



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

We have been giving some thought to the issue of our photographic record of Range War each year. We like to submit photos along with the summary of the results of Range War each year to the Cowboy Chronicle. The last few years we have been using photos taken by Artie Fly and Sexie Sadie of Major Photo but we seem to get the same cowboys each year (sorry Flat Water Johnny) so we decided to try something new. I brought the issue up to the Board and Longshot Lillian volunteered to be the Wolverine Rangers Official Photographer for Range War. Thanks to Longshot Lillian for volunteering. Thanks also to Avalanche Andy for taking the photos of the winners at the Banquet for the last several years. Andy's efforts were very much appreciated. Andy will be able to relax and enjoy the Banquet this year. Thanks again Andy.

The Calendar is at the printer and will be ready to be mailed out shortly. We had a little snafu with the scheduling of the Annual Meeting / Free Shoot for this summer and we ended up changing the schedule. Fortunately, the final proofs for the Calendar had not been approved and we were able to make the change. Thanks to the Double Barrel Gang at Hastings for their flexibility. The Annual Meeting / Free Shoot will be at Hastings on Saturday June 13th. We look forward to seeing all Rangers there. This will be your opportunity to ask any questions that you may

have about anything that we do. We will also have financial statements for all members who attend. Members can also contact Snareman (dickdennison@comcast.net) at any time to get a copy of our financials.



Well, that is about it for now. I am looking forward to getting the guns and ammo out of the safe and to start shooting soon. It will be nice to be hanging out with my shooting buddies and clanging some steel. I hope to see you all soon.

Don't forget to give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

★ In Memoriam ★

Fighting Mad Mongo



Craig Douglas Millar, 59, of Wadsworth, went home to be with the Lord March 3, 2015 at the Hospice of Medina County Care Center.

He was born in Dayton Dec. 17, 1955 to Ronald and Patricia (Saylor) Millar and was a 1974 graduate of Fairmont High School in Kettering.

He retired in 2004 from General Motors in Dayton after 30 years of service and had made his home in Wadsworth for the past eight years.

Craig was a member of Crossroads Assembly of God in Creston, the Single Action Shooting Society, National Rifle Assoc. and the UAW local 696 Retirees. Craig spent the past 10 years teaching and sharing his love for Cowboy Action Shooting.

Surviving are his wife Michelle (Elam) Millar whom he married Sept. 6, 1985; son, Michael (Bobbi) Millar-Matson of Blanchester, OH; daughter, Stephanie (Shawn) Millar-Naylor of Carlisle, OH; 6 grandchildren, Bailey, Brice and Berkleigh Naylor, Dani and Damien Millar-Matson and Katy Henry; his mother, Patricia Doolan, a brother Kevin Millar and a sister Karen (Paul) Jacobs all of Columbus and three nieces. His father died previously.

Services were March 7 at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Assembly of God in Creston .

Our sympathy to the Millar family. You may contact his wife Red Bud at millarsworld@hotmail.com .

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Medina Co., 5075 Windfall Rd., Medina, OH 44256

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The town of Rocky River has finally started to show some life. The snow is melted and now we see our town boardwalks and are looking forward to the 2015 Cowboy Action shooting season.

Our first monthly Cowboy Action match was delayed a few weeks but we did let the lead fly on Sunday, March 29, 2015. The day was crisp and cold but the sun was bright and warmed us just a little. Twenty-one hearty cowboys came out to dust the cobwebs out of their shooting irons. When the shooting was done and the scores were calculated D.S.C.s J.J. Longley was declared the overall winner. Faygo Kid and Moe Gunns followed J.J. closely in the final standing. Shooting clean matches were Rodent and the following Cowboys from D.S.C.: Camptown, Careless Carl, John Weston, Terrebonne Bud, and The Apostle.

April is going to be a busy month at Rocky River with some shooting events...

On Sunday, April 12, 2015 we are holding a Bolt Action Military Rifle Match. This is a different type of match than Cowboy Action, but growing in popularity with lots of shooters. If you have a bolt action Military rifle this match is for you. For more information regarding this match please contact Terrebonne Bud (Jim Estes) at 248-709-5254.

On Sunday, April 19, 2015 we will have our first Wild Bunch match of the year. This is generally the day we have our cowboy match but we have delayed the regular cowboy match one-week due to personal calendar conflicts. So plan to come out and shoot the Wild Bunch match with us. We will shoot 4 or 5

Wild Bunch stages (depending on range conditions) followed by a light lunch and invite all to come out and try this shooting sport.

We do have the SASS sanctioned Wild Bunch classes recognized but if you don't have all the Wild Bunch gear, no problem. We have an open class where you can shoot any caliber CAS lever action rifle and any CAS shotgun you may own. All you need is ANY semi automatic pistol that shoots LEAD bullets and you are ready for a Wild Bunch experience. A typical wild bunch stage could be 20 pistol, 10 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be "your cup of tea".

On Saturday, April 25, 2015 at noon, we are hosting a Silhouette Match on our 50-yard range. We shoot everything from .22 rifles to our Cowboy lever action rifles. Come and join us, we will have a class for almost any firearm that you bring. Need more information, call Terrebonne Bud (Jim Estes) at 248-709-5254.

On Sunday, April 26, 2015, one week later than normal, we will have our regular monthly Cowboy Action match. Registration starts at 8:30 AM followed by the safety meeting at 9:30 AM and then 5 fast and furious stages.

So no excuses please, there are plenty of shooting opportunities at D.S.C. during the month of April, come out and join us.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

April 12 will mark our first match of the year at Butcher Butte. With any luck, we'll have good weather, but always a good time!

We're hoping to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of "Rusty's Cantina" at our first match. As we mentioned late last year, Rusty's was closed for some renovations.

We're hoping that the renovations will be just the first in a series of updates for our cowboy shooting facades and equipment.

So pack up that guncart, dust off those shootin' irons, load some ammo and come on out and join us! We'll be glad to see ya!

Huron River Raiders - Commerce

The Huron River Raiders will be starting our practices April 25 from 10AM-12PM, followed by May 16, June 20, July 25 and Sept.26. Non-Members of MLCA need to pay \$10 and a limited supply of ammo will be furnished. Instruction will be given. This is a great opportunity for those interested in CAS to give it a try.

The club will be having their annual "Good Old Day's" August 22 from 10:00 - late evening, during the event will be having cowboy shooting till 5PM for \$5.00 (12 shots).

The NRA Women on Target clinic being held at the MLCA on April 11 is a "round robin" event.

Participants will have an educational and fun filled day with basic instruction and try their skill at: Archery, Skeet and Trap, .22 Pistol, Modern Rifle, Black Powder and Cowboy Action.

For Cowboy Action Shooting, they will have the opportunity to shoot pistols and rifles in 4 calibers (.22, .38, .44spl and 45colt) plus shotguns in .410, 20 & 12 gauge.

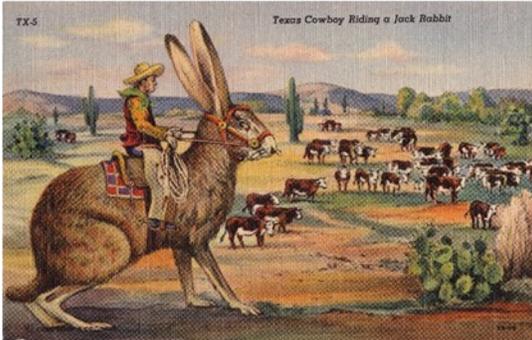
This is a very popular event which brings back the ladies to this event as well as to our monthly CAS practices.

We have introduced and trained a few top shooters from these events!

Straight Shots from Saginaw

I'm glad spring has arrived. How about you? I loved the winter sunshine we had this year but those sub-zero temps were just way too cold!

I'm looking forward to some warm weather days, along with the start of Saginaw's 2015 Wednesday night practices. We'll be starting on April 15th at 5 pm and shoot until the sun goes down or we run out of ammo. If you're trail leads you in this direction, stop in to shoot, or just shoot-the-breeze. Pardes are always welcome.



This year, we've added a spring shoot on April 25th, along with our other matches on May 30th, our 2-day event July 11th-12th, and August 29. Following each match, we'll again have our mini-Wild Bunch shoot. The 2-day shoots (July 11th-12th) will be treated as they have in the past: two separate days of shooting with separate scoring. Come one day or both. Free camping is available. There's always good food, great fellowship and more fun than should be allowed. Past shooters, as well as new pardes, are always welcome at this fun weekend.

From the cowboys at Saginaw, we want to wish everyone a blessed Easter. God bless ya'll and remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Rockford Regulators

Hello pards,

Well it's finally getting warm out so it's time to get ready for the new season and shoot with some old friends.

We are trying something new this year for the Wild Bunch shooters. We are adding 3 dates so far for Wild Bunch only matches which will have 3 categories: Modern, Traditional, and Wildcat class. The Wildcat class is for those of you who would like to try Wild Bunch but don't have all the proper guns. You may use any caliber rifle and semi auto pistol and any shotgun. You will need 4 magazines for the pistol.

The three dates for these Wild Bunch matches are: Friday, May 8th; Friday, June 19th and Sunday, July 19th. For the Friday matches, we are planning to start shooting at 6:00 pm. Sunday we will start at 10:00 am

The cost the Wild Bunch matches will be \$10.00 for the Friday matches, and \$15.00 for the Sunday match. Lunch will be served at the Sunday match.

If you have any questions please contact Card Shark Charlie (616-874-3406) or email (drury1954@chartermi.net).

If the Friday night matches are well received, we may add more.

Card Shark Charlie



The Shooter's Stance

X-Ring Rubber Bullets

With the long, cold and snowy Michigan winter upon us, I try to go to an indoor range once a month and shoot my 1911.

Dry firing my Vaqueros at a couple of paper targets hanging on the basement wall was getting really boring. I started searching the internet and found a couple of options.

The first was homemade wax bullets, powered by only the primer. It looked too messy for me. The second was rubber bullets, also powered by the primer. You-tube videos showed X-Ring rubber bullets to be accurate to 25 feet, re-usable, chronographed at 400 fps, and easy to use.

I ordered one package of 50 X-Ring bullets in 44 caliber from Meister Bullets for about \$15.00 delivered.

The first thing you have to do is resize the brass and drill out the flash holes to 1/8th on large primer brass, and mark that brass for rubber bullets only. I used red magic marker. The rubber bullets are pushed into the brass by light finger pressure, not quite flush, then seat the primer and you're done.

My rubber bullet backstop was a piece of cardboard and a blanket hanging behind that. Undamaged bullets can be cleaned and reused up to 30 times. I shot 10 rubber bullets in my basement, using my 4 5/8 Vaquero, at a distance of 20 feet, unsupported, duelist style.

With no recoil, they printed 4" low. I obtained a 2 1/2 inch, 5 shot, one handed, unsupported group. I won't shoot them in the basement again. It was quite smoky and set off the smoke detector. Plus, there is the lead factor.

The brass was very dirty and the gun was dirty from only 10 shots. Two swipes with a bore snake cleaned the cylinder and bore, and a toothbrush and solvent cleaned the rest of the gun.

I can't wait to shoot them again, in the garage this time. Just another option for dry firing.

Attica Jack

Editor's Corner

Ride Share Pilot Program

A new pilot program has begun for the Wolverine Rangers. The Ride Share program is intended to put people in touch with each other for the purpose of sharing rides to matches.

A [new web page](#) has been added to the Rangers' website for this purpose. There is new tab on the main navigation bar that will lead to the page. Persons interested in hitchin' a ride to a match that is somewhere they wouldn't normally travel to, or those who have room in their vehicle for a passenger (and equipment) to certain matches can send an "advertisement" to be posted on the Ride Share page. The page will list those offers and requests, and the contact information of the person so that interested parties can make contact and make arrangements between themselves.

Longshot Lillian brainstormed the concept and execution of this idea, and is the administrator of the program. Laporte Lil was instrumental in getting access to the website so that Longshot Lillian can continue to update the Ride Share page as requests come in or expire.

Hopefully this will be a useful tool for the Rangers and will be well-utilized.



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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

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- Badges or Membership Packets

WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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