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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: August 24th: match of five stages; registration cut off **8:30**

“Clean Matches, No Penalties”

July 27: Doc Jim Harvey, Nile City Slick, Osage Mike, Outlaw Dave, Pappy Miles, Red River Larry, Rooster, Texas Jack Daniels

August 3: Black Powder Burn, Doc Jim Harvey, Little Billy, Pappy Miles, Red River Raider

Top Ten Shooters

July 27:

TJD
Outlaw Dave
GW Ketchum
Red River Raider
Dusty Bottoms
Rawhide
Osage Mike
Rooster
Marshall Raylan
Dealin Lead

Aug 3

GW Ketchum
Red River Raider
Texas Jack Daniels
Wildcard Wayne
Dusty Bottoms
Dealin Lead
Doc Jim Harvey
Osage Mike
Tanner Wright
Mulehead

Ladies July 27

Ellie Mae
Ruby Red Rider

Ladies Aug 3

Little Britches
Diamond Rose
Kuckleburr



So you want to be a better, faster Cowboy Shooter? TRR will be hosting a shooter clinic on Nov 9, a club practice day. The lead instructor, **Texas Jack Daniels**, will cover target engagement, transitions, movement and mind set in a class that is designed for the beginning shooter as well as the *Top Dawg*—*wanta-be*'s. Best news about this all: it's free to our members and friends!

We'll be getting more details to you as the clinic gets closer, just wanted to let you know to keep that date available for the class.

RO (Range Officer) Classes at TRR: to better enjoy our sport you need to know the rules and what better way than attending RO Classes. These days the classes have to be taught by a RO Instructor, who goes through a training course and is required to keep current with all the changes that

are approved. There aren't many RO Instructors and you can tell who is by the Black RO badge they wear (think of one of the badges below but in black.)

We are humbled and honored to have in our midst our very own Black Badge **Texas Jack Daniels**. He is much in demand but has set aside time to offer both RO I and RO II classes for our members. RO I deals with an overall view of matches and the various jobs found on a posse. RO II gets



into being a timer operator, the guy or gal that has to know immediately if a person violates a rule and then what sanction needs to be imposed. Even if you never plan to run the timer you will have a much better understanding of our sport/hobby/obsession.



The board highly encourages everyone to attend these classes. Even if you've gone in the past, things change and attending them once a year is not unheard of. There are a couple of requirements: you have to be a SASS Member, download or print out the Handbook and attend one or both classes. At the end you will receive your RO pin and a rocker with the current year on it. For those of us who are repeating the course we just get the rocker.

And our final enticement is the classes will be held in the Magnolia Library meeting room which boasts of bathrooms and water. The club will provide drinks, too.

Class dates: Sat, Dec 14 for RO I, Sat Jan 11 for RO II

Dec 14 for RO 1 and Jan 11 for RO2 IF TJD AGREES.

Slick is going to check on reserving the Magnolia Library conference room.

Be Part of Thunder River History! This Saturday we officially welcome our newest Life Member, **Red River Mac. Mac** developed software, worked long and hard on our range and has been and still is a vital part of our club.



He will be presented with his Life Member Badge and his name has been added to the Life Member Plaque. He will also be available for pictures at a modest price.



The ceremony will be part of our meeting before shooting starts as Mac is not yet ready to return to shooting.



NOTES FROM OLE SMOKE

Last Stand at Thunder River 2019

LSTR is creeping up on us again. The date is Dec. 7, 2019 (yes, exactly 78 years after THAT date.....), about 3-1/2 months from now. I'm thinking that the theme for LSTR this year should be "Cowboys in Combat". We had a lot of our movie heroes involved in WWII, such as Chuck Connors (The Rifleman), Hugh O'Brien (Wyatt Earp), Richard Boone (Have Gun, Will



Travel), James Arness (Gunsmoke), Gene Autry and Audie Murphy.

We've also been blessed again this year with the donation of another limited edition, engraved Marlin 1894 rifle. We'll be selling tickets at TRR and Willow Hole Cowboy matches from now until LSTR. Like last year, the tickets for this rifle are separate from the LSTR raffle and will be \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. I'm thinking I'll be buying some extra ones this year 'cuz it sure is a purty rifle!

We'll be getting the registration forms for LSTR out very soon. Please register early, as it helps us plan food and other activities. If you have something you'd like to see as a side match or activity, please let us know. We're always looking for good ideas.

Long Range

And to my favorite topic.....

This month's match just goes to show you never know who among us is hiding their talents under a bushel basket. As you'll notice in the attached Long Range report, Diamond Rose slipped up and spanked everyone in the match this weekend. She tied a record set last month by Nile City Slick and shot a 24 out of 25 to beat all challengers! And she did it in very challenging conditions with a lot of swirling and gusting cross winds. So who the heck knows, you could be the one next crowned with the Thunder Hole "Blind Squirrel" championship!

Take Care of One Another: this has been an especially hot and humid summer and none of us are getting any younger. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids and take a break now and then under the fans.

Also be checking fellow posse members as some of us are not smart enough to get out the Sun. A quick check is all that is needed—ask them simple questions such as: their names, alias and can they explain the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. Just takes a second or two.

Our next mowing day is Thursday, August 22

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 *Heart of a Texas Summer*.

The Thunder River Mercantile



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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 lmdebose@swbell.net



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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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**
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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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