

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2008 Mid Year Update

Old North State Posse 2008 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2008 year has remained very active for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the first half of 2008.

- We added some new range equipment:
 - ONSP acquired a new utility trailer for use in moving equipment and props around the range so we do not continue to beat up the member's trucks. Thanks to Joe Danby for finding us a good deal on this acquisition. This was much needed. We have the trailer licensed so we can use it to run to the local stores as well.
 - We added a new drill/screw gun for use in putting up props for the monthly shoots.
- We have new club liability insurance coverage thru an organization that handles many SASS clubs. This new liability insurance now requires that we have all participants sign a waiver form indicating they are aware of the risks involved. We are now tracking who has a signed waiver on file with a new version of the SASS scoring software so that we only have to sign these waivers on an infrequent basis.
- We continued to cleanup the ONSP web site and make sure that information on the web site is current and the site operates as intended (we think we now have all of the links working as intended). As always, thanks to Camille Enoich for her continued support on this effort.
- A new set of official ONSP club by-laws was finally prepared and approved by the ONSP Board of Directors. These are available on the ONSP web site.
- Old North State Posse is now an officially sanctioned SASS club again. This does not require any club costs other than some paperwork identifying the current club contacts and validating you meet certain SASS club criteria – the liability insurance program being a major part of this.
- The club continues to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to support the annual NC State Championship match, The Uprising at Swearing Creek. ONSP works to stay engaged with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. members to ensure that the ONSP owned facilities and equipment are ready to support the annual state match. The North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. provides some compensation for the use of the ONSP club equipment so we need to make sure everything is ready for the annual match.
- ONSP had a number of club members who participated in the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. workday in July for building new props and repairing existing props at RCWA. The train received some much needed repair – the first renovation since it was originally constructed several years ago. The following were ONSP club members that were part of the work day crew:

Oklahoma Charlie
Island Girl
Dingo Dave
Six Gun Sallie
Salvador Dally
Myra Venge
Rubicon Rider
Four Finger Jon
Rocky River Jeb
Green-Eyed Indian
Buck Sage and his wife Tammy and children Kelci and Jeremy
Three Cut and Curt ? from W.V.
Tracker Mike
Perilous Patty
Southern Draw
J.M. Brown
Wicked Wanda
Red River Ray (who provided a full inventory of construction tools)
Whitehair Trigger (the master planner for this work day)

In addition, there were a number of other major contributors to this work day effort:

Splinter Hauser
Twelve Mile Bluff
Yukon Gal
Circle City Blondie
Southern Draw
Carolina Jack
Wireman

The efforts of this fine work force was much appreciated.

- ONSP continued cleaning up the prop storage area. We finally got all of the old scrap and prop junk in the dumpsters. The storage shed was emptied of some stuff that was either junk or simply not used. We now have a list of some other equipment that is no longer being used that we hope to “relocate” to a better home. See the surplus equipment list.
- The scoring software used by ONSP was again upgraded to a new release of the software (SASS Premier Scoring System). We now have the ability to track our club membership roles via our scoring software – this includes keeping up with who has signed waivers on file. We have also become more proficient at getting our match registration performed in a timely manner and for producing the final match scoring results. We do need to find some additional members that are interested in learning how to use the software to perform the monthly match registration and scoring process. If you are interested, please contact Tracker Mike.
- The ONSP Board of Directors continued working on stream lining the club operations. We have been successful at conducting most of the club business via a combination of electronic communication and a quick meeting at the end of the monthly matches when needed.
- The ONSP Board of Directors continues to evolve. Marshall Harland Wolff (Vice President) resigned during the first half of the year due to the demands of

his work and starting school again. The following is the ONSP Board of Directors as of the middle of 2008.

President: Oklahoma Charlie
Vice President: Joe Danby
Treasurer: Dingo Dave
Secretary: Tracker Mike
Board Member: Rocky River Jeb

Alternate: Kill em all Kate
Alternate: Open

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

REMEMBER!!!! The ONSP annual club membership meeting along with the Shoot for the Loot awards will be held after the December monthly match at the RCWA club house. All ONSP club members in attendance will have the opportunity to discuss any club related issues of interest and elect the club Board of Directors for 2009. A meal will be provided for all club members and Shoot for the Loot participants in attendance. Non-members are welcome to attend the gathering after the shoot as well for a meal fee (\$10).

Old North State Posse Plans for the Rest of 2008

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the remaining part of 2008? As usual we have a list of things we think that we need to eventually address. As you will notice, there are plenty of opportunities for club members to participate in some of the activities that it takes to keep ONSP operating effectively. Just get in touch with a Board of Director member if you see an activity with which you would like to assist.

- ONSP will continue to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to support the annual NC State Championship match, The Uprising at Swearing Creek, and help to make this a successful event.
- ONSP will run a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for the rest of 2008:
 - The October monthly match is the last month of The Shoot for the Loot program.
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the November monthly match date.

- The December monthly match is the awards ceremony for The Shoot for the Loot participants AND the annual ONSP membership meeting for electing your Board of Directors for the next year and deciding on club direction/priorities.

We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. They usually get together around 4 to 4:30 at the range.

- Would someone like to learn how to use our scoring software to do monthly match registration and scoring? We need some more participants. See Tracker Mike if interested.

- Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a monthly match?

- We will continue to look for opportunities for adding new props that are easy to use for the monthly shoots. Refurbish some of the existing props. Any volunteers??
- We will continue to look at opportunities to add additional shelter capacity for prop storage. Anyone have some cost effective options for our consideration?
- We will continue to evaluate the steel target inventory and replace as needed and/or add additional targets. We hope to get into a continuous replacement process with doing some each year.
- We will continue to look for ways to make the ONSP web site a bit more active – keep new information, pictures, etc. flowing through the site. We are now looking at reactivating the cowboy/cowgirl profile section of the web site.

ONSP Surplus Equipment List

In the process of cleaning up the ONSP prop storage area, we have identified some equipment that is no longer being used. We would like to find a new home for the following items:

- A full size trailer bed (single axle) with rollers for easy loading. This was used for moving the train cars before we installed eye bolts on the train car skids for towing them. First \$100 or best offer gets it.
- Large portable shelter – this was originally acquired for use at the old cowboy range at RCWA. This is not one of the pop up varieties. It has not been used since the new RCWA range facilities were built and the permanent shelters installed on each berm. No one remembers the dimensions. If we have any interest, we can look at putting it up at the range for inspection. Best offer gets it.