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From The President

Sometimes Fireworks Sparkle

Sometimes They Fizzle

I mentioned last time that Desert Willow and I were in Oregon for three weeks this summer. We go there a lot, but this is the first year we were there on the 4th of July. The fireworks show was fantastic. The sky rockets were sent up from a barge in the middle of Wallowa Lake, and it was a beautiful. The show itself was similar to what we're used to here at home, and lasted about the same amount of time, but the setting was something to see, as were the private fireworks that were set off along the shore while we were waiting for the 10 o'clock show. As a "safe and sane" Californian, I was amazed at what the folks were launching. The bottle rockets, which are illegal here, were just for starters, and they worked up to what looked like 3 inch sky rockets. Impressive!

When we got home I learned that the local show was a dud due to technical difficulties, but in spite of that, I'd like to say thanks to all in the Lions Club who work so hard on this event every year.

On the 19th, fourteen shooters came out for some warm weather shooting. It was overcast most of the morning, and we were done shooting by 11:00, but by stage 6 it was sunny and hot, and some of us were looking forward to the Yelping Coyote leftovers.

Bad Bascomb came in first, with Harvey Mushman, Magnus Halvorson, Cowboy Earl, and Calico Cad rounding out the top five. Goode Bascomb is a dedicated shooter and was out there as always, the top (and only) lady shooter. Magnus Halvorson from Riverside was in town again. Calico Cad and Mr. House were here from Phoenix for a visit, and brought their guns with them as they have previous summers.

All of the scores are on our web site at www.robbersroostvigilantes.com.

We've decided to take the month of August off —no matches. Hope to see you all in September.

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A Cowboy in Africa

With Apologies to Chuck Connors

By Nasty Newt SASS # 7365

As most of you know, Desert Willow and I missed *Defend the Roost* because we were away—far, far away, about 18 hours by 747, broken into two legs, thank goodness. An opportunity had arisen to go on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Africa, and we took it.

It was ten hours from L.A. to London, and after a couple of days there (more on that later) another eight hours to Nairobi, the capitol of Kenya. When we got there, our first pass at the airport was aborted when the pilot saw something on the runway. Welcome to the third world.

The impression made on me that night and the next day while driving through Nairobi has never left me. While I saw some unforgettable sights and met many fantastic people in Kenya and Tanzania, I can't stop thinking how incredibly fortunate we all are to have been born here in the USA. Around 40% of the citizens of Kenya and Tanzania live in poverty, by which I mean real poverty, as opposed to what we call poverty in this country. They have next to nothing.

The kids in both countries who are fortunate enough to be in school seem to walk a long way. Children in school uniforms trudging along the side of the road between their village and their school is a common sight. Education in Tanzania is "compulsory" until age 15, but not enforced. In Kenya, primary education is free, but at the high school level has to be paid for, and that puts an end to the education of a lot of kids.

But the reason we went, of course, was to be able to ride through the beautiful countryside and see up close in the wild the incredible animals that inhabit the "dark continent," and we got our money's worth, for sure. I had no idea there were so many zebras in the world. They were far and away the most commonly seen critter, with the homely wildebeest a distant second.

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In September we will be shooting on the 6th and the 20th. We'll still be on **Summer Hours**, 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. As always, we'd like to know in advance if new shooters are coming out so we can be prepared to take care of them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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. They host the **SASS Western Regional** August 6 – 10 2014. www.chorrovalleyregulators.org.

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On this safari we visited Lake Naivasha, Hell's Gate National Park, Masai Mara Game Reserve, a Masai village, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongo Conservation Area, which includes Olduvai Gorge, the site of the Leakeys' discoveries on the origins of man (remember Lucy?), Lake Manyara, Amboseli National Park and Mt. Kilimanjaro,

We stayed in a different resort almost every night, remaining an extra day a few times when there was a lot to see and do in the area. They were all first-class accommodations, even the two tent camps, which had canvas walls and ceilings on concrete floors with indoor plumbing and all the comforts of home. Most of them were sufficiently remote that the electricity came from generators, and the hot water from oil-fired boilers. The utilities were normally powered down during the day, and part of our daily routine involved knowing when we could take a shower, and when we could charge our camera batteries.

A typical day started with a buffet breakfast. With the exception of a couple of box lunches, all 3 meals were buffet style. The food was different, and I didn't like some of it, but at every meal there was plenty to choose from that I did like. Then we piled in the vehicles and headed out on a "game drive." All of our sightseeing was done on game preserves. The animals live wild, and the food chain laws apply, but most of them aren't particularly concerned about the presence of cars full of humans. It's just another part of their environment, and poses no threat, so no big deal. Some are belligerent, though. A bull cape buffalo seems to be naturally aggressive, and elephants won't hesitate to get in your face if they think you are getting a little too close to the babies. Lions usually just raise their head, take a look, and lie back down. I never got tired of the giraffes. They are amazing to see in the wild. *Continued on page 3*

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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.



Recognize these youngsters? Hint: He's RRV and a Regulator. Look for the answer next time. If you want to guess, email me: newton185@mchsi.com

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Schedule of Monthly Matches

RRV Match Dates:

August 2014: No Matches.

September 6, 2014

September 20, 2014

**Summer Hours: Sign up starting ~ 7:00,
 Safety Meeting ~ 7:45.**

New Shooter Class ~ 6:30.

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We spent two days in London out-bound, and one day on the way home. We did everything that was humanly possible in that amount of time (for this human, anyway) including Kensington Gardens, Kensington Palace, Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, the Jewel Tower, Big Ben (Big Ben is actually the bell, the building is the Clock Tower), a boat ride on the Thames, London Bridge, Tower Bridge, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, fish and chips and a Guinness in a pub—well, you get it. I even banged my head on a door in the pub that had a “Mind Your Head” sign prominently posted (ceilings were lower in the 1500’s).

There are lots of pictures at:

<https://africa2014ridgecrest.shutterfly.com/>