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The Presidents Corner with Red Scott



Grouchy sent me an email asking if I had something for the newsletter. He wrote "October flew by"! What, it's already November? Yeah, it flew by alright!

As per our by-laws I have asked General Burleson, and he has graciously accepted to examine the financial books of the Club. Dutch Van Horn is gonna be his sidekick on this committee and Cowboys, I along with the other officers

really appreciate the two of you doing this job for the membership. After the books are examined I have asked General Burleson to write an article reporting on the committee's findings. This report will be sent to every member of the Texican Rangers.

As I reported to you earlier, there could be some adjustments we need to make for our January shoot. I sent the entire years schedule to Kit Patterson for his review. The January shoot dates were included in the schedule and Kit did NOT say anything in his reply about adjusting those dates. So, maybe we won't have to adjust our schedule. I guess to make sure we don't have a conflict with the hunters I will again make sure Kit is aware of the dates. A couple of years ago Dusty Chambers set in motion an annual meeting with Kit and Becky to discuss the Club's future on the ranch through Comancheria Days of that year. It was a good move by Dusty to set this annual meeting up which will be held in February. I try to the best of my ability to get as many folks involved in the Club operations as possible. If you have a special talent that the club could benefit from or if you just want to be more involved with things, drop me an email or give me a call and I bet we can find something you could help the Club with.

Once we get back on the ranch we will have some workdays. The Jersey Lilly and The Line Shack are still the top priorities. We are also going to see if we can build a "train station" which will give us some much needed shade in that area of the range. Be on the lookout for those announcements.

This is the time of year we have the chance to spend some great times with our families and I for one am taking full advantage of the extra time. Fatal Star and I are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first Grandson. Jackson Lee Reynolds is due to arrive on 11/11/11. I don't think he is gonna wait that long. I hope you are

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enjoying some quality time with your families and I hope your holiday season is filled with blessings. At the same time...I sure am missing dropping the hammer on a few rounds.

Remember Texicans, The Rough Riders and the Moderators are extending membership pricing to us while our range is down for deer season and if you have the time please visit our sister clubs and enjoy some good fellowship! and

shootin. I know if I don't have a family thing going on I will be showing up at those clubs.

Until next month, Texicans!

Red Scott



IN THE SADDLE with Sheriff Robert Love

Happy Thanksgiving!

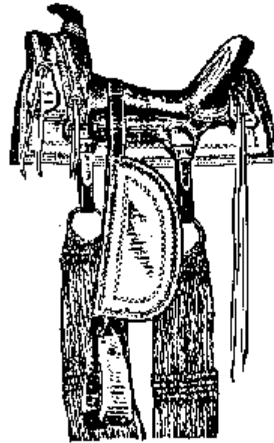
The Thanksgiving holiday tradition traces its origins to the Pilgrims, who came to a new land for religious freedom, and a 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day [Massachusetts](#). So began a celebration of the [harvest](#) of the year, with days of feasting and celebration, to thank God in times of plenty. Historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

Thanksgiving Day has been an annual tradition in the United States, by a presidential proclamation of Abraham Lincoln, since 1863. Thanksgiving Day is currently celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in accordance with federal legislation passed in 1941,

This Thanksgiving, as you count your blessings, please pray for our great nation, for the men and women who protect it and pray that those who serve abroad return safely. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Riding for the Brand

Do you want the Texican Rangers to be a better club? Do you want to see it grow? How about the scenarios and the targets? Do you have fun at the monthly matches? YOU are the only one who can answer these questions for you. Let your club officers know what we can do to make things better for you. The only way this can happen is if you communicate, and share your thoughts and opinions with us. Email, write a letter or call. Tell us what you like as well as what you don't like.



What can you do? Bring your best attitude to the shoot. We all come to have a great time. Participate. Time, count, pick up brass, watch the unloading table, carry guns to the unloading table, CHEER the other shooters on. Do whatever it takes to make the posse run smoothly so that you and everyone else can get maximum enjoyment from the game we all love.

Invite a guest to come watch, but please ask them to bring eye and ear protection for all. Invite shooters from other clubs to shoot with us at Steiler Ranch. Do your best to be friendly and smile, and I'll bet that everyone else will too.

I know that the club officers are doing their best for you.

*Sheriff Robert
Love*



ON THE RANGE with Kool Hand Kel



SAFETY BRIEF

This is a cold range – there are no loaded weapons unless you are prepared to shoot a stage. It's also an action-open range – all long guns actions must be open at all times unless you are prepared to shoot a stage.

Treat all guns as if they are loaded all the time.

Watch your muzzle direction- always point muzzle up and/or down range. Observe the 170 degree arc when on the fire line.

Do not lever rifle, close shotgun, cock pistol, and keep finger off trigger of any weapon until the weapon is pointed down range at the target.

There is no gun handling unless you are at the loading or unloading table and loading or unloading your gun cart.

All shooters are responsible for their safety and the safety of everyone else on the range at all times.

You must abide by all SASS rules and all range rules for safety at all times.

Red flag flying – range closed. **Green** flag flying – range open.

Kool Hand Kel



FROM THE SADDLEBAG by Grouchy Spike

The Tejas Caballeros are hosting their first Wild Bunch match on Sunday, November 20th. Yep, it's a Sunday match. They host the monthly club match on Saturday, November 19th. Also, Dragon Hill Dave, who's the MD, sez "I checked with our officers and we are fine with the youngsters (Buckaroos and Young Guns) shooting Wild Bunch with a .22 semiautomatic, a .32 rifle, and the double barrel shotgun if necessary (although if he shows up shooting the 1897, that would be pretty cool." Round count 105 pistol, 50 rifle, and 35 shotgun.

The Alamo Area Moderators host a Wild Bunch Match on Friday, November 25th. Yep, let those britches out a notch, tighten up yore suspenders, and play this game the day after Thanksgiving. The Troublesome Twosome, Eagle Eye Kane and No Chance At All, arrive on the 20th for the holidays, so we're gonna shoot this match after tuning up at the Buck and Bull during the coming week. A. D. Texaz sez "I dont have all of the stages done but 85 rounds acp, 30 or less shot gun and less than 40 rifle is my best bet right now."

The Alamo Area Moderators rescheduled their regular November monthly match to Saturday, November 26th.

These two matches are a *good* excuse to work off some of that holiday food! Remember that while the Texican's range is closed for deer season, the Moderators and Rough Riders offer member match prices to the members of the Texican Rangers. Right neighborly of them! My plan is to make this match with the Troublesome Twosome. Eagle Eye has promised to whip me in this one.

In December, Plum Creek will have their annual Christmas Shoot and Party on Saturday, December 3rd. A registration form can be downloaded from the club website, www.pccss.org. Note that this match will be an afternoon shoot.

Also in December, Tin Star will host Tin Star Christmas beginning on 2nd with a Wild Bunch Match and Night Shoot, and then Cowboy Match with ten stages on the 3rd and 4th. Download the registration form from their website:

<http://www.tinstarranch.com/cowboy-action-shooting>

Kissme Kady sends this link from KDFW in the Dallas-Ft Worth area about Fort Parker: Check the short video link within the webpage.

http://www.myfoxdfw.com/dpp/news/fox_4_features/lone_star/lonestar-adventure---old-fort-parker

I included a copy of the Club Rules in this newsletter. These were approved by the officers in October, 2011. This formalizes what had been unwritten, and it's the way we've been operating.

Happy Thanksgiving. Saddle up and ride on, Texicans!



Grouchy Spike

"On the rode again,
 Just can't wait to get on the road again,
 Love shooting with my friends,
 Just can't wait to get on the road again"

Willie Nelson

"On the Road Again" was my theme song for October and the beginning of November. Counting Shindig, there were five shoots in the great state of Texas where you could shoot till you were content. But, I was not alone on these trips. I had plenty of Texican Rangers making the trips and quite a few of our club members did rather well at these shoots. After Shindig, over a dozen Texican Rangers hit the trail the following week. It was a short trip to Lockhart for the Battle of Plum Creek at the Agarita Ranch. Our own Buck Bradley was the match director, yes the same Buck Bradley that is going to be the match director at Comencheria Days 2012. Is Buck starting a new career? Weather was excellent; shooting was great as was the camaraderie.

Nothing like sitting under the stars, around the campfire and having someone strumming a guitar and singing old country and western songs. Yes, I know what you thinking.

Isn't there a burn ban? You see, Dragon Hill Dave brought some of those fireplace logs and had a charcoal chimney that he dropped them him for our fireplace. Kickatat Bob, who is originally from Oregon, but has relocated to Austin to help care for a terminally ill son, brought out his guitar and serenaded us while we enjoyed some good cigars, libations and of course some wild stories!

Something knew was tried at Battle of Plum Creek. Joe Darter and Phantom put together a two stage western three gun match. Five shooters had signed up for the match. But once the word got out about how you shoot three gun, twenty seven shooters showed up to shoot the two stages. Three gun involves shooting on the run, you don't have to, but your time will be better, and bonus points. By counting your hits, deducting for misses, it any, and subtracting your bonus points from your time, it is possible to have a negative time on a stage. However, I don't think anyone had a negative time.

I believe Waterloo had a stage in the six to seven seconds range. Judging from the response of the shooters, western three gun would be very popular in this area. Thanks to Joe and Phantom for setting the match up and introducing us to three gun.

On the Trail with Handlebar Bob



Here are the Texican Ranger results from Battle at Plum Creek:

LARS CHRISTOPHENSON	1 st CDL
SCOOTER	1 st GAFR
LUCKEY NICHOL	2 nd GAFR
LONG JUAN	2 nd GAFS
SHOOTING IRON MILLER	1 st LC
JAKE JONES	1 st MFCD
JOE DARTER	1 st M49
DUTCH VAN HORN	5 th M49
DRAGON HILL DAVE	1 st MCC
SHERIFF ROBERT LOVE	2 nd MS
HANDLEBAR BOB	1 st MSD
BUCK BRADLEY	3 rd MSD
HOPALONG HERBERT	1 st MSS
GENERAL BURLESON	3 rd MSS
PHANTOM	1 st MW

At the same time that Plum Creek was going on, Miss Cubbie and Doc O'Bay traveled to Cleburne, Texas to the Lone Star Shooting Society/Comanche Valley Vigilantes range for the first ever Texas State Wild Bunch match. Miss Cubbie had Lady's Modern won till Murphy's law jumped in.

Nevertheless, we are proud of her and Doc O'Bay's showing at the State Wild Bunch match.

Came home from Plum Creek, unloaded the RV and started reloading for the next match. Wasn't long before Texican Rangers were on the road the following week to Marble Falls and The Green Mountain Regulators annual one day match, Regulator's Revenge. If you have not had an opportunity to get to there range, you owe it to yourself. It is a small club, about on par with Tejas Caballeros, and the folks are very friendly and will welcome you with open arms. They have this one day annual to help defray club costs.

Right now the cowpokes at GMR are working on a memorial stage to honor Singing Zeke. Zeke was the land owner and president of the club until he contracted cancer and passed away. He made it clear he wanted the club to continue after his passing. Six good stages, good food and prizes. Everyone walks away with a prize. Let's see how the Texican Rangers did:

Dragon Hill Dave	1 st CC
Gunstock Smith	1 st CDSS
Nichols Creek	2 nd D
Six Goin' South	1 st L49
Ima Hoot	L49
Shooting Iron Miller	1 st LC
Miss Cubbie	1 st LCC
Blue Eyed Jenny	LCC
Phantom	1 st M49
Kickshot	2 nd M49
Blue Thorn	1 st MFC
Sheriff Robt. Love	1 st S
Handlebar Bob	1 st SD
Bad Hand	8 th SS

After Regulator's Revenge, Texican Rangers had two weeks to prepare for the Southwest Regional at the Badlands Bar 3 outside of Clarksville, Texas. Yep, it's a long way up there. About eight hours pulling a RV. But, I did not come the furthest. Once again the shoot was sold out with four hundred shooters representing thirty states. Judge Roy Bean, Tex and Cat Ballou were there. Warm up match on Wednesday, Side matches on Thursday, main match on Friday and Saturday. I arrive on Tuesday afternoon to beat the rush of RVers. Even getting there on Tuesday put me on the second row. Then the hoards of RVs began arriving at all hours of the day and night on Wednesday and Thursday. The camping area was riddled with large cracks in the ground due to the drought. "How big were the cracks Handlebar" you ask. Well, I kept my dogs on a leash in case one fell in a crack and could pull him back up with the leash. One day I walked up to one LARGE crack and shouted an order for Chinese take out.

I'll be darn, up someone came and they asked if I wanted to add an apple pie to the order!

Once the events start at this match, there is something going on all the time. One of the things I do like is the fact they have a start time for all events printed in a shooter's handbook and they start on time! I do not like going to a match and being asked to be somewhere at a certain time and then they do not start at that time. Just a pet peeve of mine.

Not as many Texican Rangers made this trip up north, but we were still represented very well. A big congratulation to Waterloo for being top male overall. His game was smoking! He got a nice belt buckle and a free entry to Winter Range. I personally want to thank him for letting me borrow a shotgun for a couple of stages. My thanks to Hey You for the use of a rifle and to Jack Houston and Texas Jack Daniels for the use of other shotguns. The reason I needed a shotgun and rifle could be another entire article. So I will leave it at that.

Oh yea, I nearly forgot, Hey You was top Regional lady overall. Let's take a look at the results for Texican Rangers:

Phantom	14 th 49
San Gabriel	16 th 49
Big Iron Patnode	3 rd BW
E.T.	5 th BW
Waterloo	1 st CB
Dragon Hill Dave	5 th CC
Doc OBay	14 th D
Handlebar Bob	4 th SD
Joe Darter	10 th W

And, AND, Waterloo cornered some other honors in Fastest Texas Star, and Fastest Derringer at 0.58 seconds. That's almost as fast as a blink! Big Iron Patnode again smoked the Fastest Pocket Pistol at 1.21 seconds. He must have a Teflon pistol!

*Handlebar
Bob*





#160 - 1865 Spencer Carbine, .56-50

ON THE TEXICAN RANGERS CALENDAR

Monthly Match - January 2011 - date to be announced

Comancheria Days 2011 - March 29, 2012



ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MATCHES AT AREA CLUBS

Tejas Caballeros - (1st) Wild Bunch - (Sunday) Nov 20th
 Alamo Area Moderators - Wiild Bunch - (Friday) Nov 24th

Alamo Area Moderators - Rescheduled Monthly match to
 (Saturday) Nov 25th
 Star Christmas - Tin Star Ranch - Dec Dec 2nd - 4th



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Texican Rangers

Club Rules

October 2011

Club Rules apply to Firearms Shooting Range Operations and Activities of the **Texican Rangers, Inc**, a Cowboy Action Shooting Club, located on **Stieler Ranch**, Kerr County, Comfort, Texas.

A **Match** (“**Match**”) is defined as all activities and operations associated with a scheduled Cowboy Action Shooting event, Wild Bunch Shooting event, or Special Shooting event.

The **Range** (“**Range**”) is defined as the area on **Stieler Ranch** (“**Ranch**”) north from the two-track that is south of the area of Stage 1 (The Jail) to the area of Stage 15 (Boot Hill) and Blazing Saddles; and west of the access road to and through the **Range**.

Members, guests, visitors, vendors, and contractors; anyone who is participating in, observing, or servicing a Cowboy Action Shooting Match operation and activity are subject to these Rules upon entry to the **Ranch**.

1. The Rules of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) apply to the conduct of **Match** operations and activities as outlined in the current **SASS Cowboy Action Shooting Shooter’s Handbook**, **Wild Bunch Action Shooting Handbook**, and **SASS Range Operations Basic Course (Level 1)**, unless otherwise specified. Club Rules, and Special Rules as announced, also apply.

Costumes are required as described in the SASS Cowboy Action Shooting Shooter’s Handbook and Wild Bunch Action Shooting Handbook. Exceptions may be allowed for Special Matches. There is no ‘summer’ attire allowed, such as shorts, T-shirts, athletic shoes, sandals, etc.

No shooter is required to participate in a match if the shooter deems any stage as unsafe to shoot.

2. The **Range** is a **COLD** range. No loaded firearms are permitted on the **Range** before, during, or after the **Match** and then only at the loading table, firing line, and unloading table. Weapons carried for personal protection even if by Concealed Carry Permit, **if loaded**, must remain secured in a locked vehicle or recreational vehicle in the parking area **during the Match**. Law enforcement officials are exempt from this rule if the Federal, State of Texas, or County laws **require carry** even if the official is off duty and not on official business.

3. The **Range Flag** near the Headquarters area is used to denote whether the Range is closed to shooting and Match activities (**Red Flag**) or open for shooting within the conduct of the Match activities (**Green Flag**).

Three flags are located on the Loading Table at each Stage and are to be used to initiate and relay commands to other stages. **Red** means Cease Fire immediately. **Yellow** means Downrange, and firing must cease when a shooter completes a stage that is being shot. All shooters at the Loading Table and Unloading Table must lay guns on the tables and step away. No guns anywhere on the Stage may be handled. **Green** means that the Match activities may be resumed.

4. A **Shooter’s Meeting** will be conducted prior to the start of the Match and will conclude with a safety briefing. Attendance at the safety briefing is **MANDATORY** to participate in the match.

5. At **Monthly Club Matches**, the **President** of the Texican Rangers is the **Match Director**, unless that responsibility is otherwise delegated and specified. At **Special Matches** or the **Annual Club Match**, another **Match Director** and Assistant Match Director may be named.

Prior to each match, the President and/or Match Director, and the Range Officer shall make an inspection of the range and the target placement with respect to safety and function to minimize lead splatter and risk of injury to people or damage to property.

6. Firearm type, use, and discharge on the **Range** is restricted.

Only firearms that are generally used in **Cowboy Action Matches**, **Wild Bunch Matches**, and **Side Matches**; or **Special Matches** as permitted by the Match Director may be discharged on the **Range**, and only with lead bullets at velocities not exceeding SASS Rules and with lead shotshell pellets at sizes not exceeding SASS Rules.

The Model 93/97 shotgun is allowed for Monthly Matches.

Firearms can only be discharged on the **Firing Line** of the **Range**, and only on Match Days.

An Officer of the club must be present when firearms are discharged on the **Range**.

No firearms may be discharged on the **Range** before the **Match** begins, which is after the **Shooter's Meeting**, except by permission of the **Range Master** or **Match Director**, and only for checking function of a firearm, or for clearing the nipples on Cap and Ball firearms. **No firearms may be discharged elsewhere on the Ranch at any time.**

Shooters are responsible for shooting at the targets, and below berms, hills and backstops, in a manner that would reasonably insure that their bullets remain on the Range and do not travel off-range. Shooters are responsible for resulting damages when violating this rule, and may be expelled from the Match, Range, and Ranch.

7. Muzzle direction is a safety consideration. **Do not sweep anyone with a firearm.** Sweeping is defined as 'pointing a firearm' at a person or persons such that were the firearm to discharge, then it could be reasonably expected that a person or persons could be struck by the projectile or injured by the muzzle blast. Sweeping anyone with the muzzle of an unloaded or loaded firearm, anywhere on the range, is grounds for a disqualification as described in the current **SASS Shooter's Handbook**, **Wild Bunch Action Shooting Handbook**, and **SASS Range Operations Basic Course (Level 1)**, and repeated violations are grounds for loss of club privileges and membership, and denial of access to the **Range** and **Ranch**.

8. Firearms are to be carried safely on the range, with barrels of long guns carried **vertically** if uncased, and with actions open. Handguns may be carried in holsters, or in a cart or bag, until ready for use. Handguns must be placed in the carry facility vertically and must be withdrawn from the carry facility vertically so that the muzzle does not sweep anyone. Handling of firearms for demonstration purposes must be done at a loading table.

9. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the **Range** west of the access road during a Match. Alcoholic beverages must be kept in a vehicle or recreational vehicle in a parking area until Match operations and shooting activities are concluded, and the individual's firearms are secured.

10. Anyone whose behavior is abusive, belligerent, or otherwise hostile, or who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, whether legal or illegal, may **NOT** handle firearms at any time while on the **Ranch**; may be evicted from the **Range** and **Ranch**; may be denied club privileges and membership; and prohibited from admission to the **Range** and **Ranch**. This also applies to vendors and contractors.

11. Illegal activities, or possession of illegal products or substances of any nature, are prohibited by any member, guest, or visitor who is on the **Ranch** to participate in or observe a **Match**; vend products or services under contract or by invitation from or the approval of the Match Director, President, Executive Committee, or Board of Directors; or otherwise associated in any way with the **Texican Rangers** and/or **Match** activities.

12 Club Members, Visitors, Guests including those who are **not** participating in the **Match**; and Contractors and Vendors, must sign a Waiver of Liability prior to conducting their activities and operations on the **Ranch**.

13 **Eye Protection** is *required* when the **Range** is open for shooting activities, by anyone who is outside of the Headquarters area, to the immediate west of the Headquarters and the picnic area, in a line running North-South parallel to the firing line. **Hearing Protection** is recommended to protect hearing.

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	158	FP	61
	158	SWC	61
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.41	215	SWC	74
.44	180	RNFP	64
	240	SWC	78
.44-40	200	RNFP	67
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