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Howdy Texican Rangers! First off, I want to recognize a group of Rangers who, during our last workday, took on tasks that seemed at the outset to be equivalent to cleaning the Augean Stables. One team pulled all of the shotgun targets that were on rickety 2"x4" wooden frames (at least 32 each) and transferred them in pairs onto 16 new sturdier and lower wooden frames that were cut and constructed on site. We have had some feedback that the new target frames have resulted in reducing shotgun pellet ricochets significantly. That team consisted of **Sheriff Robert Love, Shooting Iron Miller, A.D. Texas, Judge GeePee, Nueces Slim, and Dirty Dog Dale**. While that was going on, **Grouchy Spike** and **Judge Hangin Knott** installed a shooting table especially constructed by Grouchy to accommodate shooters in Bolt Action Military rifle shooting. The table will also serve as a prop for Cowboy Action Shooting at the Oriental when not in use for a BAM match. **Agarita Annie** headed up the task of laying decomposed granite at the Long Range pavilion and honchoed the loading of enough trash and debris from around the Headquarters and range to fill the large dumpster we had rented. And when you pass by the Homestead stage you will notice significant portions of the dead oak tree that was overhanging that stage have been removed. **Sabbath Evant** and **Dusty Leather** took on the somewhat dangerous job of cutting and removing those large, dead branches. My hat's off to this special group of folks who just keep contributing to the improvement of the range and the club.

While a lot of folks were sweltering in the August heat, the Rangers had two fairly nice days of shooting on the 8th and 9th of this month. It did warm up a bit but there was a relieving breeze and, special thanks to **Nueces Slim**, a constant supply of drinking water at the stages. The scenarios were a first attempt by **Judge GeePee** and they turned out pretty good. And thanks to

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HOWDY, TEXICAN RANGERS

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Agarita Annie and **Aunt T** everyone had a chance to get some good food in their stomachs on Saturday after the match. In the afternoon some folks hung around to shoot some Long Range hosted by **Judge GeePee** and **Grouchy Spike** ram-rodged another Bolt Action Military Match.

We have a Wild Bunch Match coming up on the 29th of August. There will be five stages that will hopefully mix well with the summer heat reminiscent of Northern Mexico during the Revolution in the early 1900s. Aha, *el clima*, eet weel be *caliente!* But maybe not too, eh *amigo*. As usual, if you want to come and just shoot Cowboy that's alright too. Then on Sunday, August 30, the range will be open for Long Range and Bolt Action Military. For these matches, Wild Bunch and Long Range and BAM, there will be a single fee of \$15 for each day. So it may be a good opportunity to bring a friend who is not yet a member.

And lest you forgot, **SHINDIG**, our annual member appreciation match is coming up on September 12th. Compete in a five stage main match in the morning. Buy a "Clean Match" by purchasing tickets redeemable against "Misses and Procedurals." Then enjoy our traditional brisket lunch followed by side matches including Blazing Saddles, Shooting Gallery and Man on Man. Once you are properly worn out, attend our annual meeting with election of officers for 2016 and voting on some issues I presented in the Newsletter last month. Finally before the sun sets, the annual awards will be presented and prizes will be given away. And for you members of the Texican Rangers, it is all free (except for the M&P tickets). So come on out to SHINDIG, the final match of the 2015 match calendar.


As always, remember our range is on a working ranch and the cattle are back. So please watch your step and continue to keep the gates, beginning at the barn, closed at all times!

So for now amigos, stay dry and I hope to see you on August 29th and 30th and SHINDIG.

Texican Rangers, let's ride!

Yuma Jack

SHINDIG-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-SEPTEMBER 12th

	8:00-8:45	Registration
	8:45	Mandatory Shooter's Meeting
	9:00	Hammers Down
		Lunch (after Main Match)
	2:00-3:30	Side Matches
	3:30	Man on Man
	4:00	Dessert and Awards

LUNCH MENU

Brisket
Beans
Potato Salad
All the trimmings.....




SIDE MATCHES

Shooting Gallery



**MAN ON MAN AND THEN
DESSERT AND AWARDS**



Blazing Saddles

GUN MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

(series continuation from the June *Texican Star*)

There are an amazing number of places to go across the United States to view gun collections. The size of the collections range from a few to thousands and the locations vary from gun museums to art and history museums to military establishments and parks.

NRA National Sporting Arms Museum

The NRA National Sporting Arms Museum resulted from a partnership between NRA and Bass Pro Shops. The museum is located at the Bass Pro Shop flagship store in Springfield, Missouri.



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On August 2, 2013, the 7500 square foot museum opened its doors to reveal an amazing collection that “celebrates the history of hunting, conservation and freedom”. In addition to numerous guns from the NRA Museums’ collection there are also numerous collections on loan to the museum from Remington Arms, Amateur Trapshooting Association Trapshooting Hall of Fame and Pachmayr Foundation.

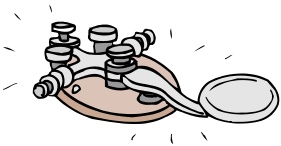
In addition, the museum includes an exhibit of “Hollywood Guns” and includes guns used by John Wayne, Charlton Heston and Tom Selleck.

“The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Gallery features Roosevelt guns and tells the story of Teddy Roosevelt’s pioneering role in wildlife conservation efforts.”

The museum has five exhibit areas and firearms are grouped within time periods and the museum also includes numerous dioramas portraying the development and evolution of hunting arms from pre-colonial times to the present. The museum includes nearly 1000 firearms.

One of the highlights of the museum is the vertical supports for the stairway railings which consist of hundreds of “identical reproduction percussion rifles and hardwood railings checkered like a gun stock!”

[Images and information obtained from the Bass Pro website and the NRA National Sporting Arms Museum website.]



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**Happy Birthday
Texicans!**

AUGUST

Crooked Creek Sam
 Farr Ranger
 Joe Darter
 Lars Christopherson
 Red Scott
 Roxinda Rhodes
 Scooter
 Shootin Star
 Two Shot Tex

SEPTEMBER

A.D. Texaz
 Dangerous Don
 John Selman
 Kit Carson
 L. W. Hannabass
 Miss Annie Bellum
 Sapphire Sam
 Sonny Rhodes
 T Bone Paul
 Three Fingered Dutchman
 Uncle Nick Wilson
 Wildcat Bob

2016 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

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Vice-President-**Sheriff Robert Love**

Secretary-**Tombstone Mary** with **Dutch Van Horn** handling publications

Range Master-**A.D. Texaz**

Hello the Camp:

As most of you already know I am running for the office of President of our great club. With our current president Yuma Jack stepping down, it became apparent someone needed to continue to lead this already great organization. Our club and facilities are some of the best in the state of Texas if not the United States of America, it has always been apparent to me that the members of our club are who make this club and facilities great. All of the nominees have a wealth of experience in Cowboy Action, allowing us to work with you to continue the legacy that our previous administration and membership has started. Thank you for your confidence and support of the nominees for the Texican Rangers board. "Shindig" is the member's event; please make every effort to attend.

Judge GeePee

I am running for the office of Secretary for the Texican Rangers. I started Cowboy Action Shooting in 1999 and took over the Secretary position for the Alamo Area Moderators in 1999 and continued for 16 years until the club dissolved. I have been Secretary for the San Antonio Rough Riders and the original Tin Star Texans. I will use my years of experience to see if I can improve on the current registration, dues and posse assignments.

Tombstone Mary

Howdy Pardners,

I have been a member of Texican Rangers since 1996. I am member number 187, Mike Harvey, alias Texas Jack Omohundro, is the founder of the club and is number 101. My SASS number is 8960. I am throwing my hat in the ring for the office of Vice-President. If elected, my goal is to work with the other officers of the Texican Rangers to keep the reputation and high standards of the second oldest Cowboy Action Shooting Club in the state of Texas, and to continue to improve the club and the range based on input from the members.

I want to thank the outgoing officers for all of their hard work, and for a job well done.

Sheriff Robert Love

I have been an avid Cowboy action shooter since January 2000. I love to shoot. I love to see the people. I most enjoy helping new shooters. I am a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant with 27 years of service. I am skilled with computer software and photography. I took first place in the Air Force Photo Contest in 1978. I write scenarios for Cowboy Action shoots and have done articles for the Alamo Area Moderator and Texican Rangers Newsletters. I take most of the photos for the Plum Creek Shooting Society Newsletter and their web site. I am RO2. I work full time for USAA. I am planning on retiring early in 2017. I would enjoy trying to help the Texican Rangers improve their Newsletter and Web Site. I think I would be a good fit.

Dutch Van Horn

COLT MOVES TO METALLIC CARTRIDGE

by Dutch Van Horn

Samuel Colt died on 10 January, 1862 but before he did he left a legacy that is still passed on today. His designs for firearms were innovative. His manufacturing methods were at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution. His use of interchangeable parts helped him become one of the first to exploit the assembly line. Moreover, his innovative use of art, celebrity endorsements and corporate gifts to promote his wares made him a pioneer in the fields of advertising, product placement and mass marketing. For example, when foreign heads of state would not grant him an audience, as he was only a private citizen, he persuaded the governor of the state of Connecticut make him a Lieutenant Colonel and Aide-de-Camp in the state militia. With this rank, he toured Europe again to promote his revolvers.



The 1862 Police revolver was the last gun that Samuel Colt designed. It is a fine weapon. With all the things Colt did right his one glaring error was turning down Rollin White patent on bored-through revolver cylinders for metallic cartridge use in 1855. White actually worked for Colt. Samuel Colt turned it down because he did not see the future advantage of metallic cartridges. He actually thought it was a passing fad. After Colt died the company reversed this decision and tried to make up for lost ground.

In November of 1865 Colt Manufacturing Company attempted to purchase a license to the Rollin White patent from competitor Smith & Wesson. White and Smith & Wesson would take no less than \$1.1 million, but Colt's directors decided it was too large an investment on a patent that would expire in 1868. At the time Colt was valued at \$15 million, which would be approximately \$350 million by today's standards.

Colt's first effort toward a metallic cartridge revolver was by conversion of existing percussion revolvers. The first of these conversions was patented on September 15, 1868 by Colt engineer, F. Alexander Thuer. The Thuer conversion was made by milling off the rear of the receiver and replacing it with a breechplate containing six internal firing pins. The cartridges were loaded through the mouths of the chambers, yes that was from the front of the cylinder not the back. Colt made 5000 of these but they were not well accepted. Colt found the mechanism so complex it included a spare percussion cylinder with each revolver.



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In 1870 Colt bought the National Arms Company, which was known for manufacturing derringers and for circumventing the Rollin White patent by utilizing a unique cartridge. Colt continued to produce the .41 Short derringer after the acquisition, as an effort to help break into the metallic-cartridge gun market, but also introduced its own three Colt Derringer Models. The last model to be in production, the third Colt Derringer, was not dropped until 1912. The first metallic cartridge breech-loading weapons sold by Colt were those Derringers, but Colt also started developing its own rear-loading guns and cartridges.



Another of Colt's engineers, William Mason, improved this conversion by placing the rear sight on the hammer and, along with Richards, was granted patents in the 1871 to convert percussion revolvers into rear-loading metallic-cartridge revolvers. Those converted revolvers are identified as the Richards-Mason conversion. There were approximately 2100 Richards-Mason model 1860 Army conversions made from 1871 to 1878. In truth it was a brilliant business move because it allowed the Colt Patent Firearms Company to "convert" literally tons of obsolete parts for revolvers no longer in production, into cash.

Colt's next attempt was much improved. Colt hired Charles Richards from Remington Arms. He was the engineer that developed Remington conversion pistol. He came up with a design, known as the Richards conversion, to convert the 1860 Army revolver to fire metallic cartridges. The caliber was .44 Colt rimfire cartridge and the loading lever was replaced by an ejector rod. This conversion added a breechplate with a firing pin and a rear sight mounted on the breechplate. Cartridges were loaded into the cylinder one at a time via a loading gate. Colt manufactured 9000 of these revolvers between 1873 and 1878. In 1873, Colt performed the same conversion on the Model 1851 and Model 1861 revolvers for the US Navy in .38 rimfire.



These three cartridges are what original Colt Conversions of all types were chambered for. From left are .38 rimfire, .38 Colt (long version) and .44 Colt.

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The Colt Model 1871-72 Open Top was a metallic cartridge rear-loading .44-caliber revolver introduced in 1872 by the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. This handgun was developed following two patents, the first one in 1871 and the second one in 1872, but the weapon did not actually start production until 1872. There is therefore still some confusion when naming it. It is sometimes called the Colt Model 1871 or Colt Model 1872 but at this time the most common accepted names are Colt Model 1871-72 Open Top, Colt Model 1871-72 or simply Colt Open Top.

The Open Top was chambered for the .44 Henry cartridge. It had the advantage of matching up with the popular Henry and Yellow Boy rifles. So a frontiersman could carry one type of ammunition for both his side arm and his rifle. It was a rimfire cartridge and was rather anemic. It was a .44 caliber bullet with approximately 26 grains of black powder. The trigger and revolving mechanism were based on the same design as previous Colt revolvers, the well-improved cap & ball percussion guns that made the Colt's company prestige status. Mason brought some innovations to his gun: apart of the breech-loading adapted cylinder, he designed unique frame, cylinder and barrel for the first Colt revolver with not-interchangeable parts with the older percussion pistols and moved the rear sight to the rear of the barrel as opposed to the hammer on the breechblock of the earlier models.



Now for the surprise. The Open Top was submitted to the US Army for testing in 1872. Colt hoped that the Army would adopt it as their standard side arm. The Army rejected the pistol and asked for a more powerful caliber with a stronger frame. Mason redesigned the frame to incorporate a topstrap, similar to the Remington revolvers, and placed the rear sight on the rear of the frame; he consulted with Richards on some other improvements. The first

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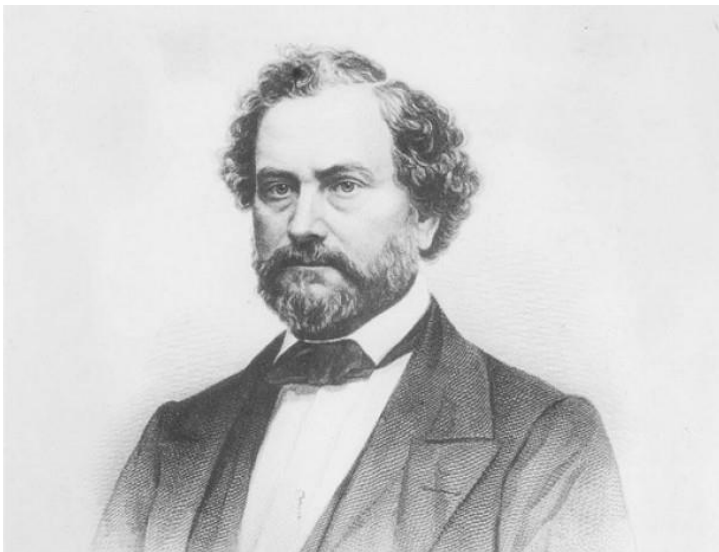
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prototype of the new gun was still chambered in .44 rimfire, but this new gun was chambered for the newest caliber known as the .45 Colt, and gun history was made. This new design started production in 1873, giving birth to a new model, the Colt Single Action Army.



It was chambered in .45 Colt, a centerfire design containing up to 40 grains of black powder. Relative to period cartridges and later handgun rounds, it was quite powerful in its full loading. It was approximately twice the power of the .44 Henry round.

In 1873 you could buy a Colt Open Top revolver for around \$12.00 and the new Colt Peacemaker in .45-Long Colt for around \$18.00. The Colt 1873 was rugged, effective and quickly became the most popular handgun on the western frontier. Three out of every four Cowboys carried Colt Model 1873 revolvers. It was known as "The Gun That Won the West".



Samuel Colt
(July 19, 1814 - January 10, 1862)
Hartford, Connecticut



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ TEXICAN RANGERS ★	Head'Um Up – Move'um Out		
<u>2015</u>			
August 29.....Wild Bunch Match	Oct 2-4	Defend Old Ft. Parker	Ft. Parker
August 30.....Long Range Match & BAM	Oct 15-17	SW Regional	Oklahoma City
September 12..... SHINDIG	Oct 17	Whoopin	Tejas Caballeros
September 13.....Monthly Match	Oct 31	TSRA CAS South Regional	Texas Riviera Pistoleros
October 10.....Final Match of CY2015			
November/December.....Range Closed			
		<u>2016</u>	
	Feb 22-28	Winter Range (25 th Anniversary)	Phoenix
April 7-10 COMANCHERIA DAYS	Mar 17-20	Trailhead (25 th Anniversary)	THSS
	May 13-15	Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
	May 19-22	Fall of the Fort (SASS TX State Championship)	Ft. Parker



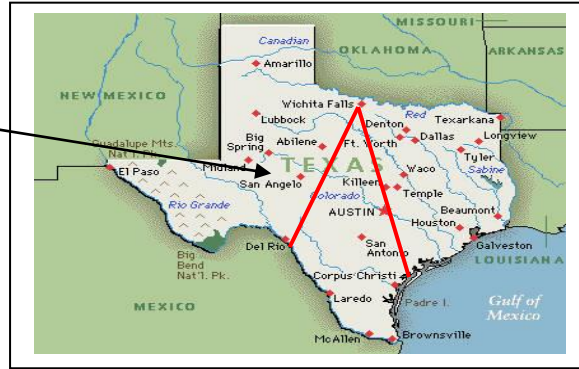
CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1 st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1 st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2 nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2 nd Saturday	Travis County Regulators (Smithville)
2 nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2 nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3 rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (Dripping Springs)
4 th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4 th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS IN TEXAS

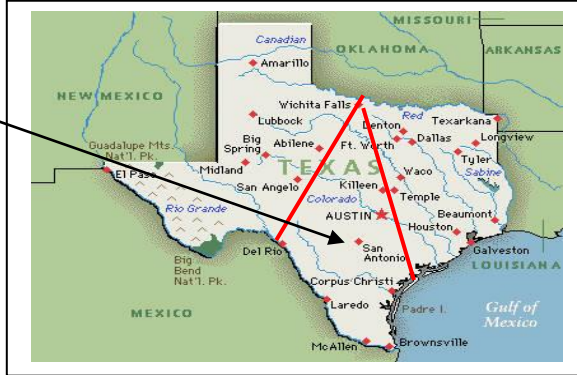
WESTERN AREA

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



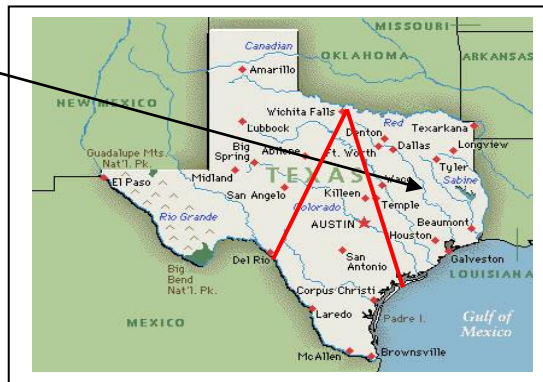
CENTRAL AREA

- Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls) (4th Saturday)
- Plum Creek Shooting Society (Lockhart) (1st Saturday)
- Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr) (2nd Sunday)
- South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio) (1st Saturday)
- Tejas Caballeros (Dripping Springs) (3rd Saturday)
- Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) (2nd Saturday)
- Texican Rangers (Comfort) (2nd weekend)
- Travis County Regulators (Smithville) (2nd Saturday)



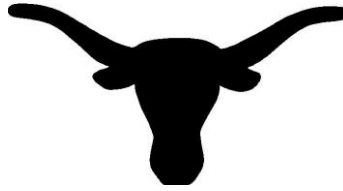
EASTERN AREA

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



[information obtained from *Cowboy Chronicle*]

Longhorn Bullets



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Caliber	Weight	Config	PRICE/500	PRICE/1000
.38	100	RNFP	32	64
	105	FP	33	66
	125	RNFP	35	70
	125	FP	35	70
	130	RNFP	36	72
	158	RNFP	39	77
	158	FP	39	77
	158	SWC	39	77
	.380	100	RNFP	33
.38-55	245	RNFP	59	117
.41	215	SWC	49	98
.44	180	RNFP	41	81
	240	SWC	52	104
.44-40	200	RNFP	45	90
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	46	92
	180	RNFP	41	81
	200	RNFP	45	90
	250	RNFP	53	106
9MM	124	RN	35	70
	125	CN	35	70
40 S&W	180	FP	41	81
.45ACP	200	SWC	45	90
	200	RN	45	90
	230	RN	51	101
45-70	405	FPT	111	222