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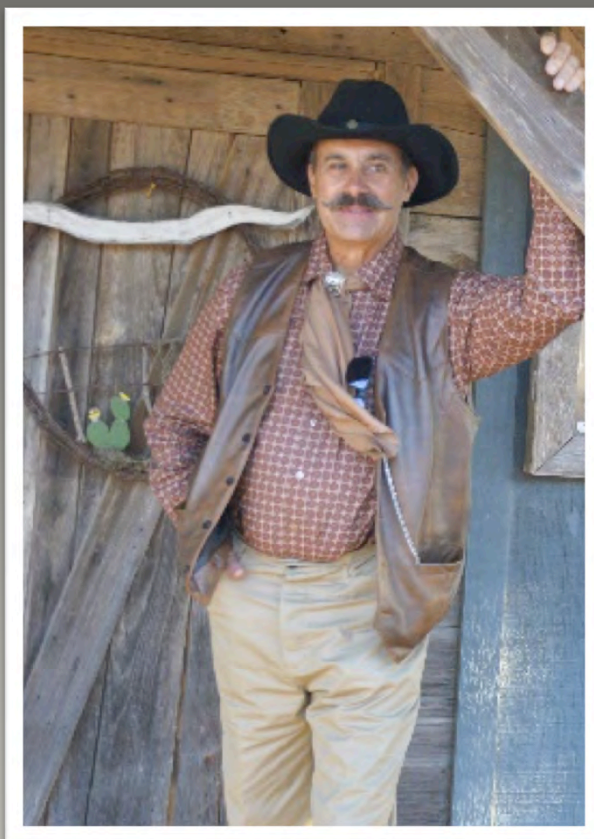
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An Authentic Cowboy Action Shooting Club That Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

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San Saba Slim
President

HOWDY FELLOW RANGERS!

I hope that all of you were able to attend and enjoy our shoot and celebration at Shindig in September. The turnout was great, the food was awesome, and the competition at our team shoot was fierce. The shooting was fast and furious as Cowboys and Cowgirls attempted to knock down steel plates and cut a wooden timber

and sheet of plywood in half in the least time. The clock was running and the shooting was amazingly accurate and fast. It was an absolute blast — pun intended, indeed!

October brings us to the close of another year of shooting as we shoot our final match and then shut the range

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down for the hunters in November and December. It is bittersweet but brings with it the hope of yet another year of fabulous shooting and camaraderie at the best Cowboy Action Shooting club in Texas.

I want to thank all of you for your participation, support and help throughout the past year. Our club is all about you, the shooters, and we could not succeed or exist without you wonderful folks!

This month's article brings forth a tidbit of Texas history that is not main stream and one that may not be well known. I hope you enjoy it and I will look forward to seeing you all on the range at our next shoot!



Juan Nepomuceno (Cheno) Cortina (Cortinas), Mexican folk hero, was born on May 16, 1824, in Camargo, Tamaulipas, the son of Estéfana and Trinidad Cortina. His aristocratic mother was one of the heirs of a large land grant in the lower Rio Grande Valley, including the area that surrounded Brownsville. The family moved to that land when Cortina was still young. In the Mexican War, Cortina served as part of an irregular cavalry during the battles of Resaca de la Palma and Palo Alto under General Mariano Arista of the

Tamaulipas Brigade. After the war he returned to the north bank of the river, where he was indicted at least twice by a Cameron County grand jury for stealing cattle. Although Cortina frequently appeared in public, his political influence among Mexicans prevented him from being arrested.

In the decade following the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Cortina came to hate a clique of judges and Brownsville attorneys whom he accused of expropriating land from Mexican Texans unfamiliar with the American judicial system. He became a leader to many of the poorer Mexicans who lived along the banks of the river. The incident that ignited the first so-called Cortina War occurred on July 13, 1859, when Cortina saw the Brownsville city Marshal, Robert Shears, brutally arrest a Mexican American who had once been employed by Cortina. Cortina shot the Marshal in the impending confrontation and rode out of town with the prisoner. Early on the morning of September 28, 1859, he rode into Brownsville again, this time at the head of some forty to eighty men, and seized control of the town. Five men, including the city jailer, were shot during the raid, as Cortina and his men raced through the streets shouting, "Death to the Americans" and "Viva Mexico." Many of the men whom Cortina had sworn to kill, however, escaped or went into hiding.

When several of the town's leading citizens appealed to Mexican authorities in Matamoros, the influential José María Carbajal crossed the river to negotiate with Cortina. Cortina agreed to evacuate the town and retreated to the family ranch at Santa Rita in Cameron County, where, on September 30, 1859, he issued a proclamation asserting the rights of Mexican Texans and demanding the punishment of anyone violating these rights.

In the ensuing days, tensions remained high in Brownsville. A town posse captured Tomás Cabrera, one of Cortina's men. About twenty citizens of the town formed a group called the Brownsville Tigers and, assisted by a militia company from Matamoros, moved against Cortina, who was reported to be at his mother's

ranch some six miles upriver. With two cannons, the Brownsville-Matamoros force launched a half-hearted attack, which Cortina easily repulsed; the "Tigers" lost their cannons and retreated in complete disarray. Cortina was idolized by many of the poorer Mexicans on both sides of the river and his small army grew as recruits joined his ranks. He demanded that Cabrera be released and threatened to burn the town. In the first part of November an undisciplined company of Texas Rangers commanded by Capt. William G. Tobin arrived. Cabrera was hanged the next day, and an unsuccessful attack was launched against Cortina. Cortina issued a second proclamation on November 23 asking Governor Sam Houston to defend the legal interests of Mexican residents in Texas.

By early December, a second company of rangers, commanded by John Salmon (Rip) Ford, arrived, as did Major Samuel P. Heintzelman with 165 regulars. Cortina, who was reported to have more than 400 men by this time, retreated upriver, laying waste to much of the lower Valley. On December 27, Heintzelman engaged Cortina in the battle of Rio Grande City; Cortina was decisively defeated, losing sixty men and his equipment. He retreated into Mexico and next appeared at La Bolsa, a large bend on the Rio Grande below Rio Grande City, where he attempted to capture the steamboat *Ranchero*, owned and operated by two of his antagonists, Richard King and Mifflin Kenedy. With the approach of the steamboat, Major Ford and his rangers crossed into Mexico, secured the south bank, and forced Cortina to retreat. Col. Robert E. Lee, now in command of the Eighth Military District, arrived in the lower Valley determined to restore peace and threatening to invade Mexico if necessary. Cortina, however, had retreated into the Burgos Mountains, where he remained for more than a year.

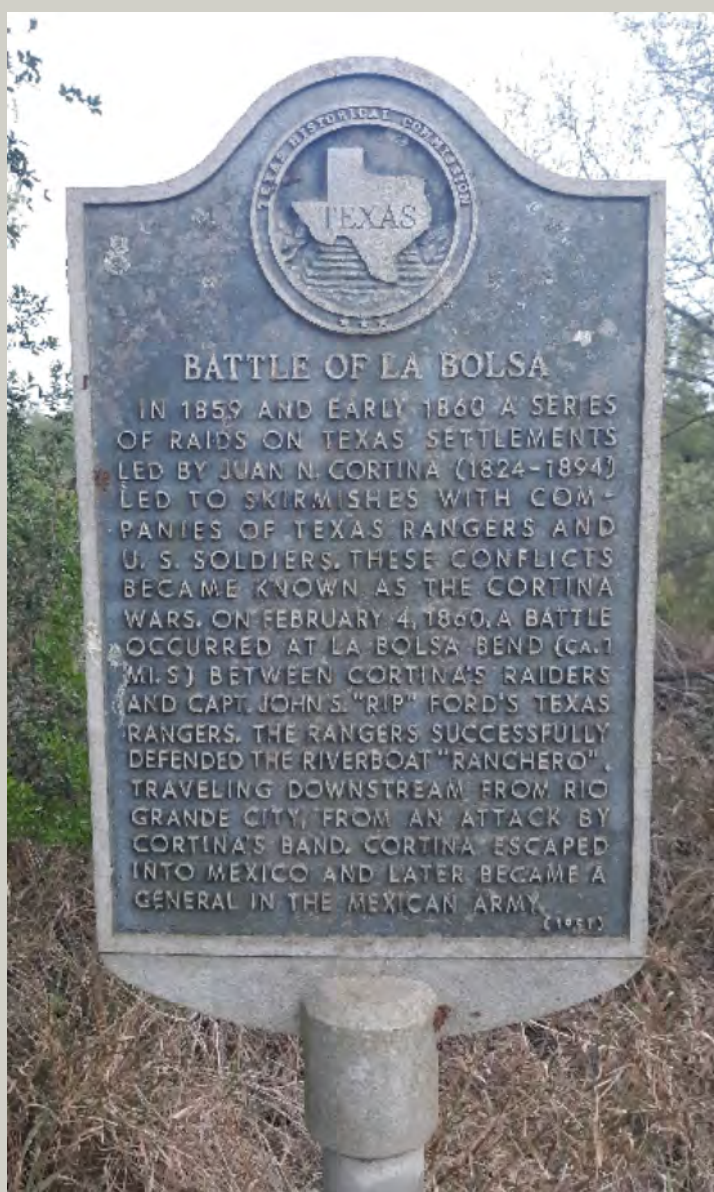
With the secession of Texas from the Union, Cortina appeared on the border again and started the second Cortina War. In May 1861 he invaded Zapata County and attacked the county seat, Carrizo. He was defeated by Confederate Captain Santos Benavides and retreated into Mexico; Cortina lost seven men in the fray, while eleven others were captured by Benavides and hanged or

shot.

On May 5, 1862, during the period of French intervention in Mexico, Cortina helped to defend San Lorenzo at Puebla. He saw action at Matamoros and, envisioning himself as an independent and powerful *caudillo*, briefly cooperated with the imperialists. Later he fought in central Mexico and was at Querétaro at the execution of Maximilian. In 1863 Cortina proclaimed himself governor of Tamaulipas and was promoted to general of the Mexican Army of the North by President Benito Juárez. Cortina appointed himself governor again in 1866 but immediately relinquished the office to General

Tapia. Cortina returned to the border in 1870, and forty-one residents of the Valley, including a former mayor of Brownsville, signed a petition asking that he be pardoned for his crimes because of his service to the Union during the Civil War. The petition failed in the Texas legislature on its second reading, in 1871. In subsequent years, stockmen on the Nueces Strip accused Cortina of leading a large ring of cattle rustlers. Subsequent American diplomatic pressure was largely responsible for his arrest in July 1875 and his removal to Mexico City. He died in Atzacapozalco on October 30, 1894.

From the TSHA Handbook of Texas



Texas Historical Commission Markers commemorating the Cortina Battle and the Battle of La Bolsa

Sheriff Robert Love Vice President



THE CAMP MAN

This camp cowboy did ride and work alone.
The remote cow camp was his lonely home.

The country he rode was his domain.
He rode and worked over hills and plains.
The boss knew he was a man to be trusted.
Never from a job has he ever been busted.

For not earning his chuck and pay,
That's how he was raised. There's no other way.

His daddy was a cowboy, tried and true,
Who believed in the Lord and the Golden Rule.
Both grandpas were cattlemen, through and through.
One grandma was a cowgirl, could ride, and
rope too.

His mama was a ranch woman much of her life.
To her cowboy mate she was a fine faithful wife.

So many nice things she did without.

But she never complained, her faith was devout.

But this camp man is no longer alone.

The Lord found him a mate to share his camp home.

She loves Jesus and her cowboy too.

To both of them she will always be true.

She brightens up that lonely cow camp.

She gladdens the heart of that cow chasin' scamp.

He thanks the Lord each day of his life,

For letting him have such a wonderful wife.

Four years passed and she did appear,

A tiny cowgirl, she is such a dear.

His prayers and dreams did come true.

He has a beautiful wife and a sweet daughter too.

—By Jim Williams, Cowboy Poet

Dirty Dave Rudabaugh

By Dutch Van Horn, Regulator 51153

Meet the unluckiest man in Wild West history — Dirty Dave Rudabaugh. He got his nickname from supposedly being afraid of water, so he didn't wash his body or his clothes.

He came west in 1870 and tried his hand at rustling and train robbery. He was not very good at either, but was good enough for the railroad to hire Wyatt Earp to go after him. Lucky for Dave, they never met. Doc Holliday also hated Dave and wanted to end his life, but since Doc was a superstitious poker player, he didn't like to kill anyone when he was on a

winning streak.

Dirty Dave gained quite the reputation with Billy the Kid and it was reported, by Dave, that he was the only man Billy was afraid of. I think it was more a case of Billy not trusting Dave.

After Billy's death, Dave was captured and might have been hanged, but since he was willing to testify against the remaining member of the gang, he was released. Dave promptly moved to Old Mexico where, after being accused of cheating at cards, he was beheaded.



Shooting Iron Miller Secretary



Hello Texican Rangers! Our season will be coming to a close pretty soon, so I wanted to be sure to recap our annual Shindig match that recently took place at the range. We voted on and announced our new slate of Officers for 2027. We look forward to having them serve our club in a way that will continue to make the necessary improvements to the range, promote our club and encourage new members to join, support our current members, exude the “Cowboy Way,” and have fun!

Congratulations to:

President — San Saba Slim
Vice President — Beauregard Beard
Treasurer — Tombstone Mary

Range Master/Co-Range Master —
Fister Bo/Mad Dog McCoy
Communications — Dutch Van Horn

I will continue to serve as your Secretary for the year.

After the match we held a Team Shoot that involved shooting pistols at a plate rack, rifle at a suspended timber and shotgun at a piece of suspended plywood. Our winning team was Team 2. Congratulations! Members of that team were A.D., Dixon Creek, Hoolihan, Beauregard Beard, Big Tex, Kincade, Shaliko Joe, Dragon Hill Dave and Strawberry Shortfuse. There wasn't much difference in time between the two teams, just 2.38 seconds, so it proved to be very competitive.

We were honored to present awards to our Shindig Winners for 2026. A special shout out to Panhandle Cowgirl, our Overall Cowgirl, and Beauregard Beard our Overall Cowboy!

All winners are as follows:

- 1st Panhandle Cowgirl — B-Western Lady**
- 1st Sheriff Robert Love — Cattle Baron**
- 2nd Dirty Dog Dale — Cattle Baron**
- 1st Crooked Creek Sam — Cody Dixon Single Shot**
- 1st Mad Dog McCoy — Cody Dixon Lever**
- 1st Beauregard Beard — Cowboy**
- 1st Newt Ritter — Duelist Senior**
- 1st Hoolihan — Duelist Silver Senior**
- 1st Skyhawk Hans — El Patron**
- 2nd Frank Longshot — El Patron**
- 3rd Captain George Baylor — El Patron**
- 4th Bisbee Jackson — El Patron**
- 5th Scooter — El Patron**
- 1st T Bone Paul — Elder Statesman**
- 2nd Abilene — Elder Statesman**
- 3rd Circuit Judge — Elder Statesman**
- 4th Hawkeye — Elder Statesman**
- 1st Charro B. Eans — Forty-Niner**
- 1st Strawberry Shortfuse — Forty-Niner Lady**
- 1st San Saba Slim — Gunfighter**
- 2nd Henly — Gunfighter**
- 1st Kettleman — Gunfighter Senior**

1st Alamo Andy — Senior
 1st Shooting Iron Miller — Senior Lady
 1st Squaw Man — Sharpshooter
 1st Colorado Horseshoe — Silver Senior
 2nd A.D. — Silver Senior
 1st Tombstone Mary — Silver Senior Lady
 1st Fister Bo — Wrangler
 2nd Marshal Jamison — Wrangler

Overall Cowgirl — Panhandle Cowgirl
 Overall Cowboy — Beauregard Beard
 Clean Match Cowboy — Newt Ritter
 Skyhawk Hans

Clean Match Cowgirl — Tombstone Mary
 Spirit of the Game — Mad Dog McCoy

See you at our next shoot — October 10, 2026.
 We will not be shooting Sunday in October.

Custer's Other Bad Day

By Dutch Van Horn, Regulator 51153

We have all seen in movies and reenactments the thrilling tactical charge of Calvary Units. With the bugle sounding charge, the trooper would draw his side arm with his weak hand and a saber with his strong hand, lean forward on his mount, and attack. I was curious to find out if there were any reports about mistakes or accidents with this type of warfare and I was surprised to learn that George Armstrong Custer had one. This is that story.

One Kansas April morning in 1867, Custer was bored and looking for something to do. He had only been posted on the frontier a few months prior and he was eager to test his riding and shooting skills in this new land. Custer galloped away from the 7th Cavalry looking for game, leaving his men in the distance.

On a nearby bluff, Custer found a large buffalo and gave chase. The horse ran

alongside the bison as Custer removed his revolver and put it to the animal's head. Suddenly, the bison turned in an attempt to gore the horse, causing the horse to become startled. Custer grabbed for the horse's reins with his gun hand and accidentally fired, shooting his horse through the head. The horse dropped to the ground like a stone, sending Custer flying as it did. As Custer stood up, he saw the bison standing there. Afoot with just his service revolver, things looked grim. To his good luck, the bison paid him no more attention. It apparently considered the horse a threat and not the man. It eventually turned and wandered off.

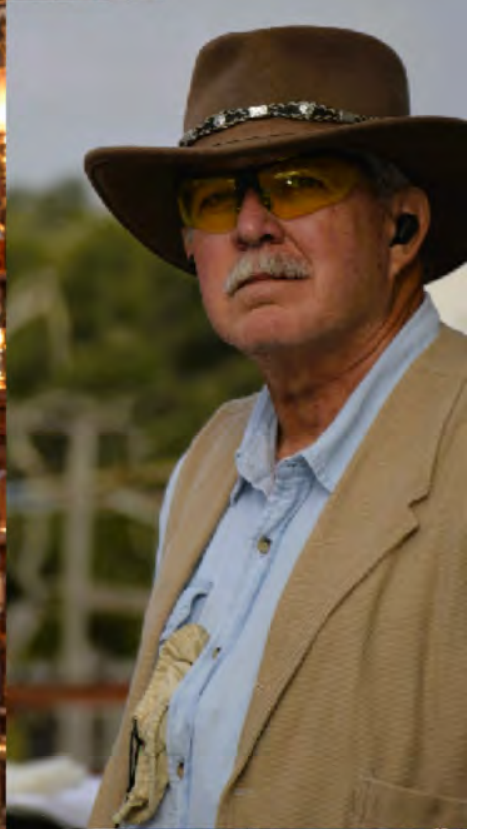
Custer was relieved at being safe and then realized he was now lost and horseless in Indian territory on the Kansas plains. Two of his dogs found him first. After walking three or four miles, he saw dust on the horizon. It was the rest of the 7th Cavalry. He raised his gloved hand to signal his men. He was rescued. Custer's men promptly requested he not break ranks and leave them to chase animals again.



PHOTO ALBUM

SHINDIG









BIG Chief WAHOO

by SAUNDERS and WOGGON



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Indian SLANGO

CORN
"BERRIES-ON-UM-STICK"

HIGH-HEELED-SHOES
"MOCCASINS-ON-STILTS"

PICKLE
"GREEN-WIENER-GOTTUM-CHICKEN-POX"



Indian
SLANGO

CREDIT "TRUST UM - BUST UM"	EYELID "BLANKET-FOR-UM-EYE"
WIENER "SMOOTH-PICKLE-BOT-UM-COAT-OF-TAN"	PEACH "UPHOLSTERED PLUM"

Parting Shots

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
3. We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.
4. Women might be able to fake orgasms, but men can fake a whole relationship.
5. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
6. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
7. If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
8. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
9. The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
10. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
11. Some people are like Slinkies... not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.
12. The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
13. Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.
14. Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
15. 250 lbs here on Earth is 94.5 lbs on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just on the wrong planet.
16. The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family.
17. If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$6.30 now.
18. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
19. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
20. Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.
21. I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house... But the kids still get in.
22. The man who survived both mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran now.
23. Is your bottom jealous of the amount of crap that comes out of your mouth?
24. The rotation of Earth really makes my day.
25. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
26. What's the difference between an outlaw and an in-law? Outlaws are wanted.
27. A blind man walked into a bar... And a table... And a chair...
28. I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.
29. You'll never be as lazy as whoever named the fireplace.
30. Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
31. Communist jokes aren't funny unless everyone gets them.
32. A perfectionist walked into a bar... Apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough.
33. I buy all my guns from a guy called T-Rex. He's a small arms dealer.
34. Two fish are in a tank. One says, "How do you drive this thing?"
35. My girlfriend and I often laugh about how competitive we are. But I laugh more.
36. R.I.P. boiled water. You will be mist.
37. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
38. If you don't pay your exorcist, do you get repossessed?
39. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
40. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
41. I threw a boomerang a couple years ago. I now live in constant fear.
42. Have you heard about the new restaurant called "Karma"? There's no menu — you get what you deserve.
43. Don't spell part backwards. It's a trap.



September Birthdays

Abilene – 9/4

Uncle Nick Wilson – 9/7

A.D.– 9/15

T Bone Paul – 9/16

Kit Carson – 9/21

L.W. Hannabass – 9/21

October Birthdays

Kettleman – 10/4

Captain George Baylor – 10/5

San Saba Slim – 10/5

Culebra Blaze – 10/6

Crazy Clyde – 10/8

Marshal Jamison – 10/13

Maid Jalaff – 10/17

November Birthdays

Beans Ahgin – 11/6

Hoolihan – 11/21

Rogue Heeler – 11/22

Alamo Andy – 11/23

Texas Wildflower – 11/24

Dusty Chambers – 11/28

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



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	125	FP	54	108
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	158	RNFP	67	134
	158	FP	67	134
	158	SWC	67	134
.380	100	RNFP	44	88
.38-55	245	RNFP	104	208
.41	215	SWC	91	182
.44	180	RNFP	76	152
	240	SWC	102	204
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	180	RNFP	76	153
	200	RNFP	85	170
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