



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez sez

I am sad to say that we lost another magnificent Merlin Marauder cowboy. **Richard Jameson, aka Rogue River Ranger**, succumbed after a lengthy illness.

Richard was a pleasant pardner, and a tough fighter. Richard lived to the ripe age of 85 before he gave out.

His life was full of challenges. He endured a hardship unimaginable to most of us. He was in the US Army Air Corps in early 1942 at Corregidor in the Philippines', when he was captured by the Japanese. He was wounded when he was captured and forced to work on the airfields in the hot sun wearing only a loincloth. He was later transported to Japan, narrowly escaping being torpedoed by our Navy. He was then forced to work in a steel mill in Japan. Richard endured 3-1/2 years as a POW before he was liberated in 1945.

Richard was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the POW medal and many more too numerous to list. Richard continued his service to our country and retired from the U.S. Air Force. I always enjoyed listening to him sharing his experiences, but now he is gone and I can listen no more.

My thoughts and sympathies go the Jameson Family. Richard was a good friend and I will miss him. I will shed tears when his final Taps are sounded.

- **Rogue Rascal**

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## Match Winners - July 2008

1 <sup>st</sup>	Purgatory Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bloody Bill Anderson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bear Bone Smith
4 <sup>th</sup>	Treacherous Jack
5 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Dingus

### NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

At the **Black Forest Restaurant, 820 E Street "NE", Grants Pass**, at 6:30 PM. Arrive at 5:45 PM if you intend to eat dinner first. Directions: (541) 474-5323

### NEXT MONTHLY MERLIN MARAUDERS COWBOY ACTION POSSE MATCH Saturday, August 2nd

Arrive early to help set up stages @8:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting at 8:45 AM. Directions. JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Thence northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

## In Memoriam *Rogue River Ranger*

aka

**Richard Jameson**

passed away on July 21, 2008

We will sadly miss him.

**Burial Service**

will be held at the

**Eagle Point National Cemetery**

**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

## CLUB NEWS

**Membership:** Merlin Marauders membership is at 68.

**New Members are:**

**Sherry Pool**, aka **Katastroph Kate**. Sherry is the wife of **Imnaha Chuck**

**Linda Dannen**, aka **Yellow Eyed Kate**, of Springfield, OR. Linda is just getting into Cowboy Action Shooting.

## PRACTICE MATCHES

We have scheduled practice matches for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at least during the summer months, at 9 a.m. This month the match was cancelled because of a range conflict,

but will be on again in August. For information call Rogue Rascal or Bear Bone Smith

## WORK PARTY – July 20th

Thanks to those who came to the work party at JCSA and helped clean up our range house: Molly b'Dam, Kidd Krystin, Venison Stu, Merlin Maverick.

## JCSA NEWS

- **Imnaha Chuck** will be the new MM Rep to JCSA.
- The biggest item in JCSA right now is who will be running the "Machine Gun" match on Labor Day.
- The folks who have managed it for the past seven years would like JCSA to take over.

## Upcoming Nearby Annual Matches - Match Directors, send Annual Shoot info to Rogue Rascal to be listed

Name	Where	When	Contact	Phone
Shootout at Saddle Butte, (OR STATE)	Albany, OR	Aug, 15-17, 2008	Mid Valley Drifter	(541) 259-2774
Lead Daze at Linkville	Klamath Falls, OR	Aug 29- Sep 1, 2008	Ramblin Dave	(541) 273-1055

## OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Rogue Rascal	[541] 472-8585	<a href="mailto:oregonjohn@oigp.net">oregonjohn@oigp.net</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	<a href="mailto:bartstar5885@aol.com">bartstar5885@aol.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Cowboss	(541) 548-7325	<a href="mailto:toevs@bendnet.com">toevs@bendnet.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	<a href="mailto:johnnyjingos@yahoo.com">johnnyjingos@yahoo.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	<a href="mailto:rdroth@firereserve.net">rdroth@firereserve.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	<a href="mailto:bartstar5885@aol.com">bartstar5885@aol.com</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Redding	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	<a href="mailto:MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net">MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	<a href="mailto:rdroth@firereserve.net">rdroth@firereserve.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	<a href="mailto:MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net">MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Madd River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	<a href="mailto:clsnowden@aol.com">clsnowden@aol.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Yreka	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Deacon Doug	(530) 926-5270	<a href="mailto:napa198@juno.com">napa198@juno.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900	<a href="mailto:dr97@qwest.net">dr97@qwest.net</a>

## MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

### MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>	

### SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member	\$10
MM Family	\$15
Individual Non-MM Member	\$13
Non-MM Family	\$18

For membership issues and information call: Molly b'Dam @ (541) 479-2928

Complete new/renewal application and mail to: Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass Oregon 97528

**Monthly match stage design and setup gets a \$5 discount**

**To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them ..."**

Richard Henry Lee, writing in *Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republic* (1787 –1788)

## MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL JULY 5, 2008

Match Final	ALIAS	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total Time	Class	Class Final	Total Misses
		1	2	3	4	5				
1	Purgatory Smith	<b>32.55</b>	30.90	<b>21.55</b>	33.85	13.05	131.90	GF	1	4
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	36.03	<b>30.48</b>	29.54	<b>26.17</b>	15.54	137.76	ES	1	2
3	Bear Bone Smith	35.99	36.15	29.27	33.95	<b>9.28</b>	144.64	T	1	3
4	Treacherous Jack	39.94	43.76	38.63	44.48	25.09	191.90	T	2	4
5	Johnny Dingus	48.77	43.57	48.73	37.91	17.58	196.56	49	1	2
6	Jed I. Knight	47.99	49.07	60.91	34.54	19.59	212.10	FCG	1	8
7	Molly B' Dam	43.29	50.74	48.58	50.16	21.55	214.32	LS	1	8
8	Har Trigger	43.63	53.63	59.37	39.64	18.82	215.09	S	1	4
9	General Lee Goode	57.94	43.01	50.50	40.05	24.94	216.44	T	3	4
10	Venison Stu	58.62	47.00	60.87	37.69	26.08	230.26	49	2	2
11	<b>JD Walker</b>	55.23	54.72	54.89	43.11	26.75	234.70	ES	2	<b>0</b>
12	Line Century	65.55	51.40	61.42	47.36	37.04	262.77	ES	3	7
13	CHP Shot	68.80	53.92	67.59	53.05	28.98	272.34	SS	1	5
14	Barbarosa Mike	65.68	49.34	55.72	54.18	50.14	275.06	SD	1	2
15	Rogue Rascal	80.25	58.37	59.57	43.78	35.33	277.30	SFC	1	4
16	Kidd Krystin	46.73	54.79	56.39	97.89	23.59	279.39	SGF	1	10
17	ImnahaChuck	65.02	62.05	79.93	54.38	33.49	294.87	S	2	3
18	Badd Dog Matt	74.24	60.56	69.20	57.98	43.02	305.00	YGB	1	13
19	Two Tone	66.35	62.87	58.94	83.94	41.50	313.60	SD	2	4
20	Merlin Maverick	75.30	56.08	79.90	44.79	74.32	330.39	ES	4	7
21	Chaperal Kid	82.19	99.73	78.03	53.99	58.26	372.20	J	1	11
22	Coyote Kid	125.49	76.93	132.86	88.63	85.55	509.46	LJ	1	12
23	Rifle 'en Rebecca	129.84	73.92	200.00	90.20	57.04	551.00	LT	1	10
24	Gracious Grace	166.54	119.63	141.13	110.12	68.73	606.15	LSS	1	11
25	Young Dr. McLain	MDQ	MDQ	MDQ	MDQ	MDQ	MDQ	BB		
<b>CLEAN MATCH</b>		<b>JD Walker</b>								

"No matter where you go, there you are!"

- Buckaroo Banzai



# FOR SALE

## Rifle - Shotgun Case

SKB ATA 50" x 9-1/2" x 6" hard case, weather-resistant O-ring seal, lockable, fully padded. Will hold four cowboy long guns up to 48" in length or a mix of long guns and pistols. Case used less than a dozen times and is in new condition. Price new from Midway is \$174.99

Kidd Krystin, (541) 479-6104 or e-mail: [edreajr@yahoo.com](mailto:edreajr@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE Items are listed free for club members. Items must be submitted prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and MUST be in electronic form, e.g. e-mail or attached files. (No handwritten submissions)**

### Merlin Marauder Badges

We have club badges for sale. They are high quality polished brass badges made by the Lindholm Brothers, Whiney Henry and Wimpy Hank Yoho, and are available from Molly b'Dam or Rogue Rascal for \$25.

### Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is Library Babbage

[www.merlinmarauders.com](http://www.merlinmarauders.com)

Send any photos or information to Library Babbage at the website e-mail address or to: [leevern\\_beck@hotmail.com](mailto:leevern_beck@hotmail.com)

## Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

As a point of curiosity and to get a general consensus of opinion, I recently posed the following question on the SASS Territorial Governor Wire:

A shooter begins the stage correctly, starts with the rifle. Puts 5 of 10 shots downrange. Immediate Cease Fire! Is called. (Red Flag!) There is no gun malfunction. Shooter immediately stops shooting, sets rifle down hammer down on fired cartridge or opens lever and jacks out live round and safely "grounds" rifle. OK. Re-shoot is granted, of course. Pistols are still loaded and holstered. Shooter has no spare rifle cartridges on his person. Should shooter then, keeping rifle muzzle pointed down range, return directly to the loading table to reload rifle, or proceed to UN-loading table and unload all guns, and trek back to loading table to reload? As we define the "firing line" as being from the loading table to the unloading table, I feel that going directly back to the loading table would be perfectly OK.

The responses I received varied. The one I liked best was:

### 2 Options depending on shooters mental state:

Either

1. If the shooter is mentally ready, since only the rifle was shot, and it is in a "safe" condition, I would send the shooter back to the loading table, and call the next shooter to the firing line. He could put his firearms on the table, retrieve ammo, reload the rifle, and be ready to shoot the stage when called.

2. If the shooter would like some time to regain composure or concentration due to being interrupted, I would send him to the unloading table.

The other responses split pretty much down the middle between returning safely to the loading table to reload the rifle and totally unloading all guns at the unloading table and

getting back in line to re-shoot. It would appear to be a non-issue to most folks and would depend partially on how best to maintain the "flow" of shooters on that stage.

Another subject that comes up occasionally is that of shooting in an area where there are several SASS-affiliated CAS clubs in fairly close proximity. Sure, we are ALL SASS-affiliated, but are we all playing the game the same way? Generally, yes. But there ARE sometimes some small differences. A case in point is giving "re-shoots". It is my personal opinion that all the clubs in the local area, and in this case I'd consider the Merlin Marauders, Table Rock Rangers, Jefferson State Regulators, Klamath Cowboys and Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers to be in the "same general area", use the same criteria for awarding a re-shoot. The SASS standard is that as the shooter's first round goes downrange, that stage becomes a "no-alibi" stage. Of course if the shooter is "interfered with" by the Timer/Range Operator, either verbally or physically (and that DOESN'T mean that if you've had a "train wreck" on that stage and you intentionally run over the TO/RO you get a re-shoot -- after you've politely helped pick him up off the ground), but what about a gun malfunction or a "squib" round. Again, my personal feeling is that if you have a gun malfunction you hand off the gun, take the misses and "drive on". No whining, no sniveling. You didn't get a "king's X" in a real gunfight or a "do-over"....I know that some range officers feel that we are "in the entertainment business" and need to bend over backward not to offend anyone so they won't "boycott" us for "being too hard on them". Pardon me, but B/S! Let's get together on this one so that EVERYONE is on the same page of music, no matter where in the "local area" we shoot. Again, this is MY feeling.....what's yours??



### Rogue River Ranger, aka Richard Jameson, and his grandson, Purgatory Smith

*It is with great sadness of heart that we relate the passing of another cowboy shooter who was dear to us all. **Richard Jameson** aka "**Rogue River Ranger**" passed away on July 22, 2008, at 4:30 am. He was a great friend and neighbor and a terrific role model for his grandson, Purgatory Smith. He will be sadly missed by all his cowboy pals, but the fond memories will remain. All those who knew him can relish the times they shared with him on and off the range.*

*Ranger fought and won many battles in life---not only during WW II as a Japanese POW, but in his personal life as well. Years ago, he beat cancer, but lost the re-match today. The family described him as peaceful when he slipped away. We are all blessed for having known him. He was the shining star of cowboy character----a "straight shooter".*

*Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Jameson family. Ranger has not fallen, he has risen to new uncharted heights.*

#### **Burial Ceremony**

*Burial Ceremony for our beloved cowboy, **Rogue River Ranger**, will be held at the Eagle Point National Cemetery located at 2763 Riley Rd. in Eagle Point. Services will begin at 1:00pm July 28th (Monday). All those cowboys who are able to attend are encouraged to wear their cowboy duds.*

*Directions to cemetery:*

*From Hwy 62, take Hwy 140 east. Turn left at Riley Road just past the golf course. Continue north until you come to the cemetery on your right. Turn right into the 2nd entrance to cemetery. The chapel is in the center of the cemetery on the hill. Look for cowboys and large crowd.*

*MapQuest link: <http://www.mapquest.com/mq/1-g0Md>*

*Let's give old Ranger a great cowboy send off. He's on a new journey now.*

#### **Reception Afterward**

*There will be a gathering at Ranger's house following the services at the cemetery. Food and refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.*

*Address:*

*1833 W. Evans Creek Rd.*

*Rogue River*