



PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE JULY 2013

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*A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State,
the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*

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DESPERADO DALE

About a month ago Desperado Dale, the President of the Panhandle Cattle Company, suffered a heart attack. After a stent, and a few days in a hospital, he has been at home in recovery mode. Desperado Dale is a frequent shooter with the Panhandle Cowboys and we hope to see him shooting with us very soon. Get well cowboy!

JULY MATCH

Twenty cowboys and cowgirls showed up for our July match, and for the first time in the memory of anyone who could remember that far back, our Top Hand was one of our lady shooters. Tac Hammer showed us how it's done; and she beat our second place shooter by 19.32 seconds. Congratulations Tac Hammer! Good shooting!

Thanks go to Cody Breaker for the use of his buckboard for match set-up and take-down. Sammy Jo and Cassidy Jane took care of match sign-up. High Card and Suellen (Jimmy Rainsong's wife) handled match scoring. Thanks to all who handle match set-up and take-down; thanks to all who donated door prizes; and thanks to everyone for helping to run the match.



PANHANDLE COWBOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY CHARITY RAFFLE

Sammy Jo has reserved the banquet room at Sonny's BBQ on Navy Boulevard for December 7, at 5pm for the annual Christmas party and charity raffle. A Christmas themed quilt has been completed by Cassidy Jane, and another quilt, cowboy themed, is being made by Grundy's wife. Jimmy Rainsong has graciously donated two pistols for the raffle. Dal Sackett said that since the Panhandle Cowboys, through the raffle and donation by the Panhandle Cowboys club, reached \$2,000.00 last year, that it would be great if we could hit the \$3,000.00 mark this year. The Marine Corps Toys for Tots program is the beneficiary of the raffle.



MATCH INFORMATION

Next Match
August 11, 2013

Match Set Up – 7:30am to 8:00am
Match Sign Up – 8:00am to 8:45am
Mandatory Safety Briefing – 9:00am
Match Begins – 9:30am

Match Fee - \$15.00
Morning Waddies Match Fee - \$10.00



AUGUST SIDE MATCH

Nothing on the schedule as this is written. However, it is possible that a cowboy or cowgirl will come up with something interesting.

AMBUSH AT CAVERN COVE

The North Alabama Regulators will host Ambush at Cavern Cove on October 4th - 6th at Woodville, Alabama. Information is available at www.northalabamaregulators.com. Dal Sackett has been in contact with the officials of this match and this year's match will NOT be a lost brass match.

THE REGULATORS RECKONING

On October 10th - 12th the Wartrace Regulators will conduct the 2013 Tennessee State SASS Championship in Wartrace, Tennessee. Entry forms and additional information is available at www.wartraceregulators.com.

SIEGE AT ST. AUGUSTINE

The Florida State Champions will be held January 8th - 12th 2014, in St. Augustine, presented by The Ghost Town Regulators of the Ancient City Shooting Range. This will be a 10 stage main match. There will also be side matches, a Wild Bunch match, and a black powder match. Information is available at www.ghosttowngunslingers.com.

JUNE COWBOY



He was born Alfred LaRue on June 15, 1917, in Watervliet, Michigan. Although born in Michigan, he was raised in various towns in Louisiana, but spent his high school years in Los Angeles, California. When he began his movie career he was billed as "Al LaRue". During his early movie career he was under contract to the same movie company as Humphrey Bogart. He even had a strong resemblance to Bogart and had the same speech impediment.

(LaRue enrolled in the College of the Pacific to study law, and took drama courses to help with his speech.) Bogart was, of course, a major star and the movie company executives decided

since they had Bogart they did not need a Bogart look-alike, so Al Larue was released from his contract.

In 1945 and 1946 Al LaRue made three westerns with Eddie Dean. In two of the films he used a bullwhip. Al LaRue was hired for the first Eddie Dean film, *Song of Old Wyoming*, because he told the producer/director of the film he could act and use a bullwhip. He showed he could act some, but when it came time to do the bullwhip scenes Al LaRue had to admitted he lied and had no idea of how to use a bullwhip and showed the producer/director his chest where he had pretty well beat himself to death trying to teach himself to use a 15 foot and an 18 foot bullwhip. A teacher was hired to teach him how to use the bullwhip. Al LaRue was an excellent student and mastered the 18 foot bullwhip he used in his movies. He quickly became known as Al "Lash" LaRue and then became known as Lash LaRue. He even had his name changed to Lash LaRue.

Lash LaRue chose his own black outfit, based on an outfit worn by cowboy actor George O'Brien, and wanting something different from the good-guys-wear-white outfits. His first western after the Eddie Dean films was *Law of the Lash*. His last western, in 1952, was *The Frontier Phantom*.

Lash LaRue was a frequent visitor to Louisiana when he was not working. When in New Orleans he would go to the Dew Drop Inn. Drummer Earl Palmer had this to say about Lash LaRue, "Lots of white people wanted to come to the Dew Drop. Most were turned away, but they let a few in. Every time the cowboy actor Lash LaRue came in town, he came by. He played a hell of a guitar and was a regular guy that people liked."

On the down side, Lash LaRue was known to authenticate the ownership of firearms as having been his, when he never owned the particular firearm in question. However, on the up side he became a born-again Christian and then led an exemplary life.

Lash LaRue appeared in several TV westerns, such as, *26 Men*, *Judge Roy Bean*, and *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*. In the Wyatt Earp series he played Sheriff Johnny Behan who favored the Cowboys outlaw gang. However, he and Hugh O'Brian did not get along and Lash LaRue was replaced in the series. In 1980, Lash LaRue appeared in two independent films



Alien Outlaw, and *The Dark Power*. At least in *The Dark Power* he was able to use his famous bullwhip, and to good effect. Lash LaRue also had a small appearance in the TV remake of *Stagecoach*, starring Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings. In fact, Johnny Cash, a big fan of Lash LaRue introduced Lash to Johnny's family as the 'original man in black'.

Lash LaRue passed away on May 21, 1996.

Jeb Stuart identified Lash LaRue as our June Cowboy.



COWBOY LEXICON

As with last month's cowboy lexicon we referenced the book *Western Words – A Dictionary of the Old West*, written by Ramon F. Adams.

Pull the trip – Cowboy parlance for, after roping a cow, dropping the rope under the animal's right hip bone and around its buttocks for the busting.

Steer busting – A popular name for roping and throwing a steer with a rope singlehanded. The roper rides as close to the animal as possible before casting his loop. When it is settled around the horns or neck, and has been given a jerk to hold it there, the slack of the rope is dropped just under the steer's right hip-bone and around his buttocks. The rider then reins his horse to the left and braces himself for the shock which is sure to follow. When the slack is taken up, the steer is reversed in midair and slammed to the ground with a force that knocks the breath from him.

Fold up – Said when a horse starts bucking.

Flip-cock – To fan a gun.

Folks on his mother's side wore moccasins – Meaning that the one spoken of is a half blood. Often said of the off spring of the squaw men.

Breed – To mate animals for the purpose of reproduction (as verb), short for the West's half-breed, or person of mixed blood (as noun).

Spotted pup – Rice and raisins cooked together.

On the warpath – Fighting mad. As one cowman said, 'mad as a bear with two cubs and a sore tail.'

Hair lifter – A frontier name for an Indian on the warpath; also a dangerous and exciting incident.



GUN SHOWS

August 10 & 11 – Panama City, Florida – Bay County Fairgrounds

August 24 & 25 – Pensacola, Florida – Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds

August 24 & 25 – Biloxi, Mississippi – Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

September 7 & 8 – Fort Walton Beach, Florida – N.W. Florida Fairgrounds

September 14 & 15 – Mobile, Alabama – Abba Shrine Center

September 28 & 29 – Dothan, Alabama – National Peanut Festival Facility

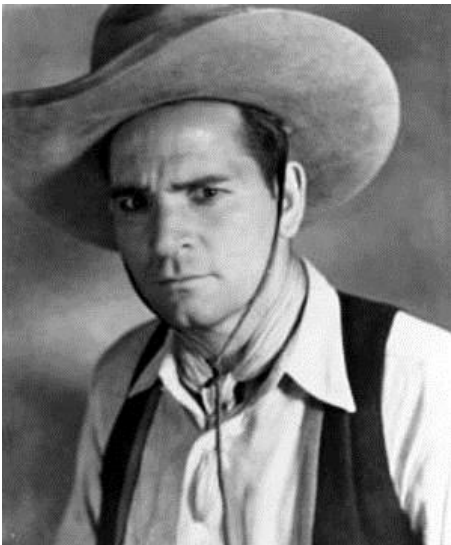
October 26 & 27 – Panama City, Florida – Bay County Fairground

October 26 & 27 – Robertsedale, Alabama – Baldwin County Fairgrounds

November 16 & 17 – Pensacola, Florida – Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds



JULY COWBOY



Our cowboy for July was a rodeo champion in more than one category. He began acting in the silent movie days, made the move to talkies, did stunts, and moved into Second Unit



Director/Stunt Coordinator positions in the film industry.

He became friends with John Wayne, and Wayne convinced John Ford to use him for stunts and stunt coordination in Ford's movies. John Ford considered him the master of stunts and used him in every film Ford made when he was available.

In his acting days he usually played a heavy.

If you know who this cowboy is give Rocky Lane a shot at winchesteraa@cox.net.

ADIOS

That's all she wrote this time cowboys and cowgirls.
Be safe and shoot straight.

