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<u>The Mayor's Anvil:</u> <u>Forging Understanding</u> <u>By Mayor Fordyce Beals</u>

Poking around the internet you can find information based on both fact and fantasy. Instructions for lubricating your single action revolver based on years of gunsmithing is a delightful find. The link to this information starts at:

https://classicsingleaction.com/information-overload/ but I have copied it below.

Lubricating your SAA revolver. Grease attracts and holds dirt in place. Don't use it. Oil allows the dirt to migrate and causes less damage. After cleaning your revolvers, I see seven places that need oil and one place to never use grease. I use a $\frac{1}{4}$ oz needle oiler purchased from Brownells.



Fig.1 Front bearing surface, smear one drop.

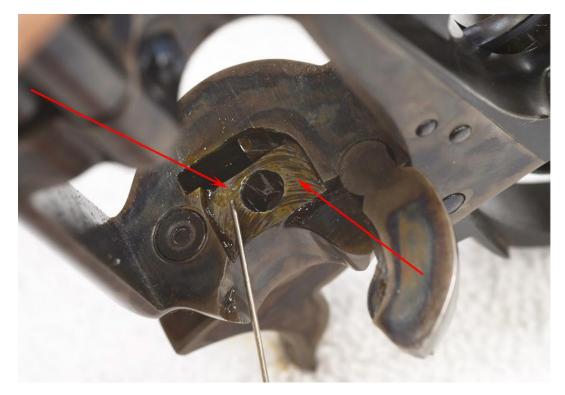


Fig.2 Rear bearing surface, smear one drop



Fig.3 Inside the bushing, 3 drops.



Fig.4 Hammer Roller, one drop each side. The hammer roller is the worst place to put grease, the roller will stop spinning and wear a flat spot that will destroy the roller!

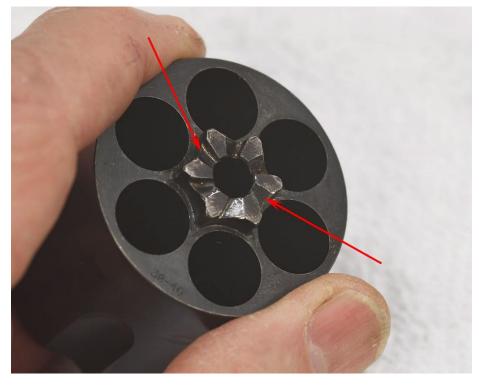


Fig.5 Ratchet Ramps, smear only two drops across all six ramps.



Fig.6 Hammer Cam, smear two drops with hammer back. Grease is OK here if you clean your guns often. Grease does not <u>need</u> to be used anywhere on a single action revolver; however, the hammer cam (Fig.6) is one area that it is OK to use it.



Fig.7 Hammer Shelves/Notches, place two drops and cycle action twice to spread. (*Fig.6 & Fig.7 can be accessed when the hammer is at full cock. Remove the cylinder for safety.*)

(I personally don't use this method of discrete lubrication, instead I like Ol' # 4, spray the whole gun and action in Break Free CLP {Cleans Lubricates Protects} Mil-PRF-63460F Type A, originally developed for the U.S. Military. I wipe off the excess and shoot. In a similar one product does all, Bad Man Bob told me he uses Rem oil to clean and lube.)



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

Congratulations to all the clean shooters at the She-Bang, those who were 'naturally clean' and those who were helped by a Dog-Nabbit (or two or three...)! It was a great shoot, the ladies did an awesome job: the raffle prizes were plentiful, the range was beautifully decorated, the stages were well written, and the weather was wonderful. The biggest winner was Toys for Tots; toys were donated and over \$1000 was raised through the sale of Dog-Nabbits and raffle tickets. Thank you to all the cowgirls and cowboys who came out the range to shoot with us and we look forward to shooting with you again at 5 Dogs Creek! Utah Blaine is writing the stages for December, and I know he will be moving steel and adding a few challenges to the scenarios. But it will be fun! We shoot Saturday November 31st and Sunday December 1st. A great opportunity to walk off that Thanksgiving feast and get into the holiday mood!

I'm looking for stage writers for 2025 so let me know what month you'd like to write the stages.

If all goes according to the plans, the boardwalk in front of the outhouses will be finished this month, if not fingers crossed the weather allows us to complete the project in December.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the She-Bang, it takes all of us to make such an event turn out as well as it does. I certainly cannot take credit for any of it, thank you all!

Happy Thanksgiving and see you at the range (with full tummies!), Lap Dog

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)

SHE-BANG SHE-NANIGANS!

TIARAS, TRIGGERS AND TOYS

November 2-3, 2024



2024 She-Bang Opening Ceremonies with Young Marines Honor Guard



2024 She-Bang Collected Toys and over \$1k cash!

THANK YOU!



The Union Suit Boys of She-Bang 2024



2024 Ladies of Five Dogs



Thank You to "Hildie" for all the great pictures. To see more please see our Facebook page.

DECEMBER Shooting Schedule:

<u>SAT, 11/30 & SUN, 12/1</u>

Office opens at 8:00 Sign In by 8:30 Shooter's Mtg. 8:45



<u>2024 MATCH</u> <u>Calendar</u> Nov 30- Dec 1

2025 MATCH CALENDAR JAN 4-5 FEB 1-2 MAR 1-2

COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



Friday Evening, (5:30-ish): Bring your favorite appetizer. Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish): Bring your favorite potluck grub to share. Plates & utensils provided

SATURDAY SHE-BANG NATURAL CLEAN SHOOTERS



(Alphabetical listing:)

Bella Coola, Bonny Kate, Chick Ma, Dead Eye Maverick, Jailer, Josie Albuquerque, Lap Dog, Lucky Lu, Manny's Granny, Sam Ootie, Tollhouse Tracker



SATURDAY SHE-BANG CLEAN SHOOTERS



(Alphabetical listing:)

Atascadero Pistolero, Brandin Iron, Bull McFearson, Daisy Crocket, Dirt McFearson, Dutch Longhorn, Havoc McFearson, Hildie, Jacq Neat, Limpin Leroy, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Not So Deadeye Maverick, Panhandle Red, Shatterhand, Utah Blaine, Whiskey TF Bottles



SUNDAY SHE-BANG NATURAL CLEAN SHOOTERS



(Alphabetical listing)

Big Bad Blaine, Bonny Kate, Coal Train, Daisy Crockett, Dead Eye Maverick, Poison Oakley, Sam Ootie



SUNDAY SHE-BANG CLEAN SHOOTERS



(Alphabetical Listing)

Atascadero Pistolero, Bull McFearson, Chick Ma, Dirt McFearson, Dustbowl Debbie, Gunpowder N Grace, Hildie, Not So Dead Eye Maverick, Shatterhand, Whiskey TF Bottles



WANDERING AROUND

Musings About the Range and Whatever

First of all, thank you to the workers that put the She Bang together! The 10 bays at 5 Dogs were cleaned up and in good shape! As I subsequently wandered around the range, I notice there are two or three bays that require some repair, one of them being Bay 10 for which I and Lap Dog are responsible. The others I have mentioned in recent issues of *The Howler*, so there is no need to repeat them here. Those responsible for a couple of the other bays already know what is needed and that I will certainly help in getting the repairs done. I am sure there are also a couple of other cowboys and cowgirls who will pitch in on whatever repairs must be done. I happen to be wandering around the past the other day and ran into none other than John Wayne! I mentioned that I was a fame of his movies, both those he made earlier and the ones he made much later. I said, you know there are several of your characters who died in some of your western movies. He replied, yeah I know, "*The Alamo* 1960, *The Cowboys* 1972, and *The Shootist* 1960." He then added, "the character I played in "nine non-western films" also "died on screen" (Marshal Timbrel, *True West*, Nov/Dec 2024, p. 78).

I decided to go a little further into the past and came across Henry Plummer. He seemed like a nice guy, arriving in Montana in 1862 and was well liked by Montanan's, so well liked that when he settled in Bannack he was elected sheriff. Unfortunately though, "this gave him cover for his other occupation—leader of a notorious gang of outlaws known as the 'Innocents.' Not surprisingly, "The settlers of Bannack and Virginia City responded by organizing the vigilantes" and "they hanged up to 50 men over the years." I did not have much chance to talk to Plummer the last couple of years, and then he "was strung up from the gallows" on "January 10, 1864," the very same gallows "he'd built." No wonder I didn't see him much at all after he moved to Bannack and became sheriff, he was too busy as sheriff running his outlaw gang (Marshal Timbrel, *True West*, Nov/Dec 2024, p. 78).

Once returning to the present, I came across a few very interesting quotes from some rather well know people, though they too have made the transition to the next dimension (True West, Nov/Dec 2024, p. 10).

"Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent." Walt Whitman. "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Albert Einstein.

"And now that you don't have to be perfect, you can be good." John Steinbeck.

"The most important decision you make is to be in a good mood." Voltaire.

But enough of this wandering around! As an aside, I am writing the scenarios for the December shoot at 5 Dogs Creek. There will be scenarios that are close and fast, some just a tad further out but not much, and there will be, as Montego did for one of our California State shoots, a scenario for a pistol challenge and a scenario for a rifle challenge. Incidentally, for the pistol and rifle challenge there will be an opportunity for bonus points on a target much closer.

I am sure you all know that our December shoot at 5 Dogs Creek is actually on Saturday **November 30** and Sunday **December 1**. As we often emphasize, we shoot on the first Sunday of the month and the preceding Saturday. I am told Christmas decorations will adorn the tables and the bays. So, pack up your gear and guns and ride on down to 5 Dogs Creek for our December shoot!



Utah Blaine

