

Watson Cattle Company

“If you think you can ride, Saddle Up!”



“Some Cowboy Words”

National Day of the Cowboy

I think it’s time for America to recognize what built this country and made it into what it is today. Now despite all the politics, taxes, pollution and this younger generation crying out how bad off they have it, the American dream was contrived of hard work and when you think of hard work, you should think of the “American Cowboy”.

What is a cowboy? Today's cowboy is somewhat different from the earlier cowboy. There were no arena’s back in the day. It was riding the hills to gather up what they were looking for. To bring good ol beef to the American table. Those days have long been gone and a cattle drive anymore is just a few city slickers that paid to act out the cowboy dream on some dude ranch somewhere, never the less..... We owe quite a bit to the American Cowboy and the “National Day of the Cowboy” has been doing this for the last 3 years.



Now if you don’t know anything about the “National day of the Cowboy”, you need to get on over to www.nationaldayofthecowboy.org and see what all the fuss is about. I think after visiting the site you will agree that our American Cowboy needs a little appreciation and to be recognized as an American hero just as any other fellar that has his or her own day.

This year the “National Day of the Cowboy” will be celebrated on July 26, 2008. If you need more information or wanna become involved with the “National Day of the Cowboy” check out there website and get hold of Bethany Braley who has been doing an outstanding job in her efforts to get this day recognized throughout the United States and the world.

Special points of interest:

- National Day of the Cowboy
- Land
- Spring gatherings
- Western Heritage

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Whitey.....Bird Dog of the year

I don’t know if a lot of you may remember Calibo. He was the best of the best when it came to bird doggin. A natural at heart. He was a black Lab that was retrieving at 8 weeks and full blown hunting at 3 months. His disappearance was that to mourn. More then likely stolen. It was only 2 weeks before Dove season of 2006.

With his parting he had the chance to leave behind a litter. Out of this litter a dog named “RED” was kept. Another natural from the “Calibo” line. Same as his father, “Red” picked up just as quick the hunting way. And out of “Red” came “Whitey”. Another natural “Calibo” hunting dog. And at 7 months old and learning from his father, “Whitey” has taken over bird hunting just as fast. So keep your eye out for “Watson Cattle Company’s” dogs. See what they can do!!

C.W.



Cowboys at Heart

To support the "National Day of the Cowboy" Watson Cattle Company went to Wilcox, AZ. A fine time we had to tell. We all got there Friday night and checked into our hotel. Got up early and headed over to the "National Day of the Cowboy" headquarters to see what Bethany had going on. Already set up and cooking was a couple chuck wagons, not replicas neither. Some original chuck wagons and almost original cooks to go with them.

Biscuits and gravy made in Dutch ovens were ready to eat and good as ever. After chowing down some grub we talked with Bethany a bit then when and seen the town. About 2:30 in the pm Katy Creek Band kicked up some music and did a lil Cowboy poetry. A fine show Katy Creek performed. Around 4:30 every one headed to the theater to watch "Let er Buck". A documentary I believe every cowboy and cowgirl should see, as well as every person that enjoys a good rodeo. Afterwards we headed to the "National Day of the Cowboy" headquarters to try our luck at the raffle. Well we tried..... and we had no luck.

A fun time indeed. Just some down to earth western entertainment. And Watson Cattle Co. is eager to get down to the next event as soon as Bethany gets something together!!!



Leased Land

With the price of fuel going up to amounts that shouldn't even be legal, we had to find some land to lease and turn them hay burners loose. And fat they are. They have been grazing for the last few months on about 350 acres we leased from Don Hanson. And that has saved us a few hundred bucks a month and given us some new area to ride.

And with the 350 acres there is about 5 other sections we can graze. So our cattle and horses are more then fat enough to keep them warm during this winter. And I am hoping to catch a glimpse of that ol' Mountain Lion that sneaks around there. Also kill me some of them coyotes as well. Not that I only think of hunting, just love the opportunity.

So if you are running down Bourden Ranch Rd. and see some cattle or horses running down the runway at the new airport, well, that more then likely be our livestock out for a stroll, They seem to find that one little weakness in the fence. Yet, it gives us something to do.

C.W.

Reloading at last

Well we all been shootin and shootin and buying bullets to shoot some more. The bad thing is that we shoot some difficult rounds. Such as the 220 Swift, 6.5 Swedish, 45-70 and the expensive 7mm Rem Mag. So we headed down to Dillon Precision after Thanksgiving and spent some hard earned money. And now we are on the way.

It is costly in the beginning, but I am sure in the end it will definitely pay for itself. We went ahead and got the 550 progressive. I have been going over all the specs and doing my homework on ballistics. Now is all I need to do is put it to use. I don't think people realize what goes into reloading as far as getting the recipe down. But once you do I imagine the time is well worth the wait..

So watch out for us next year, with any luck we will be top notch marksman with pin point accuracy!!

C.W.



Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right

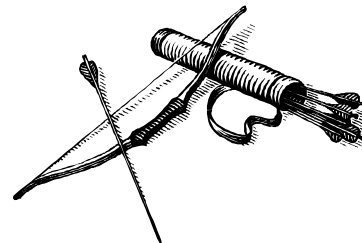
Author: Henry Ford

2008 Elk Hunt, over the counter

Well the game and Fish Department has let go thousands of tags for a couple areas here in Arizona. One being just North of us about 30 miles and another in kaibab I think and yet another around Camp Verde.

The area close to home is the one we gonna hunt the most. You get 3 Months to start with and another two in August and September. We went out on the 1st and seen a few tracks and a few Elk. Unfortunately they were a mile out of our area, either way they roam the area frequently. The hunt is definitely gonna be a tough one. Horseback or on foot will be the best result hunt you will have. Yet the winter makes it tough to do either.

We are gonna do most our hunting off horseback in the draws and valleys. We've seen some sign in these areas. Not a ton of sign but enough to know they are still in the area. Along with these elk signs are a nice heard of deer and an abundance of coyote. So Elk hunting isn't all we're gonna be doing. The Elk tag is just a plus to the coyote hunting we will be doing. C.W.



Music..... The old way

While we was down in Wilcox, AZ we got to listen to the music of the Katy Creek Band. Good friends and great singers. Wes and Nancy Ruybal, a couple from Maricopa, AZ, sang some songs and recited some poems. Quite often, right in their own living room, they have little concerts. If you never been to one, get over there and check them out. You can go online to their website, katicreekband.com, and check them out.

Now if you ever wanna just have a lil bonfire and invite some friends over, give Wes and Nancy a call and have them come play for you. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Matter of fact if you keep your eyes on our newsletter you will see some events coming up this spring, here in the White Mountains with music, food and friends.

To book the Katy Creek Band give Nancy a call...520-568-3814 or visit their website

www.katicreekband.com

Somebody just
back of you
while you are
fishing is as bad
as someone
looking over
your shoulder
while you write a
letter to your
girl.

Author: Ernest
Hemingway

Cowboy Gatherings this Spring

This year we are going to push the "National Day of the Cowboy" holiday. And to do so we will be holding a few trail rides, bar b q's and good ol' cowboy get togethers. Now your gonna have to keep in touch with us either through our website or newsletters to find out when they are.

Most of these are more then likely gonna be fundraisers. So hopefully we all can do our part when it comes to participating. Whether you are coming to help or coming to watch, we all can do our part when it comes to "preserving our western heritage". And everyone loves some down to earth cowboy entertainment and gatherings. Hope to see all of you there!

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If you have something you want to put in this newsletter then let us know. You can e-mail it to info@watsoncattlecompany.com or mail it to

518 W. White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929. I am going to try and get these out once a month. Don't

know how successful I will be with it ,but with your help it may be possible. So no matter what you have to print get er' to us. Recipes, stories, announcements. Let us know.



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"Recipe of the month"

Texas Cowboy Stew

- 6 slices bacon
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 cups cubed potatoes
- 2 large cans tomatoes)
- 1 can corn, drained or 1 cob corn, cut off

Fry bacon, remove from skillet. Sauté onions and bell pepper in bacon drippings. Add beef and garlic. Brown together and simmer for 30 minutes.

Add salt, pepper, chili powder, tomatoes and potatoes. Cook over low heat until potatoes are done. Add corn; simmer 10 minutes.

Crumble bacon over top.

