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The **Premiere** Cowboy Action Shooting Club in Grimes County, Texas

9/10 of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the Red, White and Blue sign

❖ **Match this Saturday:** Aug 25th: match of five stages; registration cut off **9:00**

July 28th Match: We had 32 shooters at this match which is pretty amazing given the weather conditions at the range. Everyone came to have fun, play *Cowboys and Indians* and ‘shoot at stuff.’

Continuing with the democratic process the assembled group voted to have 2 posses of 16 each which left plenty of worker bees for the various jobs of the posse. **TJD** and I provided iced drinks which made this event that much more enjoyable.

Our new Clean Match and “P” pins were a hit with those winners. Some even were considering how to get both pins in the same match—hint: can’t be done.

GW Ketchum won the overall match by shooting all 5 stages in less than 100 seconds . . . and shot it clean to boot!

Aug 4th Match: another hot match is in the books. Again almost an identical

weather day as well as the number of shooters broken into 2 posses.

Hats off to **BPB** who has refined the informational part of the safety meeting to mere minutes. **Crash** stood in for **TJD** and got the message across, “Don’t shoot anyone!”

TJD’s stages were mostly groups of three targets and some were ‘thoughty’ in you had to think—which can be hard for some of us.

Saw a few pards experiencing a bit of *mental confusion* I’m attributing to heat and humidity—not a safety issue but you could tell they ‘weren’t the sharpest tack I the box but then. They occurred at the end of the match and none of us are getting any younger.

And again, for the lucky and not so lucky our new Clean Match and “P” pins were a hit at the end of the day.

“Clean Matches, No Penalties”

July 28th: Cherokee Jones, GW Ketchum, Hopalong Ace, **Jalapeno**, Neshannock Leo, Ramblin Gambler, Slashwood Whittler, Texas Rooster

August 4th: Col. Mackenzie, Doc Jim Harvey, emery Goodner, Fast Tracker, GW Ketchum, Hopalong Ace, Senior Deacon, Wildcard Wayne, cheyenne



27% clean/no procedures: All matches combined



NOTES FROM OLE SMOKEY



Due to the size and importance of **BPB's** report this month we have included it as a separate attachment to the *World-Guardian*

Gun carts are your friends: for about 99% of us we rely on some kind of conveyance to transport all our guns and equipment from one end of the range to the other. Short of a pair of saddle bags and a large dog we use gun carts for this.

There are usually three stages in the gun cart cycle. First is throwing something together quickly to 'make do' and get you up and running is a short period of time. Since most of us had to shell out some \$\$ for guns and gear this first effort does not require a great deal of money or time. Depending on skill they can be built or bought . . . or a bit of both.



Second step happens about half a year later when you look around and see all the fantastic carts on the range and decide to upgrade. Pretty much the sky is the limit, that and the size of your pocket book.



Now the down side of these is weight, assembly/disassembly and your advancing age and diminished ability to lift something heavier than a bottle of beer. When it takes longer to get it set up than shoot the match (unless your **Buckshot Sully** or **GW**) you're wasting time and energy which can better be used telling tall tales to your pards.

Finally most of us arrive at the third and final part: finding something that will carry what we need, fit in our vehicles, doesn't equal the weight of a full grown cow and is easy to maneuver. Some have wooden carts, some have the ubiquitous Rugged Gear carts and a few will still have the dog and saddlebags



← Pony gun cart— another way to go

What happens each month behind the magic curtain:

Here is a 'short' list of the activities that need to be addressed for each month's match. Contrary to what many think there are no bands of minions or elves that take care of these chores, rather we count on a small group of worker bees to see to these items:



- Mow:
 - Main St
 - South 40
 - East Parking
 - Long Range
 - CD lanes
- Weed whack grass—a major reason the range looks so nice each match
- Gas for mower/generators
- Fill water tower
- Clean bathroom in Buzzards Roost
- Sweep boardwalk
- Clean each stage building to include emptying buckets
- Set up each stage for match
- Clean pavilion sign up area
- Position targets for match
- Paint targets
- Repair the mower as needed
- Get posse sign up and score sheets
- Post sign at FM 1774 & "Slow" sign
- H₂O/Gatorade for matches
- Ice on day of match
- Set up Tablets & tabulate results
- Raise Flags (an honor not a chore)
- Pay Ricky match fees
- Pay for own gas to drive to work days

Our 10-gallon hats are off to all who are part of this effort behind scenes to make TRR "the best SASS Club in Grimes Co, Texas!"

Length Does Matter: was on my last stage at the Aug 4th match. So far hadn't shot myself in the foot or anybody else for that matter; hadn't passed out or thrown up either.

Got to the loading table, loading the rifle and tenth round would not go in. Would get all the way to the rim but that was it—dang, I guess I tried to load 11—getting a bit stupid now. Jacked them all out and counted them: 10! Counted again, still 10. Mumble, mumble, loaded them again and tenth one still would not fit @\$#^^%\$!!! (which translates into "Gosh, something is wrong—or words to that effect.)

Loaded them twice more with same results (definition of insanity is to keep doing the same thing and expecting different results). Finally got another loading block and those rounds fit!

When I checked the offending rounds closely some were too long. And with several too long rounds taken together the overall length was barely too long to fit in the mag tube.

Not sure why they were too long in first place but now have another check to perform before they go in the loading blocks.



The Thunder River Mercantile



We DO need some Stinkin' Badges: with new members flooding the club we want to revisit how to buy a club badge. **Red River Mac** is handling this for TRR; see his message below:

*Make your check out to me, **L. M. DeBose**, for \$69. You can send it to me at **11535 Clover Lane Ct., Houston, 77066** or wait until you see me at*

the Range.

I will also need the correct spelling of your cowboy alias, and your mailing address.

Red River Mac



Osage Mike's: I'm a one man shop building custom leather goods for cowboy action shooters. I build holsters, cartridge belts, shotgun belts and cowboy shooter accessories one at a time. TRR member **Osage Mike**, jayemgee@msn.com Phone: 281.785.2397

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If anyone is interested in owning one of these bench top shooting sticks built by one of your fellow TRR members please contact Cartwright at gauth1965@gmail.com. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.



Cost - \$100 Thanks, **Cartwright**



J M Leather: is a small leather shop where leather items are crafted one at a time to provide long service to the cowboy shooter. **Johnny** and his wife **Montana Hannah** are cowboy shooters as well and understand getting what you paid for and being treated fair. The promise is a simple one, if you are not happy with your gear, let us make it right. We want you to be proud of the gear you wear, and proud that you got it from us. We are not a big name maker, but we will put our reputation and gear up against anyone. **Johnny Morris**, jmorris69007@msn.com website: <http://www.jm-leather.com>

After months of anxious anticipation, **Volume Two of the Adventures of Double Dog Darrenger and Gappy Jack Daniels: Deadwood or Bust** was published on December 16, 2017 and is now available. A little late for Christmas, but just in time for that special Epiphany gift or your personal celebration of Elvis Presley's birthday (we don't judge).



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The Misadventures continue in
Volume 2 - "Deadwood or Bust"
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Copies will be available at the December 30th shoot for the less than kingly sum of \$10. Cheaper than the Amazon price (also available there) and with better delivery!

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<http://oklahomadee.com/>

Shooting once a month not enough?

Oakwood Outlaws

2nd Sat. & Sun. every month and the Monday following the 2nd weekend. www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/

Willow Hole Cowboys 3rd Weekend of the month <http://www.willowholecowboys.com/>

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