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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: January 25: match of **six** stages; registration cut off **8:30**.

From our last two matches:

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

Dec 28

Dusty Bottoms
Doc Jim Harvey
Cowboy
Little Billy

Jan 4

Shadow Doc
Tell Sackett
Texas Rooster
Pappy Miles
Ellie Mae

Angels

Blackpowder Burn
Hopalong Ace
Shotgun Steve
cheyenne

Top Ten Shooters

Dec 28:

GW Ketchum
Outlaw Dave
Texas Scout
Red River Raider
Brazos Bo
Dusty Bottoms
Cherokee Jones
Manassas Jack
Thunderhawk
Doc Jim Harvey

Ladies Dec 28:

Ruby Red Rider
Little Britches
Lorelei Longshot

Dealin Lead

Tell Sackett

Jan 4

GW Ketchum
Outlaw Dave
Buckshot Sully
Texas Scout
Rusty Reb
Texas Jack Daniels
Shadow Doc
Brushy Creek Bill

Ladies Jan 4

Ellie Mae
Mar-Lyn
Angels
Bristlecone Jan
Lady Doc

New TRR Stage Convention: while not 'new' this is to clarify in writing what happens when a plate rack target gets hit, goes down, and returns to upright position (now in Conention section of match booklets):

- **Plate rack targets that bounce back up are still considered down**



Clean Match Drawings at the Jan 25th Match:

We will have the drawings for the clean match shooters during the safety meeting—do NOT have to be present to win. There are a total of 6 awards so there could be 6 separate winners or **Doc Jim Harvey** could win them all (he has 11 clean matches for 2019.) List of clean shooters is attached.

We will first draw for the boots trees donated by **Life Member Red River Mac**. These are quality items and you have to see them to appreciate all the work that went into their construction. There are three of them to award

Next on the prize table are 2 (Two! Count them, 2!) free entries to **Last Stand at Thunder River - 2020, The Elves go Rouge**. These are valued at \$50 each as we won't *cheap out*, we'll throw in lunch, too.

Our final prize is a **\$50 gift certificate** to Midway USA. Midway has more 'stuff' than you will ever need but remember, as **Rawhide** says, "It's about 'want' not 'need.'"

MEMBERSHIP 2020 DUES RENEWAL

2020 Dues: yep, you guessed it—there are still a few that have not renewed. Remember that starting February 1 all **non-members pay \$20 per match**—something to think about.

RO Training: as you can see we had great success with our RO Classes. Nineteen separate cowfolk took the classes with 11 attending both of them. Each class was over 4 hours long with tests at the end. Of special note is the RO II test which is closed-book and passing requires missing no more than 3 questions out of 30 = 90% required to pass.

TJD is an outstanding RO Instructor and I would encourage everyone to take one of the classes from him when next offered

RO I	RO II	RO I	RO II
BPB	Blackpowder Burn	Manco	
Caledonia Red	Caldonia Red	Neshannoch Leo	Neshannoch Leo
Cowboy	Cowboy	Nile City Slick	Nile City Slick
	Crash		Osage Mike
Doc Jim Harvey	Doc Jim Harvey	Poor Red	
Dusty Bottoms		Ranger Will Ketchum	Ranger Will Ketchum
	GW Ketchum	Ruby Red Ryder	Ruby Red Ryder
HopalongAce	HopalongAce	Rusty Elder	
Lucky Bill Bagley	Lucky Bill Bagley	Willie Cheatem	Willie Cheatem
		cheyenne	cheyenne

Club Election is ♪a-comin' down the tracks♪: getting closer to our election which is held at the first match in March, Mar 7. Way the by-laws read: Those who have been nominated can, but do not have to, make a speech at the first match in February, Feb 1. Just so you know.

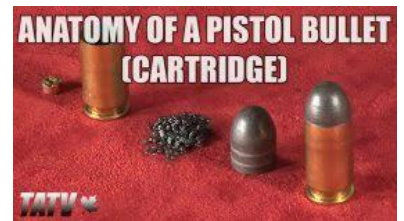
RO rule changes: The one major change to our rules is that now, if a rifle is to brought cocked or half-cocked to the line from the loading table, the shooter is required to come to full cock, if needed, aim at the berm and pull the trigger. If the rifle fires the shooter gets a Stage DQ and is sent to the unloading table. If nothing happens it is a no-call and the shooter proceeds with the stage.
Before 2020 the cocked hammer situation would result in an automatic Stage DQ.



Learning to reload Cowboy ammo: it's not just for fun and games—it saves you money, too. We have in our club a NRA reloading instructor, **Pappy Miles**.

What's even better is he as a mobile reloading kit that he can take with him. That way you can see what's going on as well as getting a description of the steps.

So if there enough interest in getting him to bring out his dog and pony show at the next practice day, **Feb 15**, let me know and we'll get together the list so Pappy can be ready for everyone
p.s. Even if you presently reload nothing wrong with seeing perhaps another way to do it



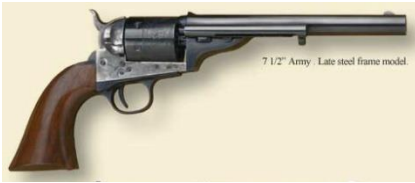
Status of Stage 2 rebuild: A crew is out at the range today (Monday.) They are working on major sections of the structure so be sure to check it out Saturday.

Since I lasted all the way till I cranked up the generator (back when out again—yea, me) I will have missed some who came out after I crawled to my truck—didn't even last an hour:

TJD	Willie Cheatem	GW Ketchum
Osage Mike	Rusty Elder	
Smokey, TCK	Nile City Slick	

I'll report on any others later today.

Keep these follow members in your prayers: **Boots Cassidy** during his prolonged recovery, **Life Member Red River Mac** for his overall health, **Little Billy** and his hips, **Lorelei's** health, **Solomon River Kid's** impending surgery and **Shotglass'** health.



Making the 1872 Open Tops more reliable--Results:

after the repair work **Little Billy** shot them at the Dec 28th Match. As you remember the weather was wet and getting our firearms damp. They worked fine! In fact **LB** shot a clean match with them.



Thanks to all the cowboys on the SASS Wire who stepped forward and shared the repair method with us.

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

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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
DEADWOOD or bust
Volume Two

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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!

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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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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/

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