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Squinter's Comments

Where is Fleetwood?

Article for June

We had a good time baking in the summer sun on Saturday. We are missing a few people that usually attend. Ya'll come on back. We shot some good stages, one a little different at the Livery. I enjoyed the match. Short Stuff won the match, good shooting Short Stuff. Free State had a train wreck day. Sometimes it happens that way. He still won his category with a stage DQ. Grumpy McSwade joined the "OOPPS" club when his pistol fell out of the holster. I've been there and done that a few times.

We need to build the walls that we have been trying to build for the past few years. So, a **Wall Building date has been set for August 7, 2010**. I know it will be hot, but we will start early and stop when we have to. Woodie B thinks he can set the foundation to the walls before that date. That will be a lot of help. We will need to rent or arrange for equipment for that day. We will need as many able bodied people as possible to work that day. The walls will improve our range greatly. Let's get together and get this done. I know everyone wants to shoot at other clubs and that is why we moved the work day to the first week-end of the month. I think this will be our last chance to do this project this year. The annual matches that a lot of us got to start after that. If you want to go down to the range and move some ties closer to the wall location that will be fine. Some could be moved by pulling them with a truck or four wheeler maybe. Don't go down there and hurt yourself. Put the August 7 date aside and come to the work day. We will bring you up to date at the next shoot in July. Shoot straight and often.

Squinter



Wall comments:

I've been looking for a small track hoe with a thumb. That's a bucket with a big flap on it to pinch the cross ties. The track hoe can place the cross tie without someone manhandling it. If we can set the ties with no one under them, that might save a terrible accident. I have reserved the track hoe for work day. The other thing we need is either a Lull or a tractor with forks to move the cross ties fast. If you have something with lifting forks, please call me. Otherwise we will look to rent one. Not only moving the cross ties, but we need to be able to move a bucket of mortar too.

When we built the first wall, I made up some 3/8 rods with nuts and washers. I welded extension rods on drills to go through the vertical post and the horizontal cross tie. Sorry the letter is so late, but I just found the tractor is out of our price range.

Oh yeah, forgot to tell you. I was RO when Grumpy dropped his pistol in the dust. He was on a running fast to the Livery from the flying bird when it happened. He was looking at me, I was looking at him. I said grumpy I can't put my foot over it, you're done. Grumpy has been out on the Arizona border keeping law and order and it was hard to say you're done but he took it with a smile.

I was also the RO when Freestate bounced his rifle down range. He had fired it before it happened. It was like he was throwing rocks on water and seeing how many times he could make it skip?

Hydration? I knew I was feeling it on the last stage. I tried to put my fired pistols in holsters that already had a pistol... two times. The posse members recognized my condition and gave me some strong coaching. It happens...drink more water.

Harpo



Parson's Comments

The June shoot was definitely hot and steamy. So be prepared in July for much of the same and stay hydrated. After the shoot, I gave one of the bp shooters a little taste of how I used to do it with the big bore guns and full load 45's. Woodie B, said he really liked the swiss fffg. He'll tell you that is one hot load. Actually too hot for sass. I chronographed several rounds years ago in the pistol with 5 1/2 inch barrels and they were exiting the barrel at around 990 to 1000 feet per second with a 250 grn bullet. In the heat, that increases so they wouldn't be legal for sass. They make great hunting rounds for deer though. So if your gonna shoot in the bp categories, I have found that Schuetzen is a cleaner burning powder than most of what we normally get locally and it doesn't foul as easy. For the most part, any black powder will do but if you have a more refined taste in shooting, the better the powder you get the more you are able to shoot between without fouling. Some on our posse were complaining about picking up the 45 brass since it was

so hot. Glad I wasn't shooting my 45's with bp cause they would have probably caused blisters. If I weren't getting low on bp, I would probably switch back over to the most fun shooting in SASS but, for the mean time, I will just have to be able to see the targets a little longer. That's ok since it helps me to get on my sights and stay on them. I am not sure if I will make the July shoot or not. My 30th year high school reunion is coming up and I think it is the same weekend. Maybe I can get some other people interested in cowboy shooting while there. If I see you, we'll smile together, if I don't, we'll smile anyway. So have fun, shoot straight, and stay COOL.

One other thing I forgot to mention is the 5th Saturday shoot coming up in July. We had the snowbirds in the winter lets see if we can't get them thawed out before the next winter comes. I won't be at the shoot at the regular scheduled time so if someone would mention the 5th Saturday shoot please do so. ***Parson***



Message from Fleetwood

I appreciate the concern. I am still alive and kicking, so to speak. Had a fall on a slippery surface about 4 weeks ago and landed with all my weight on my left shoulder. Hurt like he... well anyway it hurt! I was almost recovered from doing almost the same thing to my right shoulder, so now, I suppose it will be another 6 months before I can shoot again. Right now, there is no way I can lift a rifle or much of anything else with my left hand. My advice: don't get old – it ain't worth the bother.

Fleetwood Mac