

# Merry Christmas

*from the handymen at QuarterNotes Ltd.*

This past year has been largely taken up with maintenance projects here at the QuarterNotes compound. Our facilities were showing their age and definitely needed some sprucing up. First on the agenda was exterior painting. Not a small task considering the numerous structures scattered across the property. Of course I would have preferred to hire out the work, but that was out of the question. It simply would not do to have outsiders snooping about, potentially poking their noses into who knows what confidential areas. Like it or not, this job would have to be done by our own personnel. You can believe it when I tell you the general feeling amongst the troops was decidedly negative. The prevailing attitude seemed to be that this type of manual labour was beneath them. There was plenty of grumbling and my leadership skills were put to the test. Eventually, I was able to restore order by prominently carrying my old Officers Model in an open cross-draw rig.

As the work progressed, the griping slowly diminished. Luckily, the weather was good and contributed to the improving morale. It is also possible that the silver eagle bonus program I instituted had a positive effect. Regardless, it took a solid 5 weeks with only two days off before the last brushstroke was made. *But...*

I doubt you can imagine the outcry when I announced that we were barely halfway through the maintenance list. Many smaller items remained along with the really nasty job of resealing the asphalt. The bellyaching set a new decibel level and was accompanied by a few instances of active resistance. It became necessary to add a stick to the previous carrot. At the end of each day, the individual deemed to be the least productive was subjected to a humiliation ritual so profound that occasionally the QuarterNotes medic was compelled to intervene. I justify this technique by pointing out that subsequent protests were held to a manageable level, and the pavement work completed in short order.

Here is a photo of the resealed asphalt showing the superb crack fill job. Anyway, I am pleased report that QuarterNotes is back in tiptop shape with counterstamp operations resumed.

In closing, we hope all of you in the extended QuarterNotes family will be showered with lucrative opportunities, and remain free of interference from meddlesome law enforcement.

The QuarterMaster 2024

*They're not gonna catch us, we're on a Mission from God !*

