



# Gunsite Gazette

Mississippi River Rangers  
April 2010

## Club Calendar

### April

- 17 MRR Set Targets
- 17 MSSA WB
- 24 MRR Shoot

### May

- 2 MSSA
- 8 MSSA
- 15 MSSA WB
- 22 MRR WP/Shoot
- 27-30 MRR Smokin' Guns

## Jered's Cowboy Journal

Howdy Pardos,

Where to begin this month?

You all should have received a letter from Lee and Patty last month with a follow up letter attached from Tarantula Jack. I know a lot of you may still have questions and concerns. Some of you may have heard rumors that there is some dispute or infighting amongst the board members or with Lee and Patty and the club members. Horseshit! The topic of the club eventually moving to a location other than Rabbit Ridge has been brought up and discussed at board meetings several times in the past. The only difference between then and now, is that now we have and are moving forward with a plan. If, and I stress if, there were a serious problem Lee and Patty could have simply locked the gates and told us to be on our way. They have been our gracious hosts on their property for the past fifteen years and they deserve better than to have this kind of talk floating around. If you hear anyone saying anything different they don't know what they are talking about. I would ask that if you have questions or concerns that you contact one of the committee members that are working on finding us a new home. The committee members are Duel Chambers, Tarantula Jack, Sable Starr, Buster, Taska Jim and myself. I know it's hard, but don't think of this as an end of the Mississippi River Rangers. Think of it as a new opportunity. The committee is working hard to find a location that will suit our needs and allow us to build a new home that is worthy of the club that won the SASS Best Club award twice. Build a new home that is worthy of our great club members. The Mississippi River Rangers will continue to be a strong and viable club as long as you, the membership supports it.



There are couple of things we need to keep in mind going forward. Saving money and curbing expenses are going to be very important to helping to build the funds needed to purchase or lease new land. With the Summer months coming up one of the little things we can do as club members is to bring your own cup for water. Every little penny counts and we go through a lot of cups in the Summer time. The club will still supply cups, but think about throwing that battered tin cup in your gun cart to use while on the range. Another thing we need to keep in mind is that we do not need to have a lot of club members out searching for new locations. If you know of or see something that would be a good location please let one of the committee members know so we can investigate. At this point we don't want a lot of people making inquiries. Last I would ask each and every one of you to support the club by shooting the Annual Match in May. This is the one event in which the club generates the most of it's operating capital for the year. One of the things that was discussed by the committee members as a way to save money at

this year's match was to not give away any of the black powder guns. That would save us about \$1300.00 dollars. Some one suggested that instead of not giving away the guns that they would donate black powder guns they had won at various events over the years. If you have any black powder guns, still in the box that you have won at other matches and would like to donate please let me know or bring them to our next match in April. These are the kinds of contributions big and small that can put us on the right path to a successful move to a new home.

Vaya con Dios

Jered

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## Safety Notes

It seems that we are having a hard time getting everyone RO1 certified. With Casino Clair and I having to delay our Florida trip to March we have lost another month. Currently there are 11 paid members of MRR that have not taken the RO1 which is a membership requirement.

If you haven't taken the course please plan to do so on April 24<sup>th</sup> immediately after the match. You'll be exempt from picking up targets. For those of you who took the course some time ago, you are welcome to sit in and learn about some of the changes that SASS keeps adding.

If you plan to attend the RO1 course please download the R01 2010 edition from the SASS web site and send me an email at [rabitridge@aol.com](mailto:rabitridge@aol.com) so we will know how many to expect. The cost is \$5 (SASS charges \$5 for the pin) if you do the down load. If the club supplies the paperwork it's another \$5.

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## On the telegraph

Here's some sites you might want to visit

<http://sassnet.com/forums/>

<http://www.sassnet.com/wildbunch/>

<http://www.cascity.com/forumhall/>

<http://www.theopenrange.net/forum/index.php>

<http://www.castboolits.gunloads.com/index.php>

# New Markers on Boot Hill

Pictures by Duel Chambers



## On the Trail with Capt. Augustus & Skip

Howdy Folks,

Well it must be spring, the shoot at MSSA this past Saturday had to have had the perfect weather, pleasant temperature with low humidity and a soft breeze, just enough to move the smoke.

Another sign of spring, the ride mower won't start, but it gets better, the push mower doesn't start either. I should not have waited for Sunday, because I had to stifle the cussing, not to cancel out going to church. Well, the push mower made it to the curb and a switch will fix the ride mower.

Here, I thought, a bad habit, that the newsletter would grow in size since we now have it online, but just the opposite is happening. We are shrinking faster than the Commercial Appeal from Memphis. It is your club newsletter, think about what you would like to see in it. Send something to me in either email or a attached file.

Tex seems to want to do a massive expansion in categories according to his editorials. I have to hand it to Tex; he can get everyone fired up. Why not have everyone have their own class, same as their alias? That would eliminate the charts. Think of the expansion in the lumber business for wood plaques.

One article in the Chronicle caught my wandering eye. It basically had the idea of handicaps for the different classes. It would be a lot simpler than individual handicaps and would open top gun to the different classes. The way it has been, if you are not shooting two handed smokeless, there is a small chance of winning top gun. Perhaps the same folks would win, but it would open it up a little. The article is on page 20 of the April issue. Even Tex thought it was a good idea.

The word for the social this month is barbeque! Why don't we do a barbeque day? Anything barbequed would be okay. All the fixings to go with it like beans, slaw, sauce, etc. Of course desserts.

Take care, and see you at a shoot soon!

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