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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:** July 27<sup>th</sup>: match of five stages; registration cut off **8:30**

**“Clean Matches, No Penalties”**

**June 22:** Cowboy, Dusty Bottoms, Little Billy, Nile City Slick, Osage Mike, Shotgun Steve

**TSRA June 29:** Angels, Cowboy, Crash, **Red River Larry**

**July 6:** Cowboy, Col. Mackenzie, Crash, Show Me

**Top Ten Shooters**

**June 22:**

- GW Ketchum
- Wild Card Wayne
- Lonesome Lefty
- Osage Mike
- Rawhide
- Dusty Bottoms
- Tanner Wright
- Nile City Slick
- Dealin Lead
- Manassas Jack

**TSRA, June 29**

- Oklahoma Dee
- Tres Equis
- GW Ketchum
- Outlaw Dave
- Thunderhawk

Doc O'Bay

Tell Sacket

Osage Mike

Rooster

Rawhide

**July 6**

Oklahoma Dee

Doc O'Bay

Cherokee Jones

Thunderhawk

Manassas Jack

Osage Mike

Cowboy

Dealin' Lead

Dusty Bottoms

Nile City Slick

**Ladies June 22**

Weezee Anna

Ellie Mae

Lorelei Longshot

**Ruby♥Red Rider**

**Ladies TSRA**

Angles

Lady Doc

**Ladies July 6**

K.C. Sneed

Weezee Anna

Kuckleburr

**And then there were Six!** TRR has honored a number of its members over the years for going well past 'above and beyond' in helping the club. From building stage buildings, the pavilion and other structures to working behind the scenes to see that everything is ready for each and every match and maintaining paperwork (oh, the amount of paperwork that we generate) these cowfolk have always been "there" ready and willing to help.



Number 1 Life Member is **Texas Jack Daniels** (known for his sunny disposition). At one match he was looking for some chain for a shotgun KD and got his life member badge instead.

Number 2 is **Ellie Mae**. She was for years the driving force behind the lunches that followed the matches. She can be seen setting up stages at the beginning of matches, getting all the forms set out, being at work day and work day and all this with a smile on her face (doubly hard when you consider who she's married to)

Third on the List is our very own **Rawhide** who was at the range pretty much every weekend working on construction projects, repairs to the construction projects and keeping everything as it should be. He was instrumental in building the indoor plumbing we have at the range and was given the honor of having it named after him: **The Buzzards Roost**.

Fourth is **Two Spurs** who was sort of the prequel to **Rawhide**. He built many of the original buildings and could pound a nail in a board without bending it. He supplied many of the ideas for the specific stages and at one time the Saloon was named **Two Spurs Saloon**

Fifth Life Member is Rooster. He was president during some *interesting times*; he continues to mentor new folks and, probably most importantly to all, it the guy that comes out week after week and paints the targets. I've seen him in hip boots disappearing under the muck still putting the final touches on one last target.

Drum roll please! Our newest Thunder River Renegades' Life Member is Red River Mac. Mac was there at the beginning of the club. He was Treasurer for many years and developed club documents, computer programs and even some of the enclosures we used at a number of our ranges (remember our current range is number 4 on the list). All this plus he is a heck of a shot and was always one of the fastest shooters at the match.

While Mac has been absent from the range due to health he is still every bit a Thunder River Renegade and we are privileged to have him in our mist. It is our honor to bestow Life Me

For recognition of his accomplishments he will receive the all gold Life Member Badge and his name on the Life Member Plaque.

We've hit on just a few of the reasons why these folks are due the honor of **Life Member**. Be sure to thank them for all they did and do to keep TRR the **Best SASS Club in Grimes County, Texas!**

## **Our next mowing day is Thursday, July 25**

This Thursday we are calling all worker bees for a few hours of 'fun and games' in the hot and humid Texas summer weather—yes it's weed-whacking time again.

**Standard list of jobs:**

- Edge around all the structures and boardwalk
- Water tower needs topping off—two barrels should do it
- Looking for anyone wanting to take some trash home for disposal—bag or two per person would be a great help

Remember to bring some liquid refreshment as we're on the *cusp of summer*.

**Taking Pictures in Bring Sun:** now and then we all feel the need to snap a picture or two of our trip back into the Old West: a fancy looking Pard, a new gun cart or just the brand new hole in your brand new boots (hope they can save the toe!)

The pretty much best sky to have is overcast—no harsh shadows and colors photograph very close to their actual hues. Next to total darkness the worst situation is a bright sky, the kind we usually have during our matches. Here are a few thoughts and suggestions.

Actively consider where the shadows will be in the picture. If you are inside do everything possible to keep the bright outdoor light from being in the picture—most of our cameras will equal out the brightness resulting in overly dark objects inside structures.

But if you can do/remember only one thing use the camera's flash. I know that may sound like the wrong way to go: too much sun so we'll add a bit more—but the fill flash will do a great job of keeping the inside from photographing too dark.

Below are two shots, first without flash, second with. See how the flash helps out.



Plus a great shot of Posse 2 (even with bright sky at the top opening:



**This is not 14:** what you are looking at is a “1” and a “4.” They will be attached to our two generators so we will know which one to run on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.

BPB wants to alternate them and this is the simplest way we could think of that would be easy to see, long lasting and not cost an arm and a leg. They are located on the ends of the generators nearest the door and can be moved left and right as needed



**Barrel Leading:** if you have leading that doesn't respond to the normal bore cleaner and patches you might want to look into the Lewis Lead Remover which uses a very fine copper mesh to physically remove the lead. They are very proud of them when it comes to buying them. They are caliber-specific and run just under \$40 + shipping at Brownells and Midway.



A poor man's method uses brass tobacco pipe screen filters and a tight fitting jag—I can always double up on the screens to get an extremely tight fit. I use ¾" size for .38/.357/9 mm and the 1" for .44/.45. The overall price is much lower than the commercial kit but I feel does an equally good job on leading. Fifty screens runs about \$7 with free shipping and individual jags

can be had at Academy for a few dollars, if that.

With either method you do have to apply elbow grease as this is not a "one and done" method. If I have the time I'll start off with a wet patch of Kroil Oil and allow this to work overnight (see next article.) I'm all for letting chemistry do the *heavy lifting* where I can.

**Another method to deal with barrel leading:** there are times when you lead your barrel and it seems nothing will work. I know that the element Mercury will work but that is like moving to Chernobyl for your health—Mercury, Hg, comes with its own set of major health issues (never mind we played with it in chemistry class bare handed in high school—ruined a number of gold senior rings, too.)

I have found if you're willing to spend some time doing other things you might want to give this a try: after doing all you can do with your normal cleaning routine run a wet patch of Kroil down the barrel, place the rifle/pistol horizontal and go off and leave it for a day. Kroil is a penetrating oil and given enough time will wick between the leading and the barrel making removal easy.



Now here is something I fell into: I still had some leading and did the wet patch treatment a second time but forgot about the weekend match. I went on and shot the pistols as is and upon inspection found the leading gone—guess the blast and passing bullet took care of the remaining stuff.

Along with Kroil, Liquid Wrench gets high marks but WD-40 is seen as a poor penetrator.

## Now from the Chuckwagon

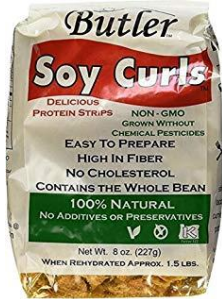
**Changes in your diet . . . for the Better!** I ran across an interesting product in my searches for sourdough bread. BTW: the bread production is doing fine and tastes great considering all that is in the loves are water,



flour and 1½ teaspoons of salt plus the starter that started out as flour and water.

What I found was a product that does a fantastic job of mimicking chicken strips <https://www.butlerfoods.com/soycurls.html> While no animals died in making this stuff it has the mouth-feel of chicken and no taste to speak of so it picks up the flavors of the sauce you put on it. It's totally vegan which **Violet** says is better for me than a big thick Whataburger (if they are going to still make them now that they have sold out).

I see the Soy Curls as separate food, not one that is trying to take the place of meat—this thought process works well for me (same as turkey bacon is not in competition with real pig bacon.)



Prep is simple: soak the strips in water for 10 minutes, drain them (instructions say to press all the water out but I just use them from the colander.) A tablespoon of oil in a non-stick skillet and brown them over medium-high heat. Takes about 3 minutes.

After that douse them with BBQ or your favorite sauce, let everything come up to temp and that's it. I'm partial to General Tso's chicken so that's the sauce I also use along with BBQ.

Fourth of a bag is a meal for me (**Violet** hasn't tried them yet—she's says if they didn't come out of the ark they aren't going into her mouth) so I get to eat them all.

And the best thing is you can season them so they *taste just like chicken!*

## 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*

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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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