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Words from the President



We had a great turnout for March 80 shooters which included 13 guests on Saturday and 32 shooters which included 10 guests on Sunday. There were 25 total clean matches Saturday and Sunday. We had a great lunch thank you Gumbo Annie and Long Range was in full swing with several shooters participating.

Our April match will be Comancheria Days the SASS Texas State Championship. We have 316 shooters and 15 on the waiting list.

Wildcat Bob has agreed to head up the Side Match Volunteers on Thursday. If you have not signed up to work and would like to do so please send an email to Texicanrangers@yahoo.com and we will get you signed up.

Col. Callan has agreed to head up Parking and Vendors. If you have a golf cart and would like to help out with parking, we could use you.

We have made great progress on the range projects and things are looking great. We have re-painted floors in the stages with non-skid paint, built new shooting tables, placed wood on target stands to prevent splatter, and cleared out 3 trailers full of dead trees and

brush and it all could not have been completed without our great volunteers. We have a couple more work days to finish up before the campers and vendors pull in to the ranch so if you can help out it would be appreciated.

Good Shooting, you can reach by phone at 210 862-7464, and by email at either jnping67@sbcglobal.net or Texicanrangers@yahoo.com
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The Most Unfortunate Alias in the Old West, Richard (Little Dick) West By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Not the luckiest of outlaws in the old west. The only pictures we have of him were taken after he was shot and killed, and I ask you, could you have a more unfortunate Alias.

Though to have been born in Texas in about 1860, West was working as a cowboy on the Halsell ranch in Oklahoma when he met Bill Doolin and joined up with the Oklahombres in 1892. He was with the gang when they robbed the bank in Southwest City, Missouri and was wounded in a gunfight that ensued. He continued to ride with Doolin until Doolin was killed in 1896.

The next year, West helped to form the Jennings Gang, who made a number of bungled train robbery attempts, again unlucky. After failing miserably, the gang broke up and though the other four members were caught and sentenced to jail in 1897, West remained on the lam until the next year.

Pursued by the “Three Guardsmen”, Bill Tilghman, Heck Thomas and Chris Madsen. The lawmen finally tracked him down near Guthrie, Oklahoma. On April 8, 1898, when he was approached by Thomas and Tilghman, he refused to surrender and in the ultimate gunfight that took place, as killed. He is buried in the Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie, Oklahoma near Bill Doolin. His will never be an alias recommend by the Texican Rangers.



17th Annual Tejada Middle School History Faire & Culture Fest

By Charley Reynolds



On Saturday, April 7th, Tejada Middle School is hosting their 16th Annual History Faire & Culture Fest. This is a free community event sponsored by the Tejada Young Historian Club to promote cultural understanding and "living history." Cultural, historical and performing groups from all over the city and state participate; not to mention there's plenty of food. Although it's put on for the students of Tejada Middle School, it's open to everyone; and best of all, admission is free.

For at least the last 15 years, SASS cowboys have had a display at the Faire. Initially the Alamo Area Moderators sponsored the display. For the past few years, the Texican Rangers have been the sponsors. Our display consists of historic rifles, pistols & shotguns, from flintlock, to cap & ball, to cartridge. We also have western memorabilia displays and a Frontier Life display.

Those of us who have participated explain the items on display as well as western culture and SASS to both the students and adults. Sometimes it's hard to tell who has more fun, the visitors or us. The school provides breakfast, lunch and water to the participants...not a bad deal. They've even built us a display area. We dress in our cowboy

clothes, to include our cowboy guns; just no live ammo. The school police frown on that. The Faire runs from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. We begin setting up at 8:00a.m. Participant parking is at the school (2909 E. Evans Rd), with remote parking at Encino Park Elementary or Roan Forest Elementary.



What Did Guns Cost in the Old West By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Colt 1848 Dragoon \$16.00 in the east. If you waited until you got to the California gold fields it would increase to \$250.00. The Dragoon was produced because of the problems seen with the fielded 1847 Colt Walker revolvers, namely, the Walker's heavy weight, four and a half pounds,

making it suitable only for use as a saddle-mounted revolver, the Walker's propensity for cylinders exploding on occasion when fired (due to the chambers being loaded with too much powder), and the Walker's habit of dropping the loading lever upon discharge, locking up the revolver action in the middle of combat.



Colt 1849 Pocket Pistol \$8.00 in East and \$100.00 in gold fields. By the way this was the most popular gun during the California Gold Rush. It was also popular with Officers during the Civil War. The Officers did not rely on them as combat arms but as defense against battlefield surgeons bent on amputating a limb.



Remington 1858, \$12.50. The Remington revolver owes its durability to the "topstrap", solid-frame design. The design is stronger and less prone to frame stretching than the Colt revolvers of the same era. The Remington revolver permitted easy cylinder

removal, allowing a quick reload with a spare pre-loaded cylinder; this being an advantage over other revolver designs of the time. It was the second most popular pistole of the Union Army.



1857 Smith & Wesson Model 1 \$1.50. This was the first firearm manufactured by Smith & Wesson. It was the first commercially successful revolver to use rimfire cartridges instead of loose powder, musket ball, and percussion caps. It is a single-action, tip-up revolver holding seven .22 Short black powder cartridges.



1860 Henry Repeating Rifle \$44.00. For a Civil War soldier, owning a Henry rifle was a point of pride. Just 1,731 of the standard rifles were purchased by the government during the Civil War. However, 6,000 to 7,000 were bought and used Union soldiers, in the field, by soldiers who could afford it. To the amazed muzzleloader-armed Confederates who had to face this deadly "sixteen shooter", it was called "a rifle that you could load on Sunday and shoot all week long."



1860 Colt Army \$23.00, by 1856 reduced to \$14.50. This was the most widely used revolver of the Civil War. A distinguishing feature of the Model 1860 was that its frame had no top strap, or no component running above the cylinder. Instead, its strength

came from the lower frame and the massive fixed cylinder pin. This made the gun slimmer and lighter than its main competitor, the Remington Model 1858, but with a possible loss of strength. Military 1860s had elongated screw lugs on the side of the frame to mount a detachable shoulder stock.



1861 Springfield Rifle \$19.00. It was the standard rifled musket used in the Civil War. The Springfield had a general effective range of 200 to 300 yards but could reliably hit man sized targets out to 500 yards when used by marksmen. Well trained troops were able to fire at a rate of three aimed shots per minute while maintaining accuracy up to 500 yards. Overwhelmed by the demand, Springfield Armory opened its weapons patterns up to twenty private contractors.



1866 Spencer Rifle \$35.00. The Spencer was the world's first military repeating rifle, with over 200,000 examples of the Spencer produced in the United States. It was adopted by the Union Army, especially by the cavalry, during the American Civil War, but did not replace the standard issue muzzle-loading rifled muskets in use at the time. The Spencer carbine was a shorter and lighter version. Confederates referred to the Spencer as “the gun you gun you could load and shoot every day of the week and twice on Sunday.”



Remington 1866 Derringer \$8.00. Remington Arms manufactured more than 150,000 over-under double-barreled derringers from 1866 until the end of their production in 1935. The gun was only made

in .41 rimfire. The Remington derringer design doubled the capacity, while maintaining a compact size, by adding a second barrel on top of the first and pivoting the barrels upwards to reload. Each barrel then held one round, and a cam on the hammer alternated between top and bottom barrels. There were four models with several variations. The .41 Short bullet moved very slowly, at about 425 feet per second, around half the speed of a modern .45 ACP. The bullet could be seen in flight, but at very close range, such as at a casino or saloon card table, it could easily kill. It was deadly because the bullet moving so slowly would take bits of clothing

in to the wound. Even if the bullet was removed, if the bits of clothing were not the victim would die of blood poisoning.



1873 Colt Single Action Army \$13.50 for the Army contract and \$18.00 for the civilian market. All government-purchased Colt .45's were the same: color case-hardened frames and hammers with the rest of the metal blued. All had 7 1/2" barrels, grooves down the topstrap for rear sight and a rather small blade front. Grips for all were

one piece — truly cut from one piece of walnut. The grip frame consisted of two pieces, the backstrap and the triggerguard, and the wood inleted so those items fit around it. It was not originally called the Single Action Army. In the beginning it was called the New Strap Pistol — the strap being the top strap connecting the two parts of the frame.



1873 Winchester \$24.00. The Model 1873 was one of the most successful Winchester rifles of its day, with Winchester marketing it as "The Gun that Won the West". Still an icon in the modern day, it was manufactured between 1873 and 1923. It was originally chambered for the .44-40 cartridge, which was the first centrefire cartridge, and which became immensely popular.



Remington 1875 \$11.75. Introduced to compete with Colt's single-action Army revolvers, this Remington design failed to meet with the commercial success made by Colt's model due to the Hartford firm's two-year head start in production and sales.

Remington's solution was to price the model

lower than a comparable Colt Revolvers of its time. The problem was the .44 Remington Centerfire was an inferior round. They later tried to improve by chambering their revolver in .44-40, and later .45 Colt.



1876 45-75 Carbine \$30.00. The Winchester Model 1876, or Centennial Model, was a heavier-framed rifle than the Models 1866 and 1873, chambered for full-powered centerfire rifle cartridges suitable for big-game hunting, rather than the handgun-sized rimfire and centerfire rounds of its predecessors.



1886 Winchester \$21.00. The Model 1886 continued the trend towards chambering heavier rounds and had an all-new and considerably stronger locking-block action than the toggle-link Model 1876. It was designed by John Moses Browning, who had a long and profitable relationship with Winchester from the 1880s to the early 1900s.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Reminder: We will not have a monthly match in April due to Comancheria Days our SASS Texas State Championship.

We only have May, June, July and August matches remaining 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 maryn58@sbcglobal.net.

Tombstone Mary

Best Western Movie Quotes of All Time

“Get ready, little lady. Hell is coming to breakfast.”

The Outlaw Josey Wales

“We’ll give you a fair trial... Followed by a first class hangin’.”

Silverado

“Oh. Johnny, I apologize; I forgot you were there. You may go now.”

Tombstone

“For a one-leg rancher... He’s one tough son of a bitch.”

3:10 to Yuma

“You go for a man hard enough and fast enough, he don’t have time to think about how many’s with him; he thinks about himself, and how he might get clear of that wrath that’s about to set down on him.”

Rooster Cogburn

“Move a little strange, you’re gonna get a bullet. Not a warning, not a question... a bullet.”

The Hateful Eight

“It’s a hell of a thing; killin’ a man. You take away everthing h ever had and ever would have.”

Unforgiven

“You see, in this world there’s two kinds of people, my friend: Those with loaded guns and thoe who dig. You dig.”

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

“Man, I got vision and the rest of the world wears bifocals.”

Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid

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



March Birthdays

Sunny Spurs	3/3
Aiyana Kay	3/17
Tombstone Mary	3/17
Will Tinker	3/19
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Maverick McCoy	3/29
Choctaw Chase	3/30
Hopalong Herbert	3/31



April Birthdays

Bama Sue	4/2
Moonshine Bill	4/4
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Miz Ella	4/19
Brass Case	4/28
Jake Jones	4/28



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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)

	2018	
Feb 9-11	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



“This is rodeo history! No one’s ever stayed on the Dancing Bronco this long!”

Photo Gallery













