

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hola Amigo's. I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather. It's hard to believe that Range War is only a few weeks away. This year promises to be bigger and better than last year. This year we are offering a few new events and opportunities at Range War. As I mentioned in the last Epitaph we will be offering a Ladies Only and Plainsmen side event this year. In addition to that we are going to recognize ladies first place in all the side match categories and the chance to reshoot all the side matches by buying a reshoot card. There will be a plaque handed out for the fastest first time through and additional plaques for the fastest reshoots. The Soiled Dove contest is destined to be a big hit again this year and there will be an expanded Cowboy Trap shoot with actual five-man teams. If you haven't signed up for WRRW yet you missed receiving a free t-shirt.

Putting on a world class shoot like the WRRW takes a lot of hard work. The WR Board has done the planning and the affiliated clubs are set with the main match stages. What I am asking from you the members is some of your time. We need your help setting up on Wednesday and Thursday and taking down on Monday and Tuesday.

We especially need your help on Friday during side matches. All the side matches will have been setup and we have people ready to start at 10:00 to get things rolling. What we need from you is after you have shot to volunteer and relieve someone at one of these stations. If you are not going to shoot side matches please help out and run one of these events. If you would like to find out more on how you can help please contact me at 586-201-2778 or talk to any of the board members at one of the shoots. Remember we cannot do this without you.

Just a reminder to the folks that may have to work on Friday or Monday that the actual shooting

match is only two days, Saturday and Sunday with the awards banquet on Sunday evening. The side matches, team shoot and man-on-man competitions are just gravy.

Even if you do not sign up to shoot at the WRRW, do yourself a favor and come on out to enjoy the vendor's row. There will be many vendors there selling everything from clothing and leather goods to bullets and firearms. Some have come from as far away as Texas and California to be with us so come on out and join in the festivities.

Best Regards,

Chili Pepper Pete

Ramblings from the Bunkhouse

Here it is August already. The state shoot is only days away. The mega fun is just about to start. As of July 21, 2003 we had 160 shooters signed up for Range War. These are the people who plan ahead. Trust me when I say there will be a lot of last minute people to sign up. It appears we may be well over the 200 person mark.

We have received emails from about six people letting us know they will be available to help at Range War. Thanks to all who have responded. It is going to take more people than that. If you can help, please let us know.

We have confirmed there will be a food vendor on site for the Range War weekend. They will be serving pocket pitas and have six different varieties - taco; chicken with grilled onions and peppers; loose beef with cheese, onions and peppers; tuna; chicken waldorf; and a veggie pita. They will also be serving breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Both of us visited their setup when they were at an antique fair. We sampled three different kinds and they were all great.

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Faygo Kid has made a train prop which you can see at Range War and will be putting it up for sale to the club that bids the highest. The proceeds will go to charity. Thanks Faygo!

That's all for now. See you at Range War.

Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

Rockford Regulators

Howdy to all you Wolverine Rangers out there. Well, the July 5 shoot at Rockford Regulators is now in the history books. The weather was threatening until just before we had our shooters safety meeting. The rain had quit by then and the 71 shooters in attendance were in for a fun day of shooting.

The stages were written by Tucson Stu. I don't quite understand the affinity that "lefties" have for shooting those targets right to left, but that specter haunted us all day long. (Grin) The stages were well written and shot well.

For those of you that haven't visited our club lately, you will be in for a real surprise. We now have two more shooting bays completed and the boardwalk is running the length of our "cowboy bowl" and more to come. We are now starting to work on new fronts that will be semi-permanent. This is going to be a fun year for the builders in our bunch.

The August shoot will be our annual "Hawaiian Shoot". That means our dress code will be cowboy hat, Hawaiian shirt, shorts and tennis shoes or such. I realize that this isn't the normal SASS approved dress, but what the heck, sometimes the rules need to be stretched just a little. This shoot is just for the fun of it. We can do some things a little different. Since your humble author has written the stages you can bet your boots, or should I say sandals, that they will ALL be Gunfighter friendly. (Grin) So get ready for the exotic shoot of the year. Hope to see you there August 2.

Diewalker

Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

In June we had 60 shooters. A lot more female competitors, which was a welcome sight. Glad to see more of the "tender" gender taking a liking to this game.

We had a whopping 14 stages to play with... most, if not all, devised by our own Yooper Fred. He got so playful with the stages that he forgot how to shoot them himself! A new 280-yard long range shooting event was staged at the far north end of the range. Ladies, don't ever, ever wear a loose blouse with a corset when shooting a lever action rifle. A hot casing ejected out of my rifle, popped up into the air, down into my blouse, and lodged between my tender skin and corset! Yowee! Mesa Mike wanted to turn me upside down to dislodge it but my pantaloons would have been seen! Other than that I don't believe there were any mishaps!

We enjoyed the fine grilling technique of Gary Savoie, who again this year roasted a pig for us to consume. After our fine meal we were entertained by Brian Harrison and his blue grass group. He's wonderful fun and we are grateful the group took time out of their busy schedules to entertain us.

We also had a ladies tea party. It seemed to be a big hit as we giggled and drank away our anxieties after a long, hot afternoon of competition. What a way to relax.

All in all, our two-day event seemed to be a big hit. It was a lot of hard work but worth it to see all the happy faces after the day's events.

July proved to be a spectacular weekend of good weather. We had 37 shooters and beautiful blue skies. It didn't begin to rain until bedtime. What a way to wrap up a day, eh?

We still have three more shooting matches so don't forget the third Saturday of each month. September and October are the dates for the BIG raffle drawings.

Giddyup Gal

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Lapeer Wranglers

Great Lakes Match #6 was held on June 28 & 29, 2003. Saturday, June 28 dawned clear and pleasant for the 45 shooters who had gathered at the L.C.S.C. range for Great Lakes Match #6.

Range master Ricochet Bill #6504 said, "Move um out before the heat gets turned on!" and the five posses headed for the first five stages located behind the trap and skeet fields. The stages were completed by approximately 1:00pm leaving plenty of time for the nine side matches to be finished before the 6:00pm pig roast dinner.

The side match results were as follows:

Derringer - Andy Horshurodinon #20360

Pocket Pistol - Two Bit Charlie #31323

Long Range Pistol - Just Plain John (Our own John Loudermilk)

22 Rifle - Moe Guns #26854

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Single Shot Rifle - Dusty (Our own Dave Loudermilk)

Lever Action Rifle - Dusty (Not too bad for borrowing your brother's guns!)

Lever Action Pistol Caliber Rifle - Andy Horshurodinon

Man-On-Man - No Buk Chuck #24540

This event was for the benefit of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. The money collected will be used to purchase defibrillators for each of the high schools in the tri-county area. We received \$200 in donations from the shooters which will be forwarded to the Foundation.

Saturday's dinner was a pig roast prepared by the able folks at the Country Smoke House, 3294 Van Dyke in Almont with the able assistance of Tenderfoot Tess #6774 and her assistants Cindy Irwin, Mary Starkey, and, of course, Tammy & Randy. An after dinner bonfire was cancelled when high winds and swirling clouds appeared.

The annual costume contest was completed and the winners were:

Best Dressed Cowboy - Palamino Man #49464

Best Dressed Cowgirl - Elsie Rose #45538

Best Dressed Jr Cowboy - Garret The Kid #51746

Best Dressed Jr Cowgirl - Keel Over #41310

Best Dressed Male Town Person - Just Plain John

Best Dressed Female Town Person - Francis Fydrik

Sunday, June 29 dawned clear and mild in comparison to last year's oppressive heat. The final five stages were in the woods in the newly created shooting bays which were the hard work of John Loudermilk and Bill Felice. Many thanks, guys!

While scores were being tabulated and printed two team events were completed. The first team event consisted of seven five-man teams attempting to break wooden 4"X4" with cowboy rifles and shotguns. The winning team broke their 4"X4" in 11.19 seconds!

Members of the winning team were Tres Hombres #2163, Doc Hopalong Foot, Slick Sid #2563, Short Fuse #28475, and Dodge City Duke #21629. Great shootin', guys! They each received a paperback book about "Cowboy Wisdom".

The second team event consisted of a round of Annie Oakley Trap. The shooters line up across the trap field in a single file line and each gets a chance to break a bird thrown by the trap machine. The ones who break the bird stay in contention and the losers get to heckle them. The winner of the event was Son of a Stinkweed #46191. Of course he used a Winchester Model 97 with a 45" barrel to best the field. For his efforts he received a hardcover book about "Western Saloons".

While I'm on the subject, I need to correct a bit of misinformation. Last year's winner of this event was Johnny Guitare and I stand corrected. Johnny is one of our L.C.S.C. shooters.

The final match results were as follows:

Overall Match Winner - Moe Guns #26854

Traditional - Faygo Kid #26408

Senior - Moe Guns #26854

Duelist - Bushy Mills #16686

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Modern - Short Fuse #28475
 Junior - Garrett The Kid #51746
 Womens - Eleanor Jewel #26409
 Black Powder - Son of a Stinkweed #46191
 Gunfighter - Andy Horshurodinon #20360

Special thanks should be given to:

Randy & Tammy, Cindy Irwin, and Mary Starkey, our able kitchen crew. Also, Bill and Phyllis Felice, Tom and Jennifer Maxwell, and their sons Eric and Anthony, John Schmidt, Steve Adamczyk, Fred Schmidt, Mike Burton, Andy Serocki, Dave Irwin, Van Starkey, Tony Felice, Tiffany Liley, Gary Dudas, Greg Harper, Ken Hopp, Harry Ackers, and Dick Gervasone.

Also special thanks to our sponsors:

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A great time was had by all and hopefully we'll see more of ya for Great Lakes Match #7 in 2004.

Take care,
 Wall-Man

DSC Rocky River Regulators

Wow! What a weekend! Saturday morning, July 19 started sunny and made it completely through the day. Sunday the 20th was spectacular temperatures staying in the upper 70's with low humidity. That is what is called perfect Cowboy Action Shooting weather. Our range was bulging at the seams with cowboy shooters, a total of 80 on Sunday for the main match.

Saturday's events started at 10 a.m. with 22 pistol and rifle, single and double action pocket pistol, derringer, fastest pistol, rifle and shotgun side matches. We also tried something new - a large bore double action period revolver. We realize that a lot of people didn't have them but one was

available if anyone wanted to try their hand. We will do this again as a side event at our October chili cook-off.

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work that made this event possible. People made desserts, fruit salad, veggies, baked beans and even cowboy shaped chocolates. Many thanks to the vendors who supported our event. This list can go on and on with duties such as mowing grass, score keeping, posse leaders, last minute construction, clean up, plus many others. Again, thank you to all who worked so hard.

There was hard work at putting on the event, but there was hard work at having fun, too. Here is a list of our top shooters.

Side events on Saturday:

22 Pistol: 1st Tres Hombres, 2nd Doc Roy L. Pain, 3rd Hal A Pena

22 Rifle: 1st Fireball, 2nd Nine Finger Bob, 3rd Tres Hombres

SA Pocket Pistol: 1st Wolverine Wrangler, 2nd Tres Hombres, 3rd Lue Dee Kriss

DA Pocket Pistol: 1st Baldy Bill, 2nd Chili Pepper Pete, 3rd Secondhand Jack

Derringer: 1st Wolverine Wrangler, 2nd Baldy Bill, 3rd Andy Horshurodinon

Fastest Pistol: 1st Doc Roy L. Pain, 2nd Beerbelly Willie, 3rd Andy Horshurodinon

Fastest Rifle: 1st Chili Pepper Pete, 2nd A.J. Peacock, 3rd Doc Roy L. Pain

Fastest Shotgun: 1st A.J. Peacock, 2nd Doc Roy L. Pain, 3rd Fireball

Large Bore Revolver: 1st Tres Hombres, 2nd Poco Loco, 3rd Lue Dee Kriss

Sunday's Main Event: 1st - Fireball, 2nd Doc Roy L. Pain, and 3rd Faygo Kid

Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

Shoot Straight Cattle Company - Ionia

Well, we're off to a bang-up year so far. We haven't had any rain during a match and some pretty nice weather all around. I want to thank

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High Maintenance, Fireball, Slippery Pete, Red Beard Bandit, Shotgun Mary, and Spitfire for helping put on a great shoot. I also want to thank our match sponsors, Team Fireball Cast Bullets and Hunters Haven. These people help to keep our prize table full so thank them if you get the chance.

August is our WRRW warm up shoot so we're going to keep things as similar to past Range Wars as we can so you have a chance to refresh your memory and check out your equipment one last time before going off to shoot for glory. Don't forget *October is an all black powder match* so now is your chance to give it a try if you have always been wanting too. We're working on some special prizes for that event. If you need some help either locating black powder ammunition or need some advice on how to load, contact me or one of our local "Soot Lords", we'll be glad to steer you in the right direction. Also, in October the coveted Black Powder Challenge Championship trophy will be up for grabs. Let's see if we can pry it away from Fireball this year. More on that to follow. Come on out and join us when you get a chance.

Texas John Critter

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Our second shoot of the season was May 31st. Naughty Nellie made sure everyone got enough vittles to keep our innards from growlin'. The weather was typical Michigan – started out with a light misting of rain but not the downpour our weatherman had predicted.

We all stayed dry and spirits were high. We had 43 shooters who came out to shoot at Bad River Marty's "Biggest & Closest Targets in Michigan". There were moans and lamentations regarding the BIG COWBOY target that quite a few shooters took for granted. We all learned a good lesson: There is no target too close or too big that you can't miss!

When the laughing stopped and the smoke settled, overall standings were:

Men: 1) Seven, 2) Fireball, 3) Bad River Marty, 4) Red Beard Bandit, and 5) Sawgrass

Ladies: 1) Wildcat Elly, 2) Katie Callahan, 3) Laporte Lil, 4) Shotgun Mary, and 5) Roxie LaRue

We'd like to give Red Keg Will a super-sized thank you for all his help in scoring our matches. He's been testing a couple different programs this year and are amazed at the patience this man possesses. There is a lot to scoring and we hope all the shooters appreciate the work that goes on "behind the scenes" or should we say, "behind the scenarios"? Thanks Red Keg Will for the terrific job.

On June 22, Bad River Marty held his second RO 1 class, this time in the beautiful U.P. There were eight Chippewa Regulators attending the class held at the end of the Regulators two-day weekend shoot. Everyone had a fun time and went away with a lot of useful information.

Our summer practice shoots on Thursday evening are being well attended with new shooters showing up all the time. Mosquitoes haven't been too much of a problem. They seem to be controlled quite well with that smoke that comes from them black powder boys.

Many of the Saginaw Six Shooters are headed for the Wolverine Rangers Range War over Labor Day week-end and, of course, will make the infamous "Hooterville" their "home-away-from-home". Our Mayer, Old Sy, has promised us a fun filled stay in his town. Madame Hoot has her lineup of Hooterville Hussies who plan on creating quite a stir at the Soiled Dove Contest. Look out, gents, the "ladies" are on their way!

Our next match is scheduled for October 11th. Registration is 8:30-9:30 a.m. and mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 with lunch provided by Naughty Nellie.

Bad River Marty is holding to his belief that the BIGGER the target the BETTER. Why not come

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out and try your hand at hittin' a few of them and havin' just a whole lot of fun with your pards? We'll have them big targets just a grinnin' at you, saying "hit me if you can."

And remember...Live life...Give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty

Plainsmen Event at Range War

The scraggly buffalo hunter squinted down the sights of his single shot rifle centering the big bull's shoulder in the sights. A squeeze of the trigger, a cloud of smoke, and the buff is down. Suddenly Indians swarm from every direction screaming war cries because you ruined their hunt.

Sound like fun? Then break out those single shot rifles, cap and ball pistols, and double barrel shotguns and come on out and participate in the Plainsmen Event at the WRRW. This year it will be a two-stage event on Saturday, August 30 after the main match.

SASS rules for the event require a single shot rifle in a traditional black powder caliber, two cap and ball pistols .36 caliber or larger, and a double barrel or lever action shotgun all loaded with black powder loads. I hope to have some loaner guns available and some ammo for sale at cost so that as many people as possible can participate in this great event. The equipment I know that I will have are a double barrel 12 gauge and a .45-70 H&R single shot rifle.

So, come on out and give it a try, you just might get hooked on shooting black powder in CAS.

Critter

Wolverine Rangers Businesses

If you own a business that deals with Cowboy Action Shooting related items, please let me know so that I can put the information on our website. I will also list it once in the Epitaph. Remember, this is Wolverine Rangers member businesses only.

Laporte Lil

**Hastings Double Barrel Gang
August 10 - STILL CANCELLED!**

Contrary to the on-again-off-again status of the match in Hastings on August 10, please be advised that it is officially and forever **CANCELLED.**

Nitro Nellie and Lucky Lennie

VOTE ON THE HENRY BIG BOY

SASS has asked the Territorial Governor's to poll their clubs to determine the legality of the Henry "Big Boy" rifle for CAS. The rifle in question is a "faithful reproduction of a gun that never existed" as it loads through a slot in the front of the magazine like a .22. Following are the rules as written.

Rifles

Main, Team, and Side Matches (not Long Range or Precision Rifle)

Any lever or slide action, tubular fed, exposed hammer rifle or carbine manufactured between 1860 and 1899, or any reproduction thereof.

Before August 15, please e-mail your vote to Dakota Doc at docandkay@yahoo.com or 4345 S. Linden Rd, Flint, MI 48507.

Sincerely, Dakota Doc

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Border Town Hombre	Port Huron	519-336-1690
Table Top Tom	Rockford	616-363-2430
Bad River Marty	Saginaw	989-585-3292
Yooper Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700

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Shootout at Hard Times

SASS Ohio State Championship (June 2003)

As I worked my way down the street I could hear the music coming from Chihuahua's Cantina. Just before I got to the door someone pushed a set of maracas at me and said "dance" while pointing a .45 at me. Not being a total fool, I whooped it up with the maracas all the way to my rifle! Turning, I told them they were right, "boys, it's time to dance".

Wait a minute, I'm getting ahead of myself. I thought I was in the town of Hard Times. In reality I was at the SASS Ohio State Championship, "Shootout at Hard Times" hosted by the Miami Valley Cowboys in Piqua, Ohio.

Eleanor and I went as vendor-shooter (I think it should have been shooter-vendor, but that's another story). We arrived at the range after driving through a misty rain all morning. The weather was starting to clear for what ended up being a great weekend. We were greeted by Fireball and Shotgun Mary who had gotten there the night before. We then met up with Match Director and Territorial Governor, Red Mike. After a hearty handshake and introductions he told us where to setup Eleanor Jewel's Emporium, and by the time we completed the setup the Miami Valley workers and some of the vendors had finished shooting all ten stages. Eleanor and I decided to take a stroll down the street of Hard Times.

Anyone could see that this club had done a tremendous amount of work getting ready for this shoot. New stages, gravel from beginning to end, lots of room between and across from stages, benches for the ease of shooters and spectators alike and, last but not least, a large number of porta johns (little or no waiting).

The shoot consisted of ten stages. The MV Cowboys had the shoot set up with two start times, 0830 and 1100 each day. Their stages were: #1 The Bank, #2 Boot Hill, #3 Chihuahua's Cantina, #4 The Stagecoach, #5 The Saddle Inn,

#6 Cattleman's Emporium, #7 Eldorado "Sunday School", #8 Fort Pickawillany, #9 Blacksmith Shop "Michigan Cowboys Steal a Horse" (I didn't steal their horse but I did blow a big hole in their fence), and #10 The Jail (what shoot would be complete without a jail break).

Thursday was side match day. You could shoot all the matches free once. If you wanted to you could pay \$15 and shoot the matches as many times as you wanted. With only about 140 registered shooters you needed a lot of ammo!

Friday was the first day of the main match. When the mandatory safety meeting was over a Color Guard presented our Flag for the National Anthem. When all the Yeeeeee Haaaawin' was done everyone headed for their first stage of the day. All the stages were setup well and in two days of shooting my posse didn't have any prop failures. Now, as for me, it was a jammed rifle, missed shotgun targets (you could make them up), hole in the fence, and almost ran out of shotgun shells. That was just one stage. We'll have more fun tomorrow.

Friday night the MV Cowboys put on a steak dinner for just \$10. That's right, big juicy T-bone steaks. Now we had to wait awhile but once we got ours they weren't bad at all. In fact, I'd say pretty darn good (a lot better than the chicken fried steak at Trailhead). The only bad weather came just as the last of the people were being served. The storm blew in and R. J. Law and The Lady were still waiting in line. You folks have got to run faster next time.

Saturday we started where we left off Friday but with an 1100 starting time on Stage #4 - The Stagecoach. Everything seemed to be running fine with everyone I talked to enjoying themselves. Because of Eleanor's Emporium being located down by the range and the food vendor right across the road we had a chance to talk to a lot of the shooters. We didn't hear a bad word from anybody.

When the shooting was done it was time to get all gussied up for the big party. Here's one for y'all.

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When have you ever been to a shoot that had shuttle service to and from the banquet? Well, the Miami Valley Cowboys did. Free, courtesy of local businessman Paul Sherry. All you had to do was sign up. They would pick you up at the campground at the range or any of the local motels. I thought it was a great idea. At the banquet the food was good, the costume contest great, the music too loud (even for a deaf guy) and they gave away some real nice door prizes.

Sunday morning there was Cowboy Chapel, the Awards Ceremony, the Top Gun Shootout and a Team Event. Michigan was well represented at the Awards Ceremony. As far as awards go (I didn't know I'd be writing this so I didn't take notes) the following people received awards: Doc Roy L. Pain, Miss Misery, Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, Seven, Wildcat Elly, Mike Fink, Shotgun Mary, Fireball and Colt McAllister. Colt was first in Traditional and the Main Match Winner. Country Girl was awarded a well-deserved "Spirit of the Game Award". If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

The Top Gun Shootout was pretty good. It didn't include just the top ten finishers but also the category winners.

The Team Event went well. We missed again and Doc Roy L. Pain (who had a great shoot) couldn't find his shotgun (ask him).

Would I go back? **Yes!** Am I going back? **Yes!** Rangers, mark this one down for next year and get your money in early. In my humble opinion, this shoot will sell out next year.

To finish the story about Chihuahua's Cantina, I dropped my maracas, couldn't finish my dance, missed another target and took eight shotgun shells to knock down four targets. **BUT**, I didn't get DQ'd (some did), had a great time, and met some fine folks.

See ya on the trail,
Faygo Kid and Eleanor Jewel

P.S. Did I tell ya I was on Posse 13? Remind me not to do that again!

Items For Sale

#1) H&R 32 cal. S&W pocket pistol, nickel plated, 4 inch barrel with RCBS dies, shell holders, brass 100+ - \$150. #2) Bond Arms 38/357 derringer about 12 rounds fired - \$325. #3) Taylor Arms Sharps 45/70 single shot with DP creedmore sight - \$750. #4) Marlin 1895 SS 45/70 lever gun - \$350. Contact Micky Lobe at 810-629-9709 after 6pm or wolvmickylobe@aol.com

#1) Marlin 1894 cowboy ltd., 45 Colt. Action job, 200 rds shot - \$425 #2) Ruger Vaquero, 45 colt, 4 3/4 " bbl. Some holster ware - \$200. Contact Howdy Packen at tgh@tir.com or 248-310-1930

Alias Change

Let it be known that from this day forward Smokin' Hank will now be known as Rainmaker Ray.

Pickin' Up Pard

Welcome to new members Slimpikin's, No Beard, Simeron, Garrett the Kid, Jerimiah Jericho, Perry Morter, and two members from the same family (as if you couldn't tell) Cree Vicar Dave and The Vicar's Wife. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

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First Lieutenant, No Buk Chuck
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Texas John Critter
Tucson Stu
Wall-Man
Wiiwan

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This is late notice but some of you may have received a copy of the following at one of the recent matches

New Shooting Club Forming

- Where:** Central Lake, Antrim County, between Traverse City and Charlevoix on a 20 acre mock western town property.
- When:** August 3rd
- Why:** For anyone who likes to shoot for recreation. This is not a serious sport, it's for havin' fun and is for the whole family.
- How:** We shoot single action pistols, double barrel or 1897 pump shotguns, and pistol caliber rifles at steel plates, in other words, bang and clang. Distances are short and targets are big, so it's fun for all cowboys, cowgirls, and buckaroos who all have an alias, or a handle like Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, or Chili Pepper Pete.
- Requirements:** Cowboy hat and boots. Eye and ear protection. Holsters if'n you got 'em. That's all you need to start. And (lead only) cartridges for whatever hogleg you bring.
- Information:** This is a feasibility study and fun day to see how much interest there is in N.W. Michigan to form our own club. There are already nine clubs in Michigan and over 200 nationwide. CAS uses the same type of arms that won the west, but if'n you don't have any of those, bring what you got, even a semi-auto. Any pistol, shotgun or rifle (as long as the bullets/pellets are lead only, i.e. like a .22 caliber shell). No full or half jacket or hollow points. Ask for Cowboy Shooter loads. And if'n you can't find any of those, you will find that the cowpokes who will be the safety officers might even let ya try one of theirs.
- Further:** We will need club officers. There will be some expense, as the club needs to have insurance and be a member of the NRA and SASS. \$10 for this fun day covers instruction, demonstrations, shooting, and grub.
- Time:** Show up between 9:00 am and 10:00 am, walk around Eagleville, and talk with the cowpokes hanging out in front of the hotel/bar, mercantile, bank, barber shop, jail or the real two-holer outhouse. 10:00 am meeting at Eagleville Town Hall to form a club. Explanations and demonstrations of CAS. Then everybody gets to try it, your guns or ours. Bring bullets, any caliber, but lead only. About 12 noon or 1:00 pm, some town women folk will probably have some chuck wagon chili and other grub, so plan on eatin' while others are doin' away with the bank robbers (steel plates). Stay as long as you like, or your bullets hold out, we'll probably finish up around 4:00 pm. All shooting will be done only with a range safety officer in charge.
- RSVP:** Because of food and other considerations, we need to know exactly how many will be attending. RSVP is required. You may let us know how many will be attending by sending name, age, address, phone number to C.A.S., P.O. Box 642, Central Lake, MI 49622, or call One Son of a Gun at 231-544-2461, or leave a message, or e-mail rhoadley@ersc.org by July 28. All pre-registered persons will be sent a map. Those cowboys and cowgirls are right friendly folks, so if'n you ain't friendly or don't like to have fun, don't come to Eagleville.

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You Just Never Know

I started a new job with introductions to new co-workers at Gander Mountain five years ago. Meeting new people is always fun but kind of scary especially when they tell you to steer clear of the guy that had his own little room to work in. The first few encounters were fearsome because he seemed kind of intimidating and rough around the edges but on the other hand, nice. On breaks he would talk about CAS and how much he enjoyed it.

One Sunday while I was working late, the guys showed up to work on their guns. They just looked so impressive in their cowboy duds. I was getting to know more about the sport and was interested in going to take pictures. That was my thought five years ago but through the encouragement and good natured needling from my friends and the fact that I was turning the big 50 in May, I was able to get serious and make a dream come true.

So, with Andy Horshurodinon at my side to guide and teach me how to be a good shot and the fact

that I really had the passion to see this through to the end, I am proud to say I did it. I am a part of something wonderful and a really great group of people to hangout with in a safe and fun sport. Thank you everyone, and especially Andy, for always being there to encourage me. You are all great cowboys and cowgirls.

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