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Saturday February 12 Spaghetti Western by Shelleen

Registration 9:00 to 9:30. Shooter's Meeting
9:45 sharp. Shoot Starts at 10:00. **Later Start!**

Andiamo, Partners! February is *Spaghetti Western Month!*

"What's the best way for a true American cowboy to relive the Old West? If you said "re-enacting Italian movies," you're correct (although there's something seriously wrong with you.) So, come out next month to celebrate the great *Spaghetti Westerns* of the 60's and 70's. We'll have scenarios from the Sergio Leone classics "*Once Upon a Time in the West*," "*Fistful of Dollars*," "*For a Few Dollars More*," and, of course, the movie named after *Lassiter, Shelleen, and Woody Duit*: "*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*." To add to the Continental theme, our own *El Paso Lee* (born in the far eastern part of Texas between France and Greece) will teach us how to say "*Reach for the sky, you sidewinder*," in Italian, and no English – or even Yankee, *Woody* – will be allowed on the shooting line. After blasting holes in all the lip-synching villains, the *Rangers* will enjoy a hearty Western chow-down: spaghetti and garlic bread, of course. It's an offer you can't refuse, *paisan!*"

Side matches will include *Long Range* and *Fastest Rifle*. Do you remember the steel boiler plate worn by Clint Eastwood in the original famous Spaghetti Western, "*Fist Full of Dollars*"? How fast and accurate can you dump your rifle rounds on that steel plate and still not kill the blonde stranger? Find out!

February 27 - Texican Rangers 4th Sunday Match

Registration 9:00 to 9:30. Shooter's Meeting
9:45 sharp. Shoot Starts at 10:00. Later start.

The main match will reheat the Spaghetti Western leftovers from the scenarios of the 2nd Saturday of February Match. Same for side matches, another attempt to kill the blonde headed stranger wearing that boiler plate impervious to Winchester rifle bullets. Heh, heh, heh! Ain't it great!

Change of Time Schedule for Monthly Texican Ranger Matches

Texican Ranger Matches for FEBRUARY and MARCH only will begin ONE HOUR LATER.

Registration 9:00 to 9:30. Shooter's Meeting 9:45 sharp. Shoot Starts at 10:00.

Starting later will allow for warmer beginnings and pleasant afternoons for members to have more fun. This will include the FOUR matches scheduled for February 12 and 27 and March 5 and 20.

For MARCH, the first shoot of the month has been moved from the 2nd Saturday to the 1st Saturday. Several of our officers and members will be at the State Championship scheduled the 2nd Saturday. We will support them by rolling back one week for these Rangers that "*ride hard for the brand*" and volunteer to cook, clean up, set up targets and produce our monthly matches.

The 4th Sunday Match has been changed to the 3rd Sunday, March 20, due to Easter being the 27th.

The APRIL MATCH will be *Comancheria Days* and will have it's own unique time scheduling.

The 4th SUNDAY in APRIL Match and **all of MAY** will go back to the regular 9:00 a.m. start time.

Registration 8:00 to 8:30. Shooter's Meeting 8:45 sharp. Shoot Starts at 9:00.

JUNE thru OCTOBER our matches will begin even earlier:

Registration 7:00 to 7:30. Shooter's Meeting 7:45 sharp. Shoot Starts at 8:00.

The earlier starting time for the summer matches will allow folks to take advantage of the Cooler morning temperatures and enjoy the match and have more fun.

Elections 2005 by Lassiter

Elections for Officers of the *Texican Rangers* will be held at the monthly match on May 14, 2005. Usually we have elections each April but, this year elections will be held at the 2nd Saturday Shoot - in May. "*Comancheria Days*" will take place the 2nd Saturday in April and with all the guests that date would not be conducive to holding a vote.

Anyone wishing to take a leading position for the *Rangers*, please submit your name and the position for which you want to run. Elected positions are open to any member in good standing that would like a leadership position in the *Texican Rangers.* Positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Range Officer are open each year. More than one person may run for a position.

I have had the pleasure of being your President for the last three years and have had the distinct pleasure of having great people help make many positive changes in the club - *Red Scott & Fatal Star* as Secretary, *Quintana* as Vice President, *Dusty Chambers & Laramie Lorraine* as Secretary, *Shelleen* as Treasurer, *Woody Duit* as Range Officer, *Jonah Stark* as Vice President. Step up and be a leader of a great organization.

Work Session - Next Date Saturday February 5 by Woody Duit

Preparation for *Comancheria Days* began with the Jan. 15th work session. We had a great turn out of volunteers. A lot was accomplished thanks to the folks coming out to help. We began cleaning up the *Boothill* grave yard, repairing fence and clearing pathways. We hung a new church bell for the *Mission.* We modified the windows of the *Caboose of the Train* by dropping the windows lower by about 6 inches. This should be a welcome improvement for the ladies. We firmed up our plans for building the *new Privy House.* The plans call for a room approximately 6' X 6' on skids with a roof. *The Privy House* will include ample dressing room and privy space. We still need some lumber and

supplies, so bring your scraps and we'll put them to good use. Special thanks to *Jonah, Will Peso Two Shot Tex, Sassy Hatter, Double Dare, Dusty Chambers, Cyanide Kwiken Lethal, Blue Thorn, Dirty Dog Dale, Madam Ella Moon, Doc Schofield, Chic Bowdre, and Woody*, for the helping hand.

To encourage folks to help prepare for and be a part of *Comancheria Days*, we are offering a Worker Drawing. Qualifying workers will be eligible to win a "Lassiter Thunder Holster Rig". Workers will get to practice shooting plus we'll have some free 'Grub' at lunch. The subsequently scheduled Saturday work session dates are: February 5, February 19, March 19, March 26th. Any donated building materials will be appreciated.

Comancheria Days 2005 - April 7 -10 theme: "OPEN RANGE"

Match dates are now April 7-10, 2005. Initially, in the December *Texican Star*, we announced a March date. Several things happened causing us to make a change. The ad in the "*Cowboy Chronicle*" and the flier handed out to all shooters at the January match is correct.

We will be shooting 10 stages Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9. Side matches will run Thursday afternoon, April 7, including several exciting events noted on the flier for *Comancheria Days*. The Awards Ceremony will be held at "**the Inn of the Hills**" in Kerrville. This is the same location as last year. *Shelleen* will once again do his magic as "**Master of Ceremonies**", *Two Shot Tex* will be **Match Director** in charge of putting on the match and keep things going. *Ima Gutshooter* is **Match Coordinator** and is mailing fliers to all Texas clubs to boost attendance. *Miss Gutshooter* is roundin' up a whole passel of *Vendors* for your "**SASS**" pleasure, for those folks belongin' to the *Single Action Shoppin' Society*. *Otherwise, if you vant ta be a vendor, call Ima!*

The extra special facilities of the *Inn of the Hills* provide shooters and guests with a first class, sit-down, served dinner in luxurious style. Plan to be part of the festivities and sign up for a great shooting experience.

Be lookin' in the January and February *SASS Cowboy Chronicles* for advertisements for *Comancheria Days*. A registration form for *Comancheria Days* is included in this issue of the *Texican Star*. You may also find a form on the *Texican Ranger.com* Website and on flyers at the matches. Pre-registration is to March 31. After March 31, registration will still be accepted with a \$20 late fee up to April 9. Be apart of the action. Come on along and sign up in advance, register before March 31.

Chuck Box Fixins *By Quintana*

January 7 first match of the year - Big thanks to the cooks *Dirty Dog Dale, Madam Ella Moon, Kissme Kady* and *Sassy Hatter*. They all had their hands in the stew. Sure was great venison chili and home made tamales. Thanks to *Dirty Dog Dale* for donatin' the venison and then cookin' it for us.

January 23rd - Fourth Sunday Match - Well, the cooks are at it again. *Dirty Dog* is serving up some pipin' hot venison barley soup and sandwiches. Y'all be there now!

February 12 - Andiamo, Pardners! Spaghetti Western Month! You guessed it. Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and ice tea. *Quintana* will be donatin' boodles of smoked sausage to go with the oodles of noodles. Give them cooks a big hearty thanks. You jist never know what goes in the chili. It sure tastes a plum bit better with a smile.

RANGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING DESERTS TO SHARE AT OUR TABLE.

A pre-shooters meeting morning pastry or a tasty snack for chasing down your lunch shorenuf puts smiles on faces. Stop by the bakery and pick sumpin up to bring to the range.

Texican Star - News Letter Distribution - E-mail & Website

Newsletters will come to members via e-mail. **Folks without computers will still get a mailed copy.** Eliminating as much postages as possible will help us reduce club expenses. In the past, scores were e-mailed to members prior to newsletter mailings. We're improving that even more. Scores from a weekend match will be posted on **TexicanRangers.com** website the week following the match. Normally those scores will be available on Monday.

Brass & Hull Pick-up: Need a helpin' hand. On your last stage at each match, it would be appreciated if each Posse will pick up all remaining shotgun hulls and any brass remaining on the ground. On occasion that *1911's* are used on the range or *.22 caliber firearms*, please pick up brass.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to the vast majority of *Texican Rangers* who have completed your membership renewal. For those who have not yet completed your membership renewal, we would greatly appreciate your prompt completion of the renewal form and waiver on the last page of this letter. Please return the completed form by mail to the club address. Otherwise, please bring the form to the next match. **Please include your E-MAIL address for communication.** This can help save around \$800 per year.

January 8 Match Congratulations To 84 sharp shootin' cowpokes enjoyed absolutely perfect weather and some fun stages. The air was cool and in a true Cowboy fashion, some folks wore their "Cowboy Legwarmers"....Chaps. Thanks for dressin' the part. Special recognition went to *Barbary Coast* for best dressed "*Wooly Chaps*". *Gus Miller* really needed to shave his legs or quit hangin' roun them blasted sheep.

Scores for all participants are attached in the printed distribution of the *Texitan Star*. Electronically transmitted newsletters do not include the score sheets. They may be downloaded or viewed from the **TEXICANRAGNERS.COM web site.** Side matches included **Long Range** and "*Cowboy Long Range*", shooting pistol caliber rifles and pistols. Two pistols at 20 and 50 yards, rifle at 75 and 100.

TOP 10 SHOOTERS OVERALL : *You are tops!*

(1) *Lassiter Thunder* (2) *Calvin C. Hobbs* (3) *Travelin Jones*
Tied for (4) *Barbary Coast* and *Alley* (6) *Dusty Chambers* (7) *Reverend Trinity*
(8) *Picosa Kid* (9) *Kettlemam* and (10) *Three Lefts*

January 8 match CLEAN SHOOTERS: shot the entire match plum clean. Listed by rank:
Lassiter Thunder (1), Shelleen (30), Texas Ghostmaker (32), Mr. Vester (42), Scooter (47)
DARW, missed one target: Calvin C. Hobbs (2), Barbary Coast (4), Doc Scholfield (23)

CLASS WINNERS: *Folks, you sure done good!.....*

Grand Dame: <i>Candy Sweet Stuff</i>	Elder Statemen: <i>Cyanide Kwicken Lethal</i>
Ladies Senior: <i>where were you Lady Rico?</i>	Mens Senior: <i>Alley</i>
Ladies 49r: <i>Pepper Jacq</i>	Mens 49r: <i>Lassiter Thunder</i>
Ladies Traditional: <i>Kissme Kady</i>	Mens Traditional: <i>Calvin C. Hobbs</i>
Ladies Modern: <i>Barbary Coast</i>	Mens Modern: <i>Reverend Trinity</i>
Junior Girl: <i>Where's your girl?</i>	Junior Boy: <i>The Nefew</i>
Frontiersman: <i>L.W. Hannabass</i>	Buckaroo Boy: <i>teach that grandson gun safety</i>
Frontier Crtrdg: <i>Abilene</i>	Mens Duelist: <i>Handlebar Bob</i>
Front.Crtrdg. Duelist: <i>Sombrero Negro</i>	Mens Senior Duelist: <i>Woody Duit</i>
Classic Cowboy: <i>Yuma Jack</i>	Gunfighter: <i>Lars Christopherson</i>

Long Range Side Match For August 14: Congratulations to 1ST place winners:

Ladies Single Shot Supported..... *Ima Gutts shooter*
Ladies Single Shot Un-Supported..... *Ima Gutts shooter*

Mens Single Shot Un-Supported..... *Gimpy James*
Mens Single Shot Supported*Dusty Chambers*..... **Shot It Clean**
Mens Big Bore Lever Un-Supported .. *Nasty Jack Wolf*
Mens Big Bore Lever Supported *Jonah Stark*..... **Shot It Clean**

Please see the “Billy Dixon” Long Range Score Sheet for all participant rank listings.

Welcome New *Texican Rangers*

Give the lady a big hand shake when your trails cross:

Shirley J. McMillan, *alias Indian Jane* from Bandera Texas

New SASS Rules by Lassiter, Territorial Governor

During the *SASS Convention* in Las Vegas (Lost Wages) in December, the *Territorial Governors* met to vote on proposed rule changes. Most had to do with allowing proposed new guns as legal for *SASS* competition. Another had to do with footwear. On the footwear issue, they just wimped out to keep from offending shooters. The proposal was to outlaw any footwear with exposed lug-type soles that could be seen from the side. That part was dropped and instead voted only to restrict all types of athletic shoes regardless of material. This is obviously ambiguous – what constitutes ‘athletic’ and what is OK? Footwear is one area that the sport has strayed from the cowboy way to make the shooter run faster. Lots of high-tech mountain climbing boots and leather running shoes are seen on the line. Due to the watered down version no significant changes will be seen. This one needed to have more teeth in it so we could keep the *game of Cowboy true to Cowboy tradition*. Hats off to all shooters with actual Cowboy boots and a big ‘atta-boy’ to those with spurs a-jingling. Dress is a major part of our sport and helps build the character the shooter is developing that is part of the shooter’s persona.

One significant issue had to do with **eliminating the double jeopardy of a miss and a procedural if a shooter fires from the wrong location**. In the past, if a shooter cocked a firearm from the wrong place, he had to expend that round, move to the proper place to finish the target sequence. The shooter would get a miss for the shot fired and a procedural for shooting in the wrong place = 15 second penalty (10 seconds for the procedural and 5 for the miss). With the new ruling, the shooter now can expend that first round from the wrong location, move without cocking the firearm to the correct location to complete the target sequence, reload a round after the gun is empty and if he hits all the targets, no miss will be assessed. The shooter will only be penalized for a procedural. However, if you don’t reload a round and make up the shot, you still get the procedural and the miss. Target order is crucial on this issue. The counter/spotters will need to concentrate to insure correct assessment. This rule goes into effect at *End of Trail 2005*, so there will be more info in future newsletters.

Bill Cody - Billy Dixon Buffalo Stampede Sharpshooter Match by Dusty Chambers

The Bill Cody - Billy Dixon Match is set for Sunday, April 3. Starting 9 a.m, registration at 8:30.

There will be 4 categories:

Cody Big Bore Lever, Pistol Duelist

Dixon Big Bore Single Shot, Pistol Duelist

Cody Big Bore Lever, Traditional Pistol

Dixon Big Bore Single Shot, Traditional Pistol

We will use our pistols and shotguns as normal. **Rifle will be big bore only at targets up to 125 yards**. We will shoot 6 stages with 6 big bore shots per stage, 10 pistol and 4 shotgun.. Pistol targets may be a few feet farther out than normal. 10 second miss penalties. We will use the *Train, Saloon* and *Mission* stage areas. Each stage will be shot a second time each with a different scenario.

Folks that want to shoot and don't have a big bore rifle can make arrangements to borrow or share. If you don't have a friend to share rifles with contact *Dusty Chambers* or *Jonah Stark*. There will be 1st place awards for each category. I am planning to do scores during the match, awards to be presented at end of match. If you share a big bore rifle with someone, the cost of the ammo should be offered. The long range Directors (*Dusty, Jonah*) have extra big bore lever guns and ammo. We need to know

before the match if you want to shoot and need to borrow. The cost of the ammo is 25 cents per shot. **Jonah** is cutting some targets into a buffalo shape for us. No afternoon side match planned, but is open for discussion at lunch time. Normal match fees of \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Lunch will be served for \$5. Lunch will be grilled sausage with hoggie buns, chips and desert. Ice tea too.

Squib Loads by Jonah Stark

We started off 2005 with a great shoot. Everyone had a good time. Long range had 14 shooters, most of whom fired in more than one category.

We also started the year out with several squib loads on one of the posses. Squib loads not only cause frustration to the shooter that experiences the squib, they have the real possibility of being dangerous to both the shooter and the bystanders. A fast shooter could very easily fire another round on top of the squib before the Timer could stop him. The result can be a bulge in the barrel or a blown up gun. As a reloader, it is incumbent upon you to take every precaution to avoid having a squib load.

There are really only two reasons for a squib load. The most common is failure to have powder in the case, duh! Another less likely reason but it does happen, is storing loaded ammunition in a hot area, locked auto out in the hot sun, where bullet lubricant will melt and kill the powder charge. Now it takes quite a bit of melted lube to kill a powder charge, but with the very light powder charges that are being used, it is a possibility and we should avoid leaving ammunition out in the sun or in a hot area.

A third reason for a squib, but rare, is a primer that was very weak and failed to properly ignite the powder charge. If the primer fires at all, most likely the powder charge will ignite. You may have a hang fire or a lighter than normal “bang”, but the bullet will most likely exit the barrel. Generally, either the primer fires normally or it doesn’t fire at all which is then just a dud round.

So, that leaves us with the no powder in the case and how to avoid it. Now I may get a lot of argument on this one, but in my opinion, there is no excuse for failure to have powder in the case. If you are loading on a single stage press, you have to either weigh each powder charge or use a powder measure to dispense the powder. In either case, you have the ability and the responsibility to look into each case and verify that the powder charge is present. The best way to do this is to charge all cases and place them in a loading block. Then, look down the rows of charged cases. A case with no powder or a case with a double charge will stick out like a sore thumb.

Now we come to the progressive press. If you are going to load on a progressive press, then you should have a powder check die or a lock out die in the press to verify that the powder charge is present. RCBS and Dillon both have these dies and I believe that Hornady has one also. The RCBS powder check die requires you to visually note the indication of the powder charge. The Dillon has a buzzer that will sound if the powder charge is not proper. Better than either of these is the RCBS lock out die. If the powder is absent or has a double charge, the die will stop the press until you correct the powder problem. The most popular progressive presses have enough stations available to allow you to use a powder checking die. The Lee Pro 1000, has only three stations so there is no station available for a powder check die. On this press, I advise you to take the time to look into the case at the powder measure station to assure that the powder is there. Most powder measures used with progressive presses are reliable, but sometimes the operator of the press fails to refill the powder measure on time.

The above applies to the metallic cartridge presses. I am not familiar with enough of the shotshell presses to cover them. However, as a reloader, you should do whatever is necessary to assure that each shotshell has powder present. *‘Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down.*

The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp by Quintana

Lasso up a child or grandchild and introduce the little varmint to **Hugh O’Brian** playing the legendary lawman *Wyatt Earp* on *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*. Premiering **4PM CST**

Saturday February 5, the cable channel *TV Land* rolls out a batch of crispy restored episodes of this late-1950s classic. A product of the '50s, and as such, **O'Brian** plays *Wyatt Earp* as a noble good guy. A fine example of the TV Western, a genre now long gone, where the bad guys die but don't bleed.

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Bustles and Buckskins by Pepper Jacq

Ladies, if you are a '*Cowgirl Action Shooter*', its high time you take a close look at your *shootin' rig*. How well does it fit you and does it help you are detract from yur shootin' abilities? Lookin' period correct is good. Havin' a well fit rig is essential. We paraphrase **Susan Laws**, a.k.a. *Aimless Annie* from her feature story "*Calling All Cowgirls*" in the July 2003 issue of *Woman's Outlook*. *Annie* writes "Enter the modern leather craftsman who can create the look of yesteryear in any size or style. Historically, the common holster rig was NOT designed to accommodate the female figure so a little poetic license may be taken. The low-slung buscadero rig, for example, was not in the *Old West* until **Roy Rogers** and the rest of the *Silver Screen cowboys* put it there. The design, however, lends itself to the contour of a woman's hip and is frequently seen on the CAS range."

A two gun buscadero rig with out the cross draw can be a good decision for safety, effective gun control and expedient gun transition. By having the holsters lower on the belt, as is the case with a buscadero, some of us short-waisted shooters have more room to clear the holster and we aren't pointin' our elbows up in the air while drawin' the pistol up into our armpits. Besides, drawing, reholstering and transition between guns becomes more fluid and proficient. Do away with the cross draw and save time and avoid sweepin' yur friends with that smoke wagon. Besides the belt fits nice.

Cowboy Huntin' Expedition and New Year's Eve Bunk House Party

A saga of Western folklore from the "Bull Shoot Saloon":

Long bout December 31st a couple of serious *Cowboy Action Shooters* took their '66 and '73 Winnies and embarked on a memorable huntin' trip up along the Frio where them waters meander roun a river bottom filled with Mother Nature's great cornucopia of wildlife. Soe's not to embarrass 'em, wee'l refer to these adventurers as **Sgt. Quincannon** and *Two Dogs, the Trusty Indian Scout*, the latter known for his skills in readin' sign and trackin'.

This pair of hunters rolled into huntin' camp bout mid-afternoon. *Trusty Scout, Two Dogs*, with hand over eyebrows, spied the dark forebodin' clouds and grunted "**Bad Sign**"! Twistin' his head to the side and ganderin' upward, **Sgt. Quincannon** took note of the roilin' billows of thunder clouds and with an upturned lip, barked orders to his trusty Scout, "*Would yuh be helpin' me now, its time we best be heftin' these here baker's dozen or so bags o' corn outta me wagon and be storin' 'em in the dry bunkhouse here.*" Sure as blazes, the thundershowers soon deluged upon the bottom land bout the river, soakin' it boot deep in mud. **Quincannon** asked, "*Can yuh swim, Two Dogs, me boy?*"

The two adventurers scampered off to the great huntin' grounds of the river bottom that had been frequented by hunters for some 5000+ years or more. A ramshackle shanty of a deer blind, well hidden in the woods, provided shelter from the storm and a clear view of many trails ventured upon by various forms of nature's wildlife. Tween "cat knaps", a sudden rumble started to *quake* it self loose. **Two Dogs** grunted "**Bad Sign**"!, as **Sgt Quintanan** began to feel the rath of *Cooky's Venison Chili*.

After a mad dash off ta the edge of the Frio and hunkerin' down to the call of nature, **Sgt Quincannon** happened ta notice, while surmizin' the geography immediately 'neath his feet and close-up, the freshly made deep depression of tracks of a full grown *cougar*. "**Bad Sign**"! Tracks in squished mud with rain water yet uncollected in the track....*fresh*. *Now where was that Winchester?* Darn, back in the deer blind. Definitely, a "**Bad Sign**"!

From some dark place only imagined in our greatest fears came the sound of a *blood curdlin' screamin' banchi*. A screachin'- howlin' scream of a hungry mountain lion. *The hair on the back of*

mah neck was reachin' fer the sky! Then, all of dern sudden, the woods cross the river **CRACKED** like a passel of Winchester's and a giant doe, at least 8 foot tall, came crashin' through the brush an dern near jumped the river in one bound, hoeffin' mud into the air an high tailed it outta sight, as white tail deer are known to do. Time ta run like the devil his-self was afta yuh! Well... yuh jist don't move very far makin' tracks with yur britches down roun yur ankles. Besides, layin' face down in the mud trippin' over yurself ain't a purty sight. Aye, this was a black day!

Besides wearin' a gleamin' coat of river bottom, **Sgt Quincannon** had fallen into a bovine land mine. Next venture was ta the windmill and a plunge into the mucky green waters and aromatic vapors of the cement stock tank, clothes and all. Whilst dunkin' beneath the waters and scrubbin' away, ole eagle eye, trusty scout **Two Dogs**, happened ta notice a strange object floatin' just below the surface of the mucky green waters. Starin' back up was a half-green/half gray week old dead possum. **"Bad Sign"!**

Backta the deer blind and a dryin' out. Bout dark, came the squealin' and thrashin' bout the brush. The pig family was comin' ta dinner. **Sgt Quincannon** and **Two Dogs** filled the evenin' air with the flash of burnin' powder and worked those levers. When the smoke cleared, one of them pigs was runnin' roun in circles an squealin' up a fright. Work those levers again and go night blind fer bout 30 secons from the firy flash of splodin' ammo. No more squealin'! Close inspechun revealed a plum stinky ole bore shot clean through the head long with bein' gut shot. That *hairy rascal* was zipped open cross the gut like a can opener. **"Bad Sign"!**

Wrestlin' with a 225 pound hog in the dark with a dull knife and a half burnt out light is a memorable experience. Not sure who won the smell contest that evenin', **Sgt. Quincannon** or *the pig*. Bout the time they had that hog strung up and commenced ta cuttin', the beam on that there light went ta droopin' purt sorry like. Trusty ole scout **Two Dogs** made an interestin' obserevashun, **"Bad Sign"!**

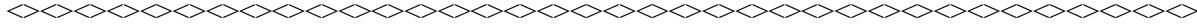
Roundin' the camp road, lights from the wagon shined onto the bunk house and showed what looked like that yellar brick road from that Wizard movie. The screen door of the bunk house was hangin' bout half sideways danglin' from the top hinge and a trail of corn was strewn clear out the door. **"Bad Sign"!**

The crafty hunters bounded out and shown what was left of their flashlights into the bunk house through the screen door. Lookin' back at them in complete stillness and absolute silence from near darkness was bout 16 glowin' eyeballs. Reachin' in an turnin' on the lectric light set off a thunderous havoc of scramblin' critters runnin' in ever' direction. Behold, there was three litl squealin' pigs that purtnear run us over makin' tracks fer the door takin' out what was left of the screen in the door frame.

Now, them pigs is smart. Pigs don't stay long after dinner, they know better'n ta hang roun longnuff ta get called for cleanup duty. But, jist yuh try to git them bandits to leave. **Sgt. Quincannon** raised his thunderous voice *"Be gittin' on with yuh now, yuh varmints, skeedaddle!"* Raccoons are unwelcome guests that don't wanta pass up a good time dinner party. Those 5 varmints tore roun that bunk house, up the walls, over the top bunks, under the bottom bunks and plum shredded the curtains. You think they know'd where the door was? Heck NO! Tryin' ta round-up those varments was like tryin' to herd cats. By midnight, ever' one of them corn bags, long with them brand new sleepin' bags, was shredded and torn to smithierines. The floor of the bunk house was plumb full of waves of yellow.

Looks like someone jist had way too much fun, a wild *loco* party. After all, it was News Year's Eve. Come ta think of it, we was late fer the party. Them uninvited guests done started the ***New Year's Eve Bunk House Party*** early and without us. Vittles stored for the evenin' New

Year Eve supper was half eaten and scattered or smeared about the bunk house floor or stuck to the danglin' torn curtains. And the two bottles of *"who shot john"* was broken and partially lapped up by some critter feelin' no pain! Them raccoons was a fair judge of *good whiskey*. Reckon *Ole Two Dogs* called it right. *"Bad Sign!"*



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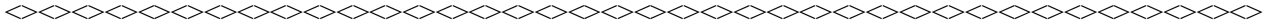
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Rustic Verse Lassos Spirit Of Old West

Being a cowboy poet means more
than finding a word to rhyme with
"yup," "git-along" or "pardner."

It means capturing the spirit of the
Old West.

"There isn't anybody else who can
represent us and speak to who we are,"
said **Wallace McRae**, a rancher from
Forsyth, Montana. "so we do it ourselves."

It was at the first "**Cowboy Poetry Gathering**"
founded in the small, isolated northeastern
Nevada town of Elko, in the dead of winter
way back in 1985, that **Wallace McRae**
said that cowboy poets capture the truth
behind *Old West* myths. One way is through
h humor, an element in his classic,
"**Reincarnation**," which helped establish
his reputation.

The closing section reads:

In a while the grass'll grow upon yer
rendered mound.

Till some day on yer moldered grave
a lonely flower is found.

And say a hoss should wander by and
graze upon the flower that once wuz you,
but now's become yer vegetative bower.

The posey that the hoss done ate up, with
his other feed, makes bones, and fat, and
muscle essential to the steed.

But some is left that he can't use and so

it passes through and finally lays upon the ground, this thing that once wuz you.

Then say, by chance, I wanders by and sees this upon the ground, and I ponders, and I wonders at this object that I found.

I thinks of reincarnation, of life, and death, and such, and come away concludin' *Slim*, you ain't changed all that much.

**TEXICAN RANGERS
2005 WAIVER/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL**

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Address: _____ City: _____

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Annual Dues: \$24.00 per person / \$48.00 family max. (prorated by month) \$ _____

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This is a legal and binding obligation from date of signature to 31 December 2005, inclusive.

Signature _____ Date _____

2005 CALENDAR ALL TR matches include a Long Range Big Bore Side Match

- Feb 05 – Saturday Range Improvement Work Day
- Feb 12 – *Texican Rangers* Second Saturday *Spaghetti Western* Match plus *Fastest Rifle* side match
- Feb 16-20 – “Winter Range” - Phoenix Arizona
- Feb 19 – Saturday Range Improvement Work Day
- Feb 24-27 – “Long Horn Crossing” – *Tejas Pistoleros* - Eagle Lake Texas
- Feb 27 – *Texican Rangers* Fourth Sunday Match –Replay *Spaghetti Western Days*
- Mar 05 – 1st Saturday (NOT 2nd Saturday) – *Texican Rangers* Main Match (a week earlier)
- Mar 10-13 – SASS Texas State Championship –“Jail Break”–*Oakwood Outlaws* Oakwood Tex.
- Mar 19 – Saturday Range Improvement Work Day
- Mar 20 – 3rd Sunday (NOT 4th Sunday) *Texican Rangers* Match (Easter is 4th Sunday)
- Mar 26 – Saturday Range Improvement Work Day
- April 03 – Bill Cody - Billy Dixon Buffalo Stampede Sharpshooter & Cowboy Action Match
- April 7-10 – *Texican Rangers* “Comancheria Days” plus lots of side matches.**
- April 24 – *Texican Rangers* Fourth Sunday Match with “Wild Bunch” Side Match
- April 30 – *Texican Rangers* 5th Saturday “No Whiners Match”
- April 27-May 1 – SASS “End of Trail” Founders Ranch New Mexico**

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