1992. When organizing the 1994 edition, Grey Fox asked the Kid to be the honored guest, the Kid replied he would. The Grey Fox and Miss Spencer embarked on producing Wild West Shows and asked the Apache Kid to star. He again agreed.

1992 was a stellar year for the Apache Kid. He was cast as a member of the Red Sash Gang in the movie *Tombstone*. He enthusiastically responded, his fame began to grow and other movie work was offered. In the summer of 1996 the Apache Kid was featured in a street theatre performance in Deadwood, South Dakota. Fall of 1996 the he and a group of SASS pistoleros organized a 65th birthday party for the Grey Fox in the Governor’s Room of the Irma Hotel, Cody, Wyoming. It was incredible. The Apache Kid not only enjoyed being the feature, he liked to share joy with his friends.

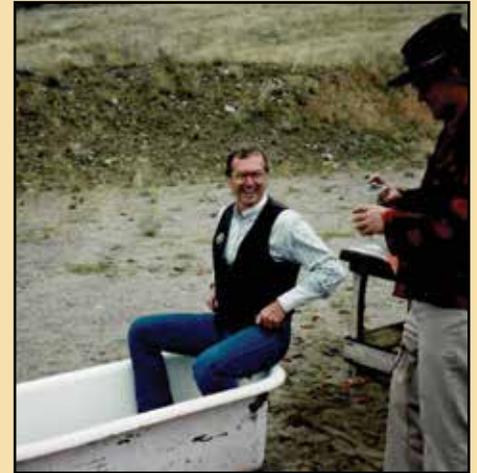
The Apache Kid was our valued friend for two months shy of 40 years. He enjoyed the history, the culture, and the ethic of the Old West, and lived it. His word was never in question, his actions sincere, he could be trusted to follow through, if he said it, he would do it. That’s the Cowboy Way! He will be remembered!



THE KID IN FULL APACHE KIT DURING THE RIDE-IN AT EOT 1987.

## I.B. GROTY AUGUST 18, 1949 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

BY PRAIRIE PRINCESS, SASS #6706



I.B. GROTY

**M**ike McCloskey (I.B. Groty, SASS #3969) believed he was born in the wrong century, as he longed for the cowboy life. He caught the Cowboy Action bug while attending a shoot with son Chris and his longtime friend Bob Scalese in 1994. In 1995, while shooting at High Ore, Montana, Mike found out Gene Afdahl (Lobo), from Sun River, was interested in starting a club. Mike met with Gene to discuss club ideas and land options for a range. Also in attendance were Chris McCloskey (Lefty Kid), Tom Mullane (Dr. Lance deBoyle) and Diane Nelson (Prairie Princess, SASS #6706). By April 1996, the organization had received their Federal ID number and non-profit status. Temporary officers were Gene Afdahl, President, Mike McCloskey, Vice-president, and Diane Nelson as Secretary/Treasurer. In July, the organization registered with the State of Montana as the Sun River Rangers Shooting Society, applied for an NRA affiliation and signed a land lease agreement with the Broken O Ranch for a range. Their first shoot was August 15, 1996 with twenty attendees. New leadership was installed in October of 1996. By the fall of 1997, the club was in turmoil. Members were asking questions about finances, lack of meetings, the status of the land purchase and new by-laws filed with the Montana Secretary of State without membership approval. At a membership meeting in Feb 1998,

the by-laws were reviewed and amended but never updated with the State. There were still financial questions that were not being answered by the Treasurer. B.C. Caffyn (Wapiti Willie) was elected President in October of 1998 and a leave of absence left the position of Member at Large open. Mr. Caffyn appointed Mike McCloskey I.B.) to that position. Representing the club, I.B. cleaned up the State filing issues, resumed negotiations for the land purchase and started an audit of the club books. By January 1999, the past Treasurer had not turned over the books to the new Treasurer, who was elected in October of 1998. There was sufficient evidence to file criminal fraud charges against the past Treasurer. It was at this point that I.B. took a pause from the club after suffering from a stroke. But the ball was rolling and the club finalized the land purchase and received restitution from the past Treasurer.

I.B. was born in Seattle, WA and loved spending time on his paternal grandfather's farm near Yelm, WA, helping with a small herd of cows. He graduated Mercer Island High School in 1967 and attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He played college football until a neck injury curtailed his action on the field. Not to be sidelined, he joined the crew team and cross-country ski team. He was pilot qualified through ROTC but was dropped from the program when he developed diabetes at the age of 21. He was a grain merchandiser or manager for many grain companies throughout the Pacific Northwest for more than twenty years. Settling in Great Falls, Montana, he became licensed as a financial adviser, working until his retirement in 2018.

He married his best friend, Diane Nelson (Prairie Princess), in 1997. Together they made an effective and formidable team, volunteering for many organizations in Great Falls.

In addition to Cowboy Action Shooting™, Mike enjoyed many activities with his family and friends — camping, fishing, hunting, clam digging, and photography. He treasured the time teaching son, Chris and his friends to hunt and fish while coaching many of Chris' youth sports activities. He cowboied several seasons on the Sun Ranch in southwest

Montana. He was a member of the C. M. Russell Museum's Charlie's Friends, the East Valley quick response team, and a volunteer fireman with the Sun Prairie department. As a life member of Cascade County Search and Rescue he helped guide the unit to the successful realization of a county mill levy for SAR funding. His greatest accomplishment was attaining his EMT certificate after suffering a stroke in 1999 and becoming a staff member of ETC of Montana, which offers emergency provider education across the state.

In 2016 he was fortunate to have received a kidney transplant and looked forward to renewed life with family and friends. But immunosuppressants made him susceptible to all sorts of infections and viruses. Over the next years he would experience many trips to the ER but maintained his optimism on life and his humorous character. He always had a smile on his face and a contagious laugh. He jokingly wondered if he could visit all the emergency rooms in Pacific Northwest during his lifetime.

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## **DOC J.H. HUCKLEBURY** **FEBRUARY 22, 1940 –** **MARCH 31, 2025**

**BY AMADUELIST, SASS #28092**  
**LIFE REGULATOR**



**DOC J.H. HUCKLEBURY**

**D**oc J.H. Hucklebury (SASS #14373) passed away March 31, 2025. Doc joined SASS in June of 1997 and was very active in the sport. He attended all the Mule Camp Regional matches and was a Posse Marshal for most of them. He also was a Berm Marshal/Posse Marshal for many of the Florida State Championships in Orlando and St. Augustine. He was a founding member of the Okeechobee Marshals in South Florida. He was always there with a helping hand without being asked. Doc always liked to wear something with the color purple at every match. He loved to shoot the

Holy Black. All his guns were stock out of the box. He did not believe in making any modifications to them. He was also a Florida history buff. Most of the stage stories he wrote revolved around the outlaws from Florida's past. He also participated in several Florida Cracker Trail cattle drives from east of Bradenton to Fort Pierce, a total distance of approximately 120 miles. His last match was this last March at the Gold Coast Gunslingers in Ft. Lauderdale. I have known him for more than 25 years. He was always a gentleman and an inspiration to many and he will truly be missed by those who knew him.

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## **ROOSTER CORRIGAN** **FEBRUARY 7, 1942 –** **JANUARY 18, 2025**

**BY RICHELIEU MIKE, SASS #70416**



**ROOSTER CORRIGAN**

**B**ill Corrigan (Rooster Corrigan, SASS #83743) passed away at age 83. Bill entered Cowboy Action Shooting™ in 2009 and from there he went on to become the Eastern Ontario Territorial Governor. While sponsoring CAS, he was very professional in writing booklets, certificates, and invitations. His support for the clubs was exceptional.

He was a dear friend to all and a true Cowboy enthusiast, treating everyone fairly while promoting the Cowboy Way.

He is survived by his son, stepson, and grandchildren. He will go on living in the hearts of all those who crossed his path.

Presiding at the Inter-Provincial Championship matches, he was overheard saying at the end of a successful meet, "Ladies and Gents! It was a privilege to shoot with you."

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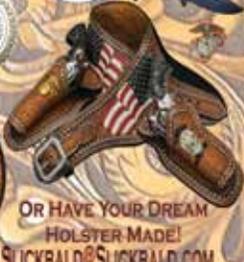
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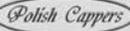
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# SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2025 MONTHLY SHOOTING SCHEDULES

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## AUSTRALIA

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Majura Rangers	Majura	1st Sat WB & 3rd Sun CAS	N/A	Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
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### NEW SOUTH WALES

Panorama Peacemakers	Bathurst	3r Sun & 5th Sun	0418468721	Mean Mongrell Matt	Bathurst SSAA Range
The Quarry Bunch	Belanglo, NSW	1st Sun	+61 414 597 806	The Halliday Kid	Bowral Pistol Club

### QUEENSLAND

Dalby Pioneers	Dalby	4th Wkd	0458 510 122	Mrs. H	South West Quarry Gang
Dalby Pistol Club Inc.	Dalby	2nd Sun	0488 225 435	Whiskey Rae	South West Quarry Gang
Shooters Union Australia Ltd	N/A	As Sched.	+61 409 471 423	Painted Mohawk	Various Ranges Across Australia
Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Inc.	Millmerran	As Sched.	+0447 831154	R. C. Shot	SSAA Queensland

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Frontier Shooting Club of South Australia	Buckland Park	1st & 3rd Sat	0406906008	Odd Shoe Kate	State Shooting Park, Range 8
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### VICTORIA

Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun	61 407 553 281	Sambucca Kid	Eagle Park Shooting Complex
Westgate Marauders	Port Melbourne	2nd Saturday	61 0433419284	Stampede Pete	Melbourne International Shooting Club

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Canning Club Inc.	Canning Vale	1st, 2nd & 5th Sun	0477-007-352	Phillips	Canning Club Inc.
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## AUSTRIA

City Marshals	Graz	As Sched.	00 431 655 184	Clint Coldwell	Shooting Range LH Graz
SASS CAS Austria	Steinwand	As Sched.	+4369913115483	Robbie the Gun	Shooting Range Gutenbrunn
Sport & Jagd Schützenverein Zwettl	Zwettl	As Sched.	+43 664 557 5133	Super Mario	SJV Shooting Range Zwettl
Sportschützenverein Nibelungen	Steinwand	As Sched.	+436645575133	Super Mario	Shooting Range Gutenbrunn

## CANADA

### ALBERTA

Canadian Historical Arms Society	Leduc County	As Sched. Sat.	780-799-5937	Alberta Jayhawk	Genesse Ranger
Porcupine Hills Shadow Riders	Granum	2nd Wknd CAS & 2nd Sat WB	403-687-2284	Southwest Trapper	Willow Lane Ranch
Vermilion Gun Club	Vermilion	Every Monday	780-581-5286	Felix McSquibly	Vermilion Gun Club

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Heffley Creek Gun Club	Heffley Creek	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	N/A
Kamloops Cowtown Cowboys	Kamloops	As Sched.	250-819-0416	Cariboo Lefty	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun CAS & 3rd Sun WB	778-684-0769	Whistlin' Cat	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	1st & 3rd Sat	250-897-2194	Little Edgy	Courtney Fish and Game Protective Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Victoria	1st Sun WB, 2nd Sun CAS	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association

### ONTARIO

Ontario Single Action Federation	Guelph, ON	As Sched.	519-362-1184	Doc Lonesome	Ontario Single Action Federation
Ruff's Regulators	St Andrews West	1st Sat	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun Club
Square Circle Wranglers	Clarence-Rockland	3rd Wknd	613-220-5946	Red Storm	Eastern Ontario Shooting Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun	519-836-7258	Doc Lonesome	Wentworth Shooting Sports Club

### QUEBEC

Centre De Tir Granby Multi-Sports	Granby	As Sched.	450-532-4111	Smoking Mike Whitecloud	Centre de Tir Granby Multi-Sports
Club De Tir Beausejour	Levis, Quebec	As Sched.	418-609-2139	Lt. Bluberry	Chasseurs et pecheurs Levisiens inc.

### SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Sched.	306-222-2480	Dusty Dawn	Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club
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### CZECH REPUBLIC

Association of Western Shooters	Pelhrimov	As Sched.	420 777 776 066	Colbert	Shooting Range Pelhrimov
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### FINLAND

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

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<b>FRANCE</b>					
BBlack Rivers	Roanne	3rd Sat	33 687 462 582	The Kid of Neckwhite	Route de Charlieu
SASS France	Various Ranges	As Sched.	0616932076	Frenchie Boy	Various Ranges
<b>GERMANY</b>					
CAS Europe	Heerd	Wed	49 28 233 426	Hurricane Irmí	TR-Dusseldorf
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Wkd	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
SASS Germany	Bocholt	Wed	0049-2823-5807	Rhine River Joe	Shooting Range Schmeink
<b>ITALY</b>					
Western Club Canne Tonanti	Verano Brianza	As Sched. Sun	+39 347 2696384	Fanny McGiver	A.S.D. Traversera Shooting Club
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>					
SSASS Luxembourg	Kayl	June; Thurs-Sun	00352 691 161 580	Katie Lou	SSCK Kayl
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>					
Green Mountain Boys	Upper Hutt	3rd Sunday	+64 274 221 551	Bald Eagle	Kaitoke Pistol Club
Mystery Creek Marshals	Hamilton	2nd Sun WB & 4th Sun CAS	+64 211 265 244	Misterlott	The Hamilton Pistol Club
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Various Ranges	As Sched.	+64-274-221-551	Bald Eagle	New Zealand Pistol Association
<b>POLAND</b>					
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Parczew	As Sched.	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	1st Western Shooting Range
W.A.S. Banditos	Ostroda	1st Sat	+48512707038	Pavlos Banditos	Garda Ostroda Kaczory
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>					
Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Sched.	42 190 366 7096	Michal	Shooting Range Domaniza
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>					
Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 826522150	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
<b>SWEDEN</b>					
SASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	1st Sat	+46702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Sched.	+41 79 909 92 70	Texas Knight	N/A
Red Sash Cowboy Association	Unterlunkhofen	As Sched.	+41 (0) 56 6342278	Palouse Creek Hondo	N/A
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>					
<b>ALABAMA</b>					
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-504-4366	Buck D. Law	Cavern Cove Competition Shooting Range
Old York Shootists	Blountsville	2nd Wkd & 4th Sun	205-616-9395	Derringer Di	Old York Shootists Cowboy Action Shooting Range
Russell County Regulators	Phenix City	1st Sat	706-566-1740	Will Killigan	East Alabama Gun Club
Wiregrass Wranglers	Daleville	1st Sat	334-498-0701	Carpetbagger Carley	Tri-State Gun Club
<b>ALASKA</b>					
Alaska 49er's	Palmer	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-982-5097	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Palmer	5th Sat	907-232-1080	Marshal Stone	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-371-0830	1st SGT Bearclaw Toklar	Fox Outdoor Range
<b>ARIZONA</b>					
Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	949-525-7124	Darlin Darla	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders	Phoenix	N/A	480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched.	520-304-4972	Too Tall Bob	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	4th Sun	760-662-3483	Mexican Rob	Adair Range
Cowtown Shooters Association	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	See Web	520-568-2852	Squibber	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Granite Mountain Outlaws	Chino Valley	1st Sat WB & 3rd Sun CAS	928-963-6515	Tramp	Compass Training Center
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-314-8159	Eric Rooster Cogburn	Tombstone Livery
Mohave Marshals	Kingman	3rd Sun	928-377-7001	Man Mountain Mike	Mohave Sportsman's Club
NAZty Bunch	Flagstaff	3rd Sat	928-526-3794	Coconino Pistolero	Camp Savage
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	602-657-4532	Colt Laredo	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	2nd Sun WB & 4th Sat CAS	928-308-7507	Arizona Ric	Yavapai Recreation League
<b>ARKANSAS</b>					
Arkansas Leadslingers	Rogers	2nd & 4th Sat	479-633-2107	Dirty Dan Paladin	Frisco City
Judge Parker's Marshals	Fort Smith/Van Buren	3rd & 5th Wknd	479-651-2475	Naildriver	Old Fort Gun Club
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	Hot Springs National Park	1st Wkd	501-304-6273	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	2nd, 4th & 5th Sat	870-847-0733	Arkansas Harper	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st Sat	719-839-0133	Bayou Bob	Twin Lakes Gun Club

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## CALIFORNIA

5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	661-823-8605	Fordyce Beals	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
Cajon Cowboys	San Bernadino	2nd & 4th Sat	619-808-8895	Sassy Kitty	Route 66 Shootings Sports Park
California Rangers	Sloughhouse	2nd Sat	530-919-9372	KB Pistolero	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
California Shady Ladies	Sloughhouse	4th Sat	916-952-1013	Lady Gambler	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Canyon Oaks Shootists	Sylmar	2nd Wkd	626-644-5368	Hipshot Percussion	Canyon Oaks Sportsmans Club
Chorro Valley Regulators	San Luis Obispo	2nd Wkd & 5 Wkd	805-431-1307	Thomas Poole	San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association
Coyote Valley Cowboys	Morgan Hill	2nd Sat	408-890-8935	R.W. Sloan	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	San Jose	3rd Sat	510-862-8000	Calamity Carl	Various Private Ranges
Dulzura Desperados	Dulzura	3rd Sat	619-997-2755	Reuben J. Cogburn	South Bay Rod and Gun Club
Escondido Bandidos	Escondido	1st Sat	760-745-9249	Double Diamond	Escondido Fish & Games Assoc.
Faultline Shootist Society	Morgan Hill	Last Sun	408-306-1886	Pascoe Pete	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-598-6871	Wichita Belle	Dodge Range
Helladorado Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sunday	707-391-8308	Junior Bonner	Ukiah Gun Club
High Sierra Drifters	Mokelumne Hill	2nd Sun	916-812-0434	Nyack Jack	Taylor Park Shooting Range
Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Wkd	559-352-9829	Big Bad Blaine	Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	510-703-8064	Grizzly Peak Jake	Folsom Shooting Club
Outlaws "The"	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	916-216-0168	Sheriff Wil Katchum	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	925-382-5751	Noah Hair	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nasty Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-722-8958	Tapatio	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
The Rough Riders	Various Locations	4th Wkd	805-712-4032	Ambs Aces	N/A
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	925-519-7996	Wolf Taylor	Manteca Sportsmen's Club

## COLORADO

Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat & 5th Sun	970-396-9010	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	Pawnee Sportsmens Center
Castle Peak Wildshots	Gypsum	2nd Sun	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club
Colorado Cowboys	Rockvale	3rd Sat	937-308-1634	Tex Message	Rockvale Gun Club
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-338-5912	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Pawnee Station Vindicators	Nunn	3rd Sat CAS & 3rd Sun WB	970-988-9774	Wildcat Cliff	Great Guns Sporting LLC
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	2nd Sun (WB) & 4th Sun (CAS)	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club
Thunder Mountain Shootists	Whitewater	3rd Sun CAS, Bi Monthly 3rd Sat WB	970-270-4853	Pinto Being	Wiliam Jarvis Shooting Complex

## CONNECTICUT

CT Valley Bushwhackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-384-0543	Double Tap Taylor	Manchester Sportsman Association
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## DELAWARE

Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-841-8727	Cool Hand Lee	Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club
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## FLORIDA

Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	3rd Sat	850-559-4665	Klem Kadiddlehopper	Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club
Cowford Regulators	Jacksonville	4th Sat	904-699-0066	Dakota Lil	Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club
Doodle Hill Regulators	Ruskin	4th Sun	910-797-7110	Shelleen	Gun Craft Inc. Range
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-284-4244	Toothpick	Fort White Gun Club
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol and Rifle Range
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	815-861-7572	Midwest Hale	Eustis Gun Club
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	4th Sat	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral Gun Club
Okeechobee Marshals	Sebastion	2nd Sat	561-312-9076	Bonfire	Indian River County Shooting Range
Panhandle Cattle Company	Chipley	4th Sat	850-638-4939	Desperado Dale	Panhandle Cattle Company
Panhandle Cowboys	Holt	2nd Sun	850-665-4289	Colonel Cletus T Bass	Element Training Complex
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	2nd Sat	850-443-3327	Colonel Kraken	Talon Range
Roughshod Raiders	Gainesville	1st Sat	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range, Inc.
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	2nd Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club

## GEORGIA

Cherokee Cowboys	Gainesville	4th Sat	845-401-0902	Dirty Redd	Cherokee Gun Club
Doc Holliday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	588-937-7607	Jimmie Gunfighter	Griffin Gun Club
Georgia Mountain Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	706-714-8441	Iron Chief	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
River Bend Rough Riders	Dawsonville	1st Sat	770-361-6966	Done Gone	River Bend Gun Club
South River Shootists	Covington	3rd Sat	404-405-8266	Fast Eddie	South River Gun Club
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	3rd Sat	229-740-9215	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.

## IDAHO

Eagle Rock Regulators	Idaho Falls	1st Sat	208-520-8824	Missouri Ruffian	Southeast Idaho Practical Shooters
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	Kuna	1st & 3rd Sat	503-953-5643	Nels Gandy	Black's Creek Rifle Range
Snake River Western Shooting Society	Jerome	1st & 4th Sat	208-731-6387	Missy Mable	Jerome Rod & Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun & 3rd Wed	208-939-8848	Butch Megie	Gem County Rod and Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators Wild Bunch	Emmett	4th & 5th Sun	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club

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<b>ILLINOIS</b>					
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	4th Sat	779-234-0543	Torano	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-340-5606	Cowboy Rick	Milan Rifle Club
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-501-9421	Six Fingered Shootist	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-6948	Rusty Banker	Lakewoods Marshals Cowboy Action Shooitn Club Range
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-242-0522	Mackinaw Jack	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Rangeless Riders	Bunker Hill	1st Sat	618-210-2586	Jean Duke	Brittany Shooting Park Ltd.
Vermilion River Long Riders	Streator	2nd Sun	815-303-4555	Lead Poison Lar	Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
<b>INDIANA</b>					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Deer Creek Regulators	Jonesboro	4th Sun	317-501-0499	Dallas McBoomBoom	Deer Creek Conservation Club of Grant County
Paradise Pass Regulators	Erna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	CC Moonshine	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	3rd Sat	812-821-7439	Cannon	Pine Ridge Ranch
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-459-2153	Tinhorn Timmy	Westside Sportsmen's Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	Chief Wa-Ke-De Range
<b>IOWA</b>					
Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	641-660-2452	John Wesley Hardin	Central Iowa Shooting Sports
Outlaw's Run	Red Oak	2nd Sun	712-621-5726	Capt. Jim Midnight	Red Oak
Zen Shootists	Nevada	2nd Sat	515-494-9903	Chili Pepper Kid	Scorpion Gulch
<b>KANSAS</b>					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-640-3742	J. W. Hopkins	Capital City Gun Club
Chisholm Trail Rowdys	Benton	4th Sun	785-224-4918	Chisholm Kid	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Powder Creek Cowboys	Lenexa	2nd & 4th Sat, 1st & 1st & 3rd Wed	913-209-3836	Cooncan	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	1st Sat	816-215-2800	Sasparilla Groz	Powder Creek Shooting Park
<b>KENTUCKY</b>					
Dirty Rotten Gang	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-424-8706	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	TBA	270-498-0134	Bushrod Jones	Green River Gun Club
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat CAS & 5th Sat WB	859-230-3693	Lyin Ike	Hooten Old Town
Kentucky Long Rifles Cowboys	Morehead	2nd Sat	606-462-3278	Longshot Ace	Kentucky Long Rifles Club
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Cat A Tonic	N/A
<b>LOUISIANA</b>					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	225-772-4776	Lucky Lawdog	Florida Parishes Skeet Club
Deadwood Marshals	Sorrento	1st & 3rd Sat	504-458-1898	Doc Spudley	Deadwood Marshals
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd CAS & 4th CAS. WB As Sched.	337-544-0189	Nellie Blue	Lake Charles Gun Club
<b>MAINE</b>					
Maine Marshals	Berwick	As Sched.	207-272-7119	Tyler Tornado	Sanford Springvale Fish and Game
<b>MARYLAND</b>					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	2nd Sat	301-253-0578	Dogmeat Dad	Izaak Walton League of America
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	610-724-4842	Black Hills Drifter	Delmarva Sportsman's Association
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sat & Sun	202-330-8545	Dutch Coroner	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Sched. Sat	781-254-8041	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Sched. Sun	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
<b>MICHIGAN</b>					
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun (Apr-Oct)	574-349-3764	Johnny Rebel	St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club
Huron River Regulators	Ypsilanti Township	1st Sat	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Washtenaw Sportsman's Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	734-748-7375	Not Dead Ed	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Wranglers	Attica	1st Sun	248-804-0681	Dutch Van Sickle	Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	269-340-5222	Robert Chance Cole	Bend of the River Conservation Club
Rocky River Regulators	Shelby Township	3rd Sun	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Sched.	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field and Stream Club
Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	Breckenridge	3rd Sat	989-832-8426	Kid Al Fred	Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Sched.	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Blue Water Sportsman's Association
<b>MINNESOTA</b>					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-384-9115	Riverboat Red	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	3rd Sun	507-822-5214	A J Royal	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club

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<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>					
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker Road
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	3rd Sun, 4th & 5th Sat	901-850-4022	Padre De Cinco	Rabbit Ridge Ranch
<b>MISSOURI</b>					
Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	2nd Sat CAS & 3rd Sat WB	417-208-9142	Artemus Von Schutze	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	3rd Sat	417-208-9142	Artemus Von Schutze	Liberty Range
Boonville Regulators	Boonville	1st Sat, 2nd Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun & 5th Wkd	816-686-8881	Dusty Dustem	N/A
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	2nd Wknd, 1st & 3rd Wed	417-773-9307	R C Steelringer	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Double M Cowboys	Marshfield	1st Sun	417-839-6797	Boothill Slim	Outlaw Range
Gateway Area Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-578-6027	Fat Chance BuckO	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Pioneer Gunslingers	Holden	2nd Sat	573-586-9074	Lucas Cahill	Pioneer Gun Club
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	417-298-1935	ChaChing	Outlaw Range
<b>MONTANA</b>					
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton / Polson	1st Sat (WRPC) & 4th Sat (PRC)	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whitcar Rifle & Pistol Club & Polson Rifle Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-868-9737	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Lozeau Lobos	Superior	4th Sat	503-569-9857	Double Barrel D	Mineral County Shooting Sports Association
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	2nd Sun WB & 4th Sat CAS	406-698-6509	Galloping Swede	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Wkd & 4th Sat	406-590-7599	Crusty	Gumbo Gulch
<b>NEBRASKA</b>					
Eastern Nebraska Shootists	Louisville	1st Sat	402-630-5447	High Ground	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Flat Water Shootists	Grand Island	3rd Wkd	402-460-8113	Mesquite Ranger	Grand Island Rifle Club
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	402-460-8113	Mesquite Ranger	Heartland Public Shooting Park
<b>NEVADA</b>					
Battle Born Rangers	Fernley	1st & 2nd Sun	503-997-1255	Bordello Fellow	N/A
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Wkd	702-808-5476	Mojave Rose	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
Silver State Shootists	Virginia City	3rd Sun	541-740-9291	Diamond Dirk Slade	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>					
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Sched.	603-620-5001	Dakota Joe	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun CAS & WB	732-600-1215	Bronco Joan	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Monmouth Rangers	Farmingdale	2nd Sun	973-495-4290	Bobby Reno	Monmouth Country Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
Quinton Mavericks	Quinton	2nd Sun	609-805-0010	Unexpected Bill	Delaware Blues Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	3rd Sun	973-219-9585	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>					
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Legacy Ranch
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-313-2772	Bud Guzzlin	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
Lead Delivery Service	Las Cruces	As Sched.	575-496-5624	Quick Chick	Lead Delivery Service Shooting Sports Park
Monument Springs Bushwhackers	Hobbs	4th Sat.	575-361-8/785	Happy Shootzmore	Hobbs Gun Club
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	3rd Sat & 4th Sun CAS, 1st Sat WB	505-463-6216	Captain Jack Houston	City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park
Seven Rivers Regulators	Carlsbad	3rd Sat	575-361-3785	Happy Shootzmore	Across the Canal Shooting Sports
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd & 4th Sun	505-402-6031	Pepper Dane	San Juan Wildlife Federation
<b>NEW YORK</b>					
Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	607-316-1148	Wheat Lightnin'	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boor Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	570-296-2032	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-878-1653	Lone Star Jake	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
East End Regulators	West Hampton Beach	1st Sun	516-729-0381	Deuces	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	As Sched.	631-379-3333	Mt. Misery Mike	Calverton Shooting Range
Pathfinder Pistoleros	Fulton	1st Sun	315-420-4952	Blackjack Belle	Fulton, NY
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Owego	1st Sat	607-222-4228	Jewels Cartwright	Tioga County Sportsman's Association
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>					
Carolina Cattlemen's Shooting and Social Society	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-470-4891	High Noon Henry	Wagram Sportsmen's Association
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	1st & 3rd Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	SureShot Gunsports
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>					
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sched.	701-471-7161	Rod-Iron-Rip	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Shenenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-490-2566	Toad Sticker	Shenenne Valley Peacekeeper Range

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### OHIO

Big Irons Rangers	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportman's Club
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-904-5166	Sixgun Seamus	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-937-4250	Maverick Graber	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	216-789-7885	Harry Yount	Rochester Rod and Gun Range
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	513-255-8237	Joe Cassidy	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-870-3462	Useless Houston	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat CAS & 5th Sat WB	419-205-0114	Badfinger Bodene	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Marengo	3rd & 5th Sun	614-975-2266	Buckshot Charlie Bill	Cardinal Shooting Center
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	440-693-4210	Slow Mo Dern	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-334-9749	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club, Inc.

### OKLAHOMA

Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Tulsa	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 4th Wed.	918-508-9381	Slow Hand	Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-409-9442	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Sat	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st & 3rd Sat	940-447-6864	Redleg Reilly	N/A
Tulsey Town Cattlemen's Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-402-0482	Reverend Lyin Kerrdawg	Tulsa Gun Club

### OREGON

Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-389-2342	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-730-7230	Line Rider	Canby Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-760-0884	Barry L Plotz	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Oregon Trail Regulators	La Grande	3rd Sat	541-571-4979	T. J. Maverick	La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club Hwy 244, LGRPC
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Bend	2nd Sun	541-419-4718	Sunrise Bill	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Umpqua Regulators	Roseburg	4th Sun	541-784-8610	El Yid	Roseburg Rod and Gun Club
Virtue Flat Shootist Society	Baker City	2nd Sat	541-212-5840	Hunt Mountain Drifter	Powder River Sportsman's Club

### PENNSYLVANIA

Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-272-3035	Lawless Lorin	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Black Forest Cowboys	Coudersport	3rd Sat	814-203-1748	Bolo	Black Forest Conservation Association
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Dry Gulch Rangers	Wampum	4th Sat	724-469-2391	N. A. Custer	Lawrence County Sportsmens Association
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th & 5th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	717-648-7491	Circuit Rider Jeff	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-388-2603	Hud McCoy	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-799-9074	Joker	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
Perry County Regulators	Newport	1st Sat	717-307-6374	Farmer Brown	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sun	484-802-7122	Blaze Crittenden	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club

### RHODE ISLAND

Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	4th Sun	401-595-0735	Nutmeg Ryder	Pine Tree Gun Club
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### SOUTH CAROLINA

Belton Bushwhackers	Belton	2nd Sat	864-363-3147	Slippery Stew	Belton Gun Club
Geehee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-926-9480	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-420-0577	Abe E.S. Corpus	Greenville Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	860-593-7566	Black Mike	Horry Chapter - Wildlife Action
Moonshine Cowboy Action Shooters	Travelers Rest	1st Sun.	608-206-6568	Elmer McCurdy	N/A
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	612-817-2212	Boulder Canyon Bob	Pringle Shooting Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	As Sched.	605-520-5212	Dakota Nailbender	Cottonwood Cowboy Association Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-208-5044	Prickly Bill	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range

### TENNESSEE

Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st & 3rs Sat	423-383-3195	Lil Weasel	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-595-3819	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-207-7005	Uncle Ethan	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	Regulators Range

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<b>TEXAS</b>					
Berger Sharpshooters Inc	Telephone	1st, 3rd & 5th Sat	713-589-5410	Three by Eight	Wild Horse Creek Camp
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-669-5903	Smilin Joe	Anson
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-0860	Tumbleweed Dan	Timberline Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	210-385-3348	Bessie James	Green Ranch
High Plains Highwaymen	Pampa	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sat	719-510-7307	Howlin Wolf	Wolfpack Ranch
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd & 4th Wkd	817-774-5637	Hot Tamale	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Full Wkd (CAS) & 2nd Mon (WB)	903-545-2252	Forest Shadow	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	254-265-5253	Knot A Clue	Old Fort Parker Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Wkd	210-303-6996	Brazos Bo	Comanche Country Ranch
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st Sat	210-823-9432	PJ Mugwump	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat (CAS) & 4th Sun (WB)	512-657-2491	Farr Ranger	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-648-1680	Tocayo	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Full Wkd	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Top Gun Shooting Sports
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-705-3544	Caddo Cruse	Troubletown Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	210-215-9155	Sheriff Robert Love	Adolf Stielor Ranch
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat as Sched.	210-416-3913	Shooting Iron Miller	Adolf Stielor Ranch
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	1st Sat	979-200-1130	Def Willie	Willow Hole Cowboys Range
<b>UTAH</b>					
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-650-6544	Fargo Kid	North Spring Shooting Range
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-673-9785	Navajo Kelly	Desperado Canyon
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	1st Sat	435-668-4613	Mokaac Kid	Desperado Canyon
The Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	4th Sat	385-237-1861	Longwalker	WASR "Big Salty"
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	801-913-6823	Brer Rabbit	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd Sat	801-913-6823	Brer Rabbit	WASR "Big Salty"
<b>VERMONT</b>					
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Morrisville	As Sched.	802-276-3479	Oak Ridge Regulator	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
<b>VIRGINIA</b>					
Bedford Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sat	434-942-7369	Thunder Colt	Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-855-4459	Redrider Slim	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-307-2980	Major B.S. Walker	Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club
KC's Corral Cowboy Shooting Association	Mechanicsville	3rd Sat	804-382-3407	Bucksaw Bob	Black Creek Gun Club
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shacklefords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-241-5418	Potter County Kid	West Point Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-390-5709	Dakota Rambler	Sussex County Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	203-216-2316	Captain R. Hugh Kidnme	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
<b>WASHINGTON</b>					
Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat	509-670-3852	Wiley Bob	North Central Washington Gun Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-957-6051	Doc Kharon	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-690-4060	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Pataha Rustlers	Dayton	2nd Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	Patit Range
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	4th Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shootig Association
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-432-3534	Cedar County Sheriff	Renton Fish & Game Club
Smokey Point Desperados	Arlington	2nd Sun	425 870-0193	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Windy Plains Drifters	Medical Lake	2nd & 4th Sat	509-953-1113	Svenska Annie	Windy West Plains Range
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	971-506-7834	Jenn Tillie	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sat Mar-Oct	304-289-6098	Last Word	Singing Hills Ranch
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnum County Gun Club
White Horse Riders	Volga	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center
<b>WISCONSIN</b>					
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Wkd	847-421-1246	Rusty Brec	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Waupaca	2nd Sat	920-722-4105	James Rosewood	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-362-2792	Scum Bucket	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-896-5128	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat CAS , 5th Sat WB	815-721-2280	Turkey Legs	Beloit Rifle Club
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Koyote	Holmen Rod and Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootists, Inc	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	715-790-9959	Colonel Carbine	WOWS Station
<b>WYOMING</b>					
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-9546	Water Boy	Otto Road Shooting Range
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-320-7250	Slingn Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex

# SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2025 ANNUAL MATCHES

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## AUSTRALIA

SASS Australian Black Powder Territorial Championship - The Quigley's Redemption	7/12/2025 - 7/13/2025	Whiskey Rae	0488 225 435	marrybra1@hotmail.com	Dalby		July	N/A
SASS Australian Regional Championship	7/21/2025 - 7/27/2025	R. C. Shot	0447831154	russell.behrens@mmem.com.au	Gold Coast		July	www.goldcoastpistolclub.com.au
SASS 26th Annual Chisholm Trail	9/29/2025 - 10/6/2025	Frank Buck James	+6104388598877	frankbuckjames@7mail.com	Millmerran		September	www.ssaa.org.au

## CANADA

SSASS Canadian Western Regional Championship	7/29/2025 - 8/2/2025	Wild Whiskey Wade	306-230-3788	trentuntereiner@live.ca	Saskatoon	SK	July	www.sawws.com
Showdown in the Valley	8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025	Little Edgy	250-897-2194	edgy52@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	August	www.valley-regulators.ca
Show Down on the Old Maceod Trail	8/14/2025 - 8/17/2025	Alberta Annie	403-687-2284	kranches56@gmail.com	Granum	AB	August	N/A
Wild Bunch in the Porcupine Hills	8/14/2025 - 8/14/2025	Donny Two Legs	403-560-4997	donnytwolegs@gmail.com	Granum	AB	August	N/A
Shootout at Malahat Ridge	8/29/2025 - 8/29/2025	Renegade Ron	250-246-5894	358rds@gmail.com	Malahat	BC	August	www.vfgpa.org/shooting/frontier-shootists/
Headquarters Shootout	8/30/2025 - 8/31/2025	Doc Richards	250-413-7034	brucekerr474@gmail.com	Victoria	BC	August	www.vfgpa.org/shooting/cowboy-action/

## CZECH REPUBLIC

SASS European Championship - Days of Truth	7/7/2025 - 7/13/2025	Mr. Sean	420776092775	jurda.michal@seznam.ca	Znojmo		July	www.aws-czech.cz
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## NEW ZEALAND

Ambush at Mystery Creek	9/26/2025 - 9/28/2025	Liza Lott	+64 274 523 181	lankyostrich@hotmail.com	Hamilton		September	www.pistolclub.co.nz
SASS New Zealand National Championship	11/6/2025 - 11/9/2025	Bald Eagle	+64-274-221-551	wayne@magnuminports.co.nz	Hastings		November	www.pistolnz.org.nz

## POLAND

Across the Border	8/22/2025 - 8/24/2025	Pavlos Banditos	+48512707038	pawel.zakrewski@o2.pl	Ostrada		August	sites.google.com/site/wasbanditopl
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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SASS Wyoming State Championship - Hell of Wheels	7/3/2025 - 7/6/2025	Waterboy	307-287-9546	waterboy25286@gmail.com	Cheyenne	WY	July	www.bordervigilantes.net
SASS Alaska State Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	7/4/2025 - 7/6/2025	Flaco Joe	907-982-5097	scottcrockett1@gmail.com	Palmer	AK	July	www.alaskacowboysthooting.com
SASS Minnesota State Championship - North Star Showdown	7/10/2025 - 7/13/2025	Gunslinger Grace	515-890-9808	grace.steil.81768@gmail.com	Kimball	MN	July	www.gcgunslingers.club
Shootout On the Sun River	7/11/2025 - 7/14/2025	Just Bob	406-590-7924	robertpowers4@outlook.com	Augusta	MT	July	www.sunriverangers.net
SASS Minnesota Wild Bunch State Championship	7/11/2025 - 7/11/2025	Flyin Shooterist	515-890-0390	msteil@trvnet.net	Kimball	MN	July	www.gcgunslingers.club
SASS Montana Wild Bunch State Championship	7/16/2025 - 7/17/2025	Jeb's Lady	406-868-9737	dlfja@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	July	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Vermont State Championship - Green Mountain Mayhem	7/18/2025 - 7/20/2025	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmavt.net	Morrisville	VT	July	www.greenmountainmayhem.com
SASS Montana State Championship	7/18/2025 - 7/20/2025	Jeb's Lady	406-868-9737	dlfja@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	July	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Hell on the Prairie	7/19/2025 - 7/20/2025	Redleg Reilly	940-447-6864	tedbrogden@aol.com	Grandfield	OK	July	www.shortrangrangers.com
Gunfight on the Prairie	7/19/2025 - 7/20/2025	Doc Bonecutter	920-748-2553	jwmk@charter.net	Ripon	WI	July	www.riponcowboys.com
SASS West Virginia Wild Bunch State Championship	7/19/2025 - 7/20/2025	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citilink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	July	www.wvcass.org
The Ruthless McDraw Final Showdown	7/26/2025 - 7/26/2025	Useless Huston	614-870-3462	devin1@columbus.rr.com	Mt. Vernon	OH	July	www.ohiovv.com
SASS Wisconsin Wild Bunch State Championship - Wild in the Hills	7/26/2025 - 7/27/2025	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	July	www.wowsinc.org
The Branson Classic	7/31/2025 - 8/2/2025	R C Steedinger	417-773-9307	m.sissell@hotmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	July	www.btc-sass.com
SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL Championship Guns of August	8/8/2025 - 8/10/2025	Lassiter	937-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	August	www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-rangel
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	8/12/2025 - 8/16/2025	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	www.casidaho.net
SASS Northwest Wild Bunch Territorial Championship	8/12/2025 - 8/13/2025	Missy Mable	208-219-9641	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	www.casidaho.net
SASS New Hampshire State Championship Fracas at Pemi Gulch	8/15/2025 - 8/17/2025	Shootin' Beauty	603-333-5407	momof2muntz@gmail.com	Holderness	NH	August	www.pemipeaceakers.com/
Annual 2 Day Camp & Match	8/15/2025 - 8/16/2025	Riverview Rattler	989-400-1057	mpjijdon@gmail.com	Breckentridge	MI	August	www.SuckerCreek.org
SASS Wisconsin State Championship	8/22/2025 - 8/24/2025	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	August	www.wowsinc.org
Shootout at the Susquehanna	8/22/2025 - 8/24/2025	Jewels Cartwright	607-222-4228	thsty@stny.rr.com	Owego	NY	August	www.tiogaspotsmen.com
SASS International Black Powder Championship - Fire & Brimstone in Paradise	8/22/2025 - 8/24/2025	Big Ion Bohannon	260-306-1803	brent1873@outlook.com	Erna Green	IN	August	www.paradisepasregulators.com/
SASS RoughRider Roundup	8/28/2025 - 8/31/2025	Rod-Iron-Rip	701-223-3085	ripsroast@bis.midco.net	Moffit	ND	August	www.dakotaroughriders.com

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True Grit	8/29/2025 - 8/31/2025	El Vid	541-784-5610	irzinor@msn.com	Roseburg	OR	August	N/A
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	8/29/2025 - 8/31/2025	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Kimball	MI	August	www.wolverinerangers.org
SASS Virginia State Championship Gunfight at the Double-C	8/29/2025 - 8/31/2025	Major B. S. Walker	804-307-2980	majorbwalker@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	August	www.cavaliercowboys.org
SASS Arkansas State Championship - Shoot'n in the Shade	8/29/2025 - 8/31/2025	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	bulldogmcgraw@outlook.com	Hot Springs	AR	August	www.mvsaonline.com
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship	8/30/2025 - 8/31/2025	Sasparilla Groz	816-215-2800	sasgroz@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	August	www.powdertreecowboys.com
Hooten Holler Roundup	9/5/2025 - 9/7/2025	High Cotton	531-739-4000	hammer15026@gmail.com	Mckee	KY	September	www.hootentown.com/
SASS Idaho State Wild Bunch Championship	9/5/2025 - 9/7/2025	Idaho Six Gun Sam	208-866-7271	sixgunsam45acp@gmail.com	Emmett	ID	September	www.gercg.org
SASS Maine State Championship Great Maine Gunfight	9/5/2025 - 9/7/2025	Tyler Tornado	207-272-7119	lylet@hudson.edu	Berwich	ME	September	www.shootingbuns.org/mainemarshals/
SASS Oklahoma State Championship - The Colorado Jackson Memorial Showdown	9/10/2025 - 9/13/2025	Calamity DiBar	580-847-2210	dibartoma@gmail.com	Albany	OK	September	trvcowpokes.weebly.com
Standoff at Smokey Point	9/12/2025 - 9/14/2025	Mudflat Mike	425-870-0193	tmperin@comcast.net	Arlington	WA	September	www.smokeypointdesperados.org
SASS Oregon Wild Bunch State Championship	9/12/2025 - 9/14/2025	Arctic Annie	541-588-2722	tpalmer3838@gmail.com	Redmond	OR	September	www.randg.com/cowboy-action
SASS Colorado State Championship - Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	9/12/2025 - 9/14/2025	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggisdale	CO	September	www.briggisdalecountyshootists.com
SASS Four Corners Black Powder Territorial Championship - Smoke at the Gate	9/13/2025 - 9/13/2025	The Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	scotto4570@gmail.com	Price	UT	September	www.thecastlegateposse.net/
Shootout at Stoney Bottom	9/13/2025 - 9/15/2025	Badfinger Bodene	419-205-0114	badfinger66@gmail.com	Gibsonburg	OH	September	www.ourcowboys.org
SASS Midwest Wild Bunch Territorial Championship - Gunsmoke Wild Bunch	9/16/2025 - 9/17/2025	Riverboat Red	612-384-9115	riverboatred@mac.com	Morristown	MN	September	sites.google.com/site/cedarvalleyvigilantes/
SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunsmoke	9/17/2025 - 9/20/2025	Riverboat Red	612-384-9115	riverboatred@mac.com	Morristown	MN	September	sites.google.com/site/cedarvalleyvigilantes/
Battle at the Crossroads	9/18/2025 - 9/20/2025	Scott Wayne	918-285-0543	mcac842565@aol.com	Cushing	OK	September	Lincolncountycowboys.com
The Shootout at Yellow Jacket Flats	9/18/2025 - 9/21/2025	Junior Bonner	707-391-8308	bonner55@icloud.com	Ukiah	CA	September	www.ukiahrifleanpistol.com
SASS New York State Championship Heluva Rukus	9/19/2025 - 9/21/2025	Lone Star Jake	518-878-1653	kardman23@aol.com	Ballston Spa	NY	September	www.circle regulators.com/
Fall Fandango	9/19/2025 - 9/21/2025	Capt. Jack Houston	505-463-6216	captainjackhouston060@gmail.com	Albuquerque	NM	September	www.riogranderenegades.org
Pershing's Pursuit	9/19/2025 - 9/21/2025	Artemus Von Schutze	417-208-9142	teslilightning@gmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	September	bearcreekvolunteers.com/
Women of the West	9/19/2025 - 9/21/2025	Big Bad Blaine	559-352-9829	chirkey5563@msn.com	Clovis	CA	September	www.kingsriverregulators.com
Shootout on the Little River	9/20/2025 - 9/20/2025	Goliath	229-740-9215	bigboyd@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	September	www.vclsa.info
Gunfight along the Chisholm Trail	9/20/2025 - 9/21/2025	Monco	316-491-3249	danny38fp@gmail.com	Benton	KS	September	www.ctga.com
SASS Southeast Regional Ambush at Cavern Cove	9/25/2025 - 9/27/2025	Marshal T. K. D.	256-527-8755	gofftkd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	September	www.northalabamaregulators.com
High Noon at Tusco	9/26/2025 - 9/28/2025	Prairie Dawg	216-334-9749	lpolsi@yahoo.com	Midvale	OH	September	www.tuscolongriders.com
SASS Missouri Black Powder State Championship - Show-Me Shootout	9/26/2025 - 9/28/2025	Longshot John	417-299-7635	easymv12@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	September	www.so-mo-rangers.com
Fall Round Up	9/26/2025 - 9/28/2025	Cowboy Rick	563-340-5606	ram1747@aol.com	Milan	IL	September	www.illowairregulators.com
SASS West Virginia State Championship	9/26/2025 - 9/28/2025	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citilink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	September	www.wvcas.org
SASS Michigan Wild Bunch State Championship	9/27/2025 - 9/28/2025	Ethan Callahan	989-412-0010	j20bell@yahoo.com	Saginaw	MI	September	www.saginawfieldandstream.com
SASS National Championship Land Run	10/4/2025 - 10/11/2025	Flat Top Okie	405-409-9442	flattopokie@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	October	www.cowboyokcgunclub.org
Shootout at Wild Horse Creek	10/9/2025 - 10/11/2025	Three by Eight	713-589-5410	markward4440@yahoo.com	Telephone	TX	October	www.bergersharshooters.com
Fandango!	10/10/2025 - 10/12/2025	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	kunesmark@gmail.com	Holmen	WI	October	www.wwildbunch.com/
Buzzard Boil	10/10/2025 - 10/12/2025	Double Tap Taylor	860-384-0543	ljfisherman@yahoo.com	Coventry	CT	October	www.CTValleyBushwackers.com
Peaceful's End of Track	10/16/2025 - 10/19/2025	Nyack Jack	916-812-0434	nyackjack2ladyg@aol.com	Rail Road Flat	CA	October	www.cagunslingers.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	10/17/2025 - 10/19/2025	Bronco Joan	732-600-1215	broncojoan357@gmail.com	Jackson	NJ	October	www.jacksonholegang.com
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/21/2025 - 10/26/2025	Too Tall Bob	520-304-4972	oldpug@com	Tombstone	AZ	October	www.bordertowncas.com
Hot Lead in Deadwood	10/24/2025 - 10/26/2025	Doc Spudley	504-458-1898	docspudley@bellsouth.net	Serrento	LA	October	www.deadwoodmarshals.com
SASS Kansas Black Powder State Championship	10/25/2025 - 10/26/2025	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	October	www.powdertreecowboys.com
SASS North Carolina State Championship Uprising at Swearing Creek	10/30/2025 - 11/1/2025	Noah Fitz	828-851-1910	Noahfitz.ncci@yahoo.com	Salisbury	NC	October	SASSncowboys.com
Shootout at Usery Pass	11/1/2025 - 11/1/2025	Colt Laredo	602-657-4532	rene8029@msn.com	Mesa	AZ	November	www.riosaladocowboys.com/
SASS Western Regional Championship	11/6/2025 - 11/9/2025	Sandstone Drifter	702-806-9841	bigdaddyd4259@yahoo.com	Boulder City	NV	November	www.eldoradocowboys.com
Green Mountain Regulator's Revenge	11/7/2025 - 11/9/2025	Whiskey Kid	512-422-7175	whiskeykid77@gmail.com	Marble Falls	TX	November	www.greenmountainregulators.org/
SASS Louisiana State Championship The Hangin' at Coyote Creek	11/7/2025 - 11/9/2025	Lucky Lawdog	225-722-4776	imstevgallo@gmail.com	Amite	LA	November	www.bayoubountyhunters.com
SASS Arkansas Wild Bunch State Championship - Hillbilly Shootout	11/15/2025 - 11/16/2025	Arkansas Harper	870-847-0733	arkansas Harper@yahoo.com	Mountain Home	AR	November	www.twinlakesgunclub.com
Turkey Shoot	11/15/2025 - 11/15/2025	Def Willie	979-220-1130	whc1809@gmail.com	North Zulch	TX	November	www.willowholecowboys.com/
SASS California Wild Bunch State Championship	11/19/2025 - 11/23/2025	Amb's Aces	805-712-0264	ambaces.45@gmail.com	Bakersfield	CA	November	TBD

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**Regionals 2025 Schedule of Events**

**Sunday 11-02-2025**

12:00pm -Campground opens

**Tuesday 11-04-25**

10:00 am to 3:00 pm Registration open in main tent

**Wednesday 11-05-25**

9:00 am - 4 stage Wild Bunch side match  
 8:00 am to 4:30pm Side matches open  
 8:00 am to 4pm Registration open in main tent

*EVENING ACTIVITIES (ie: Social hour)*

**Thursday 11-06-25**

8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Registration for Cowboy main match  
 8:00 am to 10:30 am - Long Range (Hosted by Highroad)  
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm - Side Matches  
 9:00 am AND 1:00 pm - Warm up Mini Matches  
 4:00 pm - Range will go cold  
 4:30 pm - Posse Marshal walk through  
 6:00 pm (ish) - Cowboy clays will begin at dusk.

**Friday 11-07-2025**

7:00 to 7:45 am - Registration for Cowboy main match  
 8:00 am - Opening ceremonies - Mandatory Safety briefing  
 First 6 main match stages will follow opening ceremonies  
 12:00 pm (ish) - Team shoot - (Hosted by Dookie)  
 4:00 pm Range will go cold  
 5:30 pm - Potluck dinner and Campground activities  
 BINGO hosted by Dixie Dawn and POKER hosted by El Lazo (In main tent)

**Saturday 11-08-25**

8:00 am - Last 6 main match stages  
 BB Gun shoot off (after main match)  
 5:30 pm - Banquet Social hour **ON THE RANGE IN THE BIG TENT**  
 6:00 pm **Banquet Dinner will be served**  
 Wild bunch awards, Side match awards, Costume contest, Raffle items,  
 TOP 16 Shoot Off announced.

**Sunday 11-09-25**

7:30am - Duelist Shoot off  
 8:00 am - Top 16 shoot off/grudge matches  
 10:00 am - Awards in the main tent

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