

Hear Yee Hear Yee!
It's Me With a 2012 Wrap Up Walk Down 2012 Memory Lane!
By Ez Gz Dec 2012/Jan2013

So here I sit at my kitchen table on the Last Day of the Year of 2012 knowing full well I have written a note to you, long long before now, My Dearest of Readers. I know that You know and understand how a poor Gal like me can get behind on her correspondence, with the cookin' and kissin', and shootin' and missin' getting in the way of keeping You up to date on the antics and frantics of the Rio Grande Renegades.

And My Oh My, have the RGR'ers been busy Here There and Everywhere!

Some Major highlights of the year 2012 can be seen at our Famous **Hayes City**. There have been so many wonderful and needed improvements to our shooting range, from new buildings, to repairs of the old ones, and shade over the loading and unloading tables and the shoring up of the berms with big heavy timbers, and target tweaking and repair, and sidewalk paving and a wonderful flag pole to top it all off. Hats off to Dollar Bill, Tango Tom, Vaquero Luna, Whiplash Whitey, (*our Master welder and target Godfather*), Old Black Dog, English Lynn, Marshall Mann, Pepper Jack and Rancid Roy (*you know he doesn't smell all that bad!*) and anybody else I didn't spy or mention and a big Yahoo to our Tax Dollars at work from Open Space.

It takes a lot of willing hands to raise a Village and the Renegades are indebted to these folks. When you are making your 2013 New Year's Resolutions, please keep the Club in mind and pencil in a few days dedicated to the building and maintaining of our fine Hayes City. Many helping hands do make the work a lot lighter just like your Mama said! Also donations of nails and staple guns and pipe and plywood and cement and paint and sweat and grit and this and that ...

The Renegades are at an all time high in membership and the relationships we have with our sister clubs around the state are being strengthened in many ways. And not the least by our presences at their annual shoots. (*Even though we capture a great deal of the prizes and bootie when we swoop in, they still like us...so far!!*)

Another 2012 accomplishment was an **RO1 Training Course** taught at Hayes City by Jack Diamond, Crotchety Ole Bart and Bighorn. It was attended by a dozen Renegades and 4 good souls that audited the course for a refresher. **Safety** is our number one priority and it is incumbent on all to be familiar with the whys and

why not of the iron clad rules of safety. Make it Your Number Two Resolution to refresh your understanding of the SASS RO1 manual by going to the website and reading (and downloading a copy to have on hand.) If you are a new shooter and did not attend the RO1 class, look for it to be repeated at EOT. Take It! It is the quickest way to know the whats and whys of CAS. And when you don't, Dear Reader, it shows!

The **RGR Website** (www.riogranderenegades.org) has been updated again, and there is a new calendar posted that is easier to read. Check it periodically as sometimes there are changes to our schedule due to the needs of the City Range or overlaps of big shoots. Every effort is made to stay on the regular schedule. The website is also where pictures and past issues of the Crier Report are archived.

We have also had some fun and **Tasty Vittles Times** at Hayes City like the Corned Beef and Cabbage, cheese and rye bread and butter on St Paddy's Day Shoot and the Posole and Beans and tortillas and Yummy Happy BD Cupcakes for Wheelin' Dealin' Don and Mica McGuire (*listed in order of age before beauty which are both fleeting-!*) at the **RGR Thanksgiving Fund Raiser**. And how about that Fun Fun Fund Raiser- it was a Turkey Shoot for Sure! We raised near \$900 for the good of the Club (*new steel, new props, new who knows what?*) and if that wasn't enough, Your generosity and an anon match raised another \$282 in charity cash plus over 100 canned goods for the Road Runner Food Bank!

And how lucky is our McCabe! Not only did he win free admission to last years' EOT but he also won the Prize Turkey Drawing at the TG shoot ! Look forward to *maybe* a Spring Fling Fund Raiser!! Stay tuned as the Mayor and Council plot this out!!!

Well, some of you were so kind to send me little notes and ditties about your gallivanting so since you did I will share your messages, OK?(and *keep 'um comin'*)

Lawless Lori Sue sent me these details that I had missed on the May Buffalo Stampede Report:

"Ladies Long Range Single Shot Rifle: Lawless Lori Sue. Ladies Long Range Big Bore Lever Action Rifle, well, Lawless Lori Sue. Some dumb Lori Sue antidotes of the match; the first shot from my 38-55 lever rifle hit the target and the rifle jammed. It took several minutes by Big Horn to unjam the spent shell. However, that one shot won the match. Another is that on my Trapdoor single shot rifle, I hit the first 7 targets, including that silly little hanging one way off the right, but missed the 3 closest targets. Go figure.

Here are some silly anecdotes of the **Carlsbad** long range match: The 3 steel targets at 200 yards were the same as the round targets we use at RGR, about 14 inches in diameter. The majority of the shooters, both men and women, got no hits in their 5 shots. There was a stiff crosswind. I managed to get one hit with my 45-70 Trapdoor. Tiger got 2 hits with her Sharps. Afterward I asked Capitan Regulator, Gunsmoke Cowboy's son, if he wished to try my Trapdoor. He ripped off 4 hits to everyone's amazement and won the men's category with a barrowed rifle. That kid is going places in CAS." And though they are not official members of RGR both the CR and his daddy Gunsmoke Cowboy come over the Hill to shoot with us at Hayes City. The boy placed 93rd to his Papa's 114th at Comin' At Cha. Kids – you feed 'um and reload for 'um and drive them all around, then they beat ya! Sound familiar Pepper Jack?!

“At **Utah State at the North Springs Shooting Range**: Doc Barium, 1st place, ladies frontier cartridge Edward R.S. Canby, 3rd place, frontier cartridge. We were two of four shooters from New Mexico” And Dear Reader at **Comin' At Cha**, Doc Barium came in 3rd LFCBP and Canby placed 12th in FCBP as well as in Plainsmen. He was sooo proud of his Sweetheart that he was beaming in pride for Her from stem to stern! Cowboy Action Shooting and Love...nothing better...

And Wild Horse John, our most far far from home Renegade, placed 3rd FCD at Comin' At Cha. I placed 5th in Cowgirl(*see what happens when you don't show up Amber Ale? I have to hold your place in line and the stress is too much!*) Mayor McGuire placed 12th in the toughest field of Cowboys Ever! Those damn Chickens!! Two weeks later Ringo Star (*Of OutLaw Entertainment /EOT recent fame*) and his beloved Buffalo Gal showed up all the way from the Badlands Bar 3 to Hayes City for **RGR's 3rd Wild Bunch Match**. She and I were WB vestal virgins yet escaped unscathed and undaunted. Wild Bunch matches are a new addition to our slate of shoots. Mayor McGuire welcomes one and all to come and learn the basics with the equipment they may have on hand (any SASS legal main match rifle can be used, 1911's in 45acp are a must but there are willing club members that will share to get started and that is true for the model 97 & model 12 shotguns). And you can be up close to watch and learn from experienced WB shooters and champions as they continue to hone their skills! Come and shoot RGR WB...If I can try my hand at it , who can't?! And don't forget to sign up for the **Picacho Posse's New Mexico Wild Bunch State Championship January/24 and 1/25 and their annual Ambush on the Butterfield Trail, January 26th-27th, 2013.**

More from the RGR'ers on the Trail...

“EZ GZ -- Cat and I just returned from Abilene, TX—the **Christmas in July** match. I did well in Wild Bunch, winning Wild Bunch Traditional. Cat did well in the main match, winning Grand

Dame. I got my butt handed to me on a silver platter shooting Gunfighter in the main match! Gunfighter was the second largest category (nine competitors). I've shot against some of these guys before ... and can't keep up with them ... but THEY didn't win (either)! I finished 8th out of 9! Truth be told, I had a terrible match — five misses, two procedurals, and two "go arounds" from slipped hammers — hard to win like that under any conditions ... but it wouldn't have made a great deal of difference even if I had managed to shoot clean! Those guys can shoot!! It was 103 degrees! I'm not excited about going back next year! By the way -- I noticed Grubstake Charlie won a Category somewhere 'back east" recently ... has he said anything?? Tex"

*"I mentioned that I traveled to Williams AZ again this year (late June) for the **Rail Head** shoot. Weather was very nice (mid-80s) and as always the folks there were absolutely great. I took 1st in 49'er, 4th overall, and won best dressed gentleman at the dinner. They have done some range work making it easier to get around (crushed stone paths for carts). Very fun shoot. The major came to dinner dressed in his best cowboy clothing. He also won the poker contest (never gamble with a politician).
Regards*

*Grubstake Charlie" And Charlie place 4th in 49'er at the **U.S. Open** in Sparta Illinois!*

And did you know that Tex and Cat went to **Hungary for the SASS European Nationals** this summer? Just quiz him on the topic of Paprika and he'll teach you Spicy thing or two!

In June, Boggus Deal rode up to the **Oregon State Wild Bunch Championship** and handily took 1st Modern and had best scores overall!

So you must be wonderin' about those Renegades riding around the **Land of Enchantment** and further Beyond! So many Matches, So little Time, wouldn't You agree!

Well, I want to start with New Mexico's newest SASS club, the **Monticello Range Riders** in beautiful Elephant Butte who after only 2 years, since its inception, hosted their 1st **Annual Guns of Ojo Caliente**, 8/17-19/12. And Amigos it was Mucho Caliente! But nothing was left undone by this great new club headed by J.W. Brockey and his lifelong love, Anna Pavlova— maybe you read about the match in a recent edition of the "Chronicle" — the MRR hospitality and enthusiasm was as warm as the days were and they spared nothing to insure a great inaugural shoot. They had long range and side matches and some very close up targets! And Yum Yum really good food! These Eleven Renegades rode into to town:

Main Match: Mica McGuire 1st CB and Clean Match, Sandoval Kid 2nd CB,
Grubstake Charlie 1st 49'er, Vaquero Luna 1st GF, Lawless Lill 1st LSS, Dollar Bill 1st

ES, Tango Tom 2nd ES, Mr Peabody 1st SrD as well as best Dressed Man!(*The woman judge saw the man behind the beard that we Renegades see and appreciate*) EzGz 1st CG, Lawless Lori Sue 1st GD and Pepper Jack Anderson 3rd SS and a Clean Match to boot... (*PJA is a ruthless perfectionist as we all know! Not like his Kid...*)

Side Matches: *For the Ladies:* EzGz, CG Speed Rifle, CG Speed SG, Lever Action CB Rifle 100 yards, Lever Action Big Bore 200 yards, Long range Pistol 50 yards, Single Shot 300 yards. (*Gals it pays to show up on a hot day. It was my most Favorite shoot EVER!!*)

For the Men's SM: Mica McGuire CB Speed SG, Lever Action CB Rifle 100 yards, Lever Action Big Bore 200 yards, Long Range Pistol 50 yards. (*Made for a good ride home!*)

And because You are my Faithful Reader, I will let you in on a great piece of info!...The **Guns of Ojo Caliente** will be held **10/18-20/2013** so put that in your Dear Diary Calendar!!

So moving on just a few weeks later our friends in Roswell ,aka, **The Chisum Cowboys, Shootout At High Lonesome** held a hot time in the desert. This was their third annual and it was better than ever. It is a learning experience for yours truly to see how a growing club pulls together to put on an annual match and lives to see another day. See, it can be done!

Anywaayy, our beloved Texas Tiger crossing over to the land of the 49'ers took Top Spot overall,(*You go Girl!*) with that scamp THE Sandoval Kid nip nip nipping at everyone's heels in the second slot and 1st place CB, followed by our 3rd overall place Boggus Deal still hanging in as a Wrangler coming in 1st in category, and our wounded yet willing Mayor Mica 2nd placed CB and 5th slot overall and English Lynn 1st as SS and tagging the 6th spot and Grub Stake Charlie closing the ranks of the Top Ten and was 1st 49'er. The rest of us Mortals made a showing , Vaquero Luna 4th place GF , and Yours Truly EzGz 1st CG (*iz AA here?*) and Pepper Jack Anderson placed 5th SS (*even though his hair has more high lights than all the others silver backs put together!*)

The Side matches were fun but a bit tougher as all long guns had to be shot off hand. Goodness me, those guns get heavy pretty quick. SM results were not posted but I have a telegraph into TwoBit Tammy down at High Lonesome to get more details. Here's what I do know and even if it's just about me and mine I ain't ashamed to let you know how I , I mean we, did... EzGz - Overall Lollipop 10 for 10 (*the sweetest victory ever!*), Ladies Long Range Single Shot Big Bore and Ladies Long Range Lever Big Bore. Mica won Men's Long range Single Shot Big Bore and Men's Speed Shot Gun. If memory serves I think Sandoval Kid Texas Tiger and English Lyn also took the goods but my pencil must of broke 'cause I don't have any notes. Anyway, if Tammy gives me more information I will post it on my next missive.

Geeze, lookie there it's nearly midnight and I'm not done carrying on! I gotta go find Mr. Smoochie and some Mistletoe before the stroke of midnight so I'll finish chatting with you in the morning with a hot cuppa Cowboy Kona Coffee.

Good Morning and Feliz Ano Nuevo! Gotta a pot of coffee going, Mica's down reloading(*a good man knows his place*) and the kids are living their virtual life.

September found 5 Renegades at the **U.S. Open in Sparta, Illinois** and it was a tough shoot. There were current state, regional, national and world champions invited to attend so the competition was Fierce. Like I said before Grubstake buckled in 4th place 49'er, Tex shot the 3rd spot FCGF, Mica 6th CB, Cat Ballou 5th Gran Dame, and not so Ez me 7th L49'er.

So let's move on down to the beautiful range at **Magdalena for their Annual Shootout at Old Magdalena**. Well, the Renegades made their presence known and many a stage was hard fought. Here's how we fared: Mica McGuire 1st CB, THE Sandoval Kid 2nd CB, Texas Tiger 1st L49 and Top Lady OverAll! And she got a special and heartfelt shout out for having designed their shooters book! , English Lynn 1st SS, Lawless Lill 1st LSS, Deputy Dangit 2nd BW, Tex 1st FCGF, Edward R.S. Canby 1st FC, Vaquero Luna 1st GF, EzGz 1st CG, Mr Peabody 2nd SD, Lawless

Lori Sue 1st LCBrn, and Pepper Jack Anderson guarding our rear flank holding 4th SS.

The **Wild Bunch** Match also showcased the Renegade prowess with our Tex taking MT 1st and English Lynn in 2nd. Mica McGuire took MM 1st with our Sandoval Kid scootin' in 2nd. Texas Tiger took LT 1st place and Lawless Lori Sue was LM 2nd place winner.

Ladies Side Matches were dominated by Lawless Lori Sue as she swept Lever Action Rifle Cal, LA Pistol Cal, Long Range Pistol, and Single Shot Big Bore. For the Men , English Lynn won LA Pistol Cal and the Single Shot Big Bore was taken by Mica McGuire.

Magdalena always puts on a hellava match. As one looks out over that open range you can still see what those cattle drivers saw... a beautiful expanse of possibilities. The match is always a challenge with Flyers and Poppers, and vertical long gun placement, Real close and Real far targets, wired slider thingies, and bosoms and bovine buttocks get play time as well. Hmm... Lots of running and ducking but stages 11 and 12 give one a chance to catch your breath as you take a rest in the resting place... the Outhouse...and Boy Howdy I needed a rest 'cause I flew in from our Nations Capitol at 7pm Sat night, went home and packed up my skirts and guns and ammo and drove with the wind to be in Magdalena by 9pm to surprise my Fella. He was bunking it with Tex at the Magdalena Hilton but seemed surprised and happy to see me. Half a Hand Henri graciously allowed me to shoot through Sunday and let me tell you, that's a Stretch and a Gallop for a short Gal!

Moving on West to **Bordertown, Arizona State Championship** in Tombstone. Bordertown has its own special mystique because of its historical setting, its rich diversity and some verrrrryyyy close targets. There were times I wished that I had on a welders mask! It's a very close knit group that puts on the match but they sure make you feel welcome. So how did we RGR'ers do?

Always dashing Classic Cowboy Garrison Joe 2nd, Capt George Baylor 2nd Frontiersman and 3rd Senior Modern WB , Amber Ale placed 3rd CG having to shoot it out with the likes of Pious Player and that Crazy little Woman and she

bested some greats like Echo Meadows. Mica McGuire placed 3rd CB, Cat Ballou 4th GD, EzGz 4th LBW, and Tex 7th GF. And a special congrats to Norfleet 2nd WB Modern even though he is not an official RGR member yet. He is really helping our RGR club to develop our WB matches and it is much appreciated.

Whew!!!.....This brings me to the last of the Renegades on the Trail matches that I know of. I am sure many of you went here and there and just didn't tell me about it. The very idea! Please feel free to drop me a line about your news and tips. And please forgive me if I missed a name or a match or maybe just missed a beat. You Renegades give a Gal a work out, let me tell you!

We do have a good time out and about out on the Trail but Hayes City is where it starts and ends and some of our finest and funniest moments are seen and shared right there. Hayes City is where the heart of Cowboy Action Shooting can be found. If it has been a while since you saddled up and went out to the Range don't wait another moment. We are waiting for you and have missed you!

The next **BIG THING** is our **RGR Cowboy Gala** to be held **Saturday February 2.** Dust off your finery. You may not recognize some of your Pard's 'when they get gussied up! Check your messages from Sweet Loralie 'cause she will be sending you more details very soon. Make it your Number Three resolution to come, OK!

So Dearest of Readers, From Our House to Yours We Wish You and Yours the Finest of New Years and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

See You Down Range!

EzGz , Town Crier, Hayes City