Texican Star
A Publication of the Texican Rangers
An Authentic Cowboy Action Shooting Club
That Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

SASS Affiliated
December 2014

Come and join us for the 1st shoot of 2015:

January 10th
January 11th

and a Happy New Year from

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HOWDY, TEXICAN RANGERS

Howdy Texican Rangers! The Ranch Owners have agreed to let us start calendar year 2015 on the second weekend in January. So our first matches will be on Saturday January 10 and Sunday January 11.

In cooperation with the hunters, who will still be on the ranch in January and February, we ask that you not arrive before 8:00 AM and be prepared to be off the ranch before 4:00 PM each day. That weekend will also be the final two days of the SASS Convention in San Antonio. I am hoping that some of those Conventioneers decide to visit and shoot with us on one or both of those days. If you have a chance to spread the word suggest it as a great way to close out their trip to the Convention this year.

At that first match I will call for a vote on the amended By-Laws that we proposed and distributed by email on December 10. Please take the opportunity to review them and be prepared to cast your vote in January. If you have any questions please submit them by email in advance of the meeting so we may try to resolve them as early as possible.

Finally this has been a really fun and rewarding year for me. I absolutely appreciate all of you who participate and contribute to the success of the Texican Rangers. Speaking for myself and all of the Officers, I hope you all have the MERRIEST CHRISTMAS ever this year as well as a very Happy and Safe NEW YEAR celebration. I look forward to seeing and shooting with you in January 2015!

Texican Rangers, let’s ride!

Yuma Jack
COMANCHERIA DAYS 2015

The registration form can be found at the back of this newsletter and on the Texican website. First 50 entries will receive a stretch* of raffle tickets. Get your registration form in NOW!

*(20 tickets)

SASS SANCTIONING STRUCTURE

SASS has announced a change in the SASS Sanctioning Structure. For 2015 the SASS Sanctioning Program will include the introduction of three Divisional Championships. According to SASS, the changes were made “as we continue to meet the demand and celebrate the continued growth and popularity of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and SASS®, with membership in SASS® having now soared to over 100,000 members worldwide.”

Texas falls in the Southwest Region and Central Division and the new structure for 2015 will be:

State (Plum Creek, Lockhart, Texas)

Regional (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Divisional (Sparta, Illinois)

National (Winter Range)

World (End of Trail)
THE CHRISTMAS COWBOY

The year was 1947 and the already popular “Singing Cowboy”, Gene Autry, recorded Here Comes Santa Claus. Gene co-wrote the song with Oakley Haldeman and it was this song that lead to Autry being labeled the “Christmas Cowboy”. Autry is said to have gotten the idea for the song after riding his horse in the 1946 Santa Claus Lane Parade. He wrote the song and Haldeman set it to music. After the 1947 release he sang the song in the 1949 movie The Cowboy and the Indian and re-recorded the song in 1953 and 1957.

As the “Christmas Cowboy” he also recorded Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer and continued to participate in numerous Hollywood Christmas Parades including serving as the Grand Marshal in 1980. Autry’s recording of Rudolph hit No.1 on the Billboard pop singles chart the week of Christmas 1949 and eventually sold over 25 million copies.

In the 1920s Autry’s parents moved to southern Oklahoma where Autry worked on his father’s ranch while at school. He left high school in 1925 and worked as a telegrapher for the railway. During the long hours working as a telegrapher, Autry would pass the time singing while playing his guitar, a habit that would eventually get him fired!

Will Rogers, who had heard Autry sing, encouraged him to sing professionally. Autry went to New York to audition for RCA Victor. Autry was turned down due to the fact that the record company had just signed two very similar artists.

He returned to Oklahoma and starting singing on the radio as “Oklahoma’s Yodeling Cowboy”. In 1929 Autry signed his first record deal with Columbia Records. In the early recording days, Autry sang various genres.

Autry’s first hit was in 1932 with That Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine which he recorded with Jimmy Long. Autry made over 600 recordings, 300 of which he wrote or co-wrote. His recordings have sold over 100 million copies and he has many gold and platinum recordings.

Orvon Grover Autry was born on September 29, 1907 in Tioga in north Texas. He retired from show business in 1964. He was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1969 and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970. Autry died at the age of 91 in California and is buried at the Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills Cemetery.

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The Cowboy must never shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage.

He must never go back on his word, or a trust confided in him.

He must always tell the truth.

He must be gentle with children, the elderly, and animals.

He must not advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas.

He must help people in distress.

He must be a good worker.

He must keep himself clean in thought, speech, action, and personal habits.

He must respect women, parents and his nation’s laws.

The Cowboy is a patriot.

During WWII, Autry enlisted in the United States Army and became a tech sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps. In June of 1944 he earned his service pilot rating and served as a C-109 transport pilot with the rank of flight officer. “Assigned to a unit of the Air Transport Command, he flew as part of the dangerous airlift operation over the Himalayas between India and China, nicknamed the Hump.”

After the War, Autry returned to films. It was at this time that Autry joined with Pat Buttram who would star with Autry in over 40 films and 100 episodes of the Gene Autry television show.

Gene Autry was the first of the singing cowboys in films but he opened the genre for many, such as Roy Rogers, to follow.

Autry had a hit radio show on CBS from 1940-1956, Gene Autry’s Melody Ranch. In addition, Champion, Autry’s horse, had his own radio series, The Adventures of Champion. It was from these radio shows and his popularity with children that Autry created the Cowboy Code or Ten Cowboy Commandments:

In 1934, film producer Nat Levine paired Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette, as part of a singing cowboy quartet, in the Mascot Pictures film In Old Santa Fe. In 1935 Levine made Autry the star of the 12-part serial The Phantom Empire. Mascot Pictures became a part of the newly formed Republic Pictures and “Autry went along to make a further 44 films up to 1940, all B Westerns in which he played under his own name, rode his horse, Champion, had Burnette as his regular sidekick, and had many opportunities to sing in each film.”
**TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES**

Well it will be January before you know it!

You can speed up the process of registration and posse sign-up at the January shoot by getting your membership form and dues in now.

At the back of this newsletter and on the website you can find a copy of the membership form/waiver. Please make a copy and go ahead and fill it out and send it in. The more folks that pay their 2015 dues now, the faster the process will be in January.

Thanks  
Agarita Annie

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### TEXICAN RANGERS

January 10………………….Monthly Match  
January 11…………………..Monthly Match  
February 14………………..Monthly Match  
February 15………………..Monthly Match  
March 14…………………….Monthly Match  
March 15………………..Monthly Match  
April 8-12……..COMANCHEIRA DAYS 2015  
May 9………………..Monthly Match  
May 10………………..Monthly Match  
Jun 13………………..Monthly Match  
June 14………………..Monthly Match  
July 11………………..Monthly Match  
July 12………………..Monthly Match  
August 8………………..Monthly Match  
September 12…………….SHINDIG  
September 13…………….Monthly Match  
October 10…………….Final Shoot of 2015  
November/December…….range closed

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### CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

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SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS IN TEXAS

WESTERN AREA
Bounty Hunters (Levelland) (2nd)
Butterfield Trail Regulators (Anson) (3rd)
Canadian River Regulators (Clarendon) (2nd/3rd/5th)
Comanche Trail Shootists (Midland) (1st)
Concho Valley Shooters (San Angelo) (2nd)
El Vaqueros (Breckenridge) (1st)
Gruesome Gulch Gang (Plainview/Kress) (3rd)
Lajitas Rangers and Rogues (Lajitas) (2nd)
Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders (Slaton) (4th)
Texas Tumbleweeds (Amarillo) (1st)

CENTRAL AREA
Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls) (4th)
Plum Creek Shooting Society (Lockhart) (1st)
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr) (2nd)
South Texas Pistolaros (San Antonio) (1st)
Tejas Caballeros (Dripping Springs) (3rd)
Texas Riviera Pistolaros (George West) (2nd)
Texican Rangers (Fredericksburg) (2nd)
Tin Star Texans (Fredericksburg) (4th)
Travis County Regulators (Smithville) (2nd)

EASTERN AREA
Badlands Bar 3 (Clarksville) (3rd)
Berger Sharpshooters (Greenville) (3rd)
Big Thicket Outlaws (Beaumont) (3rd)
Buck Creek Bandoleros (Nemo) (1st/3rd)
Comanche Valley Vigilantes (Cleburne) (4th)
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club (Cleburne) (2nd)
Magnolia Misfits (Houston) (4th)
Oakwood Outlaws (Oakwood) (2nd)
Old Fort Parker Patriots (Groesbeck) (3rd)
Orange County Regulators (Orange) (1st/3rd)
Red River Regulators (Texarkana) (3rd)
Tejas Pistolaros (Eagle Lake) (4th)
Texas Historical Shootist Society (Columbus) (3rd)
Texas Peacemakers (Tyler) (1st)
Texas Tenhorns Shooting Club (Leonard) (Last Full Weekend)
Texas Troublemakers (Brownsboro) (1st)
Thunder River Renegades (Magnolia) (1st)
Trinity Valley Regulators (Mansfield) (3rd)
Willow Hole Cowboys (North Zulch) (3rd)

[information obtained from Cowboy Chronicle]
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THE TEXICAN RANGERS

WAIVER/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL
Texican Rangers; PO Box 294713; Kerrville TX 78029-4713

Alias: __________________________________________ SASS Number: _______________________

Name (Releasor): ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________ Zip code: _______________

Email Address: __________________________ Birth Date: ____________ RO1 □ RO2 □

Phone: __________________________(h)_____________________________(c)

ANNUAL DUES
Individual Membership - $24 Cash/Check # __________________________
Family Membership - $48 Cash/Check # __________________________
Family Member(s): __________________________________________________________
Date/Amount Paid: __________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In the event of an emergency on the range, who should we contact?
Name: ____________________________________________________________________ Relationship: ____________________________________________________________________
Phone: ( ) __________________________ Cell: ( ) __________________________

GENERAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, WE REQUIRE ALL SHOOTERS TO ASSUME ALL RISK BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE.

WAIVER

Voluntary participation by guests may involve observing, handling, and firing various firearms of the type(s) used during the period from 1836 through 1900. A guest may participate in handling and loading live ammunition into such firearms. During a match the firearms are fired, using lead bullets, at steel targets. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ASSUME ALL RISK BY SIGNING THIS GENERAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.

I, the undersigned, will abide by the safety rules of SASS and the TEXICAN RANGERS, INC (hereafter referred to as TR) including the Club Rules while on Stieler Ranch. I recognize the inherent dangers of injury and/or death associated with Cowboy Action Shooting and will not handle or discharge firearm(s) in a manner that may be unsafe to others or me. I understand that the range is a “cold” range and that my firearms must be unloaded at all times unless I am on the firing line and under the supervision of a range officer. I am aware of the potentially injurious noise level associated with the discharge of firearms and the possibility of being struck by rebounding bullet particles. I will always wear eye protection both on and off the firing line, and insist that my guest(s) do likewise. I understand that ear protection is also recommended. I grant TR the right to use photographs of me participating in TR events or at the Stieler Ranch for any lawful purpose, including without limitation, printed and electronic content.

I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge (1) the TR and their representatives, agents, servants, directors, and employees, (2) Becky Patterson, her children, heirs and successors, (3) the Stieler Ranch, its owners and their successors, and (4) any and all operating facilities associated with the TR or the Stieler Ranch, from any and all liability of every kind and character, howsoever arising, including bodily injuries and loss or damage of property, sustained by me, my guest, and any other person or entity, having or asserting claims or rights, by, through, or under me; and I do covenant and agree to HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the said entities and persons from any claims of the nature released or discharged, arising by, through, or under me INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY CLAIMS ARISING OR ALLEGED TO ARISE FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY SUCH INDEMNITEE. I AM SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATION EXPRESSED AS MY FREE ACT AND DEED.

This is a legal and binding obligation from date of signature to 31 December 2015, inclusive.

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Parent or Guardian: ____________________________________________________________________ Date: _______________________
“Shots from the Past”

The Texican Rangers

Old Time Cowboy Action Shooting

April 09 – April 12, 2015

Located on the Stieler Ranch, a historic “Old West” working cattle ranch from the 1870’s
8 miles north of Comfort, TX - 12.6 miles south of Fredericksburg, TX on Hwy 87

Name____________________________________  Alias___________________________  SASS#________

Address____________________________________  City____________________State____Zip____________

E-Mail____________________________________  Phone____________________

Posse Request:_________________________________________________________________________

ENTRY FORM – ONE PER ENTRANT

Main Match Category (Check one below):

☐ Buckaroo  ☐ Duelist
☐ Young Gun  ☐ Senior Duelist
☐ Cowboy  ☐ Silver Senior Duelist
☐ Wrangler  ☐ Gunfighter
☐ 49’r  ☐ Senior Gunfighter
☐ Senior  ☐ Frontier Cartridge
☐ Silver Senior  ☐ Frontier Cartridge Duelist
☐ Elder Statesman  ☐ Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter
☐ Cattle Baron  ☐ Frontiersman
☐ Gran Patron  ☐ Cody Dixon Lever
☐ B Western  ☐ Cody Dixon SS
☐ Classic Cowboy  ☐ Other __________________
☐ Ladies (check if applicable)

Wild Bunch Category (Check one):  ☐ Traditional  ☐ Modern  ☐ Open

I am certified  ☐ R.O. I  ☐ R.O. II  (Check all that apply)

One entry makes a category - Trophies awarded three deep - No award for Wild Bunch Open.

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Make check payable to Texican Rangers, Inc. Send to Texican Rangers, P.O. Box 294713, Kerrville, TX 78029.
Registration confirmation will be e-mailed or mailed. Additional fee applies if registering day of event. Questions?

Email us at texianrangers@yahoo.com