

OUTLAW CAMP



Heber Springs, AR

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September 14, 2014

Wow, what a great day for shooting! We had sneak peek at some early fall weather with a chilly start to our September club match. Going from the nineties to fifty degree weather is a bit overwhelming for some, but you couldn't have asked for a better day. We had a great turnout, enough Cowboys and Cowgirls for two posses. The 3:10 to Yuma was right on time rolling over the majority of us on the first stage. Talk about your train wrecks! Ozark said we would have some challenging stages this year and man he wasn't kidding. One thing for sure, I think we made things a bit harder on ourselves than needed. All of the stages were simple enough once we had a clear understanding of the sequence.

Since State, I have been shooting my .45LC big guns with some of my Gatling gun loads in preparation for Hellfire down in Louisiana in a couple of weeks. I will be shooting Classic Cowboy with full load Black Powder against Ain't Durnit, Rock Rotten and several others so I need all the practice I can get. But, after shooting .38's with 3 grains of pixie dust, shooting real loads can be pretty dang exciting to say the least.

One thing I always look forward to is the lunch prepared by Arnetta and the rest of the ladies up in the bunk house. They come up with some great recipes and one pot meals sure to please the pickiest pallets. Thanks to all who contribute and bring food to share. Speaking of sharing, Ozark maintains a fridge with some cold beverages for after the shoot and I'll bet he would appreciate an occasional contribution from the revelers washing down the sorrows of too many misses and "P's" from the day's shoots.

As you all know by now Mustang Toni and I are enjoying K&T Guns and providing guns and services for our shooters. It can be a pain lugging a bunch of guns every month so I will be bringing featured guns. Be sure to ask me what I have special on hand. I have done several action jobs for some very satisfied shooters so please keep us in mind for most of your gunsmith needs. We can also provide reloading supplies upon request.

Finally, the mid-term elections are approaching fast and I encourage all of you to get out and vote. It is vital we take back our country from the liberals selling out our freedoms. Please invite someone new and help to continue to grow Cowboy Action shooting, they are sure to have a great time. See you at the next gun fight.....**Next Shooter!**

Stumpman

Busy month here at Outlaw Camp! On September 6 we had a special shoot to make up our February shoot which had been cancelled due to bad weather and our August Fifth Saturday shoot which was cancelled due to a conflict with the Arkansas State Championship. We had a great shoot!

Congratulations to those with a clean match for the 6th of September, Dingus Dan Legree, Lefty Ed, Ozark Outlaw, Strongbox and Wind Slinger.

Congratulations to the clean match shooters for September 13, Ozark Outlaw, Short Tree and Sundown Duke.

We are back to our regular schedule and dress code! Gate open at 8:00, shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00.

Get those entries in for "Black Smoke on the White River" the Arkansas State Black Powder shoot. There will also be smokeless categories. Check the "White River Gang" website for entry forms. Saturday, October 18 is the date for the event.

I was recently asked about "Spirit of the Game". I want to refer you to the newest issue of the "Shooters Handbook" page 2.

"Spirit of the Game"

"As the game of Cowboy Action Shooting has evolved, our members have developed and adopted an attitude towards their participation we call "The Spirit of the Game." Competing in the Spirit of the Game means you fully participate in what the competition asks. You do not look for ways to create an advantage out of what is or is not stated as a rule of shooting procedure. Some folks would call The Spirit of the Game nothing more than good sportsmanship. Whatever you call it, if you don't have it, Cowboy Action Shooting is not your game.

A "spirit of the game" infraction occurs when a competitor willfully or intentionally disregards the stage instructions in order to obtain a competitive advantage (i.e., taking the penalty would result in a lower score or faster time than following the instructions) and is not assessed simply because a competitor "makes a mistake." In such a case, in addition to any penalties for misses, a 30 second failure to engage/Spirit of the Game penalty is assessed. Shooting ammunition that does not meet the power or minimum velocity is also a "spirit of the game" infraction. Two "spirit of the game" penalties within a match will result in a Match Disqualification."

I think the question I was asked may have been more closely related to another rule. There are 37 safety rules spelled out in the Shooters Handbook, Starting on page 22 and ending on page 25. I think we may sometimes confuse this rule with "Spirit of the Game." Rule 37 simply states, **"Interpersonal conflicts WILL NOT be tolerated"**.

Cowboy Action Shooting is about having a good time, it is a competition and we do keep score but we don't want to take ourselves too seriously, after all we are all dressed up in costume! We are also carrying firearms. Good Sportsmanship is the keyword. Do unto others etc. Is what someone said or did really enough to get you that upset? Really! Is it important enough to say or do something to upset someone else? We do have rules that we go by, particularly safety rules. Look at it from the other competitor's viewpoint, step back, take few deep breaths, get your mind in gear prior to engaging your mouth. Is what you are about to say or do really going to be positive and helpful? We all want to play by the rules and be treated fairly. We have all been called for some miss or procedural which we may have thought was unfair, we have all had some timer operator who might have done a better job of keeping us out of trouble. We have all either overreacted or seen someone else overreact to some call being made. If you think you have been treated unfairly take the call up the chain of command, there are mechanisms in place to settle things in a proper manner. **Above all remember it takes at least two to have an interpersonal conflict. What part did you play! Are you participating in the "Spirit of the Game"?**

Remember our annual awards are based on your best six scores at regular monthly matches in the same category. We have three matches remaining.

There are a lot of shoots coming up this fall. Good luck to all.

Oh yes I want to congratulate all our regular shooters who won or placed in their categories at the Arkansas State Championship. I think we had eight State Champions!

"KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE"

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

- Sep. 27, Sat. Shoot "True Grit" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
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 - Oct. 4, Sat. Shoot "MVV" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
 - Oct. 5, Sun. Shoot 9:00 call
 - Oct. 11, Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" Shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
 - Oct. 18, Sat. "Black Smoke on the White River" Ark State Black Powder Championship hosted by the White River Gang
 - Oct. 25, Sat. Shoot "True Grit"
 - Oct, 26, Sun. Shoot "True Grit"
 - Oct. 29-Nov.2 "Comin' at 'Cha" SASS Southwest Regional at Badlands Bar Three
 - Nov. 1, Sat. Shoot "MVV"
 - Nov. 2, Sun. Shoot "MVV" call
 - Nov. 8, Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp"**
- For other shoots in Arkansas check each clubs respective web-site**