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THE 2026 SOUTHEAST TERRITORIAL WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP

BY JODI COYOTE, SASS #105395

Thunderclouds hovered over the range in the days before the inaugural Southeast Territorial Wild Bunch Championship, a stark reminder of the 2025 flood that had swallowed these grounds only one year ago. Inside the territorial office, a water line still marks how high it rose — a quiet tribute to the resilience it took to recover.

By Friday morning, shooters stepped onto dew-soaked gravel, boots crunching with purpose, ready to write a new chapter in the South's Cowboy legacy. With the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer setting the tone, the weekend promised more than competition; it promised camaraderie, laughter, and stories that would outlast the smoke of spent brass.

The Memphis Gunslingers kicked

off the festivities on March 13 with a four-stage Cowboy Charity Match. Generous hearts in attendance ensured the SASS Scholarship Fund would ride high, helping future Cowboys and Cowgirls chase their dreams. Smiles and high-fives echoed across the range as competitors swapped tales of past matches and offered encouragement to newcomers.

The main event followed — ten stages designed to test skill, strategy, and composure, all while keeping smiles on every shooter's face. This wasn't just a match; it was a trial of patience and wits. Clean runs earned cheers, rough ones earned a little ribbing and a "you'll get it on the next run" and every story started the same way: "Now that stage there..."

One of the weekend's most memo-

rable stages was The Hotel. Long guns were staged on different shelves, and competitors had freedom of order, except the rifle could not be shot last. Shooters began anywhere on the line, hands at SASS default, delivering the line, "That's very smart. Very smart for you Gringo."

Pistols (21 rounds) and rifle (7 rounds) swept across seven targets, progressively building from one to seven hits per target. While simple in design, the sequence proved deceptively difficult under pressure. Movement requirements added complexity. Pistols had to be fired from both center shelves, while the rifle had to be shot from one. The shotgun portion required six targets from three positions, rewarding smooth and efficient movement. The Hotel quickly became



L-R — SE TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONS BLACKFISH KID, WITCHY WOMEN, JODI COYOTE, AND RANGER DAN.



PADRE DE CINCO (SASS #111846) AND SON SMOKEY BONES GOING HEAD TO HEAD IN THE SAME CATEGORY. SMOKEY WON.

the talk of camp, testing both mental focus and shooting discipline. By the end

of the day, it was clear which shooters had meticulously planned their runs and which had been humbled by the stage's clever design.

Food was plentiful and by the end our belts were fighting a losing battle. The Memphis Gunslingers kept the fine folks fed from the crack of dawn to the last lunch on the prairie. Mornings started with pastries and homemade tamales that'd make a drifter holler for more. Lunch on the range came hard and hearty sandwiches wrapped together with care, smoky BBQ that clung to your fingers, and a taco bar that could draw even the wariest outlaw from the brush. Friday night's potluck had the smell of rice and beans mixing with laughter and tall tales, while Saturday night the chuck wagon hit hard — fried chicken, sides, and enough desserts to make a sweet-tooth grin from ear to ear. Ain't no Cowboy left hungry after this rodeo!

Of course, no match runs on skill alone. Behind the brass and the boots were countless volunteers, friends, and



BEST DRESSED COUPLE MAY B KNOTT AND RANGER DAN

families. A round of applause to the Memphis Gunslingers, Mississippi River





BEST DRESSED LADIES JOSIE GRACE UNDERFYR (LADY) AND JODI COYOTE (SOILED DOVE).



BEST DRESSED MEN MARSHAL PRICE (GENTLEMAN) AND LITTLE JB (MILITARY).

Rangers, and Memphis Sport Shooting Association that kept the wheels turning and the fire burning, from setting stages in the early light to counting every last round at dusk. Their dedication ensured that shooters could focus on what mattered most — the thrill of the match and the stories created along the way.

For the sharpest dressed cowpokes and ladies in camp, our costume contest winners: Best Dressed Lady — Josie Grace Underfyr (SASS #100819); Best Dressed Gentleman— Marshall Price (SASS #109188); Best Dressed Rough Rider — Whitey James (SASS 114735); Best Dressed Military — Little JB (SASS #55710); Best Dressed Soiled Dove — Jodi Coyote; Best Dressed Couple — Ranger Dan (SASS #107296) and May Be Knott (SASS #107558).

When the smoke cleared, the territorial champions rode tall. Classic Modern and Overall Classic Wild Bunch Man — Ranger Dan (SASS #107296); Classic Modern Elder Statesman — Renegade Ray (SASS #99136); Classic Modern Senior — Skullbone Willie (SASS #111686) and Jagged Rock (SASS #28686); Classic Traditional — Buffalo Trace (SASS #105854); Classic Traditional Senior — Cleve (SASS #87025); Lady Classic Modern and Overall Classic Wild Bunch Lady — Witchy Women (SASS #112471); Lady Classic Traditional — Hell on Heels (SASS #105750); Lady Modern and Overall Wild Bunch Lady — Jodi Coyote; Lady Modern Senior — Josie Grace Underfyr; Modern and Overall Wild Bunch Man — Blackfish Kid (SASS #21573); Modern Elder Statesman — Mac Jack (SASS #54842); Modern Senior — Justified (SASS #108968); Traditional — Smokey Bones (SASS #112306).

A well-earned tip of the hat goes to this year's Overall Man and Lady, Blackfish Kid and Jodi Coyote.

As the weekend concluded, bellies were full, boots were tired, and the trails were alive with stories that would ride far beyond the range. From the camaraderie of the Charity Match to the clever chaos of The Hotel, the weekend reminded everyone why we chase the Wild Bunch dream — for the thrill, the challenge, and the friends we make along the way.

Till we meet again. Ride safe, shoot straight, and happy trails.

SASS ANNOUNCES A “LAND SWAP” FOR ITS FLAGSHIP CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MISTY MOONSHINE, SASS #83232

The Single Action Shooting Society is excited to announce an important evolution for our two flagship events — one that honors tradition while positioning both championships for an even stronger future — strengthening our roots and expanding our reach. In true frontier fashion, we’re calling it a “Land Swap.”

Beginning in 2028, END of TRAIL — the SASS World Championships — will ride east to a new home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where it will be held in October each year at the renowned Oklahoma City Gun Club and will be hosted by the Oklahoma Territorial Marshals. This move effectively places the World Championships on the grounds long associated with Land Run, ushering in a new era while preserving the spirit of championship-level competition.

At the same time, Winter Range will reclaim its role as the SASS National Championships, returning to its iconic home at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona. Hosted annually in February/March by the Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders, Winter Range will continue to deliver the world-class experience and Old West ambiance that shooters have come to love — again with the proud distinction of crowning our National Champions.

This “land swap” ensures that both events can grow, thrive, and deliver the very best of Cowboy Action Shooting® to our members. END of TRAIL will benefit from expanded opportunities and a fresh stage in Oklahoma, while Winter Range returns to its roots as a cornerstone National event in the Arizona desert.

Two historic matches. Two legendary locations. One shared commitment to the spirit of the game.

We look forward to riding into this next chapter with all of you.

SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

The Russian Cowboy

As I was preparing this issue, I received a communication through Ruby Ruthless from our Russian SASS member, Johnny First (SASS #103522), asking if I would be interested in an article about when Chuck Connors presented Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev with a pair of Colt Single Action Armies. Of course, I said yes and you can enjoy the article Johnny wrote — and the photos he obtained and took at the Central Museum of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation — in this issue. I would have saved this for the January printed edition, but the agreement with the museum stipulated that the photos had



JOHNNY FIRST AND SON — (RUSSIAN BILL, SASS #110289)

to be used before December.

I'm pleased to have made Johnny's acquaintance and he promises to provide additional articles in the future, touching on subjects like Russian gun laws and Cowboy Action Shooting™ in Russia. In the meantime, you can check out Johnny's YouTube offerings at www.youtube.com/@Johnny-First.

Comic Book Corner

This issue reprints an adventure of the Fargo Kid from *Fargo Kid* #3, June 1958, published by Prize Comics. This story is historically significant to comic book aficionados in that it features early artwork by Al Williamson (pencils) and John Severin (inks), who would both go on to become highly respected comic book and comic strip illustrators. Remember, you can check out many comic book stories (not just westerns) that are in the public domain at comicbook-plus.com.

—Skinny (SASS #7361)

ANNUAL MATCHES



THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHOOTOUT 2026 DELAWARE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

BY CORKSCREW TOM, SASS #68972

The 20th annual Cowboy Action Shooting™ Delaware State Championship was held May 1-3 at the Bridgetown Rifle and Pistol Club, hosted by Paden's Posse. This year we had 65 shooters competing in the "250 Years of Independence" Sussex County Shootout. There were 12 states represented, the farthest being from North Dakota, Iowa, and Texas, and seven of which were from the original 13 colonies.

At the opening ceremony, we always

start with the color guard presenting the flags, a prayer, the pledge, and Lori Lee singing the National Anthem.

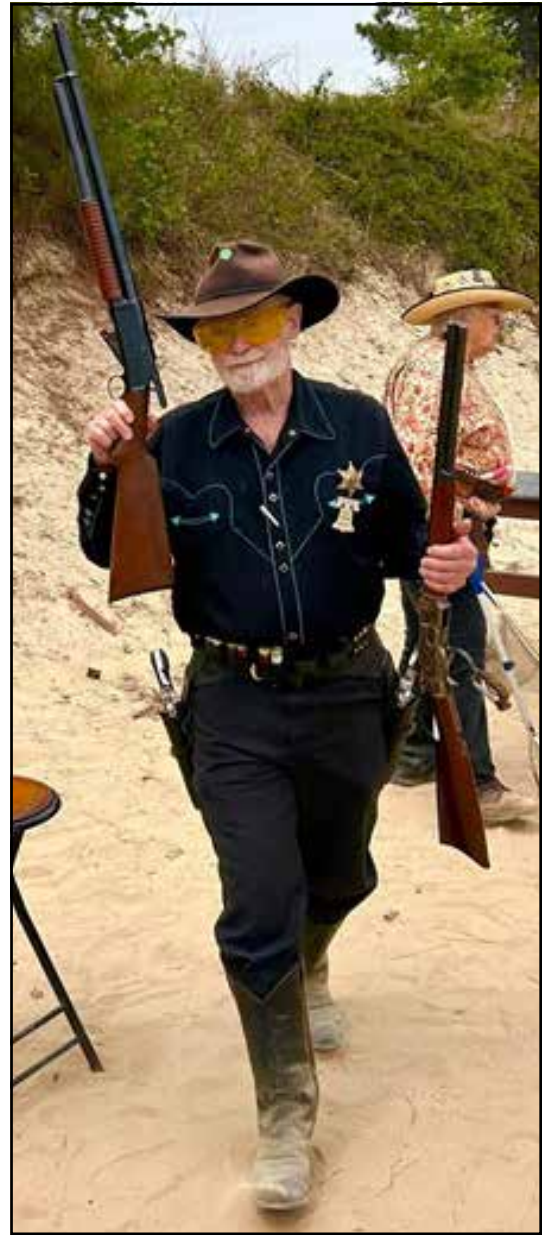
The stages this year all reflected historical references to the founding of our great nation. We rang the "Liberty Bell" to start two stages, had a telegraph key to type out "USA," and blasted open some saloon doors with our shotguns to protect our Second Amendment rights. We also signed our own Declaration of Independence to start a stage. This was a "Freedom" match where the shooter could start with any gun, rifle not last, so everything was shooter's choice. Targets were close with no "P" traps and easy transitions. On one of our warm up stages, the shooter had to spell out "1776" on four targets — one shot on the first, seven on the second, seven on the third, and six on the fourth. This was done using all four guns, shot anyway you wanted.

The Sheriff and his wife Lori hosted a Friday night dinner with lots of camaraderie and great food. The Sheriff gave

out his own "Sheriff's" award honoring someone who excels with the Cowboy Spirit. Whistle Stop Jim (SASS #32670) was this year's recipient. The banquet was



OVERALL WINNERS DUELING DES AND JUST WAITE





DELAWARE STATE CHAMPIONS COBB CREEK AND HAZEL PEPPER

held Saturday night at the local Moose lodge, with great food, costume contest, music, and socializing. It made for a well-rounded fun time. Sunday morning, we started our day with a very nice

church service lead by Lash Toru (SASS #85004) with singing, prayer, and a message. God honored us with some of the best weather we've had to date, not too hot, not too cold, a breeze for us dark side shooters and plenty of sun. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the whole event and each posse worked to make everything run smoothly.

This is what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about, fun, camaraderie, socializing and yeah there's some good ol' fashioned shootin' involved too!

Our top overall shooters were Dueling Des (SASS #100758), women's shooter and Just Waite (SASS #111049), men's shooter. The top Delaware shooters were Hazel Pepper (SASS #49662), women's shooter and Cobb Creek (SASS #111642), men's shooter. Also honored was our own Whistle Stop Jim with the Spirit of the Game award for all his hard work, helping out wherever needed and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was chosen by the four posse leaders.

On behalf of Paden's Posse and the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, I want to thank everyone for coming out again this year and enjoying our shoot. We hope you will join us again next year



WHISTLE STOP JIM, RECIPIENT OF THE SHERIFF'S AWARD AND THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME AWARD

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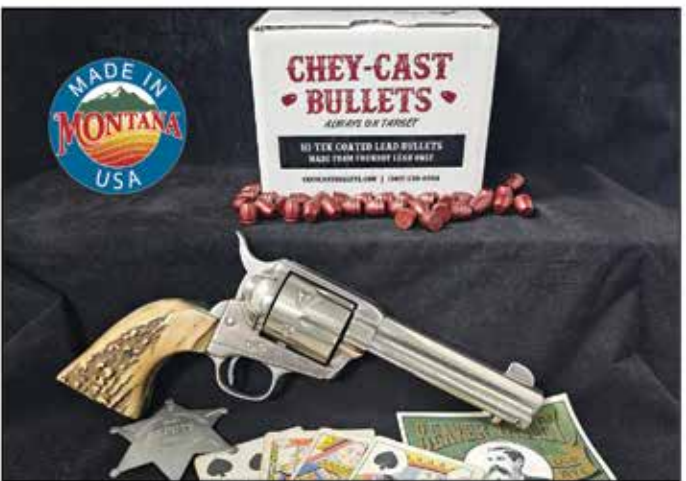
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 BACK TO THE FUTURE

BY SIX SHOOTER SADIE, SASS #108483

The time machine landed at El Posse Grande over Memorial Day Weekend as Cowboys and Cowgirls from near and far gathered for the 2026 Pennsylvania State Championship and Wild Bunch State Championship. With a

theme of Back to the Future III, shooters stepped back into the Old West for a weekend filled with fast guns, good grub, tall tales, and the kind of fellowship that keeps us all coming back to the range year after year.

From the first wagon rolling through the gate, the range was alive with handshakes, laughter, and the sound of old friends catching up. New friendships were forged, stories grew taller with each telling, and plenty of memories were made around the loading tables and

camp chairs.

As every Cowboy knows, you can't always bargain with Mother Nature. Saturday brought a steady downpour that would have sent lesser folks running for cover. Instead, our Cowboys and Cowgirls tipped their hats, tightened their slickers, and carried on. Our hardworking volunteers did everything they could to keep folks dry and comfortable and, despite spending much of the day under gray skies and falling rain, the spirit of the match never wavered. If anything,



the weather reminded us of what Cowboy Action Shooting™ is all about — good people making the best of whatever trail lies ahead.

Congratulations to our 2026 Pennsylvania State Champions. After a weekend of outstanding shooting, Tombstone Coty (SASS #101540) earned the title of Pennsylvania State Cowboy Champion, while Arkansas Kitten (SASS #144) rode away as the Pennsylvania State Cowgirl Champion. In the Wild Bunch competition, Blaze Crittenden (SASS #47472) claimed the title of Wild Bunch State Cowboy Champion, and Tequila Tumbleweed (SASS #114379) earned the honor of Wild Bunch State Cowgirl Champion. Congratulations to all of our champions on their impressive performances and well-deserved accomplishments.

When the final scores were tallied, Tombstone Coty (SASS #101540) claimed the Overall Cowboy Action Shooting Championship, while Dueling Des (SASS #106758) earned the title of Overall Cowgirl Champion. In the Wild Bunch match, Tyler Tornado (SASS #106508) took top Overall Cowboy and Dueling Des secured the title of top Overall Cowgirl. Congratulations to these top shooters for their outstanding performances throughout the weekend.

This year's match was especially meaningful, as El Posse Grande has seen many improvements over the past year. Those updates didn't happen by magic or time travel. They were made possible by a dedicated crew of committee members and volunteers who generously gave their time, sweat, and know-how to keep our club moving forward. Their efforts often happen behind the scenes, but they are the reason matches like this come together so successfully.

The trail ahead is looking mighty exciting. Memorial Day Weekend 2027 will find El Posse Grande hosting the SASS Northeast Regional Championship. We're honored to take on this adventure and can't wait to welcome returning pards and new faces alike to our range. Keep your eyes peeled for more details as plans continue to unfold.

There's more good news on the horizon. A fine group of Cowboys and Cowgirls from clubs across the Commonwealth has stepped up to help continue the Pennsylvania State Championship



tradition at El Posse Grande during a different time of year. More details on that venture will be coming down the trail soon.

To everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, cooked, hauled props, and lent a helping hand, thank you. You are the heart of this game and the rea-

son weekends like this are possible. Rain may have soaked our boots, but it never dampened our spirits. That's the Cowboy Way.

We'll see you further down the trail. Until then, keep your powder dry, your sights steady, and your stories just a little bit taller than they were yesterday.



RAMPAGE AT RIDGEVILLE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY SUE RENDER, SASS #87925

PHOTOS BY WEINBERG STUDIOS

The Geechee Gunfighters hosted the Rampage at Ridgeville and welcomed the SC State Championship back to Ridgeville. We want to thank the Palmetto Gun Club for allowing us to host the match on their beautiful range. As with any state championship, it takes a small army to plan, build props, set up, and run a big match. Thank you to EVERYONE in our small army! Unfortunately, a couple are missing from the accompanying picture.

Another very important group we could not do this without is our sponsors! Thank you to the Main Match Sponsors, Bullets by Scarlett, Kitty's Kloset, and Page Custom Knives. Thank you to all of our Stage Sponsors. We



OVERALL WINNERS CHRISTIAN MORTICIAN AND MIDWEST HALE

also had some awesome vendors selling bullets, reloading supplies, and clothing. Let's not forget about the food ven-

dors. So many raved about the BBQ, Ice Cream, and Popcorn! Rumor has it they will be back next year.

Our journey began when our fearless leader, Doc Kemm (SASS #52557), agreed to be the match director. Doc has been match director for multiple state and regional matches so we knew we were in good hands. He assembled the team of committee members and we had meetings to gather the minds, strengths, and plan the path forward to make this a fun match for all participants.

On Thursday, April 9, the range opened at 8:30 a.m. Workers, vendors, and shooters woke the range up and welcomed the beginning of the journey down the Chisholm Trail. All the stories, lines, and props reflected our ride down the trail. The shoot house our small army built and painted was also decorated to celebrate the 250th Birthday of our United States of America.

Thursday was packed full of activities. There was an RO class, Black Powder match, Warm up matches, Swap Meet, Side matches, Wild Bunch match, and the Posse Marshal walk through.

On Friday, April 10, the range opened at 7:00 a.m. to a brisk morning and a flurry of activity with 113 competitors from 16 different states assembled to ride the Chisholm Trail. By 9:00 a.m. the



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS SUE RENDER AND GROUNDHOG

posses were at their stages and the first rounds went down range. Six stages were shot before an afternoon of Team and Couples matches and the opportunity to

fire a Gatlin Gun. Best part of any match is seeing all of your new and old friends laughing and having fun!

Saturday, April 11, was another

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er brisk morning with plenty of sunshine to warm us up for four stages to complete the main match. Around 1:30 p.m. there was a “friendly” Shoot-Off. Arcadia Outlaw (SASS #71385) was the men’s winner and Midwest Hale (SASS #106614) was the ladies’ winner. Here’s an excerpt of what Arcadia said about

the match: “Midwest Hale and myself just got back from SC State, Rampage at Ridgeville, what a great time we had! If you did not go, you missed out on a good one! Cannot say enough for the crew who did a great job! I’ve not been to this range since the Regionals at Givhans Ferry days, liked it then and like it now.

Ten good size bays with covered loading and unloading tables. The match was well-written. There is plenty of stuff to do in and around Summerville. Hayley and I explored a zoo close by and went into downtown Summerville, which has a lot of restaurants and shops, looks like it would be great for non-shooting spouses to explore. The all-knockdown shoot-off was lots of fun. I won the men’s side and Midwest won the ladies’ side. I was lucky enough to edge her out when they paired the men and ladies. Definitely a match you want to check out.”

Match awards were Saturday afternoon at the Summerville Country Club. A costume contest was held and some interesting categories were awarded along with side match awards before the main match awards. Palmetto Traveler (SASS #100942) came out on top of the Black Powder side match and Kid Ray (SASS #87062) and Sue Render (SASS #87925) were the overall man and woman of the Wild Bunch side match. Congratulations to all of the SC State Category Champions! Please check out SCStateMatch.com for all the scores.

Congratulations to our SC ladies’ champion Sue Render and SC men’s champion Groundhog (SASS #107692).

Overall ladies’ champion is Midwest Hale and overall men’s champion is Christian Mortician (SASS #83177).

Visit SCStateMarch.com for information on next year’s match, to be held April 8-10, 2027. Don’t forget to visit Weinburg Studios at <https://weinbergstudios.smugmug.com> for some amazing photos from the match. See y’all next year!!



HELL ON WHEELS 2026 WYOMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE THE SMOKE ROLLED!

BY T-SQUARE, SASS #105817

If you weren't ridin' into Cheyenne for Hell on Wheels 2026, July 2-5, partner, you flat missed one of the finest gatherings of gunfighters, gamblers, grinners, and black powder smoke this side of the Mississippi!

The Border Vigilantes once again proved they know exactly how to host a state championship worthy of every mile on the odometer. More than 122 Cowboys and Cowgirls pointed their wagons toward Wyoming, traveling from Georgia, the Carolinas, Arizona, Washington, and just about every point in between to answer the call. And what a call it was! The opening ceremonies started with a cavalry color





guard, a prayer, a brief safety meeting and review of the SASS Rules — and then the thunder of gunfire filled the Wyoming frontier! The stage writers must've been fueled by campfire coffee and a healthy disregard for lazy shooters. Every stage had its own personality. One minute you were carrying a stick of “dynamite” that everyone secretly hoped wouldn't become too realistic. The next, you were trying to convince yourself those faraway targets really were pistol distance. Then came another sprint across the range... followed by a zig... a zag... and enough boot leather burned to qualify as a cardio workout. If your hat wasn't crooked by the unloading table, you probably hadn't shot the stage correctly! Yet somehow, the Border Vigilantes pulled off the impossible — stages that challenged the seasoned speed demons while still leaving newer shooters smiling wider than a jackrabbit in a carrot patch. Fast, fun, clever, and loaded with just enough trickery to keep everyone honest. Mother Nature even tipped her hat to the festivities. The weather ranged from cool Wyo-



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ming mornings beneath gentle clouds to bright summer sunshine, with that legendary prairie breeze making sure nobody forgot they were shootin' on the High Plains. When the last shot echoed across the range each day, the fun was just getting started. Cook Your Own Steak Night once again became a feast worthy of a cattle drive. The grills glowed, the steaks sizzled, and no Cowboy, Cowgirl, or hungry sidekick wandered away looking for a second supper. Saturday night's casino was another legendary affair. Cards were played, fortunes won and lost... but the undisputed queen of the gambling hall remained the world-famous Chicken Poop Bingo! Competitors eagerly purchased squares beneath the royal henhouse, anxiously awaiting the official decision of one remarkably unimpressed feathered judge. When Her Highness finally rendered her verdict, one lucky gambler struck pay dirt while everyone else laughed themselves silly. Only in Cowboy Action Shooting™ can poultry become licensed gaming officials! Meanwhile, the campground looked like a frontier town that had collided with an RV convention. There were tents, toy haulers, fifth wheels, travel trailers, motor homes, and enough glamping accommodations to make a railroad baron jealous. As darkness settled over the Wyoming prairie, the stars put on a show no city could ever duplicate. Campfires flickered. Laughter echoed through camp. Tall tales grew taller. Friendships grew stronger. And somewhere, someone was still trying to explain away that one missed target.

When the smoke finally drifted away, the Overall Match Winners were Charlie Reb (SASS #109342) and Quinn Chester (SASS #113434), and one thing was crystal clear. Hell on Wheels isn't just another annual match — it's an experience. It's world-class stages. It's western hospitality at its finest. It's laughter until your ribs hurt. It's enough black powder smoke to blot out a small county. It's old friends, new friends, and memories that'll keep you smiling until next July. So do yourself a favor, partner. When next year's registration opens, don't sit there polishing brass and thinking about it. Circle the date. Hitch up the wagon. Point your horses toward Cheyenne. The Border Vigilantes will be waiting... probably with another stick of dynamite in one hand, a distant target in the other, a hot steak on the grill, and a chicken ready to determine somebody's gambling future. Hell on Wheels isn't merely a match... it's proof that Cowboy Action Shooting is still the most fun a Cowboy can have with his boots on! See y'all down the trail!



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NO MANS LAND 2026 BANDIDAS

BY SUE RENDER, SASS #87925
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Savannah River Rangers and Palmetto Posse hosted No Mans Land May 29-30, 2026. We want to thank Mid Carolina Rifle Club for allowing us to host the match on their beautiful range. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this match happen! This was the fifth Annual No Mans Land and we will do it again next year! The mastermind who started this crazy journey was Tilly Two Spurs (SASS #111118). She was presented with her very own flamingo at the awards luncheon.

Tilly had the idea and the Flalalocas brought it to life in 2022. They handed the reins over to Candice B Real (SASS #88872), Dancin Angel (SASS #53686), and Sue Render (SASS



#87925) in 2025, which moved the match from Florida to South Carolina. Last year the match was based off the movie *Bad Girls* and this year it was based off the movie *Bandidas*. All the stories, lines, and props reflected scenes from the movie. Of course, some of the names were changed to protect the "innocent." Our goal is to make this a fun match for everyone.

We could not do this without our Sponsors! Saddle (Main Match) Sponsors: Bullets by Scarlett, Kitty's Klost, Page Custom Knives, Savannah Gun Works, Fort White Cowboy Cavalry, Mrs. Stock Broker, Hunters HD Gold, and Jesamy Kid and Dancin Angel. Rein Sponsors: Belton Bushwhackers, Denham's Cowboy Shooting Gear, Outlaw Bullets, The Last Stand, Frederick's of Deadwood, Candice B Real, and Patriot Bullet Supply. Stage Sponsors: Able Sugar, Fast Eddie, Quilla Star, Greenville Gunfighters, Groundhog, Palmetto Posse, Savannah River Rangers, Tincan Sailor's Traveling Circus, and



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The workers/volunteers brought *Bandidas* to life at the range just in time for the arrival of all the Cowgirls and Cowboys on Friday, May 29. At high noon, there was a welcome and safety meeting. Two posses broke off and went to their respective stages to read their stories and stage directions. First rounds went down range and the fun began!

A few comments found on Facebook: "You all did an absolute amazing job! I'm so happy I was able to make the trip because this match was everything — from the stages, to the props, the range, THE FOOD, awards, banquet... all of it! I know all the hard work that goes into hosting and running a match and you guys had one heck of a team. Can't wait to come back next year!!!" — Tilly Two Spurs. "This was my first event outside of my usual monthly local shoots. It was beyond what I could have imagined. So much fun and I will forever remember it. Thank you to all who helped create such a special weekend. I love the Cowgirl way. I'm already planning to be there next year!" — Calico Carol (SASS #115015). "It was such a great experience. Well done all!! I am looking forward to NML 2027." — Able Sugar (SASS #110862).

Friday was beautiful and sunny but the weather forecast for Saturday was not looking good, so an executive decision was made to add two stages for those who could stay Friday afternoon. Everyone arrived Saturday morning to a sunny surprise!

Close to noon, before all the shooting was done, the rain arrived in full force. Despite the heavy rain, our Cowgirls finished the stages needed and had a great time.

As soon as everyone made their way to the building for lunch and awards, we had a prayer and a delicious meal with desserts. Congratulations to our Overall Champion Midwest Hale (SASS #106614) and Overall Junior Champion Elle Starr (SASS #114822).

Visit no-mansland.net for match scores and information for next year's match. Don't forget to visit Weinburg Studios at <https://weinbergstudios.smugmug.com> for some amazing photos from the match. Hope to see more of y'all next year!!



YELLOWSTONE VALLEY BUFFALO STAMPEDE

BY T-SQUARE, SASS #105817

Greetings from the glorious Big Sky Country, where the annual Yellowstone Valley Buffalo Stampede, proudly hosted by the Montana Territory Peacemakers, has thundered to a triumphant close! Another splendid gathering of smoke, steel, laughter — and fellowship — has been written into the history books, leaving memories as enduring as the mountains that stand watch over this magnificent land.

The Good Lord Himself smiled upon us each morning. Vast blue heavens stretched from horizon to horizon, adorned with great billowing clouds that drifted like sailing ships across an endless sea of prairie sky. By afternoon, the weather turned benevolent in another fashion, sending generous rains across the mountainsides and valleys. Though a few side matches and the BAMM event required a bit of frontier improvisation and rescheduling, the welcome moisture was celebrated by all, especially after an unusually dry winter and with fire season waiting just beyond the ridgeline.

The stages were nothing short of inspired. Creative, clever, and delight-

fully mischievous, they demanded both quick hands and sharper wits to avoid those dreaded procedural penalties. As a Cowboy whose boots have long trod the ranges of the Southeast, I found the Montana style of stage writing to be a refreshing and invigorating challenge. The targets seem to stand a mite farther away beneath that enormous sky and the scenarios were sprinkled with enough old-time games and frontier tricks to keep even seasoned shooters grinning beneath their mustaches.

One moment, a gambler's luck determined your course of fire as you drew playing cards and engaged only certain suits. The next, the tumble of dice decided which shotgun targets would answer to your call. These imaginative touches elevate the sport beyond mere stand-and-deliver shooting and remind us all that Cowboy Action Shooting™ is equal parts marksmanship, storytelling, and good old-fashioned fun.

The venerable Billings Rod & Gun Club provided a first-rate venue only a few miles beyond the bustling city of Billings. When the smoke cleared each evening, many competitors pointed their wagons toward town in search of Montana's renowned steakhouses and other fine establishments. Naturally, most arrived in full Cowboy regalia, providing

ample opportunity to share our beloved game with curious townsfolk. One could scarcely ask for finer company, better meals, or more spirited conversation than that found around those supper tables and campfires beneath the stars.

Yet above all else, the Yellowstone Valley Buffalo Stampede reminded us that our sport is built upon fellowship. The laughter around camp, the helping hand freely offered, the stories exchanged between old friends and new acquaintances alike — these are the treasures that endure long after the last round has been fired and the final plume of black powder smoke has drifted upon the Montana breeze.

Overall match winners were Spud Hays, SASS #112981 (men) and Prairie Storm, SASS #83255 (ladies). Visit <https://mtpeacemakers.club/> for complete scores.

So mark your calendars, partners, and begin making preparations now. When June rolls around once more, point your wagons northward and make for the Last Best Place. The Yellowstone Valley Buffalo Stampede is a jewel of the frontier, a match worthy of every Cowboy's bucket list, and an experience that captures the very heart and soul of our game.

We'll be waiting beneath the Big Sky. Save us a place around your campfire.



WILD BUNCH

CREATING A DESERT OASIS FOR WILD BUNCH

BY HOOPSSNAKE LAVACHE (SASS #108902)

Interesting developments are afoot under sunny western skies. With a little bit of creativity and not much additional effort, Squibber (SASS #14680), one of the founders of The Dusty Bunch Gun Club and reigning Wild Bunch Elder Statesman Modern World Champion, has found a way for Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ (Wild Bunch) to coexist harmoniously in the Central Arizona desert. Regular readers of The Cowboy Chronicle will be well-versed in the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting, but Wild Bunch, a sport that trades six shooters for a 1911 semi-automatic pistol, may be less familiar. If you have never tried Wild Bunch, you are not alone. The number of Wild Bunch participants is often less than 25 percent of the number of Cowboy Action participants at any large match offering both

disciplines. The new SASS Wild Bunch rules (more on this later) have made it easier to bring this sport to your local club, but limited time and resources can still make it hard to get started. Overcoming scarcity often requires creative thinking and that is precisely what Squibber and his Dusty Bunch have in spades. Their innovative solution allows both Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch to be offered on the same match day at the same time. A solution that can be applied to nearly any local SASS club.

The Dusty Bunch, currently operating out of the city owned and managed Elzy Pearson Range just outside Casa Grande, Arizona, has been offering monthly Cowboy Action matches for more than 27 years and is the home of the popular “Gathering of the Poses” every January. Since 2025, thanks to the tireless efforts of Squibber and Cholula Mike (SASS #84771), Chair of the SASS Wild Bunch Range Operation Committee, the club has also been the host of “Ambush at Sawtooth Mountain,” the SASS Wild Bunch Arizona State Championship. Hosting two successful state Wild Bunch championships put the desire in place to offer Wild Bunch matches more regularly. The issues that quickly arose are the same that nearly all SASS affiliated clubs face — lack of

range time, scarcity of manpower for setup and tear-down, and availability of props and targets. Due to these limitations, it became apparent that it would not be workable to offer a separate monthly Wild Bunch match in addition to their regular Cowboy Action matches. The Dusty Bunch would need to offer Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch on the same match day at the same time using the same stages. The question, then, was how to make space for Wild Bunch shooters at the regular monthly Cowboy Action match. Two ideas emerged — either integrate the Wild Bunch shooters into the existing posses or offer a separate posse for Wild Bunch.

Adding Wild Bunch shooters into the Cowboy Action posses was seriously considered but posed many logistical problems. The updated SASS Wild Bunch rules have lowered barriers to entry for the sport by greatly increasing options for match legal firearms. No longer are .40 caliber or greater rifles nor model 1897 or model 12 shotguns required. Now any SASS legal rifle or shotgun can be used (unless shooting in the “Classic” categories). However, the minimum 150 power factor requirement for the 1911 pistol remains an issue. This higher power factor, in contrast to the minimum of 60 for Cowboy,

10—Pistol
10—Rifle
4+—Shotgun

May 2026 Dusty Bunch Cowboy Stage

R1

R2

R3

R4

P1

P2

P3

P4




POS-1

POS-2

STAGING: Pistols holstered; Rifle and Shotgun staged safely at POS-2;

START: Shooter choice, rifle not last. Hands touching holsters.

AT SIGNAL:

At POS-1, with PISTOLS, engage pistol targets with triple taps to the outside targets then double tap the inside targets.

At POS-2, with RIFLE engage rifle targets same as pistol.

At POS-2, with SHOTGUN engage 4 knockdown targets until down

28 Pistol
10 Rifle
4 Shotgun

May 2026 Dusty Bunch Wild Bunch Stage

R1

R2

R3

R4

P1

P2

P3

P4



Move POS-1
back 3 yards.

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POS-1

POS-2

STAGING: Long guns staged as needed

START: At any Position, at the Ready

AT SIGNAL:

POSITION 1: With Pistol: Engage targets in Double Tap Nevada Sweep, starting on either end, for 14 rounds.

POSITION 2: Repeat Pistol Instructions, for 14 rounds.

POSITION 2: With Rifle: Engage targets in a Single Tap Nevada Sweep starting on either end, for 10 rounds

POSITION 3: With Shotgun: Engage targets in any order

requires the pistol targets to be set farther out for safe range operations, and any match director knows full well that they are in for an earful if the Cowboy Action Shooters feel the targets are set too far out. This, coupled with the average Cowboy's unfamiliarity with the differences in course of fire and safety rules on the range for Wild Bunch, made offering a separate Wild Bunch posse at the match the most logical solution.

Designating a separate Wild Bunch posse allows for a true Wild Bunch experience to be had, while utilizing the same stages as the concurrent Cowboy Action match. The Wild Bunch shooters load their 1911 magazines to seven and bring their shotgun to the line stoked with up to six shells in the magazine (provided they have the appropriate shotgun). Being in a specific Wild Bunch posse also means shooters are with people more likely to be familiar with the nuances of Wild Bunch match procedures and range operations. The only pesky issue that remained was, what to do about the safe target distance for the pistol? After some deliberation, Squibber arrived at a simple and ingenious solution. When the Wild Bunch posse arrives on the stage, they simply move the table at the pistol target position back roughly three yards and presto, it is now safe for Wild Bunch! The Wild Bunch shooters can also use the Cowboy Action rifle targets for their 1911 pistols if desired, further opening the world of possibilities for stage

design. With coordination between the Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch stage writers, and abundant creativity, the crack duo of Squibber and Flying W Ramrod (SASS #40559), SASS Certified Wild Bunch Range Operations Instructor, has authored some very clever Wild Bunch stages without the need to alter the target layout (see example stage). When the Wild Bunch posse is finished, all they need to do is move the pistol position table back to its original location. These table positions should be pre-marked during match setup to keep everything fair and square.

Increasing the availability of Wild Bunch matches is the best and only way to grow this exciting and challenging first cousin to Cowboy Action shooting. The new SASS Wild Bunch rules allow participants to try Wild Bunch using their existing Cowboy Action rifles and shotguns. The basic clothing requirements remain the same and shooters likely can even use their Cowboy leathers, as most single action revolver holsters will accommodate a 1911 pistol to get it to the firing line.

Even magazine pouches are optional as pistol magazines can be staged on the tables at the shooting positions. All any Cowboy Action shooter really needs to get started in Wild Bunch (thanks to the new SASS Wild Bunch Rules) is an appropriate 1911 pistol with a few magazines, the ability to count to seven, a positive attitude, and gumption. In practice, The Dusty Bunch has been

able to pull off this new Wild Bunch format with minimal additional work. They have even found, almost counter-intuitively, that although their round counts are higher, the Wild Bunch posse tends to be the one waiting for the Cowboys to finish their stages.

More opportunity for Wild Bunch with minimal extra effort and no observed hindrance to the proper flow of the overall match. What's not to love? With a small core group of Wild Bunch shooters, some creative stage writing, and the movement of one table, any Cowboy Action club can start offering both shooting disciplines at the same match (if you build it, they will come). The Dusty Bunch is doing it and so can you! Yeehaw!

Author's note: Offering concurrent Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch Action shooting is an ongoing development that Squibber and the rest of The Dusty Bunch will continue to improve on and refine. For more information about The Dusty Bunch's monthly matches or the 2027 SASS Arizona Wild Bunch State Championship, "Ambush at Sawtooth Mountain," please visit www.dustybunch.com and / or contact:

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			.338	200 GR.	RNFP/100
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DISPATCHES FROM FORT BAYLOR

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS
#24287 REGULATOR, HALL OF FAME

Catching Up

I got a little behind while recovering from the broken leg from the fates catching up for my living dangerously for many years.

Winchester '73 replicas, Ammunition, and Screwknives

The most popular rifle in SASS is one of the Winchester '73 replicas. The Uberti, Taylor's, and Cimarron are all made by Uberti. Some are ordered by the importer with unique specifications. An example is the 18" barreled pistol grip rifle Taylor's sells. The Miroku-made Winchester '73s are getting very popular. The most popular caliber is .357 mag using .38 special ammunition. The ammunition is cheapest, compared to rounds that cost two or three times as much, both in ammunition and components. The .45 Colt is easy to load and .38-40 and .44-40, being bottlenecks, are more difficult. They are all more expensive than .38s.

"But that's not authentic," you



ROUND JAMMED, WILL NOT GO INTO CHAMBER, COULD BE SPLIT CASE ALLOWING THE BULLET TO RETRACT INTO THE CASE, TOO SHORT A BULLET, OR JUST NOT YOUR DAY.

interject. Okay, do you shoot smokeless ammunition? The first U.S. certified smokeless firearm was the Winchester 1894. Colt pistols weren't certified for smokeless ammunition until 1900. If you're shooting smokeless in your '73, you're not being authentic. But that's okay, Most of us aren't.

We're talking about ways to improve the reliability and ease of use of your '73 for a competition based on



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having fun, not take on a fight with Comanches, etc.

The .38 Special SHOULD be easy. It is if you realize that every cartridge has a maximum and a minimum overall length (OAL). We are talking about the maximum and minimum FOR '66 AND '73 ACTIONS ONLY.

Going to .357 mag brass is a good idea if you have a 55-gallon drum of new Starline .357 mag brass. Other-



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“Well, what are those numbers?”

It depends. For these rifles, if you're between 1.45" and 1.53". If the guy who built your '73 gives different numbers, use them. Revolvers will work with any length that doesn't stick out of the front of the cylinder, so measure rounds with a good caliper. Put your possibly under length rounds in a box marked "Revolver Only."

What about your knockdown heavy bullets?

If you want to load regular and knockdown loads without having to adjust dies between rounds, consider this — 158-grain RNFP and 105-grain TCFP by Bullets By Scarlett (and other companies) using the same molds can use the dies with the same setting. Bullets by Scarlett uses 1.48 for her 125s and doesn't readjust for 158s. In my case the 105s are 1.50" (because it makes a good place to crimp the bullets), and the 158s are 1.49. (So, don't change anything.) When you're measuring your rounds and you find the last third and fourth digits keep changing from round to round, then note the first two remain the same.

What else?

Be ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY

have good, clean crimps on very round.

The side-by-side photo of the 105 and the 158 together shows good crimps at good locations. Both bullets have grooves permitting different seating depths.

Here's what can happen with rounds with no crimp. Usually they get belled when the powder is dropped. This can, at worst case example, lock up the rifle more than you can fix on the clock.



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DISCLAIMER

I try to avoid reloading articles that, if they have a misprint and you follow it, blow your one-of-a-kind special rifle to pieces. But I've had enough questions about this subject I'm trying to thread the needle. It's up to you to proof read and ask that SASS shooter you rely on to catch it.

A cure for jammed rounds – Revisiting Screwknives

I thought I had written enough on Screwknives, but I encountered several new shooters who asked why we all carry them. Then one of us had a split case lock up a '73 rifle when the bullet slid into the case when under pressure from the loading spring, and the shooter pulled the Screwknife out, and within five seconds the bad round had been ejected out the loading gate, and a fresh round loaded and fired, saving a clean match. (Yes, that requires practice, practice, practice.)

I've been told Screwknives were invented by Redwing, a SASS Knife-maker (now retired) because shooters were asking for an emergency tool to clear some rifle jams and jellies and, of course, they wanted a basic screwdriver for when you find a loose grip screw or ejector rod housing screw at the loading table.* And the most important use, cutting open cardboard boxes, such as shotshell boxes.

(*The Screwdriver should only be



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BOTTOM VIEW OF THE SCALE LEVELING PLATFORM SHOWING LEVELING FEET.

used for basic tightness to last the stage. Final tightening should only be done by a precision screwdriver, which can tighten tight without making the screw look 200 years old.)

This column is unsponsored and, as usual, I only recommend people who make great stuff. Mernickle Custom Leather has the Bone-A-Fyde line, which have blades of Damascus steel, good for really trying to pry and otherwise use beyond the line of duty.

Clearing a bad round that has locked up your '66 or '73

The lever won't close and the round won't eject. You look inside and see that the round is too short (in this case a simulated collapsed round, such as a split case, allowing the bullet to back into the case). What do you do? See the photos. Practice Practice Practice.

Screwknives From Top to Bottom

The accompanying picture illustrates much of the history of Screw-



UNIQUETEK'S DILLON POWDER MEASURE WEIGHT KIT.

knives. At the top is a current Bone-a-Fyde knife with my alias on it. There are engravers at big SASS matches who will put your alias on one. One of my knives was returned to me a year after I lost it. Of course the finder searched for me until we met. SASS is like that.

The next one is one of my original Redwing's, beautifully inlaid, and is easily grabbed out of a holster-mounted scabbard but is out of the way. The next one is the first Redwing I got. I later decided I liked the skinny profile for

getting into the rifle.

The next one is a ScrewWrench, designed for Wild Bunch. It will open or tighten a barrel bushing on a 1911. It's all stainless and very strong. But like all of the screws on our firearms, a very precise wrench is needed for a tight barrel bushing. A military grade 1911 usually works with fingers. A match grade 1911 needs a precise wrench. This will work with a lot of Wild Bunch guns, and it's a great status symbol.

The next three are Frontiersman Screwknives, with a flat top to push a primer onto a percussion revolver nipple and a screwdriver blade. The bottom one is my original, the one that was lost for a year. The big one, its replacement, was made from the shortest antler Redwing had at the time I loved it. You might notice the colored stripes for measuring various things on percussion firearms when filling the chambers of the revolver. The middle one with the little wing, by Bone-A-Fyde, looks cool and it works fine as a Frontiersman.

I'm left-handed. I like my name on the "inside" as carried. I neglected to tell the engraver that. They will put your name on the left side usually. There aren't many Screwknife makers. Bone-A-Fyde are sold by Mernickle Custom Holsters. They make two kinds of scabbards. One is a very nice belt mounted one, and one attaches to a holster. If you're a knife maker who I've forgotten about and you contact me, I'll make ya famous, in a good way.

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A Few More Goodies from UniqueTek

These were bumped from a previous *Cowboy Chronicle* because the issue was full, a lot of big matches at once. Yes, I write about Unique-Tek a lot. Lee Love is a fixture at Ben Avery matches and he has good stuff and good intentions. He is always finding innovative gadgets that become must haves.

Scale Leveling Platform — \$24.95

When Lee Love told me they were coming out with this I wanted to test one. Level is important to me. We built our shop in our new house. I went to



UNIQUETEK'S DIE CAPS FOR DILLON DIES.

serious efforts to level each bench and ensure the one where I put my powder scale be as level as possible. And it is, but that wasn't good enough. Things move.

UniqueTek explains the problem — Most currently available Powder Scales don't have leveling feet. And not all reloading benches have a smooth, flat, level surface. This Scale Leveling Platform is smooth, flat, has leveling feet and an integrated bubble level.

- Material: Tempered Glass, 0.024" Thick
- Color: Clear Glass with Black Back-Paint
- Dimensions: 7-7/8" L x 6-1/4" W x 11/16" H
- Leveling Feet: 4, with 0.4" diameter, non-skid rubber pads
- Bullseye Level: 3/8" diameter mounted beneath glass surface
- Weight: 0.6 Lb.

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The Bullseye Bubble Level is mounted beneath the glass so the top surface is flat and smooth from edge to edge, allowing you to utilize 100 percent of the surface.

Using the platform is pretty simple. Follow the instructions to level it. The scale being level might be more consistent. If I'm loading 3.2 grains of Clean Shot, the weighed charges vary from 3.1 to 3.4. It's for SASS, not a 3000-yard squirrel shot. If I get something outside that, something is wrong. Sometimes

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CIMARRON FIREARMS 3.5-INCH THUNDERER .45 COLT REVOLVER

BY TUOLMNE LAWMAN, SASS #6127

Many people are guilty of thinking only in terms of single action Colt Peacemakers and Smith and Wesson No. 3 revolvers as being the primary handguns of the old West. Well, folks, that just isn't so! Besides the plethora of percussion Colt and Remington single actions, their cartridge conversion cousins, smaller double action revolvers like the Colt 1877 .41 Thunderer and .38 Lightning abounded. Cimarron Firearms has introduced their Thunderer revolver for the current day Cowboy Action Shooter™ that might want the same grip and mystique in the tradition of the 1877 Colt double actions, though in single action only to meet SASS main match revolver requirements.

1877 Thunderer History

While God may have created all men and women equal in his eyes, he did not give everyone the same size hands! This was true in the heyday of the American West as it is today. Shooters who wanted

a sidearm with some punch but either had small hands or needed something concealable had limited choices in the 1860s and early 1870s. There were various percussion pocket pistols, though in a rather anemic .31 caliber. The .36 Navy revolvers of 1851 and 1861 had a grip favored by folks with smaller hands but were still long. It was not uncommon to find 1851, 1860, and 1861 percussion and cartridge conversion revolvers with their barrels cut down to a more handy size.

Then there was also the consideration of some people that double action revolvers were desirable for quick first shots. There were a number of successful double action percussion revolvers in the late 1850s to early 1870s. Adams, Tranter, and Starr were among the most common. These, once again, were large and not concealable, or amenable to folks with smaller hands. I am sure there were efforts by frontier gunsmiths to cut some of these down also. There was also a flood of small, top break pocket revolvers, but they were usually in the rather anemic .32 or .38 S&W calibers. They had a poor reputation of being largely inadequate as fight stoppers.

Colt came up with an answer to both issues — something more pow-

erful than a .41 derringer or .32 or .38 top break, yet concealable and double action for faster first shots. In 1877, they released their newly-designed double action revolver. It looked similar to a Single Action Army, though it was scaled down to about ¾ of the size. It employed a double action/single action ignition system, necessitating a disproportionately large trigger guard compared to the Single Action Army. Another difference was the 1877 DA locking lug engaged the rear face of the cylinder rather than the exterior like the larger Single Action Army.

The 1877 DA also had a smaller, "birds head" grip, with a raised bump on the back strap to assist in keeping your grip during double action firing and under recoil. I might add here that bird's head grips we're very popular in the last quarter of the 19th Century and beginning of the 20th Century, especially in Europe. From 1887 to 1915, all Webley revolvers had bird's head grips. Author's pictured 1915 Webley MK V revolver is a prime example of a Victorian era bird's head revolver. BTW, the Webley 1887 MK II thru 1915 MK V revolvers were identical, except for mostly internal minor changes, and the MK V was the first proofed for smokeless powder.



1877 .41 COLT



1877 .38 LONG COLT



877 .32 LONG COLT

Initially the 1877 was released in the same .38 Colt center fire cartridge used by the 1851 and 1861 Navy cartridge conversions (subsequently dubbed “.38 Long Colt” to differentiate from the .38 Short Colt used in some pocket class pistols). This used a healed bullet (rebated base in the case mouth and bullet same diameter as the case like modern .22 LR rounds) of .375 to .380 inch diameter. The bullet was around 130-150 grains of very soft lead and used 17 or 18 grains of black powder in a .88-inch long case. It achieved around 150 to 160 pounds of muzzle energy, about the same as a light .38 special target load. While not a powerhouse, the cartridge had achieved popularity in the earlier cartridge conversions.

Shortly after that, Colt released the 1877 revolver in the newly developed .41 Colt cartridge. The .41 Colt originally used a 200-grain healed bullet (similar to the earlier .44 Colt cartridge) of .408 diameter and about 22 grains of black powder in a case that was .93-inch in length. With a little over 200 pounds of muzzle energy, this put the .41 Colt in almost the same class as the .44 Russian round's 246-grain bullet over 19-20 grains of black powder, that was used in the No. 3 Smith and Wesson.

The .38 Colt variation of the 1877 DA had been dubbed the “Lightning” by Colt's major wholesaler, Benjamin Kitteredge, and not by the Colt factory. The later ones, in the more powerful, newly designed .41 Colt caliber, he dubbed “Thunderer.” (He was also responsible for the name “Peacemaker” for the 1873 Single Action Army). The .38 Lightnings and .41 Thunderers came in two basic styles — short barreled (2.5” to 4”) with no ejector rod, and longer barrels like 4.75” and 5.5” with ejector rod assemblies like the Single Action Army. I have read from several sources there was also a rarer version of the revolver in .32 Long Colt, called “Rainmaker,” that came out in 1887. Only 200 of these .32 Long Colt “Rainmakers” are reported to have been produced. I have never actually seen one of the .32 Long Colt 1877s. I understand, however, that both the Morphy's and Rock Island auction houses have recently sold several of them.

The shorter barreled 1877s were generally considered “hide-out” guns, where the longer barreled ones with



SHORT BARRELED 1877

ejectors were considered "belt models." Those would generally be worn in a holster, just like a Single Action Army. Many notable pistoleros of the time carried Colt 1877 double actions — Jesse James, Tom Horn, John Wesley Hardin, Billy the Kid, Pat Garret, and John Selman, to name a few.

The Colt 1877 DA Thunderer

and Lightning revolvers had one flaw, though. They were generally considered somewhat fragile due to their delicate double action lock work. Due to this fragile lock work, they earned the nickname of "Watchmaker's Nightmare." On a good note, even when the double action mechanism failed, it could generally still be used effectively as a sin-

gle action. When they worked, though, they worked well, and the Colt 1877 DA Thunderer and Lightning revolvers were very popular and a tremendous success.

Note about Ammunition for Original Thunderer and Lightning Revolvers

In 1892, the .38 Colt switched to a hollow based .357 diameter, inside lubed bullet in a slightly longer 1.02" case. This was in response to the US Army requiring an inside lubed .357 bullet for their model 1892 double action revolver, with its .375 bore. The new ammunition would work in both the older .375-.380 bores of the cartridge conversions and early 1877 Colts — expanding to engage the rifling of the larger bores — and still work in the new, smaller .357 bores of the newly-issued 1892 Army guns.

Just prior to the turn of the century, Colt also switched the .41 Colt to a longer 1.13-inch long case and switched it to a standard inside lubed bullet of .386 diameter. This was soft lead and had a deep hollow base that would obdurate (expand) to engage the .41 caliber bore. This allowed the use of grease grooves




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within the case instead of the messy outside lube on heeled bullets. This also simplified the manufacture of the .41 Colt ammunition.

Cimarron's .45 Colt Thunderer

Original Lightnings and Thunderers, while not terribly hard to find, are not suited to Cowboy Action Shooting. Even discounting the fact that current SASS rules do not allow the use of double action revolvers, even in single action mode, there are other problems. An obvious one is the fragile double action mechanisms of the original 1877s. Most shooters in the 19th Century would not put as many rounds through their Thunderer or Lightning in a lifetime as SASS shooters do in just several matches. A heavily used 1877 was likely to break sooner or later. They were also known as the "Gunsmith's Favorite" due to their fragile double action mechanisms. Nineteenth Century metallurgy was not what it is today. If they do break (as they probably would in the middle of a match with my luck), finding parts for them is almost impossible.

Secondly, loading black powder-only cartridges with the heeled .38 Colt and .41 Colt bullets is a very time consuming "pain in the you know what." Granted you can use the longer brass and load hollow based bullets, but it is still difficult to do properly.

Mike "Texas Jack" Harvey, the founder and owner of Cimarron Firearms, came up with an answer. In 1990, Mike worked with Uberti to produce a single action only variation of the Thunderer chambered for the three most popular SASS calibers – .357/.38 special, .44-40, and .45 Colt. It is also now catalogued in the original .41 Colt caliber, the original "Thunderer" chambering.

While still using the standard Single Action Army frame size, they mated the same grip frame and bird's head grip of the original 1877 Colt Thunderer and Lightning. The Cimarron Thunderer is available in 3.5", 4.75" and 5.5" barrel lengths. The Thunderer is made solely for Cimarron by Uberti, in Italy. Shortly after Val Kilmer portrayed Doc Holliday in the 1993 classic *Tombstone*, Cimarron introduced their "Huckleberry" 3.5" barreled, nickel plated, faux-ivory gripped, version of the Thunderer. It was to approximate the 1877 Colt Thunderer



TOP TO BOTTOM — AUTHOR'S RUGER OLD MODEL VAQUERO .45 COLT, MK V WEBLEY .455, CIMARRON THUNDERER .45 COLT

Doc brandishes in the movie.

For this review, I obtained a 3.5" barreled, blued and color case hardened Cimarron Thunderer in .45 Colt. The barrel is identical with a standard SAA barrel, to include the ejector rod assembly and front sight, but only 3.5" in length. It is gorgeous! The barrel and back strap have a really nice polished blue-black finish. The barrel is marked ".45 Colt." The action on my sample was tight and correctly timed, though the

trigger pull was a very light at 2.5 lbs!

The Thunderer has a pre-1900 "black powder" style frame, the cylinder base pin being retained by a screw in the front, rather than the spring loaded transverse retainer of the post 1900 model Colts. My sample uses a knurled headed screw, rather than the slotted one of the originals. This facilitates take down without a screwdriver. The hammer and receiver are subtly color case hardened. The hammer of my sample



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REMOVING THUNDERER CYLINDER PIN

does not have the small screw activated “safety” lever that is common on some imported single actions. Their effort at a compliant safety is, after loosening the retention screw, the the cylinder pin can be pushed in far enough to block the hammer mounted firing pin from strik-

ing the cartridge.

While discussing the cylinder pin, because of the 3.5-inch short barrel, you must push the ejector towards the cylinder, which rotates the head of the ejector out of the way of the cylinder pin enough to withdraw the cylinder pin enough to

remove the cylinder.

The Cimarron Thunderer comes with a walnut bird’s head grip, with the hump (or some call it a “knuckle”) at the top of the back strap, just like original Colt Thunderers. The wood to metal fit of the grip is flawless. With this grip, the heft seems about just right, with maybe a hint of muzzle heaviness with the 3.5” barrel. This helps with felt recoil. It tips the postal scales at 34 ounces. That would be just about right for shooting most Cowboy Action loads. Any lighter and I think it would have too much buck for many shooters.

The grip is comfortable, though it seems just slightly smaller in my hand than the than the standard SAA grip. It is not, however, too small for my fairly large hands. The Thunderer’s bird’s head grip is larger than the similar bird’s head grip on the 3/4 size Cimarron Lightning single actions. The bump on the back-strap of the Thunderer, above the web between the thumb and trigger finger on your hand, helps to control the roll back during recoil that is common with the Single Action Army design grip. I have always been partial to bird’s head grips and two of my favorite pistols are my MK V Webley in .455 and my bird’s head Old Model Vaquero in .45 Colt.

How Does it Shoot?

All shooting was done off-hand using a traditional two-hand hold at ranges of 10 yards. I used both Winchester factory “full load” 250-Grain and 200-grain Cowboy .45 Colt factory ammunition, as well as my own hand loads for the test. I like stout loads for CAS. My hand load is a Bear Creek Supply moly-coated, .454 diameter, 250-grain RNFP over 6.5 grains of Bullseye or 6.0 grains of Trail Boss with a Winchester Large Pistol primer. Both hand loads and factory loads feel about the same in felt recoil and have the same relationship of point of aim to point of impact and match closely the POI of Black Hills factory ammo.

Both the Winchester 200-grain “Cowboy Load” and the 250-grain original power load were outstanding. At ten yards on paper targets I had one five shot group that was just over one inch with the WW 20- grain. Using a 6:00 o’clock hold, bouncing pop cans on the hillside, I would average four out of five at 15-20

yards. On paper, the hand loads duplicate the Winchester 250-grain loading almost exactly. However, I did slightly better bouncing pop cans with the Winchester load. The Unique and Trail Boss loads were almost as good as the 200 grain WW, and about the same as the 250-grain WW Load.

At the Matches

I have used the Cimarron Thunderer at one local Murrieta Posse match and two annual matches — Arroyo Cantua at Ione, CA, and High Sierra Shoot Out at Railroad Flat, CA. The Cimarron Thunderer was a stellar performer. It shot flawlessly and I never missed a target with it in a total of 38 stages among all three main matches and the pre-match warm up events. That's pretty darn good performance if you ask me! It will be paired with my .45 Colt bird's head Old Vaquero from now on.

At all matches I shot full load, 250-grain factory and reload ammo, except one warm-up match, where I actually shot .455 Webley ammo in it. It's .454," 262-grain hollow base bullet at 650 fps from the stubby Webley case was a thumper!

Conclusion

I think the Cimarron Thunderer is an absolute winner! Not just for shooters with smaller hands, but even for cowpoke's like me with big hands. Every time I shoot it at a match it gets admiring stares and comments. For style points, it rates close to the top. After all, a Thunderer in .41 Colt was the favorite of William Bonney (Billy the Kid). It is also a favorite of mine. It just feels great in the hand. Even with my warm Trail Boss loads, the Cimarron Thunderer is quicker on the second shot because of its unique back strap.

I might say the Cimarron Thunderer has utility outside of Cowboy Action Shooting. Shortly after its release in the 1990s, while I was a Sheriff's Investigator in a rural northern California County, the District Attorney Investigator, a real life cowboy, used a Cimarron Thunderer 3.5-inch in .45 Colt for a carry gun. He had a custom made pancake holster for it and never felt under-gunned! He thought my 9mm S&W 6906 was a puny pistol!

A full line of correct leather for the Thunderer is available from Cimarron's subsidiary, Texas Jack's. As a rule, though,



COLT'S PROPRIETARY LARGE BORE REVOLVER CARTRIDGES L TO R — .45 COLT, .44 COLT, .41 LONG COLT



LOADING THE THUNDERER

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The histories of two great powers — the United States and Russia, and before that the Soviet Union and the Russian Empire — have long been closely intertwined. At a crucial moment in history, Russia played an important diplomatic role in helping the United States achieve independence. In 1780, it proclaimed the League of Armed Neutrality and dispatched its naval fleet to protect merchant vessels bound for America from attacks by British warships. Later, during the first half of the twentieth century, our nations fought side by side against a common enemy — Nazism. The United States provided tremendous assistance to the Soviet Union by opening a second front in Europe and supplying military equipment through the Lend-Lease program.

Unfortunately, after our peoples' great victory, ideological differences led to the establishment of the Iron Curtain and, during the 1960s, brought the world to the brink of nuclear war. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed and catastrophe was avoided. By the early 1970s, relations between the United States and the Soviet Union entered a period of improving relations — the era known as *détente*. In 1972, U.S. President Richard Nixon became only the second American president, after Franklin D. Roosevelt, to visit the Soviet Union, where he met with General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. In June 1973, at Nixon's invitation, Brezhnev paid a return visit to the United States.

It should be said that the people of the United States and Russia have much in common. We are hardworking and hospitable, we enjoy barbecue and beer, fine automobiles, hunting, movies — especially Westerns — and, of course,

firearms. Leonid Brezhnev was no exception. He was an experienced hunter and amassed an impressive collection of firearms and automobiles. During his visit to the United States, President Nixon presented him with a dark blue 1973 Lincoln Continental. Brezhnev was delighted with the gift, reacting like a child receiving a long-awaited new toy.

During an informal dinner following the official negotiations, it emerged that Brezhnev was an avid fan of cowboy

movies, particularly the television series *The Rifleman*, starring Chuck Connors. *The Rifleman* was never broadcast in the Soviet Union. Brezhnev watched it privately in the personal movie theater at his country residence, where prints had been specially brought from the United States by people who knew of his passion for cowboy films. Naturally, Chuck Connors was immediately invited to attend a reception at the President's residence in San Clemente, California.



Chuck Connors receives Leonid Brezhnev's gift from Vasily I. Yunak, an attache at the Russian consulate in San Francisco. (AP Photo)

Gift From Brezhnev

Soviet Communist party chief **LEONID I. BREZHNEV** has made good his promise to send actor **CHUCK CONNORS** a gift. Connors, formerly television's "Rifleman," gave Brezhnev a pair of .45-caliber revolvers during the Russian's visit to President Nixon's home at San Clemente last month. Connors said Wednesday that he had

received a samovar, the Russian version of a teapot, from Brezhnev. Connors presented the revolvers after Brezhnev spotted him at a welcoming reception and came over to give Connors a bear hug. The samovar was delivered to Connors' home here by an attache to the Soviet consul general in San Francisco.

BREZHNEV VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE



RICHARD NIXON PRESENTED LEONID BREZHNEV WITH A NEW LINCOLN CONTINENTAL.



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COLTS GRANTED BY CHUCK



LEONID BREZHNEV'S REVOLVERS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

Leonid Brezhnev was thrilled to meet his screen idol and when Chuck Connors presented him with two Colt Single Action Army revolvers from his personal collection and gave him a quick lesson in handling them with the flair of a western movie cowboy Brezhnev was absolutely delighted. He invited Connors to visit the Soviet Union and later sent his new American friend a traditional Russian samovar as a token of appreciation. Chuck Connors visited the Soviet Union in December 1973. Before departing, he stopped at the White House to meet with President Nixon. *Time Magazine* described the meeting as follows:

"Connors leaves for Moscow next week. He stopped by the White House to say *dosvidaniya* (goodbye in Russian) to the host whose party say started it all and who is counting on the trip to help repair some of the damage to East-West *détente* caused by the Middle East war. 'The President gave me about two dozen presidential tie clips and ladies' pins, with instructions to spread them around when I thought it appropriate,' said Connors. Brezhnev will get more than a tie clip. 'I've ordered two engraved Colt revolvers for the General Secretary,' Connors added. 'Brezhnev is quite a western buff.'"

The following year, in 1974, another American president visited the Soviet Union. This time it was Gerald Ford, who had succeeded Nixon after his resignation. It was President Ford who personally delivered to Brezhnev the specially commissioned Colt revolvers that Chuck Connors had ordered for the Soviet leader.

I first learned about the existence of Leonid Brezhnev's cowboy revolvers about seven years ago, when I came across a photograph on the Internet showing Brezhnev on a hunting trip wearing a Colt revolver in a buscadero holster. That image sparked my curiosity, and I began searching for the revolvers in the hope of photographing them for an article and to make the video for my YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@JohnnyFirst>).

My research revealed that several years after Brezhnev's death, the KGB department responsible for protecting the country's top leadership transferred his entire firearms collection to the Museum of the Soviet Army, now known as the Central Museum of the



AUTHOR WITH BREZHNEV'S COLTS — LEONID BREZHNEV'S REVOLVERS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. During all the years the collection has been housed there, the firearms have been displayed only a couple of times, during exhibitions dedicated to anniversaries of Brezhnev's birth. Even then, visitors were shown only two of the four revolvers — the pair presented by President Gerald Ford in 1974. The other two revolvers, the ones originally given to Brezhnev by Chuck Connors, had never left the museum vaults and had never been exhibited to the public.

Fortunately, the museum's administration agreed to grant me permission to photograph and film these remarkable firearms. In May 2026, I became the first civilian — and the first firearms journalist — to have the opportunity to hold all

four revolvers in my hands.

Let's begin with the revolvers presented by Chuck Connors. They are two classic Colt Single Action Army revolvers chambered in .45 Colt, each fitted with a 7.5-inch barrel. One is blued and fitted with walnut grips. This is the revolver clearly visible in the famous hunting photograph, carried by Brezhnev in his holster. The second revolver is nickel-plated with grey mother-of-pearl imitation grips. It can be seen in another hunting photograph, carried in the holster of one of Brezhnev's bodyguards. The revolvers have close serial numbers: 39635SA and 39650SA. According to the Colt serial lookup, these revolvers are 2nd generation Colt SAAs manufactured in 1964. In my opinion, the grips



LEONID BREZHNEV'S COLTS — LEONID BREZHNEV'S REVOLVERS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

of these Colts are bigger than standard and probably custom-made to fit Chuck Connors' large palm. I have big enough hands, and when I hold these revolvers, all four fingers are on the grip. When I hold a revolver with a standard grip, my little finger doesn't fit on it.

The other two revolvers comprise an extraordinary custom presentation set housed in a red leather-covered display case. Both revolvers feature lavish hand engraving with extensive gold inlay. The engraving was executed by the legendary Colt master engraver Alvin White, working in his distinctive and instantly recognizable style.

One revolver symbolizes the United States, while the other represents the Soviet Union. The guns are adorned with portraits of Leonid Brezhnev and Samuel Colt, as well as the national emblems of both countries. Both revolvers have 7.5-inch barrels and are chambered in .45 Colt and decorated with hunting scenes. The cylinders are engraved with images of the Kremlin and the United States Capitol.

Particularly fascinating are the images of the cowboy and the Cossack engraved on the opposite sides of the cylinders. These figures are based on artwork created by the renowned American artist Frederic Remington. The revolvers bear the unique serial numbers LIB1 and LIB2, with LIB standing for Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev. The grips are made from genuine ivory. On the back strap of each grip is an inscription, "Colt's Firearms Company — to General Secretary L.I. Brezhnev" and gold engraved symbolic handshakes that symbolize friendship between the peoples of the USSR and the USA.

Just look at the photographs — these revolvers are true masterpieces of firearms art, requiring no further description. It is well documented that Brezhnev fired all four of these revolvers. The blued Colt presented by Chuck Connors became his constant companion on hunting trips after a frightening incident in which a wounded wild boar suddenly charged him as he approached what he believed to be a dead animal.

From that day forward, Brezhnev always carried the revolver while hunting.

Looking back on this remarkable story, I cannot help but believe that, despite today's complex political climate, the people of our two countries have far more in common than that which divides us. History has repeatedly demonstrated that the United States and Russia achieve far more through cooperation than through confrontation.

Perhaps today's politicians could learn something from SASS, an organization that brings together thousands of people from around the world regardless of politics, religion, or nationality. Members may come from different countries and hold different views, yet they are united by a shared passion, mutual respect, and genuine friendship.

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The author wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the leadership

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BUNKING WITH THE BENDERS

BY BIG DAVE, SASS #55632

Labette County, Kansas is in the southeast corner of the state bordering the former Territory of Oklahoma. There is not a whole lot going on there now, but it was once a busy crossroads. In the years following the Civil War, thousands of homesteaders flocked to the area because of the Homestead Act, which was passed in 1862. If you lived on a 160-acre parcel of government land, worked on it and added a structure, it was yours if you could afford the eighteen-dollar processing fee. Everybody was a winner because this encouraged western settlement, brought in revenue for the government, and drew people away from the crowded cities of the Midwest and Northeast. It also gave traumatized veterans a place to start over. It was a great deal unless

you happened to be Native American used to roaming freely through the area. Nobody gave much thought to their predicament, as is well known.

A drawback to the idea of living in the western part of the country is that it could be a lawless place. There was little in the way of keeping the peace, especially in some of the newly settled areas. Folks in the Great Plains area were spread far apart. Once you had your farm, you mostly had to rely on yourself, your immediate family and your neighbors. If your neighbors weren't trustworthy, that could present a huge problem. Most of the people who passed through Labette County were law abiding, but some were not. They could commit crimes and vanish without much fear of punishment. The prairie was an excellent place to dispose of victims. It would take time for news to travel to whomever served as authorities if the bodies were found. With comparative ease, a person could get away with murder.

On a fine fall morning in 1870, a wagon rolled into the northwest corner of the county. There was a rudimentary trading post located near Osage township and the wagon creaked to a stop. The two men in it had German accents. The younger man introduced himself as John Gebhardt. His mannerisms were kind of weird. Every now and again, he would burst into high, weird giggles. Although he was obviously German in origin, his English was good. The owner of the dry goods store was also German and replied with a smile in their shared language. The older guy said very little and mostly grunted, spat, and scratched himself. He was introduced as John Bender. They seemed related, but nobody could tell how and they gave no explanations. They were either father and son or father and son-in-law, but nobody was ever sure, and they never bothered to put forth any explanations. At least the young guy had some social skills, despite the weird mannerisms.

Gebhardt announced their desire

to obtain a homestead in the area. The owners of the makeshift trading post promised to take them to the available claims the next morning. Gebhardt wanted to go immediately, but there was something strange about the inappropriately giggling younger man and the grouchy, unkempt, older guy who was barely coherent in either German or English. "Pa" Bender mostly used his mouth to spit. Spending the night in the grasslands with them seemed like a bad idea. The owners of the store agreed to go in the morning.

It didn't take John Gebhardt and Pa Bender long to find a suitable place. It was in a natural depression with woods on one side of it. There was a creek nearby. Although the future cabin would be hard to see in the daylight, if a lantern was lit, then at night it would be easy to see from the Osage Mission Trail. Apparently the Benders, as they were called, wished to establish a hostel and grocery store. Pa grunted and spat his approval at the choice, and John emitted his trademark giggle.

The guy who took them to the place, Edward Ern, wasn't sure what to make of them. Their neighbors, Billy and Silas Tole, who owned a ranch nearby, were also non-committal. Silas remarked that if they didn't steal livestock, they would probably be acceptable neighbors. Billy Tole was suspicious of them. Even for post-Civil War Kansas, the pair seemed unusual, but not in an appealing way.

Pa and John proved to be hard



THIS DRAWING SHOWS HOW THE MURDERS WERE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

workers. They immediately started digging a foundation for their new cabin. A sandstone slab was purchased to serve as a floor. (We'll be hearing more about that slab later in the article.) John Gebhardt went off and bought enough wood for the cabin, a stable, and a corral. While he was gone, Pa Bender dug a well. At first glance, they seemed like an industrious pair. However, the old guy was nearly incommunicative, and John had those bizarre laughing fits. It seemed like a bad idea to hang out with them. How in the hell were these folks going to interact well enough with people to run a grocery store and hostel?

Once the cabin was finished, Pa and John sent for the women folk. Ma

Bender was even more unpleasant than Pa, if such a thing can be believed. However, Kate Bender was far more engaging. She is described as an attractive young woman, though "attractive" in that neck of the woods should be taken with a grain or two of salt. You probably had to round up five local women to be able to account for one full set of teeth. (Well, that was probably uncalled for — most sources agree that she was an attractive young woman with a lively personality.)

Her relationship with John Gebhardt is murky. They looked like brother and sister, but their mannerisms around each other were suggestive of a greater intimacy. It caused scandalous

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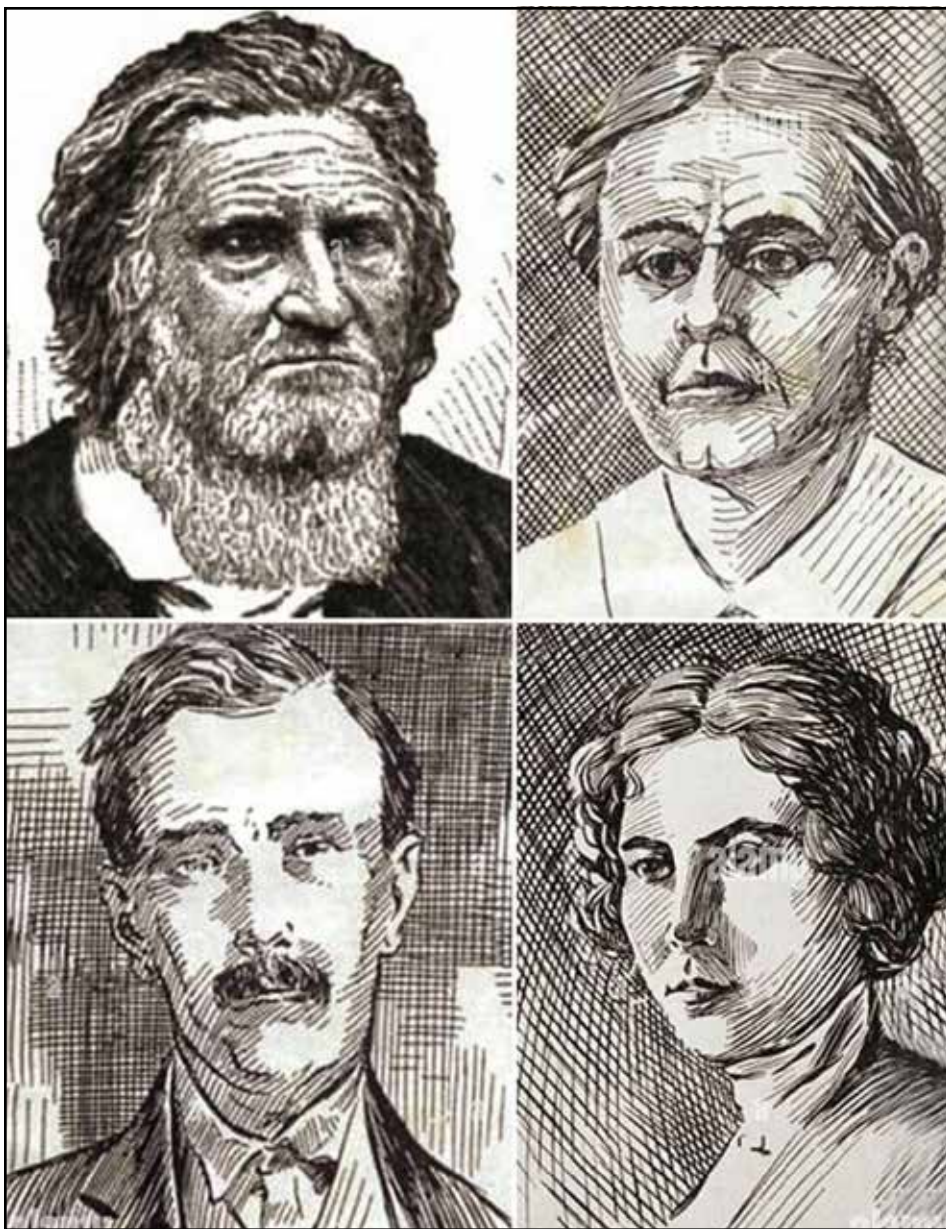
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PA AND MA BENDER ARE ON THE TOP ROW, JOHN GEBHARDT AND KATE BENDER ARE ON THE BOTTOM. THERE ARE NO ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEM AVAILABLE.

speculation. The wretched old couple seemed certainly married, though it was a match made in hell. They were meaner than a bag of rattlesnakes.

The Bender establishment was a combination grocery store and stopover for weary travelers. For a fee, Kate would get in touch with your dead loved ones. She claimed to be a medium, which was a popular scam in the years during and after the Civil War. Not much was available at the Bender place in the way of groceries or supplies. The sign over the cabin was misspelled and read "Grocerys," which suggests that groceries weren't a priority. They made more money by offering lodging, which meant sleeping on a bench or the floor.

Kate's medium business drew in some funds as well. She also claimed to be a "healer," which could be defined in any number of ways. Kate had announced that she was an advocate of free love, which got people talking and probably drew in a larger male clientele. There didn't seem to be much free love going on; it was more of an advertising ploy than anything else.

For one thing, the cabin offered little in the way of privacy. There were two rooms separated by canvas wagon cover. The Benders slept on one side of the cover while the guests spent the night on the other. There was a large table where meals were served, guests were encouraged to sit with their backs to the

cover. The reason for this will shortly be revealed. The table also served as a place for Kate to practice her psychic gifts. There was also a rudimentary kitchen where meals were prepared. To describe the Bender cabin as basic would be kind; it sounds like it was squalid to begin with and grew filthier as time went on.

It wasn't long before the Benders were involved in a controversy surrounding their guests. Mary Hiltz and her mother-in-law mother stayed at the Bender place when Mary was traveling to meet her husband. The women had a box with jewelry and cashier's checks valued at \$3,200 (almost \$80,000 in today's currency). Kate was extremely friendly with them and invited them to go out to the prairie to look for arrowheads. The box remained in the Bender cabin. Ma Bender complained that she felt ill and Pa accompanied her back to the cabin. After the arrowhead hunt was over, the women returned to find the box had disappeared. The old man proclaimed it was the work of horse thieves who must have broken into the cabin. Mary's enraged husband soon appeared and threatened the Benders.

What passed for the authorities were summoned, but there was no concrete proof that the Benders were the culprits. A number of people had their suspicions, but since the checks were never cashed, nobody could be charged. The other contents of the box and the jewelry were never recovered.

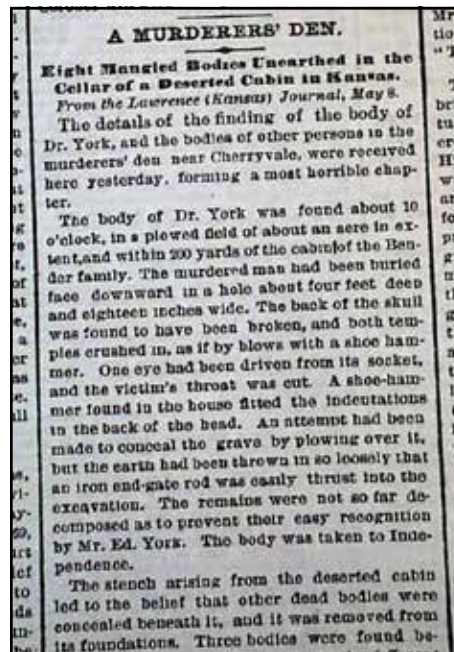
Several people traveling along the Osage Mission Trail never arrived at their destinations. It was easy to blame the disappearances on Indians or bandits, but there sure seemed to be a lot of missing persons near the Bender claim. In May 1872, the body of a man was found in Drum Creek, not far from the Bender house. His skull had been bashed in, and his throat was cut. Eventually, the body was identified as William Jones by his wife. He had been hired to help build a schoolhouse at Osage Mission but never showed up. Later that year two more bodies were found in the vicinity. People began to avoid the area. The Benders carried on with their dry goods store/inn, Kate continued her séances and went to church, and the ill-tempered old people were shunned by the community. John Gebhardt was regarded as a good-na-

tured simpleton. Occasionally, somebody would get the creeps about bunking with the Benders and leave. They were lucky to trust their instincts.

During the winter of 1872, newly widowed George Longcor left Independence, Kansas to live with relatives in Iowa. His wife had died from complications following childbirth. Longcor's infant daughter Mary Ann needed to be around relatives, so he made the difficult decision to travel during the cold months. He and his daughter, bundled up in a buggy, took the Osage Mission Trail but never made it to Iowa.

Back in Independence, Longcor's neighbor, Dr. William York, became concerned and vowed to find the missing pair. He left his home in early March, having informed his wife and brother of his intent. Dr. York traveled as far as Osage Mission on another route only to learn that his friend had not been seen there. Dr. York then decided to take Osage Mission Trail back to Independence and question the inhabitants of every dwelling along the way. Dr. York disappeared somewhere along the trail.

William York was a very popu-



THIS EXCERPT FROM A CONTEMPORARY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SHOWS THAT THE BENDER CRIMES SHOCKED THE NATION.

lar resident of Independence, Kansas. Moreover, his brother, Alexander York, was a member of the Kansas State Senate. People were getting fed up with the disappearances anyway; but this one finally stirred some action. In March

1873, a meeting was held by the Osage Township to investigate the matter. It was decided that all the farms near the Osage Mission Trail would be searched. Everyone agreed that this was the right course of action. John and Pa Bender were present but were notably silent.

It wasn't until May that the Bender property was searched by a group of men which included neighbors, local law enforcement, and William York's brother. Nobody was present except for some starving livestock. A lot of the animals had already died, but the place had another repulsive smell. Several of the searchers had been Civil War veterans and recognized the peculiar odor of decomposed human flesh. The cherry trees and the vegetables in the garden were the only living things that seemed to be thriving.

The cabin itself emitted a particularly loathsome odor. Gaggling, the search party entered the cabin and discovered a trapdoor that was nailed shut. After breaking through the door, a hole was discovered that seemed to be the source of the stench. One of the neighbors jumped into the pit but almost immediately scrambled out to vomit.

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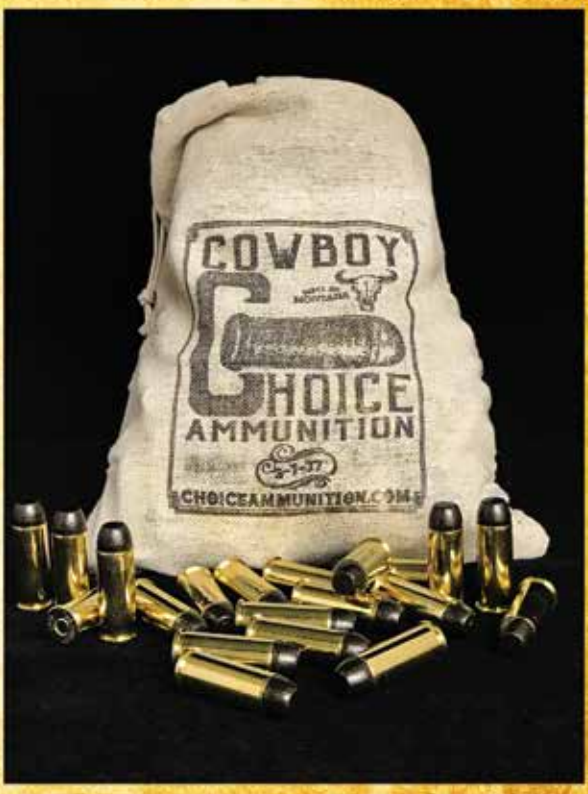
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No bodies were found, but the hole was covered with what looked like dried and clotted blood. The men broke open the sandstone floor with sledgehammers, but no human remains were discovered. However, it was obvious that the soil underneath was literally soaked with blood. It must have been a relief to go outside to search the property.

The sense of relief was short-lived. Near the orchard was a shallow depression in the ground. After digging a short distance, the mystery of Dr. William York was solved. His head had been bludgeoned and his throat was cut. The next day, further excavations revealed nine other bodies and numerous body parts. The victims had been mutilated “indecently,” as the newspapers described it.

The bodies of George Longcor and his infant daughter were unearthed. It was reported all over the country. Longcor’s head had been smashed and his throat cut, like the others. It seems the Benders buried the little girl alive. She apparently had tried to dig her way out of the makeshift grave.

As you can imagine, this whole thing caused an intense outrage. Some hammers were found in the little cabin of horrors, which suggested that the victims would be encouraged to sit facing away from the wagon cover which divided the rooms. Suddenly, one of the Benders would jump from behind the canvas and swing the hammer. The victim’s throat would be slit, and the Bender family would sit down for a nice evening of mutilation before throwing the body parts into the hole beneath the trap door. They could bury the victims at their leisure the following day. About \$85,000 in today’s currency was offered to anyone who could capture these monsters.

The problem was that the Benders had about two months to make their getaway. They were tracked to the town of Thayer, Kansas, where they boarded a train. The ticket agent remembered the Benders well because, as he recalled with disgust, their trunk was made of dog-hide. At some point, the older couple and the younger couple decided to split up. The detectives who pursued the Benders learned that they had rejoined in an outlaw camp on the Texas/New Mexico border. Since there were two detectives and considerably more outlaws, they stayed away from the camp. It’s probable that the outlaws had purchased stolen goods from the Benders and knew them already. A shady character named Missouri Bill offered to lead the detectives to the Benders, but all he did was to lead them on a wild goose chase. Disgusted, the detectives returned to Kansas.

The next year, another attempt to hunt down the Benders was made, but it produced nothing. It was believed that the Benders went to the Chickasaw Nation area of present-day Oklahoma, but the trail went cold and the wretches seemed to have vanished. The only thing that every source agrees on is that the hunt for the “Bloody Benders,” as they were called, was handled ineptly.

The Benders’ crimes were newsworthy even in the late 1800s. Plenty of people would have loved to collect the reward money or to have simply ridden the world of their presence. Rumors abounded of vigilance committees who claimed to have shot down or lynched the Benders. One story has it that after the rest of the family had been killed, Kate was burned alive as a witch. Some folks claimed that Alexander York led one of the vigilante parties, but he denied it, saying that if he

had killed the Benders, he would have readily admitted it. Another story has them fleeing successfully to Europe, but that story has bigger holes in it than the Titanic’s hull.

In 1889, two hapless women from Niles, Michigan, Almira Monroe and Sara Davis, were arrested for being Kate and Ma Bender. They had criminal records and bore passing resemblances to the harridans of the prairie. To make matters worse, they accused each other of guilt for the crimes. One of the authorities of Labette County, Deputy Sheriff Leroy Dick, had been a neighbor of the Benders and was convinced the elder of the two women was Ma Bender, even though this was 25 years since they were last seen in the area. Perhaps he was riddled with guilt because the crimes had happened under his watch.

A sordid and well-publicized trial ensued, but there was no evidence to prove that these were the Bender women. Eventually, they were found innocent and released. This is one of the few edifying parts of the story.

The truth is that nobody knows what happened to this family of ghouls. My own theory is that the outlaws who sheltered them became tired of the attention the Benders had brought down upon them. Turning them in would bring questions about their own complicity as well as their other transgressions. The simple thing to do would be to murder the murderers.

I’ve driven near the country where the Benders allegedly hid out. It would be easy to make someone disappear there. An alternate ending would be that a group of wandering Comanche found the family and decided to sing around the campfire with the Benders in the middle of it. If that were so, it couldn’t have happened to a nicer bunch of people.

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The date was October 26, 1881. The time was 2:45 p.m. (others say 3:00 p.m.). The location was a vacant lot between C.S. Fly's Photography Studio and the Harwood House. In some accounts, it was only six doors west of the rear entrance to the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona Territory. Thus, the very name of this famed shootout was incorrect, like so much of this gunfight's later dramatization. The lot in question was about fifteen feet wide and not much longer. Inside that lot were eight men and two horses, the Earp party of four roughly on one wall and the "Cowboys," as they were labeled, four in number, their backs to the opposite wall. This enclosure was such that the average distance between shootists was not more than six to ten feet. Court records and on-site witnesses generally concur that the shootout lasted thirty seconds, with thirty shots discharged.

Frank McLaury and Billy Clanton were armed with Colt Model Frontier pin-in-frame fixed-cylinder, single-action revolvers with seven-and-one-half-inch barrels, weighing two and one-third pounds. The revolvers were chambered in .44-40 cartridge, black-powder-charged, having a .429-inch diameter, 225-grain round-nose flat-face soft-lead projectile with a muzzle velocity of 975-1,000 feet per second.

Wyatt Earp was reportedly armed with a revolver that he carried in his coat pocket, not a holster like some movies have depicted. His revolver was given to him by the city mayor and his friend, John Clum. What Wyatt took to the fight was a Smith & Wesson Model Three American, chambered in .44 S&W American, a top-break single-action system, weighing slightly more than three pounds with a six-cartridge cylinder and an eight-inch barrel. The revolver's overall length was slightly longer than eleven inches and considered a positively stable platform for the fight



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he would carry out. The S&W American cartridge was blackpowder-charged, had a 218-grain round-nose flat-face soft-lead projectile with a muzzle velocity of 650-700 feet per second. Though this projectile was lighter and slower than the rival .44-40, given the distances in this fight it retained all its lethal muzzle velocity and kinetic energy.

In 1976, frontier historian William B. Shillingberg found no evidence in Colt factory records of a "Buntline Special" single-action revolver built for Ned Buntline, or that it was ever presented to Earp. Wyatt, purportedly a savvy pugilist, would much rather have fought with his bare fists if the fight had allowed. On this day, bare fists would

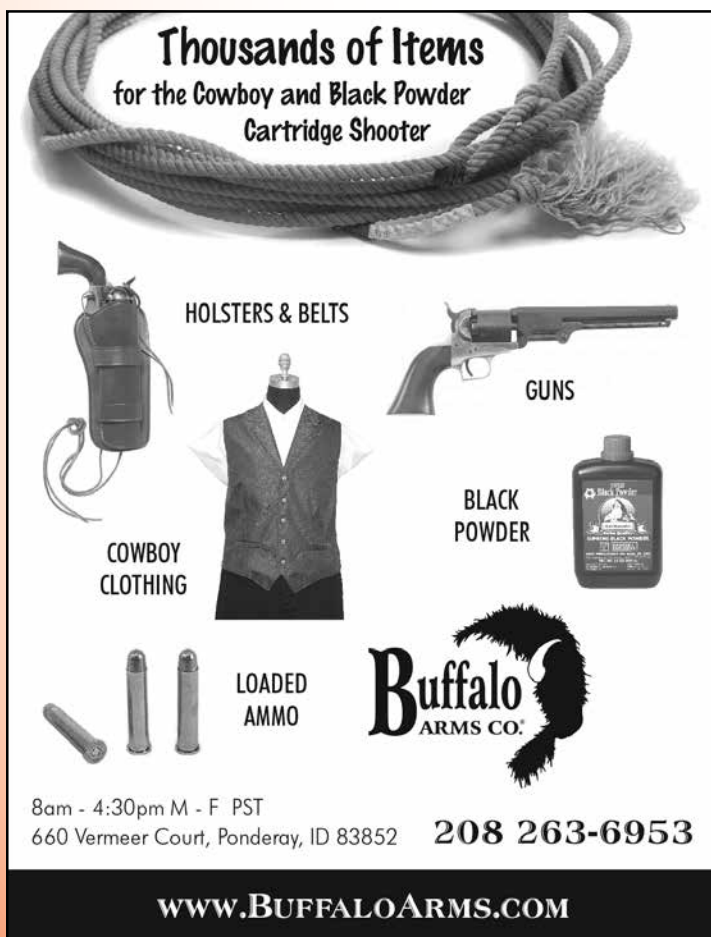


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not prove to be the primary option, so he skillfully utilized his coat-pocket-placed top-break revolver.

The battle is said to have started when Tombstone City's marshal, Virgil Earp, told the Cowboys inside the lot, "Throw up your hands, I've come to disarm you." Billy and Wyatt discharged their handguns simultaneously. Wyatt chose Frank first because he was supposed to be the fastest and most deadly of the Cowboys and Frank was immediately shot in the stomach. Mr. H.F. Sill, a locomotive engineer, witness, and a man with no affiliation to either party, testified about Billy's and Wyatt's first shots. His testimony likely saved the Earp party from being served with murder charges. Another eyewitness, R.F. Coleman's court testimony read, "Wyatt Earp stood up and fired in rapid succession, as cool as a cucumber, and was not hit." Wyatt's preference for the Smith & Wesson revolver was his ability to discharge six shots rapidly then unload and reload in six to seven seconds, and all this when time desperately counted in a fast-moving and close-in gunfight. To this day, it is debated whether Tom McLaury was even heeled.

Ike Clanton was one of the men in the lot during the gunfight, yet he, too wasn't heeled because he'd been disarmed earlier in the day. He made his way to Wyatt during the gunplay, partly shielding and directly interfering with Wyatt's fight. Wyatt pushed past Ike's physical contact and was said to state, "Go to fighting or get away." How many shots Wyatt discharged before Ike's contact isn't documented, save that he came hot into the fight. During his brief scuffle with Ike, did Wyatt reload his revolver? That brief encounter and the ease with which a top break could be recharged begs the same question. How many shots did Wyatt discharge after he was clear of Ike? Nothing is definitive about Wyatt's specific gunplay. However, the S&W American would offer him the fighting edge that the Buntline Colt Single Action revolver could not for swift recharging, and given the tight space within the lot, perhaps wasn't the most stable shooting platform for this fight. With the slightly less powerful cartridge but a bit heavier handgun, was this an advantage gained by Earp in this gunfight?

Bat Masterson stated that Wyatt was totally devoid of fear, and Masterson's words seemed to play out well on this occasion. The inference was that, when given a fighting focus, Wyatt was a killing machine, especially when armed with a firearm and in the place of his choice. At the end of thirty seconds, three Earp adversaries were dead or dying. Virgil and Morgan Earp and Doc Holiday were all struck by bullets, none fatal. Wyatt stood, totally uninjured, his revolver at the ready.

Good or bad, fair or foul, assassination or self-defense, I am not here to claim anything about the O.K. Corral participants. Nevertheless, how one Old West notoriety-charged participant chose and played fetched my interest, attention, and gunplay fancy. Any of the S&W Model 3 series revolvers, original or reproductions, are worth consideration when it comes to SASS-CAS. I have competed with the American, the Russian, and the Schofield, and recommend them all. Enjoy!

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THE ODDS WERE OVERWHELMING. THE FARGO KID KNEW THE SETTLERS FACED CERTAIN DEFEAT UNLESS HE COULD TURN THE SAVAGE HORDES AWAY WITH HIS OWN...

RAW COURAGE!



I HEARD YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, SHERIFF!

YES, FARGO. THIS WAGON TRAIN'S HEADING WEST TO STAKE CLAIMS IN THAT NEW UNSETTLED TERRITORY.

NO ONE COULD DO A BETTER JOB THAN YOU, FARGO, IN LEADING US SAFELY THROUGH THE INDIAN COUNTRY.

THIS ISN'T REALLY IN MY LINE OF WORK, BUT SINCE THE BUILDING UP OF THE WEST IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE NATION, I'LL DO IT!

GREAT! I'M BOB SHAW, LEADER OF THIS WAGON TRAIN. I'LL SEE TO IT THAT EVERYONE CARRIES OUT ANY ORDERS YOU GIVE, FARGO.

FINE, BUT THERE'LL BE FEW ORDERS! WE AREN'T AFTER INDIAN LAND, AND IF WE MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS AS WE RIDE THROUGH THE INDIAN TERRITORY, THEY WON'T BOTHER US. NOW LET'S GET STARTED!

YOU HEARD THE FARGO KID. EVERYBODY BACK TO THEIR WAGONS! WE'RE SHOVIN' OFF!





GOOD LUCK!

NOW REMEMBER THIS--THE INDIANS ARE NATURALLY CURIOUS SO IF YOU SEE ANY OF THEM WATCHING US ALONG THE WAY, JUST DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THEM!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

IT'S TWENTY MILES TO THE NEXT TOWN! SINCE THE WIND IS BEGINNING TO BLOW UP MIGHTY HARD, WE'LL MAKE CAMP HERE FOR THE NIGHT.



AN INJUN! I'LL SCARE HIM OFF!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

DON'T WORRY, FARGO. I'M NOT SHOOTIN' AT HIM. I'M JUST SCARING HIM OFF!



I TOLD YOU ALL TO IGNORE ANY INDIANS YOU SEE! HE WON'T KNOW YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO CHASE HIM AWAY! HE'LL THINK YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL HIM! THIS COULD MEAN REAL TROUBLE!

I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT!



FORGET ABOUT MAKING CAMP AND MOVE ON!

YOU HEARD FARGO. EVERYBODY BACK TO THEIR WAGONS --AND LET'S GO!



FASTER! IF WE'RE CAUGHT IN THIS VALLEY WHEN THAT INDIAN RETURNS WITH HIS FRIENDS--OR WE'RE ALL LIABLE TO BE WIPED OUT!

BUT BEFORE THEY GET VERY FAR...

THE WIND HAS TURNED THIS INTO A DUST STORM. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, FARGO?

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE--TRY TO RIDE THROUGH IT!

TRY AS THEY MIGHT, THE VALIANT SETTLERS MAKE NO HEADWAY IN THE BLINDING DUST STORM!

WHEN THE STORM SUBSIDES...

WE'RE SURROUNDED!

QUIET! I WANT TO SEE IF I CAN MAKE OUT THE MESSAGE THEY'RE BEATING OUT ON THEIR DRUMS!

IT'S A WAR CHANT. THEY'RE GOING TO SWEEP DOWN AT SUNDOWN AND WIPE OUT THE EVIL PALEFACES!

EVIL PALEFACES! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! I'D GLADLY GIVE MYSELF UP TO THEM IF THEY'D LET THE REST OF YOU GO.

WE WOULDN'T LET YOU DO THAT. WE KNOW YOU'RE SORRY FOR THE BONER YOU PULLED.

IF ANY OF US ARE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE, WE'VE GOT TO GET HELP BEFORE THEY ATTACK!

IMPOSSIBLE. TO REACH THE NEAREST TOWN, YOU'D HAVE TO RIDE THROUGH THOSE INDIANS!

TRUE ENOUGH, BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA. IT'S A LONG SHOT--BUT IT MIGHT WORK!







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SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2026 MONTHLY SHOOTING SCHEDULES

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AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORIES

Majura Rangers	Majura	1st Sat WB & 3rd Sun CAS	61401704447	Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
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NEW SOUTH WALES

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

QUEENSLAND

Dalby Pioneers	Dalby	4th Wkd	0458510122	Mrs. H.	South West Quarry Gang
Dalby Pistol Club Inc.	Dalby	2nd Sun	N/A	Whiskey Rae	South West Quarry Gang
Gold Coast Gamblers	Southport	1st, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun (CAS) 3rd Sun (WB)	+61 413 830 665	Clancy	Gold Coast Pistol Club
Gympie Claim Jumpers	Veteran	4th Sunday	+61 447831154	R. C. Shot	Gympy Pistol Club
Shooters Union Australia Ltd	ESK	2nd Sat	+61 409 471 423	Painted Mohawk	Shooters Union Australia Ltd
Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Queensland	Millmerran	As Sched.	+61 438 859877	Frank Buck James	SSAA Queensland
Wallumbilla Regulators	Wallumbilla	As Sched.	N/A	Slippery Shayne	Wallumbilla Rifle Club

VICTORIA

Fort Bridger Shooting Club Inc.	Drouin	4th Sun	N/A	Jonny Waco	Warrigul Drouin Pistol Club
Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun CAS & 4th Sun WB	61 423 052942	Buck Silverton	SSAA Eagle Park Shooting Complex

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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

City Marshals	Graz	As Sched.	00 431 655 184	Clint Coldwell	Shooting Range LH Graz
SASS CAS Austria	Steinwand	As Sched.	00 43 699 141 154 83	Robbie the Gun	Shooting Range Gutenbrunn
Sport & Jagd Schutzenverein Zwettl	Kleinotten	As Sched.	+43 664 5575 133	Super Mario	SJV Shooting Range Zwettl
Sportschutzenverein Nibelungen	Steinwant	As Sched.	+43 664 5575 133	Super Mario	Shooting Range Gutenbrunn

CANADA

ALBERTA

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Heffley Creek Gun Club	Heffley Creek	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	N/A
Kamloops Cowtown Cowboys	Kamloops	As Sched.	250-819-0416	Cariboo Lefty	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun CAS & 3rd Sun WB	604-819-9494	Honey Hereford	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	1st & 3rd Sat	250-897-2194	Little Edgy	Courtenay Fish and Game Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Malahat	2nd Sat WB, 2nd Sun CAS	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association / Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

ONTARIO

Ontario Single Action Federation	Guelph	As Sched.	519-836-7258	Doc Lonesome	Ontario Single Action Federation
Ruff's Regulators	St. Andrews West	1st Sat	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun Club
Square Circle Wranglers	Clarence-Rockland	3rd Sat	613-746-9997	Red Storm	Eastern Ontario Shooting Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun CAS & WB	519-836-7258	Doc Lonesome	Wentworth Shooting Sports Club

QUEBEC

Centre De Tir Granby Multi-Sports	Granby	As Sched.	450-532-4111	Smoking Mike Whitecloud	Centre de Tir Granby Multi-Sports
Club De Tir Beausejour	Levis	As Sched.	418-574-9306	Smoke Ring	Chasseurs et pecheurs Levisiens inc.

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	RM of Vanscoy, Saskatoon	As Sched.	306-717-0929	D. D. Freightner	Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club
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CZECH REPUBLIC

Association of Western Shooters	Pelh imov	As Sched.	420777776066	Colbert	
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DENMARK

Branchcreek Bandits	Grenaa	2nd Sat CAS	004561651534	Colonel Leadbottom	Djurske Sortkrudtsskytter
Copenhagen Cowboys	Copenhagen S	As Sched.	+452 182 0201	Oswego Ron	Københavns Skyttecenter (Copenhagen Shooting Range)

FINLAND

Classic Old Western Society of Finland	Loppi	As Sched.	+358 50 517 4659	Captain Woodbury Kane	Loppi
SASS Finland	Loppi	As Sched.	+358 50 517 4659	Captain Woodbury Kane	Loppis Shooting Range

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FRANCE					
Black Rivers	Roanne	3rd Sat	336 87 46 25 82	Kid of Neckwhite	La Cible Roannaise
Buffalo Valley	Chateauf-en-Thymerais	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Rio Coronado	Buffalo Valley
SASS France	N/A	N/A	33 (0)616 932 076	Frenchie Boy	N/A
GERMANY					
CAS Europe	Bocholt	Wed	49 28 233 4426	Hurricane Irmi	Shooting Range Schmeink
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz. Sachsen-Anhalt	Last Wkd	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone - Village
SASS Germany	Bocholt	Wed	0049-2823-5807	Rhine River Joe	Shooting Range Schmeink
ITALY					
Western Club Canne Tonanti	Casai Gerola	As Sched. Sun	+393493276203	Bruce R. Miller	Conrad Shooting Club ASD
LUXEMBOURG					
SASS Luxembourg	Kayl	June; Thurs-Sun	00352691161580	Katie Lou	SSCK Kayl
NEW ZEALAND					
Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	N/A	Louis L'Amour	Rifle Rod and Gun Club Manawatu Inc.
Green Mountain Boys	Upper Hutt	3rd Sunday	64274221551	Bald Eagle	Kaitoke HV NZDA Range
Mystery Creek Marshals	Hamilton	2nd Sun WB & 4th Sun CAS	+64211165244	Mister Lott	The Hamilton Pistol Club
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Hastings	As Sched.	64274221551	Bald Eagle	New Zealand Pistol Association
Western Renegades	Wanganui	4th Sat	+64272448868	Dusty Barrels	Wanganui Pistol Club
POLAND					
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Parzeczew	As Sched.	+48 605100315	Crazy Zebra	1st Western Shooting Range
SLOVAKIA					
Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Sched.	+421903667096	Bambino	Shooting Range Domaniza
SOUTH AFRICA					
Western Shooters of South Africa	Capte Town. Western Cape Province	3rd Sat	+27826522150	Dusty Devil	False Bay Sports Shooting Club
SWEDEN					
SASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	1st Sat	+46702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
SWITZERLAND					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Sched.	N/A	Texas Knight	Rothenthurm
Red Sash Cowboy Association	Unterlunkhofen	As Sched.	+41 0 056-634-22-78	Palouse Creek Hondo	N/A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA					
ALABAMA					
Alabama Rangers	Blountsville	4th Sunday	205-966-3265	Hanso Lowe	Old York Shootist Range
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-431-3737	Drake Robey	Cavern Cove / Cavern Cove Shooting Range
Old York Shootists	Blountsville	2nd & 4th Wkd	205-647-6925	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	334-308-1792	Carpetbagger Carley	Tri-State Gun Club
ALASKA					
Alaska 49er's	Palmer	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-355-4397	Gunleather	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Palmer	5th Sat	N/A	N/A	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	602-686-1797	Frank Stilwell	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders	Phoenix	As Sched.	480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Bordertown. Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched.	520-304-4972	Too Tall Bob	Tombstone Livery Stables
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd & 4th Sat	928-669-8707	Mike L. Phikzit	Lake Havasu City Sportsman Club
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	4th Sun	760-662-3483	Mexican Rob	Adair Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	See Web	520-568-2852	Squibber	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Granite Mountain Outlaws	Chino Valley	1st Sat WB & 3rd Sun & 5th Sat CAS	928-963-6515	Tramp	Compass Training Center
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-488-8445	Dr. Maxwell F Payne	Tombstone Livery Stable
NAZty Bunch	Flagstaff	3rd Sat	928-607-5179	Coconino Pistolero	Camp Savage
Payson Peacekeepers	Payson	4th Sat	805-630-7787	Oil Will	Tonto Rim Sports Club
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	602-657-4532	Colt Laredo	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	2nd Saturday WB & 4th Sat CAS	928-227-0321	Arizona Ric	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	Taylor	2ND Saturday of each month	928-243-3457	Mustang Lady Sue	Apache Sitegravers Forest
ARKANSAS					
Arkansas Leadslingers	Rogers	2nd & 4th Sat	479-633-2339	Dirty Dan Paladin	Frisco City
Judge Parker's Marshals	Van Buren	3rd & 5th Wknd	479-651-2475	Naildriver	Old Fort Gun Club. Inc.
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	Lonsdale	1st Wkd	501-337-9368 house	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	2nd, 4th & 5th Sat	870-847-0733	Arkansas Harper	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st Sat	719-839-0133	Bayou Bob	Twin Lakes Gun Club

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CALIFORNIA					
5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sun & Prior Sat	805-712-0264	Ambs Aces	Five Dogs Creek Cowboy Action Shoot
Cajon Cowboys	San Bernardino	2nd & 4th Sat	760-956-8852	Pasture Patti	Route 66 Shooting 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	N/A	2nd Wkd & 5 Wkd	805-431-1307	Thomas Poole	TBA
Coyote Valley Cowboys	Morgan Hill	2nd Sat	408-890-8935	R. W. Sloan	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	San Jose	3rd Sat	510-862-8000	Calamity Carl	Various Private Ranges
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	714-469-2184	Calamity Annie	Lucerne Valley Lions Club
Dulzura Desperados	Dulzura	3rd Sat	619-997-2755	Reuben J. Cogburn	South Bay Rod and Gun Club. Inc.
Escondido Bandidos	Escondido	1st Sat	760-745-9249	Double Diamond	Escondido Fish & Games Assoc. Vall
Faultline Shootist Society	Morgan Hill	Last Sun	408-306-1886	Pascoe Pete	Coyote Valley Sportin Clays
Gold Country Wild Bunch	Sloughhouse	3rd Sat	N/A	N/A	Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-598-6871	Wichita Belle	Dodge Range
Hellorado Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sunday	707-391-8308	Junior Bonner	Ukiah Gun Club
High Sierra Drifters	Mokelumne Hill	2nd Sun	916-812-0434	Nyack Jack	Taylor Park Shooting Range
Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Wkd	559-352-9829	Big Bad Blaine	Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club
Mother Lode Shootist Society	Jamestown	1st Sun	925-872-4221	Doc On Holiday	Mother Lode Gun Club. Inc.
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	209-294-8846	Lady Tucker	Folsom Shooting Club
Northfield Raiders	Sylmar	3rd Sun CAS & WB	818-344-5170	Old Mustang	Panorama Sportsmans Assoc.
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	925-382-5751	Noah Hair	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	3rd Sat	760-301-4520	Nasty Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-722-8958	Tapatio	The Cowboys
The Rough Riders	Atascadero	4th Saturday 9:00AM	805-712-0264	Ambs Aces	San Lucia Sportsmen's Association
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	925-519-7996	Wolf Taylor	Manteca Sportsmen Club. Inc.
COLORADO					
BBriggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat & 5th Sun	970-302-1768	Melonhead	Pawnee Sportsmens Center. LLC
Castle Peak Wildshots	Gypsum	2nd Sun	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club. Inc.
Colorado Cowboys	Rockvale	3rd Sat	937-308-1634	Tex Message	Rockvale Gun Club
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-338-5912	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	2nd Sun (WB) & 4th Sun (CAS)	303-513-5116	Doc Holidaily	Colorado Rifle Club
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak	San Juan Rangers
Thunder Mountain Shootists	Whitewater	3rd Sun CAS, Bi Monthly 3rd Sat WB	970-464-7118	Pinto Being	Wiliam Jarvis Shooting Complex
CONNECTICUT					
CT Valley Bushwackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-384-0543	Double Tap Taylor	Manchester Sportsmans
Ledyard Sidewinders	Ledyard	1st Sat	860-303-4803	Appaloosa Amy	Ledyard Sportsmen Club
DELAWARE					
Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-846-3917	Cool Hand Lee	Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club
FLORIDA					
Cowford Regulators	Jacksonville	4th Sat	904-699-0066	Dakota Lil	Gateway Rife & 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. Inc.
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat	N/A	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	815-861-7572	Midwest Hale	Eustis Gun Club Inc
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	4th Sat	561-746-0745	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral Gun Club
Okeechobee Marshals	Sebastian	2nd Sat	561-312-9076	Bonfire	Indian River County Shooting Range
Panhandle Cattle Company	Chipley	4th Sat CAS & As Sched. WB	850-594-5166	Hollifer A. Dollar	Panhandle Cattle Company
Panhandle Cowboys	Holt	2nd Sun	850-420-2822	Colonel Cletus T Bass	Element Training Complex
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	2nd Sat	850-443-3327	Colonel Kraken	Talon Training Group. LLC
Roughshod Raiders	Gainsville	1st Sat	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range. Inc.
Southwest Florida Regulators	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat & 4th Sun	239-898-3627	Right Again Dad	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	2nd Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club
GEORGIA					
Cherokee Cowboys	Gainesville	4th Sat	470-880-1745	Will E. Shoot	Cherokee Gun Club
Doc Holliday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	770-584-2390	Jimmie Gunnfighter	Griffin Gun Club. Inc.
Georgia Mountain Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	706-391-4630	Hunter Sam	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
River Bend Rough Riders	Dawsonville	1st Sat	770-361-6966	Done Gone	River Bend Gun Club. Inc.
South River Shootists	Covington	3rd Sat	404-405-8266	Fast Eddie	South River Gun Club
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	706-375-6711	Double Barrel	N/A
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	3rd Sat	912-381-8488	Big Country	Little River Sportsmen's Association
IDAHO					
Eagle Rock Regulators	Idaho Falls	1st Sat	503-318-8886	One Shot	Southeast Idaho Practical Shooters
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Genesee	3rd Sat	509-531-9791	Shifty Jack	Bernie 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 County Rod and Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun, 3rd Wed CAS & 4th & 5th Sun WB	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod & Gun Club / Gem County Rod and Gun Club
Twin Butte Bunch	Rexburg	3rd Sat	208-716-4889	O. P. Hanna	Unified Sportsmen's Club

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ILLINOIS					
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	4th Sat	779-234-0543	Torano	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-340-5606	Cowboy Rick	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-284-7367	Okaw	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-501-9421	Six Fingered Shootist	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-6948	Rusty Banker	Lakewoods Marshals Cowboy Action Shooting Club Ran
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-242-0522	Mackinaw Jack	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Rangleless Riders	Bunker Hill	1st Sat	618-210-2586	Jean Duke	Brittany Shooting Park Ltd.
Wabash Rangers	Westville	4th Sat	217-304-2144	Deadly Dakota Dale	Wabash Rangers
INDIANA					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol
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	3rd Sat CAS As Sched. WB	812-821-7439	Cannon	DBA Proteq / Pine Ridge Ranch
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-459-2153	Tinhorn Timmy	Westside Sportsmen's Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	Chief Wa-Ke-De Range
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 IA
Zen Shootists	Nevada	2nd Sat	515-494-9903	Chili Pepper Kid	Scorpien Gulch
KANSAS					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flint Hills Dawg	Clark's Station / Clarks Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-640-3742	J. W. Hopkins	Capital City Gun Club Inc.
Chisholm Trail Rowdys	Benton	4th Sun	785-224-4918	Chisholm Kid	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Powder Creek Cowboys	Lenexa	2nd & 4th Sat, 1st & 3rd Wed CAS & 1st Sat WB	913-209-3836	Cooncan	Powder Creek Shooting Park
KENTUCKY					
Dirty Rotten Gang	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-631-4613	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Hooten Old Town Regulators	McKee	1st Sat and 3rd Sunday	859-230-3693	Lyin' Ike	Hooten Old Town Regulators
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.
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
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat CAS. WB As Sched.	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	IWLA
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	610-724-4842	Black Hills Drifter	Delmarva Sportsman's Association
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sat WB & 1st Sun CAS	703-450-5803	Dutch Coroner	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
MASSACHUSETTS					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Sched. Sat	508-284-6006	Monsieur Gunner	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	1st Sunday of the month	978-549-0222	Grazer	Harvard Sportsmen's Club
MICHIGAN					
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun (Apr-Oct)	574-349-3764	Johnny Rebel	St. Joeshp County Conservation & Sportsmans Club
Huron River Regulators	Ypsilanti Township	1st Sat	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Washtenaw Sportsman's Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	734-758-7375	Not Dead Ed	Western Wayne County Conservation Assoc.
Lapeer Wranglers	Attica	1st Sun	248-804-0681	Dutch VanSickle	Lapeer County Sportsman Club
Rocky River Regulators	Utica	3rd Sun CAS & As Sched WB	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Sched.	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field & Stream Gun Club
Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	Breckenridge	3rd Sat	989-423-3564	Kid Al Fred	Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun club
Wolverine Rangers	Shelby Township	As Sched.	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Blue Water Sportsmans Association
MINNESOTA					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-384-9115	Riverboat Red	Ahlman's Gunshop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	4th Sun	507-822-5214	A J Royal	Des Moines Valley Sportsman 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/ Peachmaker Rd
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	3rd Sun, 4th & 5th Sat	901-335-6152	Justified	Rabbit Ridge Ranch

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MISSOURI					
Boonville Regulators	Sedalia	1st Sat, 2nd Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun & 5th Wkd	816-686-8881	Dusty Dustem	Boonville Regulators
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	2nd Wknd, 1st & 3rd Wed	417-773-9307	R C Steelringer	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Double M Cowboys	Marshfield	1st Sun	417-839-6797	Boothill Slim	Outlaw Range
Gateway Area Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun CAS & 2nd Sun WB	314-578-6027	Fat Chance BuckO	Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
Mountain Oyster Gang	Higginsville	1st Sun	660-909-6519	Schnickelfritz	Lafayette Rod & Gun Club
Pioneer Gunslingers	Holden	2nd Sat	573-586-9074	Lucas Cahill	Pioneer Gun Club - McBride Range
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	417-839-8325	Two Shot Hoss	Outlaw Range
MONTANA					
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton / Polson	1st Sat (WRPC) & 4th Sat (PRC)	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecarr Rifle & Pistol Club & Polson Rifle Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-868-9737	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Lozeau Lobos	Superior	N/A	503-569-9857	Double Barrel D	Mineral County Shooting Sports Association
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	2nd Sun WB & 4th Sat CAS	406-259-2009	Galloping Swede	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Full Wkd	406-827-4570	Jake The Snake	Noxon Rod and Gun
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Wkd & 4th Sat	406-590-7599	Crusty Curt	Gumbo Gulch
NEBRASKA					
Columbus Rifle Club Cowboys	Columbus	4th Sun	402-564-4897	Shalako Jones	Clark Memorial Range
Eastern Nebraska Shootists	Ralston	1st Sat	402-630-5447	High Ground	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Flat Water Shootists	Grand Island	3rd Sun	402-460-8113	Mesquite Ranger	Grand Island Rifle Club
Lancaster County Bounty Collection Agency	Firth	2nd Sat	402-366-0987	Prairie Dog Pete	Nebraska Shooters
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	402-460-8113	Mesquite Ranger	Heartland Public Shooting Park
NEVADA					
Battle Born Rangers	Reno	1st Sat; 2nd Sunday	503-997-1255	Bordello Fellow	Nevada Firearms Academy
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Wkd	702-810-8866	Dixie Dawn	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
Silver State Shootists	Virginia City	3rd Sun	541-740-9291	Diamond Dirk Slade	Virginia City
NEW HAMPSHIRE					
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Sched.	603-620-5001	Dakota Joe	Pemigewasett Valley Fish & Game
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Sched.	603-475-3665	Slippery Dick	Kinnicum Fish & Game Club
NEW JERSEY					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun CAS & WB	732-600-1215	Bronco Joan	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Quinton Mavericks	Quinton	2nd Sun	609-805-0010	Unexpected Bill	Delaware Blues Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	3rd Sun	973-601-0397	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
NEW MEXICO					
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Legacy Ranch
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-313-2772	Bud Guzzlin	N/A
Lead Delivery Service	Las Cruces	1st Fri	575-496-5624	Quick Chick	Lead Delivery Service Shooting Sports Park
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	3rd Saturday	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	3rd Sat & 4th Sun CAS, 3rd Sun WB	505-463-6216	Capt. Jack Houston	Albuquerque Shooting Range Park
Seven Rivers Regulators	Carlsbad	4th Wknd	575-361-3785	Happy Shootmore	Across the Canal Shooting Sports
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	315-430-8866	Lawman Lash	EatonBrook Rob & Gun Club
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	570-296-2032	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-878-1653	Lone Star Jake	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
East End Regulators	West Hampton Beach	1st Sun	516-729-0381	Deuces	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	2nd Sat	631-379-3333	Mt. Misery Mike	Calverton Shooting Range
Pathfinder Pistoleros	Fulton	1st Sun	315-420-4952	Blackjack Belle	Pathfinder Fish & Game Club, Inc.
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 Cattlemen	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Shooting Services
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-470-4891	High Noon Henry	Wagram Sportsman Association
Gunpowder Creek Regulators, Inc.	Lenoir	3rd Sat	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Town of Mine Branch
Iredell Regulators	Statesville	4th Sat	704-677-0554	Tincan Sailor	Fraternal Order of Police NC Lodge #10
Neuse River Regulators	Havelock	1st & 3rd Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Surshot Gunsports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Sched.	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Sir Walter Shooting Services
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wild Life Association
NORTH DAKOTA					
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sched.	701-223-3085	Rod-Iron-Rip	Bismark Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-490-2566	Toad Sticker	Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers Range

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OHIO					
Big Irons Rangers	Middletown	2nd Saturday	513-894-3500	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsmens Club Big Irons
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-904-5166	Sixgun Seamus	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-937-4250	Maverick Grabber	Pickaway County Sportsmen
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	216-789-7885	Harry Yount	Rochester Rod & Gun Club
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun	937-219-4376	Mean Gun Mark	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	513-255-8237	Joe Cassidy	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	740-244-1560	Lever Action Landon	N/A
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat CAS & WB As Sched.	419-704-3106	Woody Shootem	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Marengo	3rd & 5th Sun	614-975-2266	Buckshot Charlie Bill	Cardinal Shooting Center
Shenango River Rats	Masury	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	440-693-4210	Slow Mo Dern	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-334-9749	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club. Inc.
OKLAHOMA					
Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Skiatook	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	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Sat	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church Shooting Range
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st & 3rd Sat	940-447-6864	Redleg Reilly	Big Pasture
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 CAS & WB	727-776-2105	Caladisi Kid	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Assn. / Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Posse	Grants Pass	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	541-471-0885	Ima Loden	Josephine County Sportsmans Ass. Park
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-730-7230	Line Rider	Canby Rod & Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Sat	541-410-3472	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Shedd	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-760-0884	Barry L. Plotz	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Oregon Trail Regulators	La Grande	3rd Sat CAS & WB	541-571-4979	T. J. Maverick	LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th & 5th Sat	503-449-4262	Driftn' By	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 & Gun Club
Umpqua Regulators	Roseburg	4th Sun	541-673-2010	El Yid	Roseburg Rod & Gun Club
Virtue Flat Shootist Society	Baker City	2nd Sat CAS & WB	541-121-2584	Hunt Mountain Drifter	Powder River Sportsman's Club
PENNSYLVANIA					
Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-774-1527	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	Mertztown	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-658-3143	Moonshine Maker	Hollidaysburg Sportsmen Club
Dry Gulch Rangers	Wampum	4th Sat	724-469-2391	N. A. Custer	Lawrence County Sportsmens Association
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th & 5th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Assoc.
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	717-648-7491	Circuit Rider Jeff	Elstonville Sportsman Assoc.
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	717-855-7203	Hud McCoy	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-443-6244	Joker	Logans Ferry Sportsmens Club Inc.
Mainville Marauders	Mainville	2nd Sun	570-495-0800	Lead Slinger Leroy	Mainville Sportsman Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Newport	1st Sat	717-582-7797	Farmer Brown	Ickesburg Sportsmans Association
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sun	484-802-7122	Blaze Crittenden	New Holland Rifle Pistol Club
RHODE ISLAND					
Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	4th Sun	401-595-0735	Nutmeg Ryder	Pinetree Gun Club
SOUTH CAROLINA					
Belton Bushwhackers	Belton	2nd Sat	864-363-3147	Slippery Stew	Belton Gun Club
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 Cowboy Action Shooters	Travelers Rest	1st Sun.	608-206-6568	Elmer McCurdy	N/A
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-622-2537	Palmetto Traveller	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 Sat	612-961-1323	Boulder Canyon Bob	Pringle Silhouette Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	As Sched.	605-520-5212	Dakota Nailbender	Cottonwood Cowboy Association
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneda	1st Sun	605-280-7086	Marshall Wannabe	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Rushmore Regulators	Piedmont	2nd Saturday	605-890-2506	Tatanka Dex	Pete Lein and Sons Shooting Complex
TENNESSEE					
Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st Sat CAS & 3rd Sun CAS/WB	760-315-2681	Colorado Pete	Green County Regulators Range
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun CAS & 2nd Sat WB	901-831-3676	Buffalo Trace	Memphis Sport Shooting Ass. / 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	865-947-5012	Uncle Ethan	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	Wartrace Regulators. Inc.

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TEXAS					
Barrie Shooting Range	El Paso County	As Sched.	915-333-9775	Six-Shooter Steve	Barrie Shooting Range
Berger Sharpshooters Inc	Telephone	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sat	713-859-5410	Three By Eight	Wild Horse Creek Camp
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-695-1206	Smilin Joe	Anson
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-683-2445	Texas Glen	Timberline Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	210-385-3348	Bessie James	Green Ranch
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd & 4th Wkd	254-732-0994	Wild Wendy	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Full Wkd +Mon (CAS) & 2nd Sun + Mon (WB)	281-561-0234	Forest Shadow	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	805-207-8066	Knot A Clue	Old Fort Parker Restoration Site
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Wkd	830-857-0247	Four Aces	Comanche Country Ranch.
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle & Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st Sat	210-788-4422	Colonel Colt Winchester	South Texas Pistoleros
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	512-657-2491	Farr Ranger	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Wkd	979-702-0064	Charlie Ringo	Gunsmoke
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-648-1680	Tocayo	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Full Wkd	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Weir Family Estate
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-705-3544	Caddo Cruse	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Pampa	1st Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Wolfpack Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd CAS & 5th Sat as Sched. WB	832-691-7998	San Saba Slim	Adolf Stieler Ranch
The Wolf Pack Ranch Cowboy Action Shooting Club	Pampa	2nd Sat WB & 4th Sat CAS	775-575-3166	Howlin Wolf	Wolfpack Ranch Range
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	2nd & 4th Sat	713-775-1375	Crockett Texas	Thunder River Range
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	1st Sat	979-549-5752	Blackpowder Burn	Willow Hole Cowboys Range
UTAH					
Cache Valley Vaqueros	Logan	2nd Saturday	435-994-0825	Three Bears	Cache Valley Public Shooting Range
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-613-0449	Fargo Kid	North Spring Shooting Range
Dixie Desperados	St. George	2nd & 4th Sat CAS & 1st Sat WB	435-668-4613	Mokaac Kid	Desperado Canyon
The Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	4th Sat	385-237-1861	Long Walker	Big Salty
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	801-215-9210	Brer Rabbit	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd Sat	801-215-9210	Brer Rabbit	Big Salty
VERMONT					
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Morrisville	As Sched.	802-229-2062	Ol' Beaver Tooth	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
VIRGINIA					
Bedford Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sat	540-296-0772	Thunder Colt	Bedford Rifle & Revolver Club
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-855-4459	Redrider Slim	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-784-3631	Major B. S. Walker	Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shackelfords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-843-4245	Potter County Kid	West Point Gun Club Range
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-390-5709	Dakota Rambler	Sussex County Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	203-216-2316	Capt. R. Hugh Kidnme	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club
Virginia City Marshals	Fairfax	1st Tues	301-659-7614	Rawhide Ron	NRA
WASHINGTON					
Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat CAS & WB	509-670-3852	Wiley Bob	North Central Washington Gun Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-957-6051	Doc Kharon	Evergreen Sportsmen's 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	Columbia County Shooting Association
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	4th Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shooting Association
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-432-3534	Cedar County Sheriff	Renton Fish & Game Club Inc.
Smokey Point Desperados	Arlington	2nd Sun	425-335-5176	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Windy Plains Drifters	Medical Lake	2nd & 4th Sat	509-953-1113	Svenska Annie	Windy West Plains Range
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	978-506-7834	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
White Horse Riders	Philippi	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	White Horse 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	715-571-8551	Vaquero Jack	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-401-2589	Judge John Morrigan	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-896-5128	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat CAS, 5th Sat WB	815-721-2280	Turkey Legs	Beloit Rifle Club Inc.
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Koyote	Holmen Rod & Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootists. Inc	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	651-343-1476	Just Andy	Wisconsin Old West Shootist Inc.
WYOMING					
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-9546	Water Boy	Otto Road Shooting Range
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Hear Mountain Rod & Gun Club
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-324-6955	Slingin Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex

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2026 ANNUAL MATCHES

AUSTRALIA

No Discrimination	10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026	Painted Mohawk	+61 409 471 423	shooters@shootersunion.com.au	ESK	QLD	Oct	www.shootersunion.com.au
Gunfight at the OK Corral	11/7/2026 - 11/8/2026	Long Haired Jim	61419529999	olsenpg@bigpond.com	Drouin	VIC	Nov	N/A
Claim Jumpers Reunion	11/28/2026 - 11/28/2026	R. C. Shot	+61 447831154	russell.behrns@mmem.com.au	Veteran	QLD	Nov	www.gympiestolclub.com

NEW ZEALAND

SASS New Zealand National Championship	10/23/2026 - 10/26/2026	Bald Eagle	64274221551	wayne@magnumimports.co.nz	Hastings		Oct	www.pistolnz.org.nz
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SASS Smokin' Irons	10/1/2026 - 10/4/2026	Noah Hair	925-382-5751	scotthobbs@getcoatings.com	Davis	CA	Oct	rivercityregulators.org/
Comanche Moon Shootout	10/2/2026 - 10/4/2026	Texas Glen	432-683-2445	ssparkman1964@yahoo.com	Midland	TX	Oct	www.comanchetrailshootists.org/
SASS Washington Black Powder State Championship	10/2/2026 - 10/4/2026	Fast Azz Festus	509-675-1664	joshelliott78@yahoo.com	Colville	WA	Oct	www.newregulators.com/
T-Town Shoot Out	10/2/2026 - 10/4/2026	J. W. Hopkins	785-640-3742	sheriff.hopkins@hotmail.com	Topeka	KS	Oct	www.capitalcitycowboys.org
Border Wars	10/3/2026 - 10/3/2026	Arkansas Harper	870-847-0733	arkansasaharper@yahoo.com	Mountain Home	AR	Oct	www.twinklakesgunclub.com
SASS National Championship Land Run	10/3/2026 - 10/10/2026	Flat Top Okie	405-373-1472	flattopokie@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	Oct	www.cowboy.okcgunclub.org
Biggest Little Match	10/8/2026 - 10/11/2026	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	pintoannie@cowboybullets.com	Dayton	WA	Oct	www.cchooting.com
SASS Wisconsin State Championship - Fandango	10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026	Forest Hunter	608-780-4458	mckbake@aol.com	Holmen	WI	Oct	www.wildbunch.com/
Buzzard Boil	10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026	Double Tap Taylor	860-384-0543	ljfsherman@yahoo.com	Coventry	CT	Oct	www.CTValleyBushwackers.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship	10/16/2026 - 10/18/2026	Bronco Joan	732-600-1215	broncojoan357@gmail.com	Jackson	NJ	Oct	www.jacksonholegang.com
Dos Dias de Los Vaqueros	10/17/2026 - 10/18/2026	Wily Yankee	520-400-5598	wilyyankee@live.com	Tombstone	AZ	Oct	www.losvaqueros.org
SASS Arizona State Championship - Bordertown	10/20/2026 - 10/25/2026	Too Tall Bob	520-304-4972	oldpug@icloud.com	Tombstone	AZ	Oct	www.bordertowncas.com
Hot Lead in Deadwood	10/23/2026 - 10/23/2026	Doc Spudley	504-458-1898	docspudley@bellsouth.net	Sorrento	LA	Oct	www.deadwoodmarshals.com
SASS Louisiana State Championship	10/23/2026 - 10/25/2026	Doc Spudley	504-458-1898	docspudley@bellsouth.net	Sorrento	LA	Oct	www.deadwoodmarshals.com
SASS Kansas Black Powder State Championship - Smoke Over Monticello/ Smokeless Shoot	10/24/2026 - 10/25/2026	Coonan	913-209-3836	coocan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	Oct	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
Return of the Immortals	10/30/2026 - 10/31/2026	Jimmie Gunfighter	770-584-2390	gunnfarm@bellsouth.net	Griffin	GA	Oct	DHLCowboys.com
SASS Nevada Wild Bunch State Championship	11/3/2026 - 11/4/2026	Mojave Rose	702-808-5476	rolonda.johnson72@gmail.com	Boulder City	NV	Nov	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS North Carolina State Championship - The Spirit of '76	11/5/2026 - 11/7/2026	Noah Fitz	828-851-1910	Noahfitz.ncci@yahoo.com	Salisbury	NC	Nov	SASSncowboys.com
SASS Nevada State Championship	11/6/2026 - 11/7/2026	Mojave Rose	702-808-5476	rolonda.johnson72@gmail.com	Boulder City	NV	Nov	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Tennessee Wild Bunch State Championship - Angel's Revenge	11/12/2026 - 11/14/2026	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	sas41999@gmail.com	Wartrace	TN	Nov	www.wartracegunclub.com/
SASS Tennessee Black Powder Championship - Gunfight in Dixie XXIV	11/13/2026 - 11/15/2026	Buffalo Trace	901-831-3676	shotgun1187@att.net	Lakeland	TN	Nov	www.memphisgunslingers.com
SASS Southern Black Powder Territorial Championship	11/13/2026 - 11/15/2026	Big Iron Patnode	210-710-3587	cpatnode120@gmail.com	Marble Falls	TX	Nov	www.greenmountainregulators.org/
SASS California Wild Bunch State Championship	11/19/2026 - 11/22/2026	Amb's Aces	805-712-0264	ambaces.45@gmail.com	Atascadero	CA	Nov	N/A
Pecos River Rukus	11/5/2026 - 11/7/2026	Happy Shootmore	575-361-3785	ronald.priestley@gmail.com	Carlsbad	NM	Nov	www.7riversregulatorsnm.com

2027 ANNUAL MATCHES

AUSTRALIA

SASS Australian Regional Championship - Heartland Territorial	7/20/2027 - 7/24/2027	Kathouse Kelli	+61409610866	kathousekelli70@yahoo.com.au	Southport	QLD	Jul	www.goldcoastpistolclub.com.au
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AUSTRIA

SASS Syrian Championship	1/13/2027 - 1/16/2027	Clint Coldwell	00 431 655 184	peter.gucher@gmx.at	Graz		Jan	www.city-marshals.info
SASS Austrian Wild Bunch Championship	2/3/2027 - 2/6/2027	Clint Coldwell	00 431 655 184	peter.gucher@gmx.at	Graz		Feb	www.city-marshals.info
SASS Syrian Wild Bunch Championship	4/14/2027 - 4/17/2027	Clint Coldwell	00 431 655 184	peter.gucher@gmx.at	Graz		Apr	www.city-marshals.info
SASS Lower Austrian Championship	9/18/2027 - 9/18/2027	Super Mario	+43 664 5575 133	cowboysupermario@gmx.at	Kleinotten		Sep	schuetzenverein.zwettl.at/-/index.htm
SASS Lower Austrian Wild Bunch Championship	9/19/2027 - 9/19/2027	Super Mario	+43 664 5575 133	cowboysupermario@gmx.at	Kleinotten		Sep	schuetzenverein.zwettl.at/-/index.htm

CANADA

SASS Western Canadian Regional Championship	7/26/2027 - 7/31/2027	Wild Whiskey Wade	306-230-3788	trentuntereiner@live.ca	RM of Vanscoy, Saskatoon	SK	Jul	www.sawws.com
SASS Western Canadian Wild Bunch Territorial Championship	7/27/2027 - 7/27/2027	Wild Whiskey Wade	306-230-3788	trentuntereiner@live.ca	RM of Vanscoy, Saskatoon	SK	Jul	www.sawws.com
SASS Canadian Wild Bunch National Championship - Gunfight at the Glacier	9/11/2027 - 9/12/2027	Helena Handbasket	778-420-0021	slimandhelena@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	Sep	www.valleyregulators.com
SASS Canadian National Championship - Bustup at Boomtown	9/11/2027 - 9/13/2027	Helena Handbasket	778-420-0021	slimandhelena@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	Sep	www.valleyregulators.com

NEW ZEALAND

SASS New Zealand Wild Bunch National Championship	6/4/2027 - 6/6/2027	Bald Eagle	64274221551	wayne@magnumimports.co.nz	Ashburton		Jun	www.sassnz.org.nz/2027/06/04/2027-06-04/
SASS New Zealand National Championship	11/4/2027 - 11/7/2027	Bald Eagle	64274221551	wayne@magnumimports.co.nz	Hastings		Nov	www.pistolnz.org.nz

POLAND

SASS Wild Borderland	4/28/2027 - 5/2/2027	Crazy Zebra	+48 605100315	seikatsu@gmail.com	Parzeczew		Apr	www.caspoland.weebly.com
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SASS Yuma Territorial Prison Breakout	1/15/2027 - 1/17/2027	Mexican Rob	760-662-3483	mexicanrob9@aol.com	Yuma	AZ	Jan	www.yumamatchmasters.com/
SASS Gathering of the Poses	1/22/2027 - 1/24/2027	Lean-a Gun	520-568-9455	dustybunchsecretary@gmail.com	Casa Grande	AZ	Jan	www.dustybunch.com
SASS Arizona Wild Bunch State Championship - Ambush at Sawtooth Mountain	1/22/2027 - 1/22/2027	Cholula Mike	609-658-0115	mike@acscotteelectric.com	Casa Grande	AZ	Jan	www.dustybunch.com
SASS World Championship - End Of Trail	2/22/2027 - 2/28/2027	Sunshine Kay	602-397-3434	register@endoftrail.org	Phoenix	AZ	Feb	www.endoftrail.org
SASS Southeast Wild Bunch Territorial Championship - Riverside Roundup	3/12/2027 - 3/14/2027	Buffalo Trace	901-831-3676	shotgun1187@att.net	Lakeland	TN	Mar	www.memphisgunslingers.com
SASS Gunfight Behind the Jersey Lilly	3/19/2027 - 3/20/2027	Tapatio	805-722-8958	malarcon1552@gmail.com	Corona	CA	Mar	www.thecowboys.org
Whoopin'	3/19/2027 - 3/21/2027	The Texan	801-870-9378	Matt.graham.asme@gmail.com	Blanco	TX	Mar	http://tejasballeros.net/
SASS Arkansas Black Powder State Championship - Mayhem on the Mountain	3/26/2027 - 3/28/2027	Taos Lightning	479-857-4060	devoridit@hotmail.com	Heber Springs	AR	Mar	www.outlawcamp.org

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SASS South Carolina State Championship - Rampage at Ridgeville	4/8/2027 - 4/10/2027	Doc Kemm	843-926-9480	dockemm10@gmail.com	Gaston	SC	Apr	www.palmettoposse.com
SASS Kentucky State Championship - Shootout in the Hills	4/15/2027 - 4/17/2027	Cat A Tonic	606-599-5263	catazon@msn.com	Manchester	KY	Apr	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS Florida State Championship - The Last Stand	4/15/2027 - 4/17/2027	Delta Glen	352-317-2357	ricknavac@aol.com	Gainesville	FL	Apr	www.roughshodriders.com
SASS Four Corners Western Wild Bunch Territorial Championship	4/19/2027 - 4/20/2027	Crazy Beth	435-862-9439	dixiedesperados2000@gmail.com	St. George	UT	Apr	www.dixiedesperados.org
SASS Four Corners Western Regional Championship	4/21/2027 - 4/24/2027	Blake Wade	951-587-1181	austindeb@verizon.net	St. George	UT	Apr	www.dixiedesperados.org
Hell on the Border	4/21/2027 - 4/24/2027	Naildriver	479-651-2475	naildriver2355@gmail.com	Van Buren	AR	Apr	www.judgeparkersmarshals.org/
SASS Washington State Championship - Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	4/22/2027 - 4/25/2027	Ricochet Robbie	509-628-0889	ricochetrobby@gmail.com	Benton City	WA	Apr	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
SASS California Wild Bunch State Championship	4/23/2027 - 4/25/2027	Amb's Aces	805-712-0264	ambaces.45@gmail.com	Atascadero	CA	Apr	TBD
SASS Ohio Black Powder State Championship - Blackout at Stoney Bottom	4/24/2027 - 4/25/2027	Woody Shootem	419-704-3106	woody.shootem@frontier.com	Gibsonburg	OH	Apr	www.ourcowboys.org
SASS Southern Regional Championship - Battle at Old Fort Parker	4/28/2027 - 5/1/2027	Letsdoit	254-290-6347	person_curtis@yahoo.com	Groesbeck	TX	Apr	https://oldfortparkerpatriots.weebly.com
SASS California State Championship	4/28/2027 - 5/2/2027	Amb's Aces	805-712-0264	ambaces.45@gmail.com	Bakersfield	CA	Apr	www.5dogscreek.com/
SASS Kansas State Championship - Siege at Clarks Station	4/29/2027 - 5/1/2027	Flint Hills Dawg	785-479-0416	dawgpownd@eaglecom.net	Chapman	KS	Apr	www.butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Alabama State Championship - Shootout at Cavern Cove	4/29/2027 - 5/1/2027	Marshal T. K. D.	256-527-8755	goftkdd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	Apr	www.northalabamaregulators.com
SASS Delaware State Championship - Sussex County Shootout	4/30/2027 - 5/2/2027	Corkscrew Tom	410-251-2392	corkscrewtom23@gmail.com	Bridgeville	DE	Apr	www.brpc-de.com
SASS Northeast Wild Bunch Territorial Championship - Forged in Fire	5/7/2027 - 5/28/2027	Cholula Mike	609-658-0115	mike@acscottelectric.com	Muncy Valley	PA	May	www.elpossegrande.com
SASS Alaska Wild Bunch State Championship - Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	5/8/2027 - 5/9/2027	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	walling@mtaonline.net	Palmer	AK	May	www.alaskacowboyshooting.com
SASS Indiana State Championship - Spring Roundup	5/13/2027 - 5/15/2027	Revenuer "The"	812-499-7070	steve.barnett71@gmail.com	Evansville	IN	May	www.westsidesportsmens.com
SASS Georgia State Championship - Stampede at South River	5/13/2027 - 5/15/2027	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	May	www.srsowboy.com
SASS Georgia Black Powder State Championship - Smokeout at South River	5/13/2027 - 5/13/2027	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	May	www.srsowboy.com
SASS Buzzard Gulch Shootout	5/14/2027 - 5/15/2027	Slow Hand	918-508-9381	dunnjerry4@outlook.com	Skiatook	OK	May	https://www.facebook.com/IndianTerritorySASS
SASS Utah Black Powder State Championship - Smudge Match	5/15/2027 - 5/15/2027	Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	castlegatoposse@gmail.com	Price	UT	May	www.thecastlegatoposse.net/
SASS New Mexico State Championship - Geronimo Trail	5/17/2027 - 5/29/2027	Bud Guzzlin	575-313-2772	fgramer4@yahoo.com	Mimbres	NM	May	www.gilarangers.com/
SASS Northeast Regional Championship	5/28/2027 - 5/30/2027	Black Hills Barb	570-337-3974	basnyder1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	May	www.elpossegrande.com
SASS No Man's Land	5/28/2027 - 5/29/2027	Sue Render	803-960-3907	suerender1109@yahoo.com	Gaston	SC	May	www.savannahriverrangers.com
SASS Iowa/Nebraska State Championship	5/28/2027 - 5/30/2027	John Wesley Hardin	641-660-2452	oskylawfirm@gmail.com	Indianola	IA	May	www.fordesmoinestrangers.com
SASS Ohio State Championship - Shootout at Hard Time	5/28/2027 - 5/30/2027	Mean Gun Mark	937-219-4376	meangunmark@earthlink.net	Piqua	OH	May	www.miamivalleycowboys.org
SASS Tennessee State Championship - Regulators Reckoning	6/3/2027 - 6/5/2027	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	sas41999@gmail.com	Wartrace	TN	Jun	www.wartraceregulators.com/
SASS Idaho State Championship	6/3/2027 - 6/5/2027	Nels Gandy	503-953-5643	nelsgandy@gmail.com	Kuna	ID	Jun	idahocowboyaction.org
SASS Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam	6/4/2027 - 6/6/2027	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Ypsilanti Township	MI	Jun	washtenawsportsmansclub.org
SASS Plains Regional Championship	6/10/2027 - 6/12/2027	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	Jun	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Summer Solstice Shoot	6/19/2027 - 6/20/2027	Sweet Caroline	907-456-3583	carolholz@icloud.com	Fairbanks	AK	Jun	N/A
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship - North Mountain Shootout	6/25/2027 - 6/27/2027	The Surgeon	724-454-7496	bilgharv@gmail.com	Muncy Valley	PA	Jun	www.elpossegrande.com
SASS Midwest Black Powder Territorial Championship - Smoke in the Woods	6/26/2027 - 6/27/2027	Lassiter	937-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	Jun	www.midwestsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-angel
SASS Virginia Black Powder State Championship - Smoke on the Mattaponi	6/26/2027 - 6/26/2027	Potter County Kid	804-843-4245	97graves@gmail.com	Shacklefords	VA	Jun	www.westpointgclub.com
SASS Wisconsin Black Powder State Championship - Smoke in the Hills	6/26/2027 - 6/27/2027	Colonel Carbine	715-561-3786	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	Jun	www.wowsinc.org
SASS Wyoming State Championship	7/1/2027 - 7/4/2027	Water Boy	307-287-9546	waterboy2528@gmail.com	Cheyenne	WY	Jul	www.borderirvigilantes.net
SASS Alaska State Championship - Shootout Under the Midnight Sun	7/2/2027 - 7/4/2027	Marshal Stone	907-232-1080	walling@mtaonline.net	Palmer	AK	Jul	www.alaskacowboyshooting.com
SASS Montana Wild Bunch State Championship - Whiskey Runners Wild Bunch Match	7/14/2027 - 7/15/2027	May B. Shecann	406-531-4116	bitterrootckaros@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT	Jul	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Utah State Championship - The Castle Gate Robbery	7/15/2027 - 7/17/2027	Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	castlegatoposse@gmail.com	Price	UT	Jul	www.thecastlegatoposse.net/
SASS Vermont State Championship - Green Mountain Mayhem	7/16/2027 - 7/18/2027	Ol' Beaver Tooth	802-229-2062	rlindemann@psfshif.com	Morrisville	VT	Jul	www.greenmountainmayhem.com
SASS Montana State Championship	7/16/2027 - 7/18/2027	May B. Shecann	406-531-4116	bitterrootbuckaroos@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT	Jul	www.blackhorseshootists.com
SASS Hell on the Prairie	7/17/2027 - 7/18/2027	Redleg Reilly	940-447-6864	tedbrodgen@aol.com	Grandfield	OK	Jul	www.shortgrassrangers.homestead.com
SASS West Virginia Wild Bunch State Championship	7/17/2027 - 7/18/2027	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	Jul	www.wvcas.org
SASS Wisconsin Wild Bunch State Championship - Wild in the Hills	7/23/2027 - 7/24/2027	Colonel Carbine	715-561-3786	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	Jul	www.wowsinc.org
SASS Michigan Wild Bunch State Championship - Saginaw Showdown	7/31/2027 - 8/1/2027	Erhan Callahan	989-412-0010	j20bell@yahoo.com	Saginaw	MI	Jul	www.saginawfieldandstream.com
SASS Illinois Wild Bunch State Championship	8/5/2027 - 8/6/2027	Turkey Legs	815-721-2280	spis4@hotmail.com	Beloit	WI	Aug	www.rockriverregulators.net
SASS Illinois/ Wisconsin State Championship - Reckoning on the Rock	8/6/2027 - 8/8/2027	Turkey Legs	815-721-2280	spis4@hotmail.com	Beloit	WI	Aug	www.rockriverregulators.net
Faultline Annual Match	8/6/2027 - 8/8/2027	Montie Montana	818-448-3366	scott@scottsweet.net	Morgan Hill	CA	Aug	https://faultlineshootistsociety.org/
SASS Northwest Regional Championship	8/9/2027 - 8/14/2027	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	Aug	www.casidaho.net
SASS Kansas Wild Bunch State Championship	8/21/2027 - 8/22/2027	Sasparilla Groz	816-215-2800	sassgroz@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	Aug	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Arkansas State Championship - Shoot'n in the Shade	9/3/2027 - 9/5/2027	Feisty	501-282-0781	feisty2015@gmail.com	Lonsdale	AR	Sep	www.mvsaonline.com
SASS Virginia State Championship - Gunfight at the Double-C	9/3/2027 - 9/5/2027	Major B. S. Walker	804-784-3631	majorbswalker@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	Sep	www.cavaliercowboys.org
SASS RoughRider Roundup	9/3/2027 - 9/5/2027	Hattie Mae Rush	701-852-1117	whyhiss@gmail.com	Moffit	ND	Sep	www.dakotaroughriders.com
SASS Michigan State Championship - Range War	9/3/2027 - 9/5/2027	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Shelby Township	MI	Sep	www.wolverinerangers.org
SASS Minnesota State Championship - North Star Showdown	9/9/2027 - 9/12/2027	Gunslinger Grace	515-890-9808	grace.steil.81768@gmail.com	Kimball	MN	Sep	www.gcgunslingers.club
SASS Minnesota Wild Bunch State Championship - North Star Showdown Wild Bunch	9/9/2027 - 9/12/2027	Gunslinger Grace	515-890-9808	grace.steil.81768@gmail.com	Kimball	MN	Sep	www.gcgunslingers.club
SASS Four Corners Western Black Powder Territorial Championship - The Smoke at the Gate	9/11/2027 - 9/11/2027	Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	castlegatoposse@gmail.com	Price	UT	Sep	www.thecastlegatoposse.net/
SASS Colorado State Championship - 13th Return of the Buffalo	9/11/2027 - 9/13/2027	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	Sep	www.briggsdalecountyshootists.com
SASS International Black Powder Championship - Midwest Triple Classic	9/17/2027 - 9/26/2027	CC Moonshine	574-354-7186	curttbaguns@gmail.com	Etna Green	IN	Sep	www.paradisepasregulators.com
SASS Midwest Regional Championship - Midwest Triple Classic	9/17/2027 - 9/26/2027	CC Moonshine	574-354-7186	curttbaguns@gmail.com	Etna Green	IN	Sep	www.paradisepasregulators.com
SASS Midwest Wild Bunch Territorial Championship - Midwest Triple Classic	9/17/2027 - 9/26/2027	CC Moonshine	574-354-7186	curttbaguns@gmail.com	Etna Green	IN	Sep	www.paradisepasregulators.com/
SASS Texas State Championship - Showdown at Ormsby	9/23/2027 - 9/25/2027	Hot Tamale	817-774-5637	textpodg@aol.com	Cleburne	TX	Sep	www.lsfsc.com
SASS Oklahoma State Championship - Battle at the Crossroads	9/23/2027 - 9/25/2027	Scott Wayne	918-285-0543	mcac842565@aol.com	Cushing	OK	Sep	Lincolncountycowboys.com
SASS Southeast Regional Championship	9/23/2027 - 9/25/2027	Marshal T. K. D.	256-527-8755	goftkdd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	Sep	www.northalabamaregulators.com
SASS West Virginia State Championship	9/24/2027 - 9/26/2027	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	Sep	www.wvcas.org
SASS Missouri Wild Bunch State Championship	9/24/2027 - 9/26/2027	Marshal Eli Taylor	417-859-6929	mksjohn@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	Sep	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship - Purgatory in the Pines	10/15/2027 - 10/17/2027	Bronco Joan	732-600-1215	broncojoan357@gmail.com	Jackson	NJ	Oct	www.jacksonhollegang.com
SASS Arizona State Championship - Bordertown	10/19/2027 - 10/24/2027	Too Tall Bob	520-304-4972	oldpug@icloud.com	Tombstone	AZ	Oct	www.bordertowncas.com
SASS Kansas Black Powder State Championship - Fire & Ice	10/23/2027 - 10/24/2027	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	Oct	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS Texas Wild Bunch State Championship	10/29/2027 - 10/31/2027	Pepper Russell	281-639-4166	pepper600@hotmail.com	Columbus	TX	Oct	www.thss.org/
SASS Michigan Black Powder State Championship - Smoke at the Dam	10/29/2027 - 10/31/2027	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Shelby Township	MI	Oct	www.wolverinerangers.org
SASS Nevada Wild Bunch State Championship	11/2/2027 - 11/3/2027	Dixie Dawn	702-810-8866	dclements_rigger@yahoo.com	Boulder City	NV	Nov	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Nevada State Championship	11/5/2027 - 11/6/2027	Dixie Dawn	702-810-8866	dclements_rigger@yahoo.com	Boulder City	NV	Nov	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Tennessee Black Powder State Championship - Gunfight in Dixie	11/12/2027 - 11/14/2027	Buffalo Trace	901-831-3676	shotgun1187@att.net	Lakeland	TN	Nov	www.memphisgunslingers.com

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