**POSSE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**ANOTHER CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER!**

By Palaver Pete

The Pine Mt. Posse Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange was held on Sunday December 13th at the Phoenix Restaurant in Bend. This year the posse decided to have an afternoon party so that members could drive to and from the party in a reasonably safe time zone. The plan was to have an early morning shoot, then adjourn to the restaurant for the party, but because of the heavy snow at the range, the shoot was canceled, and the party was held from 1:30 to 4:30. Once again the posse picked up the tab for all attending members.

The Chuck Wagon menu was mind boggling, with choice of Halibut Fish and Chips, or a half rack of pork ribs with traditional BBQ sauce, and of course the obligatory French fries. But wait, that’s not all—Steak Bento and Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo were also offered, so members really had a delicious assortment from which to choose. Main courses were accompanied by a choice of a small dinner salad, Caesar salad or soup—great menu indeed. Our thanks go to Arctic Annie and Diamond Willow for making the party arrangements.

This festive occasion was used to announce our newly elected Posse Board Members, as follows:

Marshall—Side Kick Rick

Deputy Marshall—Whispering Wade

Banker--Shevlin Kid

Bookkeeper--Diamond Willow

Territorial Governor--Sunrise Bill

Telegraph Operator-- Diamond Willow

Newspaper editor--Palaver Pete

After lunch, the dis-orderly White Elephant Gift Exchange was held, and most members managed to keep (hide) the gifts they really wanted. Well, that’s it for now Pards. Next shoot will be on Sunday, January 10th at 10am. Hoss Reese will be doing the stages. Remember this: "Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans." John Lennon.