

# 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:** November 23: match of **six** stages; registration cut off **8:30**

## “Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

### Oct 26:

Outlaw Dave  
Pappy Mile  
Nile City Slick  
cheyenne

### Nov 2:

Doc Bury'em  
Baba Looey  
Cowboy  
Nile City Slick

### Fast Tracker

Willie Cheatem  
BPB  
cheyenne

## Top Ten Shooters

### October 26:

**Rusty Reb**  
Outlaw Dave  
Texas Scout  
Lonesome Lefty  
Rawhide  
Pappy Miles  
Manassas Jack  
Osage Mike  
Dusty Bottoms  
**Caledonia Red**

### Oct 26 Top Ladies

Weezee Anna  
Ellie Mae  
**Ruby Red Rider**  
Little Britches

### Doc O'Bay

Dusty Bottoms  
Osage Mike  
Baba Looey  
Doc Jim Harvey  
Cowboy

### Nov 2:

Texas Scout  
Lead Leg Vaquero  
Doc Bury'em  
Dealin Lead

### Nov 2 Top Ladies

-none-

## December is going to be a busy month

5<sup>th</sup>: Work Day at range for LSTR -19

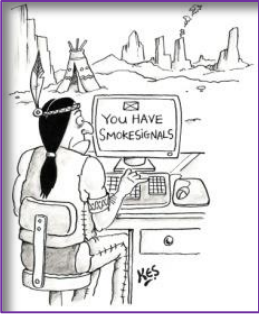
6-7<sup>th</sup>: LSTR-19

14<sup>th</sup>: Practice Day & RO I class at Magnolia Library

27<sup>th</sup>: Work Day at range

28<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sat Match

## NOTES FROM OLE SMOKE



### LSTR 2019

It's less than 3 weeks now to LSTR 2019. I hope y'all are all planning to come have a great time playing cowboy while honoring our old-time movie icons that served in WWII. After all, since the match is on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, how could we do anything else?



If you haven't registered yet, please get it sent in. If you prefer, you can email [cheyenne](#) and let him know you're coming and what category you want to shoot. Please also provide an alternate category in case your preferred one doesn't have enough shooters to qualify for an award – if that is important to you.

As stated before, we'll hold side matches on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to include the normal fastest this'n that, as well as a rimfire and/or pistol caliber long range. [Fairplay](#) and [Nile City Slick](#) are finalizing the course of fire and we'll send out those details before the match so you know what to expect.

### Thunder Hole Long Range

I'm sure you've seen the photos [cheyenne](#) has been sending around showing off the new facilities at our long range facility hosted by [Doc Bury'em](#) and Willow Hole Cowboys. With the construction of a permanent shade structure and an outhouse, it has become a really nice facility that we can be very proud of. And did we mention that [Fairplay](#) and the group installed a new 600 yard target for our match this month?!

***And we have a new convert to the original, true, organic, all natural and biodegradable propellant. [Dusty Bottoms](#) has gone to the dark side with his 40-65 rifle. He was like a little kid on Christmas morning today at the match – with probably the biggest grin on his face since Christmas morning of 1949. If you don't think black powder adds a whole new level to the enjoyment of launching *huuge* chunks of lead, just ask him!***

### Elections

And on a subject near and dear to my heart.....the elections for President, Secretary and Treasurer are coming up sooner that we realize. We need someone to step up and run for El Presidente next spring.

I am retiring and plan to spend some time traveling and shooting in lots of places. I've enjoyed contributing my meager efforts to running TRR, but it's time for someone else to have a chance to enjoy the fun and try some new ideas. I know there are folks out there with more talent and ability than me, and it's time to let them take the wheel.

Think about it and let any of the BOD members know if you want to throw your hat in the ring.

**And as [Texas Jack Daniels](#) says**

.....*"We're just here to shoot stuff and have fun!"*

**RO I Class in Dec!** The RO I Class will be held at the Magnolia Library which is just south and east of the FM 1771 and SH 249 intersection in Magnolia. Its east of the tracks.



Cost is \$15 for those taking it the first time which will pay for your Pin and Year Chevron. Repeat students' cost is \$5 which only gets you the Year Chevron

- Date: Sat, Dec 14
- **Malcolm Purvis Branch of Magnolia Library System**, 510 Melton St, Magnolia, TX 77354
- **Start time is 10:00 a.m.** (that's when building opens)
- Bring either a printed or e-version of [the Shooters Handbook & RO I Student Handbook](#)
- Club will supply drinks
- Bring something with which to write—there is a test (hey, if I can pass it . . . anyone can)
- **Students: NO FIREARMS**

**Still time to sign up—just reply to this email and you'll be on the list.**

## The Legend of Pacos

Several Cowboys noticed the distance to Pacos is 632 miles and wondered if the sign meant to read Pecos, the far west Texas town of notable fame. It seems in 1874, Governor Coke and Lt. Governor Hubbard decided to re-spell a few Texas towns. Being that Coke hailed from Virginia and Hubbard from Georgia, they agreed the proper pronunciation of Pecos would be spelled as they pronounced it, "Pay-kos." They instructed the General Land Office to re-spell



Pecos to Pacos, as well as Mexia to Mahaya , Boerne to Bernie, and San Antonio de Bexar to San Anntone. All maps used by the expanding railroads' right-of-way surveyors, would have the new spellings as would the station signs. When Coke left for Washington as a Senator, Hubbard succeeded him and pushed hard for railroad expansion. John Reagan opposed the railroad monopolies and their corruption.

As an example of their power to do as they pleased, Reagan cited the changes made by the Governor. He managed to embarrass Governor Hubbard, who afterwards directed all railroads' station markers be changed to the original spellings. The General Land Office issued new maps for the state but left off the words "de Bexar" from San Antonio in esteem to Senator Coke.

This cinched Hubbard's popularity in Texas. Hubbard's gubernatorial term was marked by post-Reconstruction financial difficulties, by general lawlessness, and by the fact that the legislature was never in session during his administration. His accomplishments as governor include reducing the public debt, fighting land fraud, promoting educational reforms, and restoring public control of the state prison system. In 1884, Hubbard served as temporary chairman of the Democratic national nominating

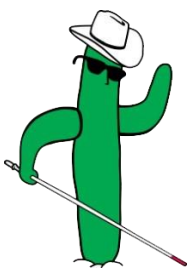
convention. He supported the party nominee, Grover Cleveland, and was appointed Minister to Japan in 1885 after Cleveland won the presidency.

Thunder River being the last stop of the local line and not on any Texas map, has yet to have the Managing Director of the local railroad discover a need for changing Pacos to Pecos. It would cost money to do it and, "The sign painter is busy. It'll stay for a while," he said when asked.

Now you know the legend of Pacos and why our sign is the way it is. And, in the words of a character, "When the truth becomes legend, print the legend." This remarkable observation became famous in The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance directed by John Ford. So this legend is now the "truth."

Researcher/Prevaricator: **Nile City Slick**

Accomplice: **Texas Rooster**



**Spotters: Friend or Foe?** Let's face it—your clean match hangs by a thread the spotters are holding. No matter what happens down range "they" control the vertical, the horizontal—your life as you know it. So short of paying them off, what can you do that will help them see all those hits of yours?

In most of our scenarios the target order is given—violate it and while you may hit everything you can, you end up with a **P** that sinks your clean match. But now and then you get to choose how you want to shoot the targets; let's say the instructions say, "Put at least 3 shots on each of the 3 targets."

You could triple tap them, or do three sweeps from the same end or from alternate ends and here lies the problem: The spotter doesn't know where to be looking as you are blasting merrily away. Now I know that they should be counting misses and not hits but some still want to see the target move or ding and here in is the problem: you really can't complain too much or you're seen as a poor sport. So you take the misses and kick the cat when you get home—not a happy experience for you (or the cat).

When I have a choice of how to shoot the targets or possibly plan to shoot it in a different way than all the previous shooters I will tell the spotters what I'm planning to do. This helps them to anticipate your next shot and not miss a "hit" 'cause they were looking somewhere else.

Spotters want to do a good job so help them out when you can.

## **Our next mowing day is Friday, November 22**

- While the grass hasn't been growing like it did in the summer it does need a touch up.
- Water Tower needs a couple of barrels added

- Bit of weed-whacking
- Check of target placement

I'll be at the range around 7:30 so come one come all

**Tales from the casting shed:** I've found one of the best shapes bullets for 45 ACP is the one that mimics the GI hardball round. Lyman has an almost perfect mold but I have two problems with it: first, it's an iron mold so it is heavy as the dickens and second, it is only a 4-gang mold. So after draining a 20 lb pot I went looking for a better way.



Lyman Mold

10-Ring is my LGS and they have a great selection, usually only one of each but they're all on the shelf. Lee has a 6-gang mold in TL (tumble lube) and the regular lube-grooved one.



After comparing the two I found both are very close to the Lyman mold. The TL one sets has the bullet a bit further in from the inside of the case so I went with the other one.

Now here's the neat thing: I had priced it at MidwayUSA and 10-Ring was selling it for within a dollar of what Midway was asking, plus the tax was less than the shipping!

Lee Mold

So back home, washed out the mold with soap and water, blew all the water off with compressed air and smoked the mold with a wooden match—their instructions.

The great news is the bullets drop from the mold with one light tap and sometimes it doesn't even need that. Seeing that it is an aluminum mold it's much lighter and with 6 at a time casting you can have a nice pile of bullets in no time.

# The Thunder River Mercantile

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

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

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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!

[https://www.amazon.com/Deadwood-Bust-Madeleyn-Questman/dp/0999736620/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1514293695&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Deadwood-Bust-Madeleyn-Questman/dp/0999736620/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1514293695&sr=1-1)

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Unfortunately, the source for Thunder River Renegades badges has gone out of business. We were getting a substantial discount from retail for both TRR and Willow Hole badges which was being passed on to our members. None of the other vendors for Smith & Warren badges has agreed to anything less than retail.

I am still actively searching for lower pricing but it does not look promising. We can still purchase badges but at retail prices plus shipping.

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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**

## 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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