

## March 2013 President's Letter

We had our final work weekend before Jail Break, and boy, did things get accomplished. A really good crew did an excellent job of getting the range ready, including getting the new stage ready to shoot. It is a really impressive stage that we can all be proud of. It includes a porch roof the entire length of this sixty two foot long stage. It can be utilized in so many ways that it could be quite a while before you shoot it the same way twice. A new shade was also installed between the Log Cabin and the Town hall. This will provide both sun shade in summer, and rain shade in a storm. A lot of new paint was also splashed around the range. You will see all the improvements the next time you make it to the range. I would mention names of those who did all the work, but I would probably forget someone and regret it later. I will take the easy way out and not name anyone.

It is time for the mating season of snakes of the area. They don't like being disturbed, just like humans, and can become violent if you mess with them either knowingly or un-knowingly. This will present no problems if you just respect them and don't try reaching under or around anything while retrieving brass, or sitting in the leaves.

While discussing retrieving brass, DO NOT go down range in front of the firing line while the line is hot. Even if someone is shooting five stages away, DON'T go down range. And, DON'T shoot while someone IS down range. Either of these situations could get you ejected from the range. Observe our new Range Flags located in the center of the firing line. A green flag flying means you can shoot, and a red flag means you cannot. NO FLAG FLYING means you better find the Range Marshal or who ever is in charge of the range that day and have him put one up.

The US Forest Service, administered by the US Department of the Interior, asks us on countless signs placed in our national parks, "Please Do Not Feed the Animals". Their stated reason for the policy is because the animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves. MEANWHILE, the US Department of Agriculture is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever in the history of the United States. You figure that one out.

I'll see you all at Jail Break.