

OUTLAW CAMP



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Ho Ho Ho!!! December 2014

T'was a Saturday Morning and all thru the stages cowboys and cowgirls were shooting; not a single target left standing cept'n for ones I missed. The stages were all set with fresh paint in hopes that I could shoot better than those who would dare.

Cowboys and Cowgirls were all nestled by their gun carts while a vision of clean matches danced in their heads. I in my cowboy hat and Mustang Toni in her finest cowgirl fare settled in for a gunfight with hopes that "Saint hit'em all" would soon be there.

When all of the sudden there rose such a clatter, BANG-Ding, BANG, BANG-Ding I knew in an instant I had AD'd on my first stage, MISS!!! I ran to the unloading table and threw down my guns. Dang a miss on the first stage!!! Now look what I done.

The sun got in my eyes like the glare from a new fallen snow. It blinded me so bad I P'd on the next stage wouldn't you know. When, what to my wondering eyes did appear but Pepper Pete shooting wildly with no fear. But don't worry ol'Pete as we all know you should know better than to eat the yellow snow!!!

With three blind counters and an RO so quick, I knew in an instant Nickols Creek shotgun blast was full of black powder with smoke so thick. Ooops, where did those come from? More rapid than eagles his coursers they came as he called several by name.

Hey Stumpman, hey Outrider, hey Sandi Z, now Short Tree and Tombstone and Mustang Toni! To the next stage, to the next stage now dash away, dash away all.

And then in a twinkling I heard several shooters exclaim "It's time for lunch" so up to the bunk house we all ran, only to find the chimney the only way in. Down through the chimney we all did bound for some hot Lasagna and salad and surgery sweets.

We were chubby and plump, cause we're old and we laughed in spite of ourselves looking more like a scene out of Blazing Saddles than a bunch of happy elves. We all joked as we filled our belly that shook like a bowl full of jelly. A wink of the eye and a twist of my head and I knew we had three stages left for something closely resembling a train wreck.

We talked a lot of trash and went straight to work. Filled our stockings cause the spit was getting deep. Then I turned with a jerk.....dang missed again! And laying a finger to my nose I gave a nod, I emptied my shotgun belt, Man; I can't believe all that rod.

Finally the last stage came and it was all over, we jumped in our sleighs and gave a loud whistle, get in the truck girl it's time to go home! Then as was heard as we drove out of sight.....Merry Christmas to all! And to all.....**NEXT SHOOTER!!!!**

Wishing God blesses you all with "Clean Matches"! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stumpman & Mustang Toni

Seems it is always something! I tried Sunday morning to put the scores up on the website and ran into some problems so don't know when I will get that worked out.

Just wanted to say a few words about our Fun Fifth Saturday shoot 11-29-2014. It was a great day to shoot and we had a fun shoot as always. We shot all those pesky moving targets. We were glad to have Tombstone Todd with us, that's Quick Trigger and Better Half's son. We look forward to having him back with us. We also had Rock Rotten up from Texas, we are always happy to have him when he is in the area. Slap Leather Bill has quietly been coming up to shoot with us when he is in the area also. I certainly don't want to leave Big Ole Brad and his daughter Lone Star Lucy off our list, Brad always brings plenty of smoke with him and he and his daughter took a lot of photos at the match. Check out Bigolebrad.com. I hope I didn't leave anyone out! Of course we have our regulars, I guess we should call them the "faithful", without you we wouldn't be having a shoot!

For a December shoot you just couldn't expect it to be much nicer than it was for our regular shoot, 12-13-14 (just had to get that in there). Leadville Lefty doesn't make it up our way very often but we were glad to have him with us.

Clean shooters for the day were Mo Brian, Nichols Creek, Outrider and Sundown Duke. Congratulations! I may actually get to shoot another clean match if I can get a rifle to work all day! At Mountain Valley last week I started out with a rifle and it went down on the first stage. Shot the rest of the match clean with another rifle. This week I started out with the same rifle that I finished the day with there, only to have it fail me on the first stage so I went back to the rifle that failed me at Mountain Valley and finished with no further problems. Go figure! Where is that crying towel?

We always have some interesting things come up on at our shoots and we have to deal with things as they come up. It seems that Arkansas Bell is scheduled to have some shoulder surgery in January and didn't want to deal with her shotgun. She shot a modified Dale Evans (no shotgun) category shooting a revolver at the shotgun targets. I think we had as much fun watching her as she had shooting it! Her surgery is scheduled for mid-January.

I am happy to report that Strongbox Bill AKA Bill Bennett is steadily getting back on his feet. Red and I stopped by to see him yesterday and he indicated he was going to try to make it to the

gym today to see how he does, (I think a few minutes on the treadmill would be a great success). Hopefully February will see him back on the firing line!

Annual awards for 2014 should be ready for presentation in February. We usually have a complimentary Brunch and awards prior to our regular monthly shoot, and tentatively plan to do that again. Since January has five Saturdays we might elect to do Brunch and awards at our Fun Fifth Saturday shoot. Stay tuned!

Outlaw Camp dues for 2015 are due and payable January 1st. Dues will remain the same at \$25.00 per year per family. Several have already paid, Thanks!

As many are aware "True Grit Single Action Shooters" were unable to continue at the range where they had been shooting. They made the decision to change their venue and will be shooting on the fourth Saturday each month at 'Outlaw Camp'. We want to welcome them to "The Place" which will be home to "Outlaw Camp" and the "True Grit Single Action Shooters". Probably few are aware that "True Grit", although not the first SASS club in Arkansas, is the oldest SASS club in Arkansas still in existence. The now defunct ACASA or Arkansas Cowboy Action Shooters Assn. was the first SASS club in the state.

I will bring this to an end by saying that Ozark Red and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. If you will notice in Upcoming Events the White River Gang in Mountain Home have decided to get the New Year off to a good start with a shoot on New Year's Day and have invited you to join them! They are planning to start shooting at 11:00 with soup, sandwiches or whatever in the clubhouse to follow.

"KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE"

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

- Dec. 25 Thu. Christmas Day!**
- Dec. 27 Sat. Shoot "True Grit" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Jan. 1 Thu. Shoot "White River Gang" New Year's day shoot 11:00
- Jan. 3 Sat. Shoot "MVV" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Jan. 4 Sun. Shoot "MVV" shoot 9:00 call
- Jan. 7-11 SASS Convention San Antonio, Texas
- Jan. 10 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Jan. 24 Sat. Shoot "True Grit"
- Jan. 31 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" 'Fun Fifth Saturday' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Feb. 7 Sat. Shoot "MVV"
- Feb. 8 Sun. Shoot "MVV" call
- Feb. 14 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp"**

For other shoots in Arkansas see each clubs respective website.

