

OUTLAW CAMP



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Just because it's August does not mean it's hot. Moon Dance Kid, High Card Kay, Ozark Red and I made a special trip to northern New Mexico just to round up some cooler weather for our August shoot. With a high in the 80's we didn't even need a relaxed dress code for this shoot! It surely was a relief from the weather we have had this summer.

We had one shooter with us here from Van Buren, AR, C. S. Brady AKA Scott Brady, A regular shooter from Judge Parkers Marshalls', Scott is originally from this area, his father having coached at Greer's Ferry West Side High School for a number of years. We look forward to having him come back to shoot with us when he is in the area. Having only been involved in CAS shooting a little over a year it looks like Nail Driver and those cowboys over there need to keep a watch over their shoulders.

Also back with us from Wisconsin was Marty Mudd, AKA Brian Martig, he comes down to shoot with us when he is in the area. I guess he feels at home here, he shot a clean match!

Well, I suppose it's time to go ahead and congratulate the **five** shooters who **shot a clean match**, Marty Mudd, Lefty Ed, Mo Brian, Moon Dance Kid, and Outrider. Other clean stages were shot by Tombstone Shadow, Arkansas Drifter, Strongbox Bill, Short Tree, Dingus Dan Legree, Deacon Adams, Sundown Duke, Quick Trigger, 5; Arkansas Harper, Stump Man, Doc Fill'em, Mustang Moore, Ozark Outlaw, C. S. Brady, 4; Red River Ralph, Backshooter, Arkansas Bell, Sweet Water Sue, Millian, Wyoming Rattler, 3; Windslinger, Rattler Joe, Ozark Red, 2; Montana Vigilante, 1.

Hopefully things will start cooling down somewhat as there are a lot of shoots coming up. **"Mayhem on the Mountain"** is coming up the second weekend in October and we at Outlaw Camp are planning a **great shoot**. Get those entries in. You may download an entry form at www.outlawcamp.com.

September has five **Saturdays** so put it on your calendar **the 29th** for another **"Fun Fifth Saturday" shoot** at Outlaw camp. It should be a great practice for "Mayhem on the Mountain".

Following the shoot Saturday a few of us were sitting around and we started discussing safety and SASS rules. There has been some discussion among the SASS rules committee about changing the wording in the RO1 and RO2 handbooks concerning what to do about malfunctioning firearms. The RO1 manual states on page 18 under item 18 “.....**malfunctioning guns** still containing rounds will not warrant penalties so long as the malfunction is declared and the gun made safe (handed off to the RO **or placed on a prop with the muzzle in a safe direction**). At this point, the firearm is still loaded, everyone knows it, and the firearm can be handled in an appropriate manner.” This is repeated in the RO2 materials on page 3 under Unsafe State Design Elements.

When I first started cowboy action shooting the handing off of malfunctioning firearms seemed to be the thing a shooter was expected to do. In recent years after teaching RO1 and RO2 classes and realizing that I also have an option to “make the malfunctioning firearm safe” that is what I have done when needed. First of all I don’t have to wave a loaded firearm around hoping someone will take it safely while the clock is running. I can simply declare a malfunction, safely ground the firearm (making certain it is pointed in a safe direction) and get on with the shooting problem at hand. There may be some instances where a suitable place to safely stage or ground a firearm is just not available so handing off may be the only option. We are trying to make sure that you will always have a place to safely “ground” a malfunctioning firearm at Outlaw Camp.

Handing off a malfunctioning firearm to the Timer Operator detracts him/her from their primary responsibility on the firing line and sometimes involves a relay of persons to the unloading table. (The timer operator already has a timer in one hand and does not need to have a loaded malfunctioning firearm in the other while trying to chase the shooter around and hand it off). This may involve the passing of the firearm several times. If a Spotter is involved in the transfer from the Timer Operator it also detracts them from their duties. I just feel the passing around of a firearm in an indeterminable condition, (cocked? round under hammer? Whatever?), is just not a best practice for safe firearms handling. In addition if you are trying to be helpful and are handling that firearm you bear the ultimate responsibility for it if it is dropped, has an accidental discharge or whatever.

I feel the best case scenario would be where the malfunctioning firearm is safely grounded and left for the shooter to deal with at the conclusion of the stage. That way the shooter is responsible for what happens to the firearm and it has not been passed off to travel to the unloading table where some well- intentioned person may have the firearm halfway disassembled prior to the arrival of the shooter.

At the present time be aware of what the rules and preferences of the club where you are shooting might be and abide accordingly. If possible safely ground a malfunctioning firearm

here at Outlaw Camp. We don't mean actually placing the firearm on the ground, although that would be okay, we mean making it safe if possible on a prop, table or whatever is handy keeping in mind that if you have to move downrange you don't want to place it so that you are moving in front of the muzzle.

True Grit Single Action Shooters will be trying out a **new shooting schedule** starting in August and will be shooting **Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th**. They will shoot the same stages each day. Shooting times remain the same, shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00. No lunch available on Saturday.

Stay safe and cool and

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

Aug. 18 Sat: Long Range "Outlaw Camp" Shoot 9:00

Aug. 25 Sat. Shoot "True Grit" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00 bring your lunch!

Aug. 26 Sun. Shoot "True Grit" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Aug. 31-Sep.1 "Shootin' in the Shade" Arkansas State Championship hosted by MVV

Sep. 8 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Sep. 22 Sat. Shoot "True Grit" bring your lunch

Sep. 23 Sun. Shoot "True Grit"

Sep. 29 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" 'Fun Fifth Saturday'

Oct. 6 Sat. Shoot "MVV" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Oct. 7 Sun. Shoot "MVV" shoot 9:00 call to check

Oct. 11 Thu. RO1 and RO2 classes at Outlaw Camp. Call Ozark Outlaw at 501-362-2963

Oct. 12-14 "Mayhem on the Mountain" AR State Black Powder Championship hosted by "Outlaw Camp"

For other shoots in Arkansas check their respective websites at www.sassnet.com