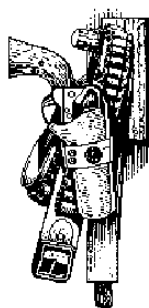


# Happy Birthday River Junction !

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## River Junction Epitaph

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**Presidential**



**Pondering's**



Howdy Pard,

Well it's the time of year that I find myself unable to walk past my gun cabinet without stoppin' and "grabbin' some iron" or shoulderin' a rifle. Won't be long. Gotta start reloadin'.

I want to thank all the members of RJSS that have renewed their memberships, and the folks that have joined as new members. It really helps the club when you do it at this time of year. If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as you can.

I want to welcome Honeydipper as our new Safety Officer and thank Philadelphia Kid for his service to the club over the past years. Speakin' of safety, there will be some new range regulations put in place this year due to some SASS changes and new requirements from our insurance carrier. We'll give you a full account of these once the Executive Committee sorts them out.

This year RJSS plans to "break out" of our little town and spread the word about us and Cowboy Action Shooting. If you know of any parade or function that you think we might be able to use for this, please contact Timi or myself.

We haven't even fired a shot this year and plans have to be made for next year's Smoke N Fire and Ambush. I want to thank Deputy Keck for taking over both of these for 2009. Hope to see you at the Winter Gathering Chuckwagon



## **Update from Mattie**

**Thank you to everybody who has renewed their membership to RJSS. We really appreciate it. If you haven't renewed please do so at your earliest convenience so that you are included in the 2008 Membership Directory.**

**Some updates from our recent RJSS meeting held January 12:**

**Welcome to the following new members:**

**Neil Cooper AKA N.A. Custer**

**Robert Cortez AKA SGT John Campbell**

**Isaac Fowler AKA Long Shot**

**Maxine J. Franks AKA Chicken Hill Jo**

**Mervin T. Franks AKA Harden Hollow Jack**

**Peter Grahn AKA Church Key**

**James Hudzik AKA J.B.H.**

**John Hudzik AKA Johnny Lawbreaker**

**Dave Wineland AKA Cove Lane**



**Deputy Keck has been checking with Allegheny Power about electricity for RJSS. Estimated cost above ground to the Registration building is \$10,500.00 and below ground \$12,500.00 which doesn't include the cost of digging the ditch or purchasing the flex line pipe or the monthly cost of power once we have it. We are also checking into the cost of a new standby generator. Power needs of the club will be evaluated by the electrical committee.**

**Timi relates that there are a number of parades that RJSS can participate in for 2008. New target stands and targets are in the works for 2008. Work days will be announced in the future. Theme shoots for 2008 are as follows: April-Calvary Day; May-Rifleman; June-Have Gun Will Travel (Paladin); July-Smoke N Fire and Ambush; August-Josey Wales; September-Bonanza and October-Groundhog Day.**

**Our territorial Governor Fuzzy relates that period optical sights on long range rifles passed at the recent governor's meeting. There were a number of other items that didn't pass that you can check out on the SASS Wire. Fuzzy took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Senior Duelist category at the Wax bullet shoot in Las Vegas. Fuzzy purchased one of the Duck Targets advertised in the Cowboy Chronicle and had it autographed by each of the Wild Bunch. He is planning on donating this to the club in some way. It is serial number 1-1/100. Ambush theme for 2008 is a tribute to the Lone Ranger and Smoke N Fire theme is "Blazing Saddles". We are in need of a volunteer to run the Long Range Rifle Match on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Dip know if interested. We are also in need of a Storekeeper since Incognito has retired.**

**Winter Gathering is coming up. Please let Timi know if you are coming before February 2nd. It will be held on February 16 from 1-5PM at Bell's Seafood and Steakhouse in Laurelville. Cost is \$23.00 and needs made out to RJSS and sent to Whip.**

**Plans are in the works for a Range Officer Course 1 given by Fuzzy this spring. Please let him know if you are interested. This benefits both new and seasoned shooters. Also, Dip is checking with Almost Broke Joe about a Range Officer Course 2. You must have RO1 before taking RO2.**

**Philadelphia Kid and Comanche Joe will be offering a raffle on 2 non-firing replica guns to benefit Smoke N Fire and the Ambush. Details will be offered when definite.**

**Fuzzy and Deputy Keck will be in charge of the Wild Bunch Shoot on July 27. There will be 2 categories offered-Pike class and Mexican class. Pike class is the standard old stock 45 government model that isn't slicked up while the Mexican is open to everything else.**

**Community Day with ICVSA will be held on July 26. Will need some ammo as well as guns to demonstrate.**

**Director for Smoke N Fire & Ambush 2009 will be Deputy Keck.**

**That is pretty much all from the recent meeting.**

Now some trivia to wet your appetites on Smoke N Fire. We'll start with some easy ones. Who played Mongo in Blazing Saddles? What was his occupation before starring in Blazing Saddles? Answers will be in the next Epitaph.

Take care,  
Mattie

## News from Tombstone

### Winter Gathering

Mark your calenders for Feb 16th. RJSS is having a Winter Gathering. We are gathering at Bells Steak House from 1-5 pm. Do not forget it is the club's birthday. Great gift ideas are gift cards from your favorite hardware store. Please get in touch with Tombstone Timi by the 10th of February with your reservations. Send the check directly to Whip.

Timi

## Treasurer's 2 Cents

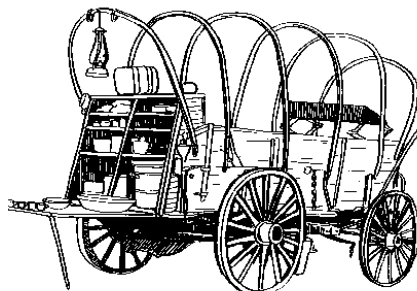
So far we have 70 paid Cowboys & Cowgirls for the year of 2008 .We also have 10 new members to RJSS to ride the range with. That is 10 more new ideas, 20 more hands, 20 more feet to get things done faster and easier . As some people call me The " Corporate Treasurer ", I see dollar signs (\$\$\$\$\$\$)in all of this . If a Cowboy or Cowgirl does not get involved with the other members of this great sport, Well , you're missing getting your money's worth .This is the only sport I know of where you can pay your dues and get 10 times more fun for your money . WHY, some of us have had so much fun, the GOVERNMENT is thinking about taxing us for it . Don't keep this Cowboy and Cowgirl sport to yourself, pass it around . We're trying for 100 members this year . Would you believe we have Cowboys signed up for the Ambush and Smoke 'n Fire already . See you at the WINTER GATHERING . ONLY 100 more days to the 1st SHOOT. The Epitaph is not responsible for any of my calculations or spelling and neither am I .

YOUR CORPORATE TREASURER,  
WHIP

## Words From Dip

I would like to take this time to personally thank ALL past and present RJSS club officers and committee volunteers who have made this club the great place that it is. In the past couple of years I have more been involved with the inner workings of the club and I never realized the work that is involved with making it all happen. Please take the time to thank these people and maybe take that extra effort to help YOUR club be all that it can be. Looking forward to seeing all you pards and to have a safe and enjoyable season.

Always,  
Dip



## Ambush February Update

By  
Durango Dave

Since this is February, it's not too early to ask this question. Did you mark down on your 2008 calendar the shoot dates for "Smoke n' Fire" & "Ambush X"? They are Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday & Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. I'm pointing this out for two reasons. For one, if the dates are already marked down you have a good excuse to tell Aunt Millie & Uncle Jake that that would not be a good weekend for them visit should they ask. Two, this is a reminder that the Black Powder Match is on Friday and marking it down this early gives you plenty of time to start planning out those black powder loads and to get any new "equipment" to improve your black powder shooting. After last year's match I took some time and "noodled out" what I needed to do so I could enjoy this year's shoot even more. After consulting with some fellow RJSS cowboys, I developed a two part plan. For starters, I have made a commitment to shoot a few more black powder cartridge matches this year, thanks to the encouragement of Artic Fox & Wild Bill Peterson. Secondly, after deep thoughtful discussions with Deputy Keck & Chalkdust, I concluded that there was a need to **get some new guns** and maybe a new caliber that would be dedicated solely to shoot black powder. This brilliant plan has therapeutic value because the rational for buying a few more guns in the off season stimulates the endorphins of the brain & helps keep the "winter blues" away. Side note: *(So far this clinical excuse..er .. ..ah.. approach to ward off a winter solstice depression, coupled with the name dropping of respected cowboy members who helped me, seems to be accepted in our household by Miss Lacey and should universally work for all you other cowboys out there eyeing up any new gun purchases.)* Well, there you have it. Mark your calendar, and remember we won't have any side matches on Friday, but we will have a four stage AmbushX warm up match and some long range rifle shooting following the State Black Powder Shootout, as explained last month by Honeydipper.

Since the AmbushX theme is a tribute to the Lone Ranger, it's time for our first trivia question, which is an open ended one with two possible answers.

1. What does the Lone Ranger & the River Junction Shootist Society have in common?

Feel free to email a response to me at. [durangodave44@comcast.net](mailto:durangodave44@comcast.net). I'll post the answer in next month's Epitaph. Until next time, "Hi-Yo Silver".



# Cowboy Quotes

If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

When you're throwing your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

Don't worry about biting off more than you can chew. Your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger than you think.

Like a good cowboy, a good hat just gets better as it gets older.

Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's good to know what it was.

It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

Go after life as if it's something that's got to be roped in a hurry before it gets away.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

Making it in life is kind of like busting broncos. You're going to get thrown a lot. The simple secret is to keep getting back on.

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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**

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