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Hello Texican Rangers



Well, the 2019 SASS Texas State Championship – The 24th edition of Comancheria Days is over. I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who played a part in putting on the championship for the enjoyment of all the shooters and for the benefit of the club.

Comancheria Days Highlights:

- 303 shooters
- 42 classes
- 158 buckles awarded
- Lowest winning total time score: 160.58 seconds
- 5 shooters total time was less than 180 seconds
- Over 260 for dinner Friday night
- Over 320 for the banquet Saturday night
- 39 clean shooters
- 2 SASS Officials attended

Comancheria Days was an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones.

The positive comments that I heard during the match were usually how well the match was running, what a great range we have or how much fun they were having. Each of these comments is thanks to the Texican Rangers who volunteered setting up the range, and the folks involved in running the match. I firmly believe that the Texican Rangers is one of the finest clubs in SASS shooting at a world-class facility.

Looking forward on the calendar to our shoot in May. I will have new stages for the shoot.

Its 5 months till the Picnic, and 11 months to the 25th edition of Comancheria Days 2020! I can't wait.

Good Shooting

A.D.

President

Never Let an Engineer Name Anything By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The Colt Single Action Army also known as the Single Acton, Army, SAA, Model P, Peacemaker, M1873, and Colt .45 is one of the most famous handguns in the world. When it first came out it was a true innovation.

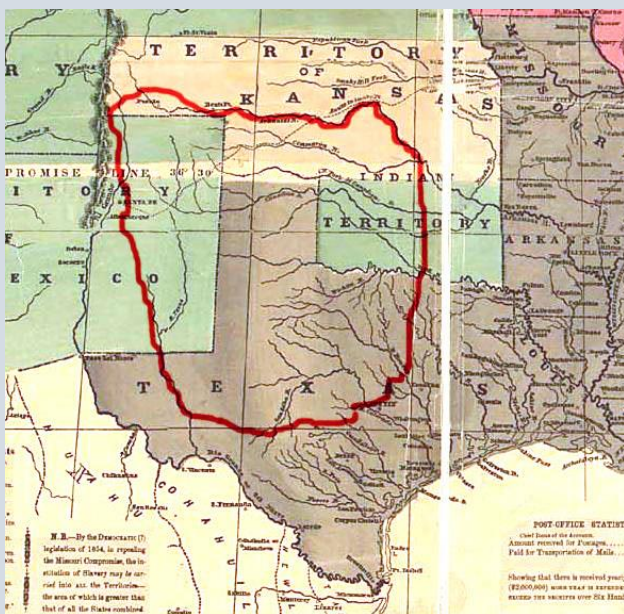
The Engineers did such a fine job on the design but when it came to coming up with a name for the new revolver, not so much.

In the beginning they labeled it the “New Strap Pistol”. The strap being the top strap connecting the two parts of the frame. This was something new for a Colt.

Well “New Strap Pistol” doesn't roll of the tong so next they tried to be more technical and renamed the gun the “New Model Army Metallic Cartridge Revolving Pistol.” If that name had stuck, then we would be the New Model Army Metallic Cartridge Revolving Pistol Shooting Society or NMAMCRPSS. SASS is a lot better.

Thank goodness they finally settled on Single Action Army. To the old west it soon became known as the Frontier, the Equalizer, the Model P and most famously, the Peacemaker.

What is the Meaning of Comancheria? By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Comancheria literally means Comanche land. It is the region of New Mexico west Texas and nearby parts of Kanas and modern-day Oklahoma that was occupied by the Comanche before the 1860s.

The Comanche struck with the ferocity of a thunderstorm on the open prairie. Once they were a relatively feeble tribe, dwelling in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Until, that is, they came into possession of horses. And so, it was that seemingly out of nowhere, they emerged as an unstoppable force, the greatest light cavalry ever seen in the western hemisphere and perhaps the world. They called themselves Numunuu, “the people.” Their Ute cousins called them Kumantsi, “someone who wants to fight me all the time.” The Spanish called them, “Comanche” which literally means enemy.

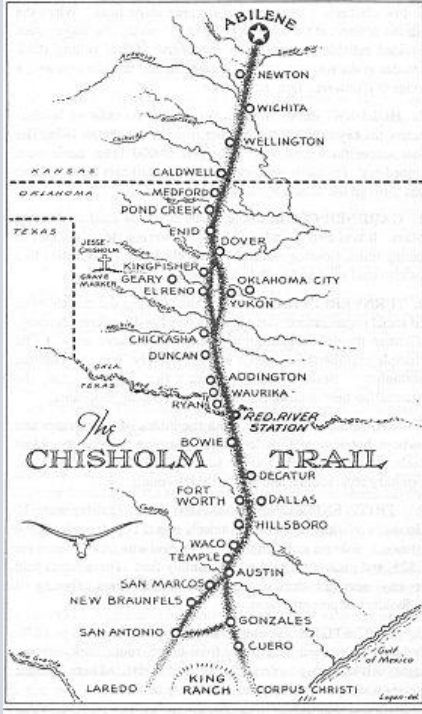
Between 1700 and 1800 these “lords of the southern plains” carved an immense empire stretching from modern-day Kansas, to the Rio Grande, and from the Rocky Mountain foothills of Colorado and New Mexico, to east Texas. This vast swath of the southwest that became known as “Comancheria.”

We are talking about 250,000 square miles of rising hills, mountains, plains and rivers that belonged to the Comanche Nation. Entering this area was considered an act of war by the Comanche tribe so only the very brave would do so.

There were no census numbers to compare but it is thought when Stephen Austin, in 1825, brought the first 300 American families to settle in Texas that the Comanche Nation may have numbered around 60,000.

Early settlers came to Texas through Louisiana and they settled south or east of Comancheria.

Look at a map. Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Laredo are all outside of Comancheria.



Have you ever noticed that the cattle drives were designed to go around Comancheria? The Chisholm Trail clearly show this.

Without resources for a standing army, Texas created small ranger companies mounted on fast horses to pursue and fight Comanches on their own terms. Eventually armed with the first Colt revolvers, the Texas Rangers enjoyed considerable success against Comanches during the 1840s. However, President Sam Houston wanted peace, not war, and he was trusted by Comanches. A treaty between the Republic of Texas and Texas Comanches was signed October 1845 and ratified in December. It established a line of trading houses which would later function as the line between Texas and Comancheria.

Fredericksburg is clearly in Comancheria. The Texican Rangers names its yearly match Comancheria Days to signify a time of high adventure in Texas.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Comancheria Days are over, and I would like to thank Little Bit Sassy, Miss Luci, Bama Sue, Madam Ella Moon and Shooting Iron Miller for all their help.

We only have May, June, July and August matches that will count towards this year’s annual awards. You must shoot 5 matches in one category to qualify.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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Tombstone Mary

Comacheria Days 2019, SASS Texas State Championships Club Member Results

ALIAS	CATEGORY	PLACE	OVERALL
Alamo Andy	B Western	2	13
Reverend Trinity	B Western	4	49
Wild Bill McMasters	B Western	6	303
Panhandle Cowgirl	B Western Lady	1	24
Frank Longshot	Cattle Baron	3	108
Bison Jim	Cattle Baron	7	189
Texas Terror	Cattle Baron	13	280
Brazos Bo	Classic Cowboy	3	50
Burly Bill Brocius	Classic Cowboy	5	128
Hoolihan	Classic Cowboy	11	216
Three Fingered Dutchman	Cody Dixon Lever	9	229
Blacky Vela	Cody Dixon Single Shot	2	264
Nueces Slim	Cody Dixon Single Shot	3	268
Col. Callan	Cody Dixon Single Shot	7	287
Waterloo	Cowboy	4	28
Tejas Kid	Cowboy	8	120
Hey You	Cowgirl	1	9
Paisley	Cowgirl	3	73
Shooting Iron Miller	Cowgirl	6	152
Doc O'Bay	Duelist	2	99
Mad Dog McCoy	Duelist Frontier Cartridge Sr.	4	151
Scooter	Duelist Frontier Cartridge Sr.	5	249
Bessie James	Duelist Lady	5	233
Newt Ritter	Duelist Senior	5	145
Handlebar Bob	Duelist Silver Senior	2	105
Firefly Judd	Duelist Silver Senior	8	272
Jasper	El Patron	3	277
Skyhawk Hans	Elderstatesman	4	29
Sheriff Robert Love	Elderstatesman	9	95
Asup Sleeve	Elderstatesman	12	160
Badlands Bruce	Elderstatesman	14	191
Bisbee Jackson	Elderstatesman	15	199
Sauk Valley Sam	Elderstatesman	17	219
Crazy Clyde	Elderstatesman	20	261
Major Samuel Clayton	Elderstatesman	21	263
Manchaca Kid	Forty Niner	3	21
San Gabriel	Forty Niner	8	72
Crooked Creek Sam	Forty Niner	11	124
Aiyana Kay	Forty Niner Lady	7	248
Preacher Kid	Frontier Cartridge	1	2
Whiskey Kid	Frontier Cartridge	2	33
Hopalong Herbert	Frontier Cartridge Senior	2	97
Abilene	Frontier Cartridge Senior	6	161
Wildcat Bob	Frontiersman	2	122

Yuma Jack	Frontiersman	4	171
July Smith	Frontiersman	5	186
Bama Sue	Grand Dame	6	265
Charlie Reynolds	Gunfighter Senior	4	125
Shootin Steel	Senior	3	74
T Bone Paul	Senior	4	75
Marshal Jamison	Senior	8	135
A.D.	Senior	9	159
Dirty Dog Dale	Senior	12	239
Picosa Kid	Silver Senior	6	32
Dutch Van Horn	Silver Senior	10	67
Colorado Horseshoe	Silver Senior	11	127
Skinny	Silver Senior	14	174
Marshall Brooks	Silver Senior	17	221
Agarita Annie	Silver Senior Lady	2	164
Dirty Sally	Silver Senior Lady	10	251
Ruby Redheart	Silver Senior Lady	14	292

Parting Shots

1. He couldn't hit a bull's rump with a handful of banjos.
2. He was as drunk as a fiddler's clerk.
3. She's as nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs.
4. He'd been in the desert so long; he knew all the lizards by their first names.
5. He ain't fit to shoot at when you want to unload and clean yo' gun.
6. His mustache smelled like a mildewed saddle blanket after it had been rid on a soreback hoss three hundred miles in August.
7. It was so dry the bushes followed the dogs around.
8. He's as dead as a can of corned beef.
9. He's as welcome as a rattlesnake at a square dance.
10. This saloon's so bad, a rattlesnake'd be ashamed to meet his mother.
11. He lasted as long as a pint of whiskey in a five-handed poker game.
12. She's as pretty as a speckled pup.
13. He is as poor as a church mouse.
14. He's as rich as possum gravy.



Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D. Texaz	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



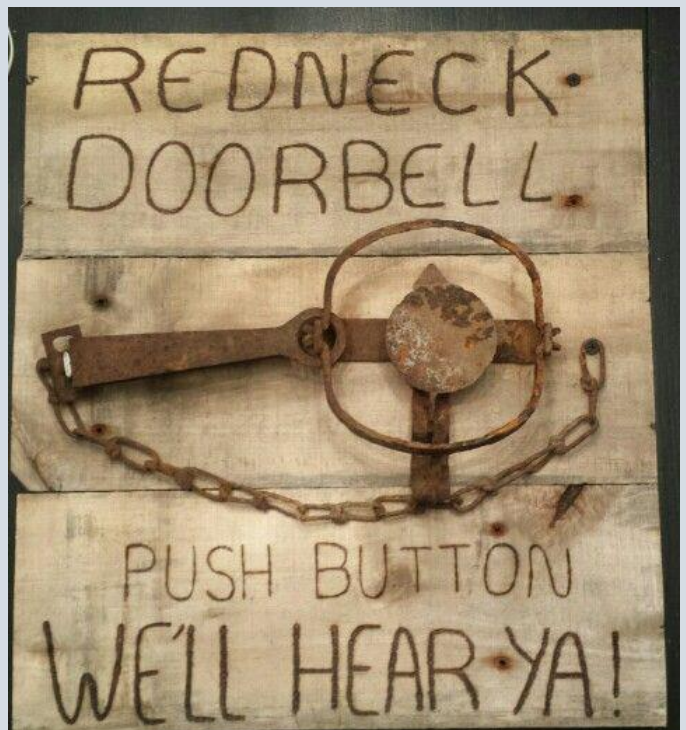
April Birthdays:

Bama Sue	4/2
Moonshine Bill	4/4
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
South Texas Willie	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Miz Ella	4/19
Pepper Jacq	4/23
Jake Jones	4/28
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28



May Birthdays:

Bluebonnet Nell	5/01
Marshall Willy	5/04
Texas Tony	5/08
Shootin Steel	5/08
Bessie James	5/10
Whiskey Kid	5/16
Frontier Faith	5/17
Faye Starr	5/18
Sierra Cheyenne	5/29
Lucky Nickel	5/30



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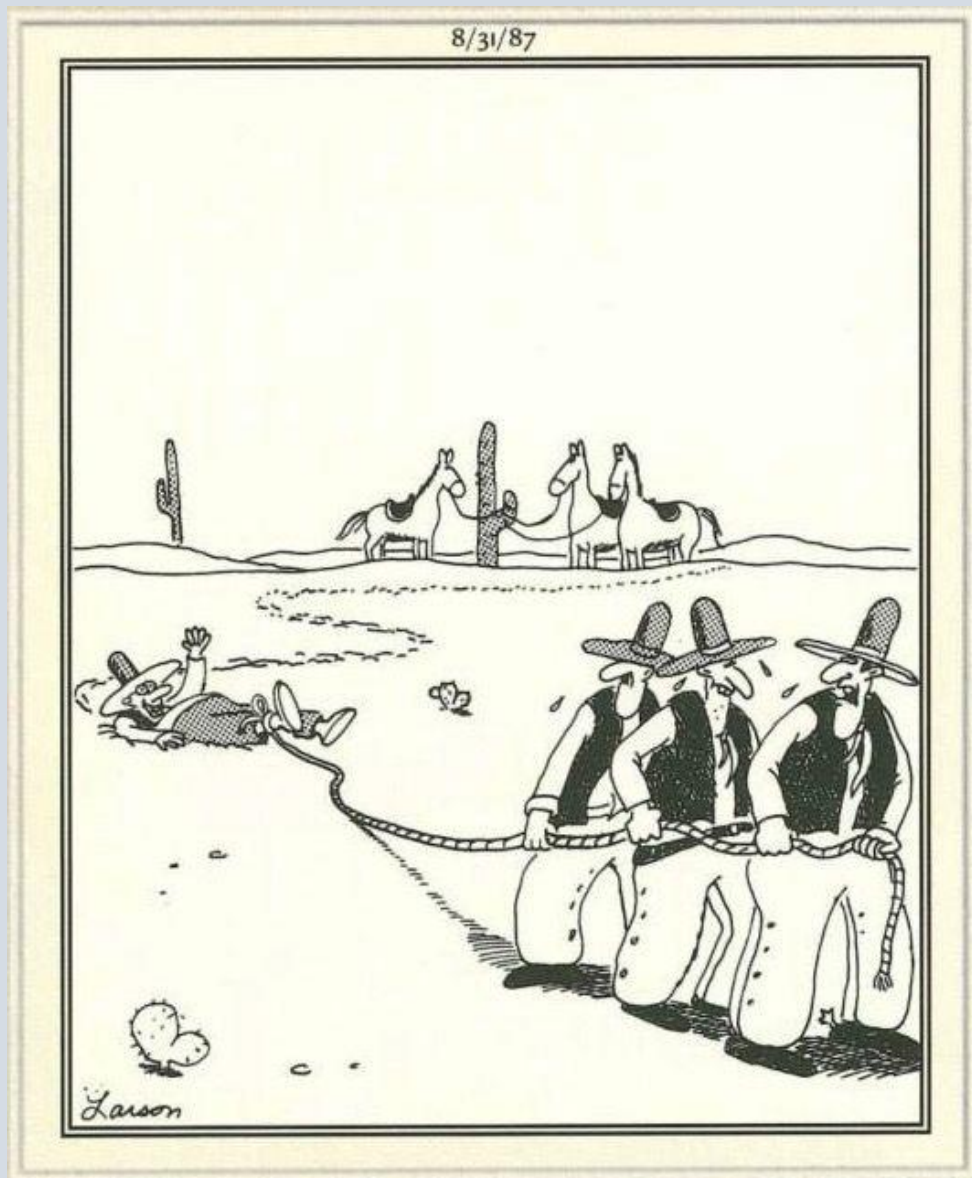
2019

January 12	Monthly Match
January 13	Monthly Match
February 9	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
March 9	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
April 11 – 14	Comancheria Days
May 11	Monthly Match
May 12	Monthly Match
June 8	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 29	Wild Bunch, BAMM, Long Range
July 13	Monthly Match
July 14	Monthly Match
August 10	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 31	Wild Bunch, BAMM, Long Range
September 14	Shindig
September 15	Monthly Match
October 12	Monthly Match & Final Tear Down
November/December	Range Closed

CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Saturday	Darby Rough Regulators (West Point)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

Feb 8-10	2019 Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
Feb 18-24	Winter Range	Phoenix
Mar 21-24	Trailhead	THSS
April 11-14	Comancheria Days	Texican Ranger (Comfort)
April 25-27	SASS Southwest Regional Land Run	Oklahoma
June 13-23	End of Trail	Founders Ranch, NM
Oct 19-20	SASS Texas State Black Powder Championship	Groesbeck, TX
Oct 18-20	SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship	Cleburne, TX

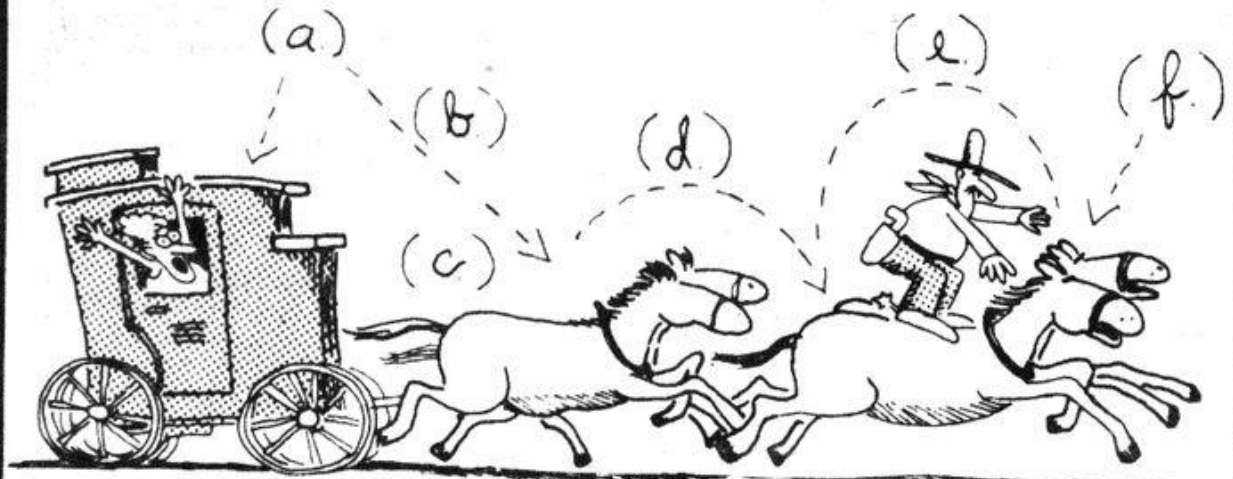


“Man, this is havin’ no effect. ... But if the boss wants this varmint dragged through the desert, I ain’t gonna argue.”

The Far Side by Gary Larson

How to stop a Runaway Stage

Method # 1



Method # 2 (a)



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From the book "Guide to Western Stuff."

Photo Album







