

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2009 Mid Year Update

Old North State Posse 2009 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2009 year has been very active time for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the first half of 2009.

- We have finished our annual membership process. The ONSP membership for 2009 currently stands at 67 members which is a new high for recent years. Thanks to all of the cowgirls and cowboys that joined this year and have helped make the first half of 2009 a successful one for ONSP.
- We have made numerous upgrades to the ONSP target inventory. With the most generous assistance of Sisco Ron, we have added some new steel that has increased our target inventory and allowed us to retire some older targets that were showing the effects of years of use. We also added two new shotgun poppers for launching those clay birds. These efforts will position the ONSP target inventory to support club activities for the foreseeable future.
- We ordered some of the foldable tables from Saddleburr Jack like those he built for use at Wagram in staging guns around stage props. They have been finished and we will be scheduling a pick up time for those.
- Tom Bullweed has provided a loaner gun cart for use at ONSP matches. It is kept in the equipment shed – look for the green cart with ONSP on it if you need to use it. We thought this might help a new shooter still trying to put together equipment.
- We continued cleaning up the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff cut down and getting rid of props that are no longer useable. We also finished going through all of the stuff in the storage shed and cleaning that up. We have a list of some 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 have been keeping up with the discussion around rank point vs total time scoring and making sure we understand how to use the scoring software to do either method. We have additional help learning how to use the software to perform the monthly match registration and scoring process. As always, thanks to Six Gun Sallie and Perilous Patty for their help. In addition, Hugh Damwright and Colorado Aspen are now providing some additional help. If you are interested, please contact Tracker Mike.
- We have managed to dodge a lot of wet weather in the first half of the year to get in 6 successful monthly matches.

- We held a CAS orientation session the last Sunday of June. We had lots of volunteers show up to assist but the hot weather limited the number of new people to take advantage of all of this most excellent CAS expertise. We think we will make another attempt in cooler weather. Thanks to all those that helped (the ones I can remember anyway): Oklahoma Charlie, Island Girl, Joe Danby, Rubicon Rider, Myra Venge, Capt. JEB Forrest, Layden, Lean Gene, Buck Sage, Rocky River Jeb, Green Eyed Indian, Perilous Patty and Tracker Mike.

Old North State Posse Plans for Second Half of 2009

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the second half of 2009 and beyond? 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 in 2009 – Nov. 5 – 8.
 - This will include a work day or two to get the props and equipment ready. Keep an eye open for a notice on the workday.
 - ONSP will again be providing a derringer to the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to award or raffle as they see fit.
- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for the rest of 2009:
 - The October monthly match is the last month of The Shoot for the Loot program.
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP November monthly match date. This will be Nov. 5 – 8 .
 - After the December monthly match, 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. A meal will be provided for a minimal charge – Shoot for the Loot participant’s meals are covered. Please plan on attending (details are still being worked out so stay tuned) – your input for the next year is needed and appreciated.

- Monthly match opportunities:
 - 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? Always looking for some more participants. See Tracker Mike if interested.
 - Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a monthly match? Just remember that if you write stages, you will need to be available to set them up.

- 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 are currently working on an Old North State Posse sign to mount on the equipment shed. We thought this would provide some free recognition for the club at both the NC State Championship and normal range traffic during the year.
- We will continue to look for some opportunities to add some new props to the ONSP inventory and repair some of the existing stuff. Probably will schedule some repair work as part of the preparations for the NC State Championship.
 - We would like to create some new horse props on which we could mount some saddles for use in that shooting from horseback experience.
 - We are looking for someone to weld a couple of shotgun targets that need a bit of repair.
- 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 still looking at reactivating the cowboy/cowgirl profile section of the web site and finding a way to post photos of club activities.

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. Best offer gets it – this includes an offer to just remove it – lol.
- There are 12 (plus or minus a couple) surplus steel targets still available for sale – these are well experienced targets of the smaller variety. Check with Oklahoma Charlie on availability and price.

From the ONSP Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of the ONSP membership and those non-members as well who have provided their support to make this a successful first half of 2009 for ONSP !!

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