

Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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That Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

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Hello Rangers



Bienvenidos amigos. We had 37 shooters join us in the predicted bad weather on January 13, but it turned out to be a pretty nice day and a lot of fun.

Alamo Andy was our top cowboy and Tombstone Mary our top cowgirl. The Top Ten were, Abilene, Tombstone Mary, Doc O'Bay, Dutch Van Horn, T-Bone Paul, Henley, Kettleman, Rogue Healer, Skyhawk Hans and Alamo Andy.

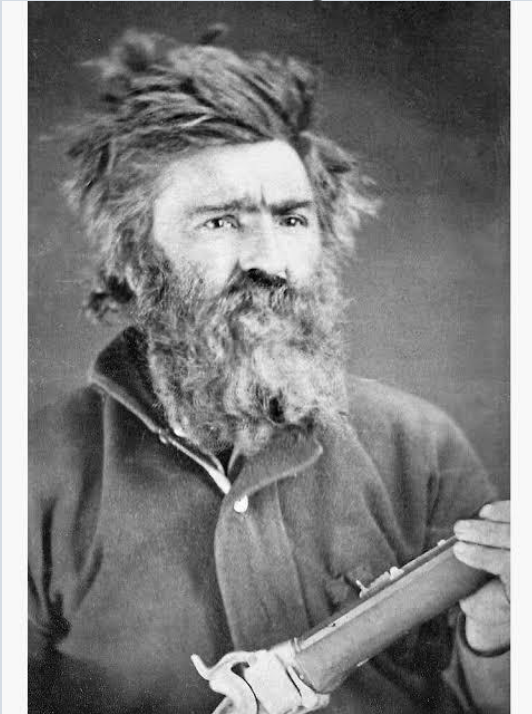
We had 9 clean shooters. They were Alamo Andy, Blacky Vela, Dutch Van Horn, Hoolihan, San Saba Slim, Scooter, Skyhawk Hans, T Bone Paul and Tombstone Mary. Sheriff Robert Love earned a MATCH DQ at the Jersey Lily... don't stand too close to that bar. Sunday was much colder. Fister Bo and I were outvoted 4 to 2, so the shoot was canceled and we went to breakfast to do more planning for Comancheria Days.

We have over 100 cowboys and cowgirls signed up for Comancheria Days 2024 and hope to have 100 more join us, so if you have plans to join us for the fun, please get your applications in soon.

The Texican Rangers "endeavor to persevere" to host one of the premier annual matches in SASS. NEW this year: Hawkshaw Fred, Annie D. Vine and Hot Tamale are hosting a Margarita Party on Friday Night where we will announce the side match winners. Come join the party.

Sheriff Robert Love
President Texican Rangers

John Jeremiah Johnson (“Living-Eating” Johnson) By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



1824 – 1900

Jeremiah “Liver-Eating” Johnson was a mountain man of the old west. I know most of you have seen the movie but here is more about the real man.

Johnson is said to have been born with the last name Garrison, in the area of Hickory Tavern, New Jersey. During the Mexican-American War he served aboard a fighting ship, having enlisted under a false age. After striking an officer, he deserted, changed his name to Johnson and traveled west to try his hand at gold diggings in Montana Territory. He lived by supplying cord wood to steamboats. He was described as a large man, standing about six feet, two inches tall in stocking feet, and weighing in about 260 pounds.

Rumors, legends, and tall tales abound about Johnson. Perhaps chief among them is this one: In 1847, his wife, a member of the Flathead American Indian tribe, was killed by a young Crow brave and his fellow hunters, which prompted

Johnson to embark on a vendetta against the tribe. During the course of his twenty-five-year blood feud with the entire Crow Nation, he supposedly killed and scalped more than 300 Crow Indians and then devoured their livers to avenge the death of his wife. As his reputation and collection of scalps grew, Johnson became an object of fear. He was soon known as "Dapiiek Absaroka" ("Crow-Killer") by the Crow, and "Liver-Eating Johnson" by his fellow frontiersmen.

One story claims that Johnson was ambushed by Blackfoot Indians while he was in route to deliver 40 gallons of whiskey to a remote wilderness settlement. The Blackfoots grabbed him, tied him up, and decided to hand him over to the Crow so that they could finally exact revenge on their much-hated adversary. Well, that night, “Liver-Eating” Johnson chewed through his rawhide bindings, killed the guard assigned to watch him by kicking him in the head. He stripped the brave of everything useful and even cut his leg off (food supply), and escaped 200 miles through the snow in the middle of winter until he reached the cabin of Del Gue, his trapping partner. When he got hungry he gnawed on the leg, and at one point he actually used the thing to fend off a mountain lion.



In his early Mountain Man days his main weapons were his Hawken .50 caliber and bowie knife. The Hawken rifle was a muzzle-loading rifle built by the Hawken brother, and used on the prairies and in the Rocky Mountains of the United States during the early frontier days. It has become synonymous with the "plains rifle," the buffalo gun, and the fur trapper's gun. Developed in the 1820s, it was eventually displaced by breechloaders

(such as the Sharps rifle) and lever-action rifles which flourished after the Civil War.

The rifles are generally shorter and of a larger caliber than earlier "Kentucky rifles" from which they descended. Their "Rocky Mountain" guns were typically .50 caliber or .53 caliber, but ranged as high as .68 caliber. They averaged 10 and 1/2 pounds, although there are examples of 15 pound guns.



In 1864 Johnson enlisted in the Union Army, where he served as a scout and a sniper on the Western Front. He reported enlisted to get himself one of the new Spenser Repeating Rifles. Well, he got one, and in his first firefight it blew up. Well he threw it away and picked up a Confederate musket and finished the fight with it.

He deserted the next day but finally came back and finished his enlistment. He stayed that time because he was issued a Sharps sniper rifle. He was discharged after a year, when he returned home and got right back to having insane adventures. He eventually made peace with the Crow, became sheriff of Coulson, Montana, told Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show where they could go, and continued living the life of a mountain man hunter. For all of his violent ways, he died of illness in 1900 at the age of 77.

How far did Steve McQueen go to be in the Magnificent Seven?

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Yul Brynner had a major say in casting decisions for the Magnificent Seven, including the decision to cast Steve McQueen. He specifically requested that McQueen be cast as Vin Tanner. Brynner later regretted the move since he and McQueen developed a disastrous relationship on set.

Steve McQueen is unimpeachably one of cinema history's coolest leading men. An actor known for awesome stunts and hard living, McQueen was seen as coolness personified during his heyday in the '60s. With roles in "The Great Escape," "The Cincinnati Kid," and "The Thomas Crown Affair" under his belt, he was one of the biggest stars in Hollywood.

But before McQueen was a certified megastar, he was a television actor waiting for his big break in movies. In his show, "Wanted Dead or Alive," he starred as a bounty hunter, which is properly cool on its own, but he sought movie stardom as the next step in his career.

Opportunity came to him in the shape of "The Magnificent Seven," a Western based off of Akira Kurosawa's 1954 masterpiece, "Seven Samurai." McQueen was offered a spot in the titular seven, a gang of gunslingers tasked with protecting a Mexican village from a pack of bloodthirsty bandits. As an opportunity to star alongside esteemed actor Yul Brynner, this part would be a huge boon to McQueen's budding career.

Unfortunately for McQueen (according to a Turner Classic Movies article on the film), the television studio that made "Wanted Dead or Alive," Four Star, was not eager to let the king of cool star in the movie. They denied permission, wanting to keep his deep well of charisma all to themselves. Unfortunately for Four Star, McQueen wasn't the sort of guy who took no for an answer, and he managed to get permission for the film in a way reminiscent of some of fiction's greatest con artists.

As is the case with many actors of his day, McQueen was actually quite a handful to work with behind the scenes. During the later stages of his career, he'd refuse to do movies if he wasn't given top billing. He was a heavy drinker as well as had consistent allegations of abuse by his wives and lovers. Despite his cool guy persona, McQueen's legacy is now a thorny one. He could be ... difficult.

Four Star would learn of McQueen's difficulty the hard way, when, according to the Turner Classic Movies article, he decided to get out of his contract with the television studio. In order to do so, he channeled the likes of "Better Call Saul" anti-hero Saul Goodman by purposely crashing a rental car. After his "accident," he claimed he got a bad case of whiplash and said he couldn't work. This injury freed him from his commitments to the studio to work on *Wanted: Dead or Alive*.

With McQueen having conned his way out of his television contract, he was free to star in "The Magnificent Seven," which would prove to be a huge milestone in his career that would send him skyrocketing towards stardom.

While his act of defiance against a studio definitely qualifies as yet another cool act McQueen can claim, it's also indicative of his many flaws. Sure, crashing a car on purpose to fake an injury is awesome when a fictional character does it, but doing it in real life isn't exactly the most morally sound thing in the world. But this story certainly adds to McQueen's legend as an audacious risk-taker, for better and worse.

1881 Marlin

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The 1881 Marlin was the 1st Lever Action introduced by Marlin Firearms. It was a Burgess-patent design, the levergun which had top ejection like the Winchester designs. Most were made with octagon barrels in 28-inch lengths. Few round-barreled guns left the factory, and 13 were fashioned as smoothbore shot-guns. The standard finish on these fine arms was a blued receiver, barrel and under-barrel tubular magazine, and a color case-hardened hammer, lever, trigger and butt plate. As a rule, 1881 Marlins were made with single triggers, but double set triggers were offered, as were other extras, such as nickel plating, case-hardened receivers, pistol grip stocks and engraving.

This model was either .40-60 or .45-70 initially. There were 11 different Marlin Firearms U.S. Patents used in the Marlin 1881 rifles from four inventors.

While the 1873 Winchester is often called the "gun that won the West," this rifle certainly didn't win it by itself. There were plenty of other good firearms available, and the one that gave Winchester its most serious competition was the 1881 Marlin. This big rifle was years ahead of Winchester's first big-bore offering (their 1886 Model), and was the first lever-action repeater built that was strong enough to handle the .45-70 Government cartridge.

Conceived by John Marlin, a toolmaker and designer who had been in the gun manufacturing business for several years, the '81 Marlin was the company's first repeating rifle. His earliest venture at arms making was producing small rimfire revolvers in the 1860s. By 1875, Marlin had taken over the manufacture of the Ballard single-shot rifle, another popular frontier longarm. With the introduction of the 1881 Model that year, Marlin quickly became one of America's premier sporting repeating rifle producers. The '81's beefed-up frame and improved levering mechanism allowed for the longer and more powerful .45-70 round. The new rifle was derived from several principles of arms designer Andrew Burgess' patents, which were also found in Colt's Burgess Model and the Whitney-Kennedy rifle. John Marlin was licensed to use these ideas, along with some additional patented improvements. These changes resulted in a more powerful action with the inherent strength of the bolt-action arms of the period.

Until the introduction of Winchester's 1886 Model, the '81 Marlin was the only repeater to be had in some of the big-bore calibers of that time, and it had no competition for several years. Besides the .45-70, this man-

sized rifle was also offered in a variety of other popular chamberings, including the .32-40, .38-55, .40-60 and .45-85.

Between 1881-1892, a total of 21,716 Marlin rifles were produced. Interestingly, the '81 Marlin was one of the few repeaters used in the slaughter of the Northern buffalo herd. Throughout the frontier, this massive lever gun was well liked by those who used it and was highly regarded for its smooth, slick action, fine finish and rugged construction. It was this Marlin rifle that paved the way for future large-bore repeaters, and its successors still enjoy popularity with shooters today.

Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying the milder weather we've experienced lately. As Sheriff and I have been working on our spring calendar for cowboy shooting, it's become quite apparent we have many choice locations for weekend shoots from which to choose. So, we know you too have those same hard decisions to make. We do hope you will choose to shoot with us in February, either on Saturday the 10th and/or Sunday the 11th. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather, a little less cold than January...well ok, a lot less cold than January, so many more of you can come out and enjoy a fun match. We will have 6 stages available to shoot.

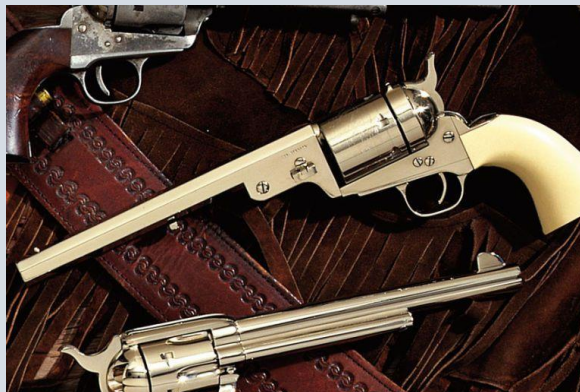
As we prepare for Comancheria Days this year, we've scheduled several workdays throughout February and into March. We hope you can make it out a couple of times to help out. We like to have all the range work completed ahead of time, so we can all relax a little the week of the match, and only have to wrap up a few last minute "to do's."

We have stage sponsorships available for only \$50 and we have space for you to vend if you'd like to clean out those cowboy closets and get rid of a few things. We will also have a Swap Meet as an option on Thursday, April 11. Be sure to let me know if you'd like to sign up for an ROI class scheduled for either Wednesday or Thursday that same week.

If you haven't sent in your registration for Comancheria Days, you can do so at the February match, email it to me, or mail to our P.O. Box, whichever is easiest for you. We are also accepting club member renewals at this time and/or new memberships.

Until next time, take care and be safe as you travel in February.

Shooting Iron Miller
Secretary



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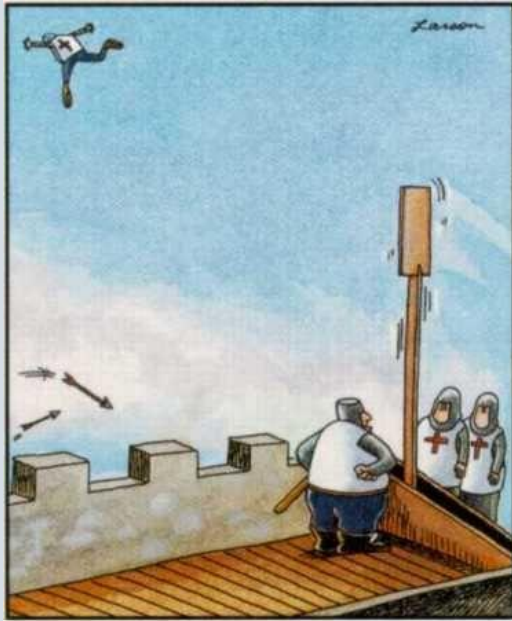
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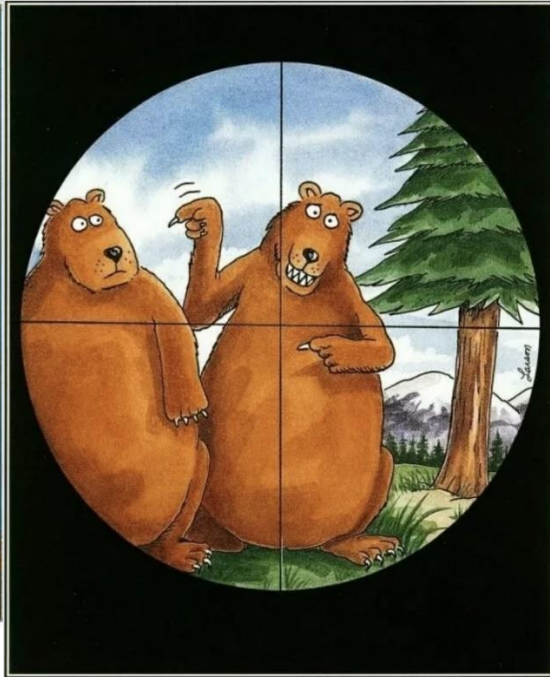
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.38	100	RNFP	42	83
	105	FP	43	85
	125	RNFP	47	94
	125	FP	47	94
	130	RNFP	49	97
	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
.380	100	RNFP	42	83
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
.44-40	200	RNFP	64	127
.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

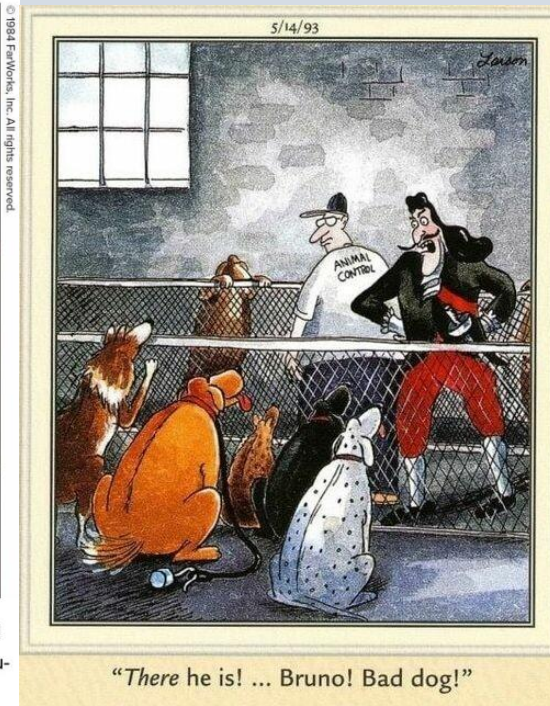
	230	RN	73	144
45-70	405	FPT	75 (250)	300 (1K)
			150 (500)	



"I told you guys to slow down and take it easy or something like this would happen."



"Well, Mr. Cody, according to our questionnaire, you would probably excel in sales, advertising, slaughtering a few thousand buffalo, or market research."



"There he is! ... Bruno! Bad dog!"

Parting Shots

Hollywood Squares Best Answers

1. "Here's all you have to know about men and women: women are crazy, men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is that men are stupid."

2. "Men are from Earth, women are from Earth. Deal with it."

3. "Some people see things that are and ask, 'Why?' Some people dream of things that never were and ask, 'Why not?' Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that."

4. "Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit."

5. "A house is just a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff."

6. "Some people have no idea what they're doing, and a lot of them are really good at it."

7. "The caterpillar does all the work, but the butterfly gets all the publicity."

8. "Never argue with an idiot. They will only bring you down to their level and beat you with experience."

9. "Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backward."

10. "Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups."

11. "Careful, if you think too much, they'll take you away."

12. "Think off-center."

13. "Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that."

14. "I don't have pet peeves. I have major psychotic f**king hatreds."

15. "Life gets really simple once you cut out all the bulls**t they teach you in school."

16. "Don't just teach your children to read. Teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything."

17. "We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years."

18. "Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over your body."

19. "When fascism comes to America, it will not be in brown and black shirts. It will not be with jack-boots. It will be Nike sneakers and Smiley shirts."

20. "In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem."

21. "We are a nation of sheep, and someone else owns the grass."

22. "The IQ and the life expectancy of the average American recently passed each other in opposite directions."

23. "Although I broke a lot of laws as a teenager, I straightened out immediately upon turning eighteen, when I realized the state had a legal right to execute me."

24. "Bulls--t is truly the American soundtrack."

25. "When you're born into this world, you're given a ticket to the freak show. If you're born in America you get a front row seat."

26. "That's why they call it the American Dream, because you have to be asleep to believe it."

27. "I do this real moron thing, and it's called thinking. And apparently, I'm not a very good American because I like to form my own opinions."

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



January

Blacky Vela	1/7
Dead Last	1/10
Panhandle Cowgirl	1/11
Hawkeye	1/12
Skyhawk Hans	1/12
Stony Lane	1/18
Brazos Bo	1/19
Big John Mesquite	1/23

February

Doc O'Bay	2/1
Fister Bo	2/2
Newt Ritter	2/3
Shooting Iron Miller	2/7
Major Samuel Clayton	2/11
Colonel Callan	2/21

March

Texas Pearl	3/10
Tombstone Mary	3/17
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Maverick McCoy	3/29
Hopalong Herbert	3/31



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www.pccss.org
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www.tsra.com
www.wildwestmercantile.com

TEXICAN RANGERS

2024

January

- 09 – Workday: Range set up
- 13 – Monthly Saturday match
- 14 – Monthly Sunday match

February

- 06 – Workday: Range set up
- 10 – Monthly Saturday match
- 11 – Monthly Sunday match
- 20 – Workday
- 27 – Workday

March

- 05 – Workday: Range set up
- 09 – Monthly Saturday match
- 10 – Monthly Sunday match
- 12 – Workday
- 19 – Workday
- 26 – Workday: Range set-up
- 30 – Comancheria Days Posse 0 Shoot

April

- 02 – Workday
- 06 – Comancheria Days Posse 0 Shoot
(Bad Weather Make-up Day)
- 08 – Workday
- 09 - Workday
- 10 – Workday: Side match set up/ROI & WBRO
- 11 – Comancheria Days Side Matches
- 12 – Comancheria Days Main Match Day 1
& Side Matches
- 13 – Comancheria Days Main Match Day 2
- 14 – No Events Campers Leave
- 16– Outhouse pump-out and trash pickup

May

- 07 – Workday: Range set up
- 11 – Monthly Saturday match
- 12 – Monthly Sunday match

June

- 4 – Workday: Range set up
- 08 – Monthly Saturday match
- 09 – Monthly Sunday match
- 25 – Workday: Range set-up
- 29 – WILD BUNCH/BAMM

July

- 09 – Workday: Range set up
- 13 – Monthly Saturday match
- 14 – Monthly Sunday match

August

- 06– Workday: Range set up
- 10 – Monthly Saturday match
- 11 – Monthly Sunday match
- 27 – Workday: Range set-up
- 31– WILD BUNCH/BAMM

September

- 10 – Workday: Range set up
- 14 – Shindig
- 15 – Monthly Sunday match

October

- 08 – Workday: Partial Range tear-down
- 12 – Monthly Saturday match & final
tear down
- 15 – Outhouse pump-out and closure

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)

Photo Album







