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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: April 27th: match of six stages; registration cut off **9:00**

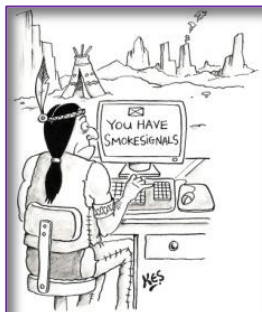
“Clean Matches, No Penalties” Mar 23: Caney Creek Kid, Judge Pete, Neshannock Leo, cheyenne. April 6: Cherokee Jones, Doc Jim Harvey, Fast Tracker, Nile City Slick, cheyenne
18% clean/no procedures: both matches combined

Why is my name in color and why that color? Way back in the dark ages when I put our newsletter together I had three objectives or goals.

First: have the newsletter keep the members informed about what is happening behind the curtain. I feel that the less done behind closed doors the better. Sometimes I probably go a bit overboard in keeping you informed but I see that as the lesser of two evils.

Secondly I want to write in a positive manner; rather than “We didn’t make our quota,” I feel, “We are still working to reach our goals.” This has been and is an on-going challenge for me.

Third is to recognize our members whenever possible. People work tirelessly in SASS, from the worker bees to the folks who can only make the match due to other demands on their time and talents. And each and every one who is part of this great sport/hobby/obsession like to get acknowledged for their efforts. To this end I highlight our brethren’s names and add a dash of color, too. Most get to be blue: **Odessa, Mongo Slim, Def Willie**; but if there is anything in their alias that hints at red they end up with this warmer hue: **Diamond Rose, Rusty Elder, Red River Mac**. My wife **Violet** is purple and ‘back in the day’ **Irish♣Gypsy** even got a shamrock.



NOTES FROM OLE SMOKE

More Long Range Stuff.....

Continuing my theme of long range topics.....I guess you’d be somewhat surprised if I didn’t mention it at this point, wouldn’t you? We didn’t have a match this month because Willow Hole folks were busy improving the road and the access to **Wild Willie’s Amusement and RV Park!** Things were a little



torn up and access would have been difficult. However, don't despair - Wild Willie tells us the facility will be open for business next month! If it sounds like fun to come spend a weekend at Willow Hole, shoot both cowboy and long range, while camping under the stars (or in your air conditioned RV) while sipping an adult beverage around the campfire, come join us.....

Or if you just want to come up for the day and shoot long range, well, heck, you can do that too. You just don't get out of the Houston anthill for quite as long.....

Speaking of long range stuff, we do still have the Rimfire and pistol caliber long range at TRR. It will be the Sunday after our 1st Saturday cowboy match. It takes the time slot formerly occupied by the big bore long range, so now doesn't interfere with practice day.

Other Clubs Annual Matches

If you haven't gone to other clubs for their annual matches, you really should get out and enjoy one in the near future. One of the best ones in my opinion (which is free, so you get what you pay for) is Comancheria Days in Fredericksburg, hosted by the Texican Rangers. You get to spend several days in one of the best small cities in Texas (which means the best in the world) and shoot with a bunch of interesting characters from all over the country. "It just don't get no better!"

There's also Trailhead, nearby in Columbus. Comin' At'Cha is hosted by the incomparable T-Bone Dooley (think of the Energizer Bunny that looks like Garth Brooks twin hosting a week-long party with cowboy shooting interspersed) in northeast Texas. Texas Ghost is also working with Colorado Jackson hosting a lot of regional matches that are now drawing excellent attendance. HINT – TRR is hosting one in June.

So.....get out and see some new scenery while enjoying dressing cowboy and shooting stuff! You might even get your wife to go along (if you want to). Just think, if she likes the trip to somewhere different and new, she might even encourage you to make more matches out of town. Now that's a win-win.....

Additional Comancheria Congratulations.....

While Cheyenne sent out the placement of our members in the main match several days ago, I'd like to congratulate our folks that also did well in the side matches. TRR members concentrated in the long range competitions (notice a pattern here?), and had a darn good showing.

Men's Long Range Revolver Caliber Rifle – Fairplay John - 2nd

Ladies Long Range Revolver Caliber Rifle – Bristlecone Jan - 3rd

Men's Big Bore Lever – GW Ketchum - 2nd

Ladies Big Bore Lever – Bristlecone Jan - 3rd

Men's Big Bore Single Shot – Fairplay John - 1st

GW Ketchum - 2nd (by 0.15 seconds!)

Ladies Big Bore Single Shot – Bristlecone Jan - 1st

Comancheria did not differentiate between folks shooting little smokeless powder cartridges and those shooting big 'ol real black powder cartridges for the long range competition. Now, if there **had** been a separate category for that, then the placement there would have been...

Men's Big Bore Single Shot Black Powder – Blackpowder Burn - 1st

Nile City Slick - 2nd

I'm just sayin'.....

Blackpowder Burn

Stage Adoptions at TRR:

Suzie Q and **GW Ketchum** have rounded up the **Foreclosed Cattle Co.**

Nile City Slick has jumped on board the **Wagon**

Caledonia Red now has the **Leather Shop**

Frio Kid stepped up for the **Saloon**

Diamond Rose and **Crash** have **Hooker's Hotel**

Hopalong Ace has **Utter's Freight and Powder**

Cowboy has taken on **Tombstone Jail**

Ellie and **Rawhide** are still in charge of **Miss Ellie's General Store**

That leaves the **Gallows**—any takers?

Our beloved VP **Crash** reminds everyone we do have a **club forum** for some give and take among club members: <https://thunderiverrenegades.com/phpBB-3.0.8/phpBB3/>



For those of you who like to plan ahead we will be hosting a TSRA match on June 29. More details will be forthcoming but **Texas Ghost's World Famous Balloon Bust** will certainly be there.



If there are buds on the trees . . . can range maintenance be far behind? Short answer: **NO!**

With our new VP **Crash** having a paying job the maintenance and construction jobs have moved to the weekends. This allows him to keep food on the table and gas in the trucks.



Mowing days will still be during the week before the matches. The idea is to have a world-class venue all ready to go for our trips back to the Old West. Obviously this keeps folks with day jobs from joining in and we'll continue to rely on our Retired and Out of Work members to accomplish this.

For our new as well as forgetful members the day starts around 8 a.m. and consists of weed whacking around all the building, close in targets and boardwalk. Moving any mats in the stages so they are out of the weather and depending on water level the tower may need to be topped off are also part of the process.

Most times all of this takes about 2 hours but worker bee numbers will cause actual times to vary. We want to thank all those who have come out in the past and will continue to make the trek to Toad Mission. If you feel so inclined and your home situation allows it come on out and join in.

Our next mowing day is Thursday, April 25



Ruger announces new single action .22 Wrangler: [CLICK HERE](#)

Here is where to pre-order for a really good price [CLICK HERE](#) Two of these for less than \$400.

Many posts on SASS Wire think this is a Buckaroos/Buckarettes into our game. three finishes that it comes in—all

Remember we have a .22 be a great revolver for that.

Some are already calling for



great way to get Note there are are Creakote®.

category for adults, too and this would

Ruger to offer it in .32 caliber.



The Thunder River Mercantile

Reloader for Sale!!! I have a **Dillon Square Deal-B** progressive for sale. It's set up with dies for 38/357. It works well. I just prefer my 550B and I'm running out of bench space.

Asking \$225.

I'll bring to the match if anyone is interested.

Osage Mike



Wooden Fully Adjustable Bench Top Shooting Sticks

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. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.

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



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 30th shoot for the less than kingly sum of \$10. Cheaper than the Amazon price (also available there) and with better delivery!

*The Misadventures of
Double Dog Darrenger
&
Gappy Jack Daniels
in
DEADWOOD
or bust
Volume Two*

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Down South Leather, Custom Leather Goods for the Cowboy Life Style by **Rusty Reb** is proud to announce the opening of its Houston branch. Contact **Rusty** and discuss your needs and wants; he's only an email or phone call away: RustyReb49@Yahoo.com or 281-435-9984



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

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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