

# 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:** Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: match of six stages; registration cut off **9:00**

**October 26:** started out 17° above freezing and ended up 130° below boiling. Twenty-three shooters made the trip to the range to have fun and “shoot at stuff.” **Judge Pete** did a great job with the before-match blessing and **GW** did an equally fine job of running the meeting.

**Will Taylor** was finally able to make a match—his wife is on dialysis and he is her main care-giver, keep her in your prayers.

**Manco** was one of our newer shooters and had a ball, **Lorelei** enjoyed the weather, finally it was a bit cooler, and will have even more fun once all her old bullets get used up—WC bullets do not work well in lever action rifles. **Little Billy** had a great match going till the side of a cartridge case blew completely apart giving him a squib and 3 misses.

**Rawhide** was in attendance while **Ellie Mae** was with her mother in the hospital—another prayer posse opportunity here. He was RO to **Little Britches** and **Dusty Bottoms**, our only married couple *slinging lead* this time.

And speaking of ROs: we saw **Rooster**, **Manassas Jack** and **Dealin Lead** taking turns doing a great job at this vital position.

**Solomon River Kid** was shooting double duelist—funny thing: when he started SASS he started out in double duelist. If I had three hands I would use all of them to hold my revolvers—**SRK** only ever needed one.

Elder Statesman was the largest category with 8 shooters = 33% of the entries, **Rusty Elder**, **Sundown**, **Texas Drifter** and

**Neshannock Leo** among them. Some of them might pick other categories in the future—just saying.

**Def Willie** motored down from the Willow Hole Cowboys area to join in. He reminded everyone that they are just 3 inches on the map from our range and extended an invite to all to come play in their sandbox.

**Osage Mike** was first to arrive way before sunrise and kept the registration running in good order—he also took his category of Sr. Duelist.

Others enjoying the cool weather, till it got hot were **San Juan Steve**, **Caledonia Red**, **Hopalong Ace**, **Nile City Slick** shooting everything that moved and many things that didn't.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>:** beautiful day and 31 shooters made this a blast. Last time shooting before DST departs and **BPB** was back for the shooters meeting.

**WHC** sent their “**Gold Team**” of **Doc Bury'em**, **Walter Durbin**, **Baba Looy** and **Def Willie**—WHC will be holding a Veterans Day **Match** on Monday, Nov 12—a weekday.

Both **Fast Tracker** and **Baba Looy** were on the same posse showing me that they are in fact the same person—always thought they were one guy with two aliases. **Shotshell**, **Revenoor** and **Crockett** were among this shooters—glad they came out and played with us.

Both **Lady Doc** and **Nile City Slick** were resplendent in B-Western attire though they

shot in other categories. I just wish I had the body shape to wear those types of shirts—after all “round” is a shape

**Diamond Rose** loves warthog loads in her pistol—at least that’s what **Crash** says. I RO-ed for her and had 3 loose teeth as the result of the concussion from her rounds.

Watched **Maco** and **Rusty Elder** pushing their gun cart from stage to stage—it’s about the half the size of a school bus. **Rusty** says he is looking for an engine for it—might want to add a couple of seats and ride in comfort, too.

I had promised **Emery Goodner** the long range match would have great weather—he it took him two days to float from the low water crossing to the gulf after all the rain we got early Sunday morning.

We had a young couple shoot with us. **Guy Wire** was a fast shooter and, more importantly, a great posse worker—very pleasant, too. His wife kept score along with **Diamond Rose** so a

few of us began to have fun with her. When I asked her what she goes by she said, “Sam, just Sam.” So for the rest of the match I called her **Just Sam**. We gave her a few ideas for her own alias such as: **Green Eggs and Sam** and the ever popular **Sam I am**. She smiled and said to keep trying.

I kept mentioning it was more fun to shoot than to just keep score and when she comes back we can outfit her with leather and guns—wasn’t until after the match someone told me they were just visiting her family, were from Michigan and were heading home on Sunday—probably a bit far for them to come back for each match.

**“Clean Matches, No Penalties” Oct 26: Hopalong Ace, Manassas Jack, Neshannock Leo, Nile City Slick, cheyenne**

**Nov 3: Crash, Doc Bury'em, Hopalong Ace, Shotshell, cheyenne**

**7% clean/no procedures: All matches combined**



## **NOTES FROM OLE SMOKEY**

**LSTR 2018 – Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer – Again!**

Only 13 more days until LSTR 2018. Bet you thought it would never get here – just like Christmas!



As you’ve read on the LSTR webpage, and our earlier missives, we’re giving awards for only those categories where there are three (3) shooters or more signed up. Some have called me Scrooge (at least it’s in keeping with the Christmas theme☺), but dang it, I think you oughta’ have to best someone in competition in order to get an award. Anyway, I hope the reason you come to LSTR is to have fun shooting old style guns, breathing my black powder smoke, and visiting with your friends.

That being said, if you want to be in a category that is eligible for an award, please let us know if you want to have your chosen category collapsed into the most logical one (i.e., combining senior duelist and duelist, frontier cartridge and frontier cartridge duelist, etc.) or would prefer to be moved to a different category altogether if your first choice doesn't "make". Drop Cheyenne an email and he and I will make the necessary changes a day or two ahead of the match if required. We'll also send you a reply if we do change your category so you are aware of it before the match.

As a reminder, we'll have side matches on Friday (we provided specific details yesterday, but they'll include both the typical things (fastest this and that, as well as long range and maybe something slightly different thrown in. We will need some help to run the side matches, so Cheyenne will send around a list of them and we ask that you volunteer to help run one of them for an hour or so on Friday.

We'll also have our regular monthly long range gong match on the Sunday following LSTR. So, for folks that have a long range smoke pole, you can have 3 entire days of fun at Thunder River. What more could you ask for?

### **The Great TRR Gun Raffle**

Don't forget to bring plenty of cash to buy raffle tickets for the two beautiful guns we have to raffle. 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 at this weekend's match and LSTR 2018, with the drawing held during the regular raffle at LSTR.



**LSTR 18 is upon us:** In less than two weeks we will be having **our Annual Club Match and Yodeling Contest.** Six Stages written by our Range Master **Texas Jack Daniels.**

Door prizes for all shooters, great raffle items and food, glorious food! We'd like everyone to join in this once-a-year event. I know for a fact we have people coming in from as far away as Kerrville.

Come for the shooting—stay for the food and side dishes/desserts (from the participants will go well with the main courses the "board and friends" will be providing.)

**Smoke gets in your Eyes:** I was watching Lorelei and Manassas shooting their shotguns at 4 KD in a row. Unlike most of the posse they shot it 1,3,2,4??? My thoughts were 1,2,3,4 was simpler but as both of these are my heroes I figured there was a *method to their madness*.

Some of my ideas were that it was practice for the ‘big’ matches they attend; could be done this way to keep their minds sharp and challenge themselves mentally—something a middle of the bottom of the pack shooter like myself was unable to understand.

I voiced my thoughts, more talking to myself than anything and up moseys Dealin’ Lead and says, “Smoke.” I looked startled and he continued, “Skipping targets like that keeps the black powder smoke from obscuring the next target.” I gotta stop watching all those conspiracy theory TV shows.

**Quick Disconnect for Dillon Presses:** there is a vendor on Cast Boolits website that has developed a quick way to remove and reinstall the powder assemblies on all Dillon presses. <http://castboolits.gunloads.com/showthread.php?370225-VS-Dillon-Powder-feed-quick-disconnect>

I was lucky enough to get in on the Beta testing of the one for the SDB machines. The best thing about them is nothing has to be unscrewed/removed so no little parts hitting the floor never to be seen again.

For the SDB there is a routine you have to develop but it isn’t hard to learn and makes removing the measure for emptying out powder faster than before:

1. Lower handle so you have slack in failsafe rod
2. Remove pin in failsafe rod
3. Hold powder measure with left hand
4. With right hand pull out disconnect
5. With both hands lift powder measure and rotate so failsafe rod will clear disconnect
6. Remove failsafe rod from bell crank
7. Done



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**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](mailto:jayemgee@msn.com) Phone: 281.785.2397

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Made in the U.S.A.

Solid Oak, wood sealed for long life, heavy duty construction, leather strips on uprights to protect rifle, pinned-easy height adjustment, fully adjustable to match shooting bench height and shooter, collapses for easy transportation.



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](mailto: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](mailto:jmorris69007@msn.com) website: <http://www.jm-leather.com>

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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?

### Oakwood Outlaws

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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