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Words from the President



Howdy from Crazy Clyde

Well fellow Texican Rangers, another season has flown by. Our last shoot on October 14th, hosted 51 members and five guests on a Chamber of Commerce day with clear skies and mild temperatures. I told the guests that this weather was pretty typical here at the Stieler Ranch.

We passed an amendment to our bylaws that allows newly elected officers, those elected during Shindig in September, full voting privileges in any and all matters concerning Comancheria Days in April. Such amendment may be attached in ARTICLE 6: CONDUCT OF CLUB OPERATIONS, as XVIII, as found on page 5.

I have made many close friends during my membership with the Texicans and am sad to see our season come to an end. Therefore, I propose we have an informal, no dress code, shoot at our place on Saturday, November 11th, starting at 11:00 a.m. We live at 415 Red Bird Loop,

Drive up Red Bird Loop to 415 in Center Point, Texas, (open gate has a “circle B”). The range goes out to 200 yards for us rifle folks and I have several outdated (smaller) targets, plus other fun stuff for Cowboys. My cell number is (210) 215-9297. Home number is (830) 634-3414. I’ll provide sandwich stuff and soft drinks. RSVP would be appreciated. Now then, Stoneleigh is at the flashing yellow light 1/4 mile east of the only stoplight in Center Point. We can make up the scenarios as we go. If it rains, we can shoot off my porch.

The new “Sharpshooter” category was a challenge. Whereas Cowboy Action Shooting has many categories and categories within categories, maybe it would be fun to have just one “Sharpshooter” category: no age, gender, or powder.

It would be good to register for Comancheria Days/State Shoot ASAP, so we can be planning ahead as much as we can. Our new officers: A.D. Texaz—Pres., Col. Callan—VP, Colorado Horseshoe—RO, Gen. Burleson—Treas., and Sec.—Tombstone Mary could use all the lead time we can provide. As ex-officio Pres., I’ll provide all the help I can render, as long as the coffee holds out. For you who have registered: A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

Thanks for putting up with me during a fun season. Please stay in touch.
Crazy Clyde

David “Dirty Dave” Rudabaugh By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



David (Dave) Rudabaugh was born in Fulton County, Illinois in July of 1854. However, his family moved to Eureka, Kansas in 1870. Later he lived in Greenwood County, Kansas before following the cattle trail west into Colorado. Little is known about his life until he joined the “outlaw trail.”

Nicknamed "Dirty Dave" because he rarely bathed and wore filthy clothes, he came to notoriety in the 1870s as the head of a gang of thieves and rustlers in Texas. But Rudabaugh didn't limit his thieving to the Lone Star State. When he and his gang robbed a Santa Fe Railroad construction camp in Kansas in November 1877, Wyatt

Earp was issued an acting commission as a U.S. Deputy Marshal to pursue the outlaw out of the state.

Following Rudabaugh's trail for 400 miles to Fort Griffin, Texas, Wyatt Earp visited the Shanssey's Saloon, asking about Rudabaugh. Owner John Shanssey said that Rudabaugh had been there earlier in the week, but didn't know where he was bound.

He then directed Wyatt to Doc Holliday who had played cards with Rudabaugh. Wyatt was skeptical about talking to Holliday, as it was well known that Doc hated lawmen. However, when Wyatt found him that evening at Shanssey's, he was surprised at Holliday's willingness to talk.



Doc told Wyatt that he thought that Rudabaugh had back-trailed to Kansas. It was this first meeting between Earp and Holliday that would form their lifetime friendship. Wyatt wired this information to Bat Masterson and the news was instrumental in apprehending Rudabaugh.

Trying to stay one step ahead of Wyatt, Rudabaugh had in fact returned to Kansas, but would rob yet another train before being

caught. On January 27, 1878, Rudabaugh, along with five other men, unsuccessfully attempted to hold up a train in Kinsley, Kansas. He and his accomplice Edgar West were caught within days by Sheriff Bat Masterson and his posse, which included John Joshua (J.J.) Webb. When Rudabaugh went for his gun, Webb stopped him and forced him to surrender. The other four accomplices were arrested later. Rudabaugh then informed on his cohorts and promised to go "straight." Rudabaugh's accomplices were sent to prison, but Dirty Dave was soon released, drifting to New Mexico and returning to thievery once again.

In 1879 he reunited with some of his acquaintances from Kansas and for the next six months they terrorized Las Vegas, New Mexico, committing train and stagecoach robberies as the "Dodge City Gang." Members of the gang included "Mysterious Dave Mather," Joe Carson, "Hoodoo Brown," the Justice of the Peace; and City Marshal John Joshua Webb, Rudabaugh's former enemy in Dodge City.

On October 14, 1879, a train was robbed in the Las Vegas area by masked men. The robbers made off with \$2,085, three pistols, and all the lanterns on the train. Two years later, when Rudabaugh was finally arrested, he would confess to participating in the robbery.

On January 22, 1880, T.J. House, James West, John Dorsey, and William Randall were parading about town sneering, laughing, and looking for trouble. When they entered the Close & Patterson Variety Hall, Marshal Joe Carson asked them to check their guns, and they refused. A wild gunfight ensued, and Carson was killed immediately, while Deputy "Mysterious" Dave Mather killed Randall and dropped West.

John Dorsey, though wounded, and T.J. House managed to escape. On February 5th the Dodge City Gang learned that Dorsey and House were hiding out at the home of Juan Antonio Dominguez in Buena Vista, thirty miles north of Las Vegas. A posse comprised of J.J. Webb, Dave Rudabaugh, and five other men, surrounded the House and called for the men to surrender.

Dorsey and House complied after assurance of protection from the citizens of Las Vegas was given. However, the assurance would be hollow, as within hours of the men being placed in the Old Town Jail, vigilantes relieved the jailers of the prisoners. Taking them to the windmill on the Plaza to hang, Mrs. Carson opened fire on the men before the vigilantes had a chance to hang them. Escaping justice for this murder, Rudabaugh and the rest of the gang continued to rob and rustle until J.J. Webb was arrested for the murder of Mike Kelliher on March 2, 1880. A lynch mob formed but were held off by the Dodge City Gang with "Dirty Dave" at the helm.

On April 30th, Rudabaugh, along with a man named John Allen burst through the Sheriff's office to free Webb. Though the jail break was unsuccessful, Rudabaugh murdered jailer Antonio Lino in the process. Webb's sentence was appealed and commuted to life in prison.



Rudabaugh, along with Dodge City Gang member, Tom Pickett fled to Fort Sumner and joined forces with Billy the Kid. According to some sources, Billy the Kid was afraid of only one man and that man was Dave Rudabaugh.

On November 30, 1880, Billy the Kid, David Anderson (aka: Bill Wilson,) and Rudabaugh rode into White Oaks, New Mexico and ran into Deputy Sheriff James Redman. Taking shots at the deputy, Redman hid behind a saloon as several local citizens ran into the street, chasing the fugitives out of town.

As a posse gave chase, the outlaws hid out at the ranch of a man named Jim Greathouse, who they held hostage. Accosted at dawn by a posse, they traded their hostage, Jim Greathouse, for Deputy Sheriff James Carlyle who was volunteered to negotiate with the outlaws in attempt to give themselves up. Continuing to surround the house, the posse waited for hours. Around midnight, the posse called out that they were going to storm the house. Just then a crash came through a window and a man came tumbling out. Shots ripped through the air and Carlyle lay dead. The bullet could have come from either the outlaws or the posse, but many suspect that the posse killed their own man. With this accident, the posse abandoned the siege and the outlaws escaped. Later Billy the Kid would be blamed for killing Carlyle.



Trailed by the resolute Pat Garrett; Billy the kid, Billy Wilson, Dave Rudabaugh, Tom O'Folliar, Charlie Bowdre, and Tom Pickett rode wearily into Fort Sumner, New Mexico on December 19, 1880 and were confronted by Garrett's posse which had been hiding in an old post hospital building. Lon Chambers, and several others leaped from cover as Garrett ordered the outlaws to halt. However, several of the posse members didn't wait for the outlaws to respond to Garrett's demand, instead, opening fire on Pickett and O'Folliard, who were riding in front. Pickett and O'Folliard were shot from

their saddles, Rudabaugh's horse caught a bullet and collapsed. Rudabaugh managed to jump onto Wilson's horse and he and the other outlaws escaped, holing up in an abandoned cabin near Stinking Springs, New Mexico.

Soon, the determined Pat Garrett and his posse tracked the outlaws down to Stinking Springs, New Mexico and surrounded the hideout. Inside of the house were Billy, Charlie Bowdre, Rudabaugh, Tom Pickett and Billy Wilson.

When Bowdre passed before an open window, he was shot in the chest. The siege continued until the next day, when Rudabaugh finally waved a white flag and the bandits surrendered. Billy the Kid and his gang were captured on December 23, 1880 and taken to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Rudabaugh was then taken to Las Vegas to stand trial. In February 1881, he attempted to avoid being charged with a capital offence, by pleading guilty to the Las Vegas train robbery in October 1879. However, his attempt was unsuccessful, and he was sentenced to hang for murder. He was then taken to the Las Vegas Old Town Jail to await his execution, where J.J. Webb was continuing to serve his time.

In the meantime, Billy the Kid was jailed at Lincoln, New Mexico where he escaped on April 28, 1881. However, he was soon tracked down and killed by Pat Garrett on July 14, 1881.

Rudabaugh, Webb, and two other men by the names of Thomas Duffy and H.S. Wilson tried unsuccessfully to shoot their way out of jail on September 19, 1881. Duffy was mortally wounded, and their attempt was unsuccessful. However, Webb, facing life in prison, and Rudabaugh the threat of hanging, were determined to escape.

Two months later, Webb and Rudabaugh, along with five other men, chipped a stone out of the jail wall and escaped out of a 7"x19" hole. Rudabaugh and Webb raced to Texas and then to Mexico where Webb disappeared. Later Webb returned to Kansas, where he took the name "Samuel King," and worked as a teamster. He died of smallpox in 1882 in Arkansas.



On February 18, 1886, Rudabaugh was involved in a cantina card game in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico which broke up after accusations of cheating. Rudabaugh and a Mexican man faced off and Rudabaugh shot him through the head. When another player drew and fired Rudabaugh put a bullet into his heart. Unable to find his horse, Rudabaugh returned to the cantina, which was now in total darkness. On entering

Rudabaugh was jumped and decapitated. For the next several days, his killers were said to have paraded through town with his head on a pole.

Guns of The Rebel (Johnny Yuma) **By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



The Rebel (Johnny Yuma) was a TV western that was on the air from 1959 until 1961. After the end of the American Civil War, a former Confederate Army private roams the Wild West, as a rogue drifter, and gets involved in helping various settlers threatened by various bad guys.

Nick Adam's played Johnny Yuma as a brooding, troubled man. People close to Adam's say he totally identified with the character which provided Adams with his favorite role.



In the first episode Johnny Yuma is carrying a Colt 1860 Cartridge Conversion with Ivory grips. He had it in a reverse draw cavalry flap holster on his right hip and he would use a twist draw to bring the gun into action.

Johnny returns home to Texas, after the war. He finds his father, the town sheriff, has been killed, and the town has been taken over by outlaws.

He takes up his father's sawed-off shotgun and vows vengeance. This is the gun most people remember when they remember this show. This gun is a star itself on the show.



You see this style gun in many westerns movies and TV shows, but they were not as many in the old west, as these shows would suggest. One theory is that gun being mistaken in the old west for a sawed-off shotgun was really a variant of the Howdah pistol used by big game hunters in India and Burma.



Nick Adams wanted to be able to draw his pistol faster on the show, so he had their gunsmith put an 1860 Army grip on an 1873 Colt Single Action Army with a 4 3/4 inch barrel. He switched to a strong side fast draw holster also. Very creative for a second gun that didn't really exist at that time.



He was a Rebel not just because he fought for the South. He was Rebel because of his attitude. He went against the establishment. One article said it was the most watched TV show in reform schools during the time it was on.

The show's theme song was quite catchy and memorable. It was sung by a young Johnny Cash.

The shows ran nearly concurrently for three years, from 1959-1961. Where Steve McQueen's career skyrocketed after "Wanted Dead or Alive" ended, however, Adams' lapsed into a series of failed projects and goofy genre flicks. After

running around Hollywood with best friends James Dean, Elvis Presley and Dennis Hopper he faded away until his untimely death in 1968.

This is an excellent show, and if you like serious TV westerns from the 1950's you should check it out.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Well I survived my first two-year term as Secretary and have decided to stay on for one more two-year term.

Our club dues will be due in January. I will once again be sending you a pre-filled membership/waiver form. January is a busy month so please consider mailing your dues and waiver form to our new mailing address below:

Texican Rangers
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Thank you to everyone who always helps out in the morning before the match to help get things ready. I especially want to thank Little Bit Sassy

and Bama Sue for helping out in the office and Gumbo Annie for the great lunches.

We have a great club and members, if I can help with anything please don't hesitate to contact me at:

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Tombstone Mary

Home on the Range By A.D. Texaz, Rangemaster



Howdy Rangers:

There was a great turn out for the October shoot – 56 contestants, with 16 clean shooters. It's good to see the 2018-shooting season off to a good start.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the folks who attended the set-up on October 7th and the members and guests who stayed around after the match to help get the targets stands and tables put away for the winter.

Update on Bandera Kid: He is home! I have been emailing him and it sounds like he is progressing nicely. He did tell Tombstone Mary to keep a spot for him at Comancheria Days!

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

The next shoot is only 11 weeks away!

Regards,
AD

Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) Event By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Cowboy Action Shooting was well represented at the Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) National Family Day. This was the 7th annual event held on Saturday, October 25th at the San Antonio Police Training Academy, with 340 disabled veterans and family members in attendance.

Served by over 100 volunteers, these American military families enjoyed a day of shooting, air soft, laser games, food, great gifts, an impressive raffle table and good fellowship among others who are trying to

re-build their lives after being wounded in service to our country. For many of the participants it was the first time they have fired a gun since they were injured.

From right to left we have Dutch Van Horn, Beans Ah'gin, Sauk Valley Sam, General Burleson, Latigo Lee, Wicked Felina, Evil Roy, (Skin Dog's dad), Skin Dog, and Monterrey Plainsman.



It was truly great to see the smiles on their faces after seeing the wounded warriors and their family shooting our cowboy guns. I was part of the first event in San Antonio. At that time, we only had 48 disabled veterans and family members in attendance. We had more volunteers for the first one than we had participants. It was wonderful having so many more family participate for this event. I know every one of the SASS participants would gladly volunteer for this next year.



Famous Last Words

(Match the Last Words with the person)

Answers before the Photo Gallery

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| 1. "Pardon me, sir, I did not do it on purpose." | A | Nathan Hale |
| 2. "I'm so bored with it all." | B | Cicero |
| 3. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." | C | Marie-Antoinette |
| 4. "I finally get to see Marilyn again." | D | George Jacques Danton |
| 5. "France, army, the head of the army, Josephine." | E | Jane Austen |
| 6. "There is nothing proper about what you are doing, soldier, but do try to kill me properly." | F | Napoleon Bonaparte |
| 7. "Love one another." | G | Thomas Carlyle |
| 8. "This is a hell of a way to die." | H | George Patton |
| 9. "Goodnight, my darlings, I'll see you tomorrow." | I | Winston Churchill |
| 10. "Show my head to the people, it is well worth seeing." | J | James French |
| 11. "Hey fellas! How about this for a headline for tomorrow's paper? French fries!" | K | Noel Coward |
| 12. "I want nothing, but death." | L | Joe DiMaggio |
| 13. "So, this is death. Well!" | M | George Harrison |

Hat Etiquette



- Any time you enter a building, the hat should come off.
- If it is an informal occasion you may put it back on but for a formal occasion it should stay off.
- When sitting down at a table for a meal, the hat should come off unless there is nowhere to safely lay the hat.
- When sitting down at a counter for a meal, the hat can stay on.
- Out on the range however, keep your hat on while you eat. If you take your hat off, another wrangler might step on it or spill food into the rim.
- Never mess with another cowboy's hat.

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



October Birthdays

Diamondback Kin	10/01
Culebra Blaze	10/06
Crazy Clyde	10/08
Dusty Leather	10/10
Marshal Jamison	10/13
Manchaca Kid	10/15
Maid Jalaff	10/17
Jasper	10/21
Catus Buck	10/23



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TEXICAN RANGERS

2017

January 14-15	Monthly Match
February 11-12	Monthly Match
March 11-12	Monthly Match
April 6-9	COMANCHERIA DAYS
April 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
May 13-14	Monthly Match
June 10-11	Monthly Match
July 8-9	Monthly Match
July 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
August 12-13	Monthly Match
September 9	SHINDIG 2017
September 10	Monthly Match
September 30	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
October 14	Final Match of 2017
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 10-12	2017 Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
Feb 20-26	Winter Range	Phoenix
Mar 10-12	Bayou Blast	Lake Charles, LA
Mar	Trailhead	THSS
April 6-9	Comancheria Days	Texican Ranger (Comfort)
May	Battle of Plum Creek	Plum Creek
June 15-25	End of Trail	Founders Ranch, NM
Oct 12-14	SASS Southwest Regional Red Dirt	Oklahoma



Answers to Famous Last Words
 1C, 2I, 3A, 4L, 5F, 6B, 7M, 8H, 9K, 10D, 11J, 12E, 13G

Photo Gallery













