



# Gunsite Gazette

## Mississippi River Rangers November 2009

### Club Calendar

#### November

- 1 MSA Sunday Match
- 14 MSA Match
- 15 MRR Set Targets
- 21 MRR Match
- 21 MSA WB
- 28 MRR Match

#### December

- 6 MSA Sunday Match
- 12 MSA Match
- 13 MRR Set Targets
- 19 MRR Match and Christmas Party
- 19 MSA WB
- 26 MRR Match

### Think about it

“The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they’re ignorant; it’s just that they know so much that isn’t so”  
-- Ronald Reagan

### Jered’s Cowboy Journal

Well I apologize for the lack of correspondence on my part last month. I was "up to my eyeballs in alligators" last month and by my count it was alligators 2, Jered 0. Oh well, you got to roll with the punches

This month and in December will shoot on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays. For the month of November that means the 21st and the 28th. And in December it we be the 19th and the 26th. The club Christmas/New Years party will be after the match on the 19th of December. We'll do potluck as usual and there will be updates forthcoming about what to bring. Oh yeah, the Club Championship Awards too. Hope I can find that list of winners I misplaced. So mark your calendars, there's going to be a lot of shootin' going on in Gunsite for the next couple of months.

I've been told Star is up and around and recovering nicely and that Deadwood Bill is home and doing good too. Tumbleweed told me that he and Doc Moody had convinced him that if would wear one of Pam's cowgirl corsets that it would not hurt so much when he coughs or laughs. And I bet he'd look good in it too. It's nice to know you're both recovering and we miss you at the range.

Rosebrook Kid and Cookie have another article in the Cowboy Chronicle this month. The most important part of the article is not the first bit of "fluff" about some dude being made a Regulator. No, what's really important is how three of our Cowboy's handled a situation with honesty and integrity when a lot of people would have taken advantage. A truly exceptional example of the Cowboy Way. My thanks to Rosebrook, Desoto Bob and Mississippi Tom for being great examples to the community. Please read the article if you haven't read it already.

Last of all it is my sad duty to announce that Gentleman Jimmy Valentine and Dusty Kudzu will be leaving us shortly to move to Florida. They have worked behind the scenes as workers and members of the Mississippi River Rangers Board for several years. They jumped into the game with both feet and have been a valuable assets to the club and therefore the members of this club. I hope you will take the time to wish them well and keep them in your thoughts in the future. Personally I want to say that I have enjoyed working and shooting with you both and I wish you all the best.

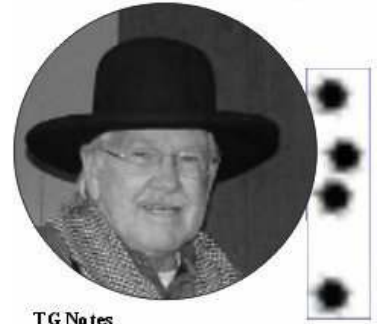
Vaya con Dios mi Amigos,

Jered



## TG Notes

Have you visited the new SASS web site for members only? There are two short video clips explaining the 'benefits' of the proposed Cone of safety. It's a failed attempt to justify a something that is not needed. The TG's seem to be in agreement with the way our club voted. Almost all the comments are against it. It will interesting to see what the discussions at the convention are. Also on the website are some video shooting tips you may be interested in.



TG Notes

## Safety

As colder temperatures come in, be sure to bring your gloves, many of the shooters have found that the inexpensive brown cotton gloves are the best as they are easy to put on and off and there is room for hand warmers. We don't recommend shooting with them on as they are slippery on the pistols.

## Speaking of Cold Weather

Special thanks to Woodpecker and his lovely wife, who together have wrapped the pavilion for the winter. You will find it better than ever with more room and two doors.

## Should Real Cowboys Wear Fur?

Prairie Gal



## [Around The Campfire with Mississippi Tom and Delta Betsy](#)

Summer has moved on through. Halloween is behind us and those fall days and nights are upon us. I thought that, this month, it might be interesting to learn a little more about famous cowboys/bad men of the old west. Here's just a few:

### **Kit Carson**

He disliked bullies and smoked a pipe. He was nicknamed "Hawkeye of the West."



Christopher Carson was 5'4", but "cougar all the way." Before his death in 1868, he traveled with a Santa Fe trade caravan, trapped in the Rockies, fought Apaches and the Navajo, and fought political battles as an Indian agent.

### **Wild Bill Hickok**

He was an attractive man who dressed like a dandy with a reputation as a lawman. He always wore two custom colt .36 pistols, even when sleeping.

Wild Bill's marksmanship was legendary. He kept order with his reputation rather than his trigger finger. In 1876, a notoriety-seeker killed Bill as he held aces and eights (the "dead man's hand") in a poker game in Deadwood.

### **Buffalo Bill**

He was charismatic with a reputation for romancing the women. He was nicknamed "Buffalo" Bill for killing 4,300 buffalo in 18 months.

William Frederick Cody was a Pony Express rider, a buffalo hunter, and a scout. After Ned Buntline's novels turned "Buffalo Bill" into a folk hero, Bill wrote and acted in a play about himself. With its success, he launched a "Wild West" show which toured the East and even Europe.

### **Calamity Jane**

Calamity Jane had a reputation for being a sharp-shooting woman. She had an addiction to alcohol, was a compulsive liar who used profanity and wore men's clothing. She thought she "married Wild Bill Hickok." She loved to tell tall tales and read dime store novels about herself.

Martha Jane Canary liked to claim she was a Pony Express rider, a scout for Custer, and an excellent sharpshooter. Her shooting, at least, was good enough for Buffalo Bill to include her in his Wild West shows. Outside of the shows, Jane was more of a drinker than a shooter.

### **Jesse James**

Jesse was a dashing outlaw who would leave notes detailing his heists with the train conductors, to save work for the newspapers. He would never rob women or preachers.

The James gang robbed and plundered from 1866 to 1881. Their first train robbery was near Adair, Iowa, July 21, 1873. They were disappointed to learn the gold shipment was on the next train.

## Belle Starr

Belle was comfortably wealthy. She was a woman with a bad temper who used profanity and had a reputation as a cattle rustler. She often said that "A pair of six-shooters beats a pair of sixes anytime." She liked to hang out with desperadoes.

Belle Starr had a child by Cole Younger, married Jim Reed (a desperado), and after Reed's death married an Indian named Sam who helped her in her horse-thieving business. Belle fronted her illegal operations with a livery stable in Dallas.

## Billy the Kid

Billy had a reputation as a romantic outlaw for those inclined to romanticize bandits. He had a reputation for killing a lot of men.

William Bonney spent his youth in saloons and gambling halls, and killed several men before he was 16. Legend says that Billy killed 21 men in all -- one for each of the 21 years he lived.

**We'll learn a little more about the "bad men" of the old west in future articles.**

**Did you know?** When a cowboy had his Arbuckle's in hand, he was enjoying a cup of coffee. The Arbuckle Brothers of Pittsburgh made a mighty fine pre-roasted bean that was so popular in the Old West that Arbuckle's eventually became interchangeable with the actual word coffee, as in "Don't talk to me in the morning until I have my Arbuckle's." The "recipe" for coffee was generally a handful of coffee in a cup of water.



**For the social on the 21st, let's have a "beans and potatoes supper." Cook up your favorite bean recipe or throw those potatoes on the fire, then bring them along for us all to enjoy. If you don't want to cook beans or potatoes, we always need the trimmings to go along with our supper or you can bring your favorite desert. Whatever you cook up, it's sure to be enjoyed by all.**

**For the social on the 28th, let's share Thanksgiving leftovers.**

[Until next month, remember ... never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction.](#)

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## On the Trail with Capt. Augustus & Skip

Howdy Folks,  
Well, here it is November and the season of holidays. It seems like they all come together. I hope everyone enjoyed the Club Championships as much as I did. Jered did a great job writing interesting stages, great shades of yesteryear.

It looks like there will be plenty of shooting at MRR for the next three months. There will be two shoots per month, so those of us gone for the holidays can still attend one or another.

From the club meetings and the Wire, it looks like the cone idea is suffering badly. I just hope it doesn't make it into the rules. It looks like a Timers nightmare, even though 've given that up. I just can't keep up with the fast shooters. Heck, I can't hardly keep up with the slowest ones either.



Mississippi River Rangers  
10/24/2009

Match	Alias	SASS#	Cat	Open Area		Wagon		Hotel		Livery		Mercantile		Box Canyon		Total								
				Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank	Time	Miss Rank							
1	Boomerang	25728	Gun Fighter	31.17	0	3	30.05	1	3	25.90	0	3	27.83	0	1	28.67	0	3	29.09	0	3	172.71	1	16
2	Blackfish Kid	21537	Cowboy -	47.96	2	8	21.62	0	1	20.29	0	2	35.09	2	3	19.95	0	1	28.76	1	2	173.67	5	17
3	Prestdiglatior	57251	Cowboy -	23.52	1	1	34.79	2	6	15.53	0	1	37.63	4	5	30.68	3	6	25.33	1	1	167.48	11	20
4	Oglaia Bill	9964	B Western	35.43	0	4	29.79	0	2	33.31	0	5	30.19	0	2	29.54	0	4	40.83	1	6	199.09	1	23
5	Sunny Girl	45500	Ladies Senior	41.35	1	7	41.13	2	11	33.74	0	6	42.19	2	8	30.26	0	5	34.83	0	4	223.50	5	41
6	Taska Jim	82682	49R+	31.01	0	2	32.46	1	4	36.53	0	7	44.53	1	10	34.43	1	8	49.54	3	13	228.50	6	44
7	Woodpecker	82974	49R+	54.48	3	12	37.97	1	7	37.70	0	8	37.31	1	4	42.01	1	11	47.98	1	10	257.45	7	52
8	Bill Carson	52250	Gun Fighter	39.54	1	5	33.66	0	5	41.85	0	10	47.92	3	12	54.53	3	17	40.76	1	5	258.26	8	54
9	Sable Starr	57369	Lady Wrangler -	40.93	1	6	40.77	0	9	37.88	1	9	49.51	4	14	38.24	2	9	41.94	2	8	249.27	10	55
10	Desperado Dave	79894	Silver Senior	58.16	1	14	53.68	1	13	32.38	0	4	41.79	2	7	41.49	1	10	45.91	1	9	273.41	6	57
11	Jered Maddox	26216	Wrangler -	74.48	1	17	39.06	0	8	41.90	1	11	39.43	1	6	31.48	0	7	48.85	2	11	275.20	5	60
12	Jimmy Valentine	76663	Duelist	53.98	1	11	61.61	3	15	47.41	0	13	52.72	1	15	42.09	0	12	49.48	0	12	307.29	5	78
13	Dam Quick Dan	77965	Senior	54.66	1	13	48.79	1	12	67.59	1	16	43.31	1	9	48.46	1	14	55.61	1	15	318.42	6	79
14	California Joe	49469	Gun Fighter	52.19	2	10	40.85	0	10	42.81	1	12	61.86	4	16	49.36	2	16	82.12	2	22	329.19	11	86
15	Texas Sue	9965	Senior	49.52	0	9	57.06	0	14	66.77	2	15	75.91	4	17	48.85	0	15	62.01	2	19	360.12	8	89
16	Loco Perro	57890	49R-	998.01	0	23	998.01	0	23	998.01	0	23	45.59	2	11	23.84	0	2	41.30	1	7	3104.76	3	89
17	Deadeye Dick Brewer	66795	49R-	75.71	5	18	77.75	1	19	70.59	4	17	48.26	2	13	48.34	2	13	51.00	1	14	371.65	15	94
18	Desoto Bob	51862	49R+	59.50	3	15	62.09	1	16	74.30	6	18	81.06	7	19	60.96	3	18	57.33	2	16	395.24	22	102
19	Rattlesnake Rowan	86288	49R-	62.49	1	16	67.63	2	17	56.90	1	14	84.94	8	21	68.69	0	19	59.08	0	17	398.73	12	104
20	Sweetwater Sage	86289	Ladies 49R-	91.61	3	19	74.31	2	18	87.88	3	19	82.45	2	20	78.00	2	22	72.63	2	20	486.88	14	118
21	Mississippi Tom	50618	Senior	93.83	0	20	98.95	5	20	151.57	11	21	77.98	2	18	73.23	1	21	75.44	0	21	571.00	19	121
22	Colonel Fang	75263	Buckaroos	100.25	0	21	102.87	2	21	89.95	1	20	89.49	4	22	72.87	1	20	59.49	0	18	514.92	8	122
23	Shook The Stars	89640	Ladies 49R-	148.63	8	22	144.48	12	22	175.40	11	22	125.69	6	23	130.60	6	23	118.99	6	23	843.79	49	135

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