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Hello Texican Rangers



Shindig was a blast!

We had 67 Cowgirls and Cowboys shoot some fun fast stages. Afterwards 75 shooters and guests were served a great lunch of 'street tacos', cookies and iced tea from Alex Tacos in Kerrville.

After lunch, I presented Texican Ranger Spirit of the Game Awards to Texas Tony and Bison Jim. Their contributions to the club are greatly appreciated! They join previous recipients: Firefly Judd and Howdy Neighbor.

Next, the Board Members handed out 42 Class Awards, conducted drawings for 15 Regal rifle scabbards, 2 RTIC 'Texican Rangers' tumblers, and from the TSRA 2 aluminum revolver cases, 1 aluminum rifle case and a very nice leather rifle scabbard. There was also a drawing where \$300 in gift certificates were given out to folks who attended workdays in 2019!

Finally, Alamo Andy and Shooting Iron Miller were recognized as the Club Champions for 2019! Great shooting!

The 2020 shooting season began Sunday September 15th. 13 shooters started the year. 4 of the shooters shot the match clean. The last match of the 2020 season will be held on Sunday August 15th, 2020. Remember, you need 5 matches in the year to qualify for the 2020 Club Category Awards. If you happen to qualify in 2 categories, you will be awarded the higher category finish.

We have one more match for the year on October 12th before we turn the range over to the hunters. At our workday on October 8th we will take down half of the range to make it easier on October 12th. Please consider attending and helping us!

Finally, I forgot to ask for a vote for our slate of officers for 2020. Tombstone Mary will send an email out asking for you to vote yes or no on the slate of officers so we can make it official.

A.D.
President

In Many Ways, *Gunsmoke* and *Have Gun Will Travel* were Opposites

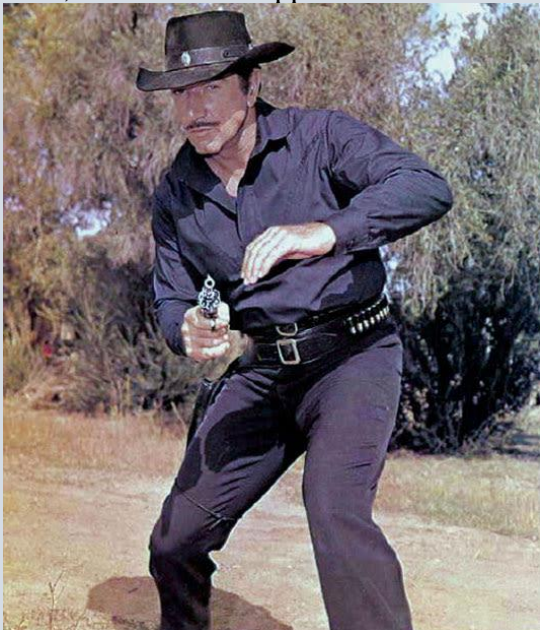
By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



At its most basic, *Gunsmoke* was the story of Marshal Matt Dillon and how he kept the peace in rough and tumble Dodge City. Dodge City, known as the Sodom and Gomorrah of the plains, is a typical frontier city of the late 1800s with typical problems ranging from rumored Indian raids to bank and stage robberies, cattle rustling, and family feuds. All of these must be dealt with within the law and that task falls to Matt Dillon, US Marshal (James Arness).

Dillon is a man who prefers the use of logic over the use of the gun but the nature of the people passing through Dodge doesn't always leave him that choice. Aided by various assistants and

deputies over the years (played by Dennis Weaver, Burt Reynolds, and Ken Curtis), he does his best to keep the lawless element out of his town and his territory. Matt often solves his crimes through keen observation and deduction, an innovative approach for the times.



At its most basic, *Have Gun-Will Travel* is the adventures of a gentlemanly gunfighter for hire.

Unlike *Gunsmoke*, *Have Gun – Will Travel* is a lot darker (for its time especially) and a lot more in-depth, story-wise and moral-wise. Richard Boone was perfectly cast in the lead role of Paladin, a cultured gunslinger whose West Point education, impeccable style, literate sophistication, and distinguished Civil War service made him unique among Western heroes, and the prototype for many dashing figures to follow. Based in San Francisco's ritzy Carlton Hotel, he scans newspapers to locate trouble throughout the wild West, then cagily markets his services (via his legendary calling card, *Have Gun-Will Travel*) as a hired gun, moral arbiter, voice of reason, and reluctant killer of bad men.

Understanding the complexities of frontier justice, Paladin (whose full name is never revealed) could turn on those who hired him if he suspected dubious motivations. He wore black, but he traveled in an ethical gray zone.



It was clever how in every episode that someone would hold up one of Paladin's cards. I have a friend that to this day says Paladin's first name was Wire because he had it on his card.

A Paladin is a White Knight.

During the time period it was on, 1957 to 1963, *Have Gun – Will Travel* was the third most popular show on TV. It is interesting to note that it was third behind *Gunsmoke*, number one, and *Bonanza* number two.

Both *Gunsmoke* and *Have Gun – Will Travel* were produced by CBS and of course were both Westerns but in many ways the show were exact opposites. Let's take a more in-depth look.

Gunsmoke was a highly successful radio show that was converted to a TV series. *Have Gun Will Travel* was a successful TV show that was turned into a radio series. Both shows had different TV and Radio actors play the parts.

In *Have Gun Will Travel*, the star Richard Boone was involved in all aspects of the show. He at times wrote, produced and directed various episodes. He was even involved in the hiring of other actors for the show. He ever had approval of other character's costumes (no one else wore black but Paladin). In *Gunsmoke*, the star James Arness only acted. He would show up for this week's episode and have to find out what the plot was and what he was supposed to do. He had approval for Matt Dillon's lines but didn't bother to memorize the script. He would just read cue cards during the filming. This method worked for him and he was praised for the spontaneity he brought to the roll.

Gunsmoke was more of an ensemble cast. There were episodes where James Arness was not even in. He of course had Doc, Chester, and Miss Kitty plus over the years more people as part of the cast every week. *Have Gun Will Travel* had Hey Boy and Hey Girl but there was never an episode just about them and never an episode without Richard Boone. Richard Boone's Stunt Man, Hal Needham was in every episode even though he was at least 20 pounds lighter than Richard Boone. In have the episodes Hal did double duty as an acting part. In many ways Paladin's guns were part of the cast.

Lastly the cast of *Gunsmoke* was said to be very friendly, they made guest stars feel like family. *Have Gun Will Travel* was more concerned about making a quality show. The guest stars felt pressure to do a good job so they would be invited back for more episodes. Well, *Have Gun Will Travel* was my favorite of the two but it only lasted six years. *Gunsmoke* was on for 20-years, the longest running western series, and it spawned several made for TV Return to *Gunsmoke* movies.

Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) Event Saturday, October 19th, 2019



Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) National Family Day for 2019 will be Saturday, October 19th. This will be the 9th annual event held at the San Antonio Police Training Academy. HAVA and the Veterans feel you can't have an event like this without SASS cowboys. I agree with them.

These American military families will enjoy 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. Many of these families have never shot a cowboy gun.

There will also be demonstrations from some of the fastest shotgun, rifle and pistol shooters in various shooting sports today.

It is truly great to see their smiling faces after a wounded warrior or their family has interacted with SASS cowboys.

We need your help. So far, we only have about six volunteers to run our stage. We need more. Beans Ahgin is doing the coordinating. You can work the full day, or you can work a half day, whatever fits your schedule. Give Beans a call at (210) 639-8450 and let him add you to the list of volunteers.

You get to dress cowboy and wear your guns; you just can't wear your bullets. They feed you lunch, and you get to see and help a lot of people. Give Beans a call!

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



Well another year is over, and I want to say thank you to everyone who helped out this year.

Our new awards year started on Sunday September 15th. Please make sure your category is correct when the scores are posted.

We are once again hosting the 2020 SASS Texas State Championship, Comancheria Days. I will email you all an application in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email at Texicanrangers@yahoo.com.

If I can help answer any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Tombstone Mary

TEXICAN RANGERS

PLACE	ALIAS	BEST 5
1	Alamo Andy	493.78
2	Skyhawk Hans	536.95
3	Dutch Van Horn	605.99
4	Brazos Bo	644.02
5	Sheriff Robert Love	644.02
6	T Bone Paul	645.03
7	Bison Jim	648.32
8	Shootin Steel	688.07
9	Hopalong Herbert	693.27
10	Frank Longshot	714.26
11	Shooting Iron Miller	715.45
12	Marshal Jamison	735.19
13	Pedernales Drifter	757.38
14	Colorado Horseshoe	768.41

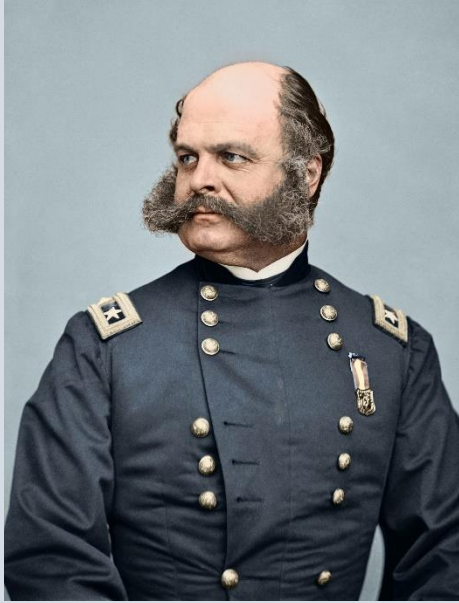
15	Wildcat Bob	795.62
16	A.D.	802.50
17	Burly Bill Brocius	804.70
18	July Smith	855.90
19	Badland Bruce	856.78
20	Dirty Dog Dale	860.70
21	Newt Ritter	865.18
22	Yuma Jack	865.25
23	Crooked Creek Sam	867.71
24	Moose McCoy	888.70
25	Abilene	920.76
26	Dusty Leather	947.25
27	Asup Sleeve	957.89
28	Bisbee Jackson	1003.18
29	Culebra Blaze	1094.33
30	Hawkeye	1102.38
31	Bessie James	1137.95
32	Dirty Sally	1222.14
33	Skinny	1276.47
34	Scooter	1285.30
35	Bama Sue	1340.20
36	Big John Mesquite	1354.14
37	Thunder Mountain	1390.01
38	Squaw Man	1396.10
39	Major Samuel Clayton	1412.15
40	Crazy Clyde	1478.59
41	El Paso Lee	1512.28
42	Texas Terror	1519.54
43	Col. Callan	1931.05
44	Uncle Nick Wilson	1978.79
45	Texas Tony	2022.21
46	Marshall Brooks	2122.00
47	Firefly Judd	2489.04
48	Ruby Redheart	2681.51

**Texican Rangers
Annual Awards 2019**

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3rd	Texas Terror	CB	1519.54
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1st	Scooter	D	1285.30
1st	Bessie James	DL	1137.95
1st	Newt Ritter	DS	865.18
2nd	Big John Mesquite	DS	1354.14
1st	Moose McCoy	DSS	888.70
2nd	Hawkeye	DSS	1102.38
1st	Skyhawk Hans	ES	536.95
2nd	Sheriff Robert Love	ES	644.02
3rd	Badland Bruce	ES	856.78
4th	Asup Sleeve	ES	957.89
5th	Bisbee Jackson	ES	1003.18
6th	Thunder Mountain	ES	1390.01
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8th	Crazy Clyde	ES	1478.59
9th	Col. Callan	ES	1931.05
10th	Uncle Nick Wilson	ES	1978.79
11th	Texas Tony	ES	2022.21
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2nd	July Smith	F	855.90
3rd	Yuma Jack	F	865.25

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1st	Crooked Creek Sam	FN	867.71
1st	Shooting Iron Miller	FNL	715.45
1st	Bama Sue	GD	1340.20
1st	Culebra Blaze	GF	1094.33
1st	Squaw Man	GFS	1396.10
1st	El Paso Lee	GP	1512.28
1st	T Bone Paul	S	645.03
2nd	Shootin Steel	S	688.07
3rd	Marshal Jamison	S	735.19
4th	A.D.	S	802.50
1st	Dusty Leather	SHS	947.25
2nd	Skinny	SHS	1276.47
3rd	Firefly Judd	SHS	2489.04
1st	Dutch Van Horn	SS	605.99
2nd	Colorado Horseshoe	SS	768.41
3rd	Marshall Brooks	SS	2122.00
1st	Dirty Sally	SSL	1222.14
2nd	Ruby Redheart	SSL	2681.51
1st	Dirty Dog Dale	W	860.70

Major General Ambrose Burnside By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Ambrose Burnside had a lack luster military career. When I first started researching him, I had thought he was a vain man, but I found I was mistaken. He seemed to have a lot of bad luck or perhaps he was just aware of his own shortcomings. You be the judge.

Burnside helped organize a regiment of Rhode Island militiamen at the start of the Civil War in 1861, and his unit was one of the first to arrive in Washington, D.C. Burnside served in the early Union defeat at the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) as a colonel and was promoted to brigadier general of volunteers shortly thereafter.

In September 1861 Burnside was placed in charge of an expeditionary force in North Carolina, and for the next several months he oversaw a series of raids and amphibious attacks on the southern

coastline. Burnside claimed Roanoke Island and the town of New Bern, North Carolina, with relative ease, and his campaign helped establish a long-lasting base of operations for the Union blockade of the Atlantic coast. Burnside's successes earned him a promotion to major general of volunteers, and the bulk of his force was transferred back to George McClellan's Army of the Potomac. During this time Burnside—known as an exceedingly modest man—twice turned down an opportunity to succeed McClellan as head of Union forces.

Burnside's next major combat operation came as a corps commander during the Maryland Campaign in September 1862. At the Battle of Antietam, Burnside's ineffectiveness in rallying his troops across a stone bridge—later known as "Burnside's Bridge"—resulted in a delayed Union attack, and the battle ended as a tactical draw.

In November 1862 Burnside was ordered to take charge of the Army of the Potomac after McClellan was relieved from duty. He reluctantly accepted and immediately ordered a bold advance toward the Confederate capital of Richmond. Burnside met with heavy delays in crossing the Rappahannock River, which allowed General Robert E. Lee to assemble his Army of Northern Virginia outside the town of Fredericksburg. In the ensuing Battle of Fredericksburg, Burnside's forces made a series of failed frontal assaults against Lee's nearly impregnable defenses, resulting in a decisive Confederate victory and almost 13,000 Union casualties.

Burnside attempted to rally his demoralized army for a second offensive, but the plan—later known as the Mud March—was thwarted by heavy rains and failed to materialize. Believing that his officers had been insubordinate during the campaign, Burnside asked Lincoln to either relieve several generals from duty or accept his resignation. Lincoln chose to remove Burnside from command, replacing him with General Joseph Hooker in January 1863.

Burnside was subsequently assigned to command of the Department of the Ohio in March 1863. The area was known for harboring antiwar sentiment, and Burnside caused a minor controversy when he arrested a politician named Clement Vallandigham on charges of sedition. Burnside next participated in the Knoxville Campaign in the fall of 1863. He outmaneuvered Confederate General James Longstreet and was able to successfully hold the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, until he was reinforced by General William T. Sherman.

In the spring of 1864 Burnside regained control of his old corps and participated in Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign at the Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House. At the Siege of Petersburg in July of 1864, Burnside played a crucial role in an audacious plan to dig a mine under the Confederate position and then detonate explosives to create a gap in the defensive lines. The plan was poorly managed, and Burnside's force sustained 3,800 casualties.

In the wake of what became known as the Battle of the Crater, Burnside was placed on leave. He remained absent from the army until April 1865. At that time, he came back and tendered his resignation. This was shortly after Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

In closing, Major General Ambrose Burnside was most well-known for his unusual style of facial hair, which included a bushy beard and moustache along with a clean-shaven chin. These distinctive whiskers—originally dubbed “burnsides”—later inspired the term “sideburns.” So, he is not famous for his Civil War success, instead he goes down in history as the man that invented sideburns.



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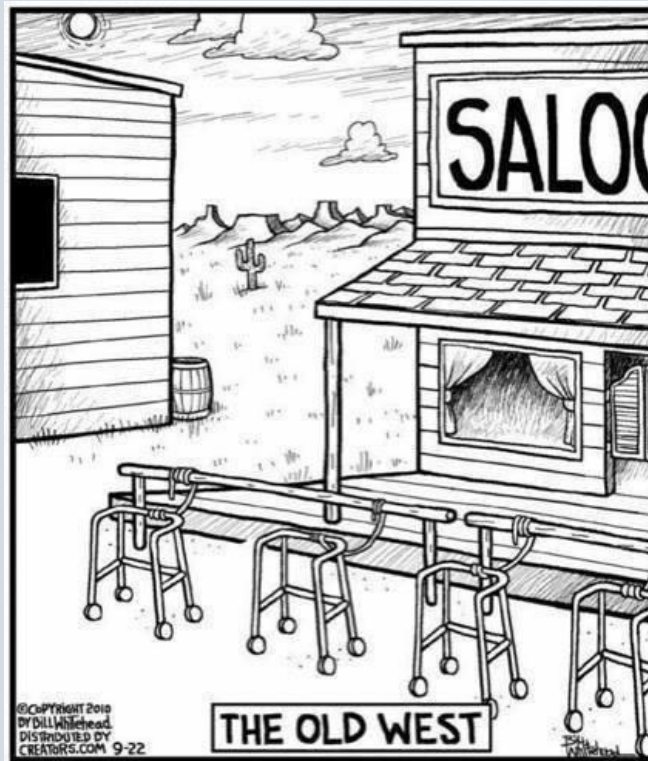
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	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
.44-40	200	RNFP	49	98
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	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

The Wisdom of Festus Hagen

1. Tighter than the feathers on a prairie chicken's rump.
2. The onliest thing you get from stradlin' the fence is a sore backside.
3. I'll get after you like thunder after lightnin'.
4. How'd you like to be gatherin' eggs and find her in nest?
5. Fine as frogs hair.
6. Naked as a plucked prairie chicken.
7. Bleedin' like a stuck hog.
8. He ain't got the gumption to pound sand for a rat hole.
9. I thumped him 'till his ears rang like the liberty bell.
10. Crookeder than a dog's hind leg.
11. Hold `yer taters.
12. [He's] got more friends than a dog's got hairs on his back.
13. Sit there like a boll weevil on a corn cob.
14. [He] draws trouble like a summer melon draws flies.
15. [I] feel better than a barn rooster on a prime hoot.
16. Quiet as a mouse tip toeing.
17. Quiet as on cotton on cottontail.
18. I'll get onto you like ugly on an ape.
19. Hoppin' around like a flea on a hot skillet.
20. You look like a sunfish who flopped.
21. When you learn a thing a day you store up smart.
22. That don't hurt a particle.
23. If you don't call, then you don't see the hand.
24. I made a bigger mess than a sow's bed.
25. Ain't you startin' to itch before you git bit?
26. He can't see past the brim of his hat.
27. Pooch up like an old toad.
28. Rougher than a wagon load full of cobs.
29. No more chance than a grass hopper in a hen house.
30. Flatter than a snake though a ringer.
31. I loved that boy like a June morning.
32. Quieter than a gagged gopher.
33. Sincere as at a \$5 funeral



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



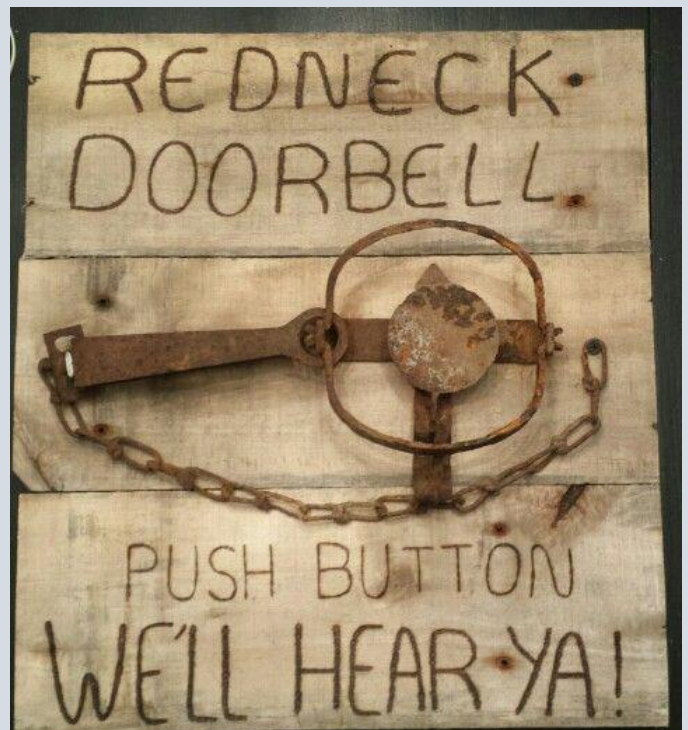
September Birthdays

Wildcat Bob	9/3
Abilene	9/4
Trapdoor Charlie	9/6
Uncle Nick Wilson	9/7
Sam McDermott	9/10
A.D.	9/15
T Bone Paul	9/16
L.W. Hannabass	9/21
Brass Knuckles	9/25
Capt. Buffalo	9/29



October Birthdays

Culebra Blaze	10/6
Crazy Clyde	10/8
Dusty Leather	10/10
Marshal Jamison	10/13
Dusty Chambers	10/14
Manchaca Kid	10/15
Maid Jalaff	10/17
Jasper	10/21



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TEXICAN RANGERS

2019

January 12	Monthly Match
January 13	Monthly Match
February 9	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
March 9	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
April 11 – 14	Comancheria Days
May 11	Monthly Match
May 12	Monthly Match
June 8	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
July 13	Monthly Match
July 14	Monthly Match
August 10	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 31	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range (Cancelled)
September 14	Shindig
September 15	Monthly Match
October 12	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)

Feb 8-10
Feb 18-24
Mar 21-24
April 11-14
April 25-27
June 13-23
Oct 19-20

Oct 18-20

2019
Jail Break
Winter Range
Trailhead
Comancheria Days
SASS Southwest Regional Land Run
End of Trail
SASS Texas State Black Powder
Championship
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship

Photo Album







