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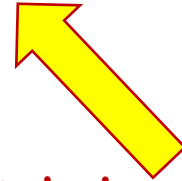
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The Oldest *Cowboy Action Shooting Club in Grimes County, Texas*

⁹/₁₀ of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the **Red, White & Blue** sign

Match this Saturday: October 2, 2021: match of **6** stages.

Registration cut off **8:30**



Let's talk about some of those non-SASS categories TRR recognizes: we have several home grown categories that you may (won't) find at other clubs. Here is the list with explanations:

.22 category: given the current ammo and component situation and TRR is all about maximizing the amount of fun *shooting at stuff*®, we have **modified our .22 category a bit.**

Before all your cartridge guns needed to be .22 caliber but we **now allow .22s along with centerfire guns—mostly is boils down to bring whatever you have and shoot it (single and lever action of course.**



This means you could shoot a .22 SA revolver, .357 SA revolver and .22, .357 or .45 Colt lever rifle or some other combo of calibers.

Mix and match, pick and choose—bring what you have to fulfil the “2 single action revolvers, a lever action rifle and a single, double, 97 pump or 87 lever shotgun” requirement.

To paraphrase Lt. Raszak (again!), "Everyone Have Fun!" still from *Starship Troopers*

Buckaroo/Buckarett: under 13 years of age. Can shoot .22/.410 and does not need to knock down plates or KD targets

Young Guns M / F: under 16 years old. Otherwise same as buckaroo

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Junior M / F: under 18 years old. Otherwise same as buckaroo. At this age most will be shooting SASS caliber firearms.

Cody-Dixon (no longer used at TRR): this is a southern category where the shooter engages rifle targets from 75-100 yards out and shoot their pistol at the SASS rifle targets. The rifle is a rifle-caliber gun and can be lever action or single shot. Round count is 6 cartridges. Our range limitations sent this one to the bench before half-time

Sharpshooter (TRR's version of Cody-Dixon) only major differences are the rifle is pistol caliber and you shoot 10 rounds not six.

Sharpshooter-Lite: same as Sharpshooter except pistols are shot at SASS pistol targets

Rifleman (two rifles, no pistols): shoots one rifle at pistol targets, the other at the rifle targets. Came about due to medical condition

Josey Wales (4 pistols, no rifle): two pistols are used for the pistol targets, other two pistols for the rifle target. Comes from the movie *Josey Wales*

Outlaw: pistols and shotgun are fired from the hip, rifle from the shoulder.

Renegade: may/can shoot a different category at each stage. Some clubs require you change categories for each stage, other clubs let the shooter decide if they want to change every time. TRR doesn't require change for each stage

WB-Lite: uses 1911 with 5-round magazines and shoots the cowboy directions. Came about due to ammo shortage.

By the time you read this we might have come up with the **Over Weight Cowboy/girl that shoots right handed and walks with a limp**—stranger things have happened.

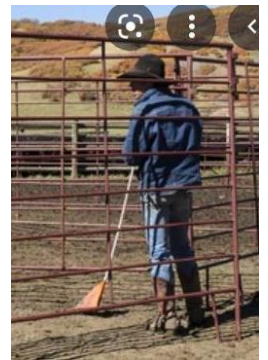
TRR Member Directory with pictures: the Fall 2021 Directory, Volumes 1-4 were sent September 8. It includes pictures of current and former TRR members.



Any additions will be collected in the 2021 Addendum Volume. These pictures will also be included in the main Directory for the 2022 issues. The addendum will be published on an as-needed basis until the next publication of the Spring issue.



Stage Sweeps: we are continuing to use new and unusual sweeps from many sources as the members have been enjoying a change of pace. I have noticed the conscience is the more involved ones are liked the most



“The List” of Chores to be done at the range on **Major Saturday workdays** upon arrival of cooler weather:

In spite of not cooling off yet the Elves and Worker Bees have reduced the list. Here is what is still outstanding (numbering is from original list):

4. Finish the Land & Cattle stage that needs a roof (needs funding)
5. Straighten up the splatter fences downrange between stages



6. Clean up wads—**Pappy Miles** has done Stages 1-3

9. People have inquired about T-Shirts
 - 9.a. Maybe we can do this as a fund raiser?
 - 9.b. Help pay for the targets

11. **Raising walkway around the saloon** (between right door of saloon and unloading table)
 - 11.a. That we can do... When it cools down.

12. Other projects
 - 12.a Spatter shields in front of tables
 - 12.b A few new tables and a couple of rifle racks.
 - 12.c Install brass catching screens at the Jail similar to the ones we have at the Dixie-Cullen stage
 - 12.d replace rotten board at end of sidewalk (Utters Freight)

13. Change oil in **WATTS** and **SPARKY** (**BPB** has undertaken this task as required)

Tale of Two Firing Pins

or why a pulled one from my backup rifle: at the Aug 28 match I broke my Marlin firing pin. Rusty Elder and Judge Pete stepped up and loaned me long guns to finish the match.

Come Sunday and I'm on the Internet ordering a new steel one. Pioneer Gun Works shows a 3 day delivery so I don't have to pull the one from my backup rifle.

I'm waiting and watching and finally on Friday, the day before the Sept 4 match I check the tracking info.



Pioneer is in Springfield, OR. They shipped the new one on Aug 31. On Sept 2 it has traveled 2 miles west to Eugene, OR, just across the Willamette River. On Sept 3 it is sitting in Portland, OR, about 100 miles north of Eugene, never mind Houston is 2,240 miles southwest of Portland*.

Somehow I didn't think it will be delivered by the end-of-day to my home and pull the backup's firing pin.

*yes I know mail needs to go to 'hubs' to be sent cross country but I chose to overlook that to make the story more interesting.

Of What should Firing be Made? ▲ Above is my story about changing out firing pins . . . but which one should be used: the titanium (Ti) or steel version? They are close in price so what would make you pick one over the other?

The Ti version is touted to weigh less and therefore better to be used with light aftermarket springs. There is not as much Mass to get moving so you can use lighter springs and still ignite the primers. It is also harder than steel and there is the "sexy" factor of being what all the *Fast Guns* use. What's not to like?

The problem turns out to be the *harder than steel* fact. Harder translates to brittle in firing pins and it just so happens mine was Ti.

The difference in Mass of the Ti and steel version is not enough to accept the possibility of having the tip break, at least for me it isn't. I went with the steel version when I ordered my replacement and as luck would have it, my backup rifle's one was already steel.

Gunsmithing Hint: Ti is not magnetic, steel is, so you can check what material your firing pin is by using a magnet. You can even do this with the pin in the bolt.

GS Hint II: if the tip does break off it has to go somewhere. Caution advises taking the rifle apart to see if the tip is still inside the rifle—mine was and it was just waiting to jam up the works *down the trail*.

Now let's see what's next to wear out/break?

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

August 28:

Luke Short
Osage Mike
Cherokee Jones
Texas Rooster
Rusty Elder
Shotgun Steve

Good Troy
cheyenne

Sept 4:
Rusty Elder
cheyenne

Sept 28:

Shadow Doc
Rooster
Cowboy
Col MacKenzie
Nostrum Damus
cheyenne

Top Ten Shooters

August 28:

Texas Jack Daniels
Thunderhawk
Luke Short
Osage Mike
Cherokee Jones
Rooster
Manassas Jack
Crockett
Caledonia Red
Rawhide

Sept 4:

GW Ketchum
Oklahoma Dee
Texas Scout
Lead Dobber
Manassas Jack
Crockett Texas
Cherokee Jones
Willie Cheatem
Ranger Bill
Doc Jim Harvey

Sept 25:

Shadow Doc
Rooster
Cowboy
Fairplay John
Cherokee Jones
Willie Cheatem
Rawhide
Manassas Jack
Osage Mike
Caledonia Red

Top Lady Shooters

August 28:

Red Rider
Ellie Mae
Miss Hoppy
Miss Red

Sept 4

Ruby Red Rider
Miss Hoppy

Sept 28:

Bristlecone Jan
Miss Hoppy
Ellie May

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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**,

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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](#)



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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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