



# THE VIGILANTE



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## The Monthly Chronicle of the Robbers Roost Vigilantes

### From The President

#### Come Out to the Range When You Can

#### It Will *Always* be Fun

We all know people whose lives seem to revolve around Cowboy Action Shooting. They shoot every weekend if they possibly can, and they enjoy such activities as cleaning guns and loading ammunition. Their alias is who they are, and they wear boots and a hat wherever they go. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

But I think it's safe to say most CAS shooters are more like me. Nasty Newt is something I do, not who I am. The "kid in the candy store" feeling I had when I discovered SASS is long gone, but I still love doing it. It's the most fun I've ever had shooting guns, period.

On February 1, most of the "Weak One" crew had other commitments, and I didn't want to get out of bed. In other words, real life got in the way, and only six shooters turned out for our first Saturday match. But it was a fun match, and good shooting was done by all. M.C. Ryder won overall, followed by Harvey Mushman, Buckhorn Bud, Fast Legs, Wrangler Red, and Ball N. Chain.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> I managed to get out of bed, the "Week Won" gang was mostly back, and we had twelve shooters, about average for us these days. Not all that long ago we routinely had two posses and 20 – 24 shooters, but things are tough all over. The twelve included a surprise visit from Curly Sue and Prairie Dog from Las Vegas. It was nice to see them again, as always.

Bad Bascomb won the match, followed by Prairie Dog, Cowboy Earl, Venomous Doc, and Harvey Mushman. Curly Sue was top lady on the day, and eighth overall.

All of the scores from both matches are posted on our web site at [www.robbersroostvigilantes.com](http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com).

Nobody shot either match clean. I didn't help matters by writing both the bear and the big square out by the berm into stage 6. Next month for sure!

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### *Real Life Westerners You Didn't Want to Mess With*

#### Sixth in a Series

Captain Jonathan Davis was a Mexican War veteran from South Carolina. After the war he made his way out west to see if he could find some of that California gold he'd fought for. He was known as an expert pistol shot, and was "second to none" as a fencer. Those skills would stand him in good stead.

On December 19, 1854, at the age of 38, Davis and two companions were making their way along a miner's trail in Rocky Canyon, on the North Fork of the American River in El Dorado County. Lying in wait was a gang of fourteen bandits who had already robbed and killed ten men. Maybe they figured three more wouldn't get them hung any higher.

When the bandits attacked, one of Davis' companions was killed instantly. The second managed to get a revolver out and get off a couple of shots before he too fell, badly wounded. Captain Davis later described himself as being "in a fever of excitement at the time." Apparently so. He drew a pair of Colt revolvers and started firing. Bullets tore at Davis' clothing but he received only two minor wounds. By the time both of his Colts were empty, seven bandits were dead or mortally wounded. Three thought better of it and fled, but four, also out of ammunition and armed with knives and a sword, continued the attack. Davis drew his Bowie knife and killed three of the last four, and chopped a finger and the nose off the fourth, which caused him to lose the will to fight.

A trio of miners happened onto the scene and helped Davis tend to his wounded friend and the brigands as well. All of the wounded bandits were dead by nightfall, and Davis' companion died a week later.

Captain Jonathan Davis had entered the fray armed with two revolvers and a Bowie knife and had killed eleven men. Fourteen to three odds probably looked pretty good to those bandits. They were wrong.

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In March we will be shooting on the 1st and the 15th. We are on **Winter Hours**, so we'll start sign ups at 8:00, have the meeting at 8:45, and the new shooter class will be at 7:30. As always, we'd like to know in advance if a new shooter is coming out so we can be prepared to take care of them.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly shoots:

**The Cajon Cowboys** shoot on the: 2<sup>nd</sup> (club day) and 4<sup>th</sup> (open shoot) Saturdays of each month at the Gem Ranch in the Cajon Pass on old route 66. Contact Luke Warmwater at (909) 987-7017. [www.cajoncowboys.com](http://www.cajoncowboys.com).

**Five Dogs Creek Cowboys** in Bakersfield shoot on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of each month. They host the **SASS California State Championships**, May 1 – 4, 2014. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. [www.5dogscreek.com](http://www.5dogscreek.com)

**High Desert Cowboys** shoot in Acton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Contact Doc Silverhawks, (661) 948-2543, or Lumpy Grits or Ima Schofield at (661)265-1923.

**Double R Bar Regulators**, Lucerne Valley, shoot the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. [www.rrbar.com](http://www.rrbar.com). They will host **Crap Shoot at Chimney Rock, "ROLL THE DICE,"** April 11 – 13. Contact Little Jersey Jo, 1-760-247-5012, [joed56676@gmail.com](mailto:joed56676@gmail.com).

**Lone Wolf Shooters**, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings. [www.lonewolfshooters.com](http://www.lonewolfshooters.com).

**El Dorado Cowboys**, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Creeker at 702-328-4867. They host **Best Shoot by a Dam Site**, May 3 – 4 2014. [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com).

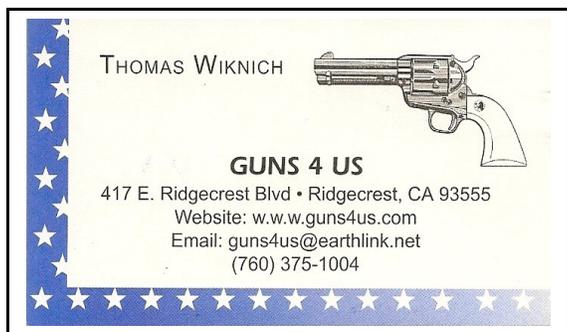
## Defend the Roost Isn't on the Bubble Yet But it Might Be if Your Application Doesn't Come In Soon

In last month's *Vigilante*, I wrote, "If you're planning to shoot, we'd like to get your name on the list as soon as possible. There is a LOT of planning that goes into this thing, and guessing about attendance makes it harder. As always, your credit is good with us, so you can sign up now and pay later if you'd like to do that." Since then, two names have been added to the *Who's Comin'* list. Yes, two (2).

We all know attendance is down pretty much across the board in SASS, at both monthlies and annuals. There are lots of reasons for it, but that's a discussion for another time. What's pertinent here is that the RRV needs income to cover expenses or this match can't happen, or can't happen the way we'd like to do it. Simply put, if we can't pay for the tent and the awards banquet, the lunches, the nice awards, and the main course for the pot luck, we can't provide them. The truth is, DTR would have been in the red the past three years if not for the generosity of our stage sponsors, business sponsors, and our Match Sponsor, Duelin' Tom at GUNS4US. We can't expect them to do more than they have in past years.

Just George is reaching out to "Neevadians" and California shooters. This newsletter serves as the appeal to RRV members. If you plan to shoot, send Just George your application without delay. NN

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Come out to a RRV match, held the third (and sometimes first) Saturday of every month, or call Nasty Newt at 760-375-7618, or MC Ryder at 760-384-2321, or mail it in. Our membership application is here [RRV Membership Application](#) Annual membership dues for the RRV are: single membership \$25, member and spouse \$30, family membership (including children under 18 living at home) \$35. First time shooters will be able to take their FIRST (1) NEW SHOOTERS CLASS for \$10, any subsequent new shooters class or RRV match shoot will be \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. Donations for shooting regular monthly RRV matches will be \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Memberships run from September 1 - August 31. New memberships purchased after September will be prorated depending on the number of months remaining and the type of membership. **RRV members are encouraged to become Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) members.** Please call SASS at (505) 843-1320, or go to [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com). SASS first year single initiation membership is \$55, renewal for single membership is \$45. As part of your SASS membership you will receive The Cowboy Chronicle (12 issues/year), registration of your alias, a SASS badge with your SASS number on it, a membership certificate and membership card, a SASS Marshall lapel pin, and SASS Shooters Handbook. SASS membership is not required for membership in RRV, or participation in RRV regular monthly matches. **RRV encourages all shooters to join and support the NRA and the NRA Foundation, and Ridgecrest Gun Range Association.** For further information visit our website at [www.robbersroostvigilantes.com](http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com).



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### Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

**March 1, 2014**  
**March 15, 2014**

**Winter Hours: Sign up starting ~ 8:00,  
 Safety Meeting ~ 8:45.**

**New Shooter Class ~ 7:30.**

## The Toilet is Where??

When we had three or four shooting bays on our range, picking a centralized location for the porta-potty and leaving it there made sense. However, our stage writers now have ten bays at their disposal, and in the interest of variety, we try to use them all from time to time.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we used the far south bay, beyond the jail, to test a couple of things for the annual. The porta-potty was in its usual spot in between the depot and the cemetery. Ballarat Bob suggested that perhaps this was a less-than-ideal-set-up. Several members of the RRV brain trust pondered the situation and said, "Duh."

In the future, stage writers will coordinate with the *Colonel of the Urinal*, M.C. Ryder, and we will endeavor to locate the toilet within the same time zone as the stages.