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## **THE PRESIDENTS CORNER** with Red Scott

*The SASS TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP* has come and gone! From all the comments posted on the SASS Wire, the Texican Rangers once again have put on “one hell of a good shoot”. Madam Ella Moon is putting together a financial report but even without the report I can’t help but to believe our income was substantial.

There are two reasons Comancheria Days was so successful. The first reason is YOU, the members of the Texican Rangers. Without the support of the membership this shoot would not be possible. The amount of work put into our range was mind blowing. So many of you put lots of hours, sweat and even a little blood into getting the Stieler Ranch Range into shape for the shoot. Grouchy Spike put a spread sheet summary together which showed 732 hours of work and over 11,000 miles traveled by the volunteers (to and from their homes to the range) in order to get the range ready. Folks, that’s dedication to the sport and especially to the Texican Rangers. There are 40 volunteer names listed on the summary sheet and that doesn’t include those who rode as Posse Marshals and Side Match Marshals. Too many names to put on paper, however I want you to know every member of this fine club appreciates everything you did making Comancheria Days another rousing success.

The second reason for the success was the shooters. There were 293 shooters sending lead down our range. At one point we had 305 registered and as we suspected there were some last minute cancellations due to health, weather, and some unknown reasons. The best news of all, there were over 71,000 rounds of lead sent down range and no one was hurt. Captain Kirk, as EMT, said he was “bored”; it was music to my ears. Every shooter I spoke with could not say enough about how great the shoot was which caused my chest to swell with pride for the Texican Rangers.

The storm that blew in Thursday morning, I will admit got me a little nervous, but what is Comancheria Days without some freaky weather? The storm passed almost as quickly as it came and for the first time in a long time there was no blowing dust on the range. The thirsty ground soaked it right up and two hours later the sound of gunshots filled the air. Sheriff Robert Love and Dusty Lonestar thank you for working so hard at making the Texican Rangers shine.

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**COMANCHERIA DAYS LIVES ON.** Those same stages will be shot at our June shoot. For those that did not shoot the Texas State Championship I think you will enjoy the stages. They are not “stand and deliver” stages.

There is no prep work or very little needed for the June match. Folks showed up last Sunday morning and were already putting things where they belonged. Our side match is going to be the Shooting Gallery. Sheriff Love put a lot of thought and very hard work into this stage.

I think Handlebar Bob said it best when I heard him tell a shooter “it has everything you don’t want to see on a main match stage”. We will shoot 5 stages on Saturday and 5 on Sunday.

Remember, if you want to camp on the range you are welcome to join us. We have a good time visiting and enjoying some cool ice tea

The Ranch charges \$10 per day for camping. Those funds go straight to the rancher.

*Red Scott*



**HOT NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT  
THE TEXICAN RANGERS AWARD TWO  
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS:**

**Dusty Chambers** and **Handlebar Bob** have been awarded **Lifetime Memberships** in the Texican Rangers.

This is a honor that recognizes exemplary service to the club over an extended period of time.

Sheriff Robert Love and I conducted a voice poll of our members at the April shoot asking how folks would feel about awarding a Lifetime Membership to **Dusty Chambers** and **Handlebar Bob**, we got 100% support.

I have firsthand knowledge of the amount of energy both of these men have put into our club. I can say with complete confidence the Texican Rangers is the premier CAS shooting club in the State of Texas and it is in no small part to Dusty and Handlebars’ leadership. Both would tell you it was the membership that made this club what it is today, and they would be correct but I for one, and others too would tell you their leadership and knowledge put the Texican Rangers in the spot light. Blazing Saddles, I’m sorry, the “World Famous Blazing Saddles” was the brain child of **Dusty Chambers** and current and past officers and match directors will tell you that Handlebar Bob helps them to remember the “little things” that makes a shooting match go off without a major hitch.

There is so much more that could be said about each of them but space limits what can be said. I hope this will serve to let them both know how we all feel. **Dusty** and **Handlebar**, **“THANK YOU”!**

**IN OTHER NEWS:**

**Comancheria Days 2012** will once again be hosted by the Texican Rangers, however we will NOT host the SASS Texas State Championship. Quite frankly we are just plum tuckered out. We decided quite some time ago that 2011 would be the last year to host the State Match, for a while at least.

The hard work did play into the decision but it was more than that. After folks travel to the Texicans’ Range for a couple of years we felt like they would want something different and there are plenty of other fine clubs in our state who should get the chance to host the event. My sources tell me the Lone Star Shooting Club up near Cleburne, Texas has put in to host the State Match. The Texican Rangers wish them well and I am sure a number our club members will make the trek to North Texas to shoot with them.

**WELCOMING POSSE:** I am looking for some volunteers: Would you be willing to help out new shooters to our Range? Many folks come to our matches without knowing a soul and that can sometimes make them feel a little awkward. We don’t want that at the Texican Rangers! If a few shooters would step up and assist our new shooters with the registration process, posse signup sheets, general information about the range, safety issues, introduce them to a few folks and especially to a club officer, it would really be appreciated by the club. It doesn’t even have to be the same person(s) at every match, we could rotate the duty between 5 or 6 of us. Please let me know if you would help the club in this area. Thanks

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## **MORE NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**CLUB UPDATES:** We have had some gray areas in our by-laws which has come to the attention of several members including myself over the past few years. It isn't anything serious just some things that should be addressed and clarified. I have enlisted the help of **Newt Ritter, Dragon Hill Dave, and Grouchy Spike** to serve on a **By-Laws Committee** to look over the By-Laws of the Texican Rangers and update them. Once they have looked over the By-Laws and have put their recommendations on paper, any changes will be presented to the membership for their approval. I don't expect this to be done over night and would suspect it may be towards the end of the summer before they make their report available for all of us to review. Thanks cowboys, I appreciate the three of you taking on the task.

Did you see Shotgun Hammond at the Banquet? Yeah, me neither. His head and face were covered up with a camera. I asked Shotgun to take a "bunch of pictures" for the club on the range and at the banquet. It is my hope that we update our web page with some current photos and Spike tells me he can incorporate some photos into our monthly newsletter. Thank you Shotgun Hammond for taking the time and effort to do that for us. I tell you what, that man is a pretty dang good photogifer.

**Bluebonnet Sue**, who many of you met at Comancheria Days working the Shooters' Prize drawing table and the Water Wagon has agreed to serve on a committee of one. Sue has agreed to head up, and perform all the leg work for the "**Sunshine Committee**". Bluebonnet Sue will send out "**get well/thinking of you**" cards to members who may be in distress. When you are down or not feeling well sometimes just the simplest of things can brighten your day. I had met Bluebonnet before but had not had any real conversations with her until Comancheria Days. What a delightful, classy lady she is. If you know of members who may not be feeling their best, please let us know so we can send them a note from their family at the Texican Rangers. Thank you, Bluebonnet Sue.

Who can take a railroad engineers pocket watch and turn it into something spiritual? The Reverend Jackson (no, not that one) our very own Bisbee Jackson. He put on an amazing service Sunday morning at Cowboy Church. He spoke about being on "the ball", and before I knew what happened he tied everything together and I had a smile on my face along with many other folks. Great, Great job Reverend Jackson. I really hope that someday you can present that again at church.

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**THE VICE PRESIDENTS HIDEOUT**  
by Sheriff Robert Love

Thanks to Cimarron Firearms and Jack Harvey for being the match sponsor. Their support was invaluable in hosting this match.

Numerous cowboys and cowgirls worked on the side matches, and I express my gratitude for their loyal service:

The Posse Marshals did a great job guiding their posses through the match. My hat's off to them!

Plainsman	Dusty Chambers
Wild Bunch	Sheriff Robert Love
	Newt Ritter
	Dragon Hill Dave
Long Range	Old Reed
	Blue Thorn
	Texas Sarge
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	Yuma Jack
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	Dutch Van Horn
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	Gus Miller
Shooting Gallery	Sheriff Robert Love
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	Handlebar Bob
Vendor	Gunstock Smith
Coordination	Miss Cubbie
Parking	Koolhand Kel
	Dangerous Don
	SFT
	Grouchy Spike

*Sheriff Robert  
Love*



**RANGE MASTER'S CORRAL**  
by Kool Hand Kel

Howdy Folks,

I would like all Texican Rangers to know I will do my best and give 110% to keep the range a safe and clean place to shoot and have fun.

I would like to give a big thank you to Dirty Dog Dale and other folks for helping keep the targets painted and keeping the range clean.

It's going to be hot this month out on the firing range. Please drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated. If you feel weak, light headed or faint; find some shade, sit down, loosen your clothes and drink plenty of water. Don't be afraid to ask for help or assistance.

You can be safe and still have fun.

- Treat every firearm as if it was loaded.

- Point the muzzle in a safe direction/ down range.
- Point muzzle up, action open on long guns and revolvers empty when transporting from gun cart to loading table, and from unloading table to gun cart.
- Make sure someone is at the unloading table to ensure all firearms are unloaded before leaving.

Remember you can still have fun while thinking "Safety First".

God Bless You Folks,  
*Kool Hand Kel*

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## **ON THE TRAIL** with Handlebar Bob

Whew! A very successful State Match is over! My hat is off to all the Texican Rangers that worked so hard to make it a success. Now you all know that I usually list all the members of our club that attended shoots and their placings. However, I am going to defer from this practice due to the numbers that attended and the fact we are limited to space by our postulating editor. Besides, the members have been sent the results by Grouchy Spike. However, I would like to congratulate Big Iron Patnode, Dragon Hill Dave and Tombstone Mary for being named State Champs in B-Western, Classic Cowboy and Ladies 49r.

And what a change for me. For the first time in a long, long time, I was able to shoot the match while a member of a posse. I can't remember the last time I was ever able to do that at Comencheria Days. Usually I either pre-shoot the match or don't shoot at all. And you know what, it was very rewarding to shoot and enjoy the company of my posse. Thanks to all the other members that were doing the hard work that allowed me to really relax and enjoy myself. I guess I relaxed too much since I did not place well. I shot the match clean, but had a procedure on Stage One. Oh well, so much for the practice I told myself I was going to do before the match. Practice or not, I don't think I could have beat my fellow competitors in B-Western. Again, congratulations to Big Iron.

On another personal note, I would like to thank the members and especially Red Scott and the Board for bestowing upon me a life membership to the Texican Rangers. I was very proud to receive my Regulator badge from the club, but my life membership means more than anything else. It means recognition by your peers for all the years served helping the club to become one of the best Cowboy Action Clubs in the country. Again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I am so proud to be a Texican Ranger.

My space here in the Texican Star is your space. If you are going to a shoot, other than a monthly match, please let me know at the monthly match or send me an email at [bobbydehay@gmail.com](mailto:bobbydehay@gmail.com). I would like to share your experiences with the rest of our club members. If you are going to EOT in June, I wish you the best of luck and please travel safely. And remember; don't take a sleeping pill and a laxative at the same time. See ya on the trail.

*Handlebar Bob*



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## **FROM THE SADDLEBAG** by Grouchy Spike

Wow! **The State Match** is done. Well done too! What an amazing group of volunteers who gave their service during this match week to make this match successful again. Despite the effect of Thursday weather and other circumstances on the volunteer staff, those that did get to the range rode it out. Others made it when the water levels dropped.

### Here's the Rest of the Story:

Preparing the shooter's packets, or 'envelope stuffing' was handled in several stages by **Madam Ella Moon** and **Fatal Star** with help from among others **Captain Kirk**, **Kissme Kady**, **Shootin Iron Miller**, **Agarite Annie**, and **Dragon Hill Dave**. **Pinata Kid** had prepared the shooter's badge inserts, and there were several sessions of badge making. That is one tiresome and boring task, and to think that **Pinata Kid** did that alone for CD 2010.

**Kool Hand Kel**, **Dangerous Don**, and **SFT** probably had the most thankless jobs as Parking Marshals during match week, directing shooters and visitors to the 'most distant' of parking places. **Kel** and **Don** made new parking control signs, painted them yellow for visibility, and set them out.

And you should have seen how **Kool Hand Kel** and **SFT** packed the vehicles into the parking lot at the Farm Bureau banquet hall. They could get a job at a sardine cannery. Even then, some cowpokes had to park along the street, fortunately a street with little traffic.

**Kool Hand Kel** and **Dirty Dog Dale** slung paint again and again on the targets after preshoots, and after the main match so we're ready for the club match in June. **Kel** is fast catching on to this job as Range Master!

**Gunstock Smith** and **Miss Cubbie** coordinated the vendors with booth sites along the entrance road to the range, and the vendor's parking. The vendors were happy, particularly as the shooters walked the gauntlet to and from their vehicles, purchasing those necessities for cowboy shooting.

**Mal Viejo** and **Bluebonnet Sue** ran the Water Wagon with a schedule and efficiency that would make the U.S. military envious. They borrowed **Captain Gimp's** trailer and **Annie Jett's** golf wagon, and numerous ice chests to set out COLD bottled water on each stage for four days. And **Mal Viejo** arranged with **Ready Ice** for a freezer and ice AT THE RANGE. If we'd host the state match for 2012 (which we are not), I'd bet that Mal Viejo would arrange with Shell or Exxon for a fuel tanker to be parked on the range so we wouldn't have to pack 5-gallon cans of gasoline for the generators.

Speaking of generators, **Black Irish Charley** donated a Yamaha generator to the club. The club paid for a tuneup and we're in high voltage business now, thanks to Black Irish Charley.

**Captain Kirk** as EMT, and **Kissme Kady** set up his office in the shade of the picnic area. He doubled as the SASS Ambassador and Club Sage.

**Agartia Annie** and **Nueces Slim** were the 'Jacks of All Trades' for the match. **Slim** was like the Energizer bunny, always looking for something to do to help out. When he finished one job, he was ready for another. **Annie** coordinated the banquet hall, set it up, decorated it, set up the prizes and awards, and 'most important' had the beer and beverages set up for thirsty cowboys and cowgirls. They are an awesome pair!

Did you eat the gumbo at the Friday night Potluck? **Squawty Bawdy**, the cowgirl from Junction, cooked it up along with rice and cornbread for the entire crowd! Ah you missed it? Don't sweat it, we're having leftovers for lunch at the Saturday match in June. That gumbo may slow down your performance on the afternoon side matches, but it tastes so good that you won't care.

In the drawing for the **Match Worker's** award on Friday night, **Madam Ella Moon** won a shotgun. Happy shooting to her! She sez that she's ready to begin cowboy shooting, so give her some encouragement,

Almost nobody saw the Scoring Committee at work, because they were barricaded in the Headquarters and someone ran interference for them to avoid interruptions from shooters and visitors with the many questions and problems that invariable arise during a match of this size. **Pinata Kid**, **Fatal Star**, **Madam Ella Moon**, and **Shootin Iron Miller** worked tirelessly entering the scores into not one but two, yes TWO, computers. They weren't about to let a computer crash interfere with scoring!

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**No Good Nate**  
The youngest , toughest  
Texican Ranger

I didn't attend the banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday night, so I wasn't witness to the activity of **Handlebar Bob** as Master of Ceremonies. Feedback on Sunday attested to his usual performance extraordinaire on Saturday night, and his BLING!

Thanks to **Gary Dickerson** for doing the FFL transfers of guns to the winners of the raffles and drawings.

I didn't mention all the work by the **Officers** and the **Match Director, Assistant Match Director,** and the **Match Committee** prior to the match, as that work began last June. And the officers camped out at the range during match week before the match began so they handled the dozens of small details that required attention.

There is some uncertainty as to who on the Match Committee put in the most time and effort for this match, but it must surely be either **Sheriff Robert Love** as AMD and **Madam Ella Moon** as registrar. Give them a hand!

This match ran so well that **Dusty Lone Star** as MD and **Red Scott** as President were able to stand around, smile, and receive the many praises heaped on them by the shooters for the conduct of the match! It's their management that set the stage for the success of Comancheria Days 2011!

Here's more story:

**Range Workday volunteers** began working at the first workday on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Red Scott covered some of these details in his column. Let me repeat some, and add some comments. Up until match week, forty (40) Texicans contributed 122 days, 732 hours with a value of at least \$7400; drove more than 11,000 miles, burned at least 750 gallons of fuel for an estimated travel cost of more than \$5000. Total value of their contribution? Yep, just over \$12,000. What a group!

**Agarita Annie** and **Nueces Slim** put in the most days at eight (8) and drove the most total miles at 1840.

**Captain Kirk** drove the longest one-way distance to make a work day at 190 miles. Thanks, folks!

How do I know this? With a spreadsheet, I track the volunteer days, including travel distance from their house. This is a sophisticated scientific management, folks, not some fly-by-night cajodgitating!

Side Matches and Match Days were so hectic that I couldn't keep track of who was doing what. But it was a bunch, and included many who didn't shoot the match, just showed up to work.

Thank you, **Texicans!** It's an honor to be a member of this club and to be associated with you!

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Saddle up and ride on, Texicans!



*Grouchy Spike*

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**LONG-RANGE CHALLENGE** accepted by Dusty Chambers

The Willow Hole Cowboys of North Zulch, led by Def Willie and Walter Durbin, have issued a challenge to area cowboy clubs for a Long-Range match to be conducted at the WHC on July 30<sup>th</sup>. At least one team of four is needed from the Texican Rangers; two members shooting lever action and two shooting single shots.

The Willow Hold Cowboys are located on Texas 71, 17 miles east of Texas 6 in Bryan Contact me: [Dustychambers@stx.rr.com](mailto:Dustychambers@stx.rr.com) or 830-377-6331 if interested.

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**ON THE TEXICAN RANGERS CALENDAR**

**Monthly Club Match** – June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Side Match** – June 11<sup>th</sup> Shooting Gallery  
**Monthly Club Match** – July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Monthly Club Match** – August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Club Match** – September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Shindig** – October 8<sup>th</sup> – the Member’s annual  
shootout, club awards

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**ANNUAL OR SPECIAL CLUB MATCHES**

**End of Trail** – June 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Long Range Challenge** – Willow Hole – July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Battle of Plum Creek** - Plum Creek – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-2nd

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