



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Howdy, Merlin Pardes and all our Patrons!

Boy, never let it be said the Marauders take a break! Just because another club hosted their annual match at the range on our traditional first Saturday pre-empting us from shooting, the club still had a great time participating and shootin' it up in a custom float (and with Sweetwater black powder blanks) at the Cave Junction Labor Day Parade (with a lot of advance coordinatin' by Mountain Grizz and Long Henry as well as a ton of prep work by them and a host of dedicated MM cowboys and cowgirls).

Enjoy this wonderful photo of our stalwart team and custom float. PS We won the award for Best Float by a Club or Organization. Come, join in the fun next year!



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tues. Oct 11thth @ 6:00 PM

At the Black Forest Family Restaurant at 829 NE "E" Street,
in the Grants Pass Shopping Center near Staples.
Come early for dinner! (5:00 PM or so)

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, October 1st.

Sign-in - 9:00 to 9:30; **Safety Mtg.** - 9:30; **First shot** - 10:00

Setup on Friday morning 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Take I-5 to exit 61 and North on frontage road to
Josephine County Sportsman's Park.

CONTINUING RANGE SAFETY NOTICE! Snake Season is still upon us!
LOOK before you step and especially before you reach down.

The Prez Sez (continued)

And remember, September 23 is the premiere of the re-imagining of the classic film, “The Magnificent Seven.” While the cast looks pretty cool, my interest is in if its score will match up to Elmer Bernstein’s original masterpiece. Well, it’ll have a great chance as proven film composer James Horner finished an amazing and eerily appropriate 7 main instrumental pieces before his untimely death in June last year. In any event, enjoy this promo shot. See ya at the movies!



Eds. Note: As you can see from the credits box on page 1, it now takes three of us to put out this newsletter whereas it only took the dedicated efforts of one dedicated partner, Sweetwater Jack, to produce this tome every month for the past several years. Our hats – and those of everyone in the club past and present – are off to the big guy and he has our continued and deepest thanks and respect.

Ride Easy,
— Britt

News...News...News

MM Membership Update: Our membership stands at 52. I would like to welcome three new members 32 Bit Bill, Tween the Eyes, and Calamity Jones. **Welcome aboard!**

Cave Junction Parade: Thanks to all of you who participated in the Lions Club Cave Junction Parade. I know that President Britt already thanked everyone who helped with the Covered Wagon Float, (especially Grizz, Daisy, Calvin, New Hope, Long Henry, Maverick, Molly) but it is noteworthy mentioning that a special embroidered patch will be affixed to the canvas top of the covered wagon citing Sweetwater Jack for special shooting effects. We have approved participation in the 2017 parade and hope a lot more of you plan to join us. We had a blast!

2016 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party: Please mark your calendars for the 2016 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party scheduled for December 10th, 2016, at the Black Forest Restaurant. Plan on the “Steal A Gift” and the Toys For Tots drive donations. As usual, the food will be outstanding.

Merlin Marauder Officer Nominations: President Britt has appointed the 2016 Nominating Committee. Members are Merlin Maverick, Queen of Clubs, and Ima Loden. Two Year Term Offices up for election are President, Match Director, Secretary/Membership, and one (1) Director. Anyone interested in being placed on the ballot, please contact any one of the three committee members. Nominations will open in both October and November, with committee nominations brought to the floor, as well as nominations from the floor at each respective meeting. Votes will be finalized at the December Merlin Marauder meeting. If candidates are running unopposed, they will be declared duly elected in December and installed in January.

2017 Annual Match:



The 2017 Battle of Rogue River is a GO! Mark your calendars for May 19, 20, and 21, 2017. Those of you who have attended in the past know we will have tons of fun events scheduled including costume contests, Friday's potluck, the Ladies Tea, side matches, Wild Bunch and Plainsman matches, vendors, and we always offer lots of shooter prizes. The 2017 theme will be "Western Film Comedies" which should make for some hilarious fun and creative stage scenarios. We are hoping that our match schedule will allow participants to attend both the Battle of Rogue River and then proceed to True Grit for the following weekends. So...Mark those calendars. Watch for updates on our website at merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership \$25
Family* Membership \$35
**Family is defined as all living under one roof*
For membership issues and information call: Molly b'Dam @ (541) 479-2928

Complete new/renewal application and mail to: Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass Oregon 97528

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member \$10
Additional MM Family Adults \$5 each
Individual Non-MM Member \$13



October Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Long Henry Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Bear Bone
Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Britt

MONTHLY MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

There was no match in September but one heck of a parade!

So...

Come and Shoot in our October Match

- And see your name posted here for all to enjoy and envy!

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

TG Bear Bone Smith reported on the following scenario:

A shooter is on the stage shooting his stage and the timer operator, during the stage while timing, drops his own revolver on the ground. The call that was made is a Stage DQ against the Timer Operator. Was that correct?

No. According to Pale Wolf, the scenario resulted in a **NO CALL** and the same for spotter and target setter. According to Pale Wolf, the "dropped firearm" applies only to the "shooter's firearms" on the firing line (as defined in RO I, page 34). If the Timer Operator or anyone else drops a firearm that had been handed off before being cleared at the unloading table, the appropriate penalties would apply (SDQ/MDQ).

Happy trails from your pard,

Bear Bone Smith, Territorial Governor

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