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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: December 28: match of **six** stages; registration cut off **8:30**

Since Christmas will be past we are gearing this towards our New Year's shoot so feel free to wear a party hat that is something you floats yer boat.

From our last two matches:

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

Nov 23

Osage Mike

Texas Drifter

Cowboy

Red River Larry

Manco

Lady Doc

cheyenne

LSTR 19

GW Ketchum

Cherokee Jones

Dusty Bottoms

Texas Drifter

BPB

Col. Makenzie

Trooper Siegel

Doc Jim Harvey

Nile City Slick

Top Ten Shooters

Nov 23:

Lonesome Lefty

Red River Raider

Rusty Reb

Manassas Jack

Texas Ghost

Fairplay John

Osage Mike

Texas Drift

GW Ketchum

Dealin Lead

Bristlecone Jan

Ellie Mae

Ruby Red Rider

Lady Doc

LSTR 19

Texas Scout

GW Ketchum

Buckshot Sully

Red River Raider

Bushy Creek Bill

Shadow Doc

Cherokee Jones

Tell Sacket

Dream Chaser

Manassas Jack

Ladies LSTR 19

Dream Chaser

Lacy Anne Leather

Mar-Lynn

Bristlecone Jan

Ellie Mae

Show Me

Shotglass

Ruby Red Rider

Angles

Ladies Nov 23:

Weezee Anna

Angles

Coming Events: RO II class: Jan 11, 2020 at Magnolia Library

Email if you want to be added . . . need to be RO I. Already on list:

BPB

Caledonia Red

Caney Creek Cowboy

Cowboy

Crash

Diamond Rose

Doc Jim Harvey

GW

Hopalong♠Ace

Lucky Bill Bagley

Neshannoch Leo

Nile City Slick

Poor Red

Ramblin Gambler

Ranger Will Ketchum

Willie Cheatem

cheyenne

2020 Dues: you can pay these at the match—see **Osage** at the registration table. Thirty-five dollars per adult or \$70 max for family. Juniors are less but it's been so long since I was a junior I can't remember—Mike will know.

RO I Class in was a great learning experience. **TJD** did he usual magnificent job of teaching the material in a fun and meaningful way. More than one all the students were awake at the same time.

The caliber of the questions showed the students came to learn. **Jack** was able to give meaningful answers that explained the “whys and wherefores” behind the rules. We even learned about **RO III's** which is not to be confused with RO Instructors. Ask any of the graduates about RO III thinking if you don't already know about it.

Thanks go to **Nile City Slick** for reserving the room and **BPB** for showing up with doughnuts and other stuff for breakfast.

In a side note I sat in what I thought was going to be the back row—**Jack** set up in a different place than I thought, putting me on the front row—no sleep for me!

RO II training will be in the same building, the **Magnolia Library on Sat, Jan 11 starting at 10 a.m.**

The requirement for this class is you must be an RO I. This one will look at the job of Timer Operator in detail plus other additional topics. Hope to see you there.

Status of Stage 2 rebuild: As mentioned in emails the Gallows was just not ‘making it’ as a popular stage, be it the too narrow platform or the numerous steps the shooters had to negotiate.

We asked if members would like to wholly or in part finance a new structure and the response was amazing. Less than 12 hours later we had numerous offers of substantial amounts and we thank all who displayed that *Cowboy Way* in supporting TRR.

Yesterday we sent out pictures from the work party that got the old stuff removed from the Stage 2 area. We should be ready to start construction as soon as the blueprinted are finalized

Making the 1872 Open Tops more reliable: no question the Open Tops ‘drip’ with style points.



Nothing says Cowboy Action Shooting more than these revolvers. While not as popular as later wheel guns they were carried by some notables of the time like **Little Billy**.

The gun is fantastic to look at but when you get behind the wheel and shoot it you can run into the dreaded jammed cylinder: squeeze of a round or two and the cylinder locks up tight—not the idea way to finish with a clean match.

After posting on the SASS Wire for help we found that the arbor (non-removable cylinder pin of the gun) is actually too short—Uberti has been making this way forever it turns out. Also the cylinder gate actually protrudes into the path of the cartridge rims. The first problem pretty much removes any clearance between frame and cylinder while the loading gate stops cylinder rotation = jammed gun.

Good news is both are easy to fix: drop a #10 washer into the arbor hole before reassembling the pistol. This will add enough length to give you the proper cylinder gap, cheap and easy to do.

The gate problem is handled with a Dremel® Tool and sanding drum. After being sure the gate spring screw is tight just close the gate and feel if it goes too far forward—this would be at the top of the gate. Grind or sand off a bit and check again. Nice thing is you can do this without removing anything from the frame—if you’re slow and careful it should take you less than 3 minutes.

And there you have it: a quick, cheap and easy way to get the Open top revolver match-ready for a *return to those thrilling days of yesteryear*.

The Thunder River Mercantile



Everyone has been noticing all the wonderful signs appearing around the range. We have **Suzie Q** and **GW Ketchum** to thank for them.

Their son commercially makes them up in Willis so if you’re in the market for some custom made ones of your own give them a call (936.827.2560) or catch them on

FaceBook: [click on their name] **Fallow Fabrications**





I have a **Ruger Super Blackhawk. 44 mag.** Great condition. With extra set of grips. Due to arthritis, this one needs a new home. Asking \$575.00 or trade for almost anything that goes bang.

Crash texascrash@att.net

Wooden Fully Adjustable Bench Top Shooting Sticks

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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).

The Misadventures of Double Dog Darrenger & Gappy Jack Daniels in

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in

DEADWOOD or bust

Volume Two

The Misadventures continue in Volume 2 - **"Deadwood or Bust"**
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www.questman-publishing.com

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!

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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<p>Osage Mike Custom Leather for Cowboy Shooters MIKE GREEN SASS 49,044 JAYEMGEE@MSN.COM 281 785 2397</p>
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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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