



# The Texas Star



## Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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### Hello Texican Rangers



Comancheria Days 2020, the SASS Texas State Championship is done!

197 shooters competed in 40 classes with 34 competitors shooting a clean match!

Rusty Remington won the overall men's championship with a blistering total time of 166 seconds. Texican Ranger member Panhandle Cowgirl won the ladies championship with a 19th place finish and a total time of 213 seconds. Interesting to me is that there was only 1 clean shooter in the top 5 and 9 clean shooters in the top 30 shooters!

Weather, of course, was a factor. It poured Thursday afternoon in the middle of the side matches. Friday started out nice, but around 11 am the skies filled with dark clouds producing rain, thunder, and lightning! Cowboys and Cowgirls shot in the rain, but the lightning caused a 2-hour delay for the start of the PM shift.

Saturday started off clear again! However, just to make things "fair" there was a brief shower for the PM shift.

The bottom line is that everyone got wet – Another Comancheria Days!

Comancheria Days 2020 presented many issues. COVID, canceling the match, rescheduling the match, limited seating at the banquet, and rain were some of the challenges.

As usual, the members of the Texican Rangers and many volunteers from other clubs stepped up and working together put on a great match! Here is a 'Thank You' list I was able to compile, I hope I didn't leave anyone out!

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One last thing from Comancheria Days 2020. The Rangers have about 120 scabbards leftover from the shoot. These will be available for sale at registration for \$15.00 for one, or \$25.00 for two. Please help us sell as many as possible!

October 10th is the last match of 2020. The weatherman predicts temperatures of a low of 62 degrees to a high of 82 degrees. It is the first match of the 2020/2021 club shooting season. It will also be a great opportunity to close the books on 2020 and look forward to the 2021 season! Posse size will be based on the number of shooters who attend. Our goal is to have 12 to 15 shooters per posse.

October 6th is the last workday of the year. We will take down the targets on stages 1-6 and secure the shotgun targets, loading, unloading, and shooting tables. We will also set up 5 of the upper stages for the match. Please consider attending and lending a hand!

Shindig is another casualty of rescheduling Comancheria Days. The good news is that 49 members have qualified for annual awards. These awards will be handed out during the shooters meeting in October.

Finally, some Texican Rangers data!

Clean Match: For the 2019/2020 shooting season, there were 13 matches held. There was a total of 592 Shooters for the year. 157 contestants shot a clean match! That's a 26.5% Clean Match Percentage!

Workdays: For the 2019/2020 shooting season, there were 15 workdays where 219 members attended. We set up stages, mowed, trimmed, removed tree limbs, rebuilt some stage fronts, and painted! If you do some figuring, there were over 11,000 hours of work done to the range this year! This is an overwhelming figure, and it is the reason for the success of the Texican Rangers!

Looking forward to the October shoot.

A.D.

President, Texican Rangers



## Clay Allison, Extremely Dangerous and Extremely Unlucky Gunfighter By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Clay Allison by all reports was one of the most dangerous gunfighters in the old west. He was a sociopath that Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson reportedly feared. Why isn't he more well-known?

Allison was earlier described in a physician's report discharging him from the Confederate army as "partly maniacal." Apparently, he had a head injury that caused him to have extreme mood changes. His final straw in the Confederate military was when he threatened his commanding officer's life.

Clay continued his violent tendencies after the military. It was in New Mexico,

that Allison, along with his brothers, developed his reputation as a dangerous man through carousing, hard drinking and shooting out lights with their handguns as they rode down the town's main streets.

Starting around 1870-1873 around the Western Plains, Allison was involved in numerous altercations often with him using a knife during fights. He reportedly believed himself to be fast with a gun but changed this attitude after being outdrawn in a friendly competition with a man named Mace Bowman. Bowman and Allison became friends, and Bowman is alleged to have worked with Allison to improve his "quick draw" skills.

January 7, 1874: Clay killed a gunman named Chunk Colbert, who picked up a fight with him after the two reportedly had dinner at Clifton House, an inn located in Colfax County, New Mexico. Colbert had allegedly already killed six men and had quarreled with Allison several years earlier.

Some reports allege that nine years earlier, Allison had killed Colbert's uncle in a gunfight, but there is no proof. What did happen here is that at some point during the dinner, Colbert attempted to raise his gun to shoot Allison, but the barrel bumped the table instead. Allison fired a round, hitting Colbert in the head, killing him. Asked later why Allison would accept a dinner invitation from a man who would likely try to kill him, Allison responded: "Because I didn't want to send a man to hell on an empty stomach". Over the next few years, Allison's reputation as a gunman expanded significantly.

October 30, 1875: Allison is alleged to have led a mob to capture Cruz Vega, who was suspected of murdering a Methodist circuit rider. The mob hanged the man from a telegraph pole near Cimarron. On November 1, Vega's family members, led by Vega's uncle Francisco Griego, made threats around town about the lynching. They wandered into the Lambert Inn, came across Allison, and accused him of involvement in the lynching. An argument ensued, and Griego pulled his gun. Allison responded in kind and shot Griego twice, killing him. On November 10, Allison was charged with murdering Griego, but the charges were later dropped as the shooting was ruled justifiable.

December 1876: Allison and his brother John stopped at a local saloon for drinks in Las Animas, Colorado. The local sheriff, Charles Faber of the Bent County Sheriff's Department ordered the Allison family to relinquish their guns per a town ordinance making it illegal to possess guns inside town limits.

When the Allison family refused, Faber left, deputized two men, and returned to the saloon. Immediately upon re-entering, someone yelled "Look out!", and the shooting started. It is believed that the sheriff and his men fired the first shots. John Allison was shot three times. Clay Allison quickly fired four shots, killing Sheriff Faber. The deputized men fled, with Allison in pursuit, but they escaped. John survived and recovered and both Clay and John were later arrested for manslaughter, but the charges were later dismissed. It was this gunfight more than any other that launched Clay Allison to legend as a gunfighter.

March 1877: Clay Allison moved to Sedalia, Missouri then onward to Hays City, Kansas, where he established himself as a cattle broker. He soon arrived in Dodge City, Kansas, which was a bustling "cattle

town” where laws were forcibly upheld. Dodge City’s deputy marshal was the famed lawman Wyatt Earp. Stories given by Earp’s biographer and by Earp himself, stated that Wyatt and friend Bat Masterson confronted Allison and his men in a saloon, and that Allison had backed down. Other reports say that a cattleman named Dick McNulty and Chalk Beeson, the owner of the Long Branch Saloon, intervened and convinced the cowboys to surrender their guns. Earp did not make this claim until after Allison’s death, much like Earp’s false claim that he arrested gunman Ben Thompson, also made after the latter’s death.

Charlie Siringo, who was a cowboy at the time but later became a prominent Pinkerton Detective, gave a written account of the incident, as he had witnessed it, also claiming it was actually McNulty and Beeson who ended the incident, and that Earp did not come into contact with Allison.

From 1880 to 1883, Clay Allison ranched with his two brothers, John William, and Jeremiah Monroe, in what was then Wheeler County, Texas, and present-day Hemphill County, Texas. By 1883, he had sold his ranch and moved to Pope’s Wells, near the Pecos River crossing of the Texas-New Mexico line where he purchased another ranch. Clay and wife Dora had two daughters: Patti Dora Allison born August 9, 1885, in Colfax County and Clay Pearl Allison born February 10, 1888, seven months after her father’s death in Pecos, Texas.

July 3, 1887: Allison was hauling a load of supplies by wagon. The load shifted and a sack of grain fell off. When Allison tried to catch it, he fell from the wagon, and the wheel rolled over him. He broke his neck and died quickly. Another story had him dead drunk and he simply fell off the wagon. He was buried the next day at Pecos Cemetery in Pecos, Texas, and hundreds attended his funeral.

Why was Clay Allison more famous? Everyone would admit as to how dangerous he was, but truth is he was unlucky. The most famous picture of Clay was the one I used above. This was the time he accidentally shot himself in the foot. The wagon accident that killed him was another example of his bad luck.

## **Russian Monitor Novgorod By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**

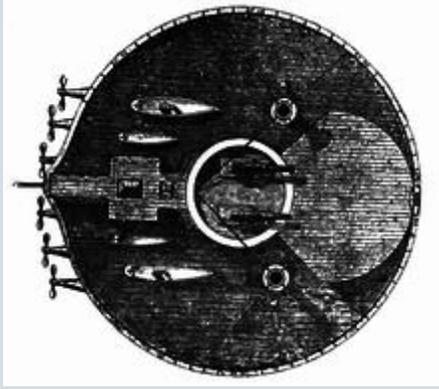


Novgorod was an ironclad monitor built for the Russian Navy in 1870s. She was one of the most unusual warships ever made, and still survives in popular naval myth as one of the worst warships ever built.

The hull was circular to reduce draught while allowing the ship to carry much more armor and a heavier armament than other ships of the same size.

In 1868, Scottish shipbuilder John Elder came up with the idea to widen the beam of a ship which would then reduce the area that needed to be protected and allow the ship to carry thicker armor and heavier, more powerful guns.

She had three propellers on the left and three on the right. She could run her left propellers clockwise and right ones counterclockwise causing the ship to rotate so fast it would throw sailors off the deck.



Rear Admiral Andrei Popov of the Imperial Russian took Elder's idea and expanded it further. He broadened the ship so that it was circular, and he made the design flat-bottomed. The ship was heavily armored and carried two 11-inch guns.

Novgorod was a stable gun platform and had an easy roll. Her bluff hull form meant that she lost speed in heavy weather and, on one occasion in 1877, lost all headway during a Force eight storm. The biggest drawback to her hull shape was that it greatly reduced the rudder's ability to turn the ship

by masking much of the flow of water so much that it took 40–45 minutes to make a full circle and the ship was almost unsteerable in a severe storm. The solution adopted was to use the engines for steering and leave the rudder fixed, even though this reduced the ship's speed.

The guns could penetrate 11 inches of armor at a range of 800 yards. Their 489-pound shells had a muzzle velocity of 1,290 feet per second. Their rate of fire was slow, about one round every 10 minutes. The guns were mounted on separate revolving turntables that could be moved independently or locked together.

Most Naval experts though rate the ship a dismal failure. They were too slow to stem the current in the Dniepr and proved difficult to steer. In practice the discharge of even one gun caused them to turn out of control and even contra-rotating some of six propellers was unable to keep the ship on the correct heading. Nor could they cope with the rough weather which is frequently encountered in the Black Sea. They were prone to rapid rolling and pitching in anything more than a flat calm and could not aim or load their guns under such circumstances.

## Where to get a good pocket watch in the old west?

By General Burluson



If you were in the market for a watch in late 1800s, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station!

Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found.

Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was.

Most of the time the telegraph operator

was in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town.

It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-way had already been secured for the rail line.

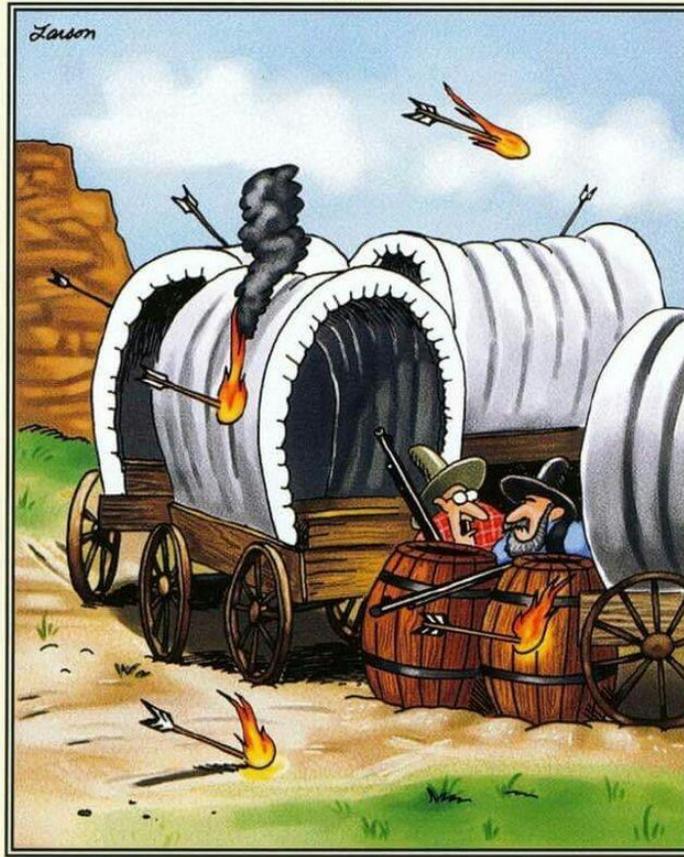
Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and it was the primary way they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches.

As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years.

This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of



10/11/82



“Hey! They’re lighting their arrows! ...  
Can they *do* that?”



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	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
.44-40	200	RNFP	49	98
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	250	RNFP	58	116
9MM	124	RN	38	76
	125	CN	38	76
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.45ACP	200	SWC	49	98
	200	RN	49	98
	230	RN	56	111
45-70	405	FPT	120	240

## Parting Shots Wisdom of Jeff Foxworthy

1. Louisiana has the best food on the planet if you don't really ask too much about what you're eating.
2. You might be a redneck if... you think a hot tub is a stolen bathroom fixture.
3. You might be a redneck if... you've been on television more than five times describing what the tornado sounded like.
4. Watching a baby being born is a little like watching a wet St. Bernard coming in through the cat door.
5. You might be a redneck if... your coffee table used to be a cable spool.
6. I don't know why my brain has kept all the words to the Gilligan's Island theme song and has deleted everything about triangles.
7. You may be a redneck if you have spent more on your pickup truck than on your education.
8. Changing a diaper is a lot like getting a present from your grandmother – you're not sure what you've got but you're pretty sure you're not going to like it.
9. You might be a redneck if... a seven-course meal is a bucket of KFC and a sixpack.
10. You might be a redneck if... your last year you hid yer kids' Easter eggs under cow pies.
11. Now, it's true I married my wife for her looks... but not the ones she's been givin' me lately.
12. I tried real hard to play golf, and I was so bad at it they would have to check me for ticks at the end of the round because I'd spent about half the day in the woods.
13. You might be a redneck if... one of your kids was born on a pool table.
14. You might be a redneck if... you've ever been involved in a custody fight over a hunting dog.
15. You might be a redneck if... you consider your license plate personalized because your dad made it in prison.
16. Do you know why it's so hard to solve a Redneck murder? ... 'cause there's no dental records and all the DNA is the same.
17. You might be a redneck if... you believe that beef jerky and Moon Pies are two of the major food groups.
18. You might be a redneck if... you take your dog for a walk and you both use the tree at the corner.
19. You break into my house... my wife will shoot you, and then spend thirty minutes telling you why she shot you.
20. You might be a redneck if... you have to go outside to get something out of the 'fridge.
21. You might be a redneck if... you think 'N Sync is where the dirty dishes go.
22. You might be a redneck if... the gas pedal on your car is shaped like a bare foot.
23. You might be a redneck if... you're banned from the Memphis Zoo because you disturb the monkeys.
24. You might be a redneck if... your aunt and your grandmother went to the funeral and had a fight over who gets to be the widow.
25. You might be a redneck if... you go to the family reunion to meet women.
26. You might be a redneck if... you have a complete set of salad bowls and they all say Cool Whip on the side.
27. You might be a redneck if... you think a turtleneck is a key ingredient for soup.
28. You might be a redneck if... your family tree doesn't fork.
29. You might be a redneck if... you think a "quarter horse" is that ride in front of Kmart.
30. You might be a redneck if..... you think that Dom Perignon is a mafia leader.
31. You might be a redneck if... you think "fast food" is hitting a possum at 65 miles an hour.
32. You might be a redneck if... your child's first words are "Attention Kmart shoppers!"

## Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D. Texaz	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



### September Birthdays

Wildcat Bob	9/3
Abilene	9/4
Uncle Nick Wilson	9/7
Sam McDermott	9/10
A.D.	9/15
T Bone Paul	9/16
L.W. Hannabass	9/21
Three Fingered Dutchman	9/21

### October Birthdays

Captain George Baylor	10/5
Culebra Blaze	10/6
Crazy Clyde	10/8
Dusty Mines	10/8
Dusty Chambers	10/14
Dusty Leather	10/10
Marshal Jamison	10/13
Maid Jalaff	10/17



### Key Links

- [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)
- [www.texicanrangers.org](http://www.texicanrangers.org)
- [www.greenmountainregulators.org](http://www.greenmountainregulators.org)
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- [www.texasjacks.com](http://www.texasjacks.com)
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## TEXICAN RANGERS

2020

January 11	Monthly Match
January 12	Monthly Match
February 8	Monthly Match
February 9	Monthly Match
March 14	Monthly Match
March 15	Monthly Match
June 13	Monthly Match
June 14	Monthly Match
July 11	Monthly Match
July 12	Monthly Match
August 8	Monthly Match
August 9	Monthly Match
August 29-31	TSRA TX State Championship
September 3 – 5	Comancheria Days
October 10	Monthly Match & Final 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)

2020

**Feb 24-Mar 1**

**Mar 14-15**

**May 30**

**June 18-28**

**Sep 3-5**

**Sep 23-26**

**Oct 24-25**

**April 28-31**

**Winter Range**

**Round Up**

**SASS Texas State Wild Bunch**

**Championship**

**End of Trail**

**Comancheria Days**

**Comin' At Cha**

**SASS Texas State Black Powder**

**Championship**

**SASS Southwest Regional Land Run**

Photo Album

