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The Oldest Cowboy Action Shooting Club in Grimes County, Texas

9/10 of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance. Look for the Black & White sign, Eastside



You received the **new monthly happenings format** on March 31. We will be using this for the remainder of the year, if not longer.

Switching Match, Practice Day, ONE MORE TIME! With the Texas State SASS Championship using up the April 11th weekend, we are going to have:

- April Practice/Long Range on April 11th
- TRR's first monthly match on April 18th
- TRR's second monthly match on April 25th



Officers' Meeting, March 19: the entire board was present, as well as Assistant Range Master **Doc O'Bay.** Several topics were discussed:

- **LSTR 2026**
  - Overall, the evaluations were positive with several suggestions for improvements.
  - We had a positive cash flow of $2,900 for LSTR 26

- **LSTR 2027**
  - Dates will be January 15-17, 2027
  - Ten stages will be included next year
- **Range Work Day**
  - Will be held in April or May
  - **RB** has a list of repairs and will be publishing this later.
  - **Work on the new Stage 1 will occur after this workday**
- **New Stage 1** (working title: **Crockett's** Corral of Cows)
  - It will be left of the **Nile City** Depot
  - Have a 12x24' platform from which to shoot.
  - Will be covered
  - Materials and targets are being sourced
  - Current plans are for this to be an ambidextrous stage (can be shot from either end, or starting in the middle, move left or right)
- **AED (Automatic External Defibrillator**
  - We will replace our current model with the most up to date one. Next to falls, heart problems are concerning as our membership ages.



Sample Picture

  - An AED is a portable device designed to analyze a person's heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock if necessary to restore a normal heartbeat. AEDs are intended for use during sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart unexpectedly stops beating due to an electrical malfunction. This is different from a heart attack, which involves blocked blood flow to the heart; an AED will only help if a heart attack leads to cardiac arrest.
  - Our **EMT Group** 🚑 is trained in its use

- **Doc O'Bay** is happy to conduct training for members. The session is less than 15 minutes and is encouraged for all.
- Our AED is stored in the office, on the right side, just as you enter.

Speaking of our new Stage 1: while everything is still in the design stage, we have a mockup of it attached. Nothing is set in concrete, though we may put the floor on cinder blocks to keep the wood from rotting.



One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish: For our eagle-eyed members, you will notice that we have updated the numbers for our stages, both in the booklets and on the stages themselves (I have finished the new number plaques).

Now all we have to do is get everyone to learn them 😁

One more comment on opening up revolver cylinders.

One additional advantage is that now my empty shells just drop out on their own, without using the ejector rod or prying them out with a screwknife. Make life at the unloading table much easier.—from last newsletter



Nostrum Damus' reply: This is indeed a benefit of opening up the throats to their specification diameter. I obtained this same benefit in my own pistols. It is the result of having reduced the chamber pressures that were being generated by the bullets being "stuck" and then squeezed through undersized throats. The brass cases were

overexpanding as a result of those excessive chamber pressures. As you've seen, a properly sized bullet now drops clear through each chamber (from back to front, as usual), and thus those overpressures have been eliminated.

I also noticed that I am not getting leading in my barrel. I attribute this to not having the powder coating stripped off as the bullet leaves the front of the cylinder—cr.



Cleaning Reloading Trays: I load using reloading trays, then spray them with Hornady One Shot spray lube. This gives me a chance to inspect the cases before continuing the reloading process.

Over time, the trays build up spray wax from the One Shot. This is sticky and gathers dust and dirt; time to clean them *quick like a bunny.*

What I found that works the best is a simple run through the dishwasher. I don't include any dishes, just the trays themselves. It removes all the overspray, and they are as good as new.

One caveat: the bottoms of the trays have paper coverings listing all the sizes of trays and which cartridges fit them. They get soggy. I do set the trays in the sun for a day and peel off as much of these labels as possible. After several trips through, the labels get removed by the dishwasher.

The Thunder River Mercantile

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

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**

John Powers, Gunsmith



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832-867-4102

Rayland Pless











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**



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
If planning on shooting the Match, contact **Scott** beforehand to get the gate code for entry to the range.
Director: **Scott Miller** (AKA "Slimy") scottlittlefish@hotmail.com

Texas Historical Shootist Society: Weekend of the 3rd SUNDAY of the month(both days). https://www.thss.org/

Orange County Regulators: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
https://www.facebook.com/orangecountyregulators
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