

MISSISSIPPI RIVER RANGERS

GUNSITE



GAZETTE

November, 2011

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

As previously announced, Texie has resigned as Editor of the Gunsite Gazette and moved to Texas to be with her family. Since the Gazette falls under my responsibilities as a member of the Management Committee, I am publishing the Gazette in the form you see now. It is not as stylish as Texie's but it will have the news.

I know that one of you members could do a much better job and, if you have any interest, please contact me. In the meantime, if you have anything you wish included in the Gazette, please email it to me on or before the first of the month.

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THOUGHTS FROM A RAMROD NOT A WORDSMITH

Greetings to all.

First of all, thanks to Rattlesnake and Sweetwater for taking over the Sunday matches for a while, and thanks to those of you who have supported this match with your attendance. It's great to see a hair-brained idea turn into a regular part of our shooting program.

Some of you have asked why the bank seems to be moving around, well I think it has found its final resting place. Over the next several months it should grow a roof and deck over to the Hotel and become one large covered stage. The bank and hotel are fine stages but a little on the small side and do not get much use. By incorporating these two they should become more usable. Now, what to call the covered open area between the two buildings? My first thought: "BUSTERS PIG LOT". Kinda catchy ain't it, but it probably won't stick.

The Mississippi River Rangers will be entering a float in the Olive Branch Christmas parade Saturday Dec. 3 at 2:00. Lineup is at 12:30 at the new Olive Branch High School parking lot. We will be mounting our stagecoach on a 24' long low deck trailer similar to our target trailer. There will be room on the deck for hay bales, barrels and other props. We will need all the dressed up cowboys and cowgirls that can attend to walk along and hand out candy and cards to promote our game. The invitation to participate goes out to all including our sister club members at MSSA, and to any little ones who are too young to shoot, this will be a great time for them to play cowboy. We will also have plenty of room on the float for riders to wave and smile. A tentative schedule right now is to load the stagecoach and props after the Match on 11-26-11 and move it to my shop in Olive Branch, then have a decorating party one night during the following week. The float can remain there inside the shop until parade day 12-3-11.

Everyone who can help decorate or has decorations to contribute would be greatly appreciated. We will have a generator and Cowboy Christmas music on the float. but lights are not very effective as this is a daytime parade. Tinsel, glass balls and such are the best. Woodpecker has offered to pull the float with his antique Farmall tractor - how appropriate, antique cowboy driving an antique tractor.

The answer to the most asked question is "NO GUNS"! Holsters and shotgun belts are OK but "NO GUNS"! Someone mentioned a possible cowboy outing after the parade - sounds interesting, hate to be all dressed up and no place to go on a Saturday night! Watch your email for updates and schedule changes.

Please feel free to contact me with comments, complaints, suggestions or contributions.
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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Following the December 31st match, we will have a New Years Eve party on the range. Sunny Girl and Sweetwater Sage are in charge and they will be contacting you soon about what to bring, etc. Plan to spend New Year's Eve with your cowboy and cowgirl friends and let the amateurs have the roads and restaurants.

Target Setting

This past month when we got rained out to set and paint targets, the word did not get out very well. Special thanks to Mountaineer Lefty who didn't get the word and came down to the range in spite of the rain to help. He found the gate closed, so he called Easy Lee who had to give him the bad news that the work had been called off. Thanks again Lefty for your commitment to the club.

In the future if there is any doubt about an announced work party or target setting etc. taking place, please call before making the trip to the range. For target setting call Bill Carson 901.465.6946. For range work party call Taska Jim 662.851.4153

Bill Carson

TG Notes

The TG Meeting in December will be voting on the rule changes agenda we published by email. Please reply to the email sent out by Tarantula Jack. In either case, we should receive your vote by Monday, November 21st in order to get them to SASS in time for the voting.

This letter was sent out to SASS affiliated clubs by the Wild Bunch following the passing of Coyote Calhoun.

SASS

~ The Legacy Continues ~

Coyote Calhoun was the youngest of the Wild Bunch. He was the one with the energy and the ideas. When given the opportunity, he took the ball and ran with it! He made the deals, he organized the events, and he led by example. This was all good ... to a fault. His sudden passing has certainly left a void within SASS and has raised a number of troubling questions among our industry partners, who are, in many cases, as dependent upon SASS as SASS is upon them. What is to become of SASS and the agreements that are in place?

The short answer is - SASS is healthy and is in business for the long term. Any agreements in place will be honored.

Yes, changes are in order. Coyote was, in many ways, a "one man show." His fingerprints are on virtually everything SASS has been doing ... and in many cases, his are the *only* fingerprints! That was a convenience for the rest of the Wild Bunch, but his untimely passing was a rude wakeup call. SASS can no longer afford to be a "one man show" - many more people need to be involved in conducting SASS business.

Discussions addressing significant restructuring of the SASS Board of Directors and the office staff have already started. Key individuals presently involved in portions of SASS operations are being asked to take active leadership roles as Board Members. It' ll take a little while for things to settle down and solidify. The goal is to create a working environment where when anyone leaves the Board, for any reason, the impact will be minimized.

In the meantime, SASS will struggle with some of the tasks Coyote had taken on. Misty Moonshine has been working for the past many months as Coyote' s assistant, and this very capable lady understands much of what Coyote was doing. Please don' t hesitate to contact Misty at SASS Headquarters if you have questions or concerns. If she doesn' t have the answers, she knows how to get them!

Maintaining our industry relationships is vitally important to SASS. Please feel free to share this note with the owners/business managers of your company or client.

Sincerely,
Tex
Member – The Wild Bunch
Editor in Chief, *The Cowboy Chronicle*

Note: That is why MRR has always had a board of directors or Management Committee to ensure that the loss of one person does not jeopardize the work of so many dedicated members.

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UPCOMING MATCH SCHEDULE

SUN., NOV. 13 SUNDAY SHOOT (SIGN IN 12:15, SHOOT AT 1:00 - IT'S GETTING DARK EARLIER)

SAT., NOV 26 FOURTH SATURDAY SHOOT

SAT., DEC. 3 OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARADE

SUN., DEC 11 SUNDAY SHOOT (SIGN IN NOON, SHOOT AT 1:00PM)

SAT., DEC 24 NO MATCH –IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE – SPEND IT WITH YOUR FAMILY

SAT., DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE MATCH FOLLOWED BY NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

