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Hello Texican Rangers



Great NEWS! The Texican Rangers were awarded a SASS Woolly award at the opening ceremonies at The End of Trails Championship this week. I will have more information at the July shoot on this prestigious honor.

The other bit of news is that the board put in for and was awarded the 2019 SASS Texas State Championship. Just like the last 2 years it will be in conjunction with the 2019 Comancheria Days the second weekend in April.

I am looking forward to the Wild Bunch Match on the 30th. The stages are interesting. Remember, there will be an opportunity to shoot Cowboy also. So, there is room for everyone!

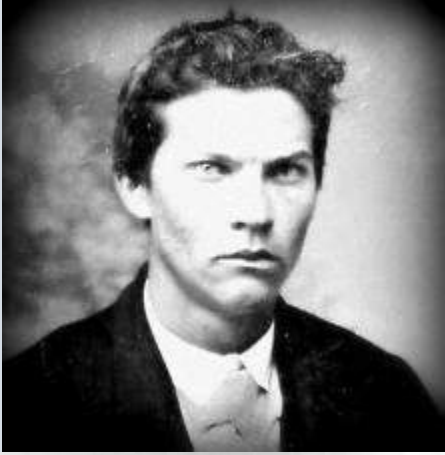
Our target stands have been fixed and returned, so we will be using them on stages one to five for the July match.

Look forward to seeing everyone in soon.

A.D. Texaz

The Day John Westly Hardin Met Wild Bill Hickok

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



John Wesley Hardin, one of the deadliest men in the history of the Old West. He wrote in his memoirs that he arrived in Abilene, Kansas on June first, 1871, where he briefly became friends with Marshal Wild Bill Hickok. But did this encounter ever happen?

Any western movie on Hardin has the scene where Wild Bill tries to arrest him and Hardin, pulls the “Road Agent Spin” and reverses the situation. If you are not familiar with the Road Agent Spin, it is what Curly Bill does to Marshal Fred White in the movie Tombstone. He first appears to surrender and give his gun up and at the last moment he spins the gun around and gets the drop on lawman.

This bold move impressed Wild Bill that he decided that he and the young gun fighter could be friends.

Hardin revealed a tendency toward violent rages at an early age. When he was 14, he nearly killed another boy in a fight over a girl, stabbing his victim twice with a knife. A year later, he shot a man to death after the two tangled in a wrestling match. By the time he finally went to prison in 1878, Hardin claimed to have killed 44 men. The outlaw may have been exaggerating, though historians have positively confirmed about half that number. It was during his time in prison that Hardin wrote his memoirs.

In 1871, when Hardin was 18 years old, a Texas rancher hired the young gunman as a drover for his cattle drive up the Chisholm Trail to Abilene,

Texas. At this time Hardin was a wanted man with a huge reward on his head. He was willing to risk this because the trail drive was being organized by his cousins, James, Mannen, Joseph, and Gip Clements.

So, Hardin took the alias Wesley Clements and went along. He was eager to get out of Texas—a few days earlier, he had murdered a Texas state police guard who was transferring him to Waco for a trial. Hardin needed to lay low, but he proved incapable of keeping his hot temper under control for long. During the cattle drive, a Mexican herd crowded Hardin’s animals from behind. Hardin complained to the Mexican in charge of the other herd, and when the exchange grew heated, he shot him through the heart. Hardin actually acquired another alias from this gunfight and was known by the cattle drovers as “Little Arkansas. This gunfight has another story attached. Hardin supposedly used an old gun in this encounter that he had to hold together to get it to fire.

When Hardin and his herd arrived at Abilene, Kansas, the town marshal, Wild Bill Hickok, was apparently unconcerned with prosecuting a murder that had taken place outside of his jurisdiction. To the contrary, he took an almost paternalistic interest in the young gunslinger, Wesley Clements or Little Arkansas. The story goes that Hardin was 16 years his junior—and the two men struck up an uneasy friendship. Like many of the early western lawmen, Wild Bill Hickok had won a formidable reputation by committing several killings of his own. He may have seen something of himself in Hardin, believing he was a hot-tempered young man who would eventually grow up to be a reasonably useful and law-abiding citizen. For his part, Hardin was simply proud to be associated with the celebrated gunfighter.

For several weeks, Hickok and Hardin drank and womanized together, but the marshal's faith in the basic decency of his young friend was ultimately undermined. During his stay in Abilene, Hardin rented a room at the American House Hotel. One night, a stranger in the next room began to snore loudly. Hardin became so annoyed that he began firing bullets through the wall to quiet him. The first bullet was high, and it merely woke the man. The second bullet silenced the unsuspecting stranger permanently.

Hardin realized that his friendship with Hickok would not save him. "I believed," Hardin later said, "that if Wild Bill found me in a defenseless condition, he would take no explanation, but would kill me to add to his reputation." Wearing only his undershirt, Hardin escaped through the hotel window and jumped down to the street. He spent the night hiding in a haystack, stole a horse at dawn, and returned to the cow camp. The next day he left for Texas, never to set foot in Abilene again.

Again, did this really happen? No one knew the man known as Wesley Clements was in fact the notorious killer John Wesley Hardin. And frankly, since no one had ever heard of some "nobody" by the name of Wesley Clements, why would the famous Hickok give him some sort of special treatment if he wasn't a known gunman? Fact is, Hickok wouldn't.

It was well known, if someone was carrying a gun, Hickok would club him, buffalo him, on the head and throw him in jail, have him pay a fine, and give the guy's guns back later. He was also known to have confiscated guns and kept them so to be sold at auction later if he felt like it. Speaking of the gun, if Hardin still had the broken gun, there is no way he could have done the Road Agent Spin.

There were no witnesses to what he said took place. And it wasn't in the papers. Nowhere was there an article about someone drawing down on Hickok or Hickok not doing anything about being drawn on. The truth is that Hardin was a psychopathic killer, so it makes more sense that he was also a pathological liar as well. But it does make a good story.

Conversion Cylinders (First Workaround to the Rollin White Patent) By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The Remington was a single-action, six-shot, percussion revolver produced by E. Remington & Sons, Ilion, N.Y., based on the Fordyce Beals patent of September 14, 1858. The Remington Army revolver was large-framed, in .44 caliber, with an 8-inch barrel length. The Remington Navy revolver was slightly smaller framed than the Army, and in .36 caliber with a 7 1/2-inch barrel length.

By the time of the Civil War, most percussion revolvers were fired with commercially made combustible cartridges, constructed of a powder envelope (usually paper cartridge) glued to the base of a conical bullet. The treated envelope self-consumed upon firing. To load a combustible, a cartridge was dropped envelope first into each chamber and seated firmly with the loading lever, the process continuing until all six chambers were loaded. After all, six chambers were loaded, placing a percussion cap on each of the six nipples at the rear of the cylinder readied the revolver for firing. The six chambers of a revolver cylinder could also be loaded one chamber at a time, by dropping in a powder charge from a flask, followed by seating either a round ball or conical bullet in each chamber, using the loading lever. To help prevent chain firing (also known as "cross-firing") of the black powder charge and to reduce black powder fouling, grease (such as tallow) was often put into each chamber on top of the loaded projectile. Combustible cartridge bullets were already pre-greased with beeswax, so the greasing step was unnecessary. The final loading step was capping as in the combustible cartridge loading method described earlier.

The combustible cartridge loading method sped up revolver loading considerably, simplified ammunition management, and became the loading method specified by the U.S. Ordnance Department just prior to the Civil War.

For many years Colt held the Copywrite for Cap and Ball revolvers. Then Smith & Wesson held the Copywrite for Rollin White patent for bored-through revolver cylinders for metallic cartridge use. Smith &

Wesson had successfully sold small caliber revolvers for years using this advancement, but the race was on between the major gun manufactures to market a big bore revolver using metallic cartridges.



In 1868, Remington began offering cartridge conversions of the revolver in .46 Rimfire. Remington paid a royalty fee to Smith & Wesson, owners of the Rollin White patent on bored-through revolver cylinders for metallic cartridge use. The Remington Army cartridge-conversions were the first large-caliber cartridge revolvers available, beating even Smith & Wesson's .44 American to market by nearly two years.

The conversion cylinder was a 5-shot and became the first big bore self-contained metallic cartridge option for the old west.

The Remington-Beals design lives on today in the form of replicas from Italian manufacturers Uberti, Pietta, and Euroarms. The Euroarms and Uberti New Model Army replicas are nearly identical to originals, and most parts will interchange, based on 1959 through 2006 production examples. The Pietta New Model Army has a slightly enlarged grip area for more comfortable use by the larger hands of 21st century users. The Uberti and Pietta replicas are very popular in Cowboy Action Shooting as cartridge conversions or shooting black powder or modern replacements, just as the original Remington cartridge conversions were popular on the actual Western Frontier of the 1860s and 1870s. Several companies market drop-in "conversion" cylinders for both Uberti and Pietta replicas, enabling the firing of low-pressure cartridges without altering the revolver's frame. The cap & ball cylinder can be used interchangeably.

Modern metal conversion of the replica pistol are being produced by changeable cylinders. One of them is R&D Gun Shop that makes a cylinders that shoots .45 Colt cartridges and .38 Special in a replica 1858 Remington revolver. The new cylinder drops right in, replacing the cap and ball cylinder with no gunsmithing required. R&D has also converted replicas to fire smokeless powder safely. Kirst Konverter also produces them in a different cylinder model that has a safety chamber called the Kirst Safety Cylinder. It only has 5 loading chambers but makes it a six-shot cylinder because the star is designed to index to six separate positions.

The Remington-Beals design was 150 years old in 2008; replicas remain in use today in numbers far greater than original Remington production, a tribute to a rugged, simple design that remains practical and efficient in the 21st Century.



**Tombstone Mary, Secretary
Regulator/Life #19524**



I wanted to say thank you to everyone who filled in for me during my absence from the range. As most of you know I tore my Achilles tendon and had surgery April 24th. My rehab included 6 weeks non-weight bearing and another 6 weeks gradually learning to walk again with the aid of a walker. Thanks for all the good wishes and prayers.

There are only 4 matches left for 2018. If you need to know how many times you have shot in one category email me at Texicanrangers@yahoo.com.

Please remember to write legibly when filling out the scoresheet. Do not fill in zeros for all the empty spaces it makes the sheet hard to read.
Tombstone Mary

Parting Shots

Why do seagulls live by the sea? Because if they live by the bay, they would be bagels!

Which country has the squarest sheep?
Cuba.

Regardless of what the Borg said, resistance is NOT futile, it's just voltage divided by current!

What makes the scarecrow so good at his job? He's outstanding in his field!

Hey, have you seen that crazy guy that hangs around outside of Wal-Mart and hides from ugly people? Oh, of course you haven't.

Why does a chicken coop have two doors? Because if it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan!

So, I walked in on my dad chopping Onions one day... and it made me cry. Onions was my favorite cat.

What did the zero say to the eight? Hey man, nice belt!

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

About a month before he died, my uncle had his back covered in lard. After that, he went downhill fast.

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

To this day, the boy that used to bully me at school still takes my lunch money. On the plus side, he makes great Subway sandwiches.

I found myself staring at a frozen orange juice can for 2 hours? Because it said "concentrate"!

My wife said that if I don't get off my computer that she will slam my head on the keyboard, but I think she's
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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



June Birthdays

Rusty Bang Stick	6/4
T.H. Boland	6/8
Thunder Mountain	6/9
Gypsy Soul	6/12
Nueces Slim	6/16
Mad Dog McCoy	6/19
Skinny	6/21
Colorado Horseshoe	6/27
Burly Bill Brocius	6/30

July Birthdays

Ruby Redheart	7/1
Texas Terror	7/5
Shotgun Hammond	7/5
Squaw Man	7/9
Sheriff Robert Love	7/10
July Smith	7/10
Dirty Dog Dale	7/11
Picosa Kid	7/15
Bisbee Jackson	7/25
Bandera Kid	7/26
Bison Jim	7/29
Little Bit Sassy	7/31



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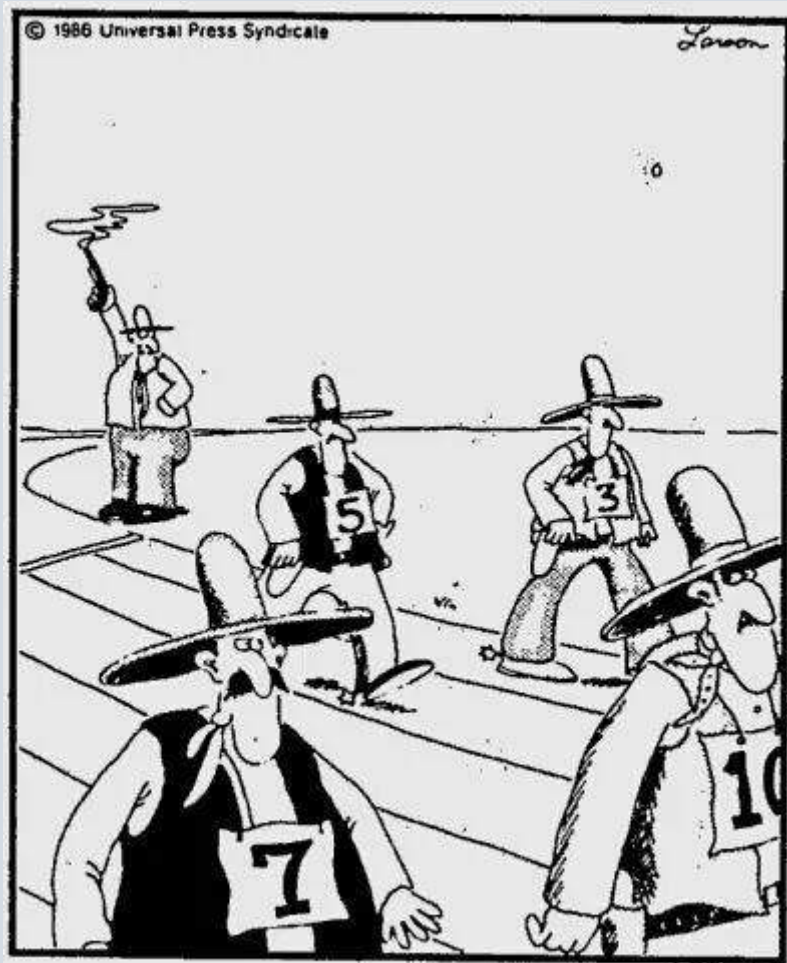
TEXICAN RANGERS 2018

January 13	Monthly Match
January 14	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
February 11	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
March 11	Monthly Match
April 12 – 15	Comancheria Days
May 12	Monthly Match
May 13	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 10	Monthly Match
June 30	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
July 14	Monthly Match
July 15	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 12	Monthly Match
September 8	Shindig
September 9	Monthly Match
September 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB Long Range
October 13	Monthly Match
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 9-11	2018 Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
Feb 19-25	Winter Range	Phoenix
Mar 22-25	Trailhead	THSS
April 12-15	Comancheria Days	Texican Ranger (Comfort)
April 19-21	SASS Southwest Regional Land Run	Oklahoma
June 14-24	End of Trail	Founders Ranch, NM
Oct 19-20	SASS Texas State Black Powder Championship	Groesbeck, TX
Oct 19-21	SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship	Cleburne, TX
Nov 2-4	Battle of Plum Creek	Plum Creek



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Photo Album









