

## Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association APRIL 2007

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Ginger Bauman

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## 2007 Schedule of Shoots and Events

	Event	Location
April 14-15	Nowood B.P.C. Buffalo Gong Shoot	Ten Sleep, WY
April 28-29	Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championship	W. of Loveland, CO
May 25-28	Wyoming State Shoot, Riverton Memorial Day Shoot.	Riverton, WY
June 2, 2007	Marion Baker Invitational	Encampment, WY
June 9-10	WSMLA, Bench Shoot, Platte Valley Muzzleloader	Casper, WY
June 15-17	Deer Creek Muzzleloader Annual Shoot	Glenrock, WY
June 15-17	Co NMLRA National Territorial Match	Ft. Lupton, CO.
June 19-24	Pelton Creek Mountain Man Rendezvous Brigade	Laramie River Black Powder
June 27-July 1	1838 Rendezvous	Riverton, WY
July 6-19	Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous	Vipond, MT
Moved to Sept	Primitive Shoot, Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders	
July 27-29	Sierra Madre Rendezvous	Encampment, WY
August 11, 2007	Pie Shoot, Sheridan Bull Shooters	Sheridan, WY
August 18-19, 2007	Crow Creek Fur Co. Shoot	Cheyenne, WY
August 31-Sept 3	Fort Bridger Rendezvous	Ft. Bridger, WY
September 15-16	Primitive Shoot, Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders	Tensleep, WY
November 18, 2007	Turkey Shoot	Lander, WY
January 11-13, 2007	WSMLA Convention	Casper, Holiday Inn.

## **From the Editor**

**Travis Bennett has some health concerns and cannot complete his duties as newsletter editor. I also understand that Ed Green and Jeff McManus are also having some health problems. They are all in our prayers and would appreciate any cards or letters.**

**Phil Nissen will be taking over the video library. I have offered to do the newsletter, since it goes hand in hand with the WSMLA web site. The newsletter will be posted on the web site and in the mail as soon as possible. Please check the web site for any current updates on shoot dates, shoot fliers, and shoot results. I plan on starting an e-mail list to members and notifying members as to updates on the web site. Please send me your e-mail address if you want to be notified of updates: [billmorrison@wyomingmuzzleloaders.com](mailto:billmorrison@wyomingmuzzleloaders.com).**

**There are a few problems personally with me doing the newsletter. One is that I don't have clue about being a newsletter editor and I still consider myself a new kid on the block as far as muzzle loading. I would ask that anyone with knowledge or skills on Muzzle Loading, historical items or newsletters to please share with the members. This is a great organization, but it depends on everyone to keep the Association going strong.**

**My son Charlie and I went to the Western National Shoot in Phoenix. If I keep twisting his arm, Charlie is writing an article on our expedition to Phoenix, Arizona and back to Worlando Beach, Wyoming. I would recommend that everyone try the Western National in February, it was a great time and learning experience for us. I did however miss my annual fly fishing trip to Ft. Smith, Montana. In the future I will now have to choose between freezing while fly fishing in Montana or short sleeves in Phoenix. A tough decision☺**

**Charlie and I got into this Muzzleloading addiction because of Lyle Bader and Tom Brewster, as they had children in the 4-H Muzzle Loading program. Tom actually now is getting his grand kids started in Muzzle Loading. I remember attending the Wyoming State 4-H contest in Douglas about 6-7 years ago and watching the kids shoot these big guns that make a lot of noise along with the smell of black powder. What a cool thing to watch. Yes, I know it is a man thing.☺ Anyway, Lyle and Tom kept bugging us to head out to Brewster's Ranch and try Muzzle Loading. We finally made the trip and haven't looked back. We have learned a lot about Muzzle loading and still have a lot to learn.**

**When I grew up (back in the dark ages) 4-H was for kids in the country. I showed dairy cattle and was involved in livestock judging. There was no such thing as a 4-H shooting program. I am sure I would have been involved with my, 22 rifle and shot-gun. However, times have changed; the 4-H shooting program is now one of the largest 4-H youth projects in Wyoming.**

The Wyoming State 4-H program has about 1000 youth in the 4-H shooting sports. There were 75 youth shooting at the state 4-H muzzle loading competition in Douglas in 2006. I would encourage everyone to contact their local county Extension office to volunteer to help, teach or even better become a leader, we need to keep the youth involved in shooting sports and maybe even the WSMLA. We all have skills that can be shared with our youth today. I sent the WSMLA shoot schedule to *Warren Crawford* 4-H/Youth Development Specialist Wyoming State 4-H Office at:

[crawford@uwyo.edu](mailto:crawford@uwyo.edu) As members of the WSMLA we need to encourage the local extension office staff, 4-H youth and leaders to attend our club shoots and the WSMLA state contests. Wouldn't it be great to see 50-60 youth at our State Shoot in Riverton.

I am still jealous of the buffalo powder horn that my son, Charlie, won a few years back, it was made by Dave Lehto. The awards given to our youth in the WSMLA can be used over a life time and not just hung on the wall to collect dust. The 4-H program will accept anyone willing to help, volunteer or become a leader. To become a leader in 4-H you do have to register at the local county Extension office. All youth organizations today do run adults through some sort of screening process. Do not let this discourage you. The 4-H program and other youth programs in Wyoming desperately need adult leaders and volunteers. Warren Crawford can answer any questions anyone has on the 4-H program.

One minor thing I have learned as a parent, is that it is quite boring standing around and watching the kids have all the fun. It is much more fun to get involved. I have probably learned more than the kids I have helped over the years in fly fishing or shooting programs. The WSMLA and the 4-H program allow this to happen. The WSMLA has become kind of a father-son activity for us. Even my daughter, Julie, has learned to shoot a muzzleloader and competes in the Washakie County 4-H program. Now if I can get the Mrs. involved it will truly become a family activity as it has become for other families.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Wyoming State Shoot, May 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> in Riverton.

**Bill Morrison**

Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association offers a video library for members of the WSMLA. Please contact: **Phil Nissen, 3158 Aspen Drive, Casper, WY 82601, 307-235-8889** [stands in ants@yahoo.com](mailto:stands_in_ants@yahoo.com) about viewing tapes. A list of videos available is on the state web site at:

[http://wyomingmuzzleloaders.com/video\\_library.htm](http://wyomingmuzzleloaders.com/video_library.htm)

## **The ever challenging WSMLA Winter Challenge Shoot, 2007 edition:**

**By Phil Nissen**

Did I say challenging? Excuse me, but I meant to say exasperating! Hosted by the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders, we excitedly looked forward to this our twentieth anniversary winter challenge shoot. We never know what kind of weather ol' man winter will have on his trade blanket during President's Weekend. Some have been downright balmy; almost shirtsleeve weather, and others like last year had to be postponed for the first time ever because the temperatures were well below zero! Usually it's a mixed bag, but one thing we can all just about count on is some wind.

Thursday morning, Delbert and I rolled into the Arnold Ranch to set up three tents and do some repair to the 200 yard backboards. Jim Miller was helping Trish celebrate a belated Valentine's Day so didn't show up until almost noon, but he had a smile on his face. Delbert and I had already set up my wall tent in preparation of Jim and my intended campout, and after splicing together enough galvanized pipe to make a distillery, we also set up Delbert's wall tent for use as a "warm up" tent. The gigantic new club tent, it too steel framed went up in the air slicker than a forgotten ramrod, and the couple inches of snow from the day before had all but melted away. The sun felt dandy as we enjoyed some liquid malted refreshment.

Just before dusk, Bryan Youngberg and Vern Fauss drove in with their combined forty feet of wall tent they set up in copulating fashion. The boys laid out their camp gear inside and told us they would be out the next day; Vern in the morning and Bryan after putting in another day manning the hospital's computer help desk. Bryan Connelly showed up right at dark to put a little spit and polish on the hooters, but in the dark forgot two of them. Jim and I visited with Bryan while I gathered up some grub for dinner and by the light of the North Star, turned in for the night.

The wind blew about like normal most of the night, periodically gusting up and flapping the canvas against our heads inside the tent. Between that and the handful of unusually slow moving trains I don't think either of us slept real soundly. At daybreak, I put the coffee pot on the stove and went to inspect Bryan's newly cleaned hooters. It seemed like the wind was picking up quite a bit. The skies looked threatening as well, but I didn't have time to play meteorologist as I had a mission to accomplish. Once inside the hooter, I became immediately aware of how much wind was blowing through the cracks....and dirt.....and snow! The old biffy really got to rockin' and rollin' and it wasn't because of me, so it was a mission quickly completed and as I blew out of the door, it was evident a catastrophe was in the making. I have never seen wind that strong anywhere at any time....ever! It was literally a gale force wind that was driving snow and dirt horizontally out of the Northeast.

Miller was rushing around leaning at a 45 degree angle into the wind trying to restrain what looked like the sail of a schooner but what was in reality, Bryan's tent. The canvas was whipping about and the whole front half of the tent was in tatters. Jim was trying to strap it down with a long dog leash so I pitched in trying to anchor Vern's tent so the same fate didn't meet it. No sooner would I nail a stake into the ground again but that it would be pulled up by the billowed sail of a tent. I glanced over at my tent and it was apparent it wasn't going to be upright very

much longer either. I ran over and drove its stakes back in the ground and snugged the ropes, but it was becoming a lost cause.

The power had gone out in Glenrock so it wasn't until Delbert got cold that he left his house to come out to the range. After all, we had planned to begin shooting that day. Instead Delbert found himself going back and forth between the two internally framed tents shoring them up. I decided to take my tent down while it was in one piece and within an hour had it packed up and put back in my truck. So much for the much anticipated three day campout. Vern rolled in towards mid morning, called Bryan at the help desk and told him his floppy drive had crashed.

Before heading home to put everything away, Verlin, Herb, and Donnie Danner rolled in and signed up. However, not even these iron men broke a rifle out of the case. About dusk, Magic and Rita rolled in pulling his aluminum Hilton and the wind had reportedly even become quite calm. Damn.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny and for the first two relays or so, the wind was quite tolerable. Unfortunately I didn't roll in and make it out to the firing line until about the third relay and the wind had picked up a lot. At 200 yards, the shooters were holding as much as three to four feet to the left – Deer Creek Windage we call it. Bryan Youngberg had nailed what would stand as the high score of 36 on the first relay but hard as I looked, no bullet holes marked my target. Drat – another zero on the infamous 200 yard big bull. I could take some comfort by the end of the shoot in knowing that I wasn't alone.

DCML Prez Dave Hein cooked up a huge pot of delicious goulash for everybody and there were plenty of tasty accompaniments all of us brought to go with the main dish. I looked around the place. We had a bunch of people out there fighting the wind but having a high old time as usual. What a great bunch of people the WSMLA has. Our final tally was just over sixty shooters.

Sunday was just as windy but nevertheless, Judy Lawrence scored a 48 on one of her hundred yard targets! Most of the men, myself included, quit our whining about the shooting conditions and realized we had just had our fannies kicked by one of the best. Shawn Dunn also showed that scoring a perfect 50 on the traveling trophy is possible even in 35 mph winds. Bryan "Trailer Trash" Youngberg didn't seem to be bothered by the sudden lack of a trade tent and brought out a nifty covered trailer and set up shop and still had time to post the men's high aggregate score. For the second year in a row, Ginger Bauman had the women's high aggregate score as did Ned Dunn for the seniors. Nice shooting everyone. Somewhere in this newsletter you should find the team scores. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary winter challenge shoot a great success.

Stands-in-Ants



**Aftermath to Bryan and Vern's camp after an early Friday morning hurricane.**



**From Classy Canvas Trader to Trailer Trash Trader all in one weekend.**



**Lunch time at the wind farm. Everyone enjoyed Dave's hot tasty goulash!**



**Junior Molina and his wheelchair.**



**Rabbit Hubenka waits for calm.**



**Ray gets help loading his capper.**



**The Three Lukowiak brothers at 50 yds.**



**Showing how Missourians set up a windbreak, Herb and Verlin “coach” Donnie**



**Scene of the gruesome 100 and 200 yard ranges. There's always next year.**



**The three top scorers: Ginger Bauman, Bryan Youngberg, and Ned Dunn**

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007  
When...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. : )
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list

AND NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself.

## Winter Challenge Shoot Results

Editor's Note: Photocopy is real poor, I re-typed, there may be errors.

#	Name and Team and Placing	Fer-du-lac	Bottles	6-Bull	5 Bull Buff	6-Bull Slug	Dbl Bull Buff	Sgl Bull Buff	Pistol	Single Bull	200	Total
	<b>Distance=</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	
1	Dave	43	42	39	30	45X	38	23X	31	30	8	329XX
2	Jake	39	44	43	26	26	44	17	33	29	0	301
3	Brian C.	36	22	38	6	25	35	30	21	23	9	245
4	Rod	42	37	38	21	34X	43	0	28	21	0	264X
5	Dane	43X	35	36	32	24	22	19	34	39	0	284X
	DCMA #1 <b>1<sup>st</sup> place team</b>											1423 4X
6	Herb Dannar	44	29	41X	36	18	45	16	34	10	21	294X
7	Verlin Dannar	46X	31	38	39	26	46	40	33	41	8	348X
8	Don Dannar	47	25	43	36	9	41	5	25	6	7	244
9	Rooster	42	28	35	0	44	16	16	31	13	14	239
10	Ron Abbott	44	33	32	25	35	40	13	38X	25	10	295X
	Old Blind Guy's <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place team</b>											1420xxx
11	Phil	45	20	40	12	40	15	5	35	12	0	224
12	Delbert	44	20	45	5	36	40	22	32	24	23	291
13	Jim	39	30	34	20	9	16	0	6	15	0	169
14	Magic	42	25	40	22	36	31	28	33	120	0	269
15	Ken Stack	34	18	24x	7	44	19	13	23	21	0	203x
	DCML #2											1156X
16	Misfire	37x	32	46	33	17	31	6	26	5	13	246C
17	Stagecoach	44x	15	35	13	28X	32	18	14	0	7	206xx
18	Cloud Dancer	44x	47	42xx	8	17	31	6	11	6	12	224xxx
19	Coyote Skinner	45	11	42	19	24	17	11	30	10x	14	223x
20	Ray Lawrence	40	28	40	19	16	27x	5	32	17	18	242x
	Bull shooters											11418x
21	Frank Ferguson	38	15	21	5	26	24	0	5	5	6	145
22	Jim Clark	38	32	13	7	8	9	13	28	15	6	169
23	Vince Lukowiak	27x	25	30	18	16	26	32	21	28	0	223x
24	Dave	43	20	39	13	25	41	0	23x	0	0	206x
25	Dan	42	15	28	11	24	0	17	31	7	0	175
												918XXX
26	Dave Lehto	40	20	34	25	24	35	12	25	12	8	235
27	Tony	45	35	35	22	36	31	0	6	0	0	206
28	Rabbit	43	35	41	32	37x	44	0	35	7	0	273x
29	Pat	45x	25	30	27	25	33	13	29	31	0	253x
30	Mike Corrigan	37	15	21	12	25	41	5	21	7	0	184
												1156xx

31	Vern Fauss	42	24	41	21	18x	36	19	32	32	22	287X
32	Jeff Williamson	43x	25	33	15	41	22	12	38	20	16	265X
33	Danis Obert	42xx	13	34	5	25	19	0	28	14	15	795xx
34	Bryan Y. <b>1<sup>st</sup> men</b>	40	34	43	26	36	39	34x	38x	27	36	353xxx
35	Roam Whitaker	44x	15	39	24	44x	15	10	27	20x	12	250xxx
	Platte Valley											1350 10x
36	Jeff McManus	37x	25	31	13	25	7	15	19	22	9	203x
37	Alan Royal	36	32	39	0	36	15	12	15	20	14	183
38	Sean Dunn	48	37	42	21	9	32	29	32	25	17	292
39	Mike Dunn	46	31	45	34	25	35	42	37x	18	24	337x
40	Ned Dunn <b>1<sup>st</sup> old geezer</b>	47xx	28	34	29	35x	34	18	26	41	14	306xxx
												1321 5x
51	Bill Morrison	42	37	34	9	35	30	33	23	8	0	251
52	Charlie Morrison	32x	0	36	16	8	47	8	21	19	0	144x
45	Jeff Hover	34	30	25	27	9	24	12	5	11	0	122
												572x
46	Nate Harp	15	17	11	0	16	24	5	5	0	0	93
47	Curdy S ?	33	20	34	20	26	0	6	20	0	0	159
48	Frank Keiz	32	23	13	13	16	16	0	0	8	0	121
	<b>Women</b>											
1	Jane Black	30	15	33	14	8	8	6	22	14	0	150
2	Judy Lawrence	42	25	30	10	18	7	24x	39	9	8	212x
3	? Miller	33	26	39	18	16	25	6	7	5	0	175
	Traveling Trollops											537x
6	Angie Dunn	43	32	23	8	19	42	0	0	6	13	186
7	Frankie	41	24	38	18	28	35	12	30	28	0	254
8	Ginger <b>1<sup>st</sup> women</b>	41x	32	43	21	36	23	19	24	20	21	280x
	Frankie's Fillies <b>1<sup>st</sup> Women's Team</b>											720x
42	Connie	35	10	19	6	18x	0	0	5	6	8	107x
44	Amanda	20	20	18	8	17	22	0	0	0	0	105
13	Brooke	36	15	30	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	110



## COPPER LADY'S VITTLES

Winter cooking is especially trying, or rather challenging at times. But the heat of the fire warms the cook as well cooking as the food. Stew is nearly a meal in one dish, although bread or fresh vegetables can add variety to the menu.

**Deer Stew** – The Old-Fashioned Dutch Oven Cookbook, by Don Holm.

Neck meat and other lean parts make good stew. Be sure they are without hair or fat. To increase tastiness, some folks like to marinade venison in wine or mile vinegar the day before cooking.

Cut meat into small pieces and dredge in flour. Brown in a hot Dutch oven in melted suet and remove. Saute a slice onion and minced clove of garlic for several minutes. Return meat to the pot with enough boiling water to form a thick stew.

Season with salt, pepper, thyme, parsley, and diced celery. Simmer for one to two hours, depending on the amount of meat, then add cut potatoes and several small onions and cook a half hour longer.

Make gravy from the juices to serve over meat and vegetables.

A bread which would go well would be **Old Bachelor Biscuits** from Home of the Range, A Culinary History of the American West, by Cathy Luchetti

1 Quart flour

2 tsp cream of tartar

1/4 Tbsp soda

Enough milk to bring flour to consistency of bread dough.

Mix flour and cream of tartar well together; dissolve soda in the milk, and pour into the flour. Bake immediately in well-greased Dutch oven. Water may be substituted for the milk, adding a spoon of lard for richness.

Enjoy!

## **WSMLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIOGRAPHY**

### **GINGER BAUMANN**

**Hello, my name is Ginger Baumann and I was elected to the WSMLA Board of Directors at the Convention this last January. I live in Douglas, Wyoming, and have been there for 30 years. My husband, who you might know as “Rooster”, and I have 5 children; Dawn Patterson, 38; Angie Sewalson, 28; Amy Gruwell, 28; Leonard Zahrowski, 26 and Michael Zahrowski, 24. We also have seven grandchildren; Amanda Patterson, 16; Weston Mason, 15; Brooke Mason, 12; Hailey Patterson, 11; Anna Sewalson, 6; Noah Sewalson, 2; and Raygen Zahrowski, 3 months.**

**I work at the Converse County Bank in Douglas and have been employed there for 14 years, first as a Teller and for the last 3 years in the Bookkeeping Department. My husband Rooster works at Rio Tinto Energy America as a Project Manager for the Antelope Coal Mine north of Douglas.**

**I first got into muzzle loading when Rooster took me to the Sheridan Pie Shoot about six years ago. It was there that I shot a muzzle loader for the first time, and that's all it took for me to fall in love with shooting muzzle loading guns. I mostly like to shoot percussion guns at this time. Rooster and I have been rendezvousing since 1997. My first rendezvous was at Vipond Park, Montana, that year. I love stepping back in time to taste a bit of history and the amazement of our forefather's and mother's life style when they ventured in to the frontier so long ago. Rooster opened up a new passion for me the day he taught me how to shoot a muzzle loader. I jump for joy each time we go to a muzzle loading shoot. Rooster taught me the art of building a muzzle loading gun when, together, we made the “Silver Moose”, the .40 caliber muzzle loader that I shoot. The friends that I have made over the past 6 years are so heart warming and fun to be around that they have blessed me with many happy memories.**

**Rooster and I are members of the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders, the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association for 5 years, the NRA, the NMLRA, NWTF, Elk Federation, and SCI and I have held the office of Secretary and Treasurer for the Douglas Trap Club for 4 years. I was chosen to serve the WSMLA as Secretary at the recent Convention in Casper during the first meeting after my election.**

**I think that the WSMLA does a good job promoting and encouraging muzzle loading shooting for all ages, informing members and the public of it's activities around the state with their different affiliated clubs, and most of all, connecting all the clubs together with a common goal, that of passing on the history and joy of shooting muzzle loading guns. As a goal for the future I would hope that it would be to *PERSEVERE*!! Never give up!! This is a historic lifestyle worth passing on to future generations no matter how few! Ginger**

# **Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Assn. Bench Rest Shoot**

Hosted by the Platte Valley Muzzle Loaders at the Stuckenhoff Shooters Complex Muzzle  
Loading Range  
**June 9-10, 2007**

## **Schedule**

Saturday Noon-5PM

Sunday 8AM-Noon

## **Matches**

### **Aggregate**

50 Yd 6 Bull 8 Ring Black

75 Yd Musket Target

100 Yd Single bull 8 Ring black

Long Range Standard 200 yd target

### **Reentry Matches-Bench**

50 yd 6 Bull 7 Ring Black

75 yd X target

100 yd Single bull 7 ring black

Rifle-Long Range 50 yd pistol target

Pistol 50 yard bull

Muzzleloading Schuetzen –reentry

50 yard off hand

100 yard bench

## **25 yd Dbl Bull Buff Traveling Trophy Target-Off Hand**

### **Fees:**

Aggregate \$10

Reentry targets \$1 each

### **Rules:**

1. Fore end of the rifle to be supported by rest, butt stock supported by shooter.
2. No optics permitted except for by use of the range officer.
3. Posted targets must be shot during a single relay
4. Open Iron sights only.
5. Aggregate must be shot with the same gun.
6. Must be a member of WSMLA.
7. Usual safety rules apply.

Camping permitted on the site. Little wood, no shade, no water, fires may be an issue.

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## 2007 National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association's

*Western National Shoot by: Charlie Morrison*

My father and I made our trip down through Park City, Utah to Provo. We found out this was a big mistake on our part because the canyon was both crowded and slow. From there we followed the interstate until we reached a town called Fillmore, where we stayed the night at the Apple Creek Inn. This was a real nice hotel. We got up and started down the interstate again where we missed the turn at Cedar City (It was my dad's fault). Instead of turning around though, we keep going until we reach a town called Hurricane, Utah.

At Hurricane we got off the interstate and headed east, what we didn't know is that by taking this route we would drive straight through the middle of Zion National Park. We had to pay \$25.00 to get in and make our way through the park. Although the park was beautiful, the road was winding and slow. There was a really long tunnel that was pretty cool. Finally we exited the park and made our way toward Page, Arizona.



Just before we reached the town of Page we came upon the Glen Canyon Dam and stopped to enjoy the scenery. We then followed the road from Page down to Flagstaff where I nearly give my dad a heart attack while driving. The road between Page and Flagstaff was very boring even though it goes right through the Painted Desert. Flagstaff was very nice because it reminded me of the Big Horn Mountains around Worland. Both the trees and scenery were very similar.



About half way between Flagstaff and Phoenix you begin to notice the cactus. It really is amazing how huge some of them are and how frequently you see them. We arrived in Phoenix and checked into the hotel for the night. In the morning my father and I made our way to Ben Avery Shooting Complex about 25 miles north of Phoenix. This place was huge, not to mention about as pretty as a desert could be.

We registered at the main building and got our first load of targets. Then we walked over to the small bore range located at the Far East side of the complex, this is where most of the paper shooting was taking place (except for the bench and pistol matches.) It was a beautiful day for shooting with no wind and just the perfect temperature under the shade of the canopy. We both shot fair, but nothing real special. On the second day, Thursday, the weather was also very pleasant. We both got a lot of shooting in and were able to keep our scores fairly high. Even though we started good, we soon got worse because we started to get tired.

While we were down there we ran into a few other people from Wyoming, including Ron Abbott from Gillette and Mike Penz from Cheyenne. Both drove down for the week.



Mike Penz



Ron Abbott

On Friday, things started to get a little interesting. All day the wind was howling and the wind chill made it very cold. My father and I shot pistol, the running boar, and archery. I made everybody at the pistol range nervous. It was as if they had never seen a junior shoot pistol. At first, they treated me like I was incompetent, then they realized I wasn't and lightened up a bit. Next, was archery. That was a big mistake. The course was trails that lead up and down the side of a hill. Although it was just breezy down below, when we reached the top, the wind was much fiercer. My dad broke two arrows and lost one. We attempted to shoot, but soon realized that our efforts were futile. Finally, we did the running boar. The running boar is a paper target that travels from left to right then right to left. It was difficult but fun.



Running Boar



Archery Course

On Saturday, my father and I shot primitive and I threw the hawk and knife. The Mountain Man Aggregate consisted of four metal targets, a split ball, hawk, knife and the fire starting. It was short and simple. Then I did hawk and knife and got ten points in each. That night I went with my cousins to the Arizona State High School Basketball game. That was a lot of fun.

Sunday was the last day we had to shoot. My father and I re-shot our running boar, then, we just finished the targets that we had already bought. When we were done shooting, we went down to trader's row and had a look around. There were quite a few traders with a wide variety of items. My father purchased an inkle loom and a nice lady by the name of Jan Wilson out of Flagstaff, Arizona was kind enough to show us how to work it. That night my father, Ron Abbott, and I went and visited some guys from California. One man had pickled green beans and asparagus. It was delicious.

Monday morning they held an awards ceremony. Ron Abbott and I both came home with a lot of medals and even my dad came home with a couple. We came back through Paige again. We stayed the night in this tiny town between Paige and Nephi called Panguitch. Motel not recommended this time☹ We got up in the morning and headed for the Interstate. By the time we reached Nephi we were in the middle of a blizzard. We stopped at a gas station and I accidentally broke the windshield wipers with my super human strength so we spent a couple of hours at the local Ford dealership. It snowed all the way home. South Pass was a disaster, we could barely even see and the roads were very slick. We made it home by ten o'clock, but it felt more like twelve.

We learned a lot from this trip, not only about shooting but about traveling as well. I'm sure this experience will be with me the rest of my life and that I will have the pleasure to make the trip again. Charlie Morrison

**The Reverend Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.**

**As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!**

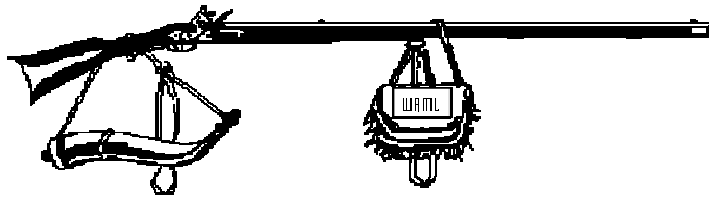
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**The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."**

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**The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"**

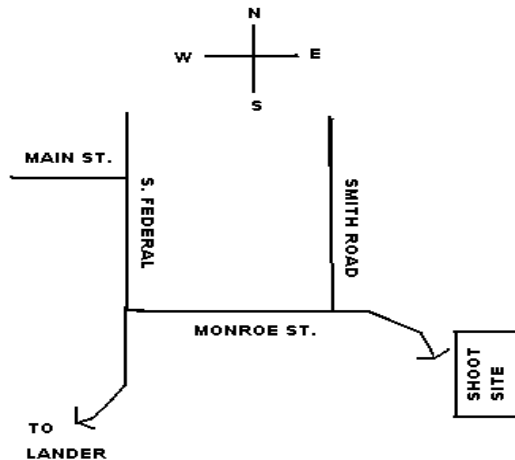
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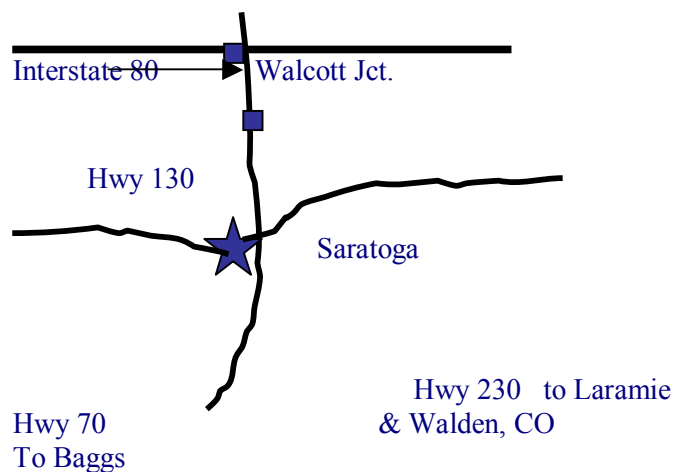
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