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WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING EVOLVES IN 2024

BY MISTY MOONSHINE, SASS #83232 CEO

A new year means a new beginning in many areas of our lives — and in the SASS world, 2024 will usher in an evolution of the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting® (WBAS™).

WBAS is typified by the use of a 1911 semi-auto-loading pistol along with pistol-caliber lever action or pump rifle of that period, and shotgun. The game provides competitive exploits that



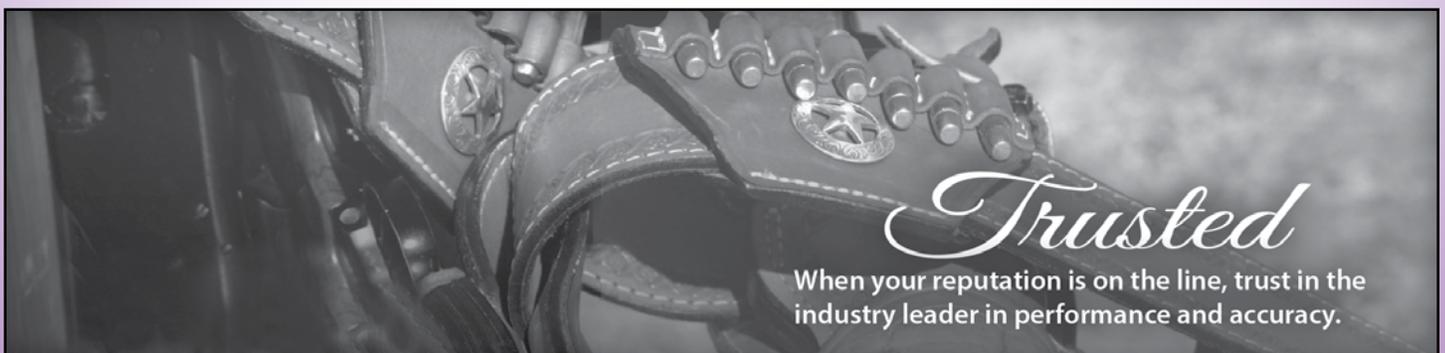
pay homage to the turn of the century soldiers and cowboys who now have the “new and improved” single action, the 1911.

WBAS has enjoyed a number of passionate enthusiasts since its inception; first as a popular side match at Cowboy Action Shooting® (CAS®) matches, then as WBAS evolved into a standalone shooting discipline under the SASS Shooting Sports umbrella by 2009. Unlike CAS, however, WBAS had its own separate committee, sub-groups, and leadership; exempt from standard SASS governance protocol, the Territorial Governor program.

For more than a decade, WBAS has been primarily constructed for a customer base outside the current SASS membership and active Cowboy Action Shooters. When the rules and guidelines

were promulgated, decisions were made to exclude certain CAS-legal firearms and calibers in an attempt to separate WBAS from CAS as much as possible with the vision that the sport would be more appealing and garner interest from competitors from the other action shooting disciplines (IPSC, IDPA, etc.)... leaving previous SASS/CAS competitors the choice of either buying new firearms to keep playing or stop shooting Wild Bunch. While some did comply with the new firearms requirements, most walked away, and the overall participation numbers reflect that choice.

SASS is a business, an international membership organization formed in 1987 with the mission to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. SASS and CAS ultimately gave birth to Wild Bunch Action Shooting — and as such now includes WBAS in its mission. SASS works diligently to evaluate and identify trends in the organization, identify opportunities for membership growth and improved member retention strategies, and outline clear objectives and action plans that will directly lead to the continued growth, development, and sustainability of the SASS membership program.



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The dedication and contributions of the early WBAS leadership, its ROC, its prior ambassadors, competitors, and early visionaries are not to be discounted in any way by these changes. Their commitment to promoting WBAS was beyond admirable. The changes are intended to increase participation, make the sport more appealing to our existing customer base, and foster growth.

Change is difficult for most of us and while we all know the saying, “its not personal, its business,” in SASS our members are at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make. It is personal — not just for our members, but for all of us. We strive to have the insight to think deeply about our members’ needs, aspirations, interests, and vulnerabilities to ensure a richer and more enduring relationship built on respect. A thorough analysis is the foundation of a successful plan to assist in the identification and development of potential new markets, to keep tabs on marketing trends and develop strategies to stay ahead of changing market conditions, to ensure optimal program development, and to improve the overall experience and enhance value for our members.

Periodically, every aspect of SASS as a business undergoes a thorough analysis. We examine and evaluate demands and identify solutions to potential challenges. In late 2022 and early 2023, it was WBAS’ turn. After more than a decade, the sport had become stagnant in terms of growth and overall participation. A complete 10-year analysis was performed, as well as a contracted SWOT analysis. The results painted a clear picture that it was time for something to change in order to increase participation in the sport. *“Study the past if you would define the future.” — Confucius*

SASS had many early converts from Action Shooting disciplines (IPSC, IDPA, etc.) to Cowboy Action Shooting™. The purpose of WBAS should be to introduce and attract as many shooters as possible to the game — and into SASS. The question was (and is), “From where will SASS draw its WBAS competitors?” The two obvious choices are from within the current ranks of SASS members and Cowboy Action Shooting™ competitors. The vast

majority of our present WBAS members originated from the current ranks as Wild Bunch Action Shooting evolved from a fun and popular side match held at Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches — growing into its own shooting discipline under the SASS umbrella. Or, from the “outside world” of present day “action shooting” competitors (e.g., IPSC, IDPA, etc.). For more than a decade, the latter have been courted to join by way of modeling the sports framework and philosophy in a way that was thought to be appealing to non-SASS shooters. This focus, however, has not been successful.

Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a SASS product. As with any product in any business, it is imperative to conduct periodic evaluations of your products to gauge the level of their popularity, growth, and sustainability. Just as you wouldn’t keep a product that no one wanted to buy stocked on your shelves in a retail store just because you love it just the way it is, SASS is tasked with a similar situation concerning WBAS. If a product doesn’t sell well and you believe in the product, you must attempt to alter the product to make it more attractive to customers. The only alternative is to stop carrying the product completely. SASS believes that WBAS adds value to its family, its members- and ultimately, to the whole of the shooting sports industry.

Effective January 2024, Wild Bunch Action Shooting was moved under the purview of SASS and will be managed within the existing governing structure — just as CAS has been for decades. SASS will provide the structure and guidelines that have proven successful in Cowboy Action Shooting™ for more than 40 years. It is paramount that Wild Bunch Action Shooting become a “game of the people.” The shooters’ voices need to be heard through their clubs by using the Territorial Governor (TG) program to represent their interests with SASS and for further evolution of the sport. Key leadership groups will include the Territorial Governors, a Wild Bunch RO Committee and Regional Chief ROs. Every SASS affiliated club with an active WBAS program will elect a Wild Bunch Territorial Governor. Criteria and qualifications for TGs can be found on our website or by

contacting us at SASS Headquarters.

In addition to governance protocol, a thorough review of current practices in the game itself has been conducted to address the lack of growth and dismal participation in the period analyzed. The idea of standardizing and encouraging a high difficulty level through high caliber, limited firearm requirements, high power factor, more difficult targets/placement, and high round counts not only alienated our CAS market but has also made zero impact on making the sport — or joining SASS — appealing to new “outside” shooters/members.

FIREARMS

While there are no changes to the firearm requirements in relation to the handgun (the 1911), the exclusion of the .38 caliber rifle during the construct of a formal, codified set of rules for WBAS eliminated and excluded the established, existing customer base of current CAS shooters and SASS members. The inclusion of any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will now be added to the approved firearms list for WBAS. Just as with rifles, several CAS legal shotguns that had been previously excluded will now be allowed in WBAS. These include the ’87 and the double barrel. These firearm allowances potentially get more participation in the sport by allowing current SASS members and CAS shooters the ability to utilize the long guns (and ammunition!) they already own.

CATEGORIES

At any SASS sanctioned championship event there will be no changes to the existing categories of Modern and Traditional. They can, at the Match Directors’ discretion, be broken out into Ladies and Senior categories as well. Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy will be added to the SASS recognized main match categories for Wild Bunch Action Shooting at any SASS sanctioned match. The parameters for Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy are already in place. Junior categories may also be offered at the Match Directors’ discretion.

At the local level, SASS affiliated clubs will have the opportunity to offer a WBAS program with the inclusion of a SASS recognized Open Category.

The parameters for the Open category are outlined in the WBAS Shooters Handbook and RO guide for reference and allows any single stack 1911 (No PF), any SASS legal rifle in .32 caliber or larger, and any SASS legal shotgun. The addition of a SASS-endorsed Open Class for WBAS at the local level will encourage clubs to begin offering a WBAS program in their area and bring those clubs (who already are known in some areas as “Mild Bunch”) into SASS compliance while offering them a tremendous resource of support and guidance for the Open Class. The Open Category will not be offered at any WBAS competition within the SASS Sanctioned Championship program.

THE SHOOTING

It is important to remember that Wild Bunch Action Shooting is an action shooting sport that promotes speed, action, and accuracy. It is not a bullseye competition. WBAS Match Directors have the discretion and should ensure that targets and sequences are appropriate for all competitors. Making target placement and shooting sequences too difficult will keep the shooters from coming back. “Clean” shooters are happy shooters. Happy shooters come back. SASS has adjusted the recommended target placement, size, and round counts. While higher round counts at WBAS matches are expected (those 1911 mag changes are just plain FUN!) round counts should not be to the point of deterring shooters from enjoying the sport — either by reason of physical limitations or the cost of ammunition in today’s economy. Refer to the January 2024 version of the WBAS Shooters Handbook for details.

What happens now? Any additional evolution of the sport of WBAS beyond these initial changes will occur organically — from the shooters who play the game and the clubs who work to present the programs and matches — via their Territorial Governors rallying for change.

Club support and resources are always available by reaching out to us at SASS headquarters. Our team at SASS will work to provide all SASS affiliated clubs with the support and resources needed to present a thriving CAS and WBAS experience for our shared members. It is important every club elects a

Territorial Governor to ensure their club is represented in the sport of WBAS. We encourage you to engage in open dialogue and consider taking an active role in shaping the future of the sport.



SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

I’ve just returned from END of TRAIL 2024. As always, it was great to see old friends, catch up, and just relax in the fabulous (this year) Phoenix weather. This was the first EOT at which the new Wild Bunch regulations went into effect, so I’m running Misty’s summary of the changes once again in this issue. There has been a lot of debate about the changes, of course, and I’ve frequently been asked my opinion on them. So, after having shot the match at EOT, I now have some perspective on the situation. I enjoyed Wild Bunch under the old rules and I enjoy them just as much under the new rules. I’ve said from the beginning that I see no reason to not allow rifles of less than .40 caliber. We all know the difference in recoil from different pistol-caliber rifles is negligible, so I don’t think that’s a consideration. Now, as in CAS, stages have to be written so the rifle is not shot last. That puts a further restriction on stage writers, but we went through that with CAS and survived and I believe we will again. Moreover, I believe the rifle restriction more than anything else kept many Cowboy Action Shooters™

from giving Wild Bunch a try. It’s the same with allowing other types of shotguns. Now, someone with just a side-by-side can dabble with shooting Wild Bunch. Certainly, anyone who enjoys the sport and decides to stick with it will not use a side-by-side for long. The bottom line is, participation numbers for Wild Bunch events have been low when compared to Cowboy events. The presumption is the difficulty level and restrictions on firearms and ammo discouraged many from even trying it. It remains to be seen if that’s true, but if the new rule changes help raise the numbers, then I’m for them.

One of the old friends I met at EOT was Frederick Jackson Turner, whose match report on Europe’s EOT equivalent — Days of Truth — is this issue’s cover feature. Many shooters from Europe and from all over the world regularly attend EOT, but not a lot of Americans attend Days of Truth. At the event reported upon herein, FJT was in fact the only contestant from the U.S.A. In his report, he makes an argument to Americans to consider attending the event, and the argument is compelling. It sounds like a blast. For 2024, Days of Truth will be held in Sweden. Keep an eye on <https://www.casscoring.com/days-of-truth.html> for developments.

This issue’s offering from the golden age of Western comic books is an excerpt from the first issue (it ran for two) of 1953’s *Badmen of the West*. It features the “true” stories of Billy the Kid, Jesse James, the Daltons, and paradoxically, Wild Bill Hickok. How Wild Bill got classified a badman I don’t know, but we’ll lead off with that one and cover the others in future editions. As for historical accuracy, well... it’s about as accurate as many Hollywood Westerns that were made in the 1950s. This one sort of touches on some of the big points in Hickok’s life. And it even depicts him, on page four, shooting a pair of Colt Navies, even though he appears to be carrying SSAs everywhere else. But it’s a fun escapist read. Enjoy it for what it is. Artwork is by Marvin Stein. The cover art is by Frank Bolle. Check out www.comicbookplus.com for many more Western (and other) public domain comic books.

—Skinny (SASS #7361)

MISTY MOONSHINE AND C. C. TOP TIE THE KNOT!

BY CAT BALLOU, SASS #55

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MIDWEST PHOTOGRAPHICS

On September 9, 2023, SASS CEO Misty Miller (Misty Moonshine, SASS #83232), and Curt Ebersole (C.C. Top, SASS #62639), President of the Paradise Pass Regulators of Etna Green, Indiana, were wed in a ceremony officiated by Pastor Ransom Ebersole (C. C. Top's cousin) at the Blue Teal venue in Wakarusa, Indiana. More than 100 guests attended, including the SASS Staff and Wild Bunch members Wildshot (SASS #51), Mrs. Slick Shot (SASS #691), Tex (SASS #4), and Cat Ballou (SASS #55), from Edgewood, New Mexico.

Misty's son, Zachary Durant (Cash Cassidy, SASS #85023), escorted the bride down the aisle, and her grandson, Ayden Durant (Cowboy Ayden, SASS #107913), was the ring bearer assisted by his little sister, flower girl Miya Durant (Adalynn Ryder, SASS #110255), who threw out rose petals with gusto!

The wedding was truly a family affair. Misty's maid of honor was her sister, Kim Garcia (Miss Kim, SASS #102823) and her bridesmaids were daughter Skyler (Sky Moonshine, SASS #86666); daughter-in-law Felishia (Kissin Cassidy, SASS #102686); niece



C. C. TOP AND MISTY MOONSHINE

Amber Allaman (Amber Oakley, SASS #88493), and SASS marketing administrator Corina Novo (Ruby Ruthless, SASS #105922).

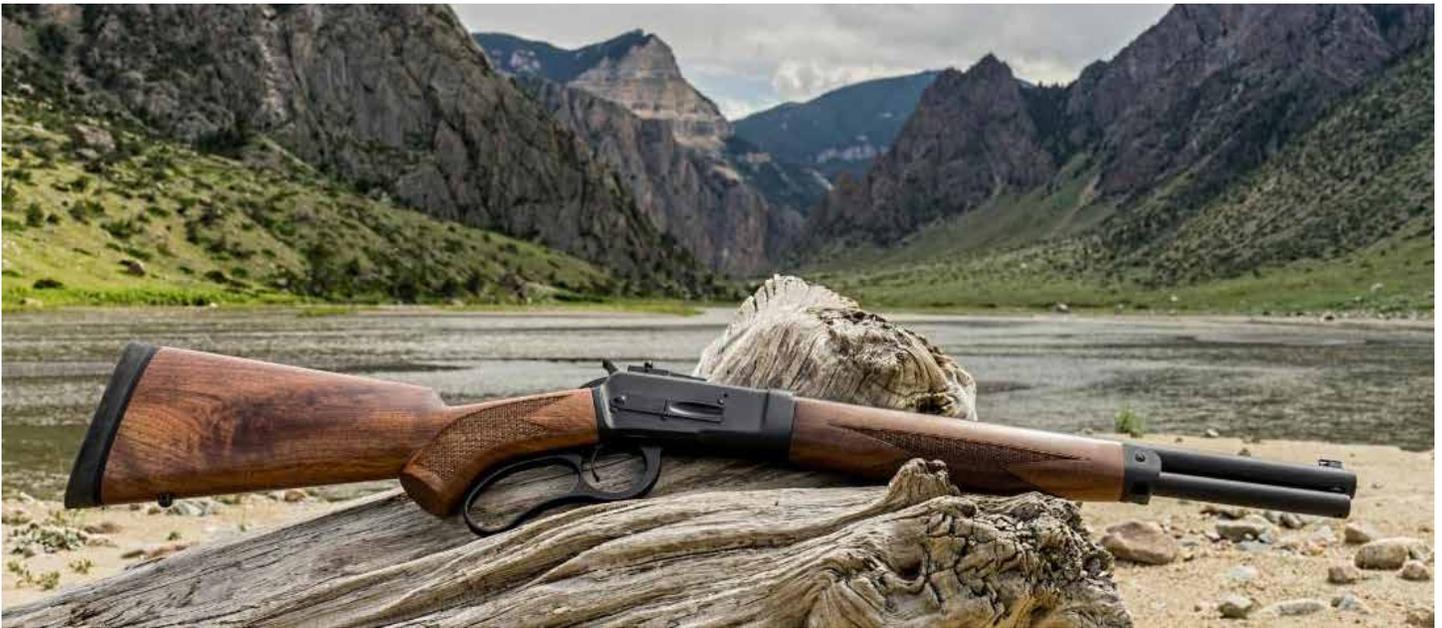
Instead of groomsmen, C. C. Top chose seven "best men" — Mark Senff (Short Term Emory, SASS #95635); Steve Stevens (Deuce Stevens, SASS #55996); Rodney Ronk (Dusty Deputy D, SASS #95584); Troy Helser (Montana Long Hair, SASS #1028); Karl Petersen (Korupt Karl, SASS #68444); Brent Herendeen (Big Iron Bohannon, SASS #108474); and Charlie Louthain (Flush Draw, SASS #86966).

After the wedding, guests were treated to *hors d'oeuvres* and dinner in the dining area of the Blue Teal, as well as dancing afterwards to a DJ.

Congratulations and many happy years ahead to Misty and C. C. Top!



MISTY AND C. C. TOP'S WEDDING PARTY



BIG HORN ARMORY'S MODEL 89 IN .500 S&W MAGNUM

BIG HORN ARMORY COMBATS BIDENOMICS WITH ROLLBACK ON POPULAR LEVER ACTION MODELS

Cody, Wyoming – With uncertainties in the economy, inflation, and oppressive regulations that drive prices of goods and materials higher than ever, Big Horn Armory (BHA), makers of big-bore firearms, has dedicated itself to finding ways to mitigate inflation while still offering high-quality firearms without cutting corners on materials or craftsmanship. Through strategic planning and hard work, BHA is pleased to offer two of its base model lever action firearms at a lower price to give customers a more affordable option during these uncertain times. Starting February 1, 2024, the base configuration of the Model 89 was priced at \$3,499.00 and the Model 89 Black Thunder was priced at \$3,699.00, a \$1,000 drop.

“I am proud to announce our commitment to the 2A community and our dedication to navigating the challenges of today’s uncertain economic landscape,” commented Greg Buchel, founder and president of Big Horn Armory. “We refuse to compromise on the quality of our big-bore firearms and our Reverse Bidenomics Rollback is a

testament to our mission to provide our customers with affordable, top-tier firearms.”

The Model 89 lever-action rifle in .500 S&W Magnum continues the rich legacy of American firearms design and development. Built from the ground up and solidly engineered using the latest CNC technology, the Model 89 embodies the best of the old Model 86 and the Model 92 lever-actions in a modern platform capable of handling the powerful .500 S&W Magnum. It is manufactured with 17-4 stainless steel precision machined and properly hardened to deliver consistent downrange performance and rugged in-the-field dependability.

The selected American black walnut stock and forend are fitted with integral front and stud rear sling swivel mounts. The pistol grip buttstock has a one-inch recoil-taming pad. Stock and forend are

given several coats of a durable synthetic satin finish. It is equipped with aperture rear and post-front sights. The Model 89’s large, hunter-friendly curved lever enables ease of operation, especially with gloved hands. Honoring the long tradition of great American sporting rifles, the Model 89 provides hunters with pride in ownership and a powerful advantage afield.

The Model 89 Black Thunder is BHA’s first tactical lever-action rifle. Designated the Model 89BT, Black Thunder is optimally sized, perfectly configured, and chambered in powerful the .500 S&W Magnum. With its short 16” trapper barrel, it is a quick-handling, rapid-shooting carbine that is perfect for hunting, home defense, or survival situations.

The new Model 89BT’s robust design includes stainless-steel construction, heat-treated and coated with a



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black nitride finish, making it nearly impervious to corrosion. Black laminate stocks add strength and additional weather resistance, as well as no-nonsense aesthetics. The Model 89BT comes from the factory with hand-crafted, quality Skinner rear aperture adjustable sights as well as a factory-installed rail perfect for Scout Scopes, red dot, or holographic sights.

To maximize the Model 89BT's capabilities, it features an M-LOK rail on the front of the forend to mount lights, laser sights, or any other accessory. This provides an option for adding low light capability for appropriate hunting situations or decisive personal defense tools if needed. It also includes an energy-absorbing one-inch Pachmayr Decelerator butt pad, a tank-style muzzle brake, and a fiber optic front sight.

In addition to these two tried and true models, BHA has also introduced the M89 White Lightning lever action rifle in .500 S&W Magnum, made to handle whatever one gets into or needs to get out of. Combining the long tradition of great American sporting rifles

with a tactical look and feel, the White Lightning provides hunters and shooters with pride in owning the best American-made lever gun available.

The grey laminate stock and forend are fitted with integral front and stud rear sling swivel mounts for a variety of sling attachments. The pistol grip buttstock utilizes a Pachmayr Decelerator pad to tame recoil, along with the tank style brake at the muzzle. The highly figured, grey-stained buttstock and forend are given multiple coats of a durable synthetic satin finish to withstand the elements. The wood is then glass-bedded to the metal parts, ensuring extra accuracy and durability. The standard Skinner ghost ring rear sight is mated with a green fiber optic front sight for faster target acquisition. The large hunter-friendly curved lever enables ease of operation, even with gloved hands.

The receivers and steel parts are manufactured using 17-4PH stainless steel and barrels are made using 416 stainless steel. All are precision machined and surface hardened to Rc82

using BHA's nitriding process to deliver unparalleled downrange performance and rugged-in-the-field dependability.

Proudly built in the USA, the BHA lever action rifles continue the rich legacy of American firearms design and development. Designed and built from the ground up and solidly engineered using the finest materials, techniques, and CNC technology, BHA lever action rifles embody the best of the Models 1886 and 1892 lever actions in a modern platform capable of handling the powerful .500 S&W Magnum, and other big bore magnum cartridges while delivering 300-600 fps more than the revolver.

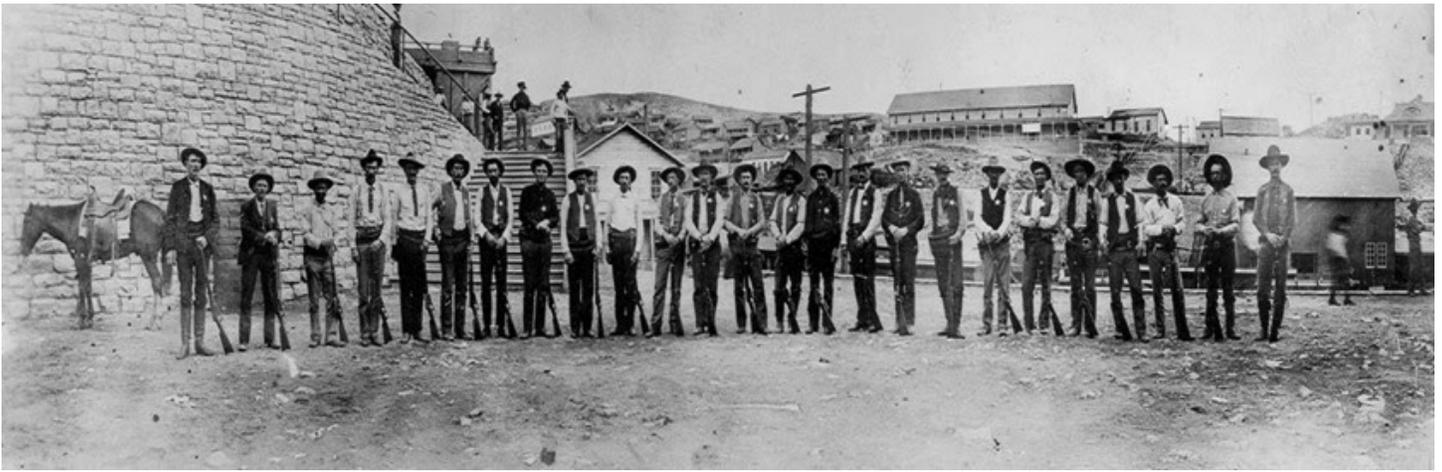
The .500 S&W Magnum chambering lets these rifles shoot bullets from 200 grains to a truck-stopping 700 grains. This incredible weight range combined with the availability of almost any style and type of bullet imaginable makes them capable of taking any game animal walking the planet.

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CIMARRON FIREARMS INTRODUCES THE ARIZONA RANGER COMPETITION SA

Fredericksburg, Texas (October 2023) – Cimarron Firearms, provider of quality replicas of Old West firearms, pays its respects to another group of little-known but historically significant frontiersmen, the Arizona Rangers, as immortalized in the classic song "Big Iron" by Marty Robbins. Cimarron's new Model P revolver honors the 107 men who initially served in the Arizona Territorial Rangers from 1901 to 1909.

The Arizona Ranger Competition SA is a fast-acting, competition-style revolver that incorporates a finely-tuned U.S. action, a competition hammer, and a trigger/bolt spring that is lighter and smoother while offering a crisp, no-creep trigger pull. The



ARIZONA RANGERS IN MORENCI, MEXICO, 1903

sights are a wide-square notch rear and constant-width front sight, perfect for quick target acquisition and repeat shots. Hand-checked, slim European walnut grips and a blued finish add to the beauty of this performance-built pistol. "Arizona Ranger" is roll engraved on the .357 Magnum/.45 Colt barrel in an old-style font. MSRP is \$842.01.

The Arizona Rangers were created in 1901 by Arizona Territorial Governor Nathan Oaks Murphy as a result of increased violence, outlaws, cattle rustling, and train robberies. Pressure from ranchers, mine owners, and the newly-established railroad barons on the territorial government increased to form a law force modeled on the highly successful Texas Rangers.

The new force was comprised of fourteen men, one captain, one sergeant, and twelve privates. They were a well-trained mounted, undercover group. Besides capturing and killing several outlaws and cattle rustlers, the expanding forces also assisted in labor disputes, including the Morenci Copper Mine dispute, at which 25 of 26 Rangers were present and successfully averted any violence while reaching a settlement. Another labor dispute at a



mine in Cananea, Mexico turned into a riot resulting in several deaths. A volunteer posse was led by then Arizona Ranger Captain Thomas Rynning, who entered Mexico against the orders of the Arizona Territorial governor, but with the blessing of the governor of Sonora, Mexico. The Ranger-led posse, along with the Mexican *Rurales*, were able to put down the riot, but not without several deaths.

In 1909, under increasing pressure from county sheriffs and attorneys, the Arizona Rangers were disbanded. In 1957, a few surviving Arizona Rangers re-established the force and were officially recognized by the State of Arizona in 2002. Today's Arizona Rangers is an unpaid, volunteer, non-profit, law enforcement and assistance civilian auxiliary who work with and at the request of federal, state, and local law enforcement in the State of Arizona.

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THAT'S RIGHT; SWINGING TARGETS! WHOO-YEAH!!!

DAYS OF TRUTH THE 2023 EUROPEAN SASS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER, SASS #28271

It's nearly 3:00 a.m., and I'm teetering on the far side of sobriety at one of the wildest parties I've ever attended. More than that, I'm up on stage in Phillipsburg, Germany, where I've been playing, since 8:30. My fingers are raw, my voice is hoarse, I've sung every song I know, and I've even made up a few. I can't croak out another word; folks, it's time to go. So, with a last round of appreciative applause from the die-hard-partying crowd still ringing in my ears, I smile, wave, and unplug my guitar. Both inside and outside the tent, the crowd is still laughing and whooping it up. At 3:00 a.m., the food vendor is still vending, and the bartender at the

beer stand is the busiest man in Europe. This party deserves to go down in history.

With names like, Eagle Eye Jim,



A NICE COLT, WITH SOME MYSTERIOUSLY SHRINKING AMMO...

Colorado Law, Wyoming Harry, and Redneck Mike, these shooters and partiers could be from your neck of the woods. But this is the 2023 European Cowboy Championships, so they're from France, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, and Sweden. They are some of the friendliest folks you will ever meet. They are also some of the fastest shooters in the world.

Aside from struggling to get out of bed the following morning, this is my last memory of Days of Truth, the 2023 European Cowboy Championship. And it's a good one. But it's been a whirlwind. My mind skips back, just one week...



HELL HOUND, WITH MUCH BRASS IN THE AIR!



NORWAY'S MAD CAT WITH A GUN.

Striding purposefully across the airport concourse at Los Angeles International, my cowboy hat on my head, boot heels clicking on the linoleum, bag in hand, and guitar slung over my shoulder, as a group of stewardesses giggle and wave to me, I have a revelation — it seems that even in woke 2023 America, people still like cowboys.

That feeling transcends borders, ages, race and genders. In über-cool LA, wearing the only cowboy hat in sight, I get a lot of thumbs up, numerous “cool hat,” comments, and a lot of smiles from... well, just about everyone. Old folks, kids, harried parents, businessmen, and stewardesses, no matter where you roam, distant or home, it seems the cowboy strikes a romantic chord in the hearts of most people. It happens in LA, and it happens again in Frankfurt. It’s a global phenomenon, this cowboy thing.

This is entirely appropriate, as I’m headed to Europe for the Days of Truth, the 2023 SASS European Cowboy and Wild Bunch Championships, held August 8-12, in Phillipsburg, Germany. I’ll be shooting, singing, and hanging out with friends old and new. Bring it on! Whoo-YEAH!

This is not some quaint little European shooting event to which I am headed, either. Eleven nations are represented at this championship, which, due to the size of the facility, has been capped at 360 shooters. That’s a sizable match anywhere and demand is so high that the match sold out in 24 hours. Not many events can boast that, anywhere. It’s a tribute to the enthusiasm of European Cowboy Action Shooters™, and the reputation built by hosts, The German Territory Regulators.

There are even more than 130 Wild Bunch competitors. Oh, the Europeans have clearly embraced Cowboy Action Shooting™ in all its forms.

It’s 5:00 a.m. as I make my way through the LAX ticket line and despite my excitement I start to feel a hint of fatigue. I’ve been up for hours, finalizing my packing, cadging a ride down to inconveniently located LAX, checking in my baggage, clearing the inevitable TSA logjam, and trying to charm the ticket clerk into allowing my guitar case into the garment locker reserved for the aircraft crew. I haven’t left LA, it’s already been quite a lot, and it ain’t

gonna get any easier. Checking in prudently early, there are still several hours before I can board the plane, but at last, with all the aforementioned accomplished, the coffee is starting to wear off. I’m fading fast, and I haven’t even left the tarmac. I could use a cup of boutique, overpriced airport coffee.

Folks, I’m old enough to remember when airline travel used to be fun. That ship sailed a decade or more ago. It is now troublesome, cramped, rushed, and generally, uncomfortable. Even the delicate business of keeping my favorite hat from getting crushed by the rigors of travel is its own adventure. It almost allows me to forget about the fate of the costly Taylor guitar that is, mercifully, shoehorned into the aircraft’s locker, next the coats and flight cases of the crew.

But, you know what? Fatigue and all, I hardly notice. I’m headed to Germany, and I’m just too exhilarated to care about such petty particulars.

I’m excited, *not* because this is my first time, and I don’t know what to expect, but more, because it’s not my first time, and I *do* know what to expect! REPHIL, champion German shooter, together with Colorado Law, Fumbler, Dusthole, and Mutzi, and the Bund Deutscher Sportschützen (BDS) are hosting the event, and enthusiastically supported by their president, Handgunner, these folks *really* know how to put on a major match.

REPHIL is one of the Three Amigos, a legendary trio that includes champion German shooters REPHIL (Like you would shout, at a bar!), Dammit Olli, and Shotgun Boogie. These guys are all fierce competitors, with trophies from two continents to prove it. And, as founding members of the now-legendary “Pooley Gang,” they know how to throw a party during the match, as well.

For those of you unfamiliar with them, The Pooley Gang is most famous for loud, raucous post-shooting parties at which the central feature is a swimming pool adorned with a candelabra, into which the fortunate initiates, of which I am a proud member, plunge, once the day’s shooting is complete. Once immersed, regardless of the weather conditions, the inhabitants proceed to consume whatever



POSSE MARSHALS FJT AND LINDA LOU.



GUNSMITH ST. KLAUS MUMMEL

local adult beverages can be purchased, cadged, purloined, or smuggled into the pool. I'm not making this up. Once the Pooleys were established, that pool mysteriously appeared, filled with thousands of gallons of water, at events large and small, no matter the distance, latitude, altitude, or climate.

Remember when END of TRAIL was held in the arid mountains of New Mexico? Yup; even there, the Pooley Gang erected their signature pool, and trucked in thousands of gallons of water to fill it, even in that arid mountain site. That's how legends are made.

So, as I said, having been to Phillipsburg before, I was excited.

In addition to shooting the match, I had been employed to provide the evening's entertainment for the Saturday night awards banquet. Now, flying to Europe with firearms can be a



WHEN REPHIL IS ON HIS GAME, FEW IN THE WORLD CAN STAY WITH HIM...

daunting task, but I had done so successfully before. However, ever-tightening regulations, increased costs, and the need to bring along a guitar for the performance meant that I had to make a tough choice. Should I take a guitar, or my firearms? I've rented and borrowed guitars plenty of times, and it seldom goes well. And, I was hired to put on

a show... After weighing the pros and cons of each, I choose to take a reliable guitar for this trip. To my good fortune, premiere German cowboy gunsmith Shotgun Boogie is from these parts, so many of the local shooters should have firearms with his superb work done to them. Accordingly, the chance of being loaned firearms that are as good or bet-



FJT, DAMMIT OLLI, REPHIL, AND HELL HOUND, PREPARING CAREFULLY FOR NEXT DAY'S MATCH.

ter, than my own, was actually pretty solid.

DAY 1

Winging over the Atlantic, after an interminable layover in Las Vegas (note to self, and all those contemplating a future trip; **fly non-stop**. Just do it. You'll thank me...) I shift uncomfortably in my straight-backed seat. I'm going to be here for the next 10 hours so I try to make the best of it. The in-flight movies are a bore, and even though the service is attentive, you can only knock back so many mini juices,

or whiskeys, and eat so many airline crackers. I kill as much time as possible, going over my song list, and reviewing the articles that I for the *The Cowboy Chronicle* a dozen years ago about my past trips to Germany.

I check the time, and plug in the radio app. Back in LA, I'm co-host of a firearms-themed radio program on KRLA 870 Los Angeles, *The Gunslinger Hour*. My travel plans mean I'll have to miss the show, but it's an exotic bit of a treat to hear them mentioning me, headed off to Days Of Truth, literally as I'm flying over the North Pole.

Still, it's a long time cooped up, and time does NOT fly, even as I do, but at last, I'm trundling off the plane in Frankfurt, Germany. I walk, it seems, a mile to collect my baggage, another mile to clear German customs (once there, ridiculously easy, and done with a friendly smile and wave, and another thumbs up at my cowboy attire) and, as I stumble sleepily through the fluorescent maze, my ears perk up at the shout of, "Jackson!"

That voice belongs to Hell Hound, a top German shooter, and a great guy, nattily attired in a hat and vest. He has been dispatched to collect me from the airport and drive me to the Phillipsburg shooting facility.

Cowboys will be cowboys. In the parking lot, I am not shoehorned into a Fiat or a Renault. Waiting outside is Hell Hound's gleaming pickup truck. What else would you expect from a cowboy, right? I stretch my weary bones gratefully, in the American-sized cab and we spend the hour drive discussing everything from the war in the Ukraine to baseball. Like me, he's an avid motorcyclist, and a great guy, so there's plenty of conversation on our drive to Phillipsburg. It's almost like being at home.

As I mentioned, I've done this before. You can find articles about my voyages in the online *Cowboy Chronicle*, 10 years ago. See the links to the 2011 and 2012 *Cowboy Chronicles*. A lot of water has flowed beneath the oceanic bridge since then, but I'm anxious to revisit those marvelous experiences.

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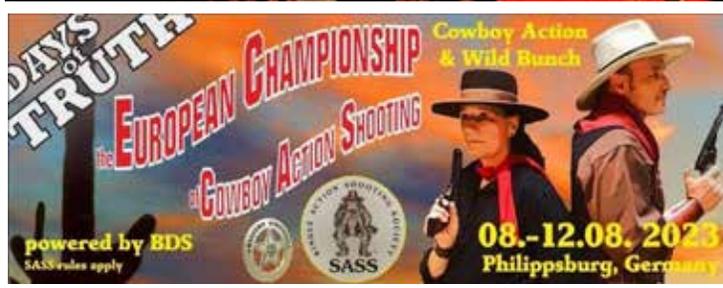
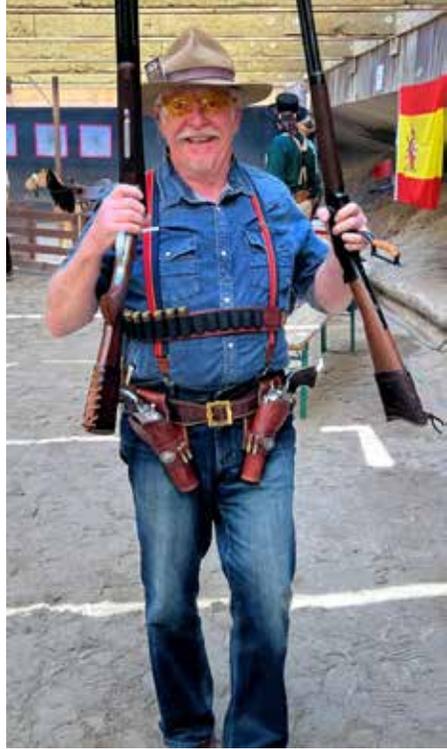
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Considering the nine-hour time difference, the jet lag, and the inevitable inebriation that awaits me, I'm not too concerned about the outcome of the competition. What I am looking forward to is seeing old friends, making new ones, and enjoying what the genuinely thoughtful and considerate Europeans have to offer.

When we arrive, a shout goes up from a crowd of shooters, already gath-

ered in the forested campground, waiting for us. I immediately recognize skilled Danish shooter Captain Wildbeard, frequent US visitors Dutch Bear and Justice Lady Anne, Blue 'n Wild who will be loaning me main match pistols, and of course, match director, REPHIL. That lanky gentleman is attending to the thousand and one last minute details with which a match director has to contend, but, as though

he's got nothing better to do, he takes the time to show me to the cozy little camper I'll be using and the ID tag that will keep me fed and watered for the week. He even makes sure I have a welcome beer as he walks me through the layout of the vast, sprawling shooting complex. I'm beat, but feeling pretty good now that my feet are back on the ground.

DAY 2 — SHOOTING IN GERMANY — WILD BUNCH DAY 1

Let me paint you a picture of what competition is like in Germany. Due to curious German shooting laws, all shooting must be done *indoors* to protect the rest of the population from noise or pollution. However, because of the particulate matter released when cartridges are fired, these indoor shooting facilities are open to the sky, so shooters have minimal exposure to the residue. So the shooting facility is equal parts indoors and outdoors at the same time. Ever fired a weapon indoors? Muzzle blast and flash are exacerbated and the reflective echoes of each shot can be a bit disorienting.

At the same time, the range is open to the sky, meaning whatever weather is happening outside is happening to you. So you have the curious dual characteristics of having the disorienting sound reflections of shooting indoors while simultaneously being exposed to the mercies, or lack thereof, of German weather. The local shooters have adapted to this. I will have but a few minutes to do so.

The complex itself is a building the size of the largest Costco you can imagine, partitioned into rooms that run the gamut from large dining room, to amphitheater size. For the match, REPHIL and company have seen to it that each stage has been set up with plenty of steel, and decorated with a marvelous collection of props that would make any match back in the states proud.

As I take the tour, I shake a hundred or more hands, try to remember everyone's names, and receive several grateful "thank you" greetings from shooters who attended the shooting clinics I held here a dozen years ago, or from the SASS Convention clinics, (remember those?) back in the states.

European shooters have taken that particular ball and run with it, by the way. Today, they are the equal of the best shooters you will find anywhere. It seems like everyone under age 30, and quite a few above, are running 10-shot rifle strings in the two-second range. Gulp. I'm gonna have to be on my game just to keep up!

Okay, I've taken the tour, gotten my accommodations, shaken some hands, and had just enough time to slip into some fresh clothing in time for the welcome event at the main tent.

Wishing I had time to grab an elusive nap, but failing to do so, I head off to the opening soirée. This means more hands to shake and plenty of beer and sausages to be consumed. With a determined stride, I head over to the tent for dinner and the festivities. Between the lack of sleep, the jet lag, and several bottles of Dunkelbrau (instantly my new favorite beer!) that first night is pretty fuzzy, to be honest. For me, it's been a thirty-hour day. I do remember finally getting to bed well after midnight and being out before my head hit the pillow.

Twenty minutes later (or so it seems) there is a polite knock at the

door of my little camper. It is now 2:00 a.m., according to the time difference and my sleep-addled brain. But here, it's 7:00 a.m. Time to go shooting.

Another top German shooter, Buddy Junior, is there to loan me his personal Wild Bunch firearms — a .45 caliber Uberti '73 Winchester, a Model 12 shotgun, and a really nice stainless Colt 1911. All of these have been thoroughly worked over by a competent gunsmith, so I'm feeling pretty good as I strap on my Wild Bunch gun belt, gulp down a third cup of truly delicious coffee, and stagger off in the direction of the Wild Bunch safety meeting.

Each stage is read in English and German, so the instructions are clear to everyone. I'm pretty bleary-eyed, but I make it through the meeting, take the clock to run the first shooters through Stage 1, and all smiles, hand off the clock to my European counterpart. Then it's my turn to shoot. Steady, cowboy, focus. This is what we're here for! Buckle down, clear the mechanism, and focus! I carefully place the rifle and shotgun and at the beep absolutely blaze through the stage in 21 seconds. The 28 pistol shots are good, clean hits, the

rifle rips flawlessly, and all six shotguns go down. I feel good about it; why are all those nice spotters holding up their pinkies?

Having read the stage instructions and shepherded a half dozen shooters through the stage, I neglected to do as they had done, that is, move from Rifle position 1 to shooting position 2 for the pistol. Please add a "P" to my time. I'm so fuzzy brained, I don't even remember doing that. And shooting the pistol from the rifle stand, the stage I shot was a lot harder than it had to be. Well, welcome to Germany, Jackson. The good news is, I'm awake now!

Interestingly, German law requires that targets be no closer than seven meters, about 23 feet, from the shooters. This plays nicely for Wild Bunch shooting, as no target will ever be close enough to earn the disdain of even the surliest old-school WB shooter. REPHIL and his crew have simplified the task of running two matches on the same range by simply moving the firing line farther out than the cowboy firing line. The sweeps are unique to Wild Bunch, but once the WB match is over, the firing line moves forward and rather

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than hucking steel late into the evening, the set-up crew is done in time to join the daily party event at the Big Tent. It's simple, elegant, and everybody wins.

Meanwhile, I muddle blearily through five stages, enjoying the company and impressive shooting skills of my posse mates. Among these are top Euro lady shooter, Norwegian Mad Cat With A Gun. With a smile, she watches me dragging through the stages, and offers to make a run for coffee. I eagerly accept!

It's a very good match, my sleepy brain tells me, with just enough challenge to keep me on my toes. Aside from the Stage 1 P I manage to ring all the targets, so I'll call that a win for the day.

The first five stages finished and guns put away, there is an evening cowboy mixer back at the main tent. With eleven nations represented, it's a chance to greet old friends and meet new ones. REPHIL has cleverly arranged that there is an event every night at the tent and there is a bar and food vendor right outside of it, so it quickly becomes the nightly social center for the whole match, for all the shooters, regardless of their nationality. I'm still pretty fatigued, but there is such a whirl of color and language and laughter that I hold on as long as I can before staggering off in the general direction of my camper with a head full of good German lager and a stomach full of sausages and chips.

Once outside of the blaze of lights at the big tent, however, it is pitch black in the forested campground and I manage to get lost on the way back to my trailer. Fortunately, Blue'n Wild, motoring around on his scooter, rescues me and shepherds me back to my campsite. I literally fall asleep in the middle of shucking off my boots.

DAY 3 — WILD BUNCH, DAY 2

I wake up to the singing of birds and the rattle of tin pans as well as the delicious aroma of coffee. Still negotiating the unfamiliar surroundings, I struggle into my clothes, don my leather, and head to the giant shooting complex. There, a hearty breakfast awaits.

The second day of Wild Bunch finds me starting to get my feet under me. I run a few brisk stages, and am

starting to feel pretty good about things, when I get a pistol jam. The cartridges I'm using may not have been crimped with quite enough brio, and a few of them collapse into the cases. My borrowed Colt 1911 doesn't care for this, and lets me know it by jamming on consecutive magazines.

Somehow I get through the stage and helpful shooters from three countries lend me ammo to get me through the rest of the match. This, just in time for the extractor on my borrowed rifle to fail. Oh, yeah. It's all coming together. I borrow a rifle from one of the girls on my posse and mercifully, it runs flawlessly. So, then, of course, my borrowed shotgun stops ejecting. (Ah, the many woes of the '97. Someone should write a song about that!) In the vendor row there is one very overworked German gunsmith on site, a lovely fellow named Klaus Mummel who, knowing I need it for the main match the next day, stays up half the night returning it to nearly mint, stock condition.

Even with my struggles, it's been a great match, with fun, well thought out stages, a good mix of target sizes and distances, and some fast and furious shooting. I really enjoyed it, and with about 40 percent of the main match participating (a truly enviable percentage!), obviously, the Europeans liked it, too!

At the conclusion of the match, with effusive thanks, I return the firearms to their owners. A rifle each, to Hell Hound, Mad Cat With A Gun, and Buddy Junior. Shotguns get returned to each of them, as well. Except for the ammo niggles, Buddy's Colt 1911 ran flawlessly, throughout. In spite of a few hiccups, I have shot a pretty good match. We'll see how I fared when the final results are tallied!

Whew. Wild Bunch over, it's just after 1:00 in the afternoon. I feel like I've been up since about February and there is a lot more on the day's menu. I'm just catching my breath and wolfing down a tasty lunch from one of the vendors when it's time for the main match posse marshal walkthrough. Here, I meet my marshal, Linda Lou. Pretty enough to be a model, boasting excellent English and a quick wit, she is also one heckuva shooter. This is going to be a fun match.

The posse walk though is commendably brief. Good stages, matched with clear instructions, mean there are almost no questions from the posse marshals. This is REPHIL's baby, and you can tell the match is designed by a top shooter. The stages flow seamlessly, with no P traps for the unwary.

Now, I mentioned German law dictates that no targets be closer than seven meters. REPHIL and Mutzi counter that by ensuring that the target sizes are generous...and...there may have been a few stages where their definition of seven meters and the *government's* view of seven meters may have varied slightly. In any case, there were no complaints about target size or distance.

I finish the walk-through and, still suffering from jet lag, I stumble back to my little camper, hoping at last to catch a brief nap. Instead, waiting for me are a clutch of shooters who want to talk about Wild Bunch, how my match went, what it's like in America, and by the way, would I like another beer? How can I resist? At the end of that, I have just enough time left to put on a clean shirt and head for the main tent. I do not want to miss what's next...

That night, the formal opening ceremonies are held. It's a truly colorful and genuinely moving scene, as representatives from each nation proudly march their flag into the main tent, and plant it on the stage.

Imagine my surprise when a lovely, elegantly dressed young woman marches in with the American flag and plants it up on the stage! The crowd cheers and I choke up a little bit. I'm the only American at the match and it's a nice touch to which REPHIL has thoughtfully attended.

After those proceedings, we all stay out late again, enjoying the bonhomie of course and again, I fall into bed and pass out before I've fully shucked out of my trousers.

DAY 4 — MAIN MATCH, DAY 1

By the morning of the Main Match, I'm starting to feel half human at last. When my alarm goes off, for a change it doesn't hurt to wrestle my eyelids open. Thankfully, I am on the late rotation for the first day. A cup of excellent coffee, another really good breakfast from one of the vendors, and

I wander over to the warm up stage to try out my borrowed cowboy guns.

REPHIL has loaned me a Shotgun Boogie tuned rifle, Blue 'n Wild, a brace of excellent Rugers, and Hell Hound has loaned me a vintage '97 Winchester. All of these are great, and I suspect the guns may be a bit disappointed at not being shot with the same rapidity that their customary owners operate them.

At the warm up stage, the borrowed '97 develops a hiccup in its ejection, a common problem, so again I find the one gunsmith in attendance, Klaus Mummel. I mention him again because all week long he is absolutely swamped with work. He bailed me out during Wild Bunch and he struggles manfully, deep into the night, making sure competitors with broken firearms will be able to compete the following day. He's a one-man band and despite the Sisyphean work load, he remains patient and good natured, to boot.

As he works, I borrow my fourth shotgun, this one a takedown '97, and

hustle to meet my posse. Posse Marshal Linda Lou explains the stages in German, I do so in English, and a shooting order quickly shakes out. Cowboys are cowboys everywhere, and the posse quickly settles into a comfortable routine.

As I mentioned, by now I'm only a bit laggy so, adjusting to the borrowed firearms, I hand off the timer and shoot a couple of respectable stages. Linda's brother, Big Bore Ben, is running a bit faster than I am, but I keep it clean, and soon am running one of the better matches on my posse.

Before you know it, we've shot four stages and a posse that was strangers a few short hours ago are now friends. We all shake hands, and most head off for the slew of side matches that are available — speed pistol, rifle, shotgun, and the long-range event. I furtively head back to the campground. At last, I have a few minutes to myself! I sneak into my tiny camper and stretch out for a quick snooze...

A moment later, there's a polite

knock on the door. One of the German shooters wants to know if I can show him the guitar chords to my song, "The Wreck of the Ol' '97." Well, or course! With a smile, I pull out my guitar. As I'm strumming it, a few cowboys stop to listen, including Dutch Bear. He and his lovely partner Justice Anne are the hosts of a great nightly party at one of the two Dutch encampments. I dimly recall REPHIL saying something about, "If you wish to compete, stay away from the Dutch camp." As there are two Dutch encampments and Bear is a likeable fellow, I presume that he must mean the other camp, so I wander off with Bear and, back at his camp, he introduces me to some of his home-brewed liquor.

Sipping some of his rocket juice, I naively inquire, "Why are there two Dutch camps?" Dutch Bear shakes his head sorrowfully. "There are the ones who go to bed early..." and, he gestures theatrically at his encampment, "...and this." I now know which encampment I am in.

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DAY 5 — MAIN MATCH, DAY 2

I'm on the middle rotation for the day, so I plan to sleep in for a few blessed minutes. Instead, a chorus of laughter and chatter from my neighbors causes me to crack a cautious eye. I slip on my duds and wander across the clearing to see what the cause of the merriment is. Hell Hound's girlfriend Lauraine has driven in for a visit and brought two kinds of home-made pie. It is delicious, especially paired with yet another cup of amazing European coffee. She is also surprisingly knowledgeable about baseball, so the morning flies pleasantly by and I have to hustle off to join my posse, with fingers just a bit sticky from pie.

The posse is fun, relaxed, and moves smoothly, like a well oiled machine. I'd love to mention them all here, but trust me, I've never had a better time at a match. I'm starting to get the groove of the entire environment and I reel off four pretty respectable stages, which does not hurt my appreciation of the event, not one bit.

Today's *après* match event is the Team Shoot. It quickly becomes obvious that a great deal of effort goes into this, with team costumes or matching t-shirts, and even some wild choreography. Remember what is at work here — not just states or inter-club rivalries, but also the national pride of eleven countries!

REPHIL and I end up on the same team with a lovely new shooter who is, I think, a bit intimidated at shooting between us. We don't win, but she wanders off in a rosy glow, with a lifetime memory, and PHIL and I share the satisfaction of having set the hook in another happy cowboy shooter.

Shooting done for the day, I reflect that the pacing of this entire massive, sprawling program is just about perfect. There is always something to do, but there's also always about a half an hour in between events, so there's time to visit with friends, have a cold drink, or wipe down a gun.

I'm camped next to REPHIL who, as I have mentioned, is a several time

European Champion. His attention to detail is remarkable; in the midst of shooting, he is seemingly everywhere at once, with an answer, a smile, or a translation in any of the half dozen languages in which he is fluent.

Even the weather is cooperating. There is one brief downpour, which is to be expected in Germany at this time of year, but otherwise, the skies are cornflower blue, shot with silvery clouds, like an Aubrey Beardsley painting. With the deep green foliage on every side, the overall effect is stunning to this denizen of the austere California desert.

Even the tiny camper in which I reside is a masterpiece of useful cleverness and innovation. Campers are tiny things over here, unlike the gigantic megaliths that trundle down American's wide highways and populate her campgrounds. Constrained by the tight parameters of European roadways, campers here tend to be no larger than the cars that pull them. There are virtually no pull-outs, so you get a cozy but clever little box.

What *is* the same as the American counterparts is the Europeans still set up camper villages, and at cowboy matches, barbecue, pies, coffee, and beer are on hand for all-comers.

Out of 360 shooters, there are more than 300 on-site campers. There is a camper or tent squirreled away in every nook and cranny of this sprawling facility. Every time you go for a walk, you will have various folks say "hello" to you a hundred times, in a dozen different languages. Don't worry about your language skills; a significant proportion of them speak English, and if not, a smile and wave will do just fine. In fact, my cheeks are literally beginning to hurt from the grin I have been wearing, non-stop, since I touched down in Frankfurt.

Once the sun goes down and after the nightly party that takes place in the main tent has settled down, the darkened grounds are a virtual fairyland of barbecue smells, laughter, and festivities, long after sensible competitors should have gone to bed. There is a prevailing attitude that there may be a match tomorrow morning, but the time to party is *now*.

Sitting in the campsite with a plateful of his homemade sausage, a beer,

and having a conversation with the Match Director, it is plain that an unbelievable level of thought, imagination, and effort has gone into this entire operation. And the results are spectacular.

I'm abundantly aware that, by now, most of the jet lag has worn off, only to be replaced by, if I'm honest, a bit of morning after. Please understand that drinking is not mandatory in Germany but I have always lived by the mantra that, "When in Rome..." And I certainly don't want to insult my hosts. Also, I am the sole representative of the U.S.A., and I don't want to let down Team America, even though I am well over my head in their august company!

My feet are under me at last and I feel like I'm running decent stages. I've gotten used to my borrowed suite of firearms, for example, the slightly longer reach to the port that a take-down '97 requires over my customary solid frame; the big brass sights on the Vaqueros, which don't offer the usual sliver of light in the rear sight notches, and the very slick 1873 Winchester.

I've mentioned the target sizes and distance. In some cases, the targets are a bit farther out than we usually shoot, but the target sizes are extremely generous, so it feels about the same. The stages are good, with easy movement, excellent props, and, in the way of good stage design everywhere, there is never more than one trick per stage, so the stages are intuitive. REPHIL designs stages that allow shooters to do their best, without interference from the stage designer, and the smiles on the faces of my posse, including my own, tells me he nailed it.

Thursday, after the Main Match shooting is complete there are a whole slew of speed matches and a long range event. As I said, there is something to do nearly every waking moment of the day.

That night, so as to shorten the Main Match awards, the Wild Bunch awards are given out. Fingers crossed, I am glad to finish first in my category, especially with the jet lag and ammo problems, and REPHIL, ever the gracious host, grins hugely as he awards it to me. Another round of libations, a few more bratwursts, more laughter, singing, and intense discussion about the differences and similarities of shooting here vs. the U.S., and off to bed by mid-

night, before the final day of shooting. I have the early rotation, and I want to finish with at least a clean match to show for my trip.

DAY 6 — MAIN MATCH, DAY 3 — LAST CHANCE FOR GLORY!

My posse now has the early rotation, here on the last day of competition. It's cool and comfortable, my guns are running well, the posse is a delight, but with one discordant note. Linda Lou's brother, Big Bore Ben, has had to bow out of the match. He's badly under the weather and between feeling like zoo dirt and not wishing to infect anyone else, he's called a halt to his match. This is really a shame as, like his sister, he's a terrific shooter and having a good match.

The posse continues, working, shooting, and having great fun, until all too soon, it's the last stage of the day. Determined to squeeze every last moment of enjoyment I can out of this wonderful experience, I am the last shooter on our posse.

The buzzer goes off and, freed at last from the shackles of jet lag, inebriation, and outright exhaustion, I blaze my best stage of the match.

Almost. As I walk back to the unloading table, instead of the usual enthusiastic, "Whoo-YEAHHHs!" of the posse, I hear some muttering, and see a few sorry head shakes. You guessed it. On the last shot of the last stage of the last day, I dropped a shot. Some blaze of glory! Well, there's a song about that, too...

But that's over and done. All the stress of shooting the match is over with and a little knot of our posse walks back to the campgrounds, literally singing, arm in arm. Fun lot, these German shooters!

Before long, courtesy of the excellent online scoring system, an announcement lights up every shooter's cell phone. Top Gun Shoot Off in one hour! Oh, and I'm going to have to borrow a few precious rounds from somewhere, as I am going to be in it.

The Top Gun shoot-off is held in one of the auditorium-sized bays. Two identical stages are set up, side by side, and, as the high noon approaches, a good-sized audience starts to gather. It's quite a scene, much like any U.S. top gun event, except the shooters are

speaking a variety of languages and flags from nearly a dozen nations are being enthusiastically waved. This is great stuff, and it feels like the Olympics.

Remember we are indoors but open to the sky? As the Shoot-off commences, so does a pouring rain. To quote Arthur Wellesley, Lord Wellington, "A rainy war is a damned serious business..."

I'm in the third round and facing a talented Czech shooter. At the beep, we sprint to our starting positions where I fumble a damp shotgun shell to start, make it back up with the rifle, slam it down, rip my pistol, and reloading the final shot, I am amazed to see my cross-over plate go down, under his.

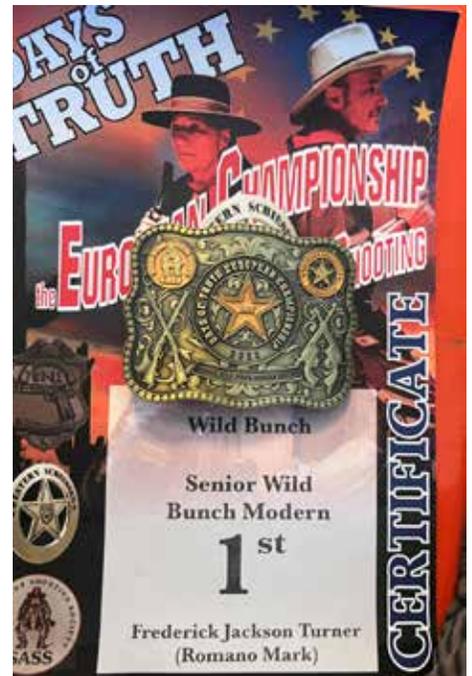
As I go to collect my long guns, spotter and friend Olli Dammit makes a grimace. My rifle has spun on the wet tabletop, and broken the 170. Oh, well. It would have been a tall order to get past Hellhound, the overall men's winner. The weather clears, and the rest of the event goes off without a hitch. And with that final event in the books, everyone heads back to their campsites to clean up for The Main Event.

This is truly the highlight of the entire trip. It's interesting to hear everyone lustily singing the German National anthem. No one sits, no one kneels. Next, they go on to the European Anthem, which is Beethoven's "Ode To Joy." I jump in, enthusiastically, because, well, it's Beethoven. The couples on either side of me are a bit surprised, and one fellow confesses, "How do you know this song? Even I don't know the words to this!"

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

First of all, respect to the German Territory Regulators and the BDS — the *Bund Deutscher Sportschützen* — that is, the Federation of German Marksmen. Damn the expense, if there is a SASS Category, they honor it. They even have an air soft category, with which they skirt draconian European Union and German Law regarding young people participating in the shooting sports. With participants in this innovative class, the shooting sports and especially the Cowboy Way will be moving forward into the next generation.

I've had a pretty good match and I'm happy to finish first in my category,



A GREAT MATCH WITH GREAT-LOOKING AWARDS!

which means bringing home another really nice buckle! That's right, it's the European championship and they let this lone American take home his first place buckle. Their sense of fair play means if you won, you get to keep the award. It's a thing to consider...

Then, guitar in hand, I'm up. Courtesy of YouTube and Spotify, a surprising number of European shooters know the words to my cowboy songs, and the party, finally freed from the concerns of competition, launches into high gear.

That's where we came into this story, and that's where I'll leave off, except to suggest you really need to add shooting in Europe to your bucket list,

and to offer a bit of advice, should you wish to do so.

First of all, if you can, you really should make the trip some time. Cowboys are great folks no matter where they are from, and the European cowboys and cowgirls are no exception. They really made me feel welcome and extended every courtesy imaginable. If your linguistic skills are not up to speed, don't be concerned; almost everyone will speak some English, some of them as well as I do.

Next, it is relatively straightforward getting firearms into and out of most European countries. Be attendant to the details, find out what the requirements are for that particular nation, and file whatever permission they request a few months in advance. The host club will be glad to help you out with that. Cross-index that with the requirements of the carrier with whom you'll be flying and carry a copy of their regulations with you. You'll want to contact the pertinent authorities of the country to which you are traveling — next year DoT is in Sweden — and your carrier. Submit a list of firearms you'll be bringing — the cap will be four for most nations — and remember you can carry only 11 pounds of ammo on most flights, so leave the .45s home. The Europeans can provide you with excellent shot shells that are perfect for our purposes.

Do the paperwork in advance and it will be no more work than getting the temporary EU visa which will be required starting in 2024.

Customs is a piece of cake if your papers are in order.

Once there, relax, have fun, and walk in the Cowboy Way. You will enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience. And let them be proud of who they are and let them share their rich national heritages. You'll be glad you did.

<https://www.casscoring.com/days-of-truth.html>

A wonderful video was commissioned, and its great promo for European shooting and Cowboy Action Shooting, in general. And you may recognize a fellow or two in it...

<https://youtu.be/NcID6J1M1Gc?si=bWBfuG8KauWxfjt9>

Read more about my earlier visits to Germany here — September and October, 2011 *Cowboy Chronicle* and the July, 2012 *Cowboy Chronicle*...

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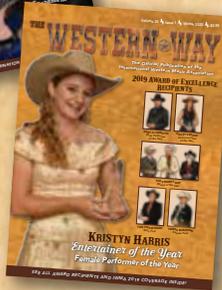
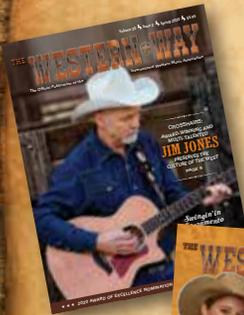


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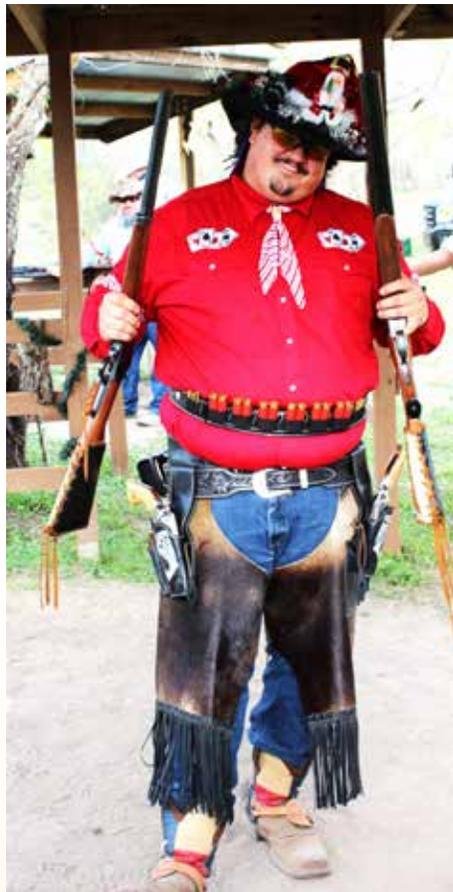
BY MAR-LYNN, SASS #94314

While many parts of the country were shivering in winter weather, there was a “Gunfight at Gamble Gulch” held on December 8-10, 2023 under sunny skies with warm South Texas breezes. President of the Texas Riviera Pistoleros, Ginger Vitis (SASS #102463) welcomed shooters to the third annual match, which was held at the Gamble Gulch Range located outside of George West, just south of San Antonio. Nearly 70 people came from throughout Texas as well as Louisiana, Mississippi, and Wyoming to enjoy ten stages of competition and several side matches. The club celebrated the Christmas season by decorating stages and providing ornament awards for winners of side-match competitions.

With the theme of “There’s No Second Place in a Gunfight,” buckles were provided to category winners and a medallion for a free monthly shoot given to those who were not as fortunate. The overall champions were Buckshot Sully (SASS #94103) in the men’s division and Mia Jamison (SASS #100131) in the women’s division.

The main match competition was held on Saturday and Sunday and side

matches were held on Friday and Saturday afternoon. In the long-range competition, Hoss (SASS #95858) placed first in both the rifle caliber lever and long-range pistol competition. Moose (SASS #109733) placed first in the single-shot



FOUR ACES (SASS #1111) — IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

rifle and bolt-action military competitions. Bessie James (SASS #107113) placed first in the women’s division for single-shot rifle and pistol caliber rifle, while Ranger Tays (SASS #103417) placed first in the pistol caliber rifle competition.

There were three-stage mini-matches for Plainsman and Wild Bunch. For the Plainsman competition, El Catorce (SASS #110234) and Moose won the modern and traditional categories, respectively. In the Wild Bunch competition, W.H. Bell and Bootstrap Richard (SASS #79130) won the modern and senior modern categories, respectively. Mar-Lynn and Shooting Iron Miller (SASS #85140) won the women’s modern and senior modern divisions. Leathersmith (SASS #44037) and Dragon Hill Dave (SASS #59561) were the traditional and senior traditional winners.

There was a Team Shoot side match with teams randomly drawn. Keeping with the Christmas spirit, one team member had to shoot pistol targets, hand off a present to the rifle shooter, then the present went to the next pistol shooter and finally to the shooter with a shotgun. Then the present had to be tossed into Santa’s sack for a 10-second bonus. The winning team was comprised of Ellie Mae, Leathersmith, Lightning McQueen (SASS #92405) and Nightlatch (SASS #111191).

Always a favorite is the “Blast from



OVERALL WINNERS — BUCKSHOT SULLY AND MIA JAMISON



BLUE SKIES AND BLACK POWDER MADE THE MATCH MORE ENJOYABLE FOR MOOSE.

the Past,” and this year’s event did not disappoint. Twenty-six contestants competed in helping Santa load his sleigh. The timed event had each participant shoot at a grinch with a water pistol, decorate a Christmas tree, shoot a lollipop (for a bonus), all while shooting ten pistol rounds, six rifle rounds, and picking up shotgun shells along the way that had to be dug out of a bag of toys in order to shoot four shotgun targets. The sack was then thrown into Santa’s sleigh. Not only was the event fun for participants but a hoot for those watching the frivolity. Buckshot Sully and Texas Wildflower (SASS #108307) were the Blast Champs.



DOC BONEBREAKER TOSSES THE TOY SACK INTO SANTA’S SLEIGH DURING THE BLAST FROM THE PAST SIDE MATCH.

Meals are always a welcome treat at the range. Side match participants on Friday enjoyed chili dogs and on Saturday, shooters had grilled burgers, with a South Texas favorite of King Ranch Chicken being served on Sunday. Crystal Pistol is always in charge of desserts and kept shooters satisfied with muffins for breakfast and cookies, bars, and brownies for lunches.



POSSES ENJOYED DRESSING IN THEIR CHRISTMAS ATTIRE.

Before awards were handed out, more than 20 raffle prizes were distributed. Hoss received a special award from Abilene (SASS #27489) for having more than 249 million views on Abilene’s YouTube site.

The Texas Riviera Pistoleros shoots monthly at the Gamble Gulch Range. More information can be found at <https://trpistoleros.com/>

For more information, contact Mar-Lynn (Janet Cunningham) — jcunningham@edexcellence.org — 361-813-9946.

CASS, INC. HOSTS TWO WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY NIGHTINGALE, SASS #55528 LIFE

Cowboy Action Shooting Sports, Inc. (CASS, Inc.) of Berkeley Springs, WV hosted back-to-back state championships for the first time. Appalachian Showdown XXXII, the West Virginia State Cowboy Action Shooting™ Championship, now in its 32nd year and Shootout at Singing Hills Ranch I, the West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship.

APPALACHIAN SHOWDOWN XXXII

The hills came alive with the sound of lead on steel during the 32nd Annual West Virginia State Cowboy Action Shooting™ Championship, Appalachian Showdown XXXII, held September 22, 23 and 24, 2023. Singing Hills Ranch, Largent, WV, welcomed a total of 64 shooters from 11 states for the three-day event.

Shenandoah (SASS #749) usually comes all the way from California to shoot, but was unable to attend this year and was sorely missed. He, along with his brother-in-law, the late Dennis Hiatt (Three Barb Benson), originally brought the sport East from California some 34 years ago to the Singing Hills Ranch, where Janet Hiatt Young (Lady Benson) still welcomes shooters to the range.

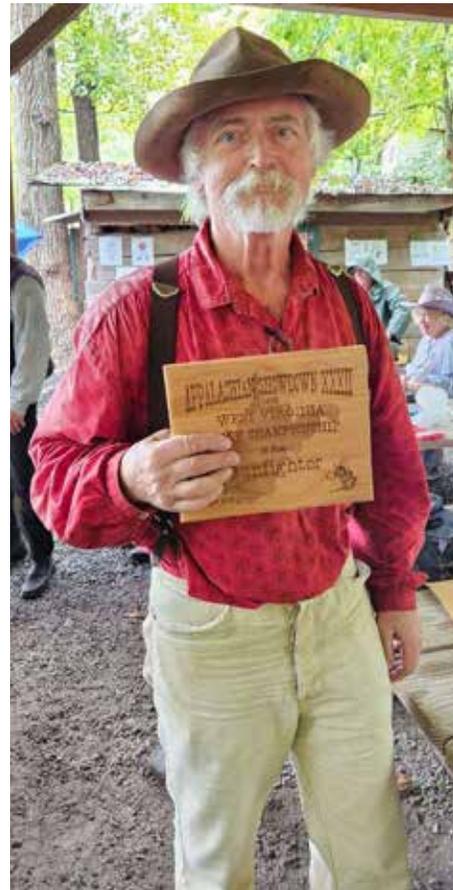
Singing Hills Ranch, the home of Lady Benson and Texas Tommy, is the shooting home of CASS, Inc., who sponsored the match. CASS is the first and the oldest SASS affiliated club east of the Mississippi, with Appalachian Showdown being the longest running multiple-day Cowboy Action event.

Main Match Sponsor, Taylor's and Company, Winchester, VA, donated an Old Randall in 45 LC, for a drawing in which all registered shooters were entered. Walker Colt (SASS #3035) provided a pocket watch that was raffled with proceeds going to the Scholarship fund.

For the 32nd anniversary, Rawhide Ron (SASS #70866), the Match Director, went back in time to bring shooters some retro fun with a warm up stage based on shoots from the beginning



WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONS PUNCH AND SUNSHINE MARCIE — ALSO OVERALL LADY — FLANK LEAD ZINGER.



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WEST VIRGINIA STATE WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONS LAST WORD AND BUZZARD BREATH



OVERALL WILD BUNCH LADY CHAMPION RENEGADE ROPER



years of CASS. The stage was tweaked and brought up to current safety standards and SASS rules, but relied on smaller targets at slightly greater distances. Long gone are the days when you were handed a set of keys to try to open the jailhouse door, kept shooting a bow and arrow until you hit the target, or started your stage lying down in a pine box.

Side Match day on Friday dawned bright and beautiful, with shooters able to try their hand at a warm-up scenario, the retro stage, speed challenge events, and the Wild Bunch mini-match. Speed events included pistol, rifle, shotgun, derringer and pocket pistol, along with long-range rifle. The Wild Bunch posse had some fun with three challenging stages.

The heavens opened up on Saturday and Sunday for the Main Match days with six stages Saturday and four on Sunday. Except for the rain, everything went well and the shooters had a good time.

Lead Zinger (SASS #77568), Sunshine Marcie's son, returned to shoot with us after taking some time off to start a family. Time away had not slowed him down too much, and his daughter, Sophia, was there to watch him win his category. Maybe one day we'll have a new Buckarett to shoot



with us!

Saturday evening included a barbecue, Side Match and Wild Bunch awards, prize giveaways, and raffle for the Pocket Watch. A night shoot, where the Tiki torches really illuminated the black powder from some shooters, wrapped up the evening.

Sunday concluded the Main Match's last four stages and Main Match awards were given out. There were two clean shooters.

The top overall winners were Walker Colt (SASS #3035) and Sunshine Marcie (SASS #64900).

The West Virginia State Champions were Punch (SASS # 368) and Sunshine Marcie.

Final scores can be found on the CASS website at www.wvcass.org

Groups of shooters from Texas, Ohio and Virginia who attended Appalachian Showdown for the first time, let everyone know, "We'll be back next year." The Appalachian Showdown XXXIII will be held September 20-22, 2024. Hope to see y'all there!

SHOOTOUT AT SINGING HILLS I

Fall came rushing in with some rain and a shower of leaves to welcome shooters from five states to the West Virginia State Wild Bunch Championship, the inaugural Shootout at Singing Hills, held October 14 and 15, 2023. The two-day event was held for the first time in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Lady Benson and Texas Tommy hosted the event. It just so happened they celebrated their wedding anniversary the same weekend as the shoot.

Main Match Sponsor, Hafer's Guns, Falling Waters, WV, donated a generous gift certificate toward a shooter's gun of choice. All registered shooters were entered into the drawing. A 1911, donated by two humble and generous CASS members, was also given away. Each registered shooter received a Commemorative Inaugural Coin from the match.

Lightning Rider (SASS #55528L), the Match Director and CASS Safety Officer, brought shooters ten challenging stages written by himself and three other CASS members, with a few surprise challenges thrown in.

Day one began with five main match stages and concluded with a number of speed events, including speed pistol, rifle, and shotgun, along with Teddy Roosevelt, Dough Boy and BAMB side matches. In between, shooters enjoyed lunch and some much needed hot coffee and hot apple cider to warm up from the cool Autumn temperatures.

Sunday brought five Main Match stages followed by a man-on-man shoot-off and awards, along with prize drawings. Sagebrush Sal (SASS #7357) took home the 1911.

Overall Match winners were Jack Sazerac (SASS #97872) and Renegade Roper (SASS #86367).

The West Virginia State Wild Bunch Champions were Buzzard Breath (SASS #1926) and Last Word (SASS #22225), the men's and women's winners respectively.

Final scores can be found on the CASS website at www.wvcass.org

Hope to see y'all next summer at Shootout at Singing Hills II — July 20-21, 2024!



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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR RETURN TO FRONTIERSMAN, PART 1

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

Frontiersman is a category requiring black powder or substitutes in all firearms. It also requires percussion revolvers and double or lever action shotguns. Revolvers must be shot duelist style. If that hasn't scared you, keep reading.

I shot Frontiersman almost exclusively from 2001 until 2018. To make a long story short I'll just say I'm back in Frontiersman. I've been studying how to do the various tasks more efficiently

and faster (and cleaner, relatively). I have some suggestions and some warnings.

If you move to Frontiersman, there are things to expect. Your name will be lower in the rankings. Remember, your only competitors are the other Frontiersmen, so this doesn't matter.

If you curse in public, you will have, more to curse about.

People will ask questions while you are charging your revolvers. Sadly, rules forbid shooting them. But you may charge them \$10 for the first question and \$100 for additional ones.

All my suggestions are aimed at Ruger Old Armies, but most will be applicable to the bulk of eligible revolvers.

CHARGING

Most people call it loading, but in

SASS rules and reality, the revolver isn't loaded until it's capped. Until then it's just an expensive club.

The classic method of charging, for which the gun was designed, is holding the gun vertical, inserting powder from a powder measure or intermediate container, adding filler (or wad) and ball and seating them using the ram on the revolver. This method requires the least amount of equipment and costs the least to start out.

Photos 1-9 demonstrate one variation of it using a pre-measured charge in Dixie Gun Works Quick Load Target Tubes. The advantage is they're all pre-loaded at home. No pressure, no kibitzers. You can charge your revolvers faster and with less stress than using a powder measure at the match. They are flexible tubes permanently sealed



at one end. You pour the powder in it from a dipper or your powder measure, then squeeze the tube a little and insert the ball. This guarantees a tight fit on the ball. I don't put the wad in the tube. It goes in the chamber after the powder is poured in. The ball acts as the stopper in the tube and goes in last. They come in different sizes. The 44-50 size (Part no, XA5220) holds up to 45 grains and holds a .457 round ball tightly. The tubes come in 50-round bags for \$18.95. A day's shooting is at least 60 rounds. You'll also need an ammo box big enough for them. I use MTM RL50-24 (Amazon lists it as WSSM, 50 S & W). The tubes come with instructions for washing for re-use and say they will last for years of constant use.

You will still need a good powder measure such as the Traditions Deluxe Tubular Powder Flask, with a spout adjusted to throw your charge reliably, or possibly a dipper. You will fill the tubes using it — at home where you can measure the charge and even weigh the filled and capped tubes. Don't use filler in the tubes. If you use filler, you risk migration of the filler, which can cause squibs. If you use filler add it after the powder is in the cylinder. The load must be compressed by the ball or the filler will migrate. I prefer wads if needed.

SLIX RAM

If you're using the "load in the gun" method with a Ruger Old Army, you probably know the ram (bullet seater) was designed for full charge hunting loads. Full charge is about 45 grains. The chamber holds 50 grains of Goex 2F level with the mouth of the chamber. The ram only extends about 0.17" below the mouth of the chamber, which leaves the edge of the ball just below the mouth of the chamber. SliXprings makes the SliX Ram, an extended ram that extends 0.60."

This is about perfect for 30-grain rounds. Goex 2F leaves about 0.60" so you don't need a wad. Compressing it with a 0.457 round lead ball over it with the SliX Ram will compress the charge nicely. But the bulk of SASS shooters want lighter loads. The minimum load is based on the smoke standard, which is based on 15 grains of Goex 2F. Fifteen grains (volume) of currently produced black powders and BP substitutes





should meet or exceed the smoke standard.

CIRCLE FLY WAD-450-C

This is a 0.5" thick dry wad (Track of the Wolf). When compressed it leaves the top of the ball about 0.27" below the lip of the chamber. Accuracy is enhanced when the ball is close to the barrel. If you use something between 15 and 30 grains, use a thinner wad. If you want the ball nearer the lip of the chamber, use thicker wads or more powder. After a World Champion told me he didn't use any lube with Goex in his 5.5" ROAs, I stopped using lubed wads. One pass with a wet Bore Snake after six stages left the bore clean. If in doubt, run a wet patch through the bore after three stages. It's okay to use a lubed wad. If you're going to load ahead, use a card below the wad to keep the lube from contaminating the powder.

CYLINDER LOADERS

This has been my main method for more than 20 years. It has several advantages. It works with any size load. The chambers are all visible, so it's easy to check levels. You can use a powder measure or the tubes. It is fast and efficient. It's main negative is it adds another item to carry from stage to stage. I have used the loader from Powder Inc. from their first model.

Cylinder Loader 1 is \$110. Kingsnake coated mine with Cerakote because it rains at SASS matches, and it arrives "in the white." Loader comes with 2 loading jags, 40-45 cal. and 31-36 cal.

Cylinder Loader 2 has an extra platform, stabilizing the ram and costs \$130. It has fittings for virtually every BP cylinder. Kingsnake used black Cerakote on it. Both have been modified with custom springs added to make them easier to use.

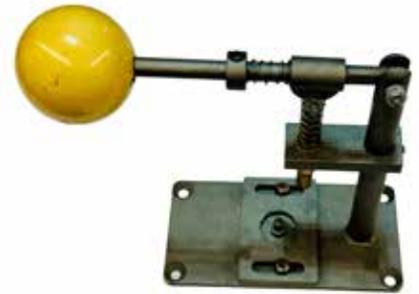
The two loaders' bases have different bolt patterns for mounting. I replaced the standard knobs with cue balls. They're more comfortable. Additionally the shaft has been spot welded in place.

PORTABLE LOADING STATIONS

The loading stand works best if you make a portable loading station and take it from stage to stage. The histo-



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CYLINDER LOADER 1



CYLINDER LOADER 2



LOADING STAND 1



LOADING STAND 2



LOADING STAND 3

ry of my loading stations goes back to 2004 or so, but the last three might give you some ideas. Loading Stand 1 used a Walmart folding TV dinner table. Eventually I saw one with a baking pan spill guard, so I added a baking pan to keep balls, etc. from falling off. It is big, cumbersome to carry, and takes a lot of space in the support truck. But it works quite well. The top is roomy.

Loading Stand 2 uses a Walmart stool with the cushion removed and replaced with a 16" Amazon cake pan. I had developed a wood base for the cylinder loader and loading stand. It has a holder for a Traditions Tubular Powder Measure and one for a cylinder.

Loading Stand 3 was designed to make it simpler, lighter and smaller with no frills. It uses a 14" Amazon cake pan and the ubiquitous Walmart stool. The loading stand is #GA1206 from Dixie Gun Works. This stand is easier to stick into the gun cart and carry from stage to stage.

CAPPING

Getting two revolvers ready in the loading table needs to be done in the same amount of time a cartridge shooter loads. If every cap goes on without a hitch it's possible. Even with every trick in the book it's not guaranteed.

I have been using the Ted Cash Capper (\$26-\$42 depending on where you buy them) since I started percussion pistols. I carry several. They do get out of adjustment with time and need to be replaced.

I decided to test the Polish Capper (\$48.50) after seeing several people using them successfully. I ordered two versions. They come from Poland and it takes 10 days and shipping costs only \$6.95. They come exceptionally well packed.

The brass one with the Polish insignia on it replaced the original one that was larger. It holds 100 caps. A 21-minute instructional video on the entire series is on their site.

I noted (too late) in all of the instructions and advertising the Ruger Old Army wasn't mentioned. Every other popular percussion revolver was listed. You Remington shooters will be happy to know it works on Remingtons without the cylinder modifications that are needed for the Cash Capper. But it doesn't work on Rugers without modifications.

The tip of the tool is too wide for Ruger's tapered loading cut out and the cylinder cut outs. Following suggestions from other ROA shooters, I used a Dremel and took away brass until it fit. Then I capped two cylinders from my collection, put them on "Hell," and fired 10 caps. They went off without the extra step of pushing the caps into place with the back of the capper, a Frontiers-



TED CASH CAPPER



POLISH CAPPER AND ECONOMY POLISH CAPPER



AFTER A LITTLE DREMEL WORK, EITHER VERSION OF THE POLISH CAPPER WILL WORK WITH OLD ARMIES.

man screw-knife, or an authentic 1865 Bic pen. With this, I just put them on. No fiddling, no pushing to seat them. It takes considerable practice to find the “G” Spot where the cap will go on straight and all the way on. Some caps have gotten deformed and had to be removed. Every time I think I’ve got it working it slaps my wrist and has a tantrum requiring opening the capper up and removing the jammed cap. Eventually I went back to the Cash cappers. This is probably a good life lesson.

The other Polish-style capper depicted is an economy version, 3D printed plastic instead of brass. You can install caps with it, but you can’t remove them using it. It’s \$21.75. Its carrier doesn’t quite fit an Old Army, either. Eventually I got it to work, but not as reliably as the Cash.

I’m still working with the Polish cappers, but the Cash is the starter at matches. All cappers seem to be moody.

NIPPLE CARE (THE REVOLVER’S NIPPLES.)

If you do a lot of dry firing, remove the cylinders. If one becomes difficult to get the caps on or off, Look for a ridge or a dent on the edge of the nipple and replace them when you find them. Keep spares.

I use only SliXshot nipples. My guns are tuned to work with them. They allow lighter hammer pulls than any other caps. They are designed for Remington #10 caps.

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The fastest way is to have a total of 12 cylinders that fit your match guns pre-loaded and just switch cylinders. We’ll cover that in part two. Kirst Konverter LLC is now making a Ruger Old Army percussion cylinder complete with 3/16” hex base Ruger OEM style nipples. Dispatches in *The Cowboy Chronicle* July 2024 will cover them and how to make 12 cylinders work with two revolvers (or more).

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SARSAPARILLA

By Deslaredo, SASS #91085

With the sting of a venomous rattler
The Undertaker hissed at life
He pulled his guns out of his coffin
Then grabbed his Bowie Knife.

He headed down town to the sleazy saloon
And walked through the swinging doors.
The air was a mixture of whiskey and perfume
Amidst the glares of the mischievous whores.

He walked to the bar and said to the barman,
"Come over here, that's a good fella
"Just let me tell you a story or two
"And then you can pour me a Sarsaparilla!"

For The Undertaker didn't drink hard liquor
He was crazy enough without it
And everyone knew what would happen
If they had a go at him about it.

A hush fell over the place at once
And then the inevitable laugh
Then up stood a cowpoke all dusty and mean
And in desperate need of a bath.

He said to The Undertaker,
"Order a whiskey like a man"
And then he gave him a wink.
But The Undertaker just stared him down and said,
"You know bloody well I don't drink!"

"How many times have I told you lot
"That I don't need a drink to be tough
"I'm more than tough enough as it is
"If you don't believe me then things will get rough."

And that's how it is with The Undertaker
He doesn't need liquor to have guts.
He lives his life on the edge of a knife
And he just rolls along like he's nuts.

SIX FEET IN THE GROUND

By Deslaredo, SASS #91085

He was loaded up and ready to go
Like Davy Crockett at The Alamo
His rifle was rusty but his pistols were polished
And everything that got in his way got demolished.

He ran like the wind and howled like a ghost
He was as good as the best and better than most
His triggers were hairy and his hammers were light
His hat was black and his hair was white.

He dragged his coffin wherever he went
Its wheels were wobbly and its axles were bent
Sometimes it would take off on its own
And he'd have to chase it like a dog after a bone.

His reputation was known far and wide
He was known for his spirit and known for his pride
If he got you in his sights with his baby blues
He'd fill ya fulla holes with his .32s!

For he was The Undertaker. He was always himself
And he'd never be ready to be put on the shelf
So don't make the error of messin' him around
Or you'll find yourself buried six feet in the ground.

THE HEARTLAND STANDS

By Deslaredo, SASS #91085

The Heartland stands
with its head up high
It will never ever
lay down and die
It will live on
for eternity
It's the way it was always
meant to be.

For the Heart of the Land
beats strong and fast
Its future is clear
just like its past
The lead will fly
for many years more
While its smoke will rise
and its guns will roar.

THE REINVENTION OF QUANAH PARKER (FOR PARKER GIBSON AND HIS FAMILY)

BY BIG DAVE, SASS #55632

The Second Battle of Adobe Walls (June 27, 1874) should have been an easy victory for the Comanche, Kiowa, Arapaho and Southern Cheyenne warriors. The whites in the buffalo hunters' camp were outnumbered by about twenty-five to one. The Indians also had a dynamic young war chief named Quanah who was skillful and aggressive. Moreover, the Indians believed themselves to be protected by the magic of Isai-tai, a charismatic shaman. Isa-tai had promised them he had performed a ritual that rendered them invulnerable to the white men's bullets.

The battle didn't turn out the way it was supposed to. The hunting camp, though squalid, had sturdy sod buildings that afforded a lot of protection. The hunters themselves were hard-bitten men who weren't going to give up easily. They were also excellent marksmen armed with Sharps "Big Fifty" rifles and had plenty of ammunition. The element of surprise had been lost when one of the traders, a saloon owner named James Hanrahan, found out about the impending attack. At 4:00 in the morning, Hanrahan "accidentally" fired off a rifle, bringing the hunters into his saloon. He didn't want to let on how he found out about the attack, so he claimed a ridgepole had cracked in the night. It seemed like a good idea to stay in the saloon after Hanrahan offered free drinks, so when the Indians attacked at dawn, most of the hunters were gathered in the largest and most secure structure in the settlement. Later events proved that Isa-tai's ritual had not been effective.

When Quanah led the attack, the Indians found out the sod buildings wouldn't catch fire. They milled about, trying to break down the doors and



QUANAH PARKER BECAME AS ACCUSTOMED TO WEARING WHITE MEN'S CLOTHES AS HE WAS TO WEARING TRADITIONAL COMANCHE ATTIRE.

hoping to shoot through the windows. The Whites stayed put and inflicted heavy casualties with their revolvers and carbines. When the Indians fell back, hoping to regroup at a safe distance, they found out that they weren't safe at all — the Sharps buffalo guns could reach out and touch someone nearly three-quarters of a mile away. Quanah himself was struck by a bullet fired from nearly a half-mile away. Though the wound wasn't fatal, it was demoraliz-

ing to everybody around him. Isa-tai watched the man next to him fall from his horse with a bullet to the head. Seconds later, Isa-tai's horse was shot out from under him. The shaman was beaten and berated by his own people. By the late afternoon, it was obvious the attack had failed. About 30 Indians were killed; the whites lost four out of 28 people.

The Indians stayed around for a few days, taking desultory potshots at the

settlement, but the main battle was over. About two days later, Billy Dixon performed an amazing feat of marksmanship by shooting a warrior from nearly a mile away. Soon after that, the Indians sullenly retreated.

Though they weren't completely defeated yet, a terrible winter, the continued decline of the buffalo herds, and the relentless pursuit by cavalrymen under Colonel Ranald "Bad Hand" Mackenzie took most of the remaining fight out of the Southern Plains Indians. Almost a year after Adobe Walls, the last band of Comanches under Quanah surrendered at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Quanah was not a typical Comanche. His mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was a white woman who had been captured by the Comanches in 1836 when she was eight years old. For all intents and purposes, she had become a Comanche. She had mostly forgotten how to speak English and had married a powerful Comanche chief named Peta Nocona. Quanah was one of their three children.



QUANAH WOULD NOT COMPROMISE OVER THE MATTER OF POLYGAMY. SHOWN HERE WITH THREE OF HIS WIVES, HE HAD A TOTAL OF EIGHT. HE ALSO RETAINED THE USE OF PEYOTE IN RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

On December 18, 1860, Naduah (Cynthia's Comanche name) was happily butchering a buffalo near the Pease River when her band was attacked by a detachment of Texas Rangers. She was covered in blood and was unrecognizable as a person of European descent. The only reason she wasn't shot was because she had a baby with her. Her husband Peta Nocona was killed during the fighting. (There is another version of Peta Nocona's death. This one claims he escaped the Rangers only to die from an old battle wound four years later. I'm sticking with the version S.C. Gwynne uses in his book, *Empire of the Summer Moon*.)

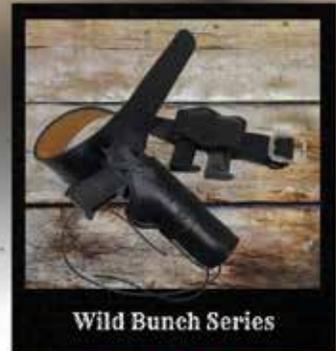
At any rate, the Rangers soon discovered their female captive was the long-lost Cynthia Ann Parker. She was returned to her white relatives along with her little daughter Topsannah. The results were tragic — Cynthia could make the cultural leap from White to Comanche but could only cross the divide once. In other words, she could not readjust to "civilized" life.



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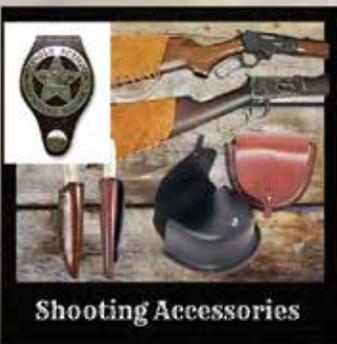
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Cynthia was utterly miserable and tried to escape. She was quickly recaptured. In 1863, Topsannah died of influenza. Cynthia was heartbroken and followed her daughter in death a few years later.

Quanah learned about the fates of his mother and sister from Colonel Mackenzie shortly after his surrender at Fort Sill in June 1875. The two former enemies admired each other and became friends. While he was saddened by the news, Quanah had made up his mind to follow the white man's ways and bore no grudge. He knew the only way to secure a future for himself and his people was to keep his focus on the future instead of the past.

Meanwhile, for Quanah and his band, the present looked grim. They were utterly dependent upon the U.S. government for food and supplies. Often, the cattle allocated for the Comanches were half starved. The rations of flour, sugar, coffee, and salt were about half of what was issued to the soldiers who guarded them. The axes, frying pans, and clothes were of

substandard quality. When the cattle were released from their pens, the Comanches would sometimes ride into them with pistols and carbines blazing in a sad reminder of a buffalo hunt.

Quanah was determined to make the best of it for himself and his people. Colonel Mackenzie taught him such good table manners that Quanah's other white acquaintances were impressed when they dined with him. He was extremely sociable and made friends easily. In the summer of 1877, Quanah led a party that tracked down a stubborn band of renegades who had seemingly vanished into the plains. They had completely eluded the troopers sent to recapture them, but Quanah and his party found them and persuaded them to return to the reservation. It was around then that Quanah began referring to himself as Quanah Parker, acknowledging his mixed heritage.

In March, 1878 Quanah and a group of Kiowas and Comanches were allowed to go on an unsupervised buffalo hunt. Their excitement turned to dis-

may as they wandered ever farther into their old hunting grounds and found nothing. Eventually, they entered the Palo Duro Canyon and found only cattle. It was cold and the Indians were hungry, so they killed and butchered a few of them. The famous tracker and trailblazer Charles Goodnight, who owned the cattle as well as the canyon, rode up with some of his cowboys and asked what they were doing. He asserted that he now owned Palo Duro. A tense exchange occurred during which Goodnight asked Quanah his name. Quanah answered, "Maybe two names—Mr. Parker or Quanah." The incident was settled when Goodnight allowed the Indians to camp for a few weeks in the canyon. Eventually they returned to Fort Sill without having spotted a single buffalo. By then it was clear to everyone that the old way of life of the Southern Plains Indians was gone forever.

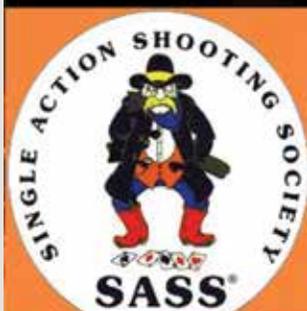
Ironically, the cattle business proved to be something of a boon for the people living on the Comanche-Kiowa Reservation in Oklahoma. The Western

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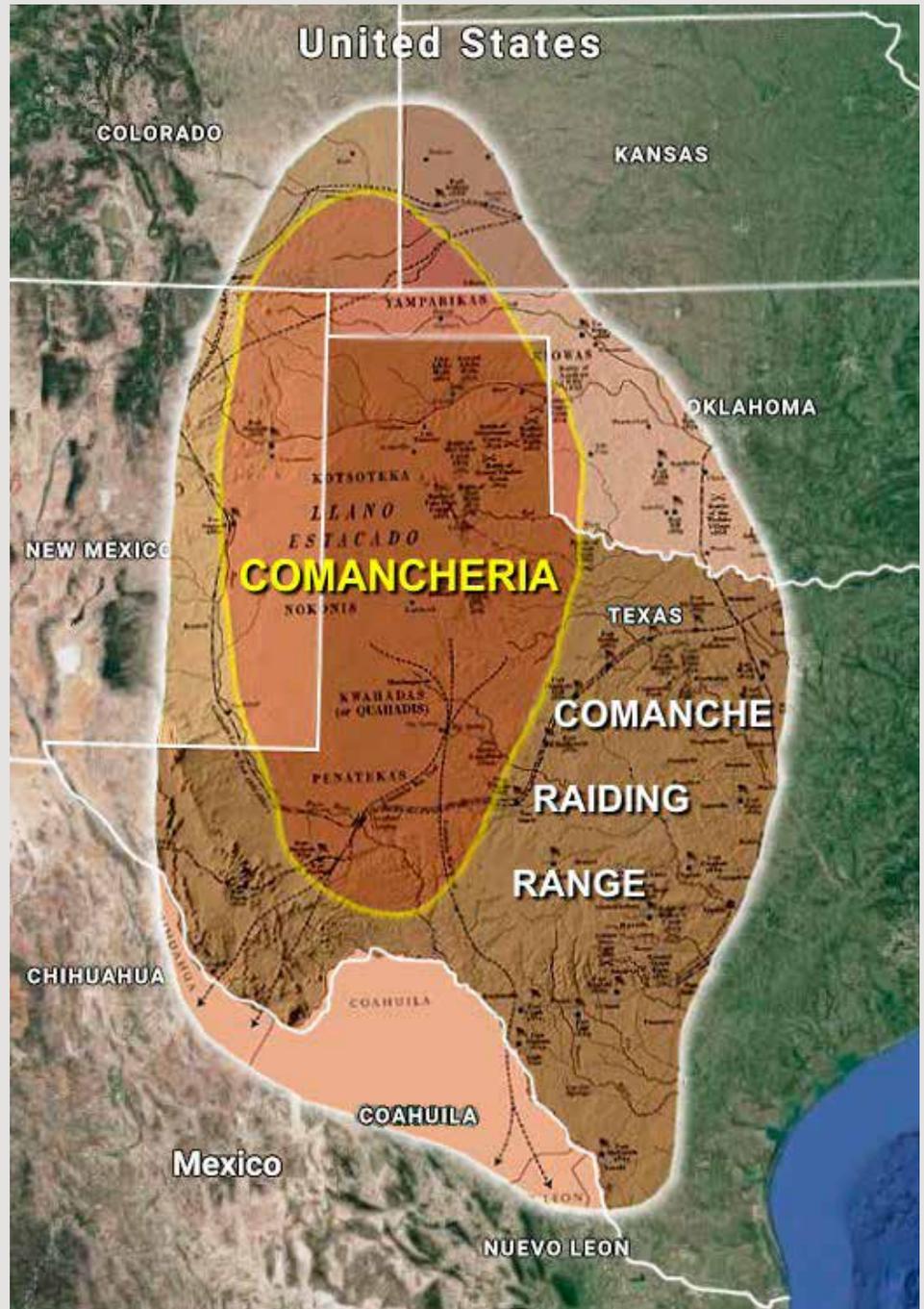




QUANAH IN THE FINEST COMANCHE HABERDASHERY.

Trail, which started at the Nueces River in Texas and ended in Dodge City, Kansas, passed directly through land which belonged to the Indians. At first, the Comanches and Kiowas demanded a toll in the form of cattle or monetary fees to guarantee safe passage through their territory. If you didn't pay up, you risked having your cattle or horses stolen. Quanah and his followers were particularly adept at this form of extortion. One stubborn outfit lost nearly 300 cattle when they balked at their payment.

Later, it became a better option to simply lease the land to the cattle outfits. After all, it made the whole thing legal. There were arguments among the Indians about whether this was a good idea. Quanah led the pro-lease faction. His former medicine man Isa-tai as well as many of the Kiowas were against the



THE NEW REALITY FOR THE COMANCHES AFTER THEIR SURRENDER MUST HAVE BEEN DEPRESSING, GIVEN THEIR EXTENSIVE TERRITORY PRIOR TO THEIR DEFEAT.

idea. Quanah explained, "I cannot tell what objection they have to it, unless they have not got sense. They are kind of old foggy, on the wild road yet, unless they have not got brains enough to sabe (understand) the advantage there is in it." There were thousands of acres of unused land that could be used to make a profit. Dozens of stockmen were eager to sign up; it was a situation that would benefit everyone.

Quanah especially benefitted from the land lease. Since he was considered a spokesman for the white ranchers, he

was put on their payroll. He received "gifts" of stock for his own growing herd. Moreover, his trips to Washington, DC were paid for by his white associates. Were there conflicts of interest and shady deals? Heck yes, but that's how business was done during the Gilded Age. Quanah was extremely adept at playing the whites' game. He genuinely believed what he was doing was best for all Comanches. It was. Many of the lease agreements included clauses that stipulated Indians had to be hired as cowboys.

By 1884, the Indians on the reservation voted to approve the leasing proposal. Quanah's opponents groused, but as time went on and the money rolled in, the grouching became less frequent. Much of the complaining came from people within the tribe who were jealous of Quanah's growing power and influence. He was trying to be recognized as the principal leader of all the Comanches. There had never been such a position before and his rivals were suspicious of his motives.

When the Ghost Dance movement became popular among the northern Plains Indian tribes, Quanah successfully kept it from spreading to the Comanches and Kiowas. Nothing about the movement impressed him, particularly the part where participants would be magically protected from rifle fire. As S.C. Gynne noted in *Empire of the Summer Moon*, the Second Battle of Adobe Walls left Quanah skeptical about anything that supposedly rendered believers to be safe from bullets. In a letter, Quanah expressed his rejection of the Ghost Dance — "I hear the *koway* [Kiowas] and the *shianis* [Cheyennes] say there



QUANAH KEPT THIS PICTURE OF HIS MOTHER, CYNTHIA ANN PARKER AND HIS SISTER TOPSANNA ABOVE HIS BED.

are Indians come from heaven and want to take me and my People to go see them. But I tell them I want my People to work and pay no attention to that... We depend on the government to help

us and [not] them."

This was a particularly astute move. The Ghost Dance movement led to the tragedy of Wounded Knee in late December of 1890. I was unable to find out what Quanah's rival, Isa-tai, thought of the Ghost Dance. It may be he favored it because after all, he believed with the right medicine a person could indeed become bullet-proof. For a laugh, readers should look up the English translation of Isa-tai's name. Never was a charlatan of any culture so aptly named. I'd go ahead and tell you, but this is a family-oriented publication.

By the late 1880s, Quanah decided it was time for him to move into a proper house. He was, after all, a wealthy and influential man. He applied for a subsidy from the government, but it didn't go through. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs Thomas J. Morgan was an inflexible Bible pounder who didn't like the fact that Quanah still had multiple wives. Even though every ranking officer at Fort Sill supported his request and sent letters to Washington to that effect, the deal was quashed. Quanah was undeterred and appealed to

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the stockmen who benefitted from the leasing of Comanche grazing land. They were glad to help.

The result was a magnificent structure which became known as Star House. It was two stories high and had ten rooms. In addition, the house had a formal dining room and a wraparound porch on each floor. The roof had huge stars painted on it, hence the name. It still stands today in Cache, Oklahoma.

Quanah needed the space. He had eight wives and nearly 20 children. (How he managed to live peacefully among them all speaks volumes about his powers of diplomacy.) He also had adopted several white kids. Anyone who dropped by was invited to stay; some of them stayed indefinitely. Quanah also gave refuge to the sick and indigent members of his tribe. His generosity almost defies belief.

The immense dining room entertained several famous guests. Among them were former adversary General Nelson Miles, Charles Goodnight, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Valentine, British ambassador Lord Brice, and President Theodore Roosevelt. Quanah also entertained Geronimo, Kiowa chief Lone Wolf, and even the disreputable Isa-tai. Quanah Parker was too big a person to hold grudges. Ranald Mackenzie would almost certainly have sat at the table, but he died tragically in 1889.

In his excellent book *Empire of the Summer Moon*, S.C. Gwynne tells the story of how Quanah explained the loss of the Comanches' land. He had one of his friends, a certain Mr. Miller, sit beside him on a log. Quanah sat down beside him. "Move over," Quanah said. Miller moved and Quanah got up and sat next to him again. "Move over." This kept going on until Miller fell off the log. That is about as good an explanation of the Indian/White conflict as I have ever read.

As it turned out, the U.S. government was not finished with the "move over" game. In 1887, Congress approved the Dawes Act. The ultimate purpose of the law was to assimilate the Indians and transform them into decent, hard-working Americans. To that end, tribal lands were to be broken up and sold to the "Great Father." Each Indian would then receive a private allotment of land. With that, there would be more incentive to "assume a capitalist and proprietary relationship with property."

To the good congressmen, communal ownership of land must have reeked of Marxism. Good God, can you imagine a Plains Indian sitting down and reading the *Communist Manifesto* or *Das Kapital*? Most of them were illiterate anyway, but if everything went well, they would learn to read and they would undoubtedly read that sort of thing because they were savages anyway. They were probably dying to manufacture and throw bombs. (My sarcasm is not unintended.)

Several commissions were created to oversee the sale of the tribal lands. Comanche land came under the jurisdiction of the Jerome Commission in 1889. Everything was expected to go smoothly. After all, there were few Indians who understood the concept of private ownership of land. Unfortunately for Commissioner David Jerome and his panel, Quanah Parker understood it very well.

Quanah knew that ultimately, the Indians would have to



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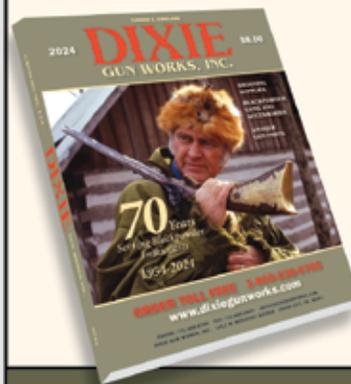
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STAR HOUSE, QUANAH'S RESIDENCE.

give in. However, he was determined to make the best deal possible under the circumstances. Commissioner Jerome was constantly bombarded with questions about the terms of the sale and how the price of the land was decided. There were no metaphors or poetry involved in Quanah's dickering. He was very direct and practical. During this period, Quanah Parker made many trips to Washington, DC. He eventually was able to get a better price per acre than most of the tribes. Moreover, he got almost half a million acres of land set aside for leasing. The Big Pasture, as it was called, was eventually sold, but he delayed the sale for more than a decade. During that time, his people made an income that would otherwise have been denied them.

By the turn of the 20th century, it would be hard to argue that Quanah Parker had not been assimilated. He wore white men's clothes when he traveled, which was often, lived in a spacious house, rode trains, and even owned an automobile. He had many influential white friends and admirers, including President Theodore Roosevelt. Wisely, he never spoke of his days as a "wild" Comanche. In the old days, the Comanches loved nothing better than to sing around the campfire with a live captive

screaming in the middle of it while he or she burned to death.

There were a few customs he refused to give up. For example, Quanah Parker still wore his hair in pigtails. He still spoke in broken English, although I suspect he could have spoken the language perfectly well if he chose to. Here I'm reminded of how well-educated southerners often lay on the drawl to cause other people to underestimate them. Quanah was an extremely shrewd and intelligent man.

Quanah would not bend on the subject of polygamy. His reply to an Indian commissioner when asked to give up his extra wives was hilarious. "Now I come and sit down as you want. You talk about wives. Which one do I throw away? You, little girl, you got no Papa. You, little fellow, you go away. You pick him?" He also would not give up peyote, which the Comanches used for religious purposes. Peyote is a small, spineless cactus that causes visual and auditory hallucinations when ingested. Of course, peyote use horrified many whites. Quanah explained its benefits by saying, "The white man goes into his church and talks about Jesus, but the Indian goes into his tipi and talks to Jesus."

In 1908, Quanah traveled to Texas

to meet his white family and to locate his mother's grave. He had kept an old photo of her and Topsannah on the wall over his bed. Once he located the grave, he persuaded his congressman to sponsor a bill to obtain money to have her remains disinterred and moved to Cache, Oklahoma. He was successful and in December 1910 Cynthia Ann Parker's body was relocated to Post Oak Mission in Cache. Unsurprisingly, Quanah charmed his white relatives. His journey was a success when judged by any measure.

By this time, Quanah's health was in a marked decline. About three months later, on February 23, 1911, he died from heart failure. He was buried next to his mother. There wasn't much of an inheritance left for his descendants. His income had been devastated by the sale of the Comanche lands and his generosity towards his people drained his bank account. In fact, his estate owed about \$350. His mules had to be sold to cover it.

Quanah Parker was one of the most remarkable leaders in American history. If he had died during the Second Battle of Adobe Walls, he would be remembered as a great warrior in his own right. However, it was his successful transition

to white society that made him stand out. He was shrewd, adaptable and pragmatic. He had a graceful and generous spirit which could have turned bitter in defeat if he had allowed it. The Comanches were lucky to have had him. So are all of us, because he provides an example of integrity and courage that is lacking in the bulk our own political leadership today.

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IN A LITTLE FRONTIER TOWN, A MAN NAMED TUTTLE STOOD WITH BOTH HANDS ON HIS GUNS, WAITING, WAITING....

HE WON'T COME. LIKE ALL HIS KIND, HE'S YELLA!



BEHIND BARRELS, TUTTLE'S FRIENDS ALSO-WAITED!

AH, THAT HICKOK AIN'T A-COMIN'! NO EASTERNER WOULD DARE FACE TUTTLE WITH SMOKE-POLES!

SURE. LET'S GO OVER TO TH' OLLA.



THE HOT AFTERNOON SUN BEAT DOWN ON A WALKING MAN WHO CAME UP THE DUSTY STREET, SLOWLY, EYES ALERT...

HE'S COMIN'!

HE'S SO HANDSOME! SIGH-







HALT - IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!



WILD BILL'S FAMED COLTS BUCK AND ROAR! AND HAYS CITY IS TREATED TO INCOMPARABLE SHOOTING!

YEEEEEOOWW!



I THINK YOU MIGHT MAKE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE ROWDY CITIZENS OF THIS TOWN!



A REAL BAD MAN, FOLKS. A DESPERADO! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HIM!

HA! HA! HO! HO! HAW! HAW! HA! HA! HA! HA!



BUT THERE WERE CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN HAYS CITY WHO DID NOT LAUGH...

THIS HICKOK IS A MEAN AS MEAN HOMBRE WITH THEM SIXGUNS!

NOT AS MEAN AS RUFÉ STRONG! WE'LL GET THAT GUNSLINGER TO TEACH HICKOK A LESSON! COME ON!

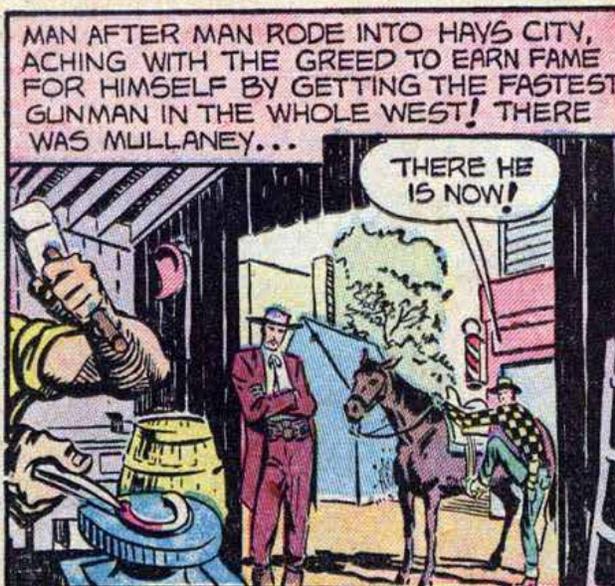
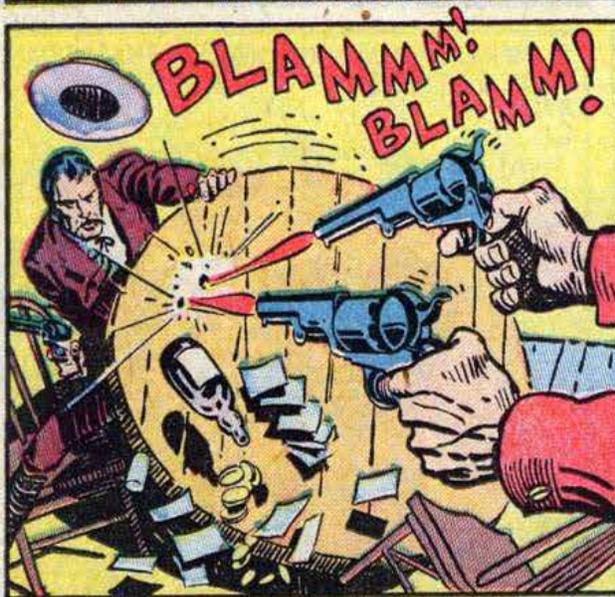


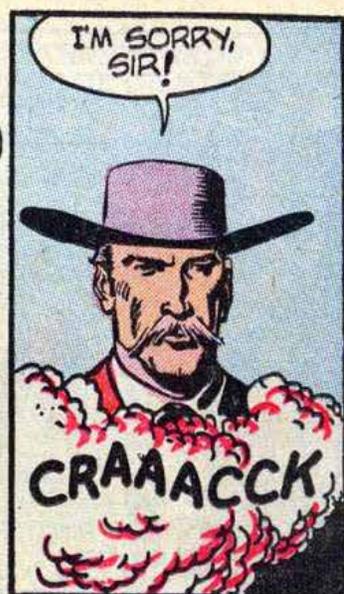
GET HICKOK! IT'S WORTH A THOUSAND TO ME. HERE IT IS!

HE DIES TONIGHT IN THE GILA SALOON!



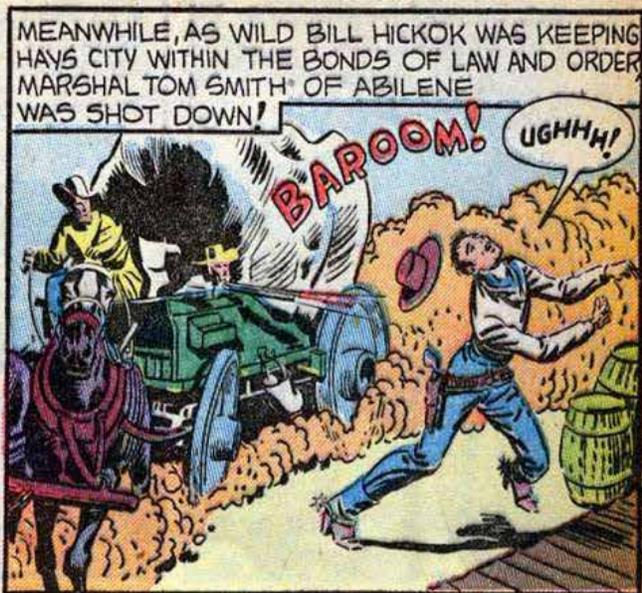
HICKOK! HUH! RECKON HE'LL LEARN WHAT IT IS TO FACE A PAIR OF FAST GUNS!







I AM TRULY REGRETFUL, SIR, THAT I WAS FORCED TO DO THIS! BUT MEN MUST LEARN TO RESPECT THE LAW!



MEANWHILE, AS WILD BILL HICKOK WAS KEEPING HAYS CITY WITHIN THE BONDS OF LAW AND ORDER, MARSHAL TOM SMITH OF ABILENE WAS SHOT DOWN!



I DON'T LIKE THIS. COLEMAN AND HIS DESPERADOES WILL TAKE OVER THE TOWN!

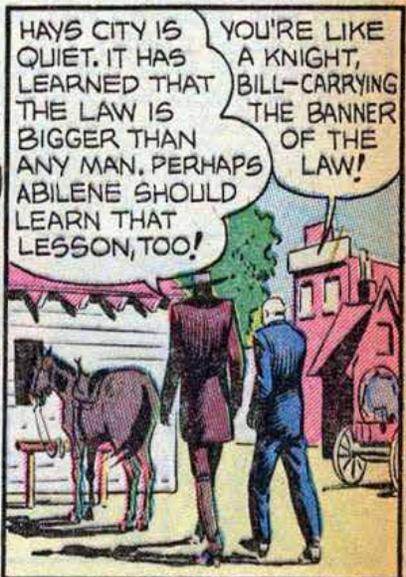
NOBODY IS MAN ENOUGH 'ROUND HERE TO STAND UP TO THEM! I KNOW ONE MAN WHO IS!



SOME DAYS LATER, WILD BILL HICKOK RECEIVED A LETTER...

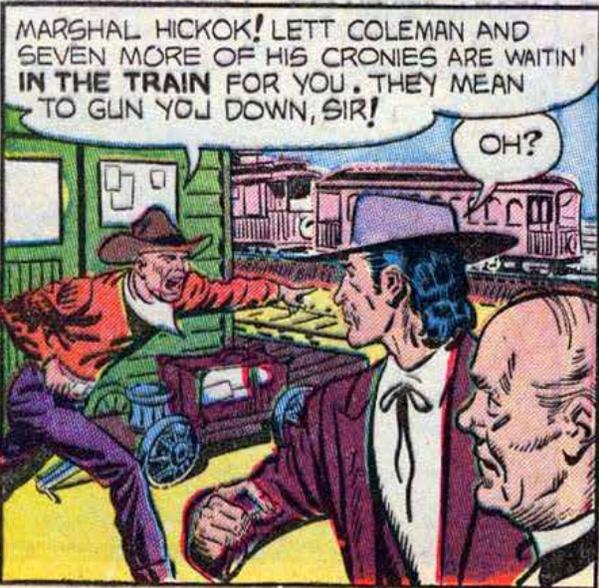
THEY WANT ME AS MARSHAL UP IN ABILENE, SIR!

I WON'T STAND IN YOUR WAY, BILL!



HAYS CITY IS QUIET. IT HAS LEARNED THAT THE LAW IS BIGGER THAN ANY MAN. PERHAPS ABILENE SHOULD LEARN THAT LESSON, TOO!

YOU'RE LIKE A KNIGHT, BILL—CARRYING THE BANNER OF THE LAW!



MARSHAL HICKOK! LETT COLEMAN AND SEVEN MORE OF HIS CRONIES ARE WAITIN' IN THE TRAIN FOR YOU. THEY MEAN TO GUN YOU DOWN, SIR!

OH?



I'VE NEVER RUN FROM A FIGHT YET—EVEN AT EIGHT-TO-ONE ODDS!

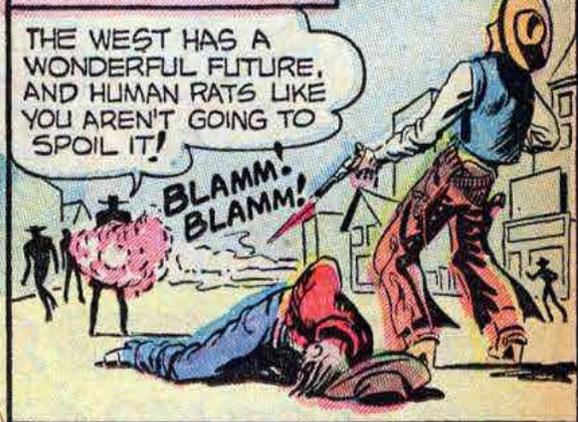
HE'LL GIT HIMSELF KILLED!



HIS COLTS BEAT OUT A THUNDEROUS TATTOO OF DEATH IN THE LITTLE COMPARTMENT AS WILD BILL UPHELD THE BANNER OF THE LAW! ONE MAN... TWO... THREE... THEN FOUR, WENT DOWN WITH HOT LEAD IN THEM!



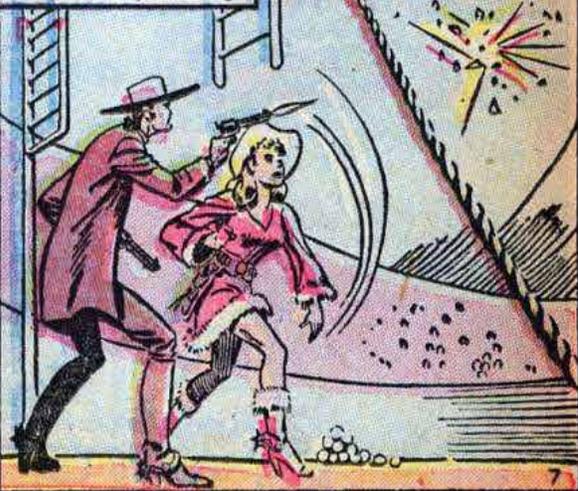
ABILENE, TOO, FELT THE NUMBING SHOCK OF WILD BILL'S BULLETS. SLOWLY BUT SURELY, HE SHOT FEAR AND RESPECT INTO THE HEARTS OF GUNMEN AND DESPERADOES...



BUFFALO BILL CODY BECAME A GOOD FRIEND.



EVENTUALLY, WILD BILL HICKOK'S ACCURATE GUNS WERE THE WONDER OF THE SHOW!



IN CHEYENNE, WILD BILL HAD TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE AGAINST CROOKED GAMBLERS...



POKER PLAYING I ENJOY— BUT NOT SOME POKER PLAYERS!

WHY, YUH—!

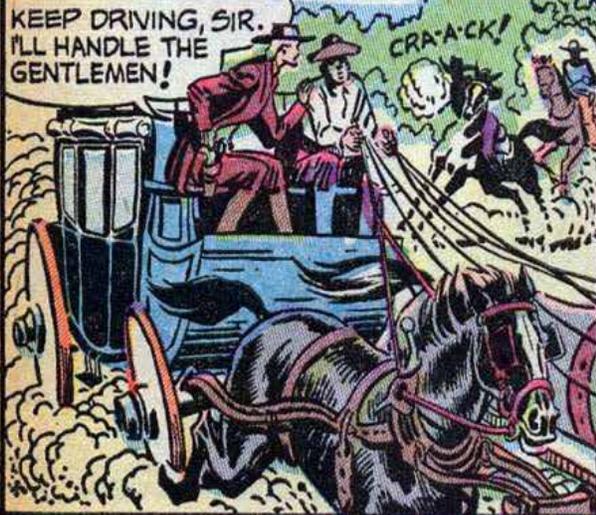
GET HIM, RAGS!

I'M SORRY GENTLEMEN. THIS SEEMS TO BE A NECESSITY!



BLAM! BLAM!

THEN ON TO DEADWOOD...



KEEP DRIVING, SIR. I'LL HANDLE THE GENTLEMEN!

CRA-ACK!

-SIGH- EVERYWHERE I GO, MY GUNS MUST ALWAYS SHOOT.—SIGH—BUT PERHAPS THAT IS WHY I WAS GIVEN THIS GIFT OF SPEED...TO QUELL THE WRONG CERTAIN MEN WOULD DO!



CRAC-CK! CRACK!

AND THEN, ONE NIGHT IN DEADWOOD, WILD BILL HICKOK CAME TO THE END OF THE TRAIL...



ACES AND EIGHTS. I SHALL RAISE THE BET..



BLAM!

LOOK AT THE DEAD MAN'S HAND— ACES AND EIGHTS!



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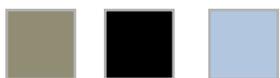
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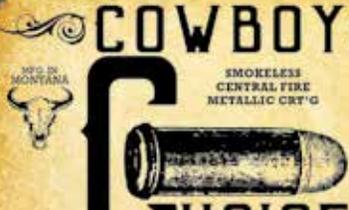


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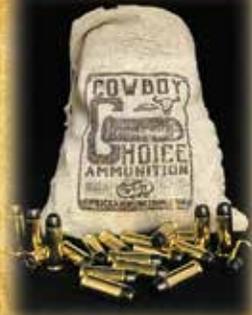


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QUEENSLAND					
Dalby Pioneers	Dalby	4th Wkd	0458 510 122	Mrs. H	South West Quarry Gang
Dalby Pistol Club Inc.	Dalby	2nd Sun	0488 225 435	Whiskey Rae	South West Quarry Gang
Gold Coast Gamblers	Gold Coast	1st, 3rd & 5th Sat	+61 413 440 600	Dug Deeper	Gold Coast Pistol club
Shooters Union Australia Ltd	All Over	As Sched.	+61 409 471 423	Painted Mohawk	Various Ranges Across Australia
Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Inc.	All Over	As Sched.	+0447 831154	R. C. Shot	NSW, QLD, VIC, ACT, SA, WA, NT, TAS
Wallumbilla Regulators	Wallumbilla, QLD	As Sched.	61+ 428 464 606	Slippery Shayne	Wallumbilla Rifle Club
VICTORIA					
Cranbourne Dandenong Pistol Club Inc	Cranbourne	2nd & 4th Sunday	+041 438 3845	The Caretaker	Cranbourne - Dandenong Pistol Club
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 Sat	0477-007-352	Phillips	Canning Club Inc.
AUSTRIA					
City Marshals	Graz	As Sched.	0043 664 1655184	Clint Coldwell	Shooting Range LH Graz
SASS CAS Austria	Steinwand	As Sched.	+4369913115483	Robbie the Gun	Steinwand 12 Indoor
Sportschützenverein Nibelungen	Steinwand	As Sched.	+436645575133	Super Mario	Shooting Range 3665 Gutenbrunn
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	Vienna	Sat. As Sched.	+43 (0) 664 49 80 32	Fra Diabolo	Club Wiener Pistolenschutzen
CANADA					
ALBERTA					
Canadian Historical Arms Society	Leduc County	As Sched. Sats.	780-799-5937	Alberta Jayhawk	Genesse Ranger
Porcupine Hills Shadow Riders	Granum	2nd Wknd	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	
Kamloops Cowtown Cowboys	Kamloops	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun	778-684-0769	Whistlin' Cat	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	3rd & 5th Sat	250-897-2194	Little Edgy	Courtenay Fish and Game Protective Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Victoria	2nd Sun	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association
NEW BRUNSWICK					
Beaubassin Range Riders	Saint-Andre LeBlanc	2nd & 5th Sat	506-312-0455	Frenchy Cannuck	Cap Pelee Gun Club
ONTARIO					
Butler's Rangers	Thorald	As Sched.	905-730-9878	Shaky Brooster	Decew Gun Club
Ontario Single Action Federation	Guelph, ON	As Sched.	519-362-1184	Doc Lonesome	N/A
Prairie Dog Rebels	London	As Sched.	519-860-2004	Currahee Kid	Crumlin Sportsmen's Association
Ruff's Regulators	St Andrews West	1st Sat	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun Club
Trent Valley Peacemakers	Frankford	As Sched.	905-396-5025	Ugly Slug	Lower Trent Valley Fish and Game Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun	905-818-1840	Stoney Creek	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.

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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	Woodbury Kane	Loppis Shooting Range

FRANCE

Black Rivers	Roanne	As Sched.	336 87 46 25 82	The Kid of Neckwhite	Route de Charlieu
Buffalo Valley	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Slye Buffalo	Avenir Sportif Thymarias
Bull Run Valley	Sainte Opportune	As Sched.	06-47-52-09-37	Ben Calhound	Association Sportive Flers Messei
East Valley	Dettwiller	As Sched.	06 76 49 54 81	Cornelius Chesterfield	Club de Tir de la Licorne
Fort Desaix	Mundolsheim	As Sched.	+33 608254502	Old Oak Claudee	Societe de Tir de Strasbourg
Golden Trigger of Freetown	Puylagarde	As Sched.	06-75-70-36-78	Cheyenne Little Colibris	Golden Trigger of Freetown
Joly's Saloon	Bernay	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Myra Maybelle Shirley Reed Starr	Joly's Saloon
Loire Valley Regulators	Cornery	As Sched.	06 83 31 30 53	Yul Tatoo	Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine
Snake Valley	Le Fenti Bernard	As Sched.	06 07 09 55 92	Chris T. Bunner	"Champ Blanc"

GERMANY

Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Wkd	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
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ITALY

Western Club Canne Tonanti	Verano Brianza	As Sched. Sun	+393493276203	Bruce Miller	A.S.D. Traversera Shooting Club
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LUXEMBOURG

SSASS Luxembourg	Kayl	June; Thurs-Sun	00352 691 161 580	Katie Lou	SSCK
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NETHERLANDS

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

Ashburton Pistol Club	Ashburton	3rd Sun	+64 21 525 347	Kiwi Witch Doctor	Ashburton Pistol Club
Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	+64 21 656 966	Louis L'Amour	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
Green Mountain Boys	Upper Hutt	1st Sun	+64 274 221 551	Bald Eagle	Kaitoke Pistol Club
Mystery Creek Marshals	Hamilton	4th Sun	+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

POLAND

SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Lodz	As Sched.	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	1st Western Shooting Range
W.A.S. Banditos	Ostroda	1st Sat	+48512707038	Pavlos Banditos	Garda Ostroda Kaczory

SLOVAKIA

Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Sched.	00421903667096	Bambino	Shooting range Domaniza
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SOUTH AFRICA

Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 826522150	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
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SWEDEN

SSASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	1st Sat	+46702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
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SWITZERLAND

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

UNITED KINGDOM

British Western Shooting Society	Grimsby, Lincs	3rd Weekend	+44 7903 287398	English Luke	North Cotes Butts Rifle Club
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA

Alabama Rangers	Birmingham	2nd Sun	205-369-2702	Cahawba Kid	Brock's Gap Training Company
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-504-4366	Buck D. Law	Cavern Cove 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

ALASKA

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	907-982-5097	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-371-0830	1st SGT Bearclaw Toklat	Fox Outdoor Range

ARIZONA

Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	949-525-7124	Darlin Darla	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders	Phoenix		480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched.	520-290-8599	Quicksand	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd 2nd & 4th Sat	602-799-8992	Mike L. Phikzit	Lake Havasu Sportsman's Club
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	3rd Sun	760-662-3495	Mexican Rob	Adair Range
Cowtown Shooters Association	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Cowtown Wild Bunch Shooters	Peoria	4th Sun	602-721-3175	Wild Bodie Tom	Cowtown Shooting Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	See Web	520-709-4173	Lean-a Gun	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	4th Sat	949-422-9961	Wolfie Lehr	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	Taylor	3rd Sat	928-243-3457	Mustang Lady Sue	Apache Sitegravers Forest

ARKANSAS

AArkansas 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	501-337-9368	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	1st, 4th & 5th Sat	870-847-0733	Arkansas Harper	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st & 2nd Sat	719-839-0133	Bayou Bob	Twin Lakes Gun Club

CALIFORNIA

55 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	661-823-8605	Fordyce Beals	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
Burro Canyon Gunslingers	San Bernardino	3rd Sat	714-478-0951	Black Raven Bob	West End Gun Club
Cajon Cowboys	San Bernadino	2nd & 4th Sat	760-900-5199	Pasture Patti	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	Variou Private Ranges
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	760-998-8047	Horse Thief Harold	Lucerne Valley Lions Club
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
Hellodoro Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sunday	707-391-5991	Lead Nickel	Ukiah Gun Club
High Desert Cowboys	Palmdale	3rd Sun	661-579-6917	Doc Silverhawks	Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club
High Sierra Drifters	Rail Road Flat	2nd Sun	510-703-8064	Grizzly Peak Jake	West Point Archery & Gun Club
Hole In The Wall Gang	Piru	1st Sun	661-373-2709	Lefty Longridge	California Tactical Academy
Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Wkd	559-352-9829	Big Bad Blaine	Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club
Mother Lode Shootist Society	Jamestown	1st Sun	209-770-0140	Sioux City Kid	Mother Lode Gun Club
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	510-703-8064	Grizzly Peak Jake	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Nevada City Peacemakers	Nevada City	3rd Sat	530-263-2192	Constable Dan	Nevada County Sportsmen's Club
Northfield Raiders	Panorama City	3rd Sun	818-321-3205	Old Mustang	Panorama Sportsmans Assoc.
Outlaws "The"	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	916-216-0168	Sheriff Wil Katchum	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	As Sched.	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	925-382-5751	Noah Hair	Yolo Sportsmen's Association

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Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	1st & 3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nasty Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
Sunnyvale Regulators	Cupertino	3rd Mon Night	650-464-3764	Shaniko Jack	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-722-8958	Tapatio	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
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 Wkd	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club
Colorado Cowboys	Rockvale	1st 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	970-213-9608	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pawnee Station Vindicators Wild Bunch	Nunn	3rd Sun	970-667-0734	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pueblo West Vigilantes	Pueblo West	2nd Sat	719-545-9463	Grizz Bear	Pueblo West Sportsmen's Assoc.
Rockvale Bunch	Rockvale	3rd Sat	719-252-5970	Cat Tracker	Rockvale Gun Club
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	2nd Sun (WB) & 4th Sun (CAS)	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club
Thunder Mountain Shootists	Whitewater	3rd Sun	970-270-4853	Pinto Being	William Jarvis Shooting Complex

CONNECTICUT

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

DELAWARE

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

Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	3rd Sat	850-443-7882	Deadeye Davis	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	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustus 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	Johnny Rough	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.
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat & 4th Sun	407-502-2450	Waimea	Hansen Range and Gun Club
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
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
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	423-593-3767	Double Barrel	N/A
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
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Moscow	3rd Sat	208-882-1888	Zebra Dunn	Bernard Peterson Memorial Range
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	Kuna	1st & 3rd Sat	503-953-5643	Nels Gandy	Black's Creek Rifle Range
Snake River Western Shooting Society	Jerome	2nd & 4th Sat	208-731-6387	Missy Mable	Jerome Rod & Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun, 3rd Wed & 4th Sun	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club

ILLINOIS

Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	4th Sat	779-234-0543	Tornado	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Good Guys Posse	Winnebago	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	815-517-4960	Msgt. SH Long	Dry Gulch Ranch
Illinois River City Regulators	Chillicothe	2nd Sun	309-243-7236	Granville Stuart	Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-344-6788	Popcorn Kelly	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-534-3548	Okaw	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-501-9421	Six Fingered Shootist	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-6948	Rusty Banker	Lakewoods Marshals Cowboy Action Shootin Club Range
Litchfield Cowboys	Litchfield	3rd Sat	618-972-7825	The Inspector	Litchfield Sportsman Club
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 Sunday	815-303-4555	Lead Poison Lar	Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
Wabash Rangers	Westville	4th Sat	217-304-2144	Deadly Dakota Dale	Wabash Rangers

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INDIANA					
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	Etna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	CC Moonshine	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	2nd Sat	317-373-0632	Rattlesnake John	Pine Ridge Ranch
The Hoosier Outlaws	Harlan	4th Sat	260-610-1427	Wild Walt	Fort Wayne Rifle and Revolver Club
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
IOWA					
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
KANSAS					
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
Free State Rangers	Parker	3rd Sun	913-244-4960	Beans Haney	N/A
Millbrook Wranglers	Hill City	2nd Sun	785-421-2537	Grandpa Buckten Millbrook	Mill Brook Station Shooting Range
Powder Creek Cowboys	Lenexa	2nd & 4th Sat, 1st & 1st & 3rd Wed	913-209-3836	Cooncan	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	1st Sat	785-766-7128	Sneaky	Powder Creek Shooting Park
KENTUCKY					
Dirty Rotten Gang	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-424-8706	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	2nd & 5th Sat	270-498-0134	Bushrod Jones	Green River Gun Club
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	859-230-3693	Lyin Ike	Hooten Old Town
Kentucky Long Rifles Cowboys	Morehead	2nd Sat	606-462-3278	Longshot Ace	Kentucky Long Rifles Club
Kentucky Regulators	Boaz	1st Sat	270-556-4082	Shenandoah Slim	Kentucky Regulators Gun Club Inc
Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	West Point	1st Sun	502-551-8174	Hinote	Knob Creek Gun Range
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Cat A Tonic	N/A
LOUISIANA					
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 Sat	337-544-0189	Nellie Blue	Lake Charles Gun Club
MAINE					
Maine Marshals	Berwick	As Sched.	207-272-7119	Tyler Tornado	Sanford Springvale Fish and Game
MARYLAND					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	2nd Sat	301-253-0578	Dogmeat Dad	Izaak Walton League of America
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	610-724-4842	Black Hills Drifter	Delmarva Sportsman's Association
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	202-330-8545	Dutch Coroner	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
MASSACHUSETTS					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Sched.	781-254-8041	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Sched. Sun	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
MICHIGAN					
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun	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	734-812-5679	Slow Gin Ricky	Western Wayne County Conservation 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	
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Sched.	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Blue Water Sportsman's Association
MINNESOTA					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-384-9115	Riverboat Red	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	4th Sun	507-822-5214	A J Royal	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd Sat	515-890-9808	Gunslinger Grace	Kimball Rod and Gun Club
MISSISSIPPI					
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker Road
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	3rd Sun, 4th & 5th Sat	901-335-6152	Justified	Rabbit Ridge Ranch

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MISSOURI

Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	1st Mon & 2nd Sat	417-208-9142	Artemus Von Schurze	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	3rd Sat	417-865-5953	Handlebar Scratch	Liberty Range
Boonville Regulators	Boonville	1st Sat, 2nd Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun & 5th Wkd	816-686-8881	Dusty Dustem	Boonville Regulators
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	1st & 3rd Wed & 2nd Wknd	417-243-0796	Rusty Hammer	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	Newburg	3rd Sun	630-841-1686	Irish Jack Daniels	Central Ozarks Practical Shooters Range
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
Glade Top Shooters	Squires	3rd Wkd	417-543-0709	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Bar Lazy B Range
Mountain Oyster Gang	Higginsville	1st Sun	660-909-6519	Schnickelfritz	Lafayette Gun 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
The Ozark Posse	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	Beck's Place

MONTANA

Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Wkd & 4th Sat	406-590-7599	Crusty	N/A
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
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	4th Sat	406-628-8694	Angel	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Full Wkd	406-240-2139	Jake the Snake	Noxon Rod and Gun Club

NEBRASKA

Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	4th Sun	402-710-3645	Tommy Two Dog	Columbus Rifle Club
Eastern Nebraska Shootists	Louisville	1st Sat	402-643-5000	Crooked Creek	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Flat Water Shootists	Grand Island	3rd Wkd	308-383-6962	Smokey Squibbs	Grand Island Rifle Club
Lancaster County Bounty Collection Agency	Frith	2nd Sat	402-890-7620	Terry Lane	Nebraska Shooters
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	308-350-0111	Two Gun Papa	Heartland Public Shooting Park

NEVADA

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	Carson City	3rd Sun	541-740-9291	Diamond Dirk Slade	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Sched.	603-620-5001	Dakota Joe	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Sched.	603-475-3665	Slippery Dick	Kinnicun Fish & Game

NEW JERSEY

Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	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

NEW MEXICO

Buffalo Range Riders	Albuquerque	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Hayes City
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-644-9327	Captain Clark	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
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
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd & 4th Sun	505-402-6031	Pepper Dane	San Juan Wildlife Federation

NEW YORK

Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	315-559-8011	Lawman Lash	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boor Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	570-296-2032	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
East End Regulators	West Hampton Beach	1st Sun	516-729-0381	Deuces	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	2nd Sat	631-433-0337	Lew Morris	Calverton Shooting Range
Holiday's Rough Riders	Blasdel	5th Sun	716-894-3676	Evil Jack Spade	Blasdel Rod and Gun Club
Pathfinder Pistoleros	Fulton	1st Sun	315-420-4952	Blackjack Belle	Fulton, NY
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Sackets Harbor	4th Sun	315-788-1168	Mr. Stryker	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Owego	1st Sat	607-222-4228	Jewels Cartwright	Tioga County Sportsman's Association

NORTH CAROLINA

Carolina Cattleman's Shooting and Social Society	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-470-4891	High Noon Henry	Wagram Sportsmen's Association
Flat Branch Ranch Cowboys	Bunnlevel	4th Sat	910-988-0406	Yukon Gal	Range 37 PSR
Gunpowder Creek Regulators, Inc.	Lenoir	3rd Sat	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Town of Mine Branch

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Iredell Regulators	Statesville	4th Sat	704-677-0554	Tin Can Sailor	Iredell Lodge - FOP #10
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	1st & 3rd Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Sched.	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Rowan County Wildlife Association
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association

NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sched.	701-223-3085	Rod-Iron-Rip	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-793-4116	Wild River Rose	Sheyenne Valley Peacekeeper Range

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	740-412-6139	Sarsaparilla Slim	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	216-789-7885	Harry Yount	Rochester Rod and Gun Range
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Association
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun	937-219-4376	Mean Gun Mark	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	937-609-9153	7 Mile Tom	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-870-3462	Useless Houston	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	419-205-0114	Badfinger Bodene	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Marengo	3rd & 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.
Wild Wild West Point Cowboy Action Shooting	West Point	2nd Sun	330-386-6975	Blue Eyed Bob	West Point Rod & Gun Club

OKLAHOMA

Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	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 Cowpokers	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	918-284-3128	Pony Soldier	Tulsa Gun Club

OREGON

Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-389-2342	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Horse Ridge Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-848-7260	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Posse	Grants Pass	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	541-226-7814	The New Hope Kid	Josephine County Sportsmans Association Park
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
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
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	White City	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-890-0912	Purgatory Smith	Jackson County Sportsmans Park
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
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-658-3143	Moonshine Maker	Hollidaysburg Sportman Club
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th & 5th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	717-648-7491	Circuit Rider Jeff	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-454-3159	Dirt Slider	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
Mainville Marauders	Bloomsburg	2nd Sun	570-495-0800	Lead Slinger Leroy	Mainville Sportsman's Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	201-213-2302	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun 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 Sat	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
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Geechee 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 at Dark Corner	Travelers Rest	1st Sun.	941-264-7572	Fancy Filly	N/A
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-622-2537	Palmetto Traveler	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	612-817-2212	Boulder Canyon Bob	Pringle Shooting Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	As Sched.	605-532-5212	Dakota Nailbender	Cottonwood Cowboy Association Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-208-5044	Prickly Bill	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulton	4th Sun	605-447-5893	O' Town Kid	Faulton County Trap Club

TENNESSEE

Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st & 3rd Sat	423-383-3195	Lil Weasel	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-831-3676	Buffalo Trace	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-595-3819	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-207-7005	Uncle Ethan	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	Regulators Range

TEXAS

Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	2nd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-669-5903	Smilin Joe	Anson
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-0860	Tumbleweed Dan	Timberline Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	210-710-3587	Big Iron Patnode	Green Ranch
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	2nd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	N/A
Highplains Highwaymen	Pampa	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	512-657-2491	Farr Ranger	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	832-277-5701	Houston	Brune Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-648-1680	Tocayo	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Wkd	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Top Gun Shooting Sports
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Pampa	1st Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Wolfpack Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	210-215-9155	Sheriff Robert Love	Adolf Stielier Ranch
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat as Sched.	210-416-3913	Shooting Iron Miller	Adolf Stielier Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	2nd & 4th Sat	281-460-6386	Texas Jack Daniels	N/A
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Sat	979-200-1130	Def Willie	Willow Hole Cowboys Range

UTAH

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
Dixie Desperados/Territorial Wild Bunch	Hurricane	As Sch	801-829-8989	J.T. Wild	Red Rock
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"
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sat	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	Big Salty

VERMONT

Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Morrisville	As Sched.	802-276-3479	Oak Ridge Regulator	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
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VIRGINIA

Bedford Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sun	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	757-876-0079	Kid AtHeart	Sussex County Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	203-216-2316	Captian R. Hugh Kidme	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club

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WASHINGTON					
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	425-335-5176	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Windy Plains Drifters	Medical Lake	4th Weekends	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
Yakima Black Rock Bunch	Moxee	1st Sat	509-860-7659	Lady T	Sun Valley Shooting Park

WEST VIRGINIA					
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sat Mar-Oct	304-289-6098	Last Word	Singing Hills Ranch
Kanawha Valley Regulators	Eleanor	2nd Sat	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Park Gun Club
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnum County Gun Club
White Horse Riders	Volga	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center

WISCONSIN					
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	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

WYOMING					
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sun	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	Slingin Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex

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CLUB NAME	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	CITY	ST	MONTH	WEB
AUSTRALIA								
SASS Australian Regional Championship	7/23/2024 - 7/28/2024	R. C. Shor	0447831154	russell.bchrens@mmem.com.au	Gold Coast		July	www.goldcoastpistolclub.com.au
SASS 25th Annual Chisholm Trail	9/30/2024 - 10/6/2024	Frank Buck James	+6104388598877	frankbuckjames@7mail.com	N/A		September	www.ssa.org.au
CANADA								
Shootout in Grizzly Bear Coulee	6/1/2024 - 6/2/2024	Felix McSquibly	780-581-5286	blaine.felt58@gmail.com	Vermilion	AB	June	vermiliongunclub.ca
SASS Canadian Western Regional Championship - 3:10 to Leavings	6/25/2024 - 6/30/2024	Alberta Annie	403-687-2284	kranches@platinum.ca	Granum	AB	June	N/A
SASS Canadian National Wild Bunch Championship - Smoke in the Porcupine Hills	6/25/2024 - 6/26/2024	Donny Two Legs	403-560-4997	donnytwolegs@gmail.com	Granum	AB	June	N/A
SASS Canadian National Championship - Shootout Out at Bounty Gulch	8/1/2024 - 8/4/2024	Forty Creek Bob	306-230-9495	rdhs58@yahoo.ca	Saskatoon	SK	August	www.sawws.com
Showdown in the Valley	8/30/2024 - 9/2/2024	Little Edgy	250-897-2194	edgy52@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	August	www.valleyregulators.com
NEW ZEALAND								
SASS New Zealand Wild Bunch Regional Championship High Noon	9/13/2024 - 9/15/2024	Bald Eagle	+64-274-221-551	wayne@magnumimports.co.nz	Hastings		September	www.pistolnz.org.nz
Ambush at Mystery Creek	9/20/2024 - 9/22/2024	Liza Lott	+64 274 523 181	lankystrich@hotmail.com	Hamilton		September	www.pistolclub.co.nz
SASS New Zealand National Championship	11/7/2024 - 11/10/2024	Bald Eagle	+64 274 221 551	wayne@magnumimports.co.nz	Invercargill		November	
POLAND								
SASS Polish National Championship - Wild Borderland	5/1/2024 - 5/5/2024	Trigger Hawkeye	+48 601621491	trigger-hawkeye@hotmail.pl	Lodz		May	capoland.weebly.com
SWEDEN								
SASS European Championship - Days of Truth	7/21/2024 - 7/27/2024	Ace Heart	46 702711107	fweinholt@gmail.com	Torsby		July	N/A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA								
Outlaw Range Annual	4/7/2024 - 4/7/2024	Boothill Slim	417-839-6797	fabman123a@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	April	www.doublemcowboys.com
SASS South Carolina State Championship The Bushwhack	4/11/2024 - 4/13/2024	Slippery Stew	864-363-3147	slipperystew1229@gmail.com	Belton	SC	April	www.beltonbushwhackers.com
Ghosts of Mohawk - Classic Cowboy Throwdown	4/13/2024 - 4/13/2024	Pony Soldier	918-284-3128	bdlayne72@gmail.com	Tulsa	OK	April	www.tulseytown.net
Shootout at Fort Miller	4/18/2024 - 4/20/2024	Snakebite	559-999-9715	snakebite4767@yahoo.com	Clovis	CA	April	www.kingsriverregulators.com
Gunfight at Arroyo Cantua	4/18/2024 - 4/21/2024	Juss Slim	916-606-9051	jusolrick@yahoo.com	Sloughhouse	CA	April	www.cajonregulators.com
Rootin' Tootin' Shootin' V	4/20/2024 - 4/20/2024	Buck Bow	662-417-0250	montgomery38967@bellouth.net	Mendenhall	MS	April	www.facebook.com/MississippiPeacemakers
SASS No Man's Land	4/20/2024 - 4/20/2024	Tilly Two Spurs	352-316-3451	miwel20825@gmail.com	Fort White	FL	April	www.fwcc.net
SASS Western Territorial Wild Bunch Championship	4/22/2024 - 4/23/2024	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	mokaackid@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	April	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS Southwest Regional Championship Hell on the Border	4/24/2024 - 4/27/2024	Naildriver	479-651-2475	naildriver2355@gmail.com	Fort Smith/ Van Buren	AR	April	www.judgeparkersmarshals.org/
SASS Four Corners Regional	4/24/2024 - 4/27/2024	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	mokaackid@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	April	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS California State Championship	4/25/2024 - 4/28/2024	Clint Steele	619-228-5225	davidracknudson@gmail.com	San Bernardino	CA	April	www.cajoncowboys.com
SASS Washington State Championship Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	4/25/2024 - 4/28/2024	Crisco	509-628-0889	mikeberta4@gmail.com	Benton City	WA	April	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
SASS Kentucky State Match-Shootout in the Hills	4/25/2024 - 4/27/2024	Cat A Tonic	219-309-3726	catzonn@msn.com	Manchester	KY	April	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS Alabama State Championship Shootout At Cavern Cove	5/2/2024 - 5/4/2024	Lawman Mark	256-856-0502	NAR235@gmail.com	Woodville	AL	May	www.northalabamaregulators.com
SASS Kansas State Championship - The Siege at Clark's Station	5/2/2024 - 5/4/2024	Flints Hills Dawg	785-479-0416	dawgpownd@eaglecom.net	Chapman	KS	May	www.butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Delaware State Championships	5/3/2024 - 5/5/2024	Corkscrew Tom	410-251-2392	corkscrewtom23@gmail.com	Bridgeville	DE	May	www.brpc-de.com
Ambush at Ricochet Junction	5/3/2024 - 5/5/2024	Recked Six Shooter	509-675-1664	joshelliott78@yahoo.com	Colville	WA	May	www.newregulators.com/
SASS Oklahoma State Championship The Colorado Jackson Memorial Showdown	5/8/2024 - 5/11/2024	Calamity DiBar	580-847-2210	rrcovpokes@gmail.com	Albany	OK	May	www.covpokes.weebly.com
Spring Round Up	5/9/2024 - 5/11/2024	Pesimmon Dan	812-453-3168	olddanriver@twc.com	Evansville	IN	May	www.rividesportsmens.com
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	5/11/2024 - 5/12/2024	Flaco Joe	907-982-5097	scottrockett1@gmail.com	Palmer	AK	May	www.alaskacowboysthooting.com
SASS Georgia State Championship Stampede at South River	5/16/2024 - 5/18/2024	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	May	www.srscowboys.com
Battle of Rogue River	5/17/2024 - 5/19/2024	Molly b'Dam	541-660-3951	haha@budget.net	Grants Pass	OR	May	merfinmaraudercowboys.com
SASS West Virginia State Blackpowder Championship Smoke over Buffalo Flats	5/18/2024 - 5/19/2024	Eddie Rebel	304-397-6188	ecclark@suddenlink.net	Eleanor	WV	May	www.kanawhavalleyregulators.com
Thunder in the Brush	5/18/2024 - 5/19/2024	Bucksaw Bob	804-382-3407	uncleobert@msn.com	Mechanicsville	VA	May	www.facebook.com/kcsorral
SASS Utah State Blackpowder Championship	5/18/2024 - 5/18/2024	Fargo Kid	435-650-6544	utfargokid@yahoo.com	Price	UT	May	www.theeastdegapose.net/
King of the Cowboys & Queens of the West	5/19/2024 - 5/19/2024	Johnny Longpans	614-795-0461	jkruz1675@gmail.com	Marengo	OH	May	www.sciodesperados.com
High Sierra Shoot Out	5/23/2024 - 5/26/2024	Chance McCall	916-425-5018	tom@etsyprinting.com	Rail Road Flat	CA	May	https://cagunsingers.com/
SASS Mississippi State Championship	5/24/2024 - 5/26/2024	Padre De Cinco	901-850-4022	jeffed76@gmail.com	Byhalia	MS	May	mississippirvangers.org
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	5/24/2024 - 5/26/2024	Black Hills Barb	570-337-3974	basnyder1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	May	www.eupossegarde.com
SASS Ohio State Championship Shootout at Hard Times	5/24/2024 - 5/26/2024	Mean Gun Mark	937-219-4376	meangunmark@earthlink.net	Piqua	OH	May	www.miamivalleycowboys.org
SASS Iowa/ Nebraska State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	5/24/2024 - 5/26/2024	Tuco	515-988-2301	acardenas32755@gmail.com	Indianola	IA	May	www.fordesmoinesrangers.com
SASS Texas State Championship - Battle of Plum Creek	5/25/2024 - 5/26/2024	Brazos Bo	210-471-9480	brazosbo@hotmail.com	Lockhart	TX	May	www.plumcreeks.org
SASS Idaho Black Powder State Championship	5/25/2024 - 5/26/2024	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Twin Falls	ID	May	www.casidaho.net
SASS Tennessee State Championship	5/30/2024 - 6/1/2024	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	Bill_May@b-f.com	Wartrace	TN	May	www.wartraceregulators.com/
Ghost Town of the West	5/30/2024 - 6/1/2024	Ber Rabbit	801-913-6823	rabbit54820@gmail.com	Salt Lake City	UT	May	www.uhatteritorygunsingers.com/
SASS Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout	5/30/2024 - 6/1/2024	Nels Gandy	503-953-5643	nelsgandy@gmail.com	Boise	ID	May	idahocowboyaction.org
SASS Wisconsin State Championship	5/31/2024 - 6/2/2024	Turkey Legs	815-721-2280	spis4@hotmail.com	Beloit	WI	May	www.rockriverregulators.net
SASS MA, CT, and RI State Championship	5/31/2024 - 6/2/2024	Knob Creek McGee	508-446-2671	paul.arshen@yahoo.com	Harvard	MA	May	www.harvardghostriders.com
SASS Utah State Championship	5/31/2024 - 6/1/2024	Ber Rabbit	801-913-6823	rabbit54820@gmail.com	Salt Lake City	UT	May	www.utahwar.com
The Great Spagetti Western	6/1/2024 - 6/2/2024	Pepi Lepeu	508-740-9298	lepeu3@gmail.com	Leonard	TX	June	www.texas18thons.org
Raid by the Lake	6/1/2024 - 6/11/2024	Double Diamond	760-745-9249	drinkmeier1@cox.net	Escondido	CA	June	www.escondidobandidos.org
SASS Indiana State Championship Ambush at Paradise	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	CC Moonshine	574-354-7186	curttbags@gmail.com	Erna Green	IN	June	www.paradisepassregulators.com/
SASS Maryland State Championship Thunder Valley Days	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	Dogmeat Dad	301-253-0578	cmmparis@compuerve.com	Damascus	MD	June	www.damascuswla.org/dwr/dwr.html
Mima Marauders Wild West Carnival	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	Doc Kharon	360-957-6051	coroner_davidson@hotmail.com	Olympia	WA	June	www.mimamarauders.org
SASS Battle for Baldknobbers Ridge	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	Aretmus Von Schutze	417-208-9142	bearcreekv@gmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	June	bearcreekvvolunteers.com/
The Prince of Pistoles	6/13/2024 - 6/15/2024	Coonan	913-209-3836	coonan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	June	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS North & South Dakota State Championship Peace in the Valley	6/13/2024 - 6/16/2024	Wild River Rose	701-793-4116	wildriverrose@aol.com	Enderlin	ND	June	www.sheynennevalleypeacekeepers.com
Thunder in the Valley	6/14/2024 - 6/16/2024	Boonie Young	440-984-1224	nfwcamaro@gmail.com	Rochester	OH	June	www.firelandspacemakers.com
SASS Colorado Wild Bunch State Championship	6/14/2024 - 6/14/2024	Kodiak	970-417-6247	kodiak35294@yahoo.com	San Juan	CO	June	sanjuanshootingrange.com
SASS Texas Blackpowder State Championship	6/14/2024 - 6/16/2024	Slowak Molasses	254-412-0904	agomez8@hotmail.com	Groesbeck	TX	June	www.olderfortparkerpatriors.weebly.com/
SASS Colorado State Championship Revenge at San Juan City	6/15/2024 - 6/16/2024	Kodiak	970-417-6247	kodiak35294@yahoo.com	Montrose	CO	June	sanjuanshootingrange.com
Gunfight on the Prairie	6/15/2024 - 6/16/2024	Dirty Deeds	920-896-5128	popcorn1@charter.net	Ripon	WI	June	www.riponcowboys.com
SASS Oregon State Wild Bunch Championship	6/15/2024 - 6/16/2024	Big Casino	541-848-7260	bigcasino@bendbroadband.com	Bend	OR	June	www.hrp-sass.com/
SASS Wisconsin Wild Bunch State Championship	6/15/2024 - 6/16/2024	Western Wizard	920-540-7451	robinstag@newrr.com	Ripon	WI	June	www.riponcowboys.com

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Annie Oakley Match	6/22/2024 - 6/22/2024	River Runner	734-320-4941	kech527@yahoo.com	Plymouth	MI	June	http://wwcca.com/
Summer Solistic Shoot	6/22/2024 - 6/23/2024	1st SGT Bearclaw Toklat	907-371-0830	ghss.trailboss@gmail.com	Fairbanks	AK	June	N/A
SASS Virginia State Blackpowder Championship Smoke on the Mattaponi	6/22/2024 - 6/22/2024	Potter County Kid	804-241-5418	97graves@gmail.com	West Point	VA	June	www.westpointgunclub.com
SASS Wisconsin Territorial Black Powder Championship Smoke in the Woods	6/22/2024 - 6/23/2024	7 Mile Tom	937-609-9153	sevenmiletom@aol.com	Middletown	OH	June	http://www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/
SASS Wisconsin Black Powder State Championship - Smoke in the Hills	6/22/2024 - 6/23/2024	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	June	www.wowsinc.org
SASS Nevada Black Powder State Championship	6/25/2024 - 6/26/2024	Bordello Fellow	503-997-1255	gadevone@hotmail.com	Fernley	NV	June	www.northernnevadacas.com
SASS Missouri State Championship The Branson Classic	6/27/2024 - 6/30/2024	Rusty Hammer	417-243-0796	chb177@yahoo.com	Walnut Shade	MO	June	www.btc-sass.com
Annual Roop County Days	6/27/2024 - 6/29/2024	Bordello Fellow	503-997-1255	gadevone@hotmail.com	Fernley	NV	June	northernnevadacas.com
SASS Ohio Wild Bunch State Championship	6/29/2024 - 6/30/2024	Boonie Young	440-984-1224	nfwcamaro@gmail.com	Lorain	OH	June	www.firelandspacemakers.com
SASS Wyoming State Championship - Hell of Wheels	7/4/2024 - 7/7/2024	Waterboy	307-287-9546	waterboy25286@gmail.com	Cheyenne	WY	July	www.bordertovigilantes.com
Shootout On the Sun River	7/5/2024 - 7/8/2024	Just Bob	406-590-7924	robertpowers4@outlook.com	Augusta	MT	July	www.sunriverangers.net
SASS Alaska State Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	7/5/2024 - 7/7/2024	Flaco Joe	907-982-5097	scottrockett1@gmail.com	Palmer	AK	July	www.alaskacowboyshootout.com
Independence Day Shoot-Out	7/6/2024 - 7/7/2024	Johnny Jings	541-997-6313	johnnyjings@yahoo.com	Florence	OR	July	www.siuslawgunclub.com
SASS Minnesota State Championship - North Star Showdown	7/12/2024 - 7/14/2024	Hillbilly Bert	952-452-2907	hillbillybert@outlook.com	Kimball	MN	July	www.ggunslingers.club
Violence at Virtue Flats	7/12/2024 - 7/14/2024	Hunt Mountain Drifter	541-212-5840	dan.mcguire@msn.com	Baker City	OR	July	virtueflatsshootout.org
SASS Vermont State Championship - Green Mountain Mayhem	7/19/2024 - 7/21/2024	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmavt.net	Morrisville	VT	July	www.greenmountainmayhem.com
Oregon Trail Shootout	7/19/2024 - 7/21/2024	T. J. Maverick	541-571-4979	tjmaverick@charter.net	La Grande	OR	July	www.lgrpc.com
SASS Hell on the Prairie	7/20/2024 - 7/21/2024	Redleg Reilly	940-447-6864	tedrogden@aol.com	Grandfield	OK	July	www.shortgrassangers.com
SASS West Virginia Wild Bunch State Championship	7/20/2024 - 7/21/2024	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citilink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	July	www.wvcas.org
SASS Montana Wild Bunch State Championship	7/25/2024 - 7/25/2024	Montana Redeye	602-309-5263	montanaredeye@icloud.com	Billings	MT	July	www.mtpeacemakers.com/
SASS Montana State Championship	7/25/2024 - 7/28/2024	Montana Redeye	602-309-5263	montanaredeye@icloud.com	Billings	MT	July	www.mtpeacemakers.com/
The Long Riders 3-Day July Jamboree	7/26/2024 - 7/28/2024	Loco Poco Lobo	585-734-0867	locopocolobos@gmail.com	Shortsville	NY	July	www.long-riders.org/
West Match	8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024	T-Bone Shorpy	425-503-9919	terrysprong@comcast.net	Renton	WA	August	www.rucascowboys.com/
Mason Dixon Stampede	8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024	Dutch Coroner	202-330-8545	dutchcoroner8212@gmail.com	Thurmont	MD	August	www.thurmontangers.com
Atomic Gunfight	8/2/2024 - 8/3/2024	Missouri Ruffian	208-520-8824	cpv6ngs570@gmail.com	Idaho Falls	ID	August	www.cowboyscips.org
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Chorro Valley Shootout	8/7/2024 - 8/11/2024	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgaripce@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	August	www.chorrovallyregulators.com/
Non-Annual Annual	8/9/2024 - 8/11/2024	Gateway Kid	970-261-7985	aussiehike@aol.com	Whitewater	CO	August	www.tmsba.com
SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL Championship Guns of August	8/9/2024 - 8/11/2024	Lassiter	957-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	August	www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	8/13/2024 - 8/17/2024	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	www.casidaho.net
SASS Northwest Wild Bunch Territorial Championship	8/13/2024 - 8/14/2024	Missy Mable	208-219-9641	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	www.casidaho.net
SASS New Hampshire State Championship Fracas at Pemi Gulch	8/16/2024 - 8/18/2024	Dakota Joe	603-620-5001	dakota814@msn.com	Holderness	NH	August	www.pemipecemakers.com/
SASS Illinois State Championship	8/16/2024 - 8/18/2024	Popcorn Kelly	563-344-6788	bohm1@outlook.com	Milan	IL	August	www.illowaregulators.com/
Annual 2 Day Camp & Match	8/16/2024 - 8/17/2024	Riverview Rartler	989-400-1057	mpjiddon@gmail.com	Breckenridge	MI	August	www.SuckerCreek.org
Fire In The Hills	8/22/2024 - 8/25/2024	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	August	www.wowsinc.org
Shootout at the Susquehanna	8/23/2024 - 8/25/2024	Jewels Cartwright	607-222-4228	rshy1@stny.rr.com	Owego	NY	August	www.tiogasporsmen.com
SASS International Black Powder Championship - Fire & Brimstone in Paradise	8/23/2024 - 8/25/2024	C.C. Top	574-354-7189	curttbtop@gmail.com	Erna Green	IN	August	www.paradiseparsangers.com/
Wolverton Mountain PeaceKeepers 19th Annual Match	8/24/2024 - 8/25/2024	Evergreen Rose	360-901-5688	baughma@yahoo.com	Ariel	WA	August	www.wolvertonmtpeacekeepers.com
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	8/30/2024 - 9/2/2024	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Kimball	MI	August	www.wolverinerangers.org
Cow Camp	8/30/2024 - 9/1/2024	Letort Lawman	717-249-5049	letortlawman@gmail.com	Ickesburg	PA	August	www.perrycountyregulators.com/
SASS Virginia State Championship Gunfight at the Double-C	8/30/2024 - 9/1/2024	Major B. S. Walker	804-307-2980	majorbswalker@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	August	www.cavaliercowboys.org
Shoo'n in the Shade	8/30/2024 - 9/1/2024	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	bulldogmcgraw@outlook.com	Hot Springs	AR	August	www.mysaonline.com
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship	8/31/2024 - 9/1/2024	Coonan	913-209-3836	coonan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	August	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
11th Annual Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	9/3/2024 - 9/15/2024	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	September	www.briggsdalecountyshootists.com
Standoff at Smokey Point	9/6/2024 - 9/8/2024	Mudflap Mike	425-335-5176	tmperin@comcast.net	Arlington	WA	September	www.smokeypointdesperados.org
SASS Maine State Championship Great Maine Gunfight	9/6/2024 - 9/8/2024	Tyler Tornado	207-272-7119	lylet@hudson.edu	Berwick	ME	September	www.shootingbuns.org/mainemarshals/
Shootout at Stoney Bottom	9/13/2024 - 9/15/2024	Badfinger Bodene	419-205-0114	badfinger66@gmail.com	Gibsonburg	OH	September	www.ourcreekcowboys.com
Ambush at Canyon Walls	9/13/2024 - 9/15/2024	Johnny Pincho	406-531-4116	johnnyand.may@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT	September	www.BitterrootBuckaros.org
SASS Four Corners Territorial Black Powder Championship - Smoke at the Gate	9/14/2024 - 9/14/2024	The Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	scotto4570@gmail.com	Price	UT	September	www.thecastlegateposse.net/
Gunfight along the Chisholm Trail	9/14/2024 - 9/15/2024	Monco	316-491-3249	danny38fp@gmail.com	Benton	KS	September	ctaga.com
SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunsmoke	9/19/2024 - 9/21/2024	Riverboat Red	612-384-9115	riverboatred@mac.com	Morristown	MN	September	sites.google.com/site/cedarvalleyvigilantes/
Battle at the Crossroads	9/19/2024 - 9/19/2024	Scott Wayne	918-285-0543	mac842565@aol.com	Cushing	OK	September	Lincolncountycowboys.com
Shootout At Hellorado	9/19/2024 - 9/22/2024	Lead Nickel	707-391-5991	frednickel@comcast.net	Ukiah	CA	September	www.ukiahriflandipistol.com
SASS New Mexico State Championship - Fall Fandango	9/20/2024 - 9/22/2024	Capt. Jack Houston	505-463-6216	clnorfolk@msn.com	Albuquerque	NM	September	www.riogranderenegades.org
SASS Idaho State Wild Bunch Championship	9/20/2024 - 9/22/2024	Idaho Six Gun Sam	208-866-7271	sixgunsam54acp@gmail.com	Emmett	ID	September	www.gtrgc.org
Pershing's Pursuit	9/20/2024 - 9/22/2024	Sarsaparilla	417-830-2737	rootbeer92@gmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	September	bearcreekvolunteers.com/
SASS West Virginia State Championship	9/20/2024 - 9/22/2024	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citilink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	September	www.wvcas.org
Shootout on the Little River	9/21/2024 - 9/21/2024	Goliath	229-740-9215	bigboyd@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	September	www.vvc.lsa.info
Comin' At Cha	9/26/2024 - 9/28/2024	T-Bone Dooley	903-272-9283	tbonedooley@aol.com	Clarksville	TX	September	www.badlandsbar3.com
High Noon at Tusco	9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024	Prairie Dawg	216-334-9749	lpolsi@yahoo.com	Midvale	OH	September	www.tuscolongriders.com
SASS Missouri Black Powder State Championship - Show-Me Shootout	9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024	Longshot John	417-299-7635	easymv12@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	September	www.so-mo-rangers.com
Shootout at Shaker's Gulch	9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024	Justice D. Spencer	574-536-4010	jjdarrigan@msn.com	Bristol	IN	September	www.wolfstrowdyrangers.com/
SASS Nevada Wild Bunch State Championship	10/1/2024 - 10/2/2024	Mojave Rose	702-808-5476	eldoradocowboynv@gmail.com	Boulder City	NV	October	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Southeast Regional Ambush at Cavern Cove	10/3/2024 - 10/5/2024	Marshal T. K. D.	256-527-8755	goffkd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	October	www.northalabamaregulators.com
SASS Nevada State Championship	10/4/2024 - 10/5/2024	Mojave Rose	702-808-5476	eldoradocowboynv@gmail.com	Boulder City	NV	October	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS National Championship Land Run	10/5/2024 - 10/12/2024	Flat Top Okie	405-409-9442	flattopokie@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	October	www.cowboyokgunclub.org
Peaceful's End of Track	10/17/2024 - 10/20/2024	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	10/18/2024 - 10/20/2024	Bronco Joan	732-600-1215	broncojoan357@gmail.com	Jackson	NJ	October	www.jacksonholegang.com
SASS Michigan Wild Bunch State Championship	10/19/2024 - 10/20/2024	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Shelby Township	MI	October	www.wolverinerangers.org
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/22/2024 - 10/27/2024	Quicksand	520-290-8599	pikcoyle@msn.com	Tombstone	AZ	October	www.bordertowncas.com
Halloween Match	10/25/2024 - 10/27/2024	Sweetwater Bill	303-366-8827	bbs50140@msn.com	Byers	CO	October	www.sandcreekriders.org
SASS Louisiana State Championship Hot Lead in Deadwood	10/25/2024 - 10/27/2024	Doc Spudley	504-458-1898	docspudley@bellsouth.net	Serrento	LA	October	www.deadwoodmarshals.com
FRB Annual match	10/26/2024 - 10/26/2024	Yukon Jack	910-988-0406	didavid60@aol.com	Bunnlevel	NC	October	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1177703212410628
SASS Kansas Black Powder State Championship	10/26/2024 - 10/27/2024	Coonan	913-209-3836	coonan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	October	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
Last Stand at Thunder River	11/2/2024 - 11/3/2024	Texas Jack Daniels	281-460-6383	bigbuffawo@gmail.com	Plantersville	TX	November	www.thunderirrenegades.com/
Shootout on the Santa Fe	11/9/2024 - 11/9/2024	Toothpick	352-284-4244	dwight@jesseman.org	Fort White	FL	November	www.fwc.net
SASS Tennessee Black Powder State Championship	11/15/2024 - 11/17/2024	Buffalo Trace	901-831-3676	terry.bishop@shelby-sheriff.org	Lakeland	TN	November	www.mssashooting.com
Defend Old Fort Parker	11/15/2024 - 11/17/2024	Slow Molasses	254-366-2372	agomez@hot.rr.com	Groesbeck	TX	November	www.oldfortparkerpatrios.weebly.com/
Turkey Shoot	11/16/2024 - 11/16/2024	Def Willie	979-220-1130	defwillie@gmail.com	North Zulch	TX	November	www.willowholccowboys.com/
Shootout in Saguaro	11/30/2024 - 12/1/2024	Barbwire	480-773-2753	snow@att.net	Peoria	AZ	November	www.csa-az.com
Christmas Match to Benefit Toys for Tots	12/7/2024 - 12/7/2024	Palmetto Traveller	803-622-2537	cfortner@gmail.com	Gaston	SC	December	www.palmettoposse.com

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