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From The President

If It's October, These Must Be

M. C. Ryder Stages

We took off the first Saturday in October, but on the 18th we were out at the range for a Harvest Moon special. We shot at the Pueblo, the Cemetery, and the open bay in between those two. We picked pumpkins and made pie, and ran a buffalo out of the pumpkin patch. Accurate long range shooters earned a candy treat for hitting the buffalo with the rifle, and again for hitting it with the pistol. That pumpkin-eating buffalo had me concerned about exactly how the high-priced pumpkin ale was "brewed," but I didn't want to know, so I didn't ask. We finished up at the graveyard, which, as the man said, was a strange place to serve pumpkin pie.

Eleven shooters showed up to enjoy a fine day in the sunshine. As you might suspect, Bad Bascomb cleaned everybody's clock, although Venomous Doc, Ozark Lawdog, Cowboy Earl, and M. C. Ryder weren't far behind. Once again Ballarat Bob came out and served as scorekeeper even though he still wasn't quite up to shooting following some recent surgery. All of the scored are on our website

In November we are shooting on the first and the fifteenth. Come on out and have a great time shooting cowboy (not shooting cowboys, that's illegal).

REGARDING DTR 2015: As you know, the board asked for input from club members, and we set a goal that we would make a decision about it by the end of October. We got some input, for which we thank those who responded. But we're not going to meet our goal of having made a decision by Halloween. We have a lot to think about. Most respondents said cut back on side matches, which we have already done by eliminating all shooting on Sunday. Some said not everybody can get off work on Thursday and Friday, so do the main match on Saturday and Sunday, but that would cost us several shooters and half of our work force. Long story short, stand by. We will be announcing our decision soon.

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El Dorado Odyssey

By Bad Bascomb, SASS # 47494

And Goode Bascomb, SASS # 53291

We actually hit the road at 5:35 pm, Wednesday, Oct 1, bound for Henderson/Boulder City, Nevada, and the SASS Nevada State Championship Match. This was only 5 minutes after our desired departure time-- a new record for us. We needed to be ready for the 9 am warm-up match, and with finding a new (to us) motel, getting settled, and then registering and assembling the carts, etc. at the range next morning, the anxiety level was high.

The event is held at the Boulder City Rifle & Pistol Club, which has no permanent facades like we have, as the cowboys are 'guests' at the facility. We hadn't been there for 9 years, and there were improvements, notably the access road paving and re-contouring. Regardless of the temporary nature of the props, there were excellent facades, and the stages were well designed. No memory tests or P traps, but with more movement than we have normally. Shooting positions were marked, when necessary, with small orange cones and painted lines or circles on the hard dirt/gravel surface, which wouldn't work too well on our sand.

Targets were 'big & close' in many, but not all cases (closest pistol plates were 2 1/2 paces). AR steel targets with fixed brackets so there was no wiggle or movement, plus a good angle and smooth surface, meant there was no back splash, even when at 'in your face' distances. Shotgun targets were actually a bit further than ours usually are, and three stages had six targets, the other eight were four each.

Standard written scoring, with shooter initialing each stage's results, were augmented with the 'Aces' system, which requires a tablet and separate operator. Goode watched it in practice and considers it relevant only to large matches.

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In November we will only be shooting on the 1st and 15th. We're 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. We'd like to know in advance if a new shooter is coming out. See ya out there!

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

Monthly shoots:

The Cajon Cowboys shoot on the: 2nd and 4th Saturday at the Gem Ranch in the Cajon Pass on old route 66. Contact Luke Warmwater at (909) 987-7017. www.cajoncowboys.com.

Five Dogs Creek Cowboys in Bakersfield shoot on the 1st weekend of each month. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. www.5dogscreek.com

High Desert Cowboys shoot in Acton on the 3rd 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 2nd Sunday. www.rrbars.com. Contact Little Jersey Jo, 1-760-247-5012, joed56676@gmail.com.

Lone Wolf Shooters, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 4th and 5th Sunday. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings. www.lonewolfshooters.com.

El Dorado Cowboys, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1st weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Creeker at 702-328-4867. www.eldoradocowboys.com.

Chorro Valley Regulators shoot the 2nd Sunday and most 5th Sundays at Morro Bay. www.chorrovalleyregulators.org.

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The advantage to 'Aces' is that everything is all done when the last shot is fired. Pushing a few buttons segregates categories and organizes scores. Significantly, the MD indicated if discrepancies occurred that the handwritten version ruled.

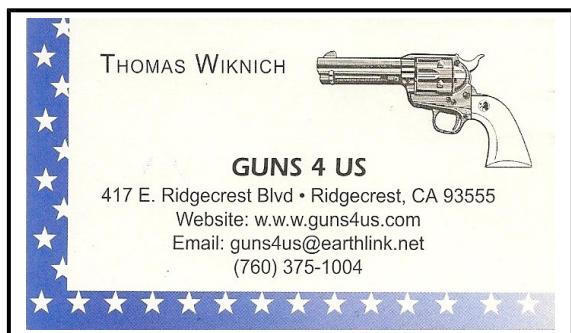
The weather was great--light breeze, high 80's, though a bit more humidity than we have. Our posse included many who have shot DTR, or who are familiar from nearby clubs--Ella Watson; Smiley Ed and Little Jersey Jo; Mexican Rob & Charity Rose Lee; Just Ace & Blazin' Betsy; Gunsil; Lash Latigo & Penney Pepperbox; Shortstock and Red Rock; and our PM, Philly Slim.

Six stages for main match were shot on Friday and Saturday, with excellent BBQ catered on range Friday and awards banquet at Boulder Golf & Country Club Saturday. Shooting was done by 1 pm each day. There were about 165 shooters. A highlight was watching Matt Black shoot speed pistol and rifle: 10 rounds from 2 pistols, holstered, and hit targets in 3.33 seconds, and 10 rifle shots in 2.35!

Photos were taken by Shortstock and can be seen at the Eldorado Cowboys website. Some representative stage setups and props are shown. The award ceremony was efficient and mercifully short. Creeker was MC and assisted by Charming and J D Nevada. Awards went 5 deep, and the photographer was off to side so one group could be 'shot' while others were accepting awards. We sat with Shaky D, Nevada Skye, Nevada Jim, Nevada Fire and Deadeye Doug, all having been to DTR and hopeful that it will continue.

In the "Shoulda, woulda, coulda" game, only 15 seconds separated my 4th from Rowdy Lane (Arizona State Champ ES) in first, and 3 seconds gave TL 3rd. I know where those seconds went.... NEXT YEAR!

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How to Join the Robbers Roost Vigilantes...

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. 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.

NAME THOSE COWPERSONS

Nobody guessed, so I don't know if it was too easy or too hard, but these cowpersons are the same ones as in the first photo quiz a couple of months ago—Bee Blest and Bodie Kid!

If you have a picture you'd like to submit for the photo quiz, send it to me.

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Schedule of Monthly Matches

RRV Match Dates:

November 1, 2014

November 15, 2014

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

New Shooter Class ~ 7:30.

