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Upcoming 2013-2014 Annual Shoots

Peaceful's End of Track
Railroad Flat, CA
October 17-20

SASS California State Black Powder
Championships
Morgan Hill, CA
November 8-9

Pozo Vigilance Committee
Toys for Tots
November 23

Winter Range
Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Phoenix, AZ
Feb 24-March 2



As some of you know, September 22 was the first day of fall.

What should this mean to you?

Well, if you've got family, it means Halloween, Thanksgiving and the holiday season is fast approaching.

For us shooters, it means time to plan next year's events to schedule time off work (I know I'm not supposed to curse here) and load ammo.

It's also a great time to send your guns out for that action job you've always wanted, but were too busy shoot-

ing your main match guns to send them off.

Time to order that new rig, I mean the holiday season is the reason for getting larger (or smaller) clothes, rigs, etc, right?

It's also time to reflect on how you did this past season and what you need to do to improve. Time to set up practice targets in the living room and drive your spouse nuts by dry firing during the football game or a "chick flick".

But most of all, have fun, enjoy life and each other.

FROM THE MAYOR - SIERRA RIDER

On Sunday's match, we had a very large turnout with 47 shooters and three posses. There were 4 clean shooters. It was a challenging match with different target sequences and as shown by the 29 procedurals, several of us had difficulties.

We had 2 stages on Bay 1 and with 3 posses it made

for a backup on that bay. We probably won't be doing that again anytime soon.

It is always a pleasure to see *Mad Dog Jack* who came over to be with his daughter and son-in-law. He did not shoot but, was disappointed that there were no black powder shooters on that posse.

Flying W Ramrod demonstrated the ACES Scoring Program which uses smart phones, I Pads, Tablets, etc. It seems to be easy to learn and will speed up the entering of the scores at the end of a match. He always posts the scores very fast to our web site but this month he out did himself. (continued on Page 3)

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The Gazette

fwranch@garlic.com**Monthly Matches***1st Weekend*

FRPC Silhouette and

Long Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend

Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend

Kings River Regulators

4th Weekend

Two Rivers Posse

Mantca

Faultline Shootists

Gonzales

5th Weekend

Chorro Valley

From the Territorial Governor - Snakebite

Hello Everyone. Here are some of the items that are being discussed at the Regional meetings around the country. I'm sure that some of these will show up on the agenda for this year's Summit.

1. Will consider that a closed lever will not automatically be a penalty if found to be empty when opened. Only the shooter will open it.

2. Some clubs and shooters are NOT following the Dress Code. Discuss ways to enforce the Dress Code, and to get shooters to go beyond the minimal requirements. No awards to shooters who are not in costume.

3. Discuss the rule about retrieving a Dropped round.

4. Update the rule about Single shot Shot-guns, to allow them to have ejectors, and require them to have an external hammer.

5. Discussion about the "Straightening Rifle Triggers".

6. Adjust wording to allow Octagonal barrels on Pistols.

7. Establish a minimum size of Rowels on spurs for use in the B Western, and Classic Cowboy categories.

8. There has been a proposal to create sanctioned category "Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter". Hipshot stated that any match that has sufficient participation in that or any other category could and should allow it without making it yet another *Sanctioned Category*.

9. It was discussed that mail in votes for the Convention NOT be allowed, and that TG's in attendance be allowed to think on their feet as discussions about particular issues evolve.

10. Change rule to allow ONLY the shooter to stage or move their guns.

Snakebite**Who Knew....?**

You got a problem with SASS default?

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey—

The Line of Fire

The line of fire starts when you put your first gun on the loading table and ends when you pick your last gun up from the unloading table.

What this means is, all requirements and penalties begin and end here.

If you drop a gun at the loading or unloading table, the penalties are the same as if you dropped it during the course of fire.

If you are in line and you have not placed a gun on the loading table and one falls, no call.

There are updates and new rules being discussed by the ROC and it looks like there may be a new Handbook, ROI and/or ROI manual after the new year.

Download the new books and read the changes. Sign up for an RO refresher course once the new rules do come out, so you can ensure you know what they really mean and how they affect you.

Cowboy Logic—Cowboys

Railroads—The steam railroad was invented in England, but it was perfected in the United States, which stretches 3,000 miles from coast to coast. As tracks were built across the West after the Civil War, railroads became perhaps the most significant factor in the settlement of the frontier.

Construction began on the first transcontinental railroad in 1863. Irish immigrants and Civil War veterans laboring for the Union Pacific Railroad Company laid track westward, while the Central Pacific Railroad Company, relying primarily on Chinese immigrant labor, built eastward from California to meet them. Each company used 10,000 employees, the largest work forces America had ever seen. The federal government provided funding in the form of loans and land allotments for each mile of track laid. The east-west lines met on May 19, 1869, at Promontory Point, Utah, completing what was then regarded as the world's greatest engineering feat.

Federal subsidies soon were extended to three other transcontinentals. The Northern

Pacific, the Southern Pacific, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe were completed in the 1880's. A total of 174 million acres of public lands were granted to the railroads. A final transcontinental, the Great Northern, was refused government subsidies, but promoter James J. Hill resourcefully managed to construct the line by 1893. By this time, numerous connecting lines also had been built.

The need to transport freight, livestock and passengers was crucial to the existence of the railroads, so land was aggressively advertised for sale at bargain prices through the East and Europe. Towns flourished beside railroad tracks across the West. Freight transportation invigorated the western economy and passenger traffic was revolutionized throughout the West. But rustlers, bandits and murderers found that escape routes were blocked and posse pursuits were greatly facilitated by the newly created rail lines. The "iron horse" played a major role in the conquest of the West.

(Best of the West, by Bill O'Neal)

From the Mayor - Sierra Rider (cont. from Page 1)

The scores were on the website before I could read them to the shooters at the end of the match. We also wish **Fannie Mostly** a quick and full recovery from her 16th Century Weaponry wound.

5 Dogs Creek is having their She-Bang on October 5th and 6th. The ladies write the stages and always seem to make them interesting. We had **Twilight Moon** who is a Buckarette from 5 Dogs shoot with us for the first time this weekend. I un-

derstand she wrote a stage for the She-Bang. This is a real fun match, so if you have the opportunity, please go participate. It is a fund raiser for the AIS Cancer Center.

The Match Directors for the October **Match are Wyoming Rambler and Great Speckled Body**. I understand they have a Halloween theme with some orange targets.

Ramrod will be holding an ROI class at his ranch in Hollister on Saturday, October 5. Contact him via e-mail to sign yourself up: fwranch@garlic.com.

I would like to thank **Poison Oakley** and **Geo Kid** for donating raffle prizes for this month's raffle.

I look forward to seeing you at next month's match.

Sierra Rider

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