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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: June 27, 2020:** match of **five** stages; registration cut off **8:30**

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

May 23

Osage Mike
Texas Ghost
Texas Rooster
Cherokee Jones
Blackpowder Burn
Wildcard Wayne
Cherokee Jones
cheyenne

May 30

Tricky Ketchem
Texas Ghost
Kajun Ketchum
Cowboy
Blackpowder Burn
Texas Drifter
cheyenne

June 6

Doc O' Bay
Cherokee Jones
Pappy Miles
Austin Slim
Blackpowder Burn
Baba Looey
Trooper Siegle

Top Ten Shooters

May 23:

GW Ketchum
Wildcard Wayne
Osage Mike
Three Fingered Jack
Dealin Lead
Texas Scout
Texas Ghost
Texas Rooster
Dusty Bottoms
Cherokee Jones

May 30

GW Ketchum
Texas Scout
SteelShot Ketchum
Doc O'Bay
Tricky Ketchum
Dealin Lead
Manassas Jack
Texas Ghost
Osage Mike
Kajun Ketchum

June 6

GW Ketchum
Doc O'Bay
Dealin Lead
Cherokee Jones
Thunderhawk
Dusty Bottom
Osage Mike
Pappy Miles
Cowboy
Ruby Red Rider

Top Lady Shooters

May 23:
Diamond♦Rose

May 30:
Ruby Red Rider
Shell Cheatem

June 6:
Ruby Red Rider
Diamond♦Rose

Member Shout-Outs: want to highlight some hard workers on our posses: **Cowboy, Three-Finger Jack, Tanner Wright** and **WildCard Wayne**. All four go way past what we expect from posse members.

They volunteer before being asked, RO when needed, happily pick brass and generally have a great time while making the posse run smoothly. They are knowledgeable and aren't afraid to share with other folks. And at the beginning and end of the day help set up and tear down all our stages.

Another pair that deserve recognition are **Ruby Red Rider** and **Cowboy**. When we set up the stages with carpet, scenarios and baskets he is *johnnie on the spot* doing the heavy lifting and hauling stuff from all over for me.

And while everyone is dragging back from the last stage **Ruby** is tearing the stages down by stacking all the carpets in covered areas and gathering the baskets and clipboards.

We are lucky to call them fellow members of TRR.

Crash's Communication

This is a Great big Cowboy Thank You to all of our behind the scenes Cowboys and Cowgirls that get stuff done.

Have you ever wondered how the grass is always perfectly trimmed, the targets are always painted with a Rembrandt touch, the broken hand rail is masterfully repaired or a new stage magically appears.



This happens due to the numerous behind the scenes folks that step up, some with time, some with labor, some with financial support, and get stuff done. I won't list names because I know that I will forget someone. You know who you are. They do this because they love our little cowboy club.

Quite frankly, they are what keeps us going. Without them our club would not exist.

So to all of our behind the scenes cowboys and cowgirls,

a heartfelt Thank You.

Keep your powder dry.

Crash

Hammered Shotgun Maintenance:

my **Coyote Cap Model 99** has been giving me so problems these past few matches: I was getting light strikes, first from the right barrel then from both. And the frequency was increasing—clearly something was amiss.



Time to do a bit of detective work and see if I can fix it myself. This shotgun has two plates, one on each side, that hold the hammers and springs. Just a quick removal of 3 screws and both come right off.

After checking for dirt and seeing if any screws were loose I decided a bit of oil would help the hammers pivot. While lubing it I found that the inside strap that holds the hammer in place was loose—and on both sides.

Tightened them, reassembled the scatter gun and at the May 30th match I am happy to report I had no misfires or light hits. Every once in a while even a blind squirrel with find an acorn



Rebel 17 wet tumbler aftermarket rubber for shafts



I really enjoy my Rebel 17--get a smile on my face every time I remove the clean brass. One thing that I noticed is the rollers will wear after 6-12 months--I believe it's considered normal fair wear and tear.

STM has replacement rollers but I've always felt they were a bit overpriced. So this time I decided to see if I could source the rubber tubing cheaper.

Turns out it's metric ID of 10 mm and OD of 20 mm. Cutting to the chase I found replacement hose at a car speed shop. \$3 per foot plus shipping but that's still much better than the cost from STM. I did get it in red just because I could. I'm sure you can find it at other speed shops but here is the one I used: <https://www.verociousmotorsports.com/>

So you want to put a scope on your 10-22? During the Great “Wait and See” of 2020 I decided to work on my 10-22 that I hadn't shot in over 10 years. The old Ram Line of mags never really worked and I want to replace the red dot with something that didn't need batteries . . . plus it kept me off the streets and out of the stores

Ordered some new Ruger mags which run like clockwork and a 3-9x scope mostly for the cheap cost—no need for it to cost more than the rifle. This Simmons scope was one that was recommended for the *thrifty* marksman.

The change out went fine, never mind the rings of the red dot were SAE and the Simmons Rings were metric. I was pleased and now just waited till practice day.


I had loaded up pretty much everything I thought I would need and got the mess into the Jail; had to borrow a gun cart from the range to get it there in one trip but I'm ready to go.

Figured out the quick loader for the mags—takes a bit of finesse and within minutes I was on target all the way out the the sharpshooter targets. It was a fun adventure and for once everything had gone well.


Got all the equipment back to the truck and as I was installing the caps on the adjustment knobs on the scope I noticed how easy the scope turned (for those not aware, the scope shouldn't move), the ring screws had loosened.

I can see some Loctite in my future with a repeat of the trip to the range— at least the weather will be nice?!?!

The Thunder River Mercantile



R3LCo.
Ruby Red Raw Lead Co.



50 Pounds Raw Lead
Recycled from Indoor Range
\$45.00 each
\$40.00 (3 or more)

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Down South Leather, *Custom Leather Goods for the Cowboy Life Style* by **Rusty Reb** is proud to announce the opening of its Houston branch. Contact **Rusty** and discuss your needs and wants; he's only an email or phone call away: RustyReb49@Yahoo.com or 346-261-9620



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

Cops these days will be like... come out with your hands washed!

Nile City Slick



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](#)

Wooden Fully Adjustable Bench Top Shooting Sticks

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. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.



Cost - \$85 Thanks, **Cartwright**

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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