

Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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Howdy Texican Rangers



We started off the New Year with a lot of bangs on Saturday Jan 8th at the Stieler Ranch! We had 32 shooters braving the wind and cool weather, with 13 shooters cleaning the match. Top cowgirl was Panhandle Cowgirl with a total time of 123.09 and top cowboy was Alamo Andy with a total time of 94.09. On Sunday we had 16 participants with 7 clean shooters. Top lady was Panhandle Cowgirl at 116.71 and top man was Skyhawk Hans at 109.18. We also tried out our new and improved Cowboy 1911 on Sunday with 3 participants. Sheriff Robert Love was the top finisher in that field. Many thanks to all that came out on the previous Tuesday and helped set up the range! If you have not sent in your applications for Comancharia Days, please do so.

For a bit of trivia...from the book "Empire of the Summer Moon." The new Colt Patterson revolvers were put to the test in battle for the first time by Captain Jack Hays of the Texas Rangers and 15 of his Rangers at the battle of Ranger Creek, June 8th 1844, about 15 miles south of the Stieler Ranch. Sixteen Rangers took on 75.

Alamo Andy
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Why do we Love the 1911?

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The 1911 is arguably the sexiest gun to ever grace mankind. It feels perfect in the hand, recoil is an afterthought while firing. The 1911 manual of arms is akin to ballet. Graceful yet deliberate. When you hold a 1911, you feel as if you've just stolen Zeus's Lightning Bolt.

But it is more. I think that Colt and John Browning gave all shooters a unique Valentine's Day gift in 1911, 111 years ago next month. Yes look at the slide of your 1911 and notice the Patent date is 14 February, 1911.

Part of its popularity comes from the nostalgia. After all, it was used by American Forces in two World Wars. It was the duty handgun of the armed forces for 75-years. The U.S. was so impressed with this weapon that it bought over 2.7 million of this firearm.

Another reason why the 1911 has stayed popular is that it's actually a very viable carry gun, whether as a packing gun for the out of doors or as a concealed carry .45, or whichever caliber you choose. Wait, what? A Government frame? Almost 9 inches long and weighs three pounds? It's almost the size and weight of a Colt Dragoon, and those were known as horse pistols, and are supposed to be carried on a saddle. Except...that it actually works pretty well, all things considered. Yes, you'll need a good gun belt, but it actually brings a lot to the table if you can handle the weight. It's easier for conventional concealed carry, because the slide is actually pretty slim; it's about 0.9 inches for most models. Models with a non-ambidextrous safety are typically 1.2 inches wide at the grips, which are the widest point. For a full-size gun, irrespective of carrying capacity, that's pretty svelte.

That means you can tuck a big gun away relatively easily. As we all know, there's usually a tradeoff between shootability and size; bigger guns are easier to shoot than smaller ones. Here's a big gun that's easier to conceal than other big guns. The grip angle fits the hand very comfortably, and the relatively low bore axis makes the gun a natural pointer. When you hold one, you'll notice just how well it fits the hand. When you shoot it, you'll notice recoil if shooting .45...but you'll also notice how it really isn't that bad. Part of it is the fit (a good fit in the hand reduces recoil because the energy transfers properly) and part of it is the metal frame. And don't sweat capacity. A reality of concealed carry for the civilian is that you just aren't going to get into an extended firefight with a handgun. A cop absolutely is liable to; the civilian carrier just isn't going to. Then again, even if you do, 1911 magazines are easier to carry, so you can pack one or two spares with more ease than a fat double-stack of 9mm rounds.

Most guns will out-shoot their operators, but there's something to be said about a well-manufactured 1911. Whether or not it can be classified as the most accurate production firearm is an ambitious claim, and obviously debatable. However, there's something about the short, light trigger, the comfortable weight, and long sight radius that seems to bring the best out of its shooters.

There are very few firearms with as much customization available. Some things like grip panels and sights can be changed in your living room, and, with a little willingness to learn, an ambitious person could potentially build a 1911 from spare parts.

There are extended slide stops (or releases, depending on your preferred nomenclature), high or low profile and ambidextrous thumb safeties. Guide rods can be general issue or full length. Mainspring housings can be textured, bobbed, or decorated, or they include a magazine well. Beaver tails can be short, long, or anything in between while triggers can be skeletonized, short, long, flat or any variation in between. Hammers can be Commander, flat, or spurred. The opportunities to customize are nearly endless. And that's not even getting into the finishes.

Lastly, I find the 1911 on everyone's list of the 10 Best/Most Important Guns. Not for 10 Best Handguns but 10 Best Guns period. Try one, you will see what I mean.

Cowboy 1911.2.0

By Doc Holloman



Sheriff Robert Love and I shot the Texican Ranger's new "Cowboy 1911 2.0" category on Sunday, January 9th. As there were not many shooters on that cold windy Sunday morning, we shot with the single Cowboy posse.

The idea behind "Enhanced Cowboy 1911," or what I like to call Cowboy 1911 2.0, is to make traditional Cowboy 1911 more similar to a Wild Bunch match, while still integrating it into the Cowboy stages and posses. Enhanced Cowboy 1911 shooters shoot the same rifle and pistol targets as the cowboy shooter, but use their 1911 pistols (traditional or modern) loaded with 5 rounds in the

magazine (LEAD OR COATED LEAD BULLETS ONLY), to shoot both rifle and pistol targets.

Personal impressions: As noted above, we shot the Cowboy Pistol and Rifle Targets, two mags each, with the 1911s. The Rifle targets were not bad, being at about the same distance as Wild Bunch pistol targets. Shooting the pistol targets with the 1911 was interesting.

Some of the pistol targets were so close I practically shot them from the waist (not literally, but almost). For Rifle, we shot the Cody Dixon Targets at about 40-50 yards. This required a change in mindset from Wild Bunch shooting -- slower aimed fire. Also, the .45 Colt ammo I had loaded for Cowboy shooting probably needs to be loaded a little heavier for the longer range. It took me a couple of stages to figure out what the sight picture/rear sight setting should be. It will be interesting to see what the impressions of the Club's other Wild Bunch shooters will be of the rifle targets.

Shooting the shotgun targets was not much different from shooting Wild Bunch, except for there being four rather than six targets. As long as the 1897s functioned OK, the shotgun targets fell in rapid succession. As the rules are designed to track Wild Bunch shooting as closely as possible, reengagement of shotgun targets was not permitted. A miss was a miss. There were no split shotgun targets requiring movement with the shotgun (which is common in Wild Bunch), but maybe that will come in future matches. However, since we were shooting both the Cowboy Pistol and Rifle targets with the 1911s, there was movement with the pistol on some stages, including one where we shot shotgun in between, which meant grounding the 1911 and then recovering it. That made it interesting.

Total ammo consumption was 100 .45ACP, 30 rifle, and 20 shotgun.

Enhanced Cowboy 1911 is a different game. It is not quite Wild Bunch, but it is a heck of a lot of fun. (And it is still appropriate to dress like General Pershing on the trail of Pancho Villa.) Want to load four shells in your Model 97 or Model 12 and blast away at the targets? Want to bring out your 1911 and practice mag changes on the clock? Want to try the Cody Dixon targets with your rifle? Give Cowboy 1911 2.0 a shot.

What Gun Is Big Nose Kate using in Tombstone?

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



One of my favorite places to go online is the Internet Movie Firearms Database. It is like Wikipedia and provides information on the guns used in Movies and TV shows. It covers both modern shows and old ones.

Since it is done by contributions of information, they sometimes have interesting arguments, such as the following:



One contributor thought that Kate, played by Joanna Pacula, Doc Holliday's girlfriend, carries a Colt Rainmaker Shopkeeper, drawing it on a saloon keeper when Doc stabs Ed Bailey. The Rainmaker is the .32 caliber version of the Lightning.



Another contributor said, that's NOT a Lightning that Kate has there. The gun is smaller and the cylinder and flutes are too short to be a Lightning. It's one of the many cheap solid frame DA pistols of the era. Looks more like a "British Bulldog" or some variant of that.



I think they are both wrong. I think the gun was a Swamp Angel. The Swamp Angel rim-fire revolver was manufactured by Forehand and Wardsworth in the 1870s. Manufactured in .38 and .41 caliber, this large caliber rim-fire revolver was well-made and accurate. Remember, most of the pocket revolvers were known as "suicide" guns—

they were as likely to kill the shooter as the intended target. Guns like this sold for about \$5.00. I remember a great line in a movie, I can't remember which one, but it went something like this: "I have seen a lot of men dead in the street with a \$50.00 hat and a \$5.00 gun.

Debates are fun. Which one do you think is correct? Check out the web site. They have a lot of great information on guns used in your favorite movies.

The Sad Life and Death of Jan-Michael Vincent **By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



The saddest thing about the death of Jan-Michael Vincent wasn't that he may or may not have died alone, but that for an entire month from his death in February 2019, no one took note. He acted in several western movies and TV shows but was most well-known for starring in the series "Airwolf."

Jan-Michael Vincent was born in Denver, Colorado, where his father was stationed after enlisting in the United States Army in 1941. His father, Lloyd Whiteley Vincent was born in Tulare, California, and raised in nearby Hanford in the San Joaquin Valley. His mother, Doris Jane was born in Arkansas and moved to Hanford as a toddler. Jan's

grandfather, Herbert Vincent was a bank robber and counterfeiter who had masterminded robberies in the 1920s and 1930s. Jan's uncle, Lloyd's brother Hoy, was shot to death in Tulare by a sheriff's deputy and was wanted for a robbery that occurred in Oregon. Two of Vincent's other uncles, Clifford and Harold, were convicted of bank robbery in Hardwick, California and Strathmore, California in 1931. In 1932, Herbert and his son, Gordon, were arrested in Hanford in January for bank robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, which left Lloyd alone at age twelve.

Lloyd Vincent and Doris met in 1940 when she was in her early teens and Lloyd had finished high school. Lloyd was stationed in Denver in 1941 as a B-25 bomber pilot during World War II, and he married Doris there when she was sixteen. Jan's mistrust of authority came from later seeing his father in the Army being told what to do and when to do it. Jan Vincent's sister, Jaqueline "Jacquie" Vincent, was born in 1947. His brother, Christopher, was born in 1952. After the war, Lloyd became a painter, like Jan's grandfather, and later developed alcoholism. By the time Jan was born in 1944, his parents owned a sign company in Hanford.

Vincent attended elementary and high school in Hanford where he graduated in 1963 from Hanford High School. He attended Ventura College for three years and said "I would have completed college, but the registration clerk literally shut the window in my face for the lunch hour", and Vincent instead took his \$200 and went to Mexico to party. Years later, Vincent found himself in the same rigid system his father was in. He served in the California Army National Guard, and remained in the National Guard Reserve until 1971.

Vincent gained his first acting job in 1967 in "The Bandits," starring and co-directed by Robert Conrad. Also in 1967, Vincent appeared in the TV movie "The Hardy Boys: The Mystery of the Chinese Junk."

In the late 1960s, Vincent was signed to Universal Studios and appeared in several television series. He made an appearance in the Dragnet 1968 episode "The Grenade," as a muscular high school student who suffered an acid attack by a mentally unstable classmate. Vincent also appeared in the Danger Island segments of Hanna-Barbera's "The Banana Splits" series as Link. His first starring role was in the fall of 1969 in the prime-time soap opera "The Survivors," alongside Lana Turner and George Hamilton.

Vincent also acted in several movies in the late 1960s, including the 1969 20th Century Fox movie "The Undefeated," starring John Wayne, Rock Hudson, and Antonio Aguilar. His name appeared as Michael Vincent in the credits of the movie. Vincent guest-starred in three episodes of "Lassie" with actor Tony Dow and two episodes of "Bonanza."

In 1970, Vincent garnered critical praise for his role in the TV movie "Tribes," co-starring Darren McGavin, about a tough Marine boot-camp drill instructor dealing with a hippie draftee (Vincent) who will not follow the rules. He gave a complex performance opposite Robert Mitchum in "Going Home." That same year, he appeared in the Gunsmoke episode "The Legend." In 1972, Vincent appeared with Charles Bronson in the crime film "The Mechanic," and a made-for-TV love story "Sandcastles." In 1973 Vincent starred in the Disney comedy "The World's Greatest Athlete," with Tim Conway and John Amos. Vincent played Richie, an alcoholic teen in the 1973 "Marcus Welby, M.D." episode, "Catch a Ring That Isn't There." Also in 1973, he was in the made-for-TV-movie "Deliver Us from Evil," as Nick Fleming opposite George Kennedy.

In "Bite the Bullet," he played opposite Gene Hackman, James Coburn, and Candice Bergen. He also starred in the trucker movie "White Line Fever," in "Baby Blue Marine," a war film directed by John D. Hancock, which also starred Glynnis O'Connor, and in "Shadow of the Hawk," co-starring Marilyn Hassett. Vincent also starred in "Damnation Alley," based on Roger Zelazny's science fiction novel. Two more notable 1978 appearances were the surfing film "Big Wednesday" with William Katt and Gary Busey, and "Hooper" with Burt Reynolds, in which Vincent played a young stuntman.

His biggest role was when Vincent was cast as Stringfellow Hawke for the action-espionage series "Airwolf," in which he co-starred with Ernest Borgnine. It is the role for which he is best known and remembered. It was noted at the time that Vincent's salary for his work on "Airwolf" was \$200,000 per episode, the highest of any actor in American television at the time. While filming "Airwolf," Vincent admitted to having drug and alcohol problems for which he acknowledged seeking help. After "Airwolf" ended, he found roles in smaller budget and lower exposure film projects.

He battled alcoholism and intravenous drug use for much of his life. In 1977, 1978, and 1979 he was arrested for possession of cocaine, and in 1984 and 1985 he was arrested after two bar brawls. He once said that he learned his hard drinking ways from actors like John Wayne and Robert Mitchum. He said they filmed all day, drank all night, and got up to do it again the next day. Not surprising, he led a failed family life with ex-wives and children.



He almost died in a car accident in 1996 that caused permanent injuries and in 2012, had to have his right leg amputated below the knee because of complications from peripheral artery disease. In interviews after this, he looked frail and had difficulty answering questions. It was well and truly a sad sight for someone who had been a tremendous athlete and a global star a few decades ago.

Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Secretary of your club. I'm excited about it, and yet a little apprehensive at the same time. Tombstone Mary has done such a great job for several years now. It will be difficult to follow in her footsteps, but I'm willing to give it a go. Be sure to thank her the next time you see her for all she's done for the club.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership and signed a waiver, please consider doing so either by mail or at the February match. You can also visit our website at www.texicanrangers.org/join and find the membership application there as well as

cost information. For those of you who have already signed up, thank you!

Comancheria Days 2022 is just around the corner, so if you haven't signed up yet I encourage you to do so as soon as you can. The event will be April 7 – 9, 2022. We hope you will consider joining us. It will be a fun-filled event, one where you can shoot, enjoy good food, and meet up with great people. What more could you ask for? If you are able to volunteer some time before and/or during the event, please let Tombstone Mary know. She is our Volunteer Coordinator. You can email her directly at maryn58@sbcglobal.net.

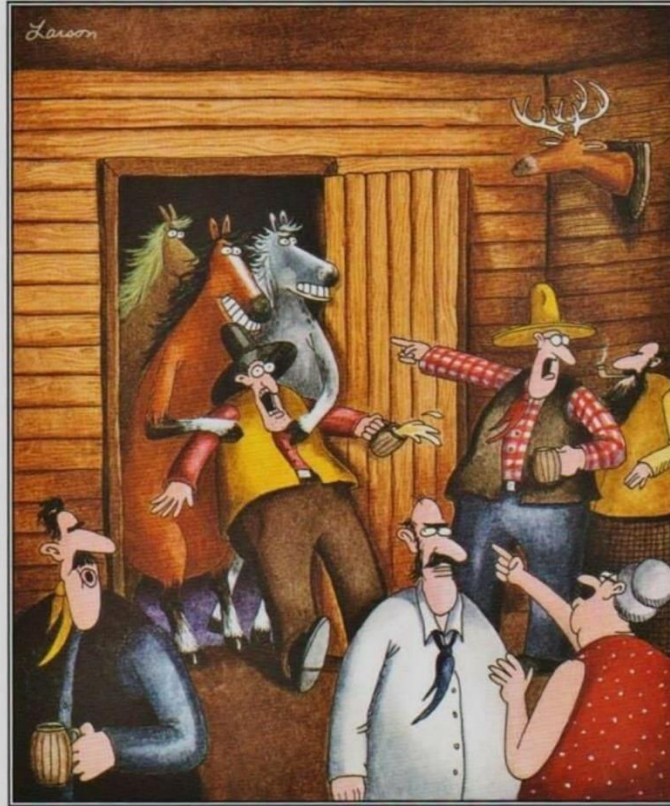
We are also accepting Sponsorships for this year's event. The cost is only \$50, so why not sponsor a stage if you haven't already? Get together with a cowboy/cowgirl friend and share the cost. If you are interested, let me know and I'll send you a form. Also, if you know of anyone who might like to be a vendor, shoot me an email. Vending is free, so let's spread the word and have a good showing for our shooters and their families/friends this year.

We are still working through banquet facility logistics, so more information to follow. Once I finalize the details, I will send you an email. We will be in a different location than we've been in the past couple of years.

I look forward to seeing everyone real soon! If you ever have a question, suggestion/recommendation, feel free to email me at texicanrangers@yahoo.com or visit with me at a monthly match. I am here for you.

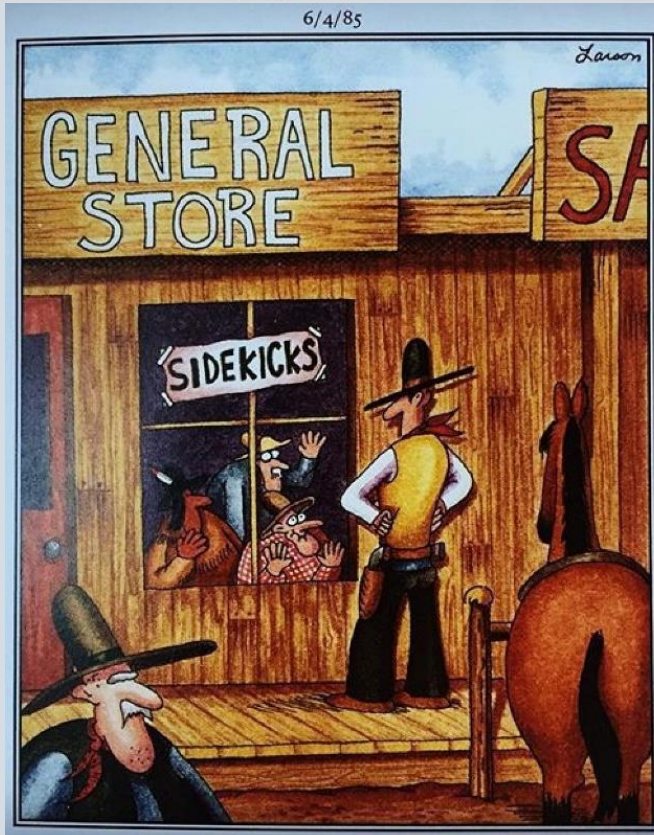
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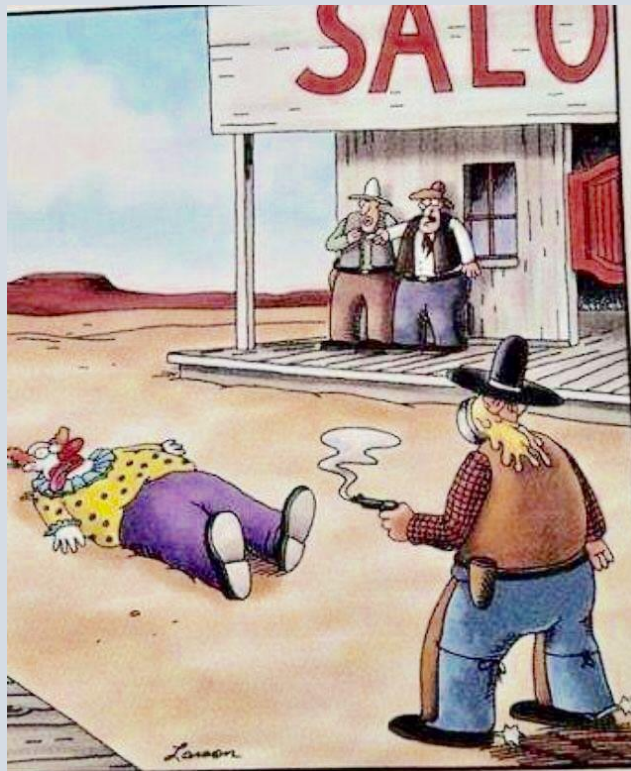
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Suddenly, the door was kicked open, and with nostrils flaring and manes flying, wild horses dragged Sam away.

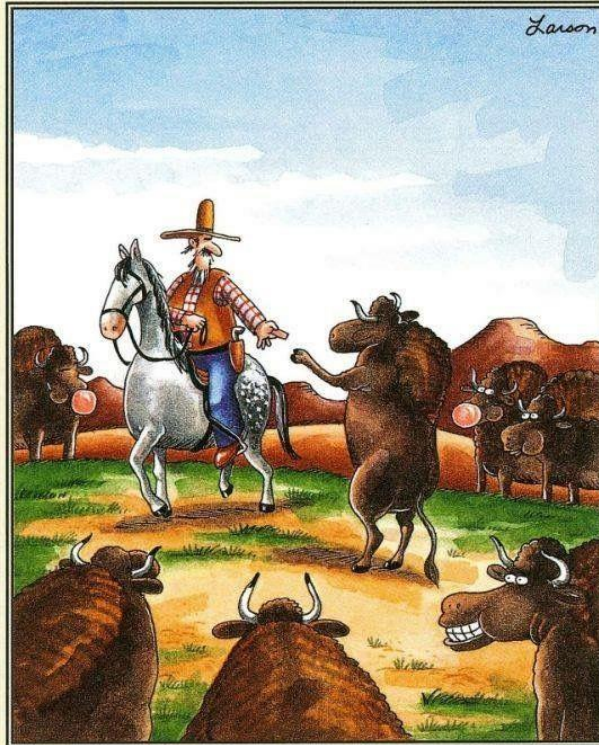
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It was over. But the way the townsfolk called it, neither man was a clear winner.

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The herd moved in around him, but Zach had known better than to approach these animals without his trusty buffalo gum.

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| .38 | 100 | RNFP | 42 | 83 |
| | 105 | FP | 43 | 85 |
| | 125 | RNFP | 47 | 94 |
| | 125 | FP | 47 | 94 |
| | 130 | RNFP | 49 | 97 |
| | 158 | RNFP | 54 | 106 |
| | 158 | FP | 54 | 106 |
| | 158 | SWC | 54 | 106 |
| .380 | 100 | RNFP | 42 | 83 |
| .38-55 | 245 | RNFP | 82 | 162 |
| .41 | 215 | SWC | 70 | 139 |
| .44 | 180 | RNFP | 58 | 115 |
| | 240 | SWC | 75 | 149 |
| .44-40 | 200 | RNFP | 64 | 127 |
| .45 COLT | 160 | RNFP | 61 | 121 |
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| | 250 | RNFP | 76 | 152 |
| 9MM | 124 | RN | 47 | 94 |
| | 125 | CN | 47 | 94 |
| 40 S&W | 180 | FP | 58 | 115 |
| .45ACP | 200 | SWC | 64 | 127 |
| | 200 | RN | 64 | 127 |
| | 230 | RN | 73 | 144 |
| 45-70 | 405 | FPT | 75 (250) | 300 (1K) |
| | | | 150 (500) | |

Parting Shots Funny Signs

1. Church Sign: Whoever stole our AC units, keep one, it is going to hot where you're going.
2. Unattended Children will be given an espresso and a free puppy.
3. Please do not leave drinks unattended, the Cat is an A-hole.
4. These T-Shirts were tested on animals. They didn't fit.
5. Laughter is the best medicine, unless you have diarrhea.
6. For Sale, Parachute. Only used once, never opened.
7. State Park: Please do not drop cigarette butts on the ground. The fish come out at night to smoke them and we are trying to get them to quit.
8. San Francisco Sign: 24-Hour Video Surveillance. Blame the guy who kept pooping here.
9. Over a small door in the roof: Ninja Exit Only.
10. Designated Smoking Area at Ski Lodge: If you are stupid enough to smoke, do it here.
11. On a Chipotle truck: Notice Drivers Do Not Carry Burritos.
12. Sign by Brid Flower Pots: This item is reduced due to the misspelling of the word Bird, Thank you.
13. Maybe Broccoli Doesn't like you either.
14. Marathon Motivational Sign: You're Running Better than the Government.
15. Caution Falling Cows.
16. Motel Sign: Zombies can't swim. We have a pool.
17. T-Shirt Label: 100% Cotton, Machine Wash Cold. It's never so hot that you have to take off your shirt, don't be that guy.
18. Sign at Strip Club: 1000s of Beautiful Girls, and 3 Ugly ones.
19. Chuck Norris had a role in Star Wars. He was the Force.
20. What drives a woman to cheat? Mostly Uber...
21. Cigarettes, A plat-based alternative to help high schoolers stop vaping.
22. If you were the last person on earth and you hear a knock on your door, what would you do? Realize I was wrong.
23. Ever thought, if I rob a store naked as a minor, no one can watch the security footage without committing a crime.
24. You are only a true fan if you: are powered by electricity, have multiple flat blades and spin around really fast.
25. With great power comes a great electricity bill.

Texican Rangers Regulators

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| Tombstone Mary | 2003 |
| A.D. | 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 |



January Birthdays:

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| Tombstone Terry | 1/3 |
| Chasen Aces | 1/5 |
| Blacky Vela | 1/7 |
| Panhandle Cowgirl | 1/11 |
| Hawkeye | 1/12 |
| Skyhawk Hans | 1/12 |
| Stony Lane | 1/18 |
| Brazos Bo | 1/19 |
| Big John Mesquite | 1/23 |

February Birthdays:

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| Doc O'Bay | 2/1 |
| Newt Ritter | 2/3 |
| Shooting Iron Miller | 2/7 |
| Yuma Jack | 2/9 |
| Major Samuel Clayton | 2/11 |
| Col Callan | 2/21 |



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- www.trpistolaros.com
- www.texasjacks.com
- www.cimarron-firearms.com
- www.tsra.com
- www.wildwestmercantile.com

TEXICAN RANGERS

2022

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| January 8 | Monthly Match |
| January 9 | Monthly Match |
| February 12 | Monthly Match |
| February 13 | Monthly Match |
| March 12 | Monthly Match |
| March 13 | Monthly Match |
| April 7-9 | Comancheria Days |
| April 30 | Wild Bunch/BAMM |
| May 14 | Monthly Match |
| May 15 | Monthly Match |
| June 11 | Monthly Match |
| June 12 | Monthly Match |
| July 9 | Monthly Match |
| July 10 | Monthly Match |
| July 30 | Wild Bunch/BAMM |
| August 13 | Monthly Match |
| August 14 | Monthly Match |
| September 10 | Shindig |
| September 11 | Monthly Match |
| October 8 | Monthly Match/Tear Down |
| November/December | Range Closed |

CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

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| 1st Saturday | Plum Creek (Lockhart) |
| 1st Saturday | South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio) |
| 2nd Saturday | Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) |
| 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 28 – Mar 6, 2022
March 17 - 20, 2022
March 23 – 26, 2022
April 7 - 9, 2022
October 8 – 16, 2022
November 4 – 6, 2022

2022

EOT (SASS World Championship)
SASS Texas State Championship Trailhead
SASS Southwest Regional
Comancheria Days
SASS National Championship – Land Run
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship

Photo Album

