



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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Straight Shots from Saginaw

Summer sure disappeared fast but it left behind a lot of great memories. Range War 2025 was filled with lots of fun with all our great pards on Posse 6...Yee Haw!!! It was great how the posse worked together as a team and supported and encouraged one another. Sometimes winners are made by never giving up and staying in the game and playing it to the end. Being in a competitive shooting sport just confirms one of my favorite proclamations "You're never too old to play cowboy!!!"



Speakin' of having fun, I know a lot of Wolverine Rangers were able to attend Gunsmoke 2025 SASS Midwest Regional Championship, held in Morristown, MN in mid-September. Saginaw Cowboys **Black River Bill**, **Bad River Marty** and **Ethan Callahan** gave it their best shot there and well...**Black River Bill** placed 4th. in Silver Senior Gunfighter, while **Bad River Marty** placed 5th in Silver Senior Gunfighter. **Ethan Callahan** shot clean and won the Wild Bunch Territorial Over-All Championship and 1st Place in Traditional. He also took 1st in Classic Cowboy in the regular match.





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On September 27-28, Saginaw Field & Stream hosted the SASS Michigan State Wild Bunch Championship - Saginaw Showdown. We had 22 shooters that finished the 2-day event, which included a "WILD HOOT" scenario. Weather was warm but shooting half of the stages down in our shaded cowboy town was a big hit. The meal and awards ceremony was a good finish to the weekend.

All the shooters received an award for their category and final winners were:

Women's Overall – **Hey Sugar**

Men's Overall – **Ethan Callahan**

I must add that we had 5 women shooters who did exceptional shooting. Our own **Diabla** was a first-time shooter and did a great job. SASS employee, **Ruby Ruthless**, and side-kick, **Little Iron Lucille**, both from Indiana, had their own way to encourage fellow-shooters...I think it was a cross between a "hoot and a holler", but whatever that sound was, it echoed across the range and made for another level of fun.



Check them, and all the other shooters out on our facebook page. www.facebook.com/saginawcowboyshooting

Coming up later in October is Saginaw's famous Halloween Shoot. You don't want to miss the costume contest...that's always a surprise for everyone. Dress up or not, it's up to you...but, who knows, you just might win a free shoot if you do. And I dare not forget to mention that our gals will have something special cooking in the cauldron or somewhere. It's Halloween and we aim for a fun time, fun stages, and hope you can join us to give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, August 24, 2026, was a perfect day for a Wild Bunch match. The skies were clear, and the air temperature was in the seventies. DSC set up five competitive stages with plenty of magazine changes and transitions. We even finished with the dreaded farm animal stage that always tests the shooter's skills.

When the match was completed, **Camptown** announced the scores. **Shelby Kid** was the top finisher in Men's Modern, followed closely by **Bad Brass** and **Camptown**. The top Men's Traditional was **Leadfoot Luke** and the top Women's Modern was **Hey Sugar**. The only clean match was achieved by **Hey Sugar**.

Labor Day weekend found four DSC Cowboys at the Michigan SASS State Championship in Port Huron, Michigan. When the dust settled and the scores were announced at the banquet the DSC shooters finished in the following categories:

Rifle Rick	2 nd in Senior	Michigan State Champion	Clean Match
J.J. Longley	2 nd in Cattle Baron		Clean Match
Shelby Kid	3 rd in Senior		
Camptown	4 th in Elder Statesman		

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 14 Cowboys showed up to test their shooting skills. The day was overcast, cool, however the predicted rain held off until the drive home. Once the shooting was completed **Wolverine Regulator** was awarded top honors followed by **Shelby Kid** and **J. J. Longley**. Shooting clean matches were **J.J. Longley** and **John Weston**.

The next Cowboy match is the final match at DSC for the 2025 Cowboy Action season on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Come on out and join us on the range.

Don't want to stop shooting in general, DSC is offering 2 Service Rifle Matches on October 12th and 26th. Come on out and join that fun.

See you on the range,
J.J. Longley





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Howdy Y'all!

Sheriff Not Dead Ed here from the Johnson Creek Regulators and I bring greetings from the ranch.

The Good News, we're into the BRRR months. Bad news, we'll all be hankering for those 90-degree days. Now ol' Not Dead Ed here likes the brr months, He can always add layers to keep warm. This is unlike them summer months where you can only remove so many layers before you're in a heap of trouble.

September brought our *Carson City Slick Memorial Match*. We do this to honor our shooters who rode out into the sunset. Now Ol' *Carson City Slick* liked his scenarios and sometimes Ol' Carson City Slick's scenarios took longer to read than the posse took to shoot the dadgum stage. However in his honor, we had scenarios for each stage albeit extremely shortened to accommodate our attention spans. It was a perfect fall day. Cool to start, warm by the end. We had a dozen cowboys in town to shoot.

Riding for the brand and putting a notch on his grip was... **Slow Gin Ricky**, following up were **Mickey Lobe, Not Dead Ed, Jack Pine** and **Iron Jennie** in the top five. Our clean shooters were...**Mickey Lobe, Not Dead Ed, Foot Sore**, and in his second ever match, **Triple Creek Kid**.

Our last Cactus League match this season is our Annual Great Pumpkin Smash, and it will be on October 25th with registration opening at 8:30. It's our Halloween match, too and it's always a hauntingly good shoot.

After that, it's onto the Igloo League for the winter for you hardy souls.

So till next month, Shoot Fast, Shoot Clean, look Good, Pick any two. Questions?

I thank you for reading and we'll see you on down the trail.

Not Dead Ed (Sheriff)
a.k.a Ed Kucinski





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We had 2 new shooters to the Valley this month welcome **Kelly Shoot 'em Hall** and **Buckeye Kid**, looking forward to shooting with them again.

Congratulations to our 3 Clean shooters this month, **Ranger Mike**, **Rover** and **Ya Big Tree**. Our cool clean match Coaster's are made by **Ka Adik Krista**.

I would like to thank all that helped out with posse duties we have a great bunch of Cowboy and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed.

Krista and **Tommy** did a fantastic job as always with Coffee, Donuts, and our lunch.

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, **Ranger Mike**, **Shakey Shot Sharon**, **Tommy Two Fingers**, and **Ka Adik Krista**.

Our next shoot will be October 19, 2025. Registration opens at 8:15 AM, side shoots start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.

Once again we will be doing something special for our last match of the season in October.

We will be Shooting 6 Stages... Bring Extra Shotgun Ammo!

Lunch will be served Free for every one... Yee-Haw, Free Vittles!

Ladies will Shoot for Free... Regular Match fee of \$15 for Men folk, Buckaroo's and Bucka-rette's always shoot Free.

Maybe a few more surprises, hope to see ya there!

Johnny Rebel
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What's the Perfect Gun Cart?

Choosing a gun cart isn't easy. As you can see from this assortment of carts that I have collected, they come in all shapes and sizes. Big, small, cheap, expensive, plain, fancy, lightweight, and heavy duty. Is there such a thing as a perfect gun cart? Maybe.



Which one is closest to perfect? It depends on you. What's your budget? Would you enjoy building your own? Does your "always be prepared" personality cause you to pack spare parts, tools, squib rods, rain ponchos, first aid supplies, and a cooler of drinks? Or are you a carefree soul that can survive with just the necessities? Ask others about their carts and learn from their experiences. In the end, only you can pick the best cart for your needs. And if you're like me, you'll find a reason to get another one, and a another one...

Leadfoot Luke

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- Vendor Registration and Information

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