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The Oldest Cowboy Action S[illegible]g Club in Grimes County, Texas

9/10 of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance F[illegible] Entrance. Look for the Black & White sign, Eastside



11	Thursday, Mowing Day, or maybe just water tower filling day
13	**TRR First Monthly Match**
20	TRR Practice Day/ 🎯 Long Range .22/Pistol-Caliber Match
25	Thursday**, NO Mowing Day,** but we'll fill the water tower
27	**TRR Second Monthly Match**
Jan 3	🌳 Willow Hole Monthly Match
Jan 4	⚡ 🕳 Thunder Hole Long Range Match

Message from the President



Crockett Texas
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The Cowboy Action Family

As we head into the holiday season, I am thankful for many things, including but not limited to: Being alive.

On November 2, after toughing it out for a week, I finally listened to my wife and went to the ER with a throbbing headache. A CT scan revealed

bleeding in my skull, and what followed was 3 emergency brain surgeries in a total of 8 days.

By the grace of God and with the help of some talented neurosurgeons, I am going to be ok. Throughout the ordeal I felt buoyed by the love and support of my family, and also my extended, Cowboy Action Family. Thank you to my friends who helped me and prayed for me and checked on me during this time.

I am certainly not the only Thunder River Renegade who has experienced health problems recently, and many have faced far tougher trials than me. But we are a family, and we look out for each other. If you know of someone in the midst of a battle, reach out to them and encourage them. Let them know we miss them and are thinking about them. They will be thankful for YOU.

In other news, we are only two months away from Last Stand at Thunder River 2026! We are hoping for a great turnout at this match. Invite anyone you know! If you can't make it, please let your TRR Board know why. We are open to constructive comments. It should be a fun and exciting match, and we are looking forward to it!

To sum up, I am thankful for Cowboy Action Shooting and especially Thunder River Renegades, which means each and every one of YOU. I encourage you to count your blessings this holiday season and think of everything you have to be thankful for.

Crockett Texas
TRR President



How our Condolence Messaging Works: As you are aware, we send emails to our members letting them know when there is a need for their thoughts and prayers. It could be medical issues of the member or their family, or similar unsettling issues.

What you might not know is that any replies I get, I forward to that member. This gives them a bit of a boost and lets them know others are thinking of them. This keeps their email addresses from floating around the internet—not all of our members want 1,006 unsolicited emails showing up in their box each day



2026 is just around the corner, membership-wise. Yes, friends it's time to join *The Oldest SASS Club in Grimes County, Texas*.

We have three, count them, three different types of membership

- **Individual Adult** for those over 18. Yearly cost is a mere $35
- **Junior Membership** for those under 18 is but $20
- **Family membership** for the entire family is $70.
- But if the case is a single adult and a single junior, the cost is $55. We're happy to figure out the <u>least</u> cost for membership

Presently, our 2026 membership stands at 25 members

Alyson White
Angels
Blackpowder Burn
Brazos Bob Bill Miller
Cheyenne Ranger
Clem Quickdawl
Colonel Buendia
Colonel Mackenzie
Deputy Raylan
Ellie Mae
Judge Roy Bean
Justice Lily Kate
Neshannock Leo
Paco Bill
Preacherman Robert
Rattlesnake Rylie
Rawhide
Red River Mac
Rusty Elder
Tell Sackett
Texas Jack Daniels
The Dobbin Kid
Two Spurs
Tyrel Sackett
Wild Eagle



Opening Up Cylinder Throats for fun and profit:

Nostrum Damus ordered a reamer and pilots to do this job, as early Ruger Vaqueros are known for tight throats. He was kind enough to write an article about it, which will be shared with you later. I was humbled by his writing skills and photography work.

He was also kind enough to give me a hands-on demonstration of the process. Once you see it, you realize how wonderful it is for someone to have this knowledge. Just watching him lay out all his tools and supplies told me he is one of those masters who know their way around guns. I learned much from his demonstration.

He has returned the rented equipment as he only had it for a week, as buying the reamer and pilots runs into the hundreds of dollars.

Update on our scoring program, Practiscore: on 11/22, our program went *south*. Still don't know why, but the section where misses/bonuses appeared for each shooter was no longer there. It was showing in the creation of the match, but it just wasn't showing when our beloved scorekeepers were inputting scores.

Google informed me that this is a possible side effect of using PS, but wait!, there is a new, improved version PS2!!! Time to upgrade.

I actually had loaded this during the summer, just had never gotten around to learning it. *Well, buddy, it's time to learn*.

I spent Saturday night and Sunday afternoon with it and at the end of the day, "It's Alive!" The best part is that somehow I got all 102 names moved from the old version to the new. Couldn't do it again to save my life, but they are there.

I'll be happy to show anyone the subtle changes in this new version. Just see me at the match.

Quick look at the current Lee Molds: had the occasion to buy another Lee 6-gang mold in .452 RNFP 200 gr. My old one was at least 15 years old and had been through the wars. Time to treat myself to a better product . . . I hoped.



Positives: The mold now has air vent lines throughout. Allows trapped air to depart to parts unknown so you get nice bullets. The overall quality is better than the old one. The price is also 'south' of the high-dollar custom ones on the market.



Air vents

That being said, there are some negatives. I did my usual drilling and tapping for a set screw to keep the sprue plate screw tight. I invested in a bunch of 6-32 set screws and bought the tap and die set back in the 90s, so other than the 20 minutes it took for the job, I was out nothing.



Set screw under spure plate screw

I also pinned the wooden handle to the sprue plate lever. They all seem to loosen after repeated casting sessions. A quick drilling of the wood and metal, and used a brad to lock them together. Total time was 30 minutes, which includes the set screw above.



Black arrow points to pin

One final job is to scratch a line across the top of the spure plate screw. This shows me if the screw is coming loose. As long as the line remains in the same position, the screw hasn't loosened.

I always scrub the mold with Dawn to remove any of the cutting oil used it the manufacturing process. Even with this, it usually takes 2-3 casting sessions to get wrinkle-free bullets. This time, I was casting "keepers" in 10 minutes. Doesn't take long to drain a 20 lb pot casting 1200 grains at a time, not to mention the 800 grain sprue that is cut off when you drop them out of the mold.

With a gentle tap of the mold, the bullets dropped out, so no wasted time whacking the mold repeatedly to get them to drop (remember my old one?) This was a good investment for my enjoyment of casting and my sanity.

Recycling is good for the Old West: turns out the plastic primer trays and cardboard sleeves are recyclable. Now I know this isn't Earth-shattering, but for those of us who have become obsessive-compulsive in our old age, it's nice to know we're saving the planet one primer tray at a time.



The Thunder River Mercantile

Off-Cowboy but still a lot of fun: Did you know that **Crockett** is a Class 3 FFL? This means he can handle **suppressor (silencer)** sales. From the talk round the pavilion this sound like a lot of fun and while not cheap still is within the price range of many of us.

For more details contact him at: **trentffl@gmail.com**



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Tells Primers



My wife, **Angels**, and I are traveling more these days, so it's best to contact me regarding primers and see what can be arranged. Or when I might be out to the range

I can be contacted at: **cmjdaj@gmail.com** or **texted at 714-857-4471.**

Tell Sackett

	Products	per 1000
Federal	Small Pistol	$70
	SP Magnum	$70
	SP Match	$70
	SP Magnum Match	$85
	Large Pistol	$75
	LP Magnum	$80
	LP Magnum Match	$80
	Small Rifle	$60
	Large Rifle	$75
	#209 Shotshell	$80
Winchester	Small Pistol	$50
	Large Pistol	$50
	#209 Shotshell	$55
Magtech	Small Pistol	$40
Servivious Adventous	Small Pistol	$30
Remington	LR Magnum	$70
Cheddite	#209	$55

Recline Lodge: **Doc Jim Harvey's** storefront:



I have created some 10-10-4 merchandise on the TeePublic site (link below or click on the graphic on the left). Stickers, t-shirts, coffee mugs, travel mugs, and many more items are available. Check it out. I will be creating some more 10-10-4 graphics soon.

Link to his store: **LINK**

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Shooting once a month not enough?

Willow Hole Cowboys 1st Saturday of the month
http://www.willowholecowboys.com/

Thunder Hole Long Range Cowboy Rifle Match: the Sunday after the 1st Saturday of the month: **Blackpowder Burn:** garry@laxtontx.com

Oakwood Outlaws
2nd Saturday & Sunday of every month and the Monday following the 2nd weekend. www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/

Brazos Rangers (part of Greenwood Gun Club)
https://greenwoodgunclub.org/cowboy-action
Second Sunday of each month
Director: Scott Miller (AKA "Slimy") scottlittlefish@hotmail.com

Texas Historical Shootist Society: 3rd Weekend* of the month (both days). https://www.thss.org/ (*THSS shoots on the third Sunday plus the Saturday prior. Sometimes this ends up being the second Saturday if the first of the month is on Sunday.)

Orange County Regulators: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
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