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DATES TO REMEMBER

9/2/09 – HR Shooters Packet Stuffing, 7:00 PM 9/13/09 – CKR Range Cleanup, 9 AM 9/17/09 – HR Setup, 9 AM 9/18-20/09 – Heluva Rukus 9/21/09 – HR Teardown, 9 AM 9/22/09 – RELAX! It's over!!!

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

August is the heart of summer. Well, Sunday, August 16th, certainly proved that. It was a very hot day. We only had 71 shooters who wanted to brave the heat. It was still lots of fun. Many shooters spoke of Heluva Rukus in June when it was so hot. They also hoped that our shoot in September would be milder. With September's shoot fast approaching, many shooters came to get some practice at our range to get ready. Well, good for you. Many had a look at the work the Circle K members have put into the town stage, which is now called Rukus Flats. It is masterpiece! Don't forget... if you are not shooting in Sept., please come to Heluva Rukus to see the vendors and watch the best cowboy shooters on the east coast. Show up on Sunday afternoon to watch the Top 16 Shoot-off. Watch the best of

the best, and then stay and find out who will be the N.Y. State Champions. If you have some spare time that weekend, please come out and give us a hand. We can always use your help. A new vendor this year is Doug Turnbull Restorations. He does some great work on Winchesters and Colts.

Smokehouse Dan

AUG. MONTHLY SHOOT

Ok, so this July was the 3rd coldest on record, but did we have to make up for it in Aug.? The shoot on 8/16/09 was *HOT* – and then some! Really did think of changing our town's name to Ballston Beach. Yeegads! But despite the less than comfy temperatures, 71 shooters joined us for a funfilled day of lead slinging.

Many thanks to those who helped with the lengthy setup on Sat., as well as with teardown after the shoot. Also thanks to those who kept the shooters supplied with ice cold bottled water on Sun. It was a lifesayer!

This month we finally got a chance to shoot on our newly refurbished (basically rebuilt) town stage. And how

incredibly awesome it is! The number of man hours and the money it took to make all the fabulous improvements is mindblowing, but I think everyone felt it was well worth it. There was a new train station complete with a working clock tower and signage showing our town's official name (Rukus Flats), a new 3 Dogs Saloon sign, an extended boardwalk, all new interior walls with doors and a roof, all new building fronts (including some real brick), a completely re-done boarding house with a balcony and outdoor steps and platform. And on and on and on! There is certainly nothing anything like it anywhere in the Northeast or possibly in the entire country. Thanks to all those who put in so many hours on this project, and particularly to the leader of the pack, Always Willin' who certainly lived up to his name, oftentimes working on site 4 days/nights a week.

Thanks, too, to Yukon Mike for making 118 a new 3-D Conestoga wagon, a gun rack, and several other small props and who led the work crew that built the new fort on Stage 1. Thanks to Gusty Ten-Pings for the new signage and Blackhands who donated a terrific antique buggy.

Oh, and thanks to Rowdy for another month of great and challenging stages.

When the smoke cleared, the following gunslingers were left standing. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – Quaker Hill Bill B-Western – Lone Star Jake Classic Cowboy – Ol' Scratch Cowboy – Quaker Hill Bill Duelist – Smilin' Pete Elder Statesman – Rattlesnake Frontier Cartridge – Irascible Curmudgeon

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks
Fortyniner – Brett Cantrell
Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit
Senior – Blackhands
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill
Wrangler – Yukon Mike
Young Gun (M) – Jeremiah T
Cowgirl – Appaloosa Amy
Ladies Duelist – Shani M
Ladies Frontier Cartridge –
Kate Cartwright
Ladies 49r – Annabelle
Bransford

Ladies Senior – Violet Cassidy **Ladies Silver Senior** – Miss Tate

Ladies Wrangler – Three Barrel Chris

Young Gun (F) – Snazzy McGee

Clean Shooters –Baby Jane, Flat Nose Drifter, Lonesome Trailsman, Peddler Jack, Quaker Hill Bill, and Wheels Cartwright

Annabelle

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

Just a reminder that the **last CKR practice night** of the season will be on **Tuesday**, **Aug.** 25th. Although practice

hasn't been as well attended as in the past (maybe 'cause no one has enough ammo!!!), we still felt that the sessions were worthwhile. A couple of new shooters were brought into the fold this summer and were given a lot of sound advice and good tips on CAS equipment, shooting techniques and safety. Other more experienced shooters took advantage of the opportunity to hone their skills or to try out new guns or ammo. Practice nights will resume next spring.

HR PACKET STUFFING

Weds., Sept. 2nd, at 7:00 PM, we will stuff the shooters' packets for Heluva Rukus. This is a major undertaking, so we can use a lot of help! We'll be putting labels on the 250+ envelopes and filling them with the Shooters Handbook, a name badge, dinner tickets, and all the brochures received from our Then we'll be sponsors. alphabetizing them into boxes for registration. It'll only take an hour or two, and it's actually quite fun - a whirlwind of activity in the clubhouse as 15-20 people work in assemblyline fashion. Please come and lend a hand!

FOR SALE

Guns for Sale: Blackwood Bill (Bill DeGroff) has the following CAS guns for sale. Anyone interested should contact him at 518-399-0027 or through e-mail at sundancer56@nycap.rr.com.

- (1) Ruger Single Six 32 H&R Magnum, stainless steel with black birdshead grips. This gun is a limited edition Last Cowboy with factory holster. \$625
- (2) Remington double barrel coach gun 12 ga., new, model SPR220. \$375
- (3) Uberti Henry 1860 45 cal. long rifle, brass and stainless. \$1000
- (4) Liberty 12 ga. case hardened, outside hammer coach gun. \$550
- (5) Ruger Vaquero 45 cal. case hardened with birdshead grips. \$575
- (6) Two Ruger Single Six 32 H&R magnum, stainless steel with black birdshead grips. Both guns have gunslinger kits installed. They have only been test fired. \$875 for the pair
- (7) Ruger Red Label 12 ga. over & under shotgun, like new condition, \$850.

Gun Carts by Smilin' Pete. Take-down design to fit any size vehicle. Basic gun cart with 12 inch wheels. Will hold 3 to 4 guns. Call for prices (518-945 3218).

HAPPY TRAILS!