



# 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 by Dusty Chambers

Howdy Members

Here it is June already. It seems like the year is moving fast until we think about all the work put in for the state match. Looks like all that work will pay off; we are getting plenty of good feedback. I should know in a few days about the state match in 2011. When we have the word that it's our again, Dusty Lone Star and Sheriff Robert Love will start planning, directing the match. We did all the building this year, so we shouldn't need all the workdays again.

The elections were held last match and we had a race for Range Master with Dirty Dog Dale getting the most votes. The other Officer positions were voted in with the same volunteers. The election results leave the board unchanged from last year to this year.

No range work is planned at this time. There are a couple of tables that need repaired and the Stagecoach is in bad shape. Right now we are planning a Gallows to replace it, nothing real special or large, just something that we can shoot from.

We don't need any targets, but I am thinking about making 3 can throwers. We can use them at Boot Hill or a side match. Speaking of side matches, we are planning a 22 side match this month on Saturday, probably at the Mission. Jonah, Newt and Yuma Jack were the side match winners last month, the ladies and Cody-Dixon had only one entry each, so no winner.

The workers' drawing was last match. Buck Bradley won the 1911 twenty-two and El Paso Lee won the shotgun. The members who helped on Thursday at the state match were in the drawing along with work party folks. The Officers were not in the drawing. Buck Bradley has the workers list for the bullet discounts paid for by the club. The deadline for getting the bullets is Shindig. After Shindig the list will be tossed.

Shindig will be the second Saturday in October with no Sunday match. I will plan to do the cooking myself and we will have our annual awards. There will be no fees for members again this year, thanks to all the hard work and success of the club. I promise a feast, I'll fire up the pit and make some fresh BBQ of some flavor.

Remember to bring yer own lunch this month as we no longer have a cook and lunch will not be available on the range.

Ride safe

**Dusty**

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## **On the Trail with Handlebar Bob**

We have several **life members** in the club – cowboys and cowgirls who were honored for their service to the Texican Rangers, and are inactive. They are now included in the membership list:

Bad Jack Abernathy #7668	Cherokee
Silver Bullet Bev #7669	John McClure
Texas Jack Ohmohundro	Emzy Anne Lakin

**Woody Duitt** is also a life member, but he's an active member and appears on the member's list.

A note in the **Texitan Star** of November 2004 reveals that the club has 190 members. There were 153 in March 2005, and 133 in March 2009. We are now at 145 active members in April 2010, 151 counting the inactive Life Members.

The Texican Rangers have **39 new members** in 2009 and 2010. What an awesome vote of confidence in this club! Some were already visiting and shooting, and decided to join the club. Some were already shooting elsewhere and moved to the area.

**Welcome** to these new members! We are honored by their participation! Please make a special effort to say hello to them. How will you know them? They are not necessarily new to the game, and may not be new to the Texican Rangers either. More likely they just won't look familiar. Shake their hands. Don't worry about meeting them twice.

**Eaton Crowe** has recruited **Chasen Aces** and **Gypsy Soul** as members. She's already been to Calvin Hobbes school. **Cactus Jack Dawson** joined and **Chama Mama** decided that he was having too much fun so she joined up too. **Packin Daisies** and then **Calamity Kate** joined up to shoot with dad, Doc Bradley. I see **Ida Schoolmarm** joined up to keep **Howdy Nabor** company. **Nueces Slim** and **Agarita Annie**, and **Charlie Saringo** and **Annie Oakley** became Texicans as pairs. **Miss Cubbie** joined up and then convinced **Gunstock Smith** to be a member. She's apparently not convinced him to stay with the Holy Black because gave that up. Grouchy Spike met **Bucco Hunt** at the gun counter in Gibson's one day and talked to him about CAS. He was already shopping for guns – Grouchy just pushed him over the edge. Does that mean that he was a 'Pushover'? **Grey Carson** showed up one day with guns, so he loaded up with Grouchy and shot

his first match. **Culebra Blaze** showed up at the same time, so he loaded up with Old Reed and Deacon Martin for his first match.

**Corpus Callie** and **Limp Along Lee** hit the door together. **Moose McCoy** brought his own posse – **Quigley McCoy** and **Maverick McCoy**. Those cowboys and the **Bandera Kid** had been shooting at the Rough Riders. That bunch of rowdies drug them along to a Texican match and they joined up.

**Macon Holes** got by me, and I've not met him. **Squawty Bawdy** became a member after shooting for some time as a visitor. Her **gumbo** should also be a member.

**Paisano Paul** became a member, looking to the day he moves to the Hill Country. **Rattlesnake Dallas** was a new member without leather for a while, but now he's shooting.

**Waterloo** and **San Gabriel** had been shooting up north (Tejas Caballeros) and shooting here as visitors, and they joined up with the Texicans. One counter opined that we were gonna have to use instant replay to be able to score Waterloo. Who can keep up with a machine gun?

**Marshall Brooks** and **Sierra Cheyene** became Texicans in 2009. **Miss Sandy** #3799 joined during CD 2010 but I've not met her. Several others joined during CD 2010. **Pecos Pete** must have joined during CD 2010 because we haven't met.

**Eagle Eye Kane**, Grouchy's youngest grandson, decided to try this game after watching older brother No Chance At All. He likes it, so he's become a member. **Mal Viejo** was convinced to try this game by Captain Gimp, who forgot to tell Mal Viejo how much were the start up costs.

**Shootin Iron Miller** started shooting and became a member. She's the better half of Sheriff Robert Love. **Buckshot Leroy McCoy** signed up in 2009. And **Phantom** rounds out the list new members. He arrived from California and began issuing challenges to the fastest shooters.

Have I overlooked anyone?

A cowboy from Schertz named **Doug A. Hoal** talked by email to Grouchy, so he's now on the visitor's email list and is hoping to be shooting soon.

**Handlebar Bob**

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On the Trail (continued)

**New (or slightly used) members:**

Bandera Kid #83170	Eaton Crowe #85130
Pecos Pete	Culebra Blaze # 85966
Chasen Aces #87461	Gypsy Soul # 87806
Nueces Slim	Agarita Annie
Charlie Saringo	Annie Oakley
Packin Daiseys	Gunstock Smith #85539
Miss Sandy #3799	Rattlesnake Dallas # 86376
Mal Viejo #82631	Macon Holes #58348
Howdy Nabor	Buckshot L McCoy #79799
Ida Schoolmarm	Corpus Callie #82830
Grey Carson	Limp Along Lee # 82829
Sierra Cheyenne	Squawty Bawdy #62932
Phantom #54953	Marshall Brooks #82570
Quigley McCoy	Shootin Iron Miller #85140
Maverick McCoy	Chama Mama # 88153
Moose McCoy	Cactus Jack Dawson # 87516
San Gabriel #48071	Marshal Jamison #51253
Waterloo #46072	Calamity Kate
Miss Cubbie #84627	Eagle Eye Kane #82520
Paisano Paul	Col Jack Hays #29625

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# The Texican Ranger Story

By Handlebar Bob

The Stieler Ranch was established in the late 1800s by Adolph Stieler on one of the highest hills in Kerr County. Goats were the primary livestock ranched by the German settlers and with over 60,000 goats grazing on several ranches, Adolph Stieler was proclaimed “King of the Goats” in 1945 by *Life* magazine.

Though Adolph Stieler is gone, his descendents still live on the ranch and cattle and cowboys have replaced the goats. Some of those cowboys are living out their fantasies through Cowboy Action Shooting and the Texican Rangers.

Mike Harvey of Cimarron Firearms was living in Houston in 1990. He and Captain Jack Hayes had heard of Cowboy Action Shooting and decided to start a club. Not knowing much about the sport, Captain Hays went to End of Trail in California in 1990 to shoot and gather information. That effort resulted in the formation of THSS. Captain Hayes said the pistol targets at EOT were at 15 yards and small and the rifle targets were 40 yards or further and were also small.

In the early 1990s, Cimarron Firearms moved from Houston to Fredericksburg, Texas. Wanting to start a CAS club in the area, Mike and Mary Lou Harvey encouraged some of their employees to initiate the effort. Mike contacted Becky Patterson, whose grandfather was Adolph Stieler, and an arrangement was worked out to use Stieler Ranch as headquarters for the Texican Rangers.

In 1994 the Texican Rangers were organized into a CAS club and began shooting at Stieler Ranch on June 12, 1994 with less than twenty shooters. There would be two posses and posse leaders would sometimes write stages as they got to the stage. The stages were crudely written on yellow legal pads and attached to the props with a rock on top of the paper. The props consisted of mostly rocks, bushes and dead tree limbs.

Comancheria Days, another brainchild of Mike Harvey, was first held the following year in March 1995 with an attendance of less than a hundred shooters. In addition to the shooting stages, there was a mounted event and a Native American encampment. Comancheria Days has been held continuously since then with the exception of one year. The Texican Rangers have been the host for the Texas State Championship and Texas State Rifle Association matches.

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Published in the Comancheria Days 2010 Shooter’s Information Handbook

## History of Cimarron

Have you even wondered how that Colt clone by Cimarron in your hand came to be? The history of Cimarron can be found in a link on the Cimarron website:

<http://www.cimarron-firearms.com/Articles/Dev-of-Rep.htm>

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## San Antonio – El Paso Road

The **San Antonio-El Paso Road** also known as the **Lower Road** or **Military Road** was an economically important trade route between the [Texas](#) cities of [San Antonio](#) and [El Paso](#) between 1849 and 1882. The road carried mail, freight and passengers by horse and wagon across the [Edwards Plateau](#) and dangerous [Trans-Pecos](#) region of [West Texas](#).

In 1848, businessmen in San Antonio hired [John Coffee Hays](#) to find a route to El Paso. Hays and a squad of [Texas Rangers](#) spent three and a half months on their quest but only made it as far as [Presidio](#) due to lack of food and water.

By 1849, gold-seekers wishing to get to [California](#) to stake claims were arriving in Texas and looking for opportunities to travel west. [Brevet Major General William J. Worth](#) ordered [Lieutenant William H.C. Whiting](#) and Lieutenant [William Farrar Smith](#) to find a suitable route to El Paso. They were to follow Hays' trail to Presidio and continue up the [Rio Grande](#) to El Paso. The team made it to El Paso but believed the route was unsatisfactory. On the return trip, they traveled down the Rio Grande only 100 miles then headed east for the [Pecos River](#). They followed the Pecos to [Devils River](#) and the Devils back to the Rio Grande. From there, they headed east to San Antonio.

Brevet [Brigadier General William S. Harney](#), now in command of the [army](#) in Texas after General Worth's death ordered Lieutenant Smith to accompany [Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Johnston](#) on another survey expedition to El Paso. The survey party was escorted by a [company](#) of the First Infantry. There were also six companies of the Third Infantry and a group of California bound [immigrants](#). The trail they followed to El Paso differed only slightly from Whiting and Smith's return route. This trail would become known as the Lower or Military Road and then the San Antonio-El Paso Road.

To protect people and supplies along the road from [Indians](#) and [bandits](#), a series of [fortifications](#) were established by the army. These included [Fort Inge](#), [Fort Clark](#), [Fort Lancaster](#), [Fort Stockton](#), [Fort Davis](#), [Fort Quitman](#) and [Fort Bliss](#). The road was part of the San Antonio-San Diego Mail Line. The [Butterfield Overland Mail](#) began using the Lower Road from the Pecos River to El Paso in 1859.

### References

Francell, Lawrence John. *Fort Lancaster*. Texas State Historical Association, 1999

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## Classifieds

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