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From The President

It's August—Let's Invade Bridgeport

(Uhhh.....Never Mind)

Starting in 2008 and going through 2011, in August the RRV went "dark", as they say in Vegas, and various of us in various Augusts went up and invaded the Bridgeport Vigilantes. Bridgeport is a nice little town, and there were decent motels to stay at and fun places to eat and drink. RV'ers and tent campers could camp out in Bodie Kid's and Bee Blest's back yard, which was about two acres of nice green grass, always freshly mowed when we arrived.

You could shoot on Friday, Saturday, or both, and the three matches, as it were, were scored separately. Their range was primitive, the targets not so hot, but the temperature was usually in the 80's, and we had a ball. And I've mentioned this before, but it's worth repeating: The gunshot echoes were the coolest thing you'll ever hear this side of a big budget Western movie. A Saturday night cookout in the big yard topped it off, and Bodie, Bee, Flatland Kid, and Miss Susie Q were perfect hosts.

By 2012 the Bridgeport club had pretty much folded, and not long after that Bodie and Bee relocated to Florida, where Bodie Kid died.

Every year since, we talk about whether we should shoot in August, and this year we did it twice. We weren't expecting a big crowd on the 5th, and we were right. Five of us beat the heat and had a great time. When it was all over, it was Bad Bascomb on top, followed by MC Ryder, yours truly, Wrangler Red, and Silver Badger. We were done shooting by 8:45. JUST KIDDING. It was more like 10:00, but nobody complained about the short day.

On the 19th, ten diehards turned out. Once again, thanks to great stage-writing and everybody doing a fair share of the work, we were done before it got too hot. Bad Bascomb, Venomous Doc, Zig Mar, Wrangler Red and MC Ryder were the top five, respectively. Fast legs shot the match clean.

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Thieves Steal Hydraulic Cylinder from RGRA's Case Backhoe

As many of you already know, sometime during the night of July 22 – 23, thieves entered the Ridgecrest Gun Range property and helped themselves to the large front cylinder on the backhoe.

It's kind of disheartening to think that these lowlifes might be RGRA members, or almost as bad, that they might be acquaintances of RGRA members who gave them the combination to the lock on the range gate. Either way, it's a breach of trust and downright despicable thing to do to a non-profit organization that has bent over backwards to support the shooting sports in this valley and the surrounding areas.

The Kern County Sheriff's Department has an open case on this theft, and they are continuing to investigate. If anybody knows anything that might help bring the thieves to justice, please come forward with the information.

Meanwhile, a replacement cylinder cost our non-profit almost \$1,800. It weighed 113 lbs., so Duelin' Tom, RGRA president, recruited some assistance. Tom provided the following statement. "I want to thank all that helped. With the passing of Elvy Hopkins, we need volunteers more than ever to help the range now. Thanks to Forrest Lloyd, Keith Laux, and Ken Newton for helping repair the Case backhoe."

This machine has been a fixture at the range since virtually day one. The public range and tenant clubs, including the RRV, have made good use of it. As of this writing (8-26-17) the Case isn't quite up and running yet. Some incidental parts are presently on order, but once they arrive, the Case will be out there digging holes and moving dirt, same as always.

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We're going to be busy in September, with Cowboy matches on the 2nd and 16th, a Trail Walk on the 9th, and a BMM match on the 23rd.

There is always a chance something could change, so watch your email and the website for updated information.

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Good Stuff on Facebook

by
Nasty Newt



I'm a guy who made fun of Facebook users for years. It never made much sense to me to post pictures of your breakfast, and it made even less sense to me for others to post comments such as, "Yum!" It all made me feel smugly superior. But then Desert Willow started showing me pictures of our grandkids, and yes, videos of cats, and I signed up.

There's a lot more to Facebook than I ever imagined. Sure, you have the morons on both sides of the aisle who "share" political crap without bothering to verify the veracity of the claims made. However, it's not only a great way to keep up with family members, but also a fount of knowledge that is posted by people who actually know what they're talking about.

I belong to several groups, including "You Know You Grew up in Ridgecrest Ca When..." and "The 30-40 Krag, the Great American Rifle." I recently joined "The Colt Single Action Army" group, so yes, I'm finally getting around to that photo up there. The poster said, "I just picked up this old 38-40," and both he and I proceeded to get an education, as follows:

"Not a Colt."

"Mexican Colt."

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Time to Pay Your Annual Membership Dues

Our member year is September 1 – August 31. You can pay your dues at a match, or mail a check to:

Robbers Roost Vigilantes
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Individual:	\$25
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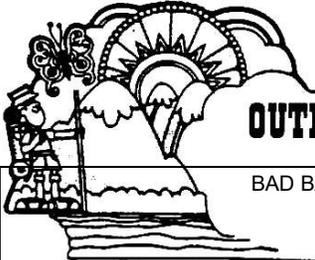
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Come out to a RRV match, held the third (and sometimes first) Saturday of every month, or call Nasty Newt at 760-375-7618, or MC Ryder at 760-384-2321, or mail it in. Our membership application is here [RRV Membership Application](#) Annual membership 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.

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Schedule of Monthly Matches

RRV Match Dates:

Sep 2, 2017 Cowboy

Sep 9, 2017 Trail Walk

Sep 16, 2017 Cowboy

Sep 23, 2017 BAMM

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

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"1890s"

"Belgian copy."

"Mexican, Colt barrel."

I could tell by looking that it had no ejector, and that the grips weren't Colt originals. I also knew lots of American guns were copied in Europe and marketed in Mexico in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Model 92 "El Tigre" being a classic example. So, the notion of a Mexican Colt didn't come as a surprise. The pleasant surprise was that this group is populated by people who know Colt Single Actions like the back of their hand, and they could see immediately what was wrong with that old 38-40.

I joined the 30-40 Krag group because I have a barreled action I'd like to get stocked and shooting for BAMM matches, but it turns out stocks are made of silver, and barrel bands, sights, and butt plates are made of gold, so that project is on the back burner, and unfortunately will probably stay there.