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Hello Texican Rangers



March saw us finally getting us back to our regular shooting routine. We had our two regular Cowboy matches and our first Wild Bunch match of the 2021 season. Congratulations to Brazos Bo for posting the best time on the Saturday match, while Ivory Venom posted Top Lady Shooter. On Sunday Whiskey Kid was the top shooter with Panhandle Cowgirl taking the Top Lady position. Shooting Iron Miller bested all the Wild Bunch shooters as the top Wild Bunch shooter on Sunday. Congratulations to them all.

Great news, Comancheria Days is less than two weeks away! With 182 registered competitors, we are headed to yet another fantastic annual match. We still have a few important tasks to finish before we open the range to all our members and guests, so please come out on Tuesday the 30th of March and the 6th of April to help us finalize the last minute touches for our match. Bring your weed eaters, paint brushes and favorite paint rollers as we freshen up the stages.

For those who are ammunition challenged, please remember we now have a Rimfire Cowboy/Cowgirl category available. You can use your .22 caliber pistols and rifles to compete in this category. No firearms? No problem! Some members have offered to supply you with .22 revolvers and rifles if you don't have them. Just drop me a note and we'll arrange for you to get them. By the way, you are eligible for the club end of year awards once you fire in five matches this year.

Col. Callan conducted our first Cowboy Church of the season with an inspirational Lenten message. Many thanks for his words for us. Our next service will be in May immediately prior to the Sunday shooter's meeting.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter celebration of life.

Asup Sleeve

President, Texican Rangers

Henry Darrow

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Henry Darrow (born Enrique Tomás Delgado Jiménez; was an American character actor of stage and film known for his role as Manolito "Mano" Montoya on the 1960s television series *The High Chaparral*. I liked *The High Chaparral* and the character Manolito was my favorite.

Darrow was born in New York City, the first son of Gloria and Enrique Pío Delgado, who worked in the restaurant and clothing businesses. At the age of eight, he played a woodcutter in a school play, an experience which convinced him that his destiny was as an actor.

He received a scholarship to attend acting school and graduated with a Bachelor of degree in theater arts. After college he began working immediately.

He landed small parts in 12 movies and 75 television series when he won the role in a 1965 stage production of *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit*. This brought him to the attention of television producer David Dortort, who immediately recruited him for his television western series *The High Chaparral*, casting him as Manolito Montoya. Making its debut on American television in September 1967 (NBC), it went on to last four seasons and was screened around the world. While on the show, both he and series' lead Cameron Mitchell became household names as the breakout stars of the show.

His character Manolito was definitely a non-stereotypical Latino. His character was so strong. Manolito, especially in the pilot, comes off at first as your typical Latino-stereotypical bandito, but during the course of the pilot [you discover] this guy is not a bandito but the son of a wealthy land baron who is basically trying to find his own identity in his own way.



I liked the character because he was a rogue who liked to have a good time but someone you could always depend on in the end. I especially liked that he carried a nickel plated 1875 Remington Outlaw with a 7 1/2 inch barrel and ivory grips.

Guns were an important part of *The High Chaparral*. It happened after the end of the Civil

War, during a time when most people were carrying single shot rifles. It was an important part of the early plot that the Cannon family came to western Arizona and brought Henry repeating rifles. This gave them a big advantage over the numerous bad guys.

I enjoyed the show and would have liked to see it go on for more than its four seasons.

Darrow has sadly recently died at his home in North Carolina at age 87. He will be remembered for many things but especially for being Manolito.

The Fall of the Alamo - March 6, 1836

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The battle of the Alamo was a pivotal event in the Texas Revolution. Following a 13-day siege, Mexican troops under President General Antonio López de Santa Anna reclaimed the Alamo Mission near San Antonio de Béxar, killing most of the Texians and Tejanos inside. Santa Anna's cruelty during the battle inspired many Texians and Tejanos to join the Texian Army. Buoyed by a desire for revenge, the Texians defeated the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto, on April 21, 1836, ending the rebellion.

How did the Alamo finally fall on that fateful day, March 6th 1836? Well for the first 10 days of the conflict, the two armies engaged in several skirmishes with minimal casualties. This gave the defenders hope and a chance to send out messengers asking for reinforcements that never came.

Then on the 11th day, Santa Anna changed his tactics. He began a cannon bombardment that eventually on the 12th day breached one of the Alamo's walls. Instead of continuing the attack, Santa Anna ceased fire. One theory is that Santa Anna's officers were reluctant to face the displayed accuracy of the defenders' rifles.

After two days of near constant bombardment the defenders of the Alamo were exhausted mentally and physically. With only a few men left on guard the defenders basically slept where they were.

Early in the morning, under the cover of darkness, approximately 4,000 Mexican soldiers advanced on the Alamo. It is presumed that all sentries outside the Alamo were silenced as the first step in the advance. The Mexican soldiers carried scaling ladders, and axes for breaching defensive positions. They carried their Brown Bess muskets but their main battle weapons were their bayonets and sabers.

One sentry inside the Alamo saw a flash of moonlight off a polished blade and grabbed a bugle and sounded the alarm. The defenders had pre-loaded their weapons and rained deadly hail down on the attackers. They were able to fend off the initial attack. Then the Mexican army retreated, regrouped and attacked again. The defenders again held off the attackers.

Sadly, the defenders were unable to fend off a third attack. As Mexican soldiers scaled the walls, most of the Texian fighters withdrew into interior buildings. Occupiers unable to reach these points were slain by the Mexican cavalry as they attempted to escape.

In all, the three-part assault on the fort took five hours, but the deadly action within the walls is said to have been crammed into thirty minutes. By nine o'clock in the morning of March 6, 1836, the siege of the Alamo was over.

The Alamo fell, but the defenders made Santa Anna's forces pay a terrible price. Four Mexican battalions attacked the Alamo that night. Of the Toluca Battalion, which had a strength of 800 men, 670 of their shock troops fell on the way to or at the north wall. This and the delay that allowed Sam Houston to build his army both contributed to the final success at the battle of San Jacinto.

Breech Loading Rifles during the Civil War

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Breech-loading rifles and carbines were the weapons that ultimately changed and revolutionized warfare. The Civil War is called the "first modern war" for many reasons; one of these reasons is because of breech-loading rifles. Breech-loading rifles loaded their bullets at the back of the gun. Before this rifles were usually muzzle loaders. As the name implies, loading from the front of the gun barrel. Using a breech-loading gun, ammunition could be loaded much faster and shots could be fired at the enemy much quicker. In addition, these rifles could have multiple bullets loaded into them at one time. Realizing this, both the Union and Confederate armies scrambled to equip their armies with breech-loading rifles. However, manufacturing difficulties prevented many of these innovative weapons to be distributed. Most soldiers were left with older muzzle loading rifles. Many different breech-loading rifle models were used during the Civil War. The more well-known ones are the following: Sharps Carbine, Spencer repeating rifle, Henry repeating rifle, Burnside carbine, Starr carbine, Colt revolving rifle.

The Sharps carbine was a fast breech-loading rifle that was extremely accurate and had a high firepower. It was in high demand throughout the war. It was usually the Union sniper's weapon of choice, due to its high rate of fire (up to around 10 rounds per minute. A muzzle loading sniper could get only 2 rounds per minute.) And its effective range (up to 1000 yards). About 90,000 were used by the Union. Confederate soldiers did capture many models and attempted to replicate them, but they were only able to make a crude copy that did not work very well (they had a tendency to blow up in the soldier's hands).



The Spencer repeating rifle and the Henry repeating rifle are both lever-action breech loading rifles. "Lever action" means that there is a lever built into the rifle that would load the next bullet in the firing mechanism. Both these rifles were used by cavalry because they fired so quickly. A trained soldier could squeeze off 20 to 30 rounds per minute. A longer version of the Spencer repeating rifle was manufactured to meet the needs of a sniper. By 1865, about 48,000 Spencer repeating rifles had been made. Only about 10,000 Henry repeating rifles were made during the war.



The Colt revolving rifle was manufactured by Colt and was based off of a pistol design. It retained the 5-shot cylinder and maintained a high rate of fire. However, the loading process was awkward and slow. Despite the drawbacks, the Colt revolving rifle distinguished itself at the Battle of Chickamauga where 535 Union troops were able to repel 5 enemy charges and shot about 43,550 rounds. A captured Confederate soldier, after facing these weapons, exclaimed, "My God, we thought you were a whole division out there!" A shorter version of the Colt revolving rifle was also produced for cavalry use.



The Burnside carbine and the Starr carbine both were used during the Civil War. Unfortunately, both suffered major drawbacks that prevented their widespread use. The Burnside carbine used a special cartridge for its firing mechanism, limiting its effective use. About 55,000 Burnside carbines were produced during the Civil War. The Starr carbine was a single-shot breech-loading rifle meant for cavalry, but its delicate parts broke easily and was not very useful because of its complex mechanisms.



The standard weapon used by both sides during the Civil War was a muzzle-loading .58 caliber rifle musket. It was a good weapon but its loading method limited its efficiency and at times made it dangerous. In the heat of battle, soldiers sometimes forgot whether they had loaded the weapon and would reload it. At other times the piece would misfire and thinking that the weapon had fired the soldiers would proceed to load it again. As a result, it was fairly easy to get more than one load into the weapon. After the battle of Gettysburg, it was discovered of the 27, 574 weapons picked up from the battlefield, approximately 6,000 were found to be properly loaded, and 12,000 had three to ten loads. One piece contained twenty-three loads. From these figures it was estimated that one-third of the fighting men on each side during the battle were carrying non-functioning weapons.

Although breech-loading was becoming more and more popular among troops due to the clear advantages of a good breechloader, the breech mechanisms were still far perfect. Throughout the Civil War inventors strove

to improve their models as they tried to meet requirements to obtain government contracts. After the Civil War the big push was on to convert the paper cartridge carbines to metallic cartridges.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Our April shoot is our annual match Comancheria Days. We will not have a regular Cowboy match on Saturday or Sunday.

Dues were due January 1, 2021. If you have not paid your dues you will be removed from our active email list.

If you have not signed a current waiver for 2021 please make sure to do so before you shoot your first match.

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

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Tombstone Mary, Secretary

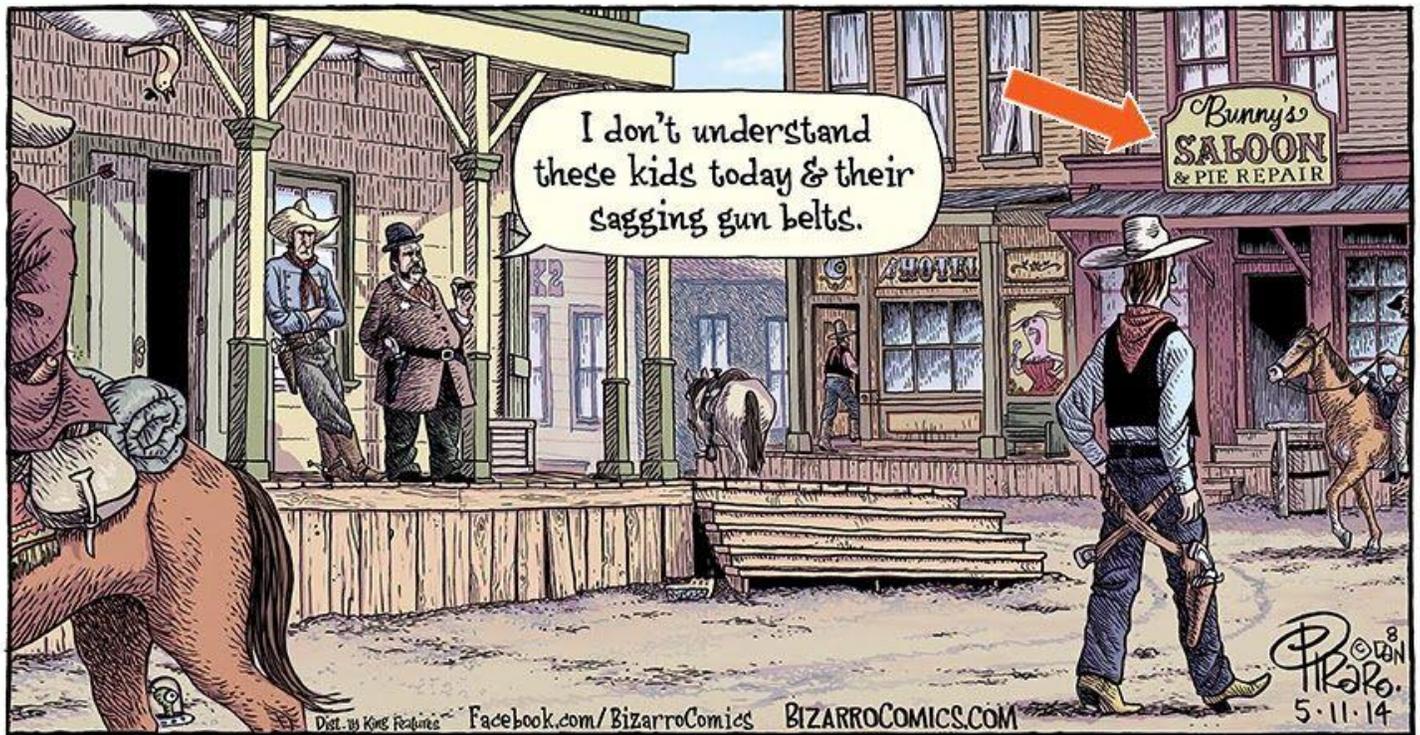
Congratulations New Life Members

January 2021, Shooting Iron Miller and Tombstone Mary have been unanimously voted in as Life Members of the Texican Rangers. They join the following list of Life Members:

Bad Jack Abernathy
Cherokee
Dusty Chambers
Emzy Anne Lakin
Handlebar Bob

John McClure
Sheriff Robert Love
Silver Bullet Bev
Texas Jack
Woody Duit





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Caliber	Weight	Config.	Price/500	Price/1000
.38	100	RNFP	34	68
	105	FP	35	70
	125	RNFP	38	76
	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
.44-40	200	RNFP	49	98
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	250	RNFP	58	116
9MM	124	RN	38	76
	125	CN	38	76
40 S&W	180	FP	45	89
.45ACP	200	SWC	49	98
	200	RN	49	98
	230	RN	56	111
45-70	405	FPT	120	240

Parting Shots

1. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
2. A limbo champion walks into a bar, and was immediately disqualified.
3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
4. I was raised as an only child – which really annoyed my sister.
5. Bring me a crocodile sandwich and make it snappy!
6. Two peanuts walk into a bar, one was assaulted.
7. Always remember that you're unique, just like everyone else.
8. A dyslexic penguin walks into a bra.
9. I'll never forget what my late uncle said to me, he said, I'm sorry I'm late.
10. I'm not being condescending. I'm too busy thinking about far more important things you wouldn't understand.
11. So she phones me last night, and says "Come on over, no one's home!" I got there, and there was no one home.
12. A man walks into a zoo. The only animal in the entire zoo is a dog. It's a shih tzu.
13. It's hard explaining puns to kleptomaniacs because they're always taking things literally.
14. My wife asked me why I was speaking so softly at home. I told her I was afraid Mark Zuckerberg was listening! She laughed. I laughed. Alexa laughed. Siri laughed.
15. Have you ever got half way through eating a horse and thought, I'm not as hungry as I thought I was?
16. Did I already tell you the Déjà vu joke?
17. Ok, so what if I don't know what Armageddon means it's not the end of the world.
18. As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.
19. A priest, a rabbi, and an imam walk into a bar and the bartender says to them, "What is this... a joke?"
20. No one turned up to the first meeting of my Sarcasm Club – despite loads of people saying how much they were looking forward to it...
21. Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid negative numbers? He (or she) would stop at nothing to avoid them.
22. I didn't know my dad was a construction site thief, but when I got home all the signs were there.
23. I installed a skylight in my apartment... the people who live above me are furious.
24. The world champion tongue twister just got arrested and was given a really tough sentence.
25. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
26. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
27. I intend to live forever. So far, so good.
28. The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.
29. When I was a kid we had a quicksand box. I was an only child... eventually.
30. There are two secrets to success in life. First of all, don't tell all you know...
31. Conjunctivitis.org, now that's a site for sore eyes...
32. Crime in multi-story parking garage is wrong on so many different levels...
33. I don't have a beer gut. I have a protective covering for my rock hard abs.
34. The pollen count, now that's a difficult job and it brings tears to my eyes just thinking about it.
35. I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, 'Well, that's not going to happen.'

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



March Birthdays:

Tombstone Mary	3/17
Will Tinker	3/19
Crooked Bullet	3/21
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Maverick McCoy	3/29
Hopalong Herbert	3/31

April Birthdays

Bama Sue	4/2
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Pepper Jacq	4/23
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28



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- www.sassnet.com
- www.texicanrangers.org
- www.greenmountainregulators.org
- www.pccss.org
- www.stxpistolaros.com
- www.tejasballeros.org
- www.trpistoleros.com
- www.texasjacks.com
- www.cimarron-firearms.com
- www.tsra.com
- www.wildwestmercantile.com

TEXICAN RANGERS

2021

January 9	Monthly Match
January 10	Monthly Match
February 13	Monthly Match
February 14	Monthly Match
March 13	Monthly Match
March 14	Monthly Match
April 8 – 10	Comancheria Days
May 8	Monthly Match
May 9	Monthly Match
May 29	Wild Bunch/BAMM
June 12	Monthly Match
June 13	Monthly Match
July 10	Monthly Match
July 11	Monthly Match
July 31	Wild Bunch/BAMM
August 14	Monthly Match
August 15	Monthly Match
September 3-5	TX State Wild Bunch Championship
September 11	Monthly Match (Shindig)
September 12	Monthly Match
October 9	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 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)

2021

Canceled
Mar 25-28
April 8-10
April 21-24
June 17-27

Sep 3-5
Sep 22-25
Oct 23-24

Winter Range
SASS Texas State Championship
Comancheria Days
SASS Southwest Regional Land Run
End of Trail
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship
Comin' At Cha
SASS Texas State Black Powder
Championship

Photo Album



