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Howdy, Fellow Rangers!



I'd like to start out today with a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who have responded to our call for help on range workdays. The weather hasn't been the best and I know that people have jobs and many other important commitments other than range work, but I can't tell you how much their volunteer spirit has paid off in improvements at our range. Many exciting things are happening. We've made repairs and renovations at the Jail, Barn, Oriental and Jersey Lily, to name a few. The road has been graded and crushed granite has been brought in and spread in many areas where needed. The picnic tables are being repaired and we're installing a large sunshade at the Barn. Also, volunteers have inventoried, cleaned out and reorganized the storeroom, prop room and tool room. And all the usual painting, weed eating, limb trimming, mowing and general cleanup always goes on.

We've hosted a number of guest shooters from other clubs and some from out of state. I've gotten nothing but compliments on our range facilities and our club members. Folks, you the shooters, are the heart and soul of our club

and I thank each and every one of you for your support and help making this one of the premier clubs in Texas.

Don't forget, CD is almost upon us, in conjunction with the 2025 State Championship. I trust this event will be one long remembered by us all thanks to Y'all! Just a reminder, the deadline for registration is March 27th and as things are going, this could be a CD for the record books.

OK, that's all for now, see Y'all at the range March 8th & 9th!

OK folks, saddle up and get ready for another fun and exciting year with the Rangers! That's all for now. Happy Trails 'til I see y'all on the range.

San Saba Slim

President Texican Rangers

5 Most Expensive Cowboy Hat Brands: Why they are worth it!

Author Unknown



In the world of Western wear, the cowboy hat stands as a pinnacle of style and status. Among these iconic hats, there exists an echelon of luxury so distinct, it commands attention and respect. This is the realm of the most expensive cowboy hat brands, where heritage meets opulence. We're tipping our brims to the five brands that have mastered the art of fine hat-making: Stetson, Resistol, American Hat Company, Greeley Hat Works, and JW Brooks.

Each brand, with its unique heritage, crafts hats that are not merely accessories but symbols of a rich cultural legacy. These are not just best cowboy hats; they're investments in craftsmanship and timeless fashion.

Stetson Cowboy Hats

- The Stetson brand, founded by John B. Stetson, has been a symbol of the American West since the 1860s.
- Initially crafted for durability and protection, Stetson's "Boss of the Plains" hat quickly became a staple for westerners.
- Over the years, Stetson has adorned the heads of famous figures like George Strait, John Wayne, and even Winston Churchill, securing its place in both pop culture and high society
- Stetson hats are renowned for their high-quality materials, including fine beaver pelts, chinchilla fur, and genuine diamonds for the most luxurious editions like the Stetson Diamante Premier Cowboy Hat.
- The brand takes pride in its skilled artisans who handcraft each hat, ensuring superior quality and a unique look with features like a leather sweatband and a dyed self-felt hatband.
- A high price tag is justified by the exquisite craftsmanship and materials, with the Stetson El Amo and the Stetson Diamante among the most expensive Stetson hats.
- These hats can be purchased through the official Stetson website, select high-end retailers, and custom hat makers.
- The most expensive Stetson hat is the Diamante Premier Cowboy Hat, which is priced at \$5,600. This luxurious cowboy hat is renowned for its exceptional craftsmanship and quality, featuring a 1000X felt made from genuine chinchilla and beaver fur. The Diamante Premier distinguishes itself with a 14K gold buckle set with 26 genuine diamonds, making it a true statement piece for collectors and

fashion enthusiasts alike. It comes with a 4-inch brim and a 4 5/8-inch crown, and each hat is made to order in America, requiring a full two days of craftsmanship.

Additionally, this hat includes a satin lining and a genuine sheepskin leather sweatband for comfort and durability. It is sold with a stunning leather carrying case that comes with a lock to protect your investment.

- When looking for the right cowboy hat, consider factors like head size, desired brim and crown shape, and the occasion you're purchasing the hat.
- Stetson's website offers a guide to finding the right fit, ensuring that customers purchase a high-quality cowboy hat and the right cowboy hat for their style and needs.

Resistol Cowboy Hats

Resistol, a brand with a name meant to imply a hat that could "resist-all" weather conditions, has been a staple in the cowboy hat industry since its founding in the early 1920s. This brand has built its reputation on durability, quality, and style, appealing to cowboys and Western enthusiasts across America. Known for their felt hats made from wild fur, including beaver and rabbit, Resistol hats are designed with the Western lifestyle in mind, offering hats for ranching, rodeos, and everyday wear.

The Resistol brand, while not as old as Stetson, has nonetheless made a significant impact on the cowboy hat industry. With a legacy of handcraftsmanship and an all-American production process, Resistol hats are crafted with attention to detail and a commitment to quality.

One of the finest offerings from Resistol is the "Resistol Pure Cowboy Hat" which is described as the epitome of the cowboy hat, crafted out of 100% beaver belly fur from hand-selected pelts and retails for \$1300. This hat sets the standard beyond the typical X scale used for measuring the quality of cowboy hats due to its unmatched quality and craftsmanship.

It's made with natural weather-resistant qualities, and designed for a lifetime of wear. Although a specific price isn't listed publicly on their website for this premium model, the quality of materials and the craftsmanship involved suggest it is at the higher end of their pricing spectrum.

The Resistol Pure Cowboy Hat's expense can be attributed to several factors:

- **Materials:** 100% beaver belly fur is premium, offering unparalleled texture, look, and durability.
- **Craftsmanship:** Handmade by skilled artisans, ensuring attention to detail and quality in every stitch and fit.
- **Brand Legacy:** Resistol's reputation and commitment to quality add to the hat's value.
- **Durability:** Designed to withstand various weather conditions, enhancing its longevity and making it a long-term investment.

Resistol hats can be bought directly from their official website, Resistol.com, where they offer a wide selection of their felt and straw hats, including their premium lines. They also have a store locator for customers who prefer to try on and purchase their hats in person.

American Hat Company Cowboy Hats

The American Hat Company has been a significant player in the cowboy hat industry since 1915. Handcrafted in Bowie, Texas, American Hat Company hats are made with meticulous care and skill by professional old-world hatters. The brand prides itself on creating hats that are not only stylish but durable and suitable for a variety of Western activities, from ranching to rodeo events.

While the specific prices for the most expensive American Hat Company cowboy hats aren't readily available online, their premium models are known to be crafted with the highest quality materials, including fine furs from animals like mink and beaver, which contribute to their luxury status and price. For instance, American Hat Company's Silver Belly 1000X hat is mentioned in various sources as a top-tier product.

The hats in this range often feature exquisite details such as fine hatbands with gold and diamond accents, reflecting their opulent nature and justifying their premium pricing.

The most expensive cowboy hat from American Hat Makers listed is the Silver Belly 1000X, priced at \$2,569.99. This luxurious hat is crafted with exceptional care and is perfect for a variety of occasions, from rodeos to formal events. The hat is made from the finest 1000X felt from American minks, and its hatband features a striking three-piece buckle set with gold and diamonds, underscoring its premium status.

The expense of American Hat Company's most luxurious hats can be linked to:

- **Materials:** Use of high-quality 1000X felt and fine furs like beaver and mink.
- **Handcrafting:** Each hat is carefully handcrafted by expert hatters, ensuring superior fit and finish.
- **Exclusivity:** The top-tier hats are often made to order, adding to their exclusivity and value.
- **Details:** Premium models may include embellishments like gold and diamond accents, increasing their worth and appeal.

You can purchase American Hat Company cowboy hats from Cavender's, which offers a selection of the brand's hats, or from Sheplers, where you can find a range of men's cowboy hats made in the USA, including those from the American Hat Company.

Greeley Hat Works

Greeley Hat Works has been a cornerstone in the cowboy hat industry since 1909. It began as "The Shining Parlor" in Greeley, Colorado, founded by two Greek brothers. Over the years, the company has evolved, changing hands and refining its craft, but always maintaining a commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. They cater to a diverse clientele that includes politicians, celebrities, ranchers, and fashion enthusiasts.

In the 1970s, as the hat industry and customer preferences shifted, Greeley Hat Works adjusted its focus from fashion-forward to functional everyday wear. In 1985, the shop was purchased by Susie Orr, who brought the business back to its roots of creating custom hats. Trent Johnson took over in 1996, and under his stewardship, the company has maintained the traditional hat-making techniques while also serving a modern audience. They create the hats for the show "Yellowstone" which is seen on John Dutton (Kevin Costner). If you like the show, you will love these hats.

Greeley Hat Works offers several tiers of hat quality, but they do not use the conventional 'X' marking system due to its inconsistency in the industry. Instead, they have their unique classifications which are a testament to their commitment to transparency and quality:

- **Classic:** Comparable to other hat makers' 10X to 15X, made from European hare blend.
- **Competitor:** A higher quality European hare blend than the Classic, similar to a 20X to 30X in other brands.
- **Beaver20:** A blend of 20% beaver with high-quality European hare, this is a high-end option that is thinner, lighter, and more durable than the Competitor, akin to a 40X or better.
- **Pure Beaver:** This top-tier quality is 100% beaver, offering the highest durability and weather resistance. It is the most popular quality for those who wear their hats daily in various conditions and can last for 20 years or more due to its superior quality.

The cost of Greeley Hat Works' hats is reflective of the materials and craftsmanship involved. The use of fine European hare and premium beaver fur, coupled with traditional handcrafting techniques, results in durable, weather-resistant, and long-lasting hats. The Pure Beaver hats, for instance, provide excellent value over time, withstanding daily wear and diverse weather conditions.

You can purchase Greeley Hat Works hats directly from their official website, where they offer ready-to-wear options as well as customization services for those looking to create a hat from scratch. They also invite customers to experience their showroom in Greeley, Colorado, for personalized service and fittings. For those unable to visit in person, they provide a comprehensive online guide and the option to schedule virtual appointments to ensure a perfect fit and satisfaction with your hat purchase.

JW Brooks Custom Hats

JW Brooks Custom Hats melds traditional craftsmanship with modern style. They have been creating custom hats since 1853, emphasizing a personalized fit that caters to lifestyle needs, whether for arena competition or social outings.

The JW Brooks Saddle Work horse hat is crafted for durability and style, reflecting the brand's commitment to creating hats that are not only aesthetically pleasing, but also functional for the working cowboy and goes for about \$1400.

JW Brooks offers bespoke hats that are the epitome of luxury and personal expression. The attention to detail and customization makes each piece a work of art, tailored to the client's exact wishes.

Their hats are made by true artisans, suggesting that the pricing reflects the individual artistry, material quality, and the personalized experience offered.

Based in Texas, JW Brooks sells globally, ensuring the best fitting custom hats can reach a worldwide clientele. Interested buyers can get started with their custom hat experience by visiting the JW Brooks Custom Hats website.

For a personalized hat-making experience that blends artistry with Western tradition, JW Brooks Custom Hats is a premier choice that promises both luxury, and a hat that fits not just your head, but your lifestyle as well.

As we conclude, it's clear that these hats are more than accessories; they are timeless treasures that carry the essence of the West into the future.

The U.S. Purchased Alaska (Not For the Reason You Think) By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 30, 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward and Russian envoy Baron Edouard de Stoeckl signed the Treaty of Cession. With a stroke of a pen, Tsar Alexander II had ceded Alaska, his country's last remaining foothold in North America, to the United States for US \$7.2 million. That equates to about 2 cents per acre.

That sum, amounting to just \$113 million in today's dollars, brought to an end Russia's 125-year odyssey in Alaska and its expansion across the treacherous Bering Sea, which at one point extended the Russian Empire as far south as Fort Ross, California, 90 miles from San Francisco Bay.

Some people called this Seward's folly, but was it a forward thinking action, or more of a diplomatic accident? What was the real reason that Russian sold Alaska?

The Civil War was a watershed in American history, and Russia's leaders, though living far from the battles, closely followed events and eventually played a small but vital role that proved crucial to the northern victory.

From the start of the war Russia expressed total support for Abraham Lincoln's government, claiming that it was the only legitimate authority on U.S. soil.

"Russia desires above all the maintenance of the American Union as one indivisible nation," Foreign Minister Alexander Gorchakov wrote in 1862 to Bayard Taylor, secretary of the U.S. embassy in St. Petersburg.

Among other European countries, only Switzerland backed the Union so strongly. As for the two leading powers in Europe - Great Britain and France - their leaders were discussing the possibility of intervention on the side of the Confederacy; but they later abandoned this idea and remained neutral.

Russia's role in the Civil War was more palpable than just expressing diplomatic support. In September 1863, a Russian fleet of six warships headed to the East coast of North America and stayed there for seven months. Based in New York, they patrolled the surrounding area. A similar thing occurred on the West coast

where a fleet of six warships was based in San Francisco. This helped to prevent sudden attacks of Southern raiders on these crucial Union port cities.

Both the citizens and the government of the Union gave a warm welcome to the Russian Navy, and witnesses described that the Americans were eager to see Russian sailors and officers, and to invite them to banquets and celebrations.

So, Russia sent her fleets to American waters as an expression of her sympathies for the Union cause? Not exactly, Russia was not deeply concerned with the internal conflict in America, although Alexander II himself was famous for abolishing serfdom in 1861, just two years before Lincoln abolished slavery. What was really going on was that Russia had lost the Crimean War (1853 – 1856) to the alliance of Britain, France and the Ottoman Empire. Russia feared they faced another challenge with some of the same players in 1863.

Inspired by Russia's recent military defeat, the Poles tried to regain their independence, and both Britain and France were considering possible intervention on the Polish side. Russia saw a way to be better prepared by moving part of the Russian Navy to America. It would have helped in case of war with European powers. If based in neutral ports, Russian warships could more easily attack British and French ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific. But that proved not to be necessary because Britain and France did not support the Polish uprising, which was crushed by Russian troops.

The Union could rest easy that its coastal waters were safe, which helped the North to prevail in the Civil War. It's easily imaginable that without the Russian Navy, both the strategic ports of New York and San Francisco could have been attacked and severely damaged, which in turn would be a major blow to the Union war effort and morale.

At the outset of the Civil War in April, 1861, the Abraham Lincoln administration faced military challenges ashore and afloat. The regular U. S. Army, mustering around 16,000 men, was not large enough and was too spread out across the states and territories to mount a campaign against Richmond. On April 15, two days after the fall of Fort Sumter, Lincoln called for 75,000 new soldiers to suppress the rebelling states. Similarly, the U.S. Navy that April could count only 42 commissioned warships, spread from Boston to Pensacola and stationed overseas. Navy Secretary Gideon Welles ordered a crash shipbuilding and acquisition program, and on May 3, Lincoln issued a call for 18,000 new sailors to take the war to sea.

By mid-1861, the Navy had four missions. First, warships were needed to support the new blockade of Southern ports. Union war plans included crippling the Confederacy's economy by strangling its export of cotton, tobacco, and other cash crops. Second, shallow-draft vessels were needed on the inland rivers, particularly the Mississippi and its tributaries, to support army operations. Third, Union warships were tasked with destroying Confederate commerce raiders on the high seas. And fourth, Union squadrons were charged with closing port cities and reducing coastal defenses. For much of 1862 and into 1865, this last type of operation was conducted along the coast of South Carolina, centering on the port city of Charleston.

Charleston was the second-largest city in the Confederacy after New Orleans. It boasted a large natural harbor, formed by the Cooper and Ashley rivers. Piers and docks stretched along the city's two-mile waterfront. A handful of low islands surrounded by tidal swamps lined both sides of the harbor entrance. Unlike the other big Confederate ports at New Orleans and Wilmington located several miles up narrow rivers from the coasts, Charleston was only three miles from the Atlantic. Its political significance as the "cradle of secession" and the scene of the opening shots of the war, made closing the port at Charleston a priority for the U.S. Navy. As the first year of the war progressed and the Navy constructed a larger fleet that could conduct sustained offensive operations, Confederate troops in Charleston built up the defenses of the city.

While the U.S. was building up their naval forces, the Russian Navy played a crucial part in blockading Charleston. While it may not have been the decisive factor in discouraging European intervention, it certainly played a part. While the Russian support did not win the war for the Union, it certainly helped.

You will not find this part in many history books but several scholars agree that why we really bought Alaska was surprising. At the end of the Civil War Russia presented the U.S. with a bill for their services. The bill came to \$7.2 million. How could the U.S. pay this amount to the Russians, and not look weak?

The Russian had the answer. They thought they had hunted out the seals in Alaska (they had not), and they didn't think about the abundance of natural resources. Also they feared that they would have to war with the Alaskan Indians if they stayed. So to them the loss of Alaska would not be a negative. They agreed to throw in Alaska to the U.S. to provide a plausible cover to the transfer of such a large sum of money.

4 Revolvers Used by Famous Lawmen and Outlaws of the Old West

By K.J. Houtman



We love the lore around famous firearms. If Billy the Kid actually owned every gun a great uncle claimed to have squirreled away in the family safe, he would have carried a new gun every day of his life. Some actually have the provenance—the paper-trail proof—to back up their claims, and when they do, they end up in museums or auction blocks.



The .45 Smith & Wesson Schofield revolver that James carried was known for its top-break action. Probably one of the most notorious outlaws of the Old West, Jesse James was indeed a robber and a killer, but he also became somewhat of a folk hero as he carried forward simmering hostilities after the Civil War. James rode with the guerrillas, or bushwhackers, on the Confederate side. After the war, he formed a gang with his brother Frank and robbed banks in former-Union territory. The press assigned a Robin Hood-style slant to James' motivations in the telling of his misdeeds, though one would be hard-pressed to find any evidence of the give-to-the-poor side of the equation.



Probably the most famous of the Old West firearms is the Colt Single Action Army .45 revolver. The museum displays one such pistol connected to a macabre story of murder and mayhem. The US Army deemed the Colt SAA .45 its standard-issue military side arm toward the end of the nineteenth century; the firearm was nicknamed “the Peacemaker.” Such a moniker points to good social media marketing even in the 1890s.

Black Jack, loosely affiliated with the Hole-in-the-Wall gang through his brother Sam, counted as friends notorious outlaws Butch Cassidy and Kid Curry. Sam and a few gang members attempted a train robbery on a particular stretch of track in New Mexico. Unfortunately, the “social media” of Black Jack’s day failed him; unaware of the botched raid, Black Jack staged a hold up in the same spot a few weeks later. The result produced a wise conductor who didn’t ask questions. Instead, the railroad man pulled out his shotgun and pelted Ketchum without slowing down. US Marshals found Black Jack wounded at the side of the tracks the next day. He soon lost his arm to amputation at a prison hospital in Colorado. Found guilty of felonious assault at trial in New Mexico, Black Jack Ketchum faced the gallows. The saga continued, as the hanging carried its own sordid drama.

Whether due to miscalculations on the executioners’ part, or new weight Ketchum carried due to good hospital food in Colorado, we will never know, but the result is in the history books. When the trap door

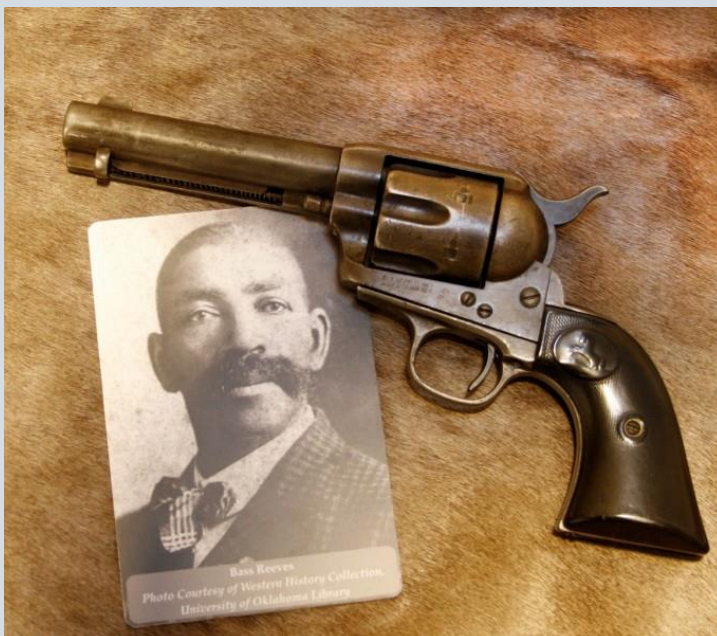
opened, Ketchum dropped and his body landed in one spot and his head in another. The image was one of the most popular postcards of the region for decades. Ironically, shortly after Ketchum's death, the Supreme Court declared execution for felonious assault on a railway unconstitutional.

It was bad timing once again for Black Jack Ketchum—he could have enjoyed good prison food for years to come.



Perhaps less well-known than his contemporaries, John Wesley Hardin was nonetheless a stone-cold killer with a long string of brutal crimes in his wake. His "record" begins all the way back at the age of 13, when he stabbed and nearly killed a classmate. At age 15 he killed a man he lost a wrestling match to. He killed three Union soldiers sent to arrest him and over the next seven years, he claimed 30-plus killings. Eventually the Texas Rangers caught up with him in Florida, and he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. During his incarceration, he studied law and emerged 25 years later as a lawyer, but it didn't stop his killing ways.

This particular handgun has incredible provenance, as the gun's serial number was recorded in a court of law at Hardin's trial.



The display case would not be complete without recognizing the honorable men (and their firearms) who worked hard to create a safe territory in the Old West. One famous lawman of the day was Bass Reeves. Born into slavery in 1838, Bass' freedom eventually led him to Indian Territory, where he mastered the skills of hunting and tracking animals. Judge Isaac Parker, known as "The Hanging Judge," deputized Reeves as the first African-American US Deputy Marshal West of the Mississippi River. He proved to be one of the very best in history.

Bass Reeves brought in outlaws of all stripes over a long career, and is credited with more than 3,000 arrests. He tracked criminals for many hundreds of miles to bring them to justice. This particular firearm is from a family descendant, a judge in the area of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and will eventually be featured at the US Marshals museum.

The Meaning behind Cowboy Hat Colors

By Unknown



When it comes to wearing a cowboy hat for good fortune, the color you choose can play a significant role. Each color has its own symbolism and can attract different types of luck. Let's explore the meanings behind cowboy hat colors and how they can influence the energy they bring.

Black Cowboy Hats: Authority and Mystery

A black cowboy hat is often associated with authority and mystery. It exudes a sense of power and confidence, making it a popular choice for those seeking to attract luck in professional or leadership roles. Wearing a black hat can make you feel more assertive and in control, enhancing your chances of success in various endeavors.

Brown Cowboy Hats: Reliability and Warmth

Brown cowboy hats symbolize reliability and warmth. They are perfect for those who want to create a sense of trust and approachability. Wearing a brown hat can make others feel comfortable in your presence, opening up opportunities for meaningful connections and positive outcomes in relationships and personal interactions.

White Cowboy Hats: Purity and Innocence

White cowboy hats represent purity and innocence. They are often associated with goodness and integrity. Wearing a white hat can help you project a clean, honest image, attracting positive experiences and opportunities rooted in truth and authenticity. It is a color that signifies honesty and can bring luck to endeavors where integrity is valued.

Grey Cowboy Hats: Sophistication and Wisdom

Grey cowboy hats convey sophistication and wisdom. They are an excellent choice for those who want to project an air of intelligence and experience. Wearing a grey hat can enhance your ability to make wise decisions and navigate complex situations. It is a color that attracts luck in endeavors where knowledge and insight are key.

Red Cowboy Hats: Boldness and Passion

Red cowboy hats are bold and passionate. They stand out from the crowd and make a strong statement. Wearing a red hat can ignite your passion and drive, helping you take risks and pursue your goals with vigor. It is a color that attracts luck in endeavors that require boldness and a fiery spirit.

Choose the color of your cowboy hat wisely, considering the type of luck you want to attract. Whether you opt for authority, reliability, purity, sophistication, or boldness, let your hat be a symbol of your aspirations and a magnet for good fortune.

Let's support Dodge City Mike. I will have his updated price guide in next month's newsletter.

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Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



Howdy Texican Rangers! I want to start off by saying "ditto" to San Saba Slim's article this month regarding our great group of volunteers. A week ago, we had 11 volunteers, and this most recent week we had 15 show up. Unbelievable! We are so very grateful to our members. They are what makes this club what it is today.

I can't let this newsletter slip by without reminding those of you who plan to participate in Comancheria Days 2025, but have yet to submit your application and payment, to do so pretty quickly. We are just shy of 250 shooters, so we are not far from our goal of 300 this year. Better get a move on! We will accept the application via email and payment via Zelle, or you can mail both to the P.O. Box listed on the application. You can

also see a list of Who's Coming, including the category each has chosen. Remember, however, it takes 3 to make a category, so if you are the only one in a particular category, or there are 2 of you, you might be receiving an email or phone call asking you to change. There are a few exception categories to this rule.

If you are interested in taking an RO or WBRO class, please be sure to let me know sooner rather than later. I'm gathering names now, so I'd love to include you if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity. If you are also willing to be a volunteer for Side Matches, or don't mind being a Posse Marshal, include that on your application as well. If you've already turned in your application but forgot to mark that section, just send me a quick email and I'll remedy the situation. We always need volunteers to take on several tasks throughout the weekend, so please don't hesitate to sign up. Newt Ritter has graciously accepted the task of putting the list of volunteer assignments together once again...he's good at that, and I so appreciate him for taking this on.

We're putting together a host of great vendors this year. I think you will be quite pleased. So that is something you can look forward to, over and above the "shooting" part of this event. I will be crafting a document that outlines each one participating so you know who to expect...meaning you can be sure to bring a full pocketbook with you!

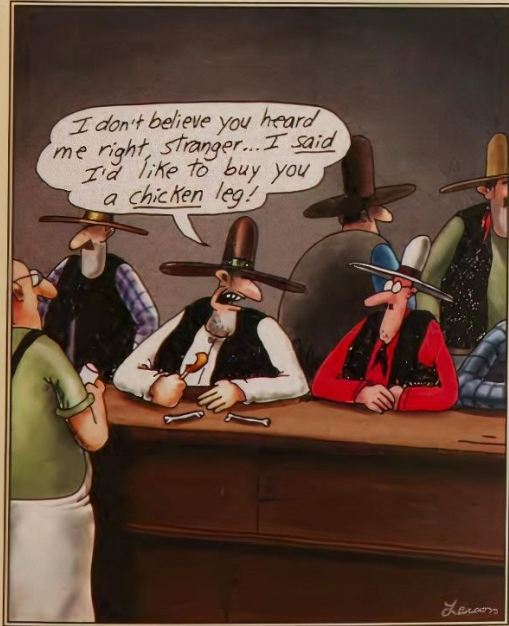
There's still a little time left if you'd like to submit a Stage Sponsorship sign request. I'm in the process of working with our vendor to get them created, but I can wait a bit if you'd still like to be a part of the 30 sponsors we already have. Thanks ever so much to everyone who's supporting our club in this way. They are only \$50 each...what a deal! We can even include a logo or picture on the sign if you so choose. Just be sure to send me a .jpeg file of it when you send in the request.

And when it comes to raffle and shooter prizes, don't worry. We've got you covered! There will be lots of great items to choose from at the banquet. More on this to come. To top it off, we will have Shotgun and Comin 'N Hot conducting the stretch raffle, assisted by Squawty Bawdy for a chance, or two or three to win.

We look forward to seeing many of you next week at the workday and in March for our next match. In the meantime, take care, stay well and enjoy life.

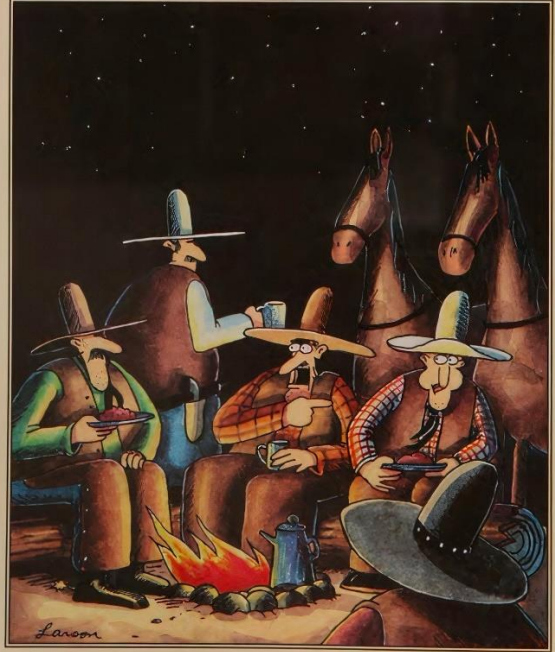
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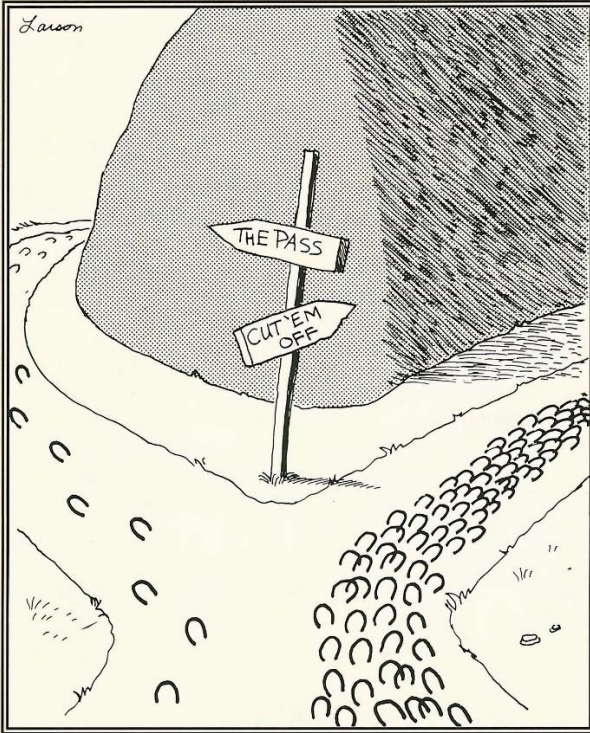
In the Old West, vegetarians were often shot with little provocation.

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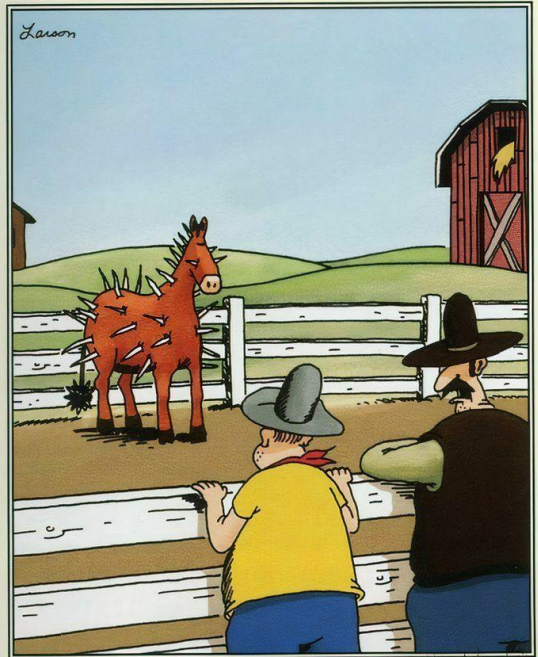


"Hey, everyone! Simmons here just uttered a discouraging word!"

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"Well, there he is, Billy—Big Red. Sure he's tough, but if you can ride him, he's yours."

Parting Shots

1. Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.
2. Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
3. The man who invented knock-knock jokes should get a no bell prize.
4. The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family.
5. 250 lbs here on Earth is 94.5 lbs on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just not on the right planet.
6. If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$6.30 now.
7. I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.
8. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
9. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.
10. I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.
11. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
12. How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.
13. Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.
14. I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house... But the kids still get in.
15. Geology rocks, but geography's where it's at.
16. The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.
17. The man who survived both mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran now.
18. I was wondering why the Frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.
19. Maybe if we start telling people their brain is an app, they'll want to use it.
20. Is your bottom jealous of the amount of crap that comes out of your mouth?
21. The rotation of Earth really makes my day.
22. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
23. What's the difference between an outlaw and an in-law? Outlaws are wanted.
24. So what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.
25. A blind man walked into a bar... And a table... And a chair...
26. The last thing I want to do is hurt you; but it's still on the list.
27. I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them really work.
28. Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.
29. People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.
30. Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
31. I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.
32. My wife asked me to put ketchup on the shopping list that I was making and now, I can't read anything.
33. If there's one thing that makes me throw up, it's a dart board on a ceiling.
34. I don't like people who take drugs, for example: airport security.
35. I think the Discovery Channel should be on a different channel every day.
36. The thief who stole my iPhone could face time.
37. Did you know if you hold your ear up to a stranger's leg, you can actually hear them say, "What the hell are you doing?"
38. I was gonna tell a time travelling joke but you guys didn't like it.
39. Why the hell did they name them 'Soldier ants' and not 'Combatants'?
40. The word "misread" can be misread as "misread".
41. My wife threatened to divorce me when I said I was going to give our daughter a silly name, so I called her Bluff.

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
- Beans Ahgin 2022
- Colorado Horseshoe 2024



February

- Doc O'Bay 2/1
- Fister Bo 2/2
- Newt Ritter 2/3
- Shooting Iron Miller 2/7
- Major Samuel Clayton 2/11
- Col. Callan 2/21
- Tex Gringo 2/21

March

- Texas Pearl 3/10
- Whiskey Strait 3/11
- Uncle Law 3/16
- Natalie Sue 3/17
- Tombstone Mary 3/17
- Marshall Brooks 3/22

April

- Bama Sue 4/2
- Handlebar Bob 4/6
- Henly 4/8
- Engin Wrangler 4/17
- Frank Longshot 4/17
- Madam Ella Moon 4/18
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CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd & 5th Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend Saturday & Sunday (Cowboy/1911)	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday (Cowboy) & 3rd Sunday (Long Range)	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)
5th Sunday Cowboy & Long Range	Texas Riviera Pistoleros

Important Matches

End of Trail	Feb 24 – Mar 2, 2025
Whoopin' 2025 (Tejas Caballeros)	Mar 14 – 16, 2025
Trailhead (THSS)	Mar 20 – 23, 2025
Texas Riviera Pistoleros Ambush at Gamble Gulch	
(TX State WB Championship)	Mar 28 – 30, 2025
Battle of Plum Creek 2025 (Plum Creek Shooting Society)	May 2 – 4, 2025
Land Run	Oct 4 – 11, 2025
Regulators Revenge 2025 (Green Mountain Regulators)	Pending
Gunfight at Gamble Gulch (Texas Riviera Pistoleros)	Dec 12 – 14, 2025

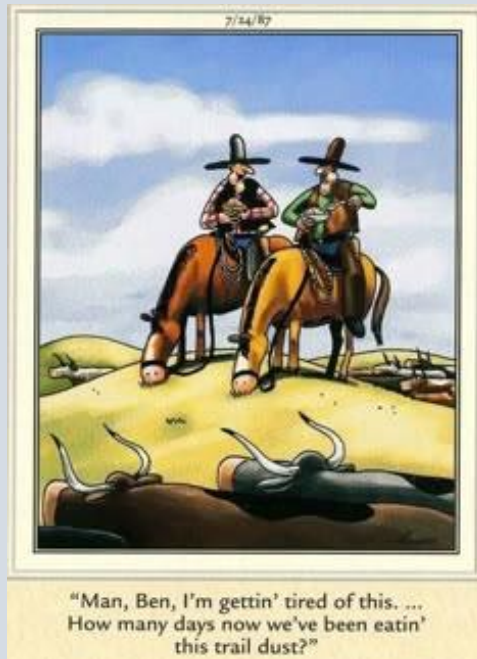


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