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The Oldest *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** & **BLUE** sign

► **Match this Saturday: June 5, 2021:** match of **5** stages.

Registration cut off **8:30**

SWAP MEET AND PICNIC ALSO THIS MATCH

Summer Dress Code: It would appear that the OPTIONAL summer dress code will be alive and well for this Saturday's match. As you remember when the Heat Index is predicted in the 90°s we usually initiate the TRR Summer Dress Code. [Heat Index Calculator](#)

Quick review:

- First and foremost this is OPTIONAL. We are the only shooting sport that has a dress code and we don't want anyone to not dress cowboy. So if you're able to do so please outfit yourself in your western duds
- NO BASEBALL CAPS, while pretty much anything goes we frown on this head covering.
- For those who have TRR T-shirts or Henleys they would be the perfect shirt
- Shorts are fine but remember we'll be looking at a sea of white with all the legs exposed to the Sun for the first time in months (years?)
- Tennis shoes are fine.
- And while not directly part of summer dress remember to hydrate throughout the match.



Please . . . No!

Well, Mother Nature won for the last meet. We

hope she takes a much needed Siesta for this weekend. We have had quite enough rain.

It's our Cowboy Garage Sale / lunch match.

Guaranteed to be the best Hot Dogs in Todd Mission. The match will be 5 stages of smoking action.



Even those poor souls not shooting black powder will benefit from the smoke and choke from our black powder shooters. The choke part is what we like the best.

Just make sure to thank the Sootlords bringing the fire and smoke.

I'm looking forward to the sale. I have some stuff collecting dust. I'm really looking forward to what is collecting dust in your safe, loading bench and closet. Bring it and hopefully someone will give it the love it needs.

We have a few new shooters that I hope really benefit from our garage sale. I hear there will be some great finds. Remember to bring your own table and some gold dust.

Our next adventure will need to be a work day. Day and time yet to be determined. Hopefully before it gets too hot. Lots of repairs to do. I am always amazed at the help that we get from our members. Thank You. It is why our club stays as nice as it is.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next shoot. I'll bring some smoke.

Keep your powder dry.

Crash

“The Cowboy Way,” an excerpt from *Mornings on Horseback*, p 340, (biography of Theodore Roosevelt) by David McCullough, illustrations by Fredrick Remington, with thanks to **Rooster** for providing this quote.

(TR) wrote of the cowboy with an appreciation not to be found in the works of previous writers. He was...the pioneer of taking the cowboy seriously. He wrote of their courage and their phenomenal physical endurance. He liked their humor, admired the unwritten code that ruled the cow camp.



“Meanness, cowardice and dishonesty are not tolerated,” he observed.



“There is a high regard for truthfulness and keeping one’s word, intense contempt for any kind of hypocrisy, and a hearty dislike for a man who shirks his work.”

The cowboy was bold, cared about his work; he was self-reliant and self-confident. Perhaps most important of all, the cowboy seemed to know how to deal with death, death in a dozen different form being part of his everyday life.

Summer Matches: Since our membership has aged another year since last summer we will attempt the following:

- Matches are 5 stages—this allows us to finish before the heat of the day
- I will try to group the stages close together—no walking from Stage 1 to Stage 9
- Stage 5 will be omitted till we come up with some type of shade—it could be a temporary one of sun screen netting or the like.
- We’ll keep cold water on sight
- The office with its a/c can be used by anyone who needs to cool off.

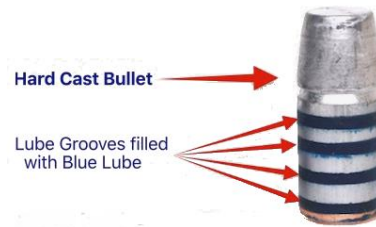


Back to the Casting Room: (Lubing and Sizing Cast Bullets): Once you have cast your bullets you have to address compressing them to the proper diameter and lubing them with something to keep the barrel leading from developing. These operations can be done with the same machine but we'll split them out for ease of understanding.

This month **Lubing**;

Lead bullets need to be lubricated so the bullets will not leave traces of lead in the bore. This “leading” can cause serious accuracy problems and can also increase pressure in the barrel. And as a side note: it is a *bear* to clean out of barrel.

Most traditional bullets have one or more lube grooves where the lube is deposited. The consistency ranges from Crisco®-like up to hard lubes that can be mistaken for plastic by some folks. These hard lubes need to be heated for them to flow.



It can be applied by

- The fingers—messy but dirt cheap. Doesn't do well in warm climates and can actually melt off the bullets whether inside or out of a cartridge. If inside can cause powder burn to be unreliable. You do see this method in blackpowder guns.



- Standing the bullets up in a metal dish, pouring melted lube up to the top of the lube grooves, allowing the lube to cool and harden then punching the lubed bullets out with a sharpened metal tube—sometimes this is called the cookie-cutting method.

- Applied when sizing the bullet: a sizer-lube machine squeezes the bullet to correct diameter and then lube is pushed through holes in the sizer die and fills the lube groove. This method has the biggest learning curve of these methods presented here but once mastered is the quickest and, as you might have guessed, the most expensive due to the cost of the machine.



Another low-tech method is to coat the entire bullet with a thin lube solution and let it dry before handling the bullets. Lee Alox is probably the best known of these. The only cost is the Alox and some gun shops actually give bottles of this away. While not as messy as finger-applied lube it can stay sticky and collect dust and dirt between the time the lube is applied and when the bullets are loaded into the cartridges.

At the other end of the spectrum is powder coating bullets but this is not in the scope of this article (we've covered this numerous times before)

"Clean Matches, No Procedurals"

April 24:

Tell Sackett
Texas Rooster
Nostrum Damus
cheyenne

May 8:

Cherokee Jones
Caledonia Red
Col Mackenzie
Doc Jim Harvey

Rusty Elder

Hopalong♣Ace
Miss Hoppy
Lady Doc

April 24:

Tell Sackett
Manassas Jack

Top Ten Shooters

Dealin Lead
Rooster
Doc O'Bay

Osage Mike

Rawhide
San Juan Steve

Crockett
Caledonia Red

May 8:
Oklahoma Dee

Texas Scout
GW Ketchum
Outlaw Dave
TJD
Doc O'Bay

Cherokee Jones
Fairplay John
Osage Mike
Caledonia Red

April 24:
Ellie Mae
Ruby Red Rider
Angles

Top Lady Shooters
Lady Doc

May 8:
Bristlecone Jan

Ruby Red Rider
Miss Hoppy
Lady Doc

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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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

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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](#)

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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