

# *Newsletter for the Texican Rangers*

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## **Howdy, Fellow Rangers!**



I pray that this edition of our newsletter finds you and all of those you love safe and well in the wake of the unprecedented disaster we have endured. Or, if you or anyone you know is a victim or has lost loved ones, I pray that our merciful God sends the Holy Spirit to comfort you and assuage some of your grief. It is said that a parent should never have to bury a child, but this tragedy transcends the very limits of grief. Entire families have been lost, and this will be a time that will be burned into our collective memory forever.

I am reminded though that this is Texas, the greatest of states, and am fiercely proud of the response and outpouring of help that we have witnessed. How do we thank the first responders who answered the call and continue to search for those lost, and assist in the recovery and clean up? Let us give thanks for them as well.

One incredible story rises to the top: reportedly there was a U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer who individually rescued some 167 individuals. That's miraculous and I'm certain that the Almighty had a hand in that as well.

On a happier note, great things are in the works. You all know of the success of CD 2025 and our hosting of the Texas State Championship, and I hope by now all of you have gotten the email outlining our thoughts on doing a repeat in 2026. CD 2025 was a resounding success and a terrific boost for our club. I know we can do that again, but like 2025, it will take hard work and some sacrifices by all of us. CD 2025 and the State Championship were only such successes because of the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Many of you do not realize what goes on behind the scenes just to get ready for a monthly match, not to mention something on the scale of a Comancheria Days and State Championship. Frankly, in CD 2025, we struggled to fill many assignments and had to make some concessions and compromises because of that. As stated in the email, this effort will demand an “all hands-on deck” commitment. We promise to discuss this with you, the members, at the July match and open it up for a vote. You, the members, are the heart and soul of the Rangers and we are only as good a club as you folks make us.

The next workday is August 5th and the next match August 12th and 13th. Stay safe, send prayers and help for our community and I'll see y'all on the range!

Vaya con Dios!

San Saba Slim

President, Texican Rangers

## **Texas Jack Junior**

### **By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



On one of his cattle drives through Texas in the late 1860s, Texas Jack Omohundro chanced upon a number of ransacked wagons with an escort of soldiers dead and scalped nearby. Inspection of the wagons revealed a number of dead settlers who had come with this military escort bound west across the plains. Texas Jack rode to the nearest fort and lead some of the soldiers there in pursuit. Following the trail of horses leading away, they came upon a group of Comanche. Getting the drop on the Indians, Jack and the soldiers were able to rescue a boy and two girls that had been taken captive by the warriors.

Escorting the children to safety on the backs of the Comanche ponies he took with him, Jack pondered what to do with the children. He asked the boy, the oldest of the children, “What’s your name, son?”

The shy boy hesitated and then asked, “What’s yours?” “Jack.” The boy thought about it for a moment and said; “Me too.”

Texas Jack took the children to a Fort Worth orphanage where he sold the ponies and generously offered to fund their education. For the rest of his life, the boy called himself “Texas Jack Jr.” He would later take up his benefactor's mantle as an actor and showman, starring as Frederick Russell Burnham, American Chief of Scouts in an early British film called Major Wilson’s Last Stand, which depicted battles between the British South Africa Company and native Ndebele warriors in present-day Zimbabwe. Having made his mark on cinema, he came back to America and started “Texas Jack’s Wild West Show & Circus,” which he would tour around the world.

Jack Junior toured in America, Australia, Europe, and South Africa, carrying on the tradition of showing audiences a stylized version of the cowboy lifestyle established by his namesake. Traveling the world, the show was in Ladysmith, South Africa in 1902 where a young man approached Texas Jack Jr. to ask him if he was really from Texas and to ask for a job wrangling horses or setting up tents for his shows. Demonstrating his namesake’s keen eye for showmanship, Jack Jr. asked the young man if he could pull together a rope trick act.

The young man said he believed he could and Jack Jr. hired him on the spot. Texas Jack Jr. suggested the young performer adopt the nickname "The Cherokee Kid." This was Will Rogers's first job in show business.

## **A Cowboy Story From Deadlast**



A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink.

Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen.

He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling.

"Which one of you sidewinders stole my horse?!" he yelled with surprising forcefulness.

No one answered.

"Alright, I'm gonna have another beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!"

Some of the locals shifted restlessly.

The man, true to his word, had another beer, walked outside, and his horse had been returned to the post.

He saddled up and started to ride out of town.

The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

## **1876 Centennial Rifle By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



Introduced as the "Centennial Rifle" in 1876, the Model 1876 was basically a larger-framed, more powerful version of the Model 1873.

The '76 was offered as a sporting rifle with a 28" round, octagon or part round barrel; express rifle with a 22" round barrel; a carbine with a 22" round

barrel; and as a musket with a 32" round barrel. Both carbine and musket configurations have a full-length forend.

Model 1876 calibers:

.45-75 W.C.F.

.45- 60 W.C.F.

.40-60 W.C.F.

.50-95 Express

While it is likely that the sales of the .45-75-caliber Model 1876 never approached the levels originally hoped for by Winchester's management, they were, nevertheless, fairly substantial. Yet in the long term, it was not to be these sales levels or the revenues they generated that were to be remembered by the company. Rather, it was the role that the .45-75-caliber Model 1876 played in making the name Winchester, and therefore Winchester firearms, synonymous with reliability.

This incidental by-product of the model's distribution came about through its adoption by the North West Mounted Police in Canada. While this event in and of itself might not have appeared to have been of any great significance at the time, the American public's subsequent infatuation with "The Mounties" and their "trusty Winchesters" proved otherwise. The image of a lone Mounted Police officer facing large groups of potentially hostile natives or desperate law-breakers was popularized in countless articles published in the United States, as well as abroad.



To Winchester's good fortune, many of these articles were illustrated with line drawings clearly showing the stalwart Constable's Model 1876 Carbine. As a result, the general public formed an immediate association of the North West Mounted Police with Winchester and an assumption that it was the Winchester rifle that allowed individual constables to carry out their duties with an unassailable authority. The perception of the Winchester's reliability was in turn a natural result of the public's belief that a force such as the North West Mounted Police would choose only the safest and most reliable of firearms for their men.

To use a word coined by Horace Walpole, the adoption of the .45-75-caliber Model 1876 by the North West Mounted Police was a matter of pure "serendipity." A Roosevelt neighbor and fellow rancher in the Dakota Territory, Marquis de Mores, favored the



1876 Winchester, as did the former President. The two men came close to having a duel, which would have been fought with Winchester rifles at a distance of 12 paces. Instead, the two met for dinner at the Marquis' 30-room mansion in Medora. Outlaws and Indians liked the 1876 too. It was a favorite choice for the Texas Gunfighters during the Johnson County War and was also the rifle that Geronimo was carrying when he eventually surrendered to General Cook, and was the rifle of choice to the Indian Scout that found Geronimo, Tom Horn.

The Model 1876 was discontinued in 1898, after 63,871 guns had been produced.

## **Death toll from catastrophic flooding in Texas over the July Fourth weekend surpasses 100**

**By Jim Vertuno, Nadia Lathan and John Seewer**



The death toll from catastrophic flooding in Texas over the July Fourth weekend surpassed 100 on Monday as search-and-rescue teams continued to wade into swollen rivers and use heavy equipment to untangle trees as part of the massive search for missing people.

Authorities overseeing the search for flood victims said they will wait to address questions about weather-warnings, and why some summer camps did not evacuate ahead of the flooding that killed at least 104.

The officials spoke only hours after the operators of Camp Mystic, a century-old all-girls Christian summer camp in the Texas Hill Country, announced that they lost 27 campers and counselors to the floodwaters. Kerr County officials said Monday 10 campers and one counselor have still not been found.

Searchers have found the bodies of 84 people, including 28 children, in the county home to Camp Mystic and several other summer camps, officials said.

With additional rain on the way, more flooding still threatened saturated parts of central Texas. Authorities said the death toll was sure to rise.

The raging flash floods — among the nation's worst in decades — slammed into camps and homes along the edge of the Guadalupe River before daybreak Friday, pulling sleeping people out of their cabins, tents and trailers and dragging them for miles past floating tree trunks and cars. Some survivors were found clinging to trees.

Piles of twisted trees sprinkled with mattresses, refrigerators and coolers littered the riverbanks Monday. The debris included reminders of what drew so many to the campgrounds and cabins in the Hill Country — a volleyball, canoes and a family portrait.

Nineteen deaths were reported in Travis, Burnet, Kendall, Tom Green and Williamson counties, local officials said.

Among those confirmed dead were 8-year-old sisters from Dallas who were at Camp Mystic and a former soccer coach and his wife who were staying at a riverfront home. Their daughters were still missing.

Calls came in for finding why warnings weren't heard. Authorities vowed that one of the next steps would be to investigate whether enough warnings were issued, and why some camps did not evacuate or move to higher ground in a place long vulnerable to flooding that some local residents refer to as "flash flood alley."

That will include a review of how weather warnings were sent out and received. One of the challenges is that many camps and cabins are in places with poor cellphone service, Kerrville City Manager Dalton Rice said.

"We definitely want to dive in and look at all those things," he said. "We're looking forward to doing that once we can get the search and rescue complete."

Some camps were aware of the dangers and monitoring the weather. At least one moved several hundred campers to higher ground before the floods.

Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, said recent government spending cuts to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service did not delay any warnings.

"There's a time to have political fights, there's a time to disagree. This is not that time," Cruz said. "There will be a time to find out what could been done differently. My hope is in time we learn some lessons to implement the next time there is a flood."

The weather service first advised of potential flooding on Thursday and then sent out a series of flash flood warnings in the early hours of Friday before issuing flash flood emergencies — a rare step that alerts the public to imminent danger.

Authorities and elected officials have said they did not expect such an intense downpour, the equivalent of months of rain. Some residents said they never received any warnings.

President Donald Trump, who signed a major disaster declaration for Kerr County, said he plans to visit the state on Friday. He had said Sunday that he does not plan to rehire any of the federal meteorologists who were fired this year.

"This was a thing that happened in seconds. Nobody expected it," the President said.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said local and federal weather services provided sufficient warnings.

Crews searched for dozens of people. More than three dozen people were unaccounted for across the state and more could be missing, Gov. Greg Abbott said Sunday.

Search-and-rescue crews at one staging area said Monday that more than 1,000 volunteers had been directed to Kerr County.

Kerrville city officials urged people to stop flying drones over the area after they said a private drone operating illegally Monday afternoon collided with a helicopter involved in emergency operations. The helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing and is out of service until further notice.

Reagan Brown said his parents, in their 80s, managed to escape uphill as water inundated their home in the town of Hunt. When the couple learned that their 92-year-old neighbor was trapped in her attic, they went back and rescued her.

"Then they were able to reach their tool shed on higher ground, and neighbors throughout the early morning began to show up at their tool shed, and they all rode it out together," Brown said.

Elizabeth Lester, a mother of children who were at Camp Mystic and nearby Camp La Junta during the flood, said her young son had to swim out his cabin window to escape. Her daughter fled up the hillside as floodwaters whipped against her legs.

## Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



We will soon vote on new Officers for the club for 2026. We are accepting nominations for the positions listed below. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting during Shindig in September.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Range Master
- Communications Director

Qualifications to serve as an Officer are:

- Must be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election
- Must be at least 21 years of age

Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other members as candidates for offices. Nominations should be submitted to the Executive Committee by the last day of June but may be submitted as late as the last day of August.

Terms of office:

- The President, Vice President, Range Master, Co-Range Master and Communications Director shall serve one (1) year terms from January 1 to December 31
- The Secretary shall serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1 of each odd-numbered year
- The Treasurer shall serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1 of each even-numbered year
- There shall be no term limits on any office

As we look ahead to 2026, we invite nominations for officer positions within our membership. This is a valuable opportunity for you to contribute your talents, energy, and vision to help determine the future of our club.

Our strength lies in the dedication of people like you who are willing to step forward and serve. Whether you're nominating yourself or someone you believe would be a great fit, we encourage you to help bring a fresh perspective and make a meaningful impact to the organization.

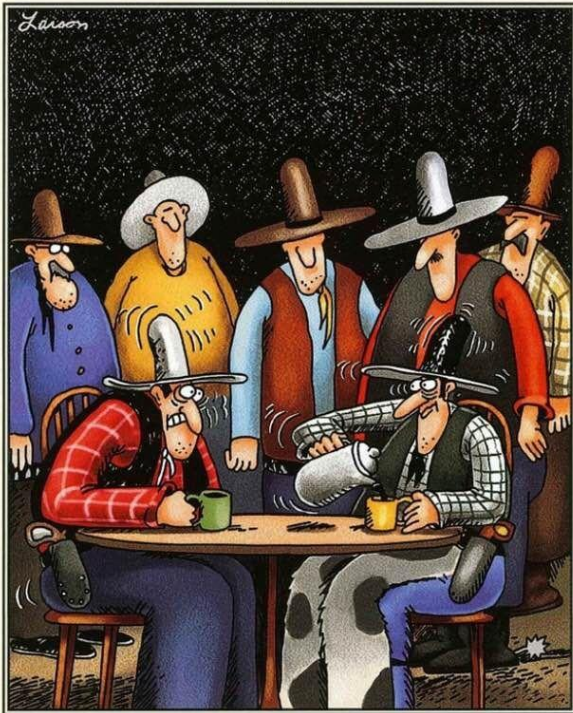
Hope to see everyone on the range.

Shooting Iron Miller  
Secretary



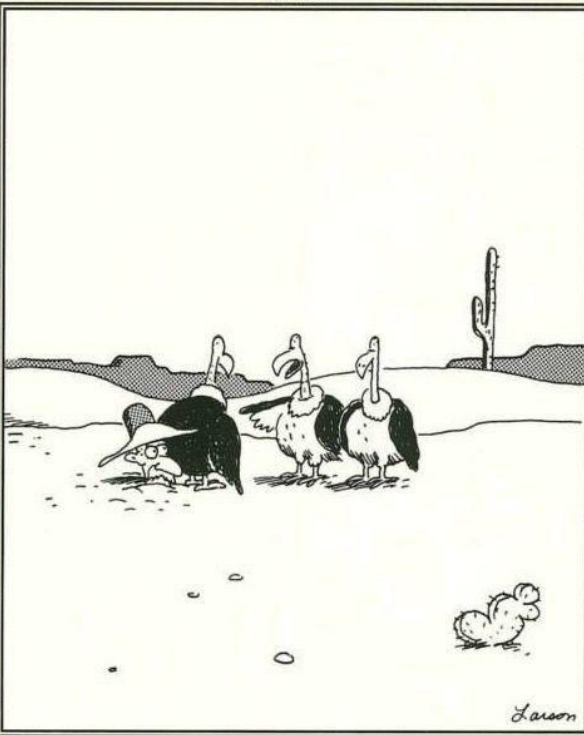


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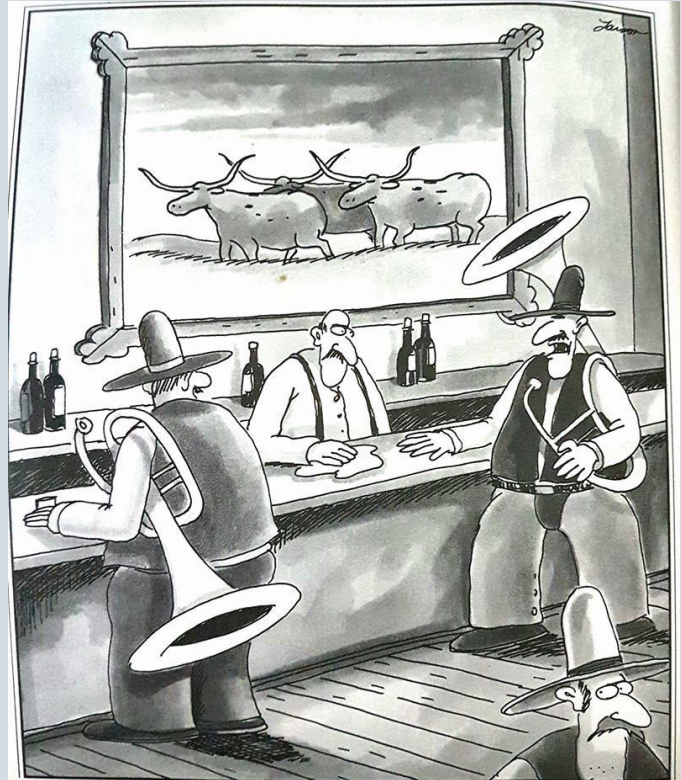


Hour after hour, cup after cup, the two men matched their caffeine limits in a traditional contest of the Old West.

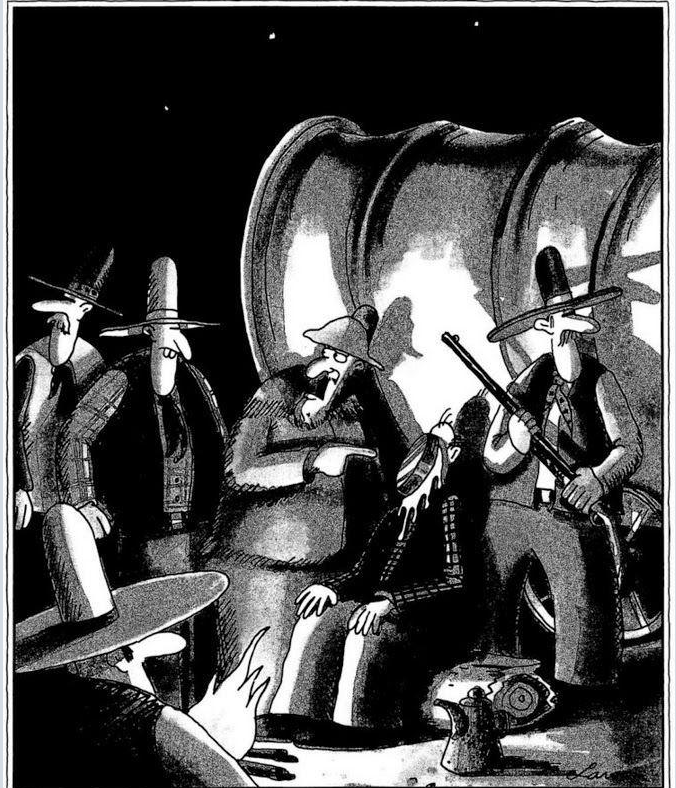
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"You know what I think, Vernon? I think you're hiding one of those things the Indians bury up to their necks—that's what I think!"



"So, they tell me you fancy yourself a tuba player."



"No doubt about it, boys. See these markings on the bottom? This is an Apache pie pan!"

## Parting Shots

1. "Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears."— John Lennon
2. "The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times."— Paulo Coelho
3. "God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas but for scars."— Elbert Hubbard
4. "Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power."— Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
5. "Don't Gain The World & Lose Your Soul, Wisdom Is Better Than Silver Or Gold."— Bob Marley
6. "There are moments when troubles enter our lives and we can do nothing to avoid them. But they are there for a reason. Only when we have overcome them will we understand why they were there."— Paulo Coelho
7. "Never, never, never give in!"— Winston S. Churchill
8. "Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see."— Helen Keller
9. "Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."— Samuel Taylor Coleridge
10. "The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything, except what is worth knowing."— Oscar Wilde
11. "The only man who never makes mistakes is the man who never does anything."— Theodore Roosevelt
12. "It does not matter how long you are spending on the earth, how much money you have gathered or how much attention you have received. It is the amount of positive vibration you have radiated in life that matters,"— Amit Ray
13. "No, that is the great fallacy: the wisdom of old men. They do not grow wise. They grow careful."— Ernest Hemingway
14. "Sometimes it's not enough to know what things mean, sometimes you have to know what things don't mean."— Bob Dylan
15. "I used to think the worst thing in life is to end up all alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people who make you feel all alone."— Robin Williams
16. "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."— Theodore Roosevelt
17. "You will not be punished for your anger; you will be punished by your anger."
18. — Siddhārtha Gautama
19. "Madame, all stories, if continued far enough, end in death, and he is no true-story teller who would keep that from you."— Ernest Hemingway
20. "There is an ancient tribal proverb I once heard in India. It says that before we can see properly we must first shed our tears to clear the way."— Libba Bray
21. "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care"— Theodore Roosevelt
22. "When in doubt, choose to live."— Terry Pratchett
23. "Crying does not indicate that you are weak. Since birth, it has always been a sign that you are alive."— Charlotte Brontë
24. "Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, Faith looks up"— Ralph Waldo Emerson
25. "Sometimes you weren't supposed to share pain. Sometimes it was best just to deal with it alone."— Sarah Addison Allen



## Texican Rangers Regulators

- 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
- Beans Ahgin 2022
- Colorado Horseshoe 2024



### June

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|--------------------|------|
| Samuel Smith       | 6/3  |
| T.H. Boland        | 6/8  |
| Box S Spicy        | 6/12 |
| Mad Dog McCoy      | 6/19 |
| Skinny             | 6/21 |
| Doc Holloman       | 6/25 |
| Colorado Horseshoe | 6/27 |
| Burly Bill Brocius | 6/30 |

### July

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|---------------------|------|
| Squaw Man           | 7/9  |
| Sheriff Robert Love | 7/10 |
| July Smith          | 7/10 |
| Dirty Dog Dale      | 7/11 |
| Kincade             | 7/17 |
| Little Bit Sassy    | 7/31 |

### August

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|---------------------|------|
| Crooked Creek Sam   | 8/09 |
| Moose McCoy         | 8/09 |
| Yakima Jim Tombaugh | 8/20 |
| Scooter             | 8/27 |
| Farr Ranger         | 8/28 |
| Harmony Bell        | 8/29 |
| Llano Leadslinger   | 8/29 |



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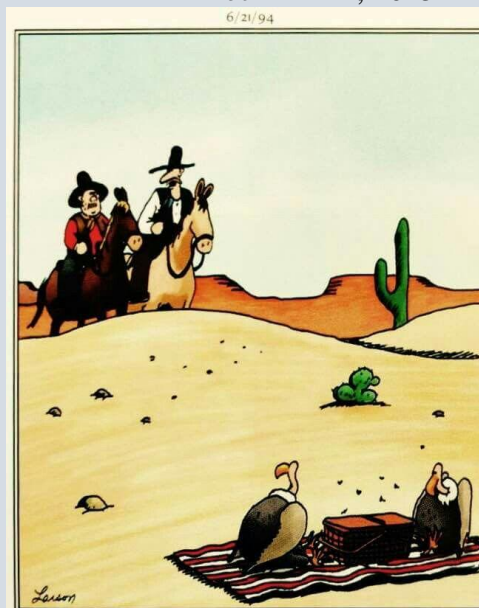
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## CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd & 5th Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend Saturday & Sunday (Cowboy/1911)	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday (Cowboy) & 3rd Sunday (Long Range)	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)
5th Sunday Cowboy & Long Range	Texas Riviera Pistoleros

### Important Matches

End of Trail	Feb 24 – Mar 2, 2025
Whoopin' 2025 (Tejas Caballeros)	Mar 14 – 16, 2025
Trailhead (THSS)	Mar 20 – 23, 2025
Texas Riviera Pistoleros Ambush at Gamble Gulch	
(TX State WB Championship)	Mar 28 – 30, 2025
Battle of Plum Creek 2025	
(Plum Creek Shooting Society)	May 2 – 4, 2025
Land Run	Oct 4 – 11, 2025
Regulators Revenge 2025	
(Green Mountain Regulators)	Nov 7 – 9, 2025
Gunfight at Gamble Gulch	
(Texas Riviera Pistoleros)	Dec 12 – 14, 2025



“It’s a buzzard picnic, son—and you best remember to never take a look-see inside one of them baskets.”



## Photo Album

