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From the President

That Was the Year

THAT WAS

2020 has been quite a bumpy ride. I'm not going to re-hash all the Covid and election stuff, but I'm going to include one political comment. We had better hope the Republicans hold onto their slim Senate majority. If they don't, the next two years will be a REALLY bumpy ride for gun owners. Gun control has traditionally been a losing issue for Democrats, and if they run amok with their "common sense reforms" they will pay for it in 2022. But they can do a lot of damage between now and then.

Meanwhile, the RRV had a good year. We gathered at the river and shot seventeen cowboy matches, four trail walks, two BAMMs, and four cowboy three rifle matches. Every year I say "this year we're going to do more Bamm matches," and every year we only do it a couple of times. Maybe by combining it with cowboy 3 rifle, which is how we did the last two, we will get in more Bamm, but those are only three stages. But either way, *We'll have more Bamm matches in 2021!* I already made good on my idea of shooting every stage with a different bolt action, on Dec 11, the first day of our planned two-day event, even if it was only three stages. And if you didn't make it out for the Cowboy Earl BBQ and pot luck Friday night, you missed a good time and some good food. Many thanks to Cowboy Earl and those who brought food.

Speaking of our planned two-day event, Dec 12 was supposed to be our annual turkey shoot, but as most of you know, it was canceled due to inclement weather. We ate Death Valley Rose brownies and sub sandwiches for breakfast and drew for prizes anyway. Although there were questionable aspects to Wrangler Red's ticket-drawing methodology, no dead people or illegal aliens were awarded prizes. The process was transparent and the results have been certified, and everybody walked away with something nice.

We plan to shoot those stages, or already have shot them, depending on when you read this, on Dec 19. *Continued on page 2*

State of the Unincorporated Non-Profit Association Address

by

Nasty Newt

My fellow RRers, I am happy to announce this evening that the state of the U.N.-P.A. is sound (pause for cheering and applause). Our NRA sanctioned liability insurance premium is paid (applause). Our NRA affiliation dues are paid (applause). Our SASS affiliation dues are paid (applause). Our non-profit filing with the IRS is done (some boos, some applause). Our lead-in-soil testing as required by Kern County is done (mostly boos). Our Fictitious Business Name filing so the guy up on Highway 14 won't file on it is good for another year or two (confused buzz). And mark my words, we are going to build a new Depot, and the Brady Campaign is going to pay for it (cheering and applause)!

Just now I thought I heard paper being torn behind me. Must have been my imagination. Anyway, the club is on solid footing. Back in our, and SASS's, heyday, we typically had enough shooters for two posses, and shot once a month. Income for the month might be \$250.00 to \$300.00. The original idea behind shooting twice a month was to raise money to fund Defend the Roost. It takes a lot of money to put on a big match, and match director Just George wanted to keep the shooter fees as low as possible, so we did things to raise money, like shooting twice a month, raffling off guns, and offering hot breakfast before matches.

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MC Ryder suggested we use what would have been ticket shots as bonus shots, which is a fine idea and we are doing that. This means you will have lots of chances to whittle seconds off of your stage times. So come on out, or, I hope you came out, as the case may be.

We're on Winter Hours, so we will start signups around 8:00, and try to have the meeting by 8:45, for all matches unless otherwise announced.

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When Defend the Roost had run its course, several club members wanted to continue the second match every month, which we did on the condition that there were people who would write the stages and run the matches. Today we shoot cowboy matches twice a month, as often as not.

Even though our attendance per match is about a third of what it once was, with the addition of BAMB, Cowboy Three Rifle, and Trail Walks, the club's monthly income is often more than it was back when SASS was the self-proclaimed "fastest-growing shooting sport in the world." There was a time when the RRV had three times as many members as it has today. Considering that, we're doing fine.

The future of SASS is a question mark. The Wild Bunch has retired and put SASS in the capable hands of Misty Moonshine, and the SASS Wire is home to much speculation as to what will become of Founder's Ranch, who owns it, who owns SASS, etc. End of Trail is moving from Founder's Ranch in New Mexico to Phoenix, and the National Championship is moving from Phoenix to Oklahoma City, and what next? Who knows? The RRV continues to support SASS as an affiliated club, and I think all of us should continue as SASS members. But if SASS were to fold tomorrow, the RRV would still be here.

We have ongoing expenses like steel, paint, web site costs, water, dump station fees, misc. repairs, etc. And as of 12-16-2020 we have \$6926.40 in the bank.



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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
Matches are announced on the web site and via email to all club members. **Cowboy matches are first and third Saturday. Usually, Trail Walks are second Saturday, and BAMM and Cowboy Rifle are fourth Saturday, when scheduled.**
Winter Hours: Sign up starting ~ 8:00, Safety Meeting ~ 8:45.

Yes, Virginia, the Wind Sometimes Blows Hard Out Here

The photo on page two was in last year's winter newsletter, and I decided to leave it there this year as a fond farewell to the Depot and Stagecoach. That Cowboy Earl set served us well for more than 15 years. God only knows how many thousand rounds went down range through that door and those two windows, and the window on the stagecoach. Pleasant memories abound, including the little box that Shortstock stood on so she would be tall enough to shoot through the stagecoach window. And I remember the time Skeeter Oly was in the process of moving from the depot to the stage with his cut Model 97 in hand, only to have the shotgun get stuck—literally stuck—between the façade and the porch post.

The South isn't going to rise again, but the Depot will. Venomous Doc made a generous donation for material, and Jayne Cobb volunteered to make a new façade at home that can be brought to the range in sections. It is a work in progress, and when it's ready to be put up, we will announce a work party. We will be shooting through those windows and doors again before you know it. Thanks, Jayne and Doc.