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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

Our first match of 2022 is Saturday, Jan 1st

Yes, Virginia, we're shooting on New Year's Day.

As **Cherokee** says, "Suck it up, Buttercup and be there!"

Our second Match is Saturday, Jan 8th

Our first Silhouette Match of 2022 is Saturday, Jan 29th

A New Year is upon us and it's time to take care of some annual business:

Dues for 2022 are now being accepted. Let's see what the fee schedule is:

- Adult: single with no friends for family: **\$35**
- Junior: eighteen or younger: **\$20**
- Family (one to two adults and an untold number of urchins): **\$70**

Feel free to use whatever arrangement comes out the cheapest for you. Example: 1 Adult and 1 child could pay \$70 for a family membership or each could join separately and total would be \$55.



Officer Elections are coming—candidates may announce and speak at the Safety Meetings starting this Saturday.


This year the offices of **President, Treasurer** and **Range Master** will be decided by the adult members who have paid their 2022 dues. Each office is for two years.

The actual election will be Saturday, March 5th before and/or during the Safety Meeting. Results will be announced by match's end.



Clean Matches for 2021: attached is the final list of everyone who shot 'clean' this year. If a shooter had more than one match, I totaled their matches to the left of their top name.

The plan is to have a drawing the on Jan 22nd for our three prizes: 1st place is a \$50 gift certificate from Midway, 2nd and 3rd are free entries to LSTR-22. All prizes are transferable as the winners see fit.

Work  **Day Follow-Up:** (since I was an elementary math teacher in a former life, I like numbers): just under a third of our membership worked at our two work days for stepped up month after month to make TRR the Best Cowboy Club in Grimes Co, Texas[®]. As I have mentioned in the past, it takes more than member dues to keep us in operation. A big THANK YOU to all who were a part of this.

But let's say you want to get in on the fun and games. Here is a list of future projects that will require a few to a bunch of worker bees. We'll be scheduling these in the future and, as always, everyone can help out.

We don't have any timelines for these--they are items that will be attended to but when and at what materials cost hasn't even been seriously discussed. They aren't going to keep us from having matches and fun and shooting at stuff.

Replace roof on Saloon ~ we did work on the Saloon floor a-ways back and found it to be sound. Worker bees feel a new roof, probably rafters, furring strips and tin would do it. We already have some new tin stored in pavilion and some of what is currently there might be usable again.

▶ **New Item: Fans for the Land & Cattle Company.** Even though it was held in December, LSTR was a bit muggy. With the new roof we can now put some air-movers under it and up the physical enjoyment factor.

Straighten the splatter fences ~ thoughts are we can dig down at the 4x4s on "top" side of the leaning fence, push it straight (either people or tractor power) and tamp dirt in the hole where the post isn't. Adding some 45° bracing at the far end will complete this task. May have to replace a couple of 4x4s as they have taken a definite bend from the weight of the fence. Six of these to do if anyone is keeping count

Target placement ~ with the new 2x2 sq ft targets coming via **TJD**, we will be needing to move targets. This is a good time to change out the ones < 16 inches. I envision (fancy word there) this to be done when the new ones arrive. I have the list of there locations.

Replacement target stands ~ pretty self-explanatory. number needed and replacement type to be determined at a later date. This probably would be an off-site operation.

Second bathroom building ~ we "souvenired" this from the old Eagle Lake club back when *Custer was a corporal*. Probably the most outstanding feature is the art work **Rooster** has painted. I think we need to *Poop* or get off the Pot* with it. (*not my first word choice)

So never fear, we'll have plenty of projects for any- and everyone. We'll keep you posted on the calendar for these.

The Moveable Reloading Bench that Never Was: I decided to explore reloading while sitting down and what better time than to build a rolling table that would allow me to do this. I could move it out of the way when not in use and at the same time do it from a seated position.



While searching the web and drawing several preliminary sketches I decided to mount a press on my rolling casting table and give it a try. This would allow me to determine the optimum height of the table as well as what size would be best.

Well, sports fans, it was a bust. While the height was fine and the effort needed to work the press wasn't at all different, the dang table would move just a bit when I pushed the handle forward to prime the cases. I would have to hold the press with my off hand to be sure the primers got seated flush. You have to remember the casting table weighs just less than my pickup truck when fully loaded with top soil for **Violet's** use in the garden.

I was sure after my 100 round reloading session that I would NOT be building one. Now to explore the bar stool idea for my standing height reloading bench.

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

Dec 11:

Thunderhawk
Osage Mike
Cowboy

Shotgun Steve
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Top Ten Shooters

Dec 11:

Oklahoma Dee
Texas Jack Daniels
Thunderhawk
Texas Scout

Lead Leg Vaquero
Dusty Bottoms
Osage Mike
Cowboy

FOUR

Top Lady Shooters

Dec 11

Little Britches

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](#)



Red Dot Powder—very limited quantities: \$40 per lb. contact **Nostrum Damus** pcschechter@gmail.com

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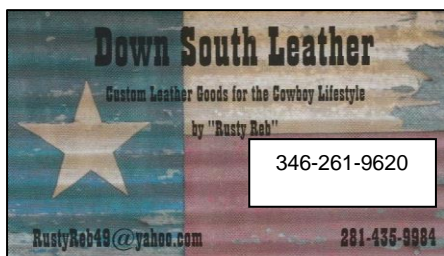
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Osage Mike's: I'm a one man shop building custom leather goods for cowboy action shooters. I build holsters, cartridge belts, shotgun belts and cowboy shooter accessories one at a time. TRR member **Osage Mike**,

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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

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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