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From The President

Days Gone By

I'm a pretty sentimental guy. By that I don't mean I wear my emotions on my sleeve. I don't, but just to be safe, it's probably best not to play "Sunrise, Sunset" or "My Cup Runneth Over with Love" when I'm in the vicinity, especially if I've had a drink or two.

I'm even sentimental about when I first started in Cowboy Action Shooting. It will be twenty years ago next September, and boy, has this game ever changed. I shot my first match at 5 Dogs Creek, and the range was nothing like it is today. This was when Cowboy Action Shooting was just ramping up for the exponential growth that would continue unabated for about ten years. Most of what you see today at 5 Dogs was added during that time period.

As for the game itself, wow. Pistol targets were four-inch squares welded to a narrow base, sitting on pedestals about four feet tall. You had to knock the target off the pedestal for a hit. The shotgun targets were the same but bigger, and sitting on the ground. They had to be knocked over. I don't remember if make-ups were allowed. Rifle targets were in between (in size 10 - 12 inches), at about 25-30 yards, and stationary. Things have changed just a tad!

On the SASS Wire there is an interesting thread that should be looked at by everyone who is interested in the history and evolution of CAS. Deuce Stevens, a top shooter and also an intelligent and thoughtful guy, posted a link to the scores from Range War 2002. For the most part, Deuce prefers things as they are today, but there is lots of respectful (mostly) disagreement in the thread. The winner of the match averaged 36 seconds per stage. Today, a major match winner will average around half of that. Take a look here. <http://sassnet.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=226141>

It's time to think about loading up some ammo, getting back into your duds, and heading out to the RRV range for some semi-fast, partly furious "medium and sorta close" Cowboy Action Shooting. You might even encounter a moving target—OK, you *will* encounter a moving target. *continued on page 2*

Bullet Pulling Made Easy

By Nasty Newt, SASS # 7365

Most of us reload. Or, more accurately, most couples shoot handloads. You pretty much have to, assuming you can find powder, primers, and bullets, and those shortages seem to be easing a little bit.

I don't load shotgun shells, but since '97 I've been making various pistol calibers on a Dillon Square Deal B. It works great, but only for handgun cartridges. Even the .30 carbine round, which looks like a pistol cartridge to me, is too long overall,

What with Military Bolt Action long range, The Professionals, and the Great Train Robbery, we have a need for lead bullet rifle rounds at our annual. I have six such rifles—two Russian Mosin-Nagants, a British Enfield, a French Berthier, an Austrian M 95, and a German Mauser, all of which kick like Missouri mules with MILSURP ammo. A while back I decided to get a single stage press and try making my own lead-bullet cartridges. Removing the FMJ bullets from some Russian surplus ammo took three solid whacks on the garage floor in my kinetic bullet puller. Then I remembered a friend had given me a press-mounted bullet puller.

It screws into the press like a die. After the usual trial and error depth adjustments, you put a cartridge in the shell holder, raise the ram, tighten the collet around the bullet, and lower the ram, pulling the bullet. Then you dump and weight the powder, put some of it back in the case (how much is up to you), and seat a lead bullet. Yes, the primers are corrosive, but this isn't as big a deal as some people make out. Relax. Clean the rifle. These old guns fought wars with corrosive primers. Firing a few more won't cause them to roll over and die. You can also re-seat FMJ bullets to make a mild-kicking plinker.

My bullet puller was sold by Herter's (remember them?) but Forster still makes them. You'll need different collets for various caliber ranges. It works pretty darn well.

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In September we will be shooting on the 6th and 20th. We will stick with summer hours through September, so we'll start sign ups at 7:00, have the meeting at 7:45, and the new shooter class will be at 6:30. 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. They host *Legends of the West* August 29 – 31 2014.

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.

Time to Pay Your Annual Membership Dues

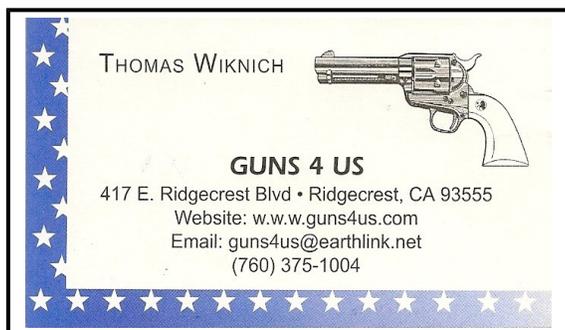
Our member year is September 1 – August 31. You can pay your dues at a match, which we will gladly accept. My preferred method is a check in the mail, along with a new signed and dated liability release, to:

Robbers Roost Vigilantes
1036 W. Vulcan Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Individual:	\$25
Couple:	\$30
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If you pay your dues on or before September 20, you will be entitled to a free shoot any time prior to the end of the calendar year.

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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. 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.



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Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

September 6, 2014
September 20, 2014
Summer Hours: Sign up starting
~ 7:00, Safety Meeting ~ 7:45.

New Shooter Class ~ 6:30.

Photo Quiz

And the answer to last month's photo quiz is —yep—Bee Blest and Bodie Kid. She's still as pretty as ever, and he, well, he still isn't. ☺ That's a joke. I never saw anybody that looked better in their cowboy clothes than Bodie Kid! He was always cowboyed-out, on or off the range.

Most of you know that Bee and Bodie have relocated to Florida to be near family, and also that the Bridgeport Vigilantes have officially folded the tent. Gone but not forgotten; a lot of us had a lot of fun up there over the years.

If you want to say hi, they are both on Facebook. Bee is "Bee Davis Cole" and Bodie is "Hank Cole."