



OUTLAW CAMP BULLETIN

December 16, 2013

Well, at least it stopped raining, but dang it sure was cold for the last shoot of 2013. A small group of us diehards showed up and we had a great time. There was still about a half inch of frozen stuff on the ground and it made for some careful negotiations moving through the stages. Ozark Outlaw and Ozark Red had come up with some different shooting sequences and even a pistol reload. We started out shooting High Card Kay's brothel, or should I say Hotel, where there was the most ice and frozen stuff. It wasn't hard to see the misses when the ice exploded behind a missed target. Tombstone Shadow opened right up with a "P" on the first stage otherwise he had a clean match. I had a miss right off the bat and several others donated their clean match to the first stage as well. On to the Mercantile and our pistol reload our first shooter Chickalah Slim was so impressed with himself that he claimed he was "outta ammo" after shooting the last pistol, he didn't realize he was suppose to reload and shoot again. I was the RO and waited for the reload but as he declared he was "outta ammo" I recorded his time and went on. Apparently, he had only emptied his guns and forgot the reload. When I shot I think the timer didn't pick up my reload so I had one heck of a fast time. But karma being what it is came back and took a fast score from me on the "Swing" as one of the shotgun targets stood its ground and I had to shoot it several times. We discovered it was leaning forward and corrected the problems to "keep things fair for the rest of the shooters" emphasis on "Fair" for the "rest" as my protests feel on deaf ears. Gee and I never complain!! Boomer Bob and Doc Fill'em brought along a variety of loads to shoot so we never knew what to expect. Several times we had to check the steel for holes. On the Campfire two targets got up and ran away outta fright! Missouri Plow Boy had a great day despite the cold. He really had his 97 running. Wind Slinger kept the posse busy and helped move things along as everybody pitched in and helped keep score, pick up brass and reset shotgun targets. Short Tree was fast on the pistols, accurate on the shot gun but dang had a couple of squibs in his rifle. Thanks to Doc Fill'em's eagle eyes and deer like hearing he was able to stop Short Tree before damaging his gun and shooting through a squib. Short Tree try magnum primers next time you may just hit the target as well. Lunch was an excellent brisket with corn and green bean sides, hot rolls and a variety of deserts. Thanks to the ladies for fixing lunch for us. Red, Stump Mom, and Arnetta kept the fire stoked and it felt good to warm up. After a belly full of warm food we shot our last two stages. But, not before Red River Ralph fell down and demonstrated the proper technique for making snow angels. He was ok and several of us had a few moments that would have called for our "life Alert" buttons to be pushed.

It was a great year of shooting at the Outlaw Camp. Ozark, Red, Arkansas Drifter, Tombstone and Arnetta along with Arkansas Harper and Arkansas Bell are to be commended and this writer wants them to know how much we all appreciate their efforts week after week as well as our thanks to ALL who make our Outlaw Camp fun and exciting. I look forward to the upcoming shooting season and I highly encourage all of us to continue the Cowboy Way, dress appropriately for our sport, further our second amendment rights and give thanks for the freedoms we cherish and that so many have fought and died for. I look forward to seeing you all next year!! Till then have a wonderful Holiday and may you and your family receive all of God's blessings! Jesus is the reason for the season, Merry Christmas! And have a Happy New Year!

"Stumpman"

Thanks to you Stumpman for your contributions to the newsletter.

P.S.(Hey Stumpman I knocked that leaning forward shotgun target down with my low recoil load, you do need to hit it however. OO)

Our Fifth Saturday shoot in November was our usual fare, moving and knock down targets along with some regular stages. We had a few shooters who decided to shoot the Cemetery true Outlaw style shooting everything from the hip, even the rifle! Some of our shooters have some really wild ideas for a Fun Day shoot, stay tuned. Scores have already been sent. I think Stumpman shot every firearm he owns at some point during the day.

Red and I attended the SASS convention in Branson, MO. **Minutes from the TG meeting attached.** There have been several clarifications and changes in the SASS handbook and the RO1 and RO2 manuals. The new manuals are due to be out in January or February. I will let you know when they are available. I hope to be able to do an RO1 and RO2 class early next year (March or April,) and I would encourage **everyone** to attend for a refresher class. SASS convention in 2014 will be in San Antonio, Texas. (Across the street from the Alamo).

2014 dues are due and payable for Outlaw Camp and several have already paid. Dues remain the same, \$25.00. Make your check out to H. C. Williams and send to H. C. Williams, 159 Country Aire Drive, Heber Springs, AR 72543.

Our January shoot, **Saturday 1-11-14** will be **our annual complimentary Continental Breakfast and awards for 2013.** We will start about 10:00 AM with shoot to follow food and awards.

One clean match this time, Ozark Outlaw. One shooter who had no misses but did manage a P, Tombstone Shadow. Others with clean stages were, Doc Fillem and Windslinger with 5, Red River Ralph with 4, Short Tree had 3, Boomer Bob, Missouri Plowboy, and Chickalah Slim had 2, Stumpman had 1.

I don't know how close some look at the scores but we have been using total time here at Outlaw Camp for monthly shoots for several years. (We have always used Rank Point scoring for annual shoots). Our monthly score sheet also shows the rank scoring totals, just look at the score sheet in the Final Column to the right of the Time column is the Rank column. (You can also see your "rank" on each stage just to the right of your total time column). This month is interesting in that the order for the top three shooters is changed considerably which is a little unusual. As you can see by looking, using rank point scoring Stumpman and Tombstone Shadow both had a total of 13 rank points. Ozark Outlaw had a total of 14 rank points. Stumpman had a faster total time than Tombstone so he would be first. Tombstone had fewer rank points than Ozark Outlaw but a slower time than Stumpman so he would be second. Ozark Outlaw in spite of having the fastest total time would be third. Just an observation.

SASS has requirements concerning ammo. If you have never been present when a gun "blew up" it is an event you will remember even if no one is seriously hurt. Most of us hand load our ammo for Cowboy Action Shooting and we need to keep in mind loads that are too light or too heavy are both serious problems! I would refer you to **page #11 of the current SASS Shooters Handbook for the details**, but summarized they includeall ammo must have a power factor of 60, that means that a 100 grain bullet must travel at least 600 feet per second to make the power factor. It's bullet weight in grains, multiplied by the velocity and divided by 1000. **All ammo must have a minimum velocity of 400 fps and revolvers must have a velocity no more than 1000 fps while rifles are limited to 1400 fps.....** If you have any questions about your ammo we have a chronograph available here at Outlaw Camp and we will be glad to assist you in testing your loads. Always use a current reloading manual for any loads you try! Don't use "x" grains of powder for "y" load because your buddy told you that is what he uses, (he may not remember off the top of his head what he uses)!! There are several cowboys around who are experienced reloaders and would be more than happy to assist you. I know with the scarcity of reloading components around at the present time we sometimes have to make do with what we can find, but that is no excuse for not using them safely. Some primers are hotter than others, some powders are more case position sensitive than others, some are volume sensitive, some are so light that they may work on a warm day but not a cold one, etc, etc. There are safe ways to increase or decrease loads. **Always consult a current loading manual and always start with the suggested starting load.** Some powders have specific warnings that loads should not be reduced by more than 10% for instance. Remember also no jacketed or semi-jacketed bullets, only lead.

The holiday season is here and we all are involved in family activities as we should be. Ozark Red and I want to wish you each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Looking forward to a great year shooting at Outlaw Camp in 2014 just remember.....

Upcoming Events of Interest

Dec. 25 Wed. Christmas Day

Jan. 1 Wed. New Years Day

Jan. 4 Sat. Shoot 'MVV' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Jan. 5 Sun. Shoot 'MVV' shoot 9:00 (call)

Jan. 11 Sat. Shoot, Complimentary Breakfast, 2013 Awards, 'Outlaw Camp' 10:00

Jan. 25, Sat. Shoot 'True Grit' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Jan. 26, Sun. Shoot 'True Grit'

Feb. 1 Sat. Shoot 'MVV'

Feb.2 Sun. Shoot 'MVV' (call)

Feb. 8, Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Feb. 22, Sat. Shoot 'True Grit'

Feb. 23 Sun. Shoot 'True Grit'

For other club activities around the state check their respective web-sites.