



## River Junction Epitaph



## Calvary Days, F Troop, April 19<sup>th</sup>



### Presidential Ponderings

Are you ready for Calvary Days with F Troop? That's the theme for our first shoot as we begin our 11<sup>th</sup> year at RJSS. The range is ready thanks to Tombstone Timi and the members who helped out on our work day. A special thanks to Cheyenne Jack for bringing his front loader to repair the road. Make sure when at the range you take a look at the wagon. Timi and her Dad spent the winter rebuilding several of the wheels, a major undertaking. They look and work great.

As most of you know Colonel Wm. Hays has been selected by the Executive Committee as our new Territorial Governor. I'm looking forward to working with the Colonel as he assumes his new role at RJSS.

Be sure to check out Mattie and Durango Dave's articles as they keep you up to date on Smoke-N-Fire and the Ambush.

Last month I mentioned some new safety rules that SASS and the officers of the club feel needs applied.

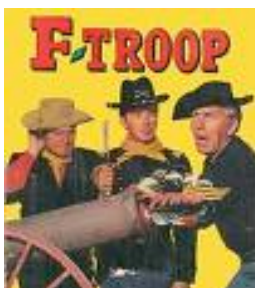
First, SASS has made it a rule that a firearm that malfunctions at the line and contains a live round must first be attempted to be cleared at the line, then the unloading table. The gun must not be taken past the loading or unloading table by anyone except a match official. **ANYONE** other than a match official moving the gun past the tables gets a match DQ whether it's your gun or not. We will explain this further at the match safety meeting.

Second, to make our current insurance carrier more at ease, we are going to require that all match RO's ( Posse Leaders) are club members and if possible RO 2 qualified. Anyone running a timer should be a club member and has to be at least RO 1 qualified.

Also this year we are going to be paying more attention to safety and costuming infractions. I would suggest that everyone go to the SASS website, [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) , and print out the new versions of the Handbook, RO 1 and RO 2 manuals, and look them over for rule changes and to make sure that your following costuming requirements for your category.

This year the club needs to concentrate on rebuilding some of our props and adding a few new ones. Time, weather, and unfortunately vandalism has taken it's toll on some of our props. If you have any lumber, paint, nails and so forth that you have no use for, bring it to the club and we'll put it to good use this year.

I'm looking forward to a great year at RJSS. Hope you are too!



## News from Tombstone

### April Shoot Theme

After accidentally leading a cavalry charge into victory. Private Wilton Parmenter becomes a hero and is given command of Fort Courage. Here, his group of cavalry men bumble through fighting their enemies and working with the local Hekawi Indians. The Hekawi are selling wares to the tourist. You guessed it April is our Calvary shoot so come dressed in your finest cavalry clothes. I guarantee you will have a good shoot. Hope to see you there.

Timi

### Take the F Troop Quiz

[www.f-troop.net/trivia.htm](http://www.f-troop.net/trivia.htm)

### Treasurer's 2- Cents

Looks like the weather is finally turning nice .Time to get the range in good shape for next month's shoot . We are now up to 85 members. Last year we had a total of 93 members. We are still pushing for at least 100 members for 2008 . There is a total of 12 signed up for Smoke 'N Fire and 10 signed up for Ambush at Indian Creek. Keep those registrations coming in . Don't forget April 19th is Calvary Days, our 1st shoot of 2008. See you there.

Your Corporate Treasurer  
WHIP WAGNER





## Mattie's Musings

Howdy all. Hope you had a nice Easter Holiday. I can't believe that spring is here and time to get ready for the shooting season. I can hardly wait to send some lead down range. As always, with spring comes the time that we need to get River Junction ready for the opener. It seems like winter still wants to try to hang on. I know that Timi has some work parties scheduled, so please try to attend. Besides seeing the fruit of our labor we also get to enjoy one another's company.

Our 2008 Membership Directory is in the works. This is always nice to have by your phone or in your vehicle in case you need to call one of the members. Hopefully they will be available by the first shoot.

Folks are signing up for both Smoke N Fire and Ambush. Applications for both shoots can be downloaded from our website or if need be I can mail them to you. Just let me know either by email at [csipe@lhtot.com](mailto:csipe@lhtot.com) or phone 724-593-6602.

I didn't receive any responses on the question posed in the last Epitaph regarding our theme for Smoke N Fire, "Blazing Saddles". The question last month was who had been slated to play the 2 leading roles in "Blazing Saddles". The answer was Richard Pryor and Gig Young. I'll try to make this month's question a little easier by adding multiple choices. Who sang the theme for "Blazing Saddles"? A. John Lennon B. John Wayne C. Frankie Laine. Email me with your responses.

Take care,  
Mattie



## The Colonel's Column

Thank you to the RJSS membership and Executive Committee for the nomination and subsequent appointment of me to fill the remainder of the term of Territorial Governor/Executive Committee person left by the unexpected death of Fuzzy Gonzalez.

Most of you know me well, but for those who don't, I am Col. Wm. Hays SASS # 7815 Life. I have been a SASS member since 1995, a SASS Life member since 2001 and a SASS Regulator for several years. I was one of the cofounders of RJSS in 1998 and served three terms as its first president and wrote the original bylaws and have coordinated the addition of amendments over the years.

In the earlier years I attended most of the local shoots monthly along with two or three annual local shoots per year. I have attended the SASS Southwest Regional at Mule Camp every year with the exception of the very first one. This year I plan to attend the SASS Midwest Regional, Guns of August rather than Mule Camp. My plans are to visit the PA State Shoot at Muncy Valley and our own Regional Shoot at Thurmont, MD. Due to time and physical limitations I now limit my local shoots to RJSS only, plus one Regional shoot per year.

Fuzzy's boots will be big ones to fill, both figuratively and literally (I bought a pair of boots from him eight years ago and they have always been somewhat large for me). He was blessed with what seemed a photographic mind when it came to recalling rules and their changes. I on the other hand will rely on my three ring binder and look it up. There can never be another Fuzzy, so please don't expect me to be, as my view and approach to this office will be different.

How than do I view the duties and responsibilities of RJSS TG? First and foremost I will be a member of the RJSS Executive Committee, helping chart the course for our society, doing what is best for RJSS. This has always been my highest calling. The TG office requires one to "support and defend the party line of SASS". This being the case I will faithfully communicate the concerns and recommendations of RJSS to SASS and keep RJSS informed of the actions of SASS to the best of my ability. I will function as a resource for current rules and their application to the officers and members of RJSS. Per our bylaws the Vice President serves as the Range master and is the last word on any match/range questions and the Range Safety Officer "shall have the final say in any and all safety related issues during the course of any club match". During the Ambush and Smoke N Fire there is also the Match Director whose decision is final and works with the Safety Officer and Vice President to resolve any match/range related questions.

I will in the months to come use this column to keep you abreast of the latest developments in SASS and how they affect RJSS. If you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Good Shooting,  
The Colonel



## Words from Dip

Thanks to all of those that participated and helped with the RO courses at McDonald Sportsman. I would like to rename my position at RJSS to Safety Advisor, the reason being is that you are ALL safety officers. I am glad to see that the Col. stepped forward to the T.G. position and would also like to thank Vegas for throwing his hat in there also. There are several things that need to be kept in PERSPECTIVE. The foremost is that you are ultimately responsible for your own safety and making your day fun. If you make yourself happy and safe that will usually rub off on people around you. Try to remember that even though you shoot as a individual, this is a team sport and it takes everyone's help to make it work. Looking forward to seeing all you pards real soon.

Dip



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## **REGISTRATION NOTES**

Opening day is just around the corner, April 19 – Cavalry Day, and we are all busy trying to get things prepared for a great shooting season!

Miss Lacey and I have redesigned our registration form for the regular shoots and we hope it will speed the process up for both the shooters and “office ladies”.

On another note, we are going to try to limit posse size this year to no more than 16. Poses seem to work better at this size. It is very important to make sure you let us know when you register if you are sharing guns/carts with a fellow Pard. We will try to honor as many requests as we can, but those after 9:15 can not be honored.

If you are interested in being a Posse Leader, please contact any RJSS officer. We would like to have some different cowpokes step up this year.

Congratulations to all the new RO2's !

Looking forward to seeing everybody,  
SloPoke Sara & Miss Lacey Remington

Click here to watch and listen to F Troop theme song.

<http://video.aol.com/video/video-category/1845442>





## **Ambush “April” Update**

**By  
Durango Dave**

As we start moving into April, I get the sense there are a lot of itchy trigger fingers out there ready to start shootin’. Ambush X & Smoke n Fire activities are still rolling along and one of our activities this year is a raffle for both Friday & Saturday nights during that weekend. Thanks to Comanche Joe, we have two non firing replica cowboy revolvers that look as real as can be already framed and ready to hang up in your favorite room. One is a Wyatt Earp 44 & the other is a Jessie James S&W. Philadelphia Kid is the ramrod for getting the tickets printed up & he promises that it will be a “user friendly easy” raffle. The plan is to have the guns on display at the April shoot with tickets ready to sell. Thanks again to Comanche Joe & Philadelphia Kid, you two make a good team.

Another way that fellow “cowpokes” can help out the Ambush & our State Black Powder Shootout, (“Smoke n’ Fire at Indian Creek”) is to register early. This gives the officers in charge of registration good “lead time” to get the paperwork organized and confirm information. I know Mattie, Slo-Poke, & Miss Lacey would really appreciate it.

As a reminder, if anyone in our membership wishes to donate prizes, like the good folks who helped last year, just contact me by phone (724-228-8999) or e-mail. (see the address below)

Last month, we asked this Lone Ranger trivia question. Let’s see how you did.

1. What year did the Lone Ranger series begin on TV?  
a) 1949      b) 1950      c) 1951

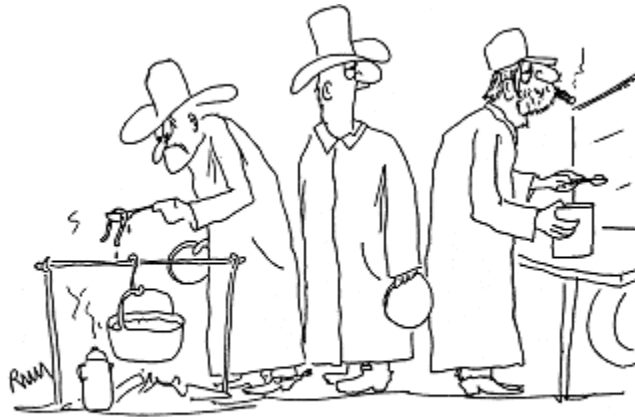
It was 1949 & Whip Wagner was the first to answer that one. Boy he’s fast on the draw.

Our April Lone Ranger trivia question is this.

1. According to Clayton Moore who played the Lone Ranger, Kemo Sabe means?  
a) honest friend      b) faithful friend      c) trusted scout

You can email me your choice again at: [durangodave44@comcast.net](mailto:durangodave44@comcast.net). We’ll post the answer in next month’s update. Until then, “Hi-Yo Silver, Away”.





Hey, Coosie, sorry to hear about us losin' that mule yesterday!

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**RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2008**

**April 19 - Calvary Days**

**May 17 - Rifleman**

**June 21 - Have Gun Will Travel (Paladin)**

**August 16 - Josey Wales**

**September 20 - Bonanza**

**October 18, 19 - Groundhog Day**

**Registration 8:00 AM to 9:25 AM --- Shooters' Meeting at 9:30AM**

**Extras**

**April 26 - True Grit**

**July 27 - Wild Bunch (Sunday Shoot)**

**September 27 - True Grit**

**RJSS Membership Meeting Dates - Jan. 12, Oct. 25, - Brady's Restaurant - 10:00 AM**

**SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT - July 18**

**AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 10 - July 19-20**

**COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA - July 26**

**<http://www.nauticom.net/www/rjss/>**

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