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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: September 26, 2020:** match of **5 or 6** stages; we'll determine the number shot at the beginning of the match.

Registration cut off **8:30** (Sunrise = 7:12 a.m.)

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

Aug 22:

Texas Rooster
Nile City Slick
Blackpowder Burn

cheyenne

Sept 12:

Shadow Doc

Blackpowder Burn

Fast Tracker

Col Mackenzie

cheyenne

Top Ten Shooters

Aug 22:

Texas Scout
Buckshot Scully
GW Ketchum
Thunderhawk
Texas Jack Daniels
Dealin' Lead

Manassas Jack

Brushy Creek Bill

Three Fingered Jack

Texas Rooster

Sept 12:

GW Ketchum

Texas Scout

Dealin' Lead

Outlaw Dave

TJD

Dusty Bottoms

Bristlecone Jan

Shadow Doc

Top Lady Shooters

Aug 22:

Mar-Lyn
Ruby Red Rider
Diamond♦Rose

Sept 12

Bristlecone Jan

Ruby Red Rider

Diamond♦Rose

Crash's Communication



Well, summer is quickly fading into horizon. This means soon we will go back to our regular Cowboy gear. It also means work days will soon be here.

If you would like to adopt a stage, there are a few available. There are several items that we will be addressing.

- The Cattle Company will be getting a firing line board walk and covered shooting areas.
- We need to run proper electrical to the pavilion.
- We have 4 fans for the pavilion.
- Continue with Splatter Fencing on right side of range
- Anti-ricochet screens at loading/unloading tables
- Roofing needs at Osage Mike Leather Emporium and Saddle Shop
- Our office building is in need of lots of love as well.

If you can swing a hammer, run a paint roller, run a saw, make sandwiches, or give moral support join us on an upcoming work day.

Dates will be announced. Cheyenne will let everyone know—we need to be sure cooler weather is here to stay before picking the date.

The amount of support our club gets from its members never ceases to amaze me. Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel. Many Thanks to all of you.

Keep your powder dry.

Crash



Last Stand at Thunder River 2020: “Who was that Masked Man?” Stuff



▶ **Registration Form** is attached for you early birds. Also a list of categories from which to choose. You can drop the completed form at the match Saturday or mail them.

▶ **Big Raffle Items: Rusty Reb** and his child-bride **Janda** will be donating another quilt for LSTR. It will be a patchwork Texas Flag. This will be a **stand-alone raffle** for this one great item

We also have a Henry .22 rifle and Ruger revolver to raffle. Details will follow once we've made them up.

▶ Our **general raffle** will have a number of items for your consideration. Each item will have its own bag in front of it and you can put as many raffle tickets in as you wish. You can spread them out or dump them all in one bag—a chance for you to be ‘master of your own fate.’”

We will be selling the tickets by the Stretch; a length of tickets as long as our ticket sellers can spread their hands apart for the mere fee of \$20—no chickens or children accepted. Go nuts and buy several strings, our club benefits from the proceeds.

If you have items to donate for the general raffle you can drop them off early or bring them as late as Saturday, Dec 5. See one of the officers or **Suzie Q.**

▶ **Registrations:** all forms are either sent by snail mail or given to **Osage** or me (**Osage** is in it for the money, I keep track of the categories and ‘shoot with whomever’ info.) If I get it by snail mail I’ll send you a conformation so

you'll know your form didn't get lost among all the mail-in election ballots that may or may not make it in time.

Periodically I'll be sending out a list of entrants and their categories. This lets you see how the match attendance is coming together and allows the late comers to 'judiciously' pick the categories.



to learn some have been known to do this in order to up their chances of winning their category.

► **Cowboy Swap Meet at LSTR:** one of the events included in the price is a chance to exchange stuff you've had forever and don't use with others' stuff they've had forever, etc.



Rules are simple: **provide your own table** or work out of the back of your truck/car. Big signs are fine to let folks know what you've got but no fireworks—this ain't California nor a gender-reveal party. All transactions are between you and the seller/buyer. Cash is King here.

No fees or anything to club for this chance to unload your goodies.

► **Friday Side Matches:** in a nutshell this is shooting each type of gun in a certain pattern as fast and safely as you can. You can enter any and all and keep shooting till you're satisfied (or out of ammo.)

You go to the stage building that is hosting the event you want to enter and get in line if there is one. When your turn comes you follow the Judges' instructions (example: with rifle in hand ATB engage the 5 targets in a

Double Tap Sweep). If you beat the previous fastest time you get your name and time on the list; if not you can try again or move on to other(s).

We'll be looking for judges for these side matches. Main requirements is you can read, write and push the button on the timer. Hopefully we can get two per stage building so the judges can trade off and do some shooting of their own.

At the Awards Ceremony the fastest shooters for each match will get recognized and receive a certificate or handshake . . . maybe a picture with **Cherokee**.

► **Saturday Grub:** As is our tradition we will be cooking burgers and hot dogs for the shooters and any "extra meal folks." Both Sweet and plain tea is also provided. The cost is part of your entry fee.

For your Vegans/Vegetarians in our group it might be helpful to remember that if you trace the origin of these main course items back a-ways you will come to grass which is OK for your diets and personal life choices.

We are asking that each **shooter bring a side dish or dessert**. There will be 'some' electricity available but extension cords would be good to bring. Please label all your cookery and other items so they don't end up in next year's swap meet.

--And now back to our regularly scheduled newsletter--

♪ **We're Having a Work Day, A Tropical Work Day** ♪: between right now, this very minute and **LSTR 2020: Who was that Masked Man?** we will be holding a good, old-fashioned, all-day, true work day at the range, bring the family and dazzle them with you knowledge of how to hold a hammer.

And we'll be serving food to all our Worker Bees. The actual date will be sent out later due to the number of Major SASS matches on the horizon.

If you go back through the TRR archives, which you can't since we don't have any, you would see we hosted a number of these early on. It allowed us to call upon the expertise of the membership and share all the tasks that are required to stay the No. 1 SASS Club in Grimes, Co, Texas!

We have a number of repairs and new builds that need to be accomplished before our annual match. A partial list is below:

- ▶ New Cattle Company boardwalk and covering
- ▶ Spatter Fences between stages
- ▶ New gun racks at Dixie-Cullen Express and Freight Forwarding
- ▶ New tables in stages as needed
- ▶ Four ceiling fan installations in pavilion

This is a fun time where we can get together with friends, do a bit of manual labor and get fed. The weather will be *hands and feet* better than right now and we'll talk about you if you miss it.

Club as a whole is getting faster. Way back in the day I shot right around a minute a stage which equaled about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down. Being old and slow I was happy with that.

Checked my time for the 9-12 match and found I shot about 55 seconds per stage—I've still got it! Only problem was I was way down the list.



All this goes to show you our members are getting finished much quicker than they did back in the Dark Ages. Nicely done, guys!





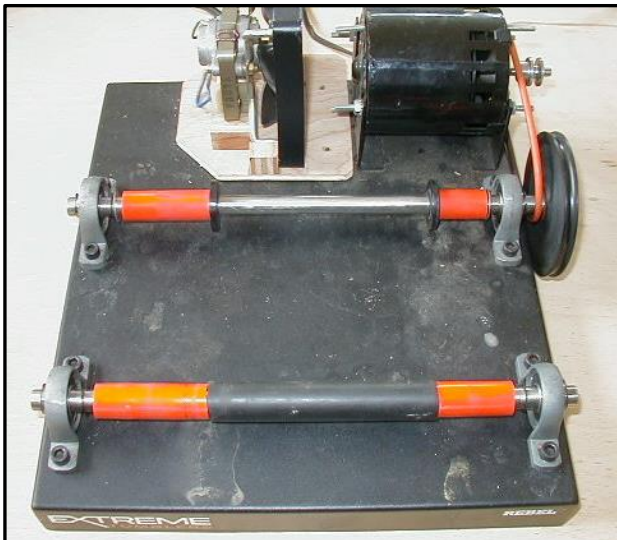
From the Reloading Room: a while back I mentioned changing out the rubber on the rollers of my wet media tumbling base. The OEM rubber tubing finally gave up the ghost so I could use my new, bight read tubing that was way cheaper than what the replacement parts cost from the company.

Found out some things while doing this: my tubing's I.D. is a hair smaller than the steel rod so I had to use a lubricant; I opted for floor wax but I'm betting grease would be a good product too.

I takes a bit of effort to force the tubing onto the rod even with the wax. I can be done but it's not a quick and easy task. Next time I'll see if warming the tubing in hot water would help.

The picture shows I didn't completely replace the long roller—just the part where the drum rides on.

I'll report on how well does in the coming months.



The Thunder River Mercantile

Off-Cowboy but still a lot of fun: Did you know that **Crockett** is a Class 3 FFL? This means he can handle **suppressor (silencer)** sales. From the talk round the pavilion this sound like a lot of fun and while not cheap still is within the price range of many of us.

For more details contact him at: trentffl@gmail.com



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](#)



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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

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please contact Cartwright
at gauth1965@gmail.com. Currently
have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.

Close-Out - \$60 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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