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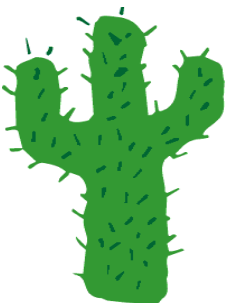
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## “Pursuit into the Osage Nation” June 11-12 2011



### Special points of interest:

- How much cattle did you say? -See page 4
- Who said “it ain’t about dying I’m taking about – it’s about living?” - Page 2
- Who was the famous Outlaw *Blue Duck’s* lover? - See page 5
- Who was “Chief Thunder Cloud”? - Page 6
- What famous 1920’s cowboy is featured at Woolaroc? - See page 3



Greetings all! Wow - did we have a great time at Woolaroc - YES!!!

We had 52 shooters attend our very first shoot at Woolaroc and I heard many comments about how beautiful the location was and how much fun it was. Oh, the other thing I heard was "who was the &&%\$### that put those targets so far out there"! Some of them were a challenge but they weren't

"that" hard!

The Mountain Men made us feel welcome as well as the management and staff of Woolaroc. In fact, Woolaroc donated a T-Shirt to EVERY shooter and 20% off at the gift shop. And they want us to come back next year! I picked up 15 t-shirts for those who were not able to get to the gift shop. I will bring them to the shoot on

Saturday. We raised \$300.00 from the "buy a miss" sales and donations that will be donated back to Woolaroc as a "thank you"!

There were about 15 trailers and campers that stayed the weekend and we were awakened every morning with a little bit of rain and the Longhorns

Woolaroc continued:

moving through camp! They just ignored us while we snapped a bunch of pictures. The buffalo stayed away but the Sitka deer and their babies were plentiful. The young and young at heart took advantage of the fishing. Ask *Illinois Kid* to see the picture of his 5lb bass - which he threw back. Some of the kids even went swimming in the lake. We had about 25 people for movie & popcorn night where we watched the new *True Grit* movie on an outside screen. Most everyone stayed awake but it had been a long hard day setting everything up so some were heard snoring during the movie! Speaking of pictures - ask *Longhorn Rustler* to see his pictures of the Elk swimming in the lake - their antlers stuck up several feet above the water!



As soon as the shoot started Saturday morning we had visitors that came to see the Mountain Men and got to discover Cowboy Action Shooting! *Halapeno Charlie* ran the visitors booth where he had many examples of guns and equipment. He helped all that want to shoot see what it was like. He says he had between 50 - 60 shooters and over 100 people who just wanted information. He was a great ambassador for our club and sport!

We also were fortunate to have *Iron Bear & Neeter Bear* and *Rowdy Jim Doolin & Ima Sandy Storm* bring their fine horses and put on a Cowboy Mounted Shooting exhibition. Most people there had never see such a thing! It was pretty exciting! I got to enjoy some of it while we were eating BBQ buffalo burgers for lunch.



Saturday evening we all gathered for a great meal and then awards were given out. For those who weren't just exhausted there was still time for visiting and bragging! Congrats to *Montana Dan* - our overall match winner! *Creek County Kid* came up just short of his brag - but just by a little bit!

The side matches were held on Sunday and we were blessed with great cool weather! The Mountain Men got into the action and shot all of the Side Matches - thanks to *Harold Davis* and

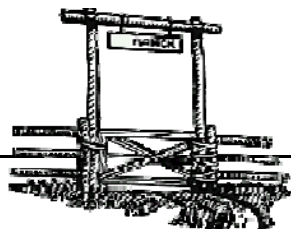
others for making it a great experience for them. Once the match was over there was time for shopping in the gift shop and visiting the museum.

I will be posting pictures on our website this week so keep checking it often. *Tonakawa Jingles* (who took the group photo) will also have pictures on his web site for you to view <http://www.tonkawajingles.fotki.com/>

All of this fun couldn't have happened with out a lot of hard work by our club members. They really are the best example of the "Spirit of the Game"!



-Catoosa Red



"It ain't about dying I'm talking about—it is about living"  
—Gus, Lonesome Dove



**UTTERS FREIGHT STATION  
ITSASS @ RED CASTLE  
NOVEMBER, 2010**

Utters Freight Station is a local favorite for the citizens of *Buzzard Gulch*. It's named from the high amount of milking cows that have passed through her corrals on their way to the fields and pastures of farms and ranches in NE Oklahoma.

Utters Station has a strong background in shipping freight of all kinds dating back to the earliest days of the "Indian Nations". It's owner, Johnson "tits" McGee started the freighting company after a lackluster attempt at being a cowboy. Johnson had a special hankering for the ladies (hence the nickname) which lead to his un-timely death at the hands of a local farmer in 1893. A picture of Johnson and fellow cowboy Tommy "handsome" Duke are shown here. "Tits" is seen with the black shirt.



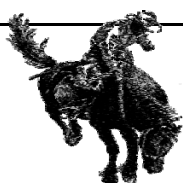
Utters' freight shipments helped supply outpost like Perry OK, Anadarko, and Bartlesville. Shipments were made by wagon and by train. Freight not only include supplies but mineral ore such as coal and farming goods—grain, tools, and wood.

Soon after the birth of *Tulsa Town* the freight company came upon hard times. Local bandits brought lawmen into the town and

frequent gun battles were fought here. Due to the rough terrain, undergrowth and trees, the fighting was often heated and required a skillful hand.

Cowboy Shooters today must deal with longer distances, and a variety of targets to maintain a good score. Keen eyes are required as cover is often hard to find on this stage.

Look for high scoring and quick turnaround at Utters Freight at this years "Ruckus in the Nation"



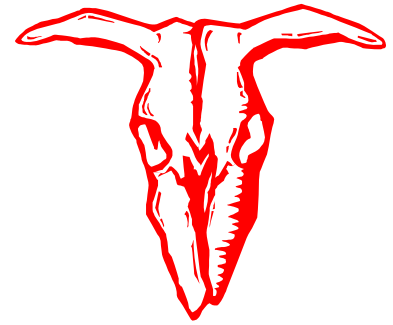


NEW SHOOTER - MANKILLER  
ITSASS @ RED CASTLE  
JUNE 18, 2011

## New Shooters For June 2011

We had a busy month in June for shooting—and frankly a bunch of folks turned out to shoot at Woolaroc and our monthly matches.

For our June 18th shoot we were excited to have *Mankiller* and *Brooklyn* from Kansas—*Topper* joined as well and their grand-daughter *Brooklyn*! She loves watermelon by the way!



**Did you know that there was 8.5 million cattle in Texas, 2 million plus in Kansas, and 1 million + in Montana, New Mexico and Colorado by the year 1886?**

From the western side of the state we had *Roys's Creek Dan* and *Lee Roy Rogers* (Not shown). While not a "new" shooter it was good to see *One-Eye Ota* join us in good health!

Thanks to all the shooters and we look forward to seeing you all on the range!



## MATCH WINNERS FOR JUNE



ONE EYE OTA  
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SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011

Match winners for June

Woolaroc - *Montana Dan*—Hurray!

June 18th—*Lee Roy Rogers*—Whoopie!

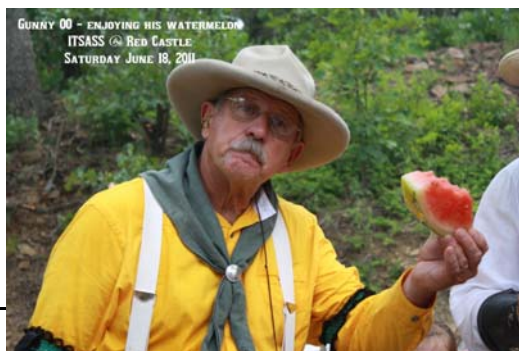
June 22—*Gunny*  
OO— Sweet!



MONTANA DAN  
ITSASS @ RED CASTLE  
SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011



ROY'S CREEK DAN & CATY...  
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SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2011



GUNNY OO - ENJOYING HIS WATERMELON  
ITSASS @ RED CASTLE  
SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011



The need to ship cattle to the Osage was a major impetus in railroad building. The Osage Nation soon was crossed by the Santa Fe, the Midland Valley (the two crossing in Pawhuska), the Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Katy) and the Frisco. Branch lines later were built to supply the oilfields.

The county's rails are now memory. But in their heyday the railroads disgorged thousands upon thousands of head of cattle onto the rich prairie each year. *Buzzard Gulch* was one of the nation's largest point for off-loading and re-loading. One report said the land was so rich that cattle came in 40 to the cattle car but the same car could only hold 23 when they were shipped out.

County rail service began in 1902 with the completion of two lines by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. The main line ran from Osage City to *Buzzard Gulch* and then northeastward to Bartlesville, and the second track extended westward from Tulsa County to Osage City. The lone Midland Valley Railroad line reached northwestward from Tulsa into Kay County via Pawhuska in 1905-06.

Between 1900 and 1904 the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (AT&SF) built a line from Newkirk to Pauls Valley through western Osage County.

A second AT&SF line was constructed in the Burbank Field in 1922, and a third track completed between 1923 and 1927 entered the county near Hulah and ran southwestward to Osage Junction. The short line Osage Railway was built between 1922 and 1924 and connected Foraker, Shidler, and Lyman. All of these railroads were abandoned by 2000.

Cattlemen were attracted to the Osage Reservation long before statehood. They first negotiated grass leases with an Osage leasing committee in 1883. Cattle were transported by rail to depots nearest the lease, then were herded overland. Elgin, Kansas, situated along the Osage

County-Kansas state line, was the region's major shipping point until 1907. The Osage leased 431,640 acres in 1898 and 727,260 acres in 1901.

Shooters will have a variety of targets including pistol, rifle and shotgun all from a variety of locations along the depot's open windows and doors.

Careful attention to location and speed of firing will determine the champion at this year's "Ruckus". A future Oklahoma champion will be crowned as a result of fast acquisition of target selection and accurate tapping of the targets in this stage.

Will you be the one that steps into those boots?

Join us at Ruckus 2011!



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In the Spirit of the  
Old West!

Come find us on the  
Web-[www.itsass.net](http://www.itsass.net)



The Famous Chief Thunder Cloud played the faithful companion "Tonto" in the Lone Ranger Series



Halapeno Charlie—Editor

Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls—

Wow what a great weekend we had a Woolaroc—the 1st of many to come for *ITSASS*.

Many thanks to all the hard work by the many cowboys and cowgirls to make this event come to life. There were many days of preparation—target set up, take down, clean-up, movie night, and all the cooking+ cleaning to make this one of the most successful shoots in 2011.

From the historical perspective we witnessed two eras in the life of Woolaroc—the mountain man and of course our favorite—the old west. Sitting back at dinner on Saturday night I was thinking about the life and times of the folks in these eras and how they coped with daily life on the plains. To see the mountain men living history section and to think about our modern day requirements it is a testament to the will and determination of those pioneers.

From the beginning Oklahoma has played a significant role in the life and times of cowboys—from the earliest days of life in the "Indian Nations" to the "Land Run" and our beginnings of Statehood. The pioneers, lawmen, and

**CAN YOU BELIVE IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS!  
CONGRATS TO ALL THE ITSASS SHOOTERS!**



## “Straight Shooter” –Woolaroc 2011

of course bandits surely marked Oklahoma as one of those places to keep an eye on!

This is what makes Cowboy Action so exciting. Looking at our shooters we can see the full range of cowboys and cowgirls spanning the historical time line that we call the Old West.

Where else can you see frontiersmen, 49r's, town queens and soiled doves, marshals, villains, and cowboys / cowgirls from the silver screen—these are our Saturday hero's who shaped our lives as we grew up.

Of course when the dinner bell rings, our lives are brought together by the kindred spirit we all share; our conversations are lively, informative, and of course laced with the fun and lively exaggeration that comes with healthy competition.

Then there is the quiet time in

camp when the chatter dies to a low hum, folks are preparing for the night, and the wildlife once again take refuge in their spots.

How exciting is it to escape our daily grind and spend a few minutes watching God's creations make their way into our lives (and camp) wondering who these folks are?

This is what living on the prairie was all about; a hard day of work, coming together for dinner and then relaxing by the fire watching God' work at the end of the day !

That is what *ITSASS* is about as well.

See you on the range!