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**OCTOBER**  
**2024**

**THE HOWLER**  
**At 5 Dogs**  
**Latest News, Updates & More**

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**The Mayor's Anvil:**  
**Forging Understanding**  
**By Mayor Fordyce Beals**

**Winchester Centennial**  
**Model 1876**

**45-75 WCF**

While the Model 73 was a remarkable success, and the .38 and .44 WCFs were considered by many to be adaptable for most North American big game, it was obvious to Winchester company executives that they needed larger, more robust cartridge designs to compete with the single shots of the era, including Sharps, Ballard, Bullard, et al., that at the very least were suitable for the Government .45-70, namely the 500-grain cartridge with 70 grains of black powder.

The solution turned out to be a somewhat larger version of the Model 73 that at the outset was chambered for the .45-75 WCF with a 350-grain cartridge containing 75 grains of powder in a 17/8-inch case. Called the Centennial Rifle for its debut on the 100th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, Winchester attempted to accommodate the government cartridge, but the basic design features incorporated from the

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Model 73 weren't strong enough to safely contain the larger 2.1-inch copper case. At that, the .45-75 load that generated 1,343 fps was close enough to the government 405-grain load to satisfy public demands.

The Winchester Model 1876, or Centennial Model, was a heavier-framed rifle than the Models 1866 and 1873, chambered for full-powered centerfire rifle cartridges suitable for big-game hunting, rather than the handgun-sized rimfire and centerfire rounds of its predecessors. While similar in design to the 1873, the 1876 was based on a prototype 1868 lever-action rifle that was never commercially produced by Winchester. Introduced to celebrate the American Centennial Exposition, the Model 1876 earned a reputation as a durable and powerful hunting rifle.





Considering the short production period, it is relatively rare to find documentation of *Model 76 Winchesters* use. One such adventure that saw the M76 in action was with the posse that tracked down the Diablo Canyon train robbers in the Arizona and Utah Territories, circa 1889. Posse members included Yavapai County Sheriff William “Buckey” O’Neill with an M86 and the three other members with M76 rifles.



*The Diablo Canyon Posse included Carl Holton (1), Jim Black (2) and Ed St. Clair (4) with Model 76 Winchesters. Sheriff William "Buckey" O'Neill (3) holds a Model 86.*

Legend has it that O'Neill, one of the co-founders of the Arizona Rough Riders that went to Cuba to fight the Spanish with Roosevelt, had his horse shot out from under him during the long trek in pursuit from the site of the robbery in north-central Arizona to Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River. The robbers were eventually subdued in Utah and shipped back by train to Prescott, the one-time capital of the Arizona Territory. Epic westerns have been made by lesser stories of daring do.

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Unfortunately, the Winchester 1886—with its smoother action and coveted .45-70 Gov't chambering—doomed the Model '76, which was discontinued in 1897 with 63,871 guns produced. Until recently, the guns often languished at gun shows, overshadowed by more romanticized Winchesters. But rising prices have redirected attention to the Model '76, which in recent years has dramatically escalated in value. In the 1980s a 60 percent Model 76 fetched less than \$1,000. Today, a current catalog estimates a 60 percent early Second Model Sporting Rifle at \$5,000 to \$7,500.



S/N 29758, .50-90 caliber, 28 inch extra heavy barrel  
Winchester Model 1876 Deluxe. Case hardened receiver, set  
trigger, checkered pistol grip stock, original tang and beeches  
folding front sight, original barrel sight, factory swivels. Circa  
1882. Sold at auction for \$26,550



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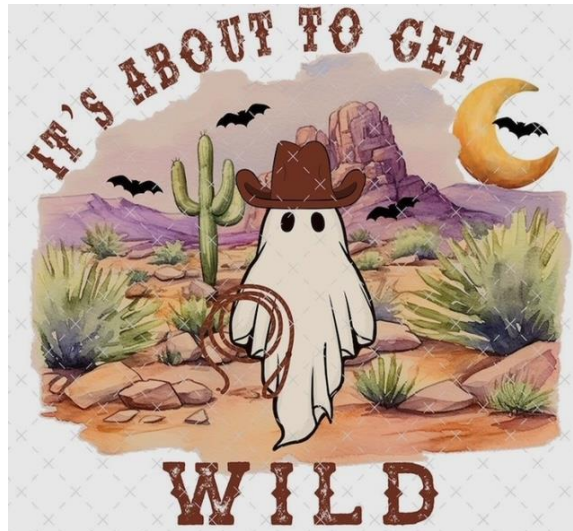
# **OCTOBER**

## **Shooting Schedule:**

Office opens at 8:00  
Shooter's meeting 8:30

Saturday, OCTOBER 5  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, OCTOBER 6  
9:00 a.m.



### **2024 MATCH**

#### **CALENDAR**

**OCT 5-6**

**NOV 2-3**

**NOV 30-**

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### **2025 MATCH**

#### **CALENDAR**

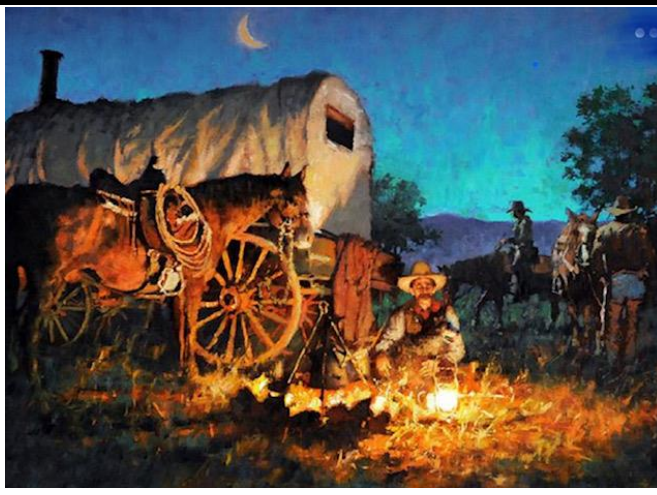
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## **COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!**



**Friday Evening, (5:30-ish): Bring your favorite campfire appetizer to share.**  
**Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish): 5 Dogs Potluck. (Bring your favorite dish to share.)**  
**(Plates & utensils provided)**

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# **THE AUGUST 31 & SEPT 1 MATCH**

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## **Saturday Clean Shooters:**



*(Alphabetical listing:)*

Atascadero Pistolero, Big Bad Blaine, Coal Train, Fordyce Beals, Leia Tombstone,  
Professor Cubby Bear, Sunshine Kid, Utah Blaine



Badman Bob, Dustbowl Debbie

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# Sunday Clean Shooters:



*(Alphabetical listing:)*

Big Bad Blaine, Domino Blaze, Dutch Longhorn, Lap Dog, Leia Tombstone, Mad Trapper of Rat River,  
Miss Lee Misditt, Panhandle Red, Pinebox Filler, Professor Cubby Bear, Sam Ootie,  
Utah Blaine, Whiskey & Bottles





## **THE SHERIFF'S LOG**

Howdy All,

If you made it to the September match you know how much fun it was. There were 10 clean shooters on Saturday and 13 clean shooters on Sunday! Buddy Love did an excellent job of writing stages that were quick and friendly for whatever style you were shooting. As an extra bonus, we used the bays that had the most shade. Good thing as it was fairly warm that weekend. Buddy will be putting on his 'Gunfighter Throwdown' for the October match, so the stages will be gunfighter friendly and quick! You don't want to miss this. He's also thinking ahead to Bordertown so if you're headed that way you might want to come out to 5 Dogs Creek to get some practice in.

I'd like to thank Utah Blaine, DB Hawk and Domino Blaze for all the hard work they have done getting the range and bays cleaned up. They were out there in the heat putting in 6-7 hours a day during August. My hat is off to them!

A "work party" will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to fixing the boardwalk in front of the outhouse, help is needed with several other projects.

November is the She-Bang, and this year's charity will be Toys for Tots. You don't want to miss the She-Bang, there's always lots of fun and the cowgirls at 5 Dogs Creek always have a thing or two up their sleeves. Check out the flyer in the newsletter!

If you're camping for the October match, we are doing 'appetizer' Friday at about 5:30 so join us for that and as always there will be the potluck on Saturday night.

See you at the range,  
Lap Dog

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# **WRANGELING RANDOM NEWS FROM THE RANGE**

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Utah Blaine

## **Musings About the Range and Whatever**

As I have wandered about our range I happen to notice several things that may require attention. I notice on Bay 10 there is one of the Indian tents that is missing along the firing line. Oh, that's mine and Lap Dogs bay! It is starting to get cool enough that D B Hawk and I can start putting a cover out over the sidewalk on Bay 3, built high enough that Dutch Longhorn won't have to duck to get up to the firing line. I also noticed a couple of other bays that require shingle repair or a couple of other minor repairs. I heard through the grapevine that the Chora Valley Regulators are going to lose their range by December 31 and have some of the materials on their range that we may be able to obtain. Miss Barah Lee Misditt I believe has all the relevant information. There are some that we could definitely use.

I happen to be browsing through the internet and came across the following information, which I happen to find interesting, since it has to do with outlaws and lawmen.

### **National Outlaw & Lawman Association records, 1775-2007**

Overview of the Collection. **Creator:** National Outlaw & Lawman Association.

**Title:** National Outlaw & Lawman Association records **Dates** 1775-2007 (inclusive).

**Summary:** Publications, records, and research material of an organization devoted to the study of crime in the American West. **Repository:** [American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming](#) American Heritage Center University of Wyoming 1000 E. University Ave.

Dept. 3924 Laramie, WY 82071 Telephone: 307-766-3756 [ahcref@uwyo.edu](mailto:ahcref@uwyo.edu).

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions on the materials for research purposes, and the collection is open to the public. **Historical Note:** The National Outlaw & Lawman Association (NOLA) was formed in 1974 to foster an interest and research in outlaws and lawmen of America's Old West and America's current history of crime. NOLA sponsored an annual rendezvous and dedications, celebrations, and memorials throughout the United States. A quarterly magazine was published.

And then here is the difference between **open carry** and **concealed carry**.



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**OPEN CARRY**



**CONCEALED CARRY**



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# **Territorial Governor's News:**

(Watch for Professor Cubby Bear's words of wisdom here again soon.)

“Thank you for the honor of serving our club as Territorial Governor.”  
Professor Cubby Bear



**Professor Cubby Bear**  
[cubbybear29521@aol.com](mailto:cubbybear29521@aol.com)



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# **DON'T MISS THIS!**

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## **5 DOGS CREEK PRESENTS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHE-BANG!**

### **TIARAS, TRIGGERS AND TOYS**

**November 2-3, 2024**

The ladies of 5 Dog Creek in Bakersfield are back again for another 'shenanigan' filled weekend of shooting! Cowgirls and cowboys, y'all join us as we take our monthly match up a notch, or two!

#### **SHE-BANG!**

- 5 stages each day (two separate matches) *Come for one day or stay all weekend!*
- **On Saturday the office opens at 7:45 a.m., sign in by 8:30 a.m. and the shooters meeting at 8:45a.m.**
- **On Sunday the office opens at 7:45 a.m., sign in by 8:30 a.m. and the shooters meeting at 8:45 a.m.**
- Regular daily match rate: Members \$20; Non-members \$25.
- Everyone - shooters and non - shooters - will be able to enter into drawings for treasured items donated by the ladies of 5 Dog Creek.

We will be selling 'dog-nabbits' (5 for \$10) to erase some of those pesky misses with the proceeds going to **Toys for Tots**. Toys or monetary donations are greatly appreciated, especially for younger children and teenagers. All toys need to be new and unwrapped. Gift cards are welcome.

#### **SHE-NANIGANS!**

- Hot dog it's Friday and appetizers! The ladies will provide the hot dogs and fixings. Bring an appetizer to share if you would like.
- Team shoot after the match Saturday and other fun so bring some extra ammunition!
- Saturday night's potluck is legendary and will be **BACON** themed, so bring grub to share and an appetite.
- Cowboy swap meet! All weekend, sell, buy, trade or barter your extra cowboy duds, gear or whatever.



**Free camping on the range Friday-Monday.**

**No pre-registration. No party poopers!**

For more information contact Lap Dog at [djhansen70@outlook.com](mailto:djhansen70@outlook.com)

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## FALL WORD SEARCH

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ACORN

FOOTBALL

NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER

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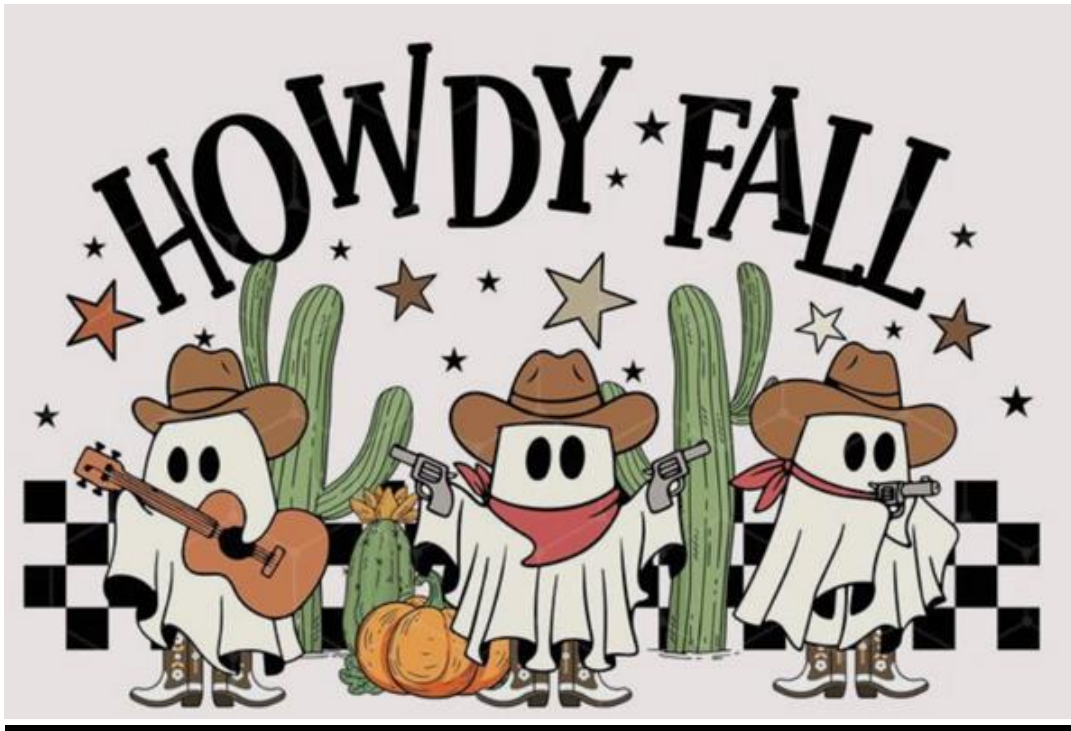
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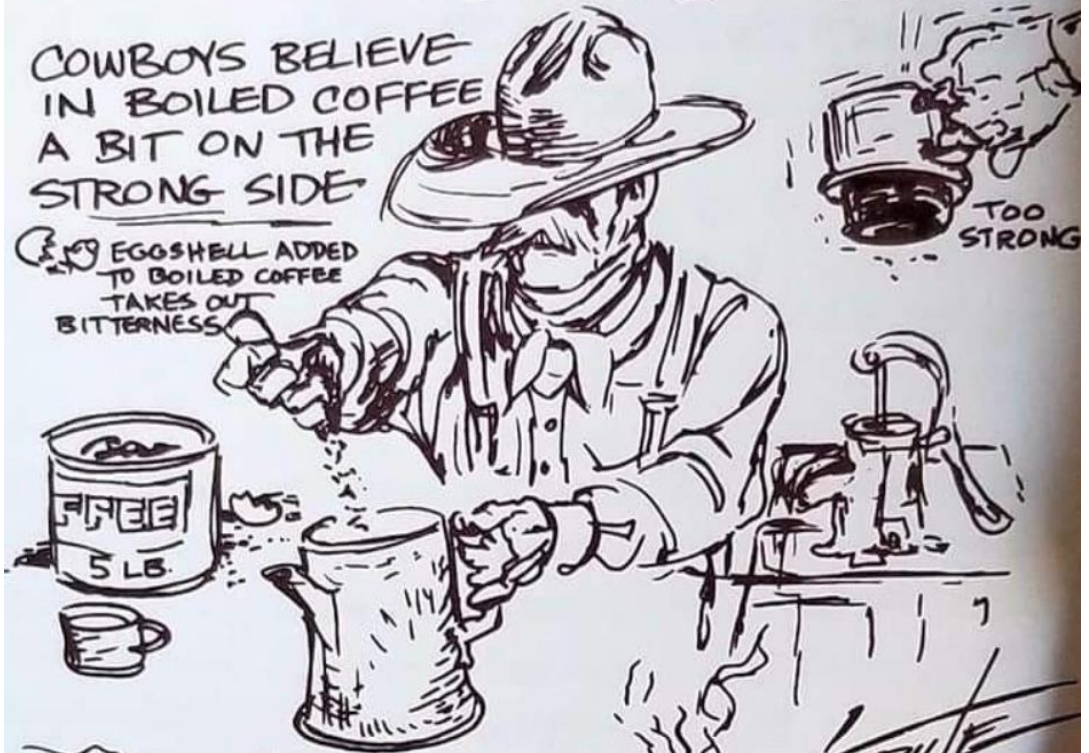




# COWBOY COFFEE

COWBOYS BELIEVE  
IN BOILED COFFEE  
A BIT ON THE  
STRONG SIDE

EGGSHELL ADDED  
TO BOILED COFFEE  
TAKES OUT  
BITTERNESS



1-HANDFUL COFFEE



1-CUP COFFEE



COWBOY  
"COW"



JUST RIGHT



