



C.R.R. Trail Blazer



The Newsletter of the California Range Riders

Mark your calendars! California Range Riders Year End Awards Dinner

Calling all **California Range Riders** and **potential members and friends**. Come one, come all, to our 2011 Awards Dinner and Social Gathering

Cheer for the award winners, buckle series winner, set personal goals for 2012, have fun hanging out with the group, and enjoy a wonderful dinner at the same time!

Saturday, February 4th at 5pm

Kelley Bros Brewing Company in Manteca

112 E. Yosemite Avenue

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<http://www.kelleybrewing.com/>

This restaurant has great reviews - check out Yelp! :-)

Menu on the website

*Last year we had **64** attendees...join the fun!*

Don't forget to RSVP to Old Buckaroo!

January Dates to Remember.....by Scarlet Angel

January 1st New Years Day

Until the time of Julius Caesar, the Romans celebrated the New Year in March because it was the first month in the Roman calendar. To the Roman's January 1st was the time when the Romans changed governmental figures and new consults were inducted into office. March 1 was their mark of the New Year. Caesar changed the Roman New Year's Day to January 1 to honor Janus, (God of all beginnings and gate keeper of heaven and earth). Janus was always depicted with two faces: One looking back to the past and one to the future.

Birthday for Paul Revere, American patriot, in 1735.

The Tournament of Roses Parade, first held in 1890, is held on New Year's Day, unless it falls on Sunday. If New Years Day falls on Sunday then the parade is held on Monday, January 2nd. Why? Some say if it's held on a Sunday then it will rain on the parade the following year. Others say the real reason is the parade officials were afraid the noise from the bands would frighten horses that were tethered at nearby churches.

January 3: The birth date of JRR Tolkein, famous for his Lord of the Rings series.

January 4: On January 4, 1875, Jacob Ludwig Carl Grimm of fairy tale fame was born in Germany.

January 11: Amelia Earhart became 1st person to fly solo from Honolulu, Hawaii to Oakland, CA. (1935).

January 12: 1st Public Museum opened in Charleston, South Carolina in 1773.

January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Born 1929

January 19: Birthday of 1809 Edgar Allan Poe, poet and short-story writer.

Announcements:

Matches/Divisions

We are going to combine Seniors and regular classes as far as match awards go, until the economy improves and more riders can participate. As far as CMSA is concerned, your divisions will still be separate, CMSA class rules apply towards move-ups. This does not apply to state shoots.

As a courtesy to the arenas we shoot at, **please keep your dogs on a leash** at matches...I get a lot of complaints from arena owners, as well as people trying to have a nice dinner at the potlucks.

Only match supplied ammo/blanks will be allowed at CRR shoots, due to liability concerns.



L a s s o A D e a l :

Pair of Taurus single action revolvers. They are the Gauchos model, 45 cal. Long colt. These guns are like brand new. Each gun has had 25 rounds put through them to make sure everything is in good working condition. Each gun has owners manual and warranty paper work. These guns have a great feel and very smooth action. They have been kept in a foam case sealed from dirt and moister and the finish is like new. These guns are perfect for a new shooter just starting out. \$800

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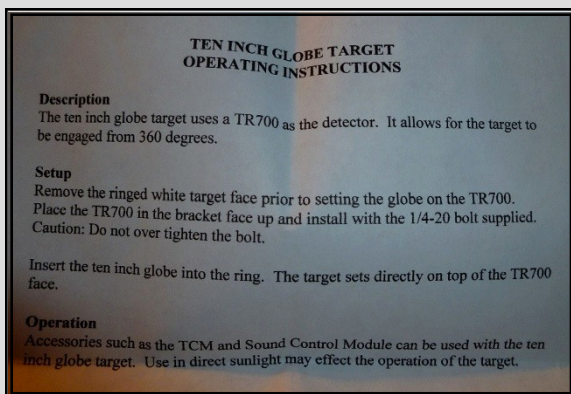
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*More Deals!***Rock Rake and Grader Blade for garden tractor by York.**

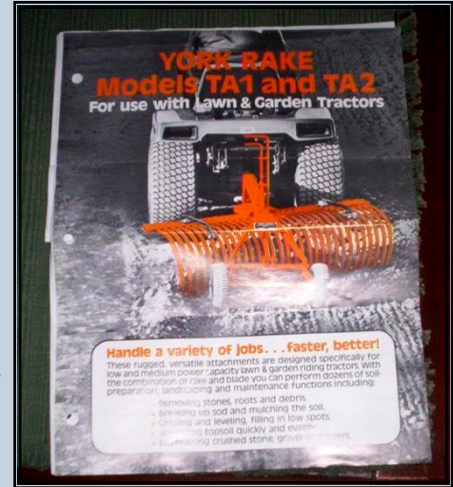
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Pair of Ruger Vaqueros 3 3/4" with birdhead grip. These have only been lightly used- about 20 shoots. They have had professional action jobs and hammers have been turned down. These shoot great.

You will just love these guns and it is very hard to find the birdhead grips!! I am asking \$1250 (FIRM) for the pair. Contact Christy at cwingsinger@cox.net or call or text 785-806-0825. I live in Kansas but these can be shipped at your expense!





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REMINDERS

Club Dues

CMSA has increased it's membership dues.

Joining CRR & CMSA and renewing dues for **2012 important change, please read carefully.** CMSA has increased it's membership prior to the World's in October. So as of **October 1, 2011, CMSA will no longer offer club discounts.**

So if you're planning to shoot at a CMSA match after October 24th, you must renew your dues prior to the next match.

CMSA is now running it's calendar year from the World's in October. As of Monday, October 24, 2011, we're officially in the 2012 CMSA calendar year. If you haven't had a qualified win in 2011 and wish to switch classes, this is the time to declare it.

Individual membership:

CMSA is now \$70 , CRR is \$50, total = \$120

Family membership:

CMSA is now \$100 , CRR is \$80, total = \$180

*****If you join or renew with CMSA on your own (no more CMSA discount), please list CA5 ,California Range Riders, as your club.**

It's important that all club members renew their CMSA membership for 2012, through our club, the California Range Riders.

Go to the CMSA website and **print the renewal form, fill it out and sign it**, then scan and email them or mail them along with your **check made payable to CRR**. Mail them to:

Steve Holland
2480 Day Road
Gilroy, Ca. 95020

Check the CMSA website if you're not sure which clubs are affiliated
<http://www.cowboymountedshooting.com/localclubs.cfm>

If you have questions, feel free to call me at 408-710-1616 or email: oldbuckaroo7@aol.com

Your Opinions Count!

Suggestions for improvement of future matches and ideas for prizes have been asked for at the awards ceremonies. If you are too shy to speak up in a group setting, take a moment to talk to Steve or one of our board members or send an email. C.R.R. is always looking to make improvements for all of its members.

Don't forget, every now and again you will receive a survey email ranging from practice places, match places and days, to awards and many subjects in between. Please fill them out

and return them. These surveys are designed to help improve our club for our club members. They are read and go before our board for votes and consideration.

Maybe you have a suggestion you have not seen in a survey or cannot wait to suggest, email it to Old Buckaroo at Oldbuckaroo7@aol.com . The board members look forward to your input!

Watch your emails for announcements regarding upcoming practices and fun activities.

Check our [website](#) for 2012 Match dates.

Remember, participating in Demos, Wild West Shows, and Clinics, as well as shooting at matches, will get you credit for CRR year end awards. Volunteer, It's a lot of fun!

Submit your items for sale, stories (two part is OK!) and announcements to add to the newsletter to Debbie at scarletangel86@sbcglobal.net.

If you have any changes in your contact information, please email it to Secretary Judy Stewart at: calgirl101ranch@aol.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

I hope everyone had a safe and awesome holiday season.

As you all know, the weather will be changing very soon...that means practices between now and March, will be on **short notice** and **subject to change** due to possible rain.

Looking forward to seeing all of our new members and prospective members at these upcoming events. If you're inexperienced, come ride time-only and learn the "in's and outs" of cowboy mounted shooting.

New for 2011: **CRR Buckle Series**. We have 10 sponsors for the beautiful Gist Buckles.

Many members are recovering from ailments and surgeries, and we wish them all a speedy recovery. Hopefully you all received a new set of guns and holsters for Christmas and you can start the New Year off with a bang.

DECEMBER in review

DEC 10 CRR practice (Hoffman's Arena, Turlock)

The Saturday practice was well attended...17 riders and more spectators. Couldn't ask for better weather in December; lunch was provided (tip jar).

2012 Upcoming events

JAN 14 CRR practice/clinic (Hoffman's Arena, Turlock)
RAIN DATE : Jan 21st

FEB 4 CRR Awards Dinner Party (Kelley Bros Brewery, Manteca)

*Plans are being made for our annual **CRR Awards Party/Dinner** to be held at the **Kelley Bros Brewing Co** in **Manteca**...watch your emails for details...we had a great time and good food the last 3 years with 60 + attendees. Gift exchange (bring a gift, get a ticket). Friends of CRR, and non members are welcome...please RSVP.*

FEB 18 CRR practice/clinic (TBD) RAIN DATE : Feb 25th

FEB 21-26 SASS Nationals Winter Range (Desert Hille, Az) SASS

MARCH 17-18 CRR Riders of the Purple Sage IV (Ione) covered arena

The reason for RSVP's

RSVP's are important. It helps us plan the amount of supplies (ammo, balloons, etc...) we need at each event. Many times the balloon setter groups want to know how much they will be paid (ahead of time). They are paid by the number of contestants and the number of stages run. The Diamond Bar would like to be able to purchase the appropriate amount of food, instead of over buying or having to make a last minute trip to the store. **It's a courtesy** and I ask all of you to make an effort in the coming year.

As you know, **CRR** does many activities in addition to mounted shooting competitions, practices, parades, and clinics. Events are subject to change...

Be sure to read your emails and watch for last minute announcements.

The **2012 event calendar** is available on our website.

<http://www.CaliforniaRangeRiders.com>

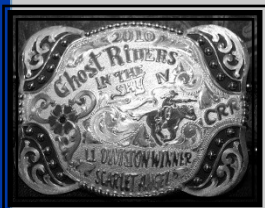
We now have a Facebook website...check it out and join. Just type in the search window (upper right) **California Range Riders (CRR)** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&gid=342606616686> Click on "**events**". We have **18+** events listed, so please feel free to RSVP.

As always, a big thank you to **Scarlet Angel** (Debbie McAlpin) for the excellent work on the "**CRR Trailblazer**", and to all the contributing writers... **great job!**...keep it comin'.

Happy trails to all

Old Buckaroo


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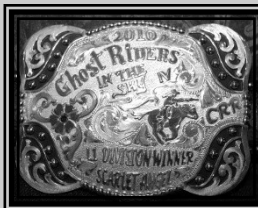
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In Memory of Nellie

EDITOR'S DISPATCH...

I spent Saturday looking through patterns and fabric to see if mom & I could create something fabulous to wear to the awards dinner in February. I have a pattern and fabric, now just have to put it all together; because for me getting to dress up is part of the fun of participating in cowboy mounted shooting.

As I started to put this month's newsletter together I began to think about the 2011 shooting season; the year started a bit rough with the weather and the horse virus. This will be a better year! Thinking of all the things that happened in 2011, I started to look at some of the newsletters; what folks have written; what has happened over the years; had myself quiet the little trip down memory lane. Tumbleweed has brought us some great stories and accounts of the shoots. Kactus Joe, woohooo what a life he's lead (yes, I do have an article he wrote for the newsletter a few moons ago). Johnny Longknife, you've written on so many things from gun cleaning to Native American religion . Snowy River, you've shared some great stories, or made up some great tall tales for us, I'm still trying to figure that out. Sierra Rose, you've covered many subjects..from sewin' to cookin' and you know how to tell a tale or two of your own..maybe an entire box of tails. Old Buckaroo, I don't want to even imagine how much time it takes to put the entire show together starting with booking arenas and bringing it all together so we can come and shoot. This only names a few of members who have written over the years; thanks to all who have submitted articles in the last three years. I thought I'd post something from the past newsletters on the following pages for you all to enjoy.

I'm looking forward to the 2012 shooting year and seeing all of you.

Saddle those ponies, ride hard and shoot straight!

SCARLET ANGEL

*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to dance in the rain."*

*"Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is
listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live
like it's heaven on Earth." — [Mark Twain](#)*

Camp fire Tales....as recalled by Sierra Rose & Scarlet Angel June 2009

Tales of the Tails.

Ever since the first Round up (even before) Cowboys and Cowgirls have been gatherin' round the camp-fire and spinning yarns some longer than others....are they true tales or are they stretched tales made up to memorize folks around camp. Come one come all, who tells the tallest tail?

True to tradition The California Range Riders gathered round to hear the who would tell the tallest tale of tails. Here's how the California Range Riders tall tales began.

Judy Stewart...alias California Girl. She carries a Coyote bag with the tail on her saddle. She can often be seen pulling horse cookies from the head of her Coyote (which is what the bag is made out of). Her tail swings on her saddle as she rides around the arena. Folks often stop and take a double take at Judy's cute tail! When asked about her tail by another rider who admired it and thought it would be fun to have a tail of their own on their saddle she replied "Go out and get a tail, but it cannot be a Coyote because you cannot have the same tail as me". It grew from there....with more unique tails that can be seen when C.R.R. riders gather. Ask them about the tale of their tail!

Gretchen Walters...alias Cuervo Gold. Once upon a cold, wet, windy Sunday I mounted my steed and headed out for destinations unknown. As I rounded Dead Man's Curve a Wiley, Ferocious and not so nice fox jumped out! Its fangs aimed for my neck as it sprang at me. In a flash of time my six shooter blew smoke, when the smoke cleared at my feet lay the tail of the highly embarrassed fox, bound to roam this earth missing the pride of his foxhood.

Tiffany Blackwell...alias Tenacious Tiffany....When Tiffany arrived for the shoot she was told she could not ride without a tail. She responded with tongue in cheek well I have a tail but I just can't see it unless I twist or look in the mirror!...No no an animal tail Tiff!

So off she went to figure out where to get a tail because she came all the way to ride and needed a tail to ride with...She came up with a piece of horsehair tail. Now she had to figure out how to decorate it! As she looked around two love birds swooped down and stole it for their "love nest". What was she to do!? She needed that tail to ride and shoot but did not have it in her heart to shoot the love birds in their love next. Tiffany paced below the electric wires, where high above the birds were building their love nest. Tiffany finally decided she would just have to shoot them as she needed that tail to take part in competition. She lined up her six gun, took a deep breath and ZAP. The birds were electrocuted right out of their love next. This made Tenacious Tiffany feel better as she didn't really want to shoot them and now she had two lovely birds to decorate her tail with.

Debbie McAlpin...alias Scarlet Angel. Scarlet Angel was raised in Texas around the 1800's. Having lived near a tribe of Comanche Indians she adopted some of their religious beliefs. Most Native Americans believe in Shape Shifters (a spirit, usually good but can be bad. Most often taking the form of an animal, they can shift animal forms or even to human form.) The plains Indians (which would include the Comanche) believe that the fox is a cunning and tricky thief. He is known for leading people to their demise. One night in camp a fox entered. Scarlet recognized the bad spirit as it began to shift into another animal form. She fired her revolver, killing it in mid transformation! Since the tail has dark black rings she figured it was changing into a raccoon (an intelligent sneaky thief with human like hands. The Great Spirit put a

mask on him so all of Mother Earth's creatures would know him for what he is.) Thus she carries the tale of the Focoon on her saddle to warn other evil spirits to avoid her. When asked how she could kill a spirit (because most people cannot) she replied "Scarlet Angel rides between Heaven and Hell and therefore can kill spirits." Hence her motto "Heaven and Hell all rolled into one!"

Barbara Cuneo...alias Sierra Rose. "Well, I hearded y'all was gatherin' up lookin' for tail, and then I read about this here tail contest in my CRR Trail Blazer. Well now I like tail! Been huntin' it for alooooong time, some fifty years or so. So I had to come see what this here tail contest was about. In my younger years, when I was a springin' chick Ol' (then young) Johnny Longknife come ridin' in on his white horse and said "How'd ya like ta go huntin' with me?" Well now I love ta go huntin'. So on our first date we saddled up and he took me out, way out....way way out on Bear Mountain..Took us ALL Day! Told me we were huntin' some kinda varmint called Snipe. Well my young ears had never heard of that kind of a varmint, but I was game. So way back into Bear Mountain we went and finally he said we found the perfect spot. So we get off the horses and ties 'em up and he says "come on over here." Then he takes out this little bottle of stuff and when he uncorked it. Oh my God! Sweet William must have been standin' right there. Well he sprinkled that all around 'sclamin this will hide our sent. And Then.. Out of his pouch comes this other little thing. He says "Squirt some of this on ya!" And I looked at it. Doe in Heat?! What's this for? He tells me "wait and see." Next he reaches into his pocket and pulls out this little thing-----starts blowin' on it. Worst Screeeeechin' sounds I ever did hear! Well he blew all night and finally all of a sudden out of the sky came this owl. Swoopin' down, almost landed on me. Scared me to death! and needless to say there was no tail found that night.

So then the years went on and I had this nasty little white rooster and one day he jumped on my leg and all that's left is his tail feathers.....he tasted mighty good....and then there was this big ol' bird with BEAUTIFUL big long fluffy feathers, heard tell it was called an Ostrich. He tried to take me for a ride and I pulled his tail feathers right out. I like fluffy tail (She says waving the feathers and caressing the cowboy's cheeks with them). Well by now I got all kinds of tail. This hear little varmint (she says holding up a weasel tail) ran across my boot one day. And I don't like them stealin' little weasels sos now I got his tail. ..Next out of her hat box came a small raccoon tail as she says.This lil ol' raccoon got into my flour one day, and all that's left of him is little white tracks and fluff tail....mmmmm coon pie. But my favorite tail of all (she says as she strokes her silver fox face) comes with the whole critter. (Maybe I'll make me a purse one day to carry round all my tail. She says as a thought while pulling out the fox tail.) THIS is my favorite tail, long, soft and fluffy. (She says holding up the silver fox tail)."

Cowboy Challenge! We haven't seen or heard your tales! We know you got one!! We saw Steve's but he never talked about it. John Myers we are callin' you out to tell the tale that snuck out of camp. You said you had one!

Out takes

From **"My heroes have always been cowboys" by Jon Fix July 2009**

My second shoot was at Penn Valley. Dan Milliken offered to haul me and my horse which made the trip possible. I had more fun than I can express. We circled the conestoga wagons (read in self contained horse trailer / living accommodations) and set up camp. Bob Leggitt shared his Cuban cigars with me in the evenings and his coffee in the mornings. I enjoyed sleeping outside and when his generator woke me up, I was happy to see what was around me. I saw some of the most impressive riding and shooting I could imagine. I was terrifically impressed by the Myers family, the rifle shooting, the camaraderie of everyone there. The memorial to Tim Foster was more than touching. Mike's mustang, with boots backward in the stirrups, bucked and reared in reaction to our gun shots in the air. M.H. Brumley was riding his goodbye to us all.

We had spectators! I spent some time offering kids rides on my horse, Rocky. I had a little girl in a wheel chair, wheel over and want to pet Rocky. He is such a great horse. He walked up to her and lowered his head so she could stroke his nose. I asked her and her mother if she wanted to mount up. She said she didn't think she could, but wanted to try. Her mom nodded and between myself and a security guard, we lifted her into the saddle. With her mom and the guard holding her in place, we walked around. Her eyes were wide as saucers and her smile lit up my heart. We entered the arena and walked the barrels. I told her to keep her eye on the barrels and Rocky turned them with gentle precision. She was just too happy. She had never walked. Her mother had tears in her eyes and hugged me when I returned her to her chair. With all that happened that weekend, this experience will stick in my mind for ever.

from **Editor's Dispatch July 2009.....**

If you have not yet been to a mounted shoot, you may ask "What is it about these people that keeps you coming back?" Well I have a list with many many things on it. I've been around this place for awhile now and that list never stops getting longer. One of the things I remember about these folks is all the emails and cards from them when I lost my first mount. It tells me something of the inside of them. That was pretty early on with this outfit. There are a whole mess of good memories between then and now.

One more I shall put on that list happened at our shoot in Penn Valley last month. Most folks were heading back to their trailers to give their horses a well deserved rest and dinner. Some of the Cowboys were giving "pony rides". I happened to be hanging around the grandstand letting some of the kids pet my horse and answering some questions. One of the riders came up and let off one of the children and asked if someone else would like a ride. The child's father asked if we were charging, to which the Cowboy and I made a few good natured jokes, then the Cowboy asked again if the little girl would like to ride. I don't know who was happier, the parents or the little girl. One of them asked why we did this for free, to which the Cowboy replied "We do it in memory of Tim Foster, the rider we had the memorial for earlier. I only ever met him once but he made an impression on me and I am proud to help carry his tradition." My hat's off to you Jon. It was an act I do not find uncommon among the people I am proud to call my friends and tells you something about them. Come on out and meet some of these fine folks!

2012 Match Dates (10-01-2011) Schedule by Old Buckaroo

tentative dates...subject to change

FEB 4	CRR	Awards Dinner Party (Manteca)
FEB 21-26	SASS	Nationals Winter Range (Desert Hille, Az) SASS
MARCH 3-4	ACMSA	Southwest Regionals (Globe, Az) CMSA
MARCH 17-18	CRR	Riders of the Purple Sage IV (Ione)
APRIL 7	CRR	Oakdale Rodeo Parade (Oakdale)
APRIL 21-22	CRR	Quicksilver Shootout X (Ione)
MAY 5	***	Sonora Parade (Sonora)
MAY 12	***	Foothills Parade (Ione Picnic Assoc)
May 20	CRR	Frogtown Massacre IV (Angels Camp)
MAY 26	CRR	Blazing Saddles XIII (Rio Linda)
MAY 27	CRR	Blazing Saddles XIV (Rio Linda)
MAY 28	CRR	Blazing Saddles XV (Rio Linda)
JUNE 2-3	CRR	High Noon VI (Penn Valley) + Ca State BBQ cookoff
JUNE 8-10	CRR	Horse Expo Clinics and Info Booth (Sacramento)
JUNE 16	CRR	Cowboy Mounted Shooting Practice/Clinic (TBD)
JUNE 19-24	SASS	EoT World Championship (NM) SASS
JUNE 22	***	Cattle Drive for Folsom Rodeo (Folsom)
JULY 4	***	R Horse Ranch Exhibition (Platina)
JULY 4	***	Alameda Mayor's Parade, Wild West (Alameda)
JULY 12-15	***	Salinas Rodeo (Salinas)
JULY 21-22	CRR	Ghost Riders in the Sky VI (Ione)
AUG 7-12	CMSA	Western US Championship (Las Vegas) CMSA
AUG 18	CRR	Open Range IX (Novato)
AUG 25-26	CRR	Faultline War VIII (Ceres)
SEPT 1-3	***	Gold Rush Days (Sacramento) jb@jbranch
SEPT 4-9	CMSA	Eastern US Championship (Murfreesboro, Tenn)
SEPT 15-16	CRR	Gold Dust Fever XI (Ione)
SEPT 29-30	WSSA	World Championship (Idaho)
OCT 6	CRR	Ride Into Purgatory IX (Ceres)
OCT 7	CRR	Columbus Day Parade (SF)
OCT 12-21	CRR	Grand National Rodeo Cow Palace (SF) Mounted Shoot Booth
OCT 16-21	CMSA	Worlds (Amarillo, Texas) CMSA
NOV 3-4	CRR	Shootout at Boothill V (Ione)
NOV 29-DEC 2	***	SASS Convention/Cowboy Christmas (Las Vegas, NV)