

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2010 Mid Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2010 year continued to be a 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 2010.

- We have once again finished our annual membership process. The ONSP membership for 2010 currently stands at 62 members which is down a few from last year. Thanks to all of the cowgirls and cowboys that joined this year and have helped support ONSP.
- We have continued with upgrades to the ONSP target inventory as a result of the continued assistance Sisco Ron. We now have enough steel available to handle all of the NC State Match target requirements. We will continue to adjust the target inventory as we have opportunities. We need to take a look at our target stands. We have far more targets than stands at this point – this is only an issue for larger shoots.
- We have initiated some major prop updates for ONSP. We have decided to focus on two prop initiatives. First, we have started refurbishing the train cars. We are trying to get that finished for the NC State Match. Second, we are going to fabricate enough of the light weight frames with fabric building fronts (provided by Six String Jimmy) to allow us to run a monthly match with the light weight frames in all bays. We actually used a prototype setup for a couple of matches that you may have seen. This should provide ONSP with two sets of props that we can easily deploy and tear down for monthly matches.
- We have also started the work to extend the shed on the back of the ONSP equipment building. We need some expanded capability to store some of the props and equipment so they are out of the weather.
- The ONSP web site (www.oldnorthstateposse.com) is now fully supported by Hugh Damwright. HD reactivated the shooter profile capability of the ONSP web site – contact HD about getting your profile added to the site. If you have suggestions for the ONSP web site, please let HD know.
- A refurbished computer (with Windows 7) for the RCWA club house has been put together with the help of Perilous Patty's son. This will be installed before the August match. This provides a computer capable of running the latest OS and software. ONSP will continue to provide computer resources for use by the different RCWA shooting venues that need scoring help.

- We replaced a timer that malfunctioned at the NC State match. We subsequently found out that we could get the malfunctioning timer repaired for a nominal fee and so we had that one repaired as well. As part of dealing with the timer vendor to replace and repair timers, we found that a number of old timers we had retained were no longer supported by the vendor – they were surprised that some of these were still in working order. We subsequently held a drawing at a monthly match to get rid of the old timers. We now have a set of timers that are identical and still supported by the vendor.
- We continued cleaning up the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff killed and cut down and getting rid of props that are no longer useable. It should be pointed out that ONSP is responsible for keeping the grounds around all of our props and equipment cleaned up. RCWA mows the general area but does not do trim work around the various club equipment sheds. We need some help with this trim work during the summer months.
- We have added some additional help learning how to use the software to perform the monthly match registration and scoring process. As always, thanks to Colorado Aspen, Sixgun Sallie and Perilous Patty for their help. In addition, Hugh Damwright continues providing some additional help in both maintaining the scoring software and monthly match support as needed. As always, we continue to look for help in this area so if you are interested, please contact Tracker Mike. Help in this area is much appreciated !
- We now have a new sign provided by Six String Jimmy for use at the RCWA club house on ONSP monthly match day. We thought this would help new match attendees to locate the match signup location.
- The weather has been a real challenge for the first half of 2010 but we only had one month that we decided to cancel due to icy/muddy conditions in the bays. It seemed we were either wet and cold or just plain hot.
- ONSP had a presence at a couple of local gun shows in the spring – Charlotte and Greensboro.
- We held a successful new cowboy action shooter orientation session this spring. We had a nice turn out of ONSP member help and a good number of potentially new shooters. Some of the attendees have subsequently joined ONSP and started shooting. We will try and make this an annual spring event – tentative date for 2011 is the fourth Sunday afternoon in March (27 March).
- We sold the last of the ONSP badge supply in June. We have ordered a new supply of badges that should be available in Sept. The price (\$50 - which is our cost) for an ONSP badge will remain the same as it has been for several years. If you would like an ONSP badge, please let Tracker Mike or Joe Danby know.

Old North State Posse Plans for Second Half of 2010

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the second half of 2010 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.

- Based on ONSP membership feedback, we will continue efforts to improve on recruiting new shooters and helping introduce them to cowboy action shooting. Please be aware of our new shooters and help them feel comfortable and assist them as needed with learning all of the ins and outs of cowboy action shooting. The more assistance we provide, the quicker they adjust and enjoy the fun.
- 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 2010 – Nov. 4 – 7. 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(s). Also remember that in 2011 the NC State Match will move to the first weekend in June so we will only have about 6 months after the 2010 event to get ready for the 2011 event.
- Finish refurbishing the train cars. This needs to be completed prior to the NC State Match. We have completed putting new platforms under all of the train cars. We are currently putting new treated plywood siding on all of the train cars. We will then need to repaint and trim the train cars.
- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2010:
 - 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. 4 – 7 .
 - 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 nominal fee. Please plan on attending– your input for the next year is needed and appreciated. If you have an interest in serving on the ONSP Board of Directors, please contact Tracker Mike – it helps to know who is interested as opportunities arise.

- 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 on Friday afternoon.
- We will continue to evaluate additional upgrades to the ONSP steel inventory. We need to evaluate the target stand inventory with our increased target inventory and see what is needed. Our number one priority with regard to target inventory is to rebuild the target storage shelves in the ONSP equipment shed. The existing target storage shelving was not intended to handle the number of targets now stored. New shelving plans have been prepared and the shelves will be fabricated for installation when we can schedule a work crew to remove the target inventory and put it back after the installation.
- We will continue to look for some opportunities to add some new props to the ONSP inventory and repair some of the existing stuff. We will schedule some repair work as part of the preparations for the NC State Match.
- Do a bit of electrical work in the ONSP equipment shed to provide an electrical outlet on the inside of the shed so that we can plug in various equipment chargers as needed.

ONSP Surplus Equipment List

- Nothing currently available.

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 2010 for ONSP !! Again the ONSP Board does appreciate the feedback from the membership on what is working and what is not working.

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