

# Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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

SASS Affiliated  
February 2022

PO Box 782261  
San Antonio, TX 78278-2261

## Officers

### President

**Alamo Andy**  
(210) 355-5121  
[bmuehlstein@att.net](mailto:bmuehlstein@att.net)

### Vice President

**Sheriff Robert Love**  
210-215-9155  
[e.b.fite@gmail.com](mailto:e.b.fite@gmail.com)

### Secretary

**Shooting Iron Miller**  
(210) 416-3913  
[aimee.fite@gmail.com](mailto:aimee.fite@gmail.com)

### Treasurer

**A.D.**  
210-862-7464  
[jn1897@me.com](mailto:jn1897@me.com)

### Range Master

**Doc Holloman**  
410-903-7795  
[docholloman56@gmail.com](mailto:docholloman56@gmail.com)

### [Communications](#)

**Dutch Van Horn**  
210-823-6058  
[dvh@satx.rr.com](mailto:dvh@satx.rr.com)

## Howdy Texican Rangers



Saturday February 12 was a cool and chilly morning. We had 35 shooters brave the cooler weather with 15 shooting the match clean. Top cowgirl was Panhandle Cowgirl with a total time of 104.5 and top Cowboy was Alamo Andy with a total of 96.14.

Sunday morning was a little warmer and it turned out to be a beautiful day. We had 23 shooters with 8 shooting the match clean. Top cowgirl was Brazos Belle with a total time of 111.62 and top cowboy was Alamo Andy with a total of 92.90. We also had 4 cowboy 1911 shooters with Skyhawk Hans topping the field, followed closely by Shooting Iron Miller.

Comancheria Days are getting close! Please get those applications in. It will be a great match and of course a good time! A few of us Rangers are heading to Arizona for EOT and look forward to some warm weather shooting. See ya'll the 2nd weekend of March!

Alamo Andy  
President, Texican Rangers

## Josephine Earp

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



There were fewer women in the old west than men. With that being said it is interesting that between them, Wyatt, Virgil, Morgan, James and Warren Earp had 11 wives. They were big believers in marriage, at least the common-law version. The most famous wife by far was Josephine Earp.

Josephine Sarah "Sadie" Earp was the common-law wife of Wyatt Earp, a famed Old West lawman and gambler. She met Wyatt in 1881 in the frontier boom town of Tombstone in Arizona Territory when she was living with Johnny Behan, sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona.

Josephine was born in New York to a Prussian Jewish family. Her father was a baker. They moved to San Francisco where Josephine attended dance school as a girl. When her father had difficulty finding work, the family moved in with her older sister and brother-in-law in a working-class tenement. Josephine ran away, possibly as early as age 14, and traveled to Arizona, where she said she went looking for "adventure." Much of her life from about 1874 to 1882 when she lived in the Arizona Territory is uncertain; she worked hard to keep this period of her life private, even threatening legal action against writers and movie producers. She may have arrived in Prescott, Arizona as early as 1874. The book *I Married Wyatt Earp* (1967), based on a manuscript allegedly written in part by her, describes events she witnessed in Arizona that occurred before 1879, the year she claimed at other times to have first arrived in Tombstone. There is some evidence that she lived from 1874 to 1876 in Prescott and Tip Top, Arizona Territory under the assumed name of Sadie Mansfield, who was a prostitute, before becoming ill and returning to San Francisco. The name Sadie Mansfield was also recorded in Tombstone. Researchers have found that the two names share extremely similar characteristics and circumstances.

Later in life Josephine described her first years in Arizona as "a bad dream." What is known for certain is that she traveled to Tombstone using the name Josephine Marcus in October 1880. She wrote that she met Cochise County Sheriff Johnny Behan when she was 17 and he was 33. He promised to marry her and she joined him in Tombstone. He reneged but persuaded her to stay. Behan was sympathetic to ranchers and certain outlaw Cowboys, who were at odds with Deputy U.S. Marshal Virgil Earp and his brothers, Wyatt and Morgan. Josephine left Behan in 1881, before the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral, during which Wyatt and his brothers killed three Cochise County Cowboys. She went to San Francisco in March 1882 and was joined that fall by Wyatt, with whom she remained as his life companion for 46 years until his death.

Josephine and Wyatt moved throughout their life, from one boomtown to another, until they finally bought a cottage in the Sonoran Desert town of Vidal, California on the Colorado River, where they spent the cooler seasons. In the summer they retreated to Los Angeles, where Wyatt struck up relationships with some of the early cowboy actors, including William S. Hart and Tom Mix. The facts about Josephine Earp and her relationship to Wyatt were relatively unknown until amateur Earp historian Glenn Boyer published the book "I Married Wyatt Earp." Boyer's book was considered a factual memoir, cited by scholars, studied in classrooms, and used as a source by filmmakers for 32 years. In 1998, reporters and scholars found that Boyer could not document many of the facts he wrote about Josephine's time in Tombstone. Some critics described the book as a fraud and a hoax, and the University of Arizona withdrew the book from its catalog.

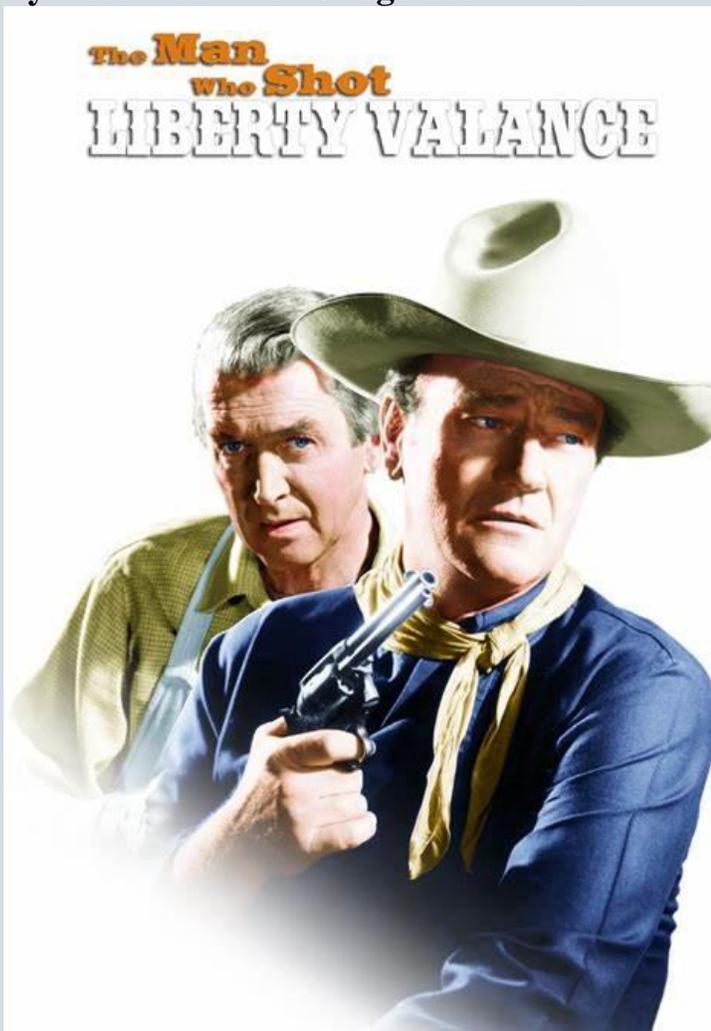


As late as 1936, Josephine took legal action to suppress certain details of her and Wyatt's life in Tombstone. Josephine worked hard to conceal Wyatt's prior relationship to his common-law wife and former prostitute Mattie Blaylock, with whom Wyatt was living when Josephine first met him in 1880. Earp named a mining claim he filed on February 16, 1880 "Mattie Blaylock." While Blaylock was living with Earp, she suffered from severe headaches and became addicted to laudanum, an opiate-based pain reliever widely available at the time.

After Earp left Tombstone and Blaylock, she waited in Colton, California to hear from him, but he never contacted her. She met a gambler from Arizona who asked her to marry him. She asked Wyatt for a divorce, but Wyatt didn't believe in divorce and refused. She ran away with the gambler anyway, who later abandoned her in Arizona. Mattie resumed life as a prostitute and committed "suicide by opium poisoning" on July 3, 1888.

## What was John Wayne's Least Favorite Movie?

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance was not your typical John Wayne movie. First of all, he was not the lead, certainly he was an important character, but Jimmy Stewart was clearly the lead. But Wayne's problems with the movie had nothing to do with his role but everything to do with his problem with the director.

Paramount refused to green-light the movie for director John Ford unless Wayne was part of the project. Wayne agreed to the role because of a sense of loyalty he felt to John Ford for casting him in Stagecoach, and credited this as the reason he was a big star.

John Wayne was ridiculed and shamed constantly by John Ford, a notorious bully, on the set of "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." His co-star Woody Strode later claimed that Duke would take this frustration out on him instead of retaliating at the director who was attacking him, and even Jimmy Stewart.

In one instance, as John Wayne and Woody Strode filmed an exterior shot on a horse-drawn cart, Wayne was close to losing control of the horses. When Strode tried to help him, Duke knocked his co-star away. Then, when the steeds had halted, a real fight was about to start. At the time Ford yelled: "Don't hit him Woody! We need him!" In the end, Wayne told Strode: "We gotta work together. We both gotta be professionals."

The cantankerous and eccentric John Ford had filmed other Westerns with John Wayne in color from "The Searchers" to "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." But when it came to shooting 1962's "The Man Who Shot Liberty

Valance” with Duke and Jimmy Stewart on the Paramount lot, the director opted for black and white instead. There are different takes over why, including that he thought it was a better medium. However, cinematographer William H. Clothier later said: “There was one reason and one reason only...Paramount was cutting costs. Otherwise, we would have been in Monument Valley or Brackettville and we would have had color stock. Ford had to accept those terms or not make the film.”

On top of this, Reese actor Lee Van Cleef – who went on to star in Clint Eastwood Spaghetti Westerns – said that Ford resented the meddling and so would take out his annoyance on Wayne, whose casting as Doniphon was demanded by the studio.

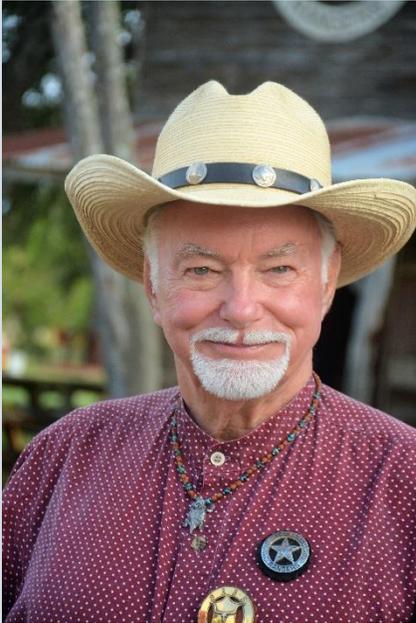
Pompey actor Woody Strode remembered that Ford “kept needling Duke about his failure to make it as a football player,” comparing him to Strode who was a former NFL player.

Additionally, the director kept mocking Wayne for not enlisting in World War II, which made the star feel guilty in his later years.

In comparison, Ford had made combat documentaries for the Office of Strategic Services and had been wounded at the Battle of Midway, while Ransie star Stewart had been a bomber pilot who served with distinction. The filmmaker would ask his Western star: “How rich did you get while Jimmy was risking his life during the war?”

Strode blamed Ford for almost all the tension on the set of “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.” The Pompey actor assessed: “What a miserable film to make.” The most surprising thing is that John Wayne made two more movies after this with John Ford.

## **The Second Amendment Taken from articles by Jordan Michaels Submitted by Sheriff Robert Love**



Early January, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms & Explosives (BATFE) proposed a new rule to redefine the term “firearm” under federal law. Much of the media attention focused on how the rule would ban “ghost guns,” or 80% receiver kits that allow customers to build firearms at home. The rule does exactly that. But what if you don’t care about building your own un-serialized firearms?

Why should you care about the ATF’s new rule? First, it’s another instance of bureaucratic overreach. The people’s representatives in Congress should be the only body allowed to make such a sweeping ruling related to constitutional rights. If you’re concerned about non-elected bureaucrats unilaterally creating laws out of thin air, you should care about this rule.

Second, the rule affects much more than just 80% receiver kits. The ATF wrote the rule to give

themselves the maximum amount of control over what counts as a “firearm” (and is subject to strict federal regulation) and what doesn’t.

The rule adds this language to the definition of “firearm:” “a weapon parts kit that is designed to or may readily be assembled, completed, converted, or restored to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.”

What counts as “readily assembled”? The ATF is glad you asked: “A process that is fairly or reasonably efficient, quick, and easy, but not necessarily the most efficient, speedy, or easy process.”

What does that mean? It means whatever the ATF director wants it to mean. The rule states that the director will have discretion to judge whether a product is “identifiable” as a gun by consulting “any available instructions, guides, templates, jigs, equipment, tools, or marketing materials.”

The proposed rule would give the ATF near-unlimited power to regulate firearms and firearm accessories. The proposed rule would do nothing to address violent crime while further burdening law-abiding gun owners and the lawful firearm industry with overbroad regulations.

If you care about 80% receiver kits, bureaucratic overreach, constantly changing regulations, and empowering the ATF director with near-unlimited authority, you should care about the ATF's new "frames and receivers" rule.

The ATF brass doesn't care about gun owners or the Second Amendment. But they're required by law to consider all valid comments when proposing a new rule, so it's critical we flood the agency with respectful, effective comments voicing our opposition.

First thing's first. No profanity. As tempting as it may be, profanity is one of the only things that will get your comment immediately disqualified, and the ATF is looking for any reason to discount as many comments as they can.

Your comment doesn't have to be long, but it must forward a logical argument as to why the ATF is wrong to implement this new definition of "firearm." As the Firearm Policy Coalition points out, "The more unique comments and different arguments the ATF receives, the more they will have to read and respond to (this is good)!"

## **Comanche: The Most Powerful Native American Tribe in History**

### **By Jeff Somers**



For many Americans, the story of how we conquered the continent is a straightforward one. It's a story of brutally inevitable conquest, of an advanced nation hungry for territory, overpowering a weak coalition of indigenous people who are often portrayed as ignorant and even savage. Even when the violence and brutality of America's tactics are acknowledged, there is usually still the assumption that the Native American civilizations we conquered never stood a chance.

But pull on any thread in that narrative and it falls apart. The Native Americans who found themselves fighting for their lives against the United States were diverse, representing many thriving and complex civilizations—and they were more effective at fighting an endless war against impossible odds than you might think.

Case in point: The Comanches. This Native American nation was once the most powerful in America—and one of the most effective fighting forces in history, hands down. They once controlled a vast empire in the heartland of what would become parts of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas, and they held off invaders for decades. They were only defeated in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and that defeat required more than American soldiers to bring about.



For a tribe that had its beginnings as relatively peaceful hunter-gatherers, the Comanche's transformation into a military juggernaut was almost total. Once they acquired horses and a mastery over them that no other people could match, their culture became almost solely focused on waging war.

As NPR reports, Comanche society was very limited. They didn't have a religious structure, they didn't have social organizations. There was no manufacturing or even art. Children learned how to

ride, how to hunt, and how to fight from a very early age, and their entire lives would be focused on those three aspects. Author S.C. Gwynne compares the Comanches to the Spartans in how they were almost totally focused on fighting.

As a result, the Comanches evolved into a force of violence that no one could withstand. They waged war on everyone who came into contact with them—and usually won. One reason for this success was their brutality. A Comanche raid was a terrifying affair. All male enemies would be killed, without exception—even if they surrendered. Older children would be killed as well. Young children would be taken captive, and the women would be sexually assaulted and killed. The Comanches waged Total War long before the United States.

## **The Coffee Mill Sharps** **By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



The .52 caliber Sharps New Model 1863 Coffee Mill Carbine might be the most unusual gun in the Civil War.

The Union Army ran on coffee. Each soldier was issued 36 pounds of beans a year, and brewed it by the one-quart tin cupful, “strong enough to float a horseshoe,” and heavily sweetened with sugar or molasses. It was issued in bean form because war profiteers were fond of mixing dirt into ground coffee, so Billy Yank got to roast and grind his own.

Most “grinding” consisted of bashing the beans between two rocks, and it occurred to Lt. Col. Walter King, detached from the 4th Missouri

Cavalry to the Springfield Armory, that it might be useful to incorporate a coffee mill in the buttstock of the .52 Sharps carbine. The colonel gave the order, and so it was done. Perhaps 100 of the guns were thus modified. I guess that is why they call it Yankee ingenuity.

The mill was a nice-looking piece of machinery, but it didn’t work very well, and so the whole project was dropped. Today, it’s thought that a dozen or so authentic coffee-mill Sharps survived, and they’re worth a lot of money. There are a great many more fake coffee-mill Sharps around; indeed, it’s a guess that this is one of the most-counterfeited firearms of the Civil War period. Which, somehow, relates nicely to adding dirt to coffee grounds.

## **Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary** **Regulator/Life**



It certainly won’t be long before the 2nd weekend in April is here, and Comancheria Days 2022 will begin. We are all getting really excited about this year’s event. We hope you are as well. We have well-exceeded the halfway mark for shooters, so time is of the essence. Please mail or email your application if you haven’t already done so. You can find everything you need on our website [www.texicanrangers.org](http://www.texicanrangers.org) or feel free to email me at [texicanrangers@yahoo.com](mailto:texicanrangers@yahoo.com) I’m happy to help you in any way I can.

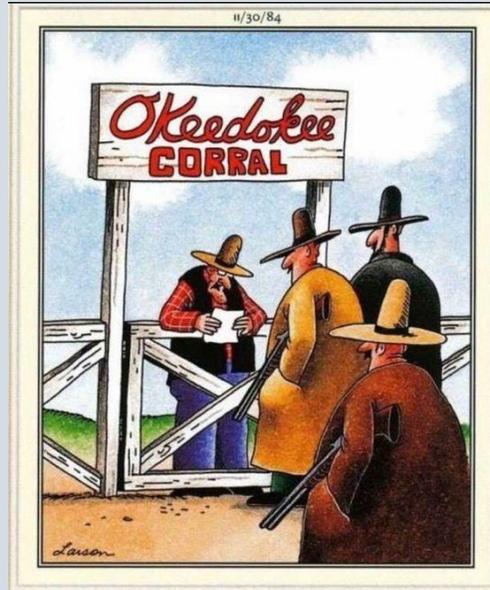
A venue has been selected for the Saturday night banquet. It’s a little different than what you’ve been used to the last couple of years, but I think you will be quite pleased. We will be getting together at Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center in Kerrville. I emailed all Comancheria Days participants with more

detailed information, including a map and where to park. This year we will be having a cash bar, so please do not bring your own bottle(s).

If you haven't had an opportunity to let us know you'd like to volunteer during Comancheria Days, please let Tombstone Mary know [maryn58@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryn58@sbcglobal.net). She's putting a schedule together. If you noted on your application that you are willing to volunteer, I've already given your name to her. We really appreciate any time you are able to help. Every little bit helps. With everyone working together, we can accomplish so much, and we can have a successful and fun event.

I'm still accepting stage sponsorships, so please let me know if you plan to submit one.

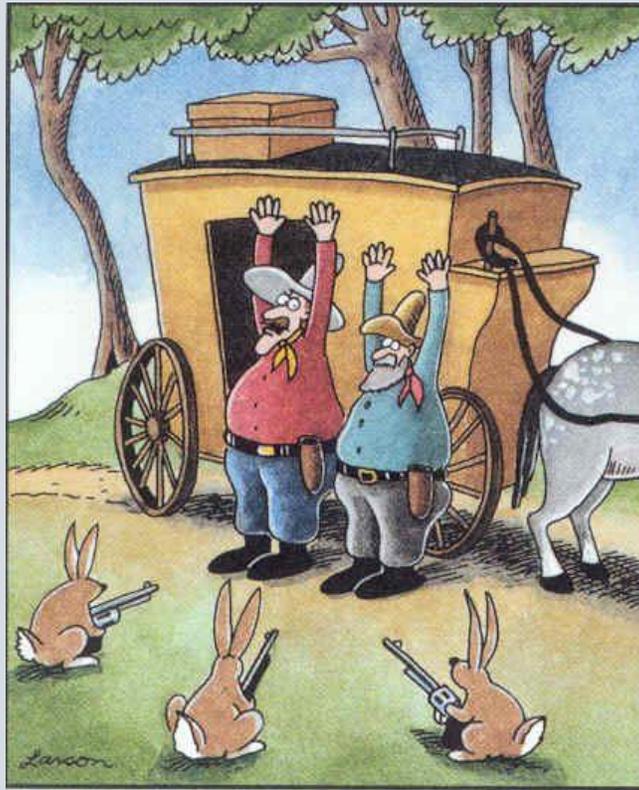
Shooting Iron Miller  
Texican Rangers Secretary



"Let's see here. ... Oh! Close, but no cigar. You want the place up the road—same as I told those other fellahs."

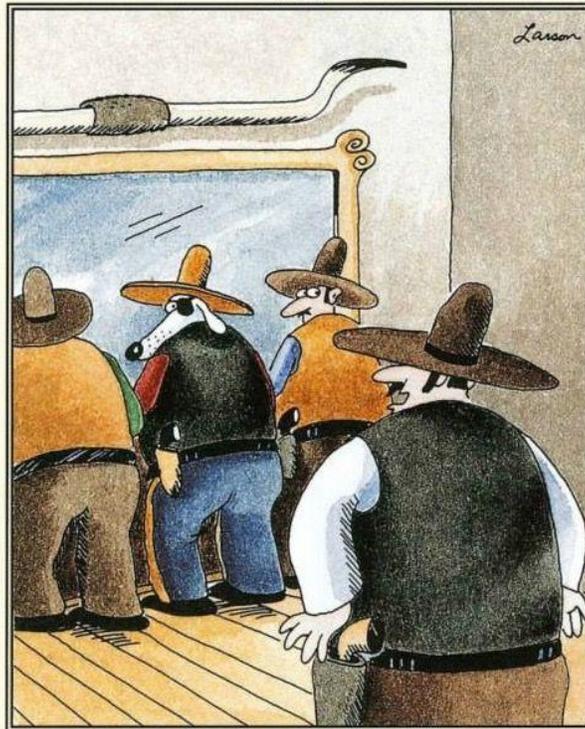


"Ha! Ain't a rattler, Jake. You got one of them maraca players down your bag—and he's probably more scared than you."



"This ain't gonna look good on our report, Leroy."

7/6/83



"Okay ... which of you is the one they call 'Old-One-Eyed-Dog-Face'?"

# BOOYAH BULLETS

email your order: booyahbullets@gmail.com or text it to us @ 512.927.6743

Dodge City Mike 512.801.8424

Price List effective 03.01.21

Caliber	Weight	Config.	Price/500	Price/1000
.38	100	RNFP	42	83
	105	FP	43	85
	125	RNFP	47	94
	125	FP	47	94
	130	RNFP	49	97
	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
.380	100	RNFP	42	83
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
.44-40	200	RNFP	64	127
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	61	121
	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
9MM	124	RN	47	94
	125	CN	47	94
40 S&W	180	FP	58	115
.45ACP	200	SWC	64	127
	200	RN	64	127
	230	RN	73	144
45-70	405	FPT	75 (250)	300 (1K)
			150 (500)	

## Parting Shots

1. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
2. What do you call a mushroom that goes into a bar and buys everybody a drink? – A fungi to be with.
3. A limbo champion walks into a bar, and was immediately disqualified.
4. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
5. I was raised as an only child – which really annoyed my sister.
6. Bring me a crocodile sandwich and make it snappy!
7. Two peanuts walk into a bar, one was assaulted.
8. A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, “Sorry we don’t serve food in here”.
9. A dyslexic penguin walks into a bra.
10. Two fish are in a tank. One turns to the other and asks “How do I drive this thing?”
11. I’ll never forget what my late uncle said to me, he said, I’m sorry I’m late.
12. S Venison’s dear isn’t it?
13. So she phones me last night, and says “Come on over, no one’s home!” I got there, and there was no one home.
14. It’s hard explaining puns to kleptomaniacs because they’re always taking things literally.
15. Have you ever got half way through eating a horse and thought, I’m not as hungry as I thought I was?
16. Did I already tell you the Déjà vu joke?
17. Decided to commit suicide by an aspirin overdose. Took the first two, felt better, and changed my mind.
18. I told a friend of mine I liked Beyoncé. She said “Whatever floats your boat”, I said “No, that’s buoyancy...”
19. I’m reading a great book about an immortal dog – I’m finding it impossible to put down.
20. The first guy who persuaded a blind person they needed sunglasses – he must have been a hell of a salesman.
21. Someone stole my thesaurus – I just can’t describe how angry I am!
22. The world champion tongue twister just got arrested and was given a really tough sentence.
23. Is it possible to mistake schizophrenia for telepathy, I hear you ask.
24. When I was a kid we had a quicksand box. I was an only child... eventually.
25. I got a belt on that’s holding up my pants, and the pants have belt loops that hold up the belt. What’s going on here? Who is the real hero?

## Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D.	2004
Dusty Lone Star	2008
Handlebar Bob	2010
Dusty Chambers	2010
Sheriff Robert Love	2012
Grouchy Spike	2013
Agarita Annie	2016
Joe Darter	2016
Nueces Slim	2016
Skinny	2016
Dirty Dog Dale	2017
Dutch Van Horn	2017
Shooting Iron Miller	2017



### February Birthdays:

Doc O'Bay	2/1
Newt Ritter	2/3
Shooting Iron Miller	2/7
Yuma Jack	2/9
Major Samuel Clayton	2/11
Col Callan	2/21

### March Birthdays:

Texas Pearl	3/10
Tombstone Mary	3/17
Crooked Bullet	3/21
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Hopalong Herbert	3/31



### Key Links

- [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)
- [www.texicanrangers.org](http://www.texicanrangers.org)
- [www.greenmountainregulators.org](http://www.greenmountainregulators.org)
- [www.pccss.org](http://www.pccss.org)
- [www.stxpistolaros.com](http://www.stxpistolaros.com)
- [www.tejascaballeros.org](http://www.tejascaballeros.org)
- [www.trpistolaros.com](http://www.trpistolaros.com)
- [www.texasjacks.com](http://www.texasjacks.com)
- [www.cimarron-firearms.com](http://www.cimarron-firearms.com)
- [www.tsra.com](http://www.tsra.com)
- [www.wildwestmercantile.com](http://www.wildwestmercantile.com)

## TEXICAN RANGERS

2022

January 8	Monthly Match
January 9	Monthly Match
February 12	Monthly Match
February 13	Monthly Match
March 12	Monthly Match
March 13	Monthly Match
April 7-9	Comancheria Days
April 30	Wild Bunch/BAMM
May 14	Monthly Match
May 15	Monthly Match
June 11	Monthly Match
June 12	Monthly Match
July 9	Monthly Match
July 10	Monthly Match
July 30	Wild Bunch/BAMM
August 13	Monthly Match
August 14	Monthly Match
September 10	Shindig
September 11	Monthly Match
October 8	Monthly Match/Tear Down
November/December	Range Closed

### CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

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

**Feb 28 – Mar 6, 2022**  
**March 17 - 20, 2022**  
**March 23 – 26, 2022**  
**April 7 - 9, 2022**  
**October 8 – 16, 2022**  
**November 4 – 6, 2022**

**2022**

**EOT (SASS World Championship)**  
**SASS Texas State Championship Trailhead**  
**SASS Southwest Regional**  
**Comancheria Days**  
**SASS National Championship – Land Run**  
**SASS Texas State Wild Bunch**  
**Championship**

Photo Album

