

# Thunder River World-Guardian

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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 25<sup>th</sup>: match of five stages; registration cut off **9:00**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** it was an beautiful day with mild temperatures and then the Sun came up but that didn't deter 25 shooters with assorted companions show up for the "most important SASS August Match in Grimes, Co."

Safety meetings are becoming more compact and less *wordy*, I think because more people are laughing at **BPB** and **TJD's** jokes—whatever keeps those two happy. I did discover I can be an *active listener* seated in a chair or standing up—sitting always wins.

Most folks enjoyed the stages however **GW** ran into the dreaded 1873(?) jam. He was not sure what happened but it cost him 7 rifle targets.

Weezee Anna was showing us how it was done now that she has an operational shotgun again. And she is always ready to pick up brass when needed; pleasure to be on the same posse with her.



8-25-18 Posse 1; the guy you don't see in this group shot is **BPB** who was dealing with a UFO parking problem

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Posse 2: **Weezee Anna** (Green Shirt) is not wearing two cowboy hats—just looks that way.

**Petticoat Parker**, in her blue ensemble, always dresses for our matches. We couldn't get the munchkins in the back row to come out into the sunlight.

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**September 1<sup>st</sup> Match:** Labor Day took its toll on attendance; but in spite of this national holiday 23 shooters showed up, shoot and everyone finished in some form or fashion. With posses of 11 and 12 the stages just flew by and everyone was packed up and gone before 12 noon which was good as the temperature had reached 93° by that time. TJD again did a great job on the stages as did **Osage**, **Rooster** and **Slick** on moving them into position.

Now let's look at some of the finer points of the match: **Crash** and **Diamond Pearl** almost missed the safety meeting because **Crash** was driving and missed **Pearl** telling him when the start time was; 5 points for **Pearl**.

**Crash** also joined the WB crew doing a great job on his first outing. He said, "It's just like SASS shooting but not." Hard to argue with that.

**Don Alejandro** is now shooting C-D and finding he has to aim below the C-D targets to hit them. Probably a function of too little powder (since bullet is slower with less powder it stays in barrel longer and with barrel rising from recoil leaves at a greater angle from the ground—sounds counterintuitive but as **TJD** says, "Do the math."

**Macon A. Longshot** returned to our range and celebrated by winning it all. Following him were: **Outlaw Dave**, **Cherokee Jones**, **Rooster** and **Dusty Bottoms**. Please note that both **Cherokee** and **Rooster** are **Grand Patron** Shooters—that's 80+ years of age—though they don't look a day over 79.

Other interesting scoring notes: **Judge Roy Earl** edged out **Little Britches** by less than 2 seconds over the total match times and **Macon** beat me by almost 100 seconds but I did end up in Top 50 for the match.

**“Clean Matches, No Penalties” Aug 25<sup>th</sup>: Cherokee Jones, Hopalong Ace, Osage Mike, Outlaw Dave, Texas Jack Daniels, cheyenne**

**Sept 1: Cherokee Jones, Shadow Doc and cheyenne**

19% clean/no procedures: both matches combined



## NOTES FROM OLE SMOKEY

### Long Range

Nile City Slick began implementation of the “Big Brother is Watching You” long range procedures this month for our Cowboy Silhouette match on practice day.

OK! WHOA! Slow down before you get your feathers all ruffled with the reference to everyone’s favorite (NOT!) George Orwell novel. Just tugging on your leg a little.....



What we do have in place now is a requirement that everyone (and that means nobody is exempted, even Fairplay John and Jan, our semi-resident traveling long range competitors) must qualify for each type of match and with every firearm they are using. Each shooter must demonstrate they have the proper rifles, sighting equipment, the knowledge and ability to use them, and keep a specified number of rounds on target or within the berm at a specified distance for each type of match. Don’t let it scare you, it literally takes less than 5 minutes per person. The key thing here is that this demonstrates that we have procedures in place to keep the range safe and not let rounds escape the property.

The qualification procedure and our improved bullet traps, etc. should address that issue. The next time you’re at the range, also notice that Ricky has significantly increased the height of the 350 (or 500) yard berm at the end of the range.

### The Great TRR Gun Raffle

Yes, I’m touting the two guns we have to raffle – again! Buy lots of tickets so you have a good chance to win one (or both) of these beautiful firearms. The photos are included below – again! Show the two generous members that donated these how much you appreciate it, by helping us raise a nice chunk of change to support TRR operations.

The tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. We’ll sell the tickets between now and LSTR 2018, with the drawing held during the regular raffle at LSTR. We’ll have the raffle tickets available at both TRR and WHC monthly matches and practice days. Buy a bunch and buy often!!





### **Last Stand at Thunder River 2018**

LSTR 2018 is only 74 days away. The fee is the same \$45 as last year – no inflation! The registration form is on the TRR website, so fill it out and either send in to Cheyenne, or bring it to any of the matches and submit it to Osage Mike, head accountant for our in-house accounting firm of Dewey, Cheatum and Howe.

Remember that Cherokee Jones, our own loveable curmudgeon, is sponsoring the awards this year. They will be really nice medals and ribbons similar in style to those used in the Olympics, and also have a Chicago screw on back so they can be mounted on belts, etc. Come on out and try to get your very own one-of-a-kind award. Nobody else in SASS has anything like them.

We'll have our regular raffle as well as the separate ones for the Marlin rifle and Kimber pistol, followed by awards. Once again, I promise we'll keep the awards ceremony BRIEF this year!

### **Club T-Shirts Anyone?**

I'm sure you've seen the T-shirt order form by now, and I hope they're something you like. The t-shirts will be a deep red, while the Henley's will be grey. Unfortunately, the Henley's weren't available in red unless we went with a manufacturer that wanted three time the price for the shirt.

I think we're approaching 50 shirts ordered so far. Let's get those orders in if you want one. I'd like to place the order after our 1st match of October. It should take less than two weeks to receive them after ordering, so we anticipate them being available for distribution at the October 27th match.

**Getting a “Hand” on Reloading:** I now find that things that used to not bother me are getting in the way of enjoying the reloading process, which is another hobby for me and one I fancy almost as much as cowboying.

Working the handle of my SDB which has a round knob on the end sometimes will make the palm of my hand sore—hey, remember I’ll old and most of my parts are original.

I found that using a leather glove with the finger tips cut off (the glove not the hand) gives me the dexterity I need to pick up cases and bullets while providing a cushion to my life- and laugh-lines. Only problem is it’s a bit small and hard to get off what with no fingertips up bite with my teeth as I pull my hand out.

I was wandering through Harbor Freight and saw they have gloves with extra padding in the palms, fingers are already cut off and hook and loop (remember when we just called this VELCRO®?) tabs for a custom fit.

So after treating 5 kittens for ear mites and skipping lunch I motored over and checked all the gloves out. The plain leather and pigskin ones still were a bit tight but these were a much better fit with the adjustment tabs and the added thickness was totally smooth on the palms (no seams to become pressure and pain points. For \$8 before the 20% discount HF coupon my bill was less than a 10-spot.

They’ll take a bit of breaking in but are much better with the additional padding. Not a bad day’s effort.

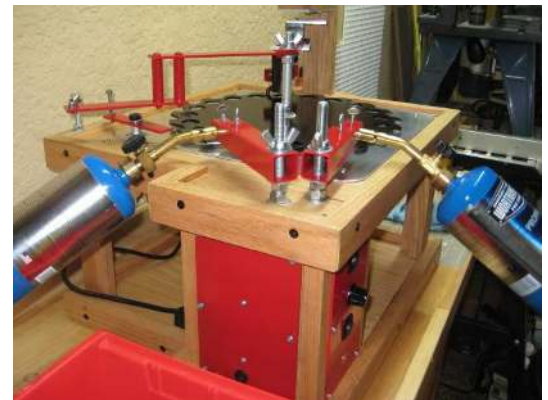


**Annealing Brass Update:** I am well into the .45 Colt brass that I started annealing several months ago. It took a bit of time to shoot up all of the already loaded brass but for the past 3-4 matches all I have run through my revolvers and rifle are annealed cases.

Here are the results: where before the inside of my Marlin 1894 was completely covered with blowback (.45 Colt cases are straight walled and will allow gases to escape back into the ‘guts’ of the rifle when each round is fired—doesn’t take too many to gum up the works) I now find the inside of the receiver very clean—a few wipes with a rag and it’s ready to go. All the little parts also are much cleaner. It cuts my cleaning time in half.

Revolvers have a similar positive level of cleanliness but their very design will deposit ‘crud’ on the front of the cylinder and forward—hard to keep this from happening with the cylinders’ fronts open. Again cleaning is quicker.

But you’re saying there is no free lunch and you’re right. My reloading process has gotten a bit longer. Now I dry tumble the fired cartridges for 15 minutes to get the dirt off the cases. Next is depriming (which I do on my progressive press—only the depriming pin in on the machine. All the



Similar to mine

dies are removed—4 bolts to change from the tool head with the dies and powder measure to one with just the depriming pin makes this worthwhile. You can deprime a bunch of brass if all you have to do is just put brass in the shellplate and not have to remove the deprimed brass.

After depriming the cases go through the annealing machine. Then wet tumble with SS chips for that showroom shine. It sounds like a lot of work but for me it isn't. I can do 2 matches' worth of brass (200-250 cases) in 30-45 minutes not counting the wait time for the tumbling. It's just part of the reloading process now.

## The Thunder River Mercantile



**Oklahoma Dee Vendor/Services/Products Company** is on line and open for business. **Dee** has been working on this for some time and is proud to announce the start of this business as well as his operational website.

Take a few moments to check out this new and exciting venture.

<http://oklahomadee.com/>



**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*

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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).

Copies will be available at the December 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## Shooting once a month not enough?

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2nd Sat. & Sun. every month and the Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. [www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/](http://www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/)

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

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