

Outlaw Camp Bulletin

March 14, 2015



Rain, Rain go away come again some other day!! We have certainly had our fair share of late winter weather and Saturdays March match was no exception. Lucky for us at the Outlaw Camp in that Ozark Outlaw is steadily building one of the premier indoor CAS shooting ranges in the country. Twenty-four die hard shooters were on hand giving it their best at a variety of stages geared more towards the styles shot at Ft Smith in anticipation of this weekend's "Hell on the Border" annual match. It took a while longer to process all twenty four through a single stage but that gave folks a good chance for conversation and fellowship. Yours truly had been under the weather for the previous week so I did my best not to infect anyone else. I probably would not have shown up it weren't for the Ft Smith shoot this weekend. As is typical with illness when one spouse comes down with the crud the other is soon to follow. I apologized to Mustang Toni 3 days in advance and wouldn't you know it she got sick the day of Saturdays shoot and opted to stay in bed. Tombstone Shadow and I thought that the day may have gone by faster if we shoot out of both ends of the barn but felt Arnetta may have had to dodge too many bullets. If everyone shot clean then all the shots would have been on steel with no worries. Ozark Red did make a valid point in that at least we get all of our brass back!! Talk about Arnetta, WOW! was that some good chili or what? We are certainly lucky to have her prepare some wonderful lunches for us.

If folks are interested and the weather turns a bit nicer I will be planning on having a few Shooters clinics over the summer to assist new shooters, improve shooters who have been shooting a while as well as guns and ammo clinics. Recently I tore apart and put back together a 73 for a couple folks and they were eager to learn how it was done so I am more than happy to help out all of our shooters. Well, we are off to Ft. Smith this weekend and then to Slicks place in Louisiana the next weekend. The "Stump Thumper Gang" is looking forward to a great shooting season this year. Till then...

"NEXT SHOOTER"

Stumpman

First a couple of words about our fourth Saturday shoot 2-28-2015. The weather finally caught up with us. Sometime after I went to bed on Friday night it did snow a very little, only a slight dusting no effect on the roads at all, but it was cold! Fortunately there was very little breeze. We had some brave souls who showed up to shoot while others, with differing road conditions, decided to stay off the roads. Chickalah Slim had the stages written up and Stage Six, which happened to be the Cemetery this time, was a gunfighter's dream stage, (Oh yes that's right he shoots gunfighter), with a 1,5,1,5,2,4,2,4,3,3 sequence for both rifle and pistol.

It was nice to be able to sit down in a warm house with a fresh hot meal after the first three stages, Thanks Arnetta! After shooting the final three stages the scores were quickly tallied and printed for those who cared to stay around. It's always good to visit and talk things over for a-while after all the shooting is done for the day. Stumpman had a little demonstration for those who hung around, He went through the disassembly and reassembly procedures to clean your 1873 rifle while explaining how the 73 works. Thanks Stumpman for taking your time to do that.

One clean match for the day, Ozark Outlaw, makes me glad that I reloaded the round that didn't go off on the first stage of the day. That was after getting tangled up in a head set I was trying to wear to keep

my ears warm and taking them off in the middle of the stage. I thought I had worn that headset before but after I found that I couldn't shoulder my shotgun properly, (it was first), and realizing that I was going to have the same problem with the rifle I tried to quickly get them out of the way, "haste makes waste" I think is the way the old saying goes and it applied here. I did get the headset off and out of the way and then a rifle round failed to fire so I re-cocked it, still a no-go, so I reloaded a round and got round #10 fired. Not a great way to start the day but I did manage to shoot it clean and things improved after that.

Arkansas Harper pointed out that our regular shoot this month should have been billed as the Pi shoot since it was held on 3-14-15 and Pi is 3.1415. I told him I thought pie was round and he said something about a mathematical constant and the relationship of a circles circumference to its diameter. I had a horrible flashback to math in school.

Stumpman has pretty well summarized our March 14 Second Saturday shoot. **Clean shooters for the day were Cheeka Bow Wow, Deadwood Dutch, Mustang Moore and Pepper Pete, congratulations.** As Stumpman said we are lucky to have the barn as it was raining after the weatherman had predicted a nice day. With frozen ground only a couple of weeks before, and almost 4 inches of rain, (it started raining before the 6 inch snow was all melted) there was a little water standing on the range. Our sandy soil soaks it up pretty well but all together it was just too much. We are currently planning a way to have two dry shooting areas at the barn so we can divide up into at least two groups if needed.

We had an impromptu work day Monday the 16th and Arkansas Drifter, Mustang Moore and I reset and rebuilt the large hanging rifle targets at the swing. They should be in good shape for quite a while again. Thanks guys!

I mentioned in our shooter meeting we have noticed some damage to a few targets as a result of folks shooting other than cowboy ammunition. **The range is there to use but not to abuse.** Anyone shooting prohibited ammo or prohibited caliber firearms at our "cowboy" targets will be asked to leave immediately! If you don't know what that means ask! If you have some firearm you want to try with jacketed or hot ammo, or a rifle caliber let me know. I will see that you have an appropriate target to engage. While we are on that subject if you want to practice a little or try out a new gun after the match is over, please wait until the brass has been picked up. It only takes a few minutes to pick up the brass. Once the brass is picked up and the line is clear you may blaze away! **Brass pickers must make sure the line is cold prior to going downrange and shooters make certain no one is downrange anywhere on the firing line prior to shooting. We take safety "very seriously".** Please blaze away only at the targets on the stages we have shot. If you want to shoot a nice freshly painted target go ahead, but please come on up and get the paint so you can paint 'all' the targets for the next shoot.

Hell on the Border is this weekend at Ft. Smith and they may have a few openings left so call if you are interested in that shoot.

Well it looks like our fourth Saturday Outlaws are getting primed up to shoot in a couple of weeks so come on out and join us- that's March 28. Shooting season is here!

Have fun, shoot straight and

"KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE"

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

- Mar. 21-22 "Hell on the Border" hosted by Judge Parkers Marshals
- Mar. 28 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' 4th Sat Outlaws shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Apr. 4 Sat. Shoot 'MVV' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Apr. 5 Sun. Easter Sunday no shoot at MVV
- Apr. 11 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Apr. 25 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' 4th Sat Outlaws

May 2 Sat. Shoot 'MVV'
May 3 Sun. Shoot 'MVV' shoot 9:00 call
May 9 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp'

For other shoots in Arkansas see their respective web-sites.

Outrider shoots in the cold 2-28-2015. Note the light dusting of snow we got the night before.

