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From the President

Our Diversity is our Strength?

Just kidding. I think that's one of the dumbest political slogans of all time, and there have been some really dumb ones. But, it just might apply to the RRV, although not in any way a pandering politician would ever mean it.

For many years now we've been putting on more than just cowboy action shooting matches. We shoot muzzle loader trail walks with some regularity, and also the occasional bolt action match. Our club is in good shape financially, so we don't necessarily "need" the extra income. But if these non-cowboy events attract only six or eight shooters a month, that is enough to pay our annual liability insurance bill, so our diverse product offering are indeed one of our strengths.

We recently added another event, GAMM, which features M1 Garands. It was fun, even for the un-named shooter who had the front sight falling off of his rifle, and we plan to continue doing it from time to time. Some of us had been kicking this idea around for an embarrassingly long time—okay, for years, and just never got it off the starting line. In case you're wondering what provided the final push to bring it to fruition, see the right hand column.

I know, I know, another song parody. I guess I missed my calling, although the world probably only needs one Weird Al Yankovic, if that many.

End of Trail moves to its sixth home in 2027, Oklahoma City. There have always been complaints about the venue. California was too far for most Sass shooters to travel. Founder's Ranch in New Mexico was in the middle of nowhere. Phoenix displaced the National Championship match, which moved to Oklahoma City and displaced Land Run. Now the National Championships are back in Phoenix, and EOT

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The Squirrel

by

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Sung to the tune of "The Snake"

(Chorus) Take me in, kindly cowboy, take me in, I'm a good girl, Take me in, kindly cowboy, cried the squirrel.

While setting steel one morning, out on cemetery world, The gunhand known as Zig Mar saw a poor flea-bitten squirrel.

It reminded him of Sneezy, the famous squirrel from Penn St., He said, "You are a mess, I'll save you if its not too late."

He cleaned her up and gave hert a flea collar and some food, He combed the goat heads from her tail, had her looking pretty good,

"Oh, thank you," said the squirrel. "You've been very kind to me, But now that I'm feeling better, it's my job to bite your knee."

(Chorus)

The squirrel bit him hard, and made a bee line for the yard, But the neighbor's cat was out there, as always, standing guard,

He tackled that squirrel in a fit of territorial rage, Which gave Zig Mar the chance to put that rodent in a bird cage.

"That hurt, you little bastard. You have no Penn St. class, I'm gonna tie you to a post and take a M1 to your ass."

(Chorus)

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is in OKC.

I expect there will be multiple complaints about the new location, even though it is pretty close to the middle of the country, which spreads the travel burden around more evenly. Then again, you have the chiggers and the wind. Chicago may be The Windy City, but it is Oklahoma where it "comes whippin' down the plain."

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The Squirrel *continued from page 1*

Zig Mar set up a squirrel shoot, and invited some friends out, The M1s did their damage, but the outcome is in doubt,

They say that squirrel lives on, out beyond the firing line, A ghostly squirrel-like phantom has been seen from time to time.

The moral of this story is an easy one to see, No good deed goes unpunished, and will bite you on the knee,

There only is one Sneezy, he resides in the Big Ten, These desert squirrels are low-bred, like those hanging 'round U Penn.

(Chorus) Take me in, kindly cowboy, take me in, I'm a good girl, Take me in, kindly cowboy, cried the squirrel.

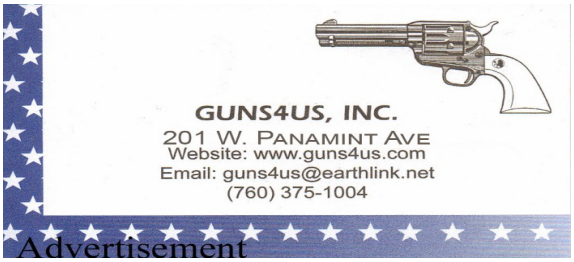


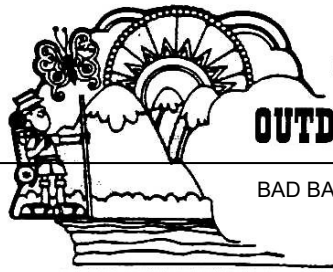
Rossi 22 "Garrucha" Derringer



Garrucha is a Portuguese name for a side-by-side pistol. They were supposedly popular with gauchos in southern Brazil. I saw a picture somewhere of a pin fire 30 caliber brass framed garrucha, so they've been a thing for quite a while. I've wanted one of these Rossi 22s since I was 16, when I got to shoot my uncle's. Made in Brazil, they haven't been imported since 1968, so while not rare, they're scarce. I often look at the "auctions ending tonight" on GunBroker, but rarely bid on anything. Then I saw two of these offered in one sale, so I went for it and won. I fantasized about getting two functional guns, but didn't expect to, and after fitting and polishing and swapping out some parts, I wound up with one shooter. Much like 62 years ago, I can't hit the desert with it, but it's a lot of fun. I might write it into a stage as a provided gun some day.

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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 **877-411-SASS**. SASS membership information can be found here:
http://www.sassnet.com/Membership-Main-001A.php

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.

Note: Both GUNS4US and KZGN TV are at a new location at 409 S. China Lake Blvd, Ridgecrest, CA. 93555

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Schedule of Monthly Matches

Matches are announced on the web site and via email to club members. Cowboy matches are first (sometimes) and third Saturday. Usually, Trail Walks are second Saturday, and BAMM and Cowboy Rifle are fourth Saturday, when scheduled.
Winter Hours: Sign up around 8:00, Meeting around 8:45.

The Keyesville Massacre

On April 19, 1863, on the other side of the mountains in the Kern River Valley, one of the more shameful incidents in the local Indian wars took place. Residents of Keyesville and the surrounding area had petitioned the Army to send troops to put an end to Indian depredations. The natives' natural food sources had been severely impacted by the Great Flood of 1862, and these depredations consisted in large part of stealing food, including livestock.

Capt. Moses McLaughlin left Camp Babbit in Visalia with about forty men of the 2nd California Volunteer Cavalry. His destination was the Owens Valley, where he was to assume command of Camp Independence. His orders included a stopover at Keyesville to investigate the Indian trouble on Kern River. After meeting with local leaders, he and his men surrounded the Tubatulabal village, and separated the men and older boys. He asked Jose Chico, a friendly Indian, and the Keyesville representatives, to point out Indians known to be friendly.

McLaughlin's report reads in part, "…the others, to the number of thirty-five, for whom no one could vouch, were either shot or sabered. This extreme punishment, though I regret it, was necessary, and I feel certain that a few such examples will crush the Indians and finish the war in this and adjacent valleys."

Capt. McLaughlin continued on his way to Camp Independence, where he dealt harshly with the Paiutes and Shoshone, and did indeed finish the war.