

OUTLAW CAMP



Heber Springs, AR

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What a great shoot we had. You could not have asked for a better late winter day. The sun was shining the birds were singing, brains were fading, guns were malfunctioning, ammo was squibbing, targets were missed, "P's" were assessed but like I say, "A bad day shooting is better than most any other day". We had twenty-one shooters including a foreign student all the way from China who came along with Big Ole Brad and for a tiny little person who had never even seen a gun let alone shot one, by the end of the day we all could have taken lesson from her. Pepper Pete suggested that we send Mustang Toni and Sandia Z to Big Ole Brads 'Big Bang Theory' School of Shooting. The ladies were not nearly as amused as we were. Pete thought he would try something a bit different this shoot and start off "first Shooter of the day" for posse 2. That was a train wreck. I should have known something was not quite right when he asked me for his "Nine Iron". Bet he don't shoot first again. I had worked on my rifle the night before and I sorta anticipated troubles and of course I did, "P'd" on the first stage after kicking out a round and shooting the next target out of order. Good thing to get all the kinks out after working on a gun BEFORE a big match. I had not had time to test fart it the night before our shoot.

We had a guest shooter "Faygo Kid" from up north somewhere and he was more than willing to school us amateurs. I can hear him now talking to his buddies back home "Ya I gave them Arkansas Hillbillies a lesson they'll never forget". He was a lot of fun to shoot with and we hope to see him more in the future as he was and will be visiting family that lives nearby. Wind Slinger could not wait to shoot Saturday and at lunch presented me with a document with questionable content. Seems a photo demonstrating an EXAMPLE of someone handing his buddy illegally acquired ammo has been going around after I wrote an article on the same subject. First, Arkansas Harper would flat out deny I am anybody's buddy AND that was NOT a picture of me (if lying works for Oblameo, then....).

One quick thing, counters. I notice far too often that our counters ....aren't. It's ok when we are short of folks to do more than one job but if you are counting and picking up brass you need to understand that counting is more important and pay attention to the shooters targets. I see folks looking the wrong way and talking to other shooters, staring at the ground and just NOT PAYING ATTENTION. Thing is, you need to count like you would expect to have someone count for you. Head up, eyes on the target, listening for the ping, watching for the target to wiggle, making sure of edge shots. If there is even the slightest doubt or you just didn't see it or simply you don't know, you must call it a hit. I also see FAR TOO OFTEN counters looking up to see what the other counters have and going from a fist full of CLEAN to a miss because they see another counter holding one finger up or letting the peanut gallery talk them into a miss or a "P". That is why we have three counters. Counting is the single most important job and is the most honorable task you have and your fellow shooters are counting on you. If you don't feel up to the challenge then please don't count.

Several of us are going to Ft Smith for the Arkansas State Wild Bunch Championship and "Hell on the Border" this weekend. I am glad that we were all able to get all of the bad mojo worked out and we hope to represent our club well, good luck to all heading up north. Next Shooter!!!

## Stumpman

With one shooter from China and another from the state of Michigan we were blessed with a great day to shoot! Welcome to Chun Li, a student at UCA with a temporary alias of Cherokee Chun, and Jim Holton alias Faygo Kid from Trenton, Michigan. Welcome to Outlaw Camp!

It was Cherokee Chun's first shoot and you could tell that Big Ole Brad had been teaching her a few things about handling firearms.

Faygo Kid just slipped in quietly and showed us all how to be top gun for the day while shooting a clean match! Way to go!

We had **three clean matches** for the day, Faygo Kid, Outrider and Ozark Outlaw. Congratulations! Other clean stages were shot by Tombstone Shadow, Ozark Red, 5; Pepper Pete, Jo Jo Pepper, Arkansas Drifter, Wind Slinger, 4; Short Tree, Quick Trigger, Sundown Duke, Dingus Dan LeGree, 3; Chickalah Slim, Mustang Toni, Better Half, 2; Stumpman, Sandia, 1.

I hope everyone has taken the time to become familiar with the rule changes and clarifications for the current year, if not, I encourage you to do so. Current handbooks are available to download at [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com).

March has five Saturdays so plan on another **Fun Fifth Saturday** shoot March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no lunch available so bring your own.

Our regular monthly shoot in April will feature some of the shooting sequences from "Winter Range". I think you will find them interesting.

**"Hell on the Border"** hosted by Judge Parker's Marshals is this week! March 14-16. It will be the first Arkansas State Wild Bunch match but also includes a regular Cowboy Action match as well. Check their website for more details and schedule of events.

Just a word about **safety** : We always try to be certain that someone is present to watch the loading and unloading tables. Duties of these range officers can be found in the RO1 manual. (page 9 item 9). It is ultimately the shooter's responsibility to make certain that his or her firearms are properly loaded etc. After shooting the stage firearms are to be safely carried to the unloading table for inspection by the unloading officer. In the event a shooter arrives at the loading table with spent rounds in the chamber of his or her revolvers or rifle they may have a problem. If it is the first stage of the day it will be a "No Call". This gives the shooter the benefit of the doubt that perhaps they had been out for a practice session and just failed to clear the empties from the involved firearm prior to the first stage of the day. After the shooter shoots that first stage he or she must have each firearm inspected at the unloading table. Empty rounds found in the chambers of a firearm at the loading table at any time after the first stage is shot will result in a stage DQ for the previous stage as this indicates failure of the shooter to properly unload at the unloading table. (RO1 manual page 25 last item under stage disqualification penalties). I know that after you shoot a great stage or perhaps have a 'train wreck' shooters may get a little distracted and head back to the gun cart bypassing the unloading table. The timer operator tries to make sure the shooter is headed to the unloading table after shooting the stage but it is your responsibility as the shooter to make sure you make it there. We can all help each other by reminding each other if you see a fellow shooter who looks like they may not be headed for the unloading table after shooting the stage to go to the unloading table.

Another thing we each need to watch is to **make certain that the hammer on your rifle is fully down on an empty chamber when you finish loading**. A penalty will be incurred if the rifle is staged without the hammer fully down.

SASS has announced that the Cowboy Chronicle may cease to be published in hard copy. If there are enough who wish to receive in hard copy (5000)? that may be possible for a subscription price of around \$25.00 to \$35.00 per year. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy you need to get in touch with SASS headquarters. As I understand it, otherwise the April issue will be digital only.

Oh yes! The SASS Convention scheduled to be held December 3-7 2014 in San Antonio, Texas has been changed to January 6-11 2015.

Well that's about it for now, spring is finally just around the corner and a lot of our shooters will be traveling here and there to shoot; just be careful as you travel, shoot straight, shoot fast and most of all shoot safe! Just.....

**KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE**

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**Upcoming Events of Interest:**

Mar. 14-16 "Hell on the Border"

Mar. 22 Sat. Shoot 'True Grit' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00  
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**Mar. 29 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' Fun Fifth Saturday shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**  
Apr. 5 Sat. Shoot 'MVV' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00  
Apr. 6 Sun. Shoot 'MVV' shoot 9:00 (call)  
**Apr. 12 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**  
**Apr. 20 Sun. EASTER SUNDAY**  
Apr. 26 Sat. Shoot 'True Grit'  
Apr 27 Sun. Shoot 'True Grit'  
May 3 Sat. Shoot 'MVV'  
May 4 Sun. Shoot 'MVV'  
**May 10 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp'**