



# Texican Star

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

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## The Presidents Corner

Handlebar Bob and I had a meeting with the rancher Becky Patterson and her son Kit in February about operations of the club to determine if we can continue conducting cowboy matches on Stieler Ranch. That meeting was successful and we WILL continue to shoot at Stieler Ranch, on an annual basis. We will meet annually with Becky and Kit to review the previous year and preview the upcoming year.

We have agreed to pay to the ranch a fee of \$7 per shooter on Saturday matches up from the \$5 it has been since the club started 16 years ago. Sunday owner fees will stay at \$5. Comancheria Days fees stay the same at \$10 per shooter. Camping fees will be paid to the ranch at \$10 per night per camper.

There will NOT be any changes in monthly match fees for the shooters. A shift of budgeting each year is all that is needed for this change in fees. Shindig has been no cost for members for a couple of years or so and we may have to change that depending on funds available.

We are out of space for new building and we now have enough targets, stands, tables, etc to continue run great matches.

Handlebar Bob and I walked the range before the meeting and counted targets and stands, moved them and repaired shotgun targets across the entire range. We have enough targets and stands with spares for all the stages and Cody-Dixon needs.

Thanks to the members/shooter support and success of the club the last few years, we have spent thousands of dollars on building/repairing stages, a new restroom, and buying targets and stands.

I expect to have enough money from the state match to enlarge the Office, perhaps construct a restroom on the north end of the range, and I would like to do that later this year or early next.

Thanks to your time and efforts, we have a minimal amount of construction work remaining to do on the range before Comancheria Days 2010, but we do need a clean up

The officers and committee chairs have some more coordination and administrative work to do leading up to the match. We'll not use Stage Marshals this year on the main match, but will brief the Posse Marshals on the conduct of the stage. We will use Stage Marshals on the Side Matches beginning on Thursday.

Thank you again for your participation in and your support of club activities.

**Dusty**

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## On the Trail with Handlebar Bob

With the first two cold months of the year behind us, the traveling shooting season is starting up. Several of our members are in Phoenix for Winter Range. I will have a report next month regarding the results.

There are a couple of shoots scheduled in our area during the month of March. The Plum Creek Carriage Shooting Society in Lockhart will have their annual Ride with Pancho Villa March 5-7 and our sister club, The Texas Historical Shooting Society in Columbus, will have Trailhead March 25-28. So dewinterize that RV or start making hotel reservations for the upcoming shoots. Remember, you might be a Cowboy Action Shooter if you know where all the cheap motels are. See ya on the trail, pard!

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## The Saddlebag by Grouchy Spike

Old Reed and Deacon Martin are making stage signs for each of the stages. Buck Bradley is making a sign to replace the storefront sign on Mean Maggie's. Old Reed already mounted the signs on High Noon, on the shooting porch and on the downrange storefronts. Thanks to these cowboys for their artistic contribution!

One of the volunteers who works 'behind the scene' is Piñata Kid, aka Michael Chalk. He uses his accounting skills to assist the treasurer with our financial reports. Thanks to Piñata for that contribution!

New members are Eaton Crowe (he sez that he eats a lot of it), Sierra Cheyene, Gunstock Smith, Rattlesnake Dallas.

Are you a western movie fan? Here's a link to some actors who made history with these movies. You'll be wanting to use the 'pause' button while you reminisce about them:

<http://www.oldfortyfives.com/thoseoldwesterns>

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After Comancheria Days 2010, it's about time for **election of officers** for the next year. The club runs on the dedication of its members and their volunteer service. And the members have really made some extraordinary contributions of their time and energy during the past year. I invite you to consider running for office, or volunteering for some special task within the club. Is there some interest or skill that you have that would benefit the club?

## Benefits of volunteering

- **Apply existing skills** – use what you already have to improve the club.
- **Learn new skills** – these can include practical skills as well as 'soft' skills such as communication, time management, problem solving, computer, and leadership.
- **Teach skills to others** – share what you know with others that would value that knowledge.
- **Meet new people** – volunteering allows you to meet people outside your own social circle. And these are truly amazing people too. In these situations you will no doubt form friendships but you will also find this an opportunity for personal growth.
- **'Giving something back'** – for some people volunteering is entirely altruistic (unselfish concern for the welfare of others).
- **Pursue a cause** – if there is a cause within the club that you have a special affinity for, or see an area where you could improve the club, then through volunteering you can further that cause.
- **Improving confidence and feeling of self-worth** – being an important part of a team; being highly valued by others on the team or within the club can do wonders for your self-esteem.

## What can you offer?

- **Personal qualities** - enthusiasm, new ideas and hard work; cheerfulness, enthusiasm, patience and understanding.
- **Expertise** – carpentry, organization and leadership, welding, fabrication, artistic creativeness.
- **Affinity** - support for a cause, concern for a special project or group of people or sharing the aims, objectives and values of a specific organization.
- **Time commitment** - time available for your volunteer responsibility.

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Let's do a social experiment here with a means to improve interaction and communication within the Texican Rangers. I have the framework in place.

I've establishing a Texican Rangers group within Yahoo Groups for members of the Texican Rangers. It allows some quick emails between members; announcements; photo and file archives. It won't replace the Texican Rangers website, but should augment it. The Tejas Caballeros, Green Mountain Regulators, and Plum Creek Shooting Society use Yahoo Groups.

During March, as soon as our membership list is updated, members will receive an invitation to join. You'll need a Yahoo account to use Groups, but the account is free. You could set up your account as 'your alias'@yahoo.com or 'your alias'@ymail.com. Mail from the Group can be directed to your primary email account instead of your yahoo or ymail account.

This costs nothing, may be fun!

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<b>On the Texican Rangers Calendar</b>	
Monthly Club Match – March 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Club Match – July 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>
Monthly Club Match – April 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	Special Club Match – July 31 <sup>st</sup> (?)
<b>Comancheria Days 2010</b> – April 29 <sup>th</sup> to May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monthly Club Match – August 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Monthly Club Match – May 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Club Match – September 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>
Special Club Match – May 29 <sup>th</sup> (?)	Shindig 2010 – October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Monthly Club Match – June 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	

**JUST PRATTLING** by Jonah

To prattle I guess is a verb. My wife's definition is that I continue to talk, say nothing of importance and irritate her. I guess that's as good a definition as any.

So with that definition out of the way, I guess it's time to prattle a little.

The Texican Rangers 2010 season is off to a great start. We have had two months of great shoots and, in my humble opinion, some great side shoots.

We have had several work sessions at the range and things are starting to take shape. Three new stages are complete or nearing completion and are looking good. There is still cleanup work needed getting ready for the State shoot and we have been blessed with a group of volunteers that can be depended on to come out and lend a hand in getting the work done. If anyone desires to help out, let Grouchy Spike know and I'm sure he will find something for you to contribute. Since I'm no longer an officer, I cannot speak for the officers, but I know that all the officers appreciate all the help that has been freely given.

All one has to say is let's shoot .22 rim fires and you better get out of my way because I'll try to be first in line. Why .22 rim fires? Well, if I had to give up every other gun I own and could only keep one, it would be one of my 15 or so .22 rim fires. I own somewhere in the vicinity of 60 plus guns of all types, but the .22 of any kind is my favorite. Why, I cannot really say. The .22 will do anything you want it to do as long as you do your part. I guess you could kill an elephant with one if you so desired, but I'm not going to try it. The .22 doesn't make a lot of noise, it's accurate and is just plain fun to shoot. And, you don't really have to pick up your spent brass unless, like me, you shoot a lot inside your shop. Then the floor gets kinda cluttered.

Lately, I purchased two new .22's. One is the

Smith & Wesson 15-22, an AR 15 clone, and the other is the Chiappa 1911-22, a .45 ACP. clone so to speak. With the weather being so cold lately, except for the side match in February, most all of the shooting has been inside my shop. I agree that that doesn't sound very exciting, but the 15-22 has had a little over 2000 rounds put through it and the 1911-22 is at about 600 rounds through it. Luckily, I stocked up on .22 rim fire before they disappeared from the store shelves. So, how many guns does one person need? The short answer is none, but what fun would that be? In addition to the two new .22's, I added a 1 1/2" bore size cannon. Why did I need/want a cannon? Because! What else can I say? I've made three small cannons and a mortar, but the largest is only .50 caliber. I wanted something larger, no other reason. I suspect there are a lot of other people that could give the same type of answer.

Do I need any more guns? No! However, I have been thinking about finding a used Marlin Model 60 or the Glenfield to have as a project gun to see how much I can modify it kinda like I did with the Ruger 10/22's. If I find one at a good price, I'll probably buy it.

What are you looking for in Cowboy Action Shooting? We all have our own answer to that question. Some want to be number one in their chosen category. Some want more categories added so that they can find the category that they can excel in. Others are shooting CAS just to be with friends and share the sport with each other. Some don't care in the least about beating others. They participate only to have fun and maybe try to get a little better each match than they were able to do last match. Which area do you fall in? Whichever it is, it's the right place for you. It's your game for you to enjoy!

'Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down!  
**Jonah**



## The History of Welfare, Texas

Welfare is located in west central Kendall County about four miles southeast of Waring. The community was known as Bon Ton or Boyton in 1846, and the town is believed to have been established in 1866, although exact documentation is not available

Mail service by stagecoach was operated as early as 1847, and the walls of the Stagecoach Stop and its smokehouse are still intact and standing, complete with gun ports for fighting robbers and Indians.

When the post office was established in 1889, the name of the town was changed to Welfare, possibly for the German word "Wohlfahrt," meaning "pleasant trip." Gottfried Knoepfli was the first postmaster of Welfare from 1886-1887. He was followed by Charles Beseler. Other postmasters included Willie Rust, Emil Sueltenfuss, Adolph Rheinhardt, Mrs. Otto Poehnert, Pul Hein and Perry Laas Jr.

Like Waring, much of Welfare's history involves transportation routes and the railroad. The tracks were laid in 1886 by the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad as part of the section of track between San Antonio and Kerrville. This provided Welfare with easy access to markets. The town began to flourish at that time because of the convenient freight and passenger service from San Antonio with connections to Fredericksburg and Kerrville. The train picked up mail, milk cans, cattle, chickens and produce. Welfare grew, having 275 residents by 1892, and it continued to prosper until the early twentieth century.

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At its peak, Welfare had a depot and water tank, a gristmill, a cotton gin, and several homes, a saloon, a hotel, a general store, a post office and a schoolhouse. However, several years of drought, a fire, and the appearance of the boll weevil made life difficult for area residents. By the mid-1920s the town began to decline and the population had fallen to twenty-five.

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Old family names of Welfare include the following:

- Zink (one of the founders of Sisterdale)
- Laas

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- Bartel
- Beseler
- Magers
- Klemstein
- Pfeiffer

### **The Welfare School**

The Welfare school had twenty students in 1905 and served as the focus of a common school district until 1952, when it was consolidated with the Comfort Independent School District.

### **The Welfare General Store**

The original Welfare store was established in 1890, and the post office was established in 1889. It was a two-story structure, which burned down in 1916 and was rebuilt that same year. From 1921 to 1978, Perry J. Laas and wife Alma operated the store and post office. Mr. Laas worked in the post office for 53 years and the Welfare store for 55 years.

In 1978 the store closed and had remained so until November of 1998, twenty years later, when Gabriele Meissner McCormick and David Lawhorn reopened the doors. The Welfare General Store building is now the home of the Welfare Café and Bier Garten.

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[www.voicesofthetexashills.org](http://www.voicesofthetexashills.org)

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# Texican Rangers Baseball Caps

## Baseball Caps for Sale – \$15 – by Special Order Only

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There is a Minimum Order Quantity of 24 for the club – we order when we have orders for 24

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## Classifieds

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	158	FP	61
	158	SWC	61
.380	100	RNFP	52
.38-55	245	RNFP	88*
.41	215	SWC	74
.44	180	RNFP	64
	240	SWC	78
.44-40	200	RNFP	67
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	70*
	180	RNFP	64
	200	RNFP	67
	250	RNFP	79
9MM	124	RN	56
	125	CN	56
40 S&W	180	FP	64
.45 ACP	200	SWC	67
	230	RN	75
45-70	405	FPT	180*

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# Cowboy Tradin' Post

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