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## REMMIES

by Long Juan

Not too long ago, we looked briefly at the “Remington Advantage” (quick reloading with an extra pre-loaded cylinder) demonstrated by Preacher (Clint Eastwood) in the western movie, *Pale Rider*. As many of you know, I am pretty much a Colt guy, although I do own replicas of the S&W Schofield and the Remington 1875 Outlaw. Our recent discussion made me curious to learn more about Remmies. Here is what I learned.

The Remington Arms Company, founded in 1816, is the oldest company in the United States that still makes its original product

(firearms). It is also the oldest continuously operating manufacturing company in North America. Remington started with flintlock rifles,



but gained considerable popularity during the Civil War with its rugged and reliable, medium and large-frame revolvers offered in .31 (Pocket), .36 (Navy) and .44 (Army) caliber. A top-strap above the cylinder provided a



stronger frame than the Colt open-top frame of the time.

### The Model 1858 or New Model Army

The original Remington revolver was a single-action, six-shot, percussion (cap & ball) handgun. The patent date (1858) was stamped on the revolver. As a result, it became known at the Remington Model 1858, although wide-scale production did not begin until late 1862. More than 130,000 of these revolvers were produced between 1862 and 1875. The Rimmie featured a brass trigger guard, an 8” octagonal barrel and a loading lever with a web, all of which were part of the classic Remington look.



Remington Model 1858  
New Model Army

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## President's Word:

President **Dragon Hill Dave** is off skiing this month. He asked me to congratulate **Joe Darter** and **True Blue Cachoo**, who were both reelected to serve as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, for the next two years. He also asked me to thank **Lefty Leo** and **Whiskey Kid** for running good campaigns. We all benefit from discussion of the issues and consideration of different points of view. Thanks also to all who voted.



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## Long Juan Here:

**Posse Assignments:** Posse assignments are one of the most difficult things to handle during registration at our monthly matches.

We always try to honor posse requests, but the only way to make that work is (1) for everyone not to ask to be on the same posse with too many other shooters and (2) for those who really care, show up early. We've had some jumping in line. Remember, a shooter's name can be added to a posse sign-up sheet only after the shooter is registered and has paid for the match. We may not be able to honor posse requests for anyone who registers after 8:30. If it is important for you to shoot with someone (son/daughter, sharing guns or cart, etc.), please arrive early.

Other factors we consider: We like to have about equal numbers on each posse, so no one has to wait too long and we all finish about the same time. We try to be sure new shooters are distributed equally among posses with experienced shooters so they can help. We need to have more than one person on each posse who can run the timer (RO-qualified). We try to put all the GAF/Cody Dixon shooters on the same posse, just because that seems to work better. Keep in mind it is fun to shoot with different shooters from time-to-time. It's an opportunity to make new friends. Thanks for your understanding.



## Stories from Jake (Paladin that is):

**The famed gunfight at the O.K. Corral wasn't much of a shootout and didn't take place in the O.K. Corral.**

The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral was one of the most famous

gunfights in history. It was a shootout between Morgan, Virgil and Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, on one side, and Billy Claiborne, Ike and Billy Clanton and Frank and Tom McLaury, on the other. It didn't amount to much. Despite nine people being involved, the gunfight lasted only 30 seconds. Bloodshed made up for brevity. Virgil Earp, Morgan Earp and Doc Holiday were injured. The McLaury brothers and Billy Clanton were killed. Ike Clanton filed murder charges against the Earps and Doc Holliday, but they were acquitted.

The gunfight did not take place in the O.K. Corral. It took place in an 18-foot wide vacant lot behind the corral, next to C.S. Fly's Boarding House and Photography

Studio. Doc Holliday lived at the boarding house. The gunfight in **Old Tascosa**, was really a bigger gunfight, but did not get as much press.

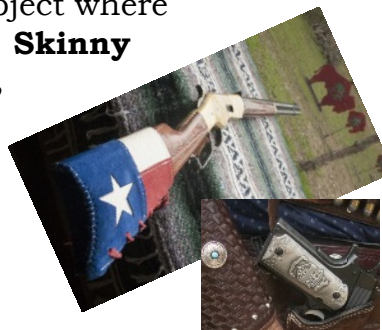
*Editor's Note:* The phrase *O.K.* achieved national prominence in 1840. President Van Buren, a native of Kinderhook, New York, was nicknamed *Old Kinderhook*. "Vote for OK" was a slogan in his campaign for reelection and OK appeared on campaign buttons. Van Buren was also a member of the "Oll Korrekt" or O.K. political club. His supporters used O.K. to



convey the message that Van Buren was "all correct." The opposition responded that he was neither. Van Buren lost the election. Publicity nevertheless popularized "OK" across the country and John Montgomery used the phrase when he named his "O.K. Corral, Livery and Feed Stable" almost 40 years after Van Buren lost his campaign for reelection. Tell **Long Juan** who defeated Van Buren in 1840 and for a mention in the dispatches next month.

## FIND DELTA RAIDER

Last month, 16 readers found **Delta Raider** hanging from **Dragon Hill Dave's** derriere. Hereby mentioned in the dispatches for finding him are **Shooting Iron Miller, Delta Raider, Preacherman Lee, Lincoln Drifter, El Sabre, Skinny Steve, Leo's Lady, Sheriff Robert Love, Six Wire, Artiman, Meadow Biscuit Slim, Nichols Creek, Hairtrigger Hayes, Sole Proprietor, Wildcat Bob** and **Big John Mesquite**. Three readers correctly identified the derriere as belonging to **Dragon Hill Dave**. Mentioned in the dispatches are **Leo's Lady, Artiman** and **Wildcat Bob**. **Wildcat Bob** was the only one to identify correctly the object where **Delta Raider** was hiding - a compass. **Skinny Steve, Sheriff Robert Love, Artiman, Meadow Biscuit Slim** and **Hairtrigger Hayes** all identified **Joe Darter's** rifle. **Skinny Steve, Artiman** and **Meadow Biscuit Slim** identified **Lucky Nickel's** 1911. Good work! Find DR again this month.





Though many percussion revolvers were on the market before, during and after the Civil War, the 1858 was the only one to challenge the dominance of Colt revolvers. Officially called the New Model Army, the Remington Model 1858 was one of the finest revolvers of the Civil War era. It was a secondary or supplemental firearm for the Union Army until production of the Colt 1860 Army was discontinued because of a fire at the Colt factory. After the fire, the U.S. government ordered a large number of Remington's New Model Army revolvers. Before the Remy became standard issue, many Union officers purchased the Model 1858 with their own money to

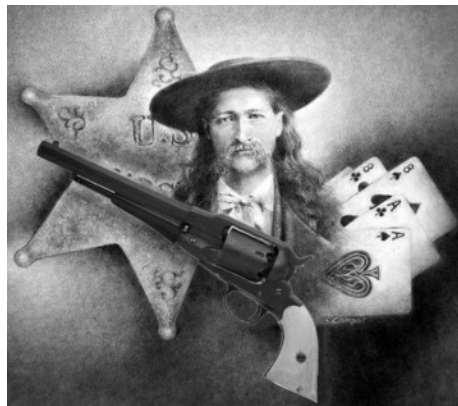


replace the standard issue Colt. Soldiers on both sides were known to trade a handful of Colts for one Remington revolver. The Remy was simply more robust and therefore more dependable. Furthermore, it

had the "Remington Advantage."



After the War, veterans purchased more surplus Remington New Model Army revolvers than they did Colt 1860 Army revolvers. They had seen first-hand how both stacked up to the rigors of combat and preferred the Remington. William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody carried an ivory-handled New Model Army .44 well into the cartridge era and never had it converted to fire metallic cartridges. In 1906 he gave



it to his ranch foreman with a handwritten note that said, "It never failed me." Of all the cap and ball revolvers of the Old West, the Remington 1858 was perhaps the best.

### Remington Conversions

In 1868, Remington was the first American firearms manufacturer to offer a large-caliber cartridge conversion. The Remington conversion predated not only the Colt conversion, but also the revolutionary Smith & Wesson Model 3 Schofield, designed from the beginning to fire metallic cartridges. Cartridge conversion of the Remington 1858 was accomplished by adding a



bored-through cylinder, a new breech face with a loading gate and an ejector assembly. Remington paid a royalty to Smith & Wesson for use of the patented bored-through cylinder. Although Remington manufactured more than 130,000 Model 1858

revolvers, fewer than 5,000 were converted to shoot metallic cartridges.

Model 1875 Improved Army.



*Editor's Note: Is it Remie or is it Remmy? I was unable to find a definitive answer. I am guessing it's like, "you say tomayto; I say tomahto." I went with Remie because it seems to be used more often.*



for its "Peacemaker" revolver. Although 30,000 Improved Army revolvers were manufactured between 1875 and 1889, the U.S. government purchased fewer than 650. The Model 1875 was followed by the Model 1888 and the Model 1890. The Model 1890 was the last of the single-action Remmie revolvers, but Remies live on. Reproductions from Uberti (and Pietta), especially cartridge conversions, are very popular in Cowboy Action Shooting.



The Remington Model 1875 Improved Army was of the same size, general appearance and sturdy quality as the Model 1858. The Improved Army was intended to compete with Colt's popular Single Action Army. By the time the Improved Army was introduced, however, Colt had already secured contracts with the U.S. Army





## The Orient discovers Plum Creek

At our January match, we had two shooters from Taipei, Taiwan. Traveling with their own TV film crew, **Orient Express** and **The Barrister** shot their first-ever cowboy action shooting match at the Agarita Ranch. It appears they also enjoyed some Texas BBQ while in the area. Apparently the two travel across the world doing life's fun-things-to-do. And they get paid for it. **Orient Express** shot clean and **The Barrister** finished with only one miss - his last gun on the last stage. Not bad for their first time. We hope they will return sometime.



The Barrister (left) and Orient Express (right) get some advice from True Blue Cahoo and Territorial Governor, Jake Paladin

## January Match Photos

Thanks to Dutch Van Horn, Lightning McQueen and Lincoln Drifter for contributing photos this month.



It was muddy out there

Charlie Reynolds shows the business end of his Remmy. And yes, they checked to be sure it was unloaded.







Charlie Reynolds and Big John Mesquite trying to stay warm before the match



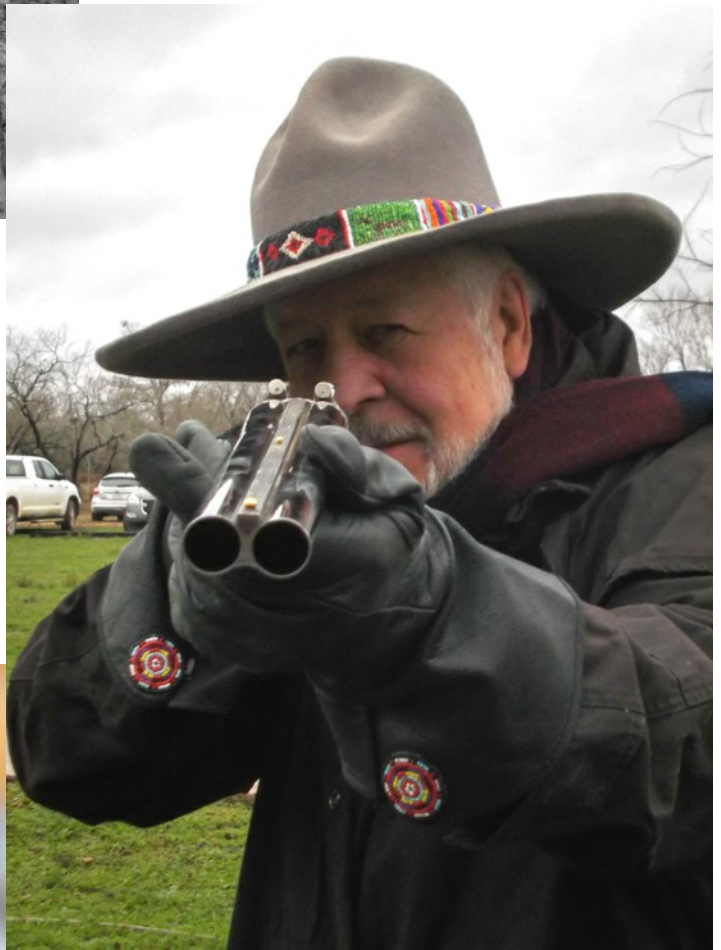
The Bandera Kid looking like he wishes he were staying warm before the match



The Barrister (left) and part of the film crew enjoying the Lucky Lady



It was REALLY muddy at the Agarita Ranch. Ask anyone who tried to drive around much.



Bandera Kid and the business end of his side-by-side. Yes, again they checked to be sure it was unloaded.



Here's where I should have hidden Delta Raider, but didn't





Bandera Kid, Little Bullseye, Night Horse, Big John Mesquite (partially hidden), Picasso & Nueces Slim



Dutch Van Horn  
Photographer & Shooter Extraordinaire!



Kit Carson running the timer for Cowboy Small



Delta Raider conducting the shooters' meeting before the match





Whiskey Kid looking good in chaps and shades. Not so sure about the gloves, but I'm guessing his hands were warm.



Cowboy Small taking dead aim; Kit Carson running the timer and watching like a hawk for P's!



Frank Longshot certainly kept his ears warm!



Charlie Reynolds & Dutch Van Horn check out guns in the Cimarron booth at the SASS Convention in San Antonio



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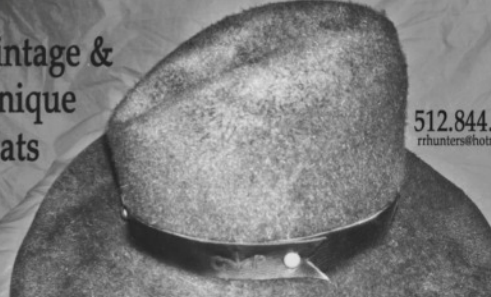
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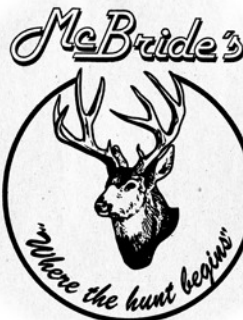


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	158	FP	39	77
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