

# AGARITA GAZETTE



A Chronicle of the Plum Creek Shooting Society



Agarita Ranch

April 2013

Lockhart, Texas

## Ride with Pancho Villa

### May 1-5, 2013

## SASS Texas State Championship



Sometimes cowboys just gotta have fun. Our April shoot delivered on that premise with our “Cat Ballou” shoot. We had musicians (Thanks to our musicians **Roger McPherson**, **Reba McCord**, and **Chuck Middleton**) performing the Ballad of Cat Ballou to start our shooters meeting. We had folks dressed up as the evil, silver-nosed Tim Strawn (with one husband and wife team of Tim Strawns). I did the shooter’s meeting as drunken Kid Shelleen, and we had several lovely young ladies who could have passed for Cat Ballou shooting with us. We even had one couple, new to the sport, who brought their 2 young children (a baby and a 2 year old) to the shoot. It was so nice to see a young family coming to our sport and enjoying the outdoors with us.

We shot through 6 good stages on the opposite ends of our range, giving us an opportunity to test out a few things before we set the final stages for the State Match. I hope you noticed the Texas targets on Stage

### The President’s Word

by *Dragon Hill Dave*



10. I want to credit **Elroy Rogers** for working hard to get those rifle targets and stands ready for the April shoot. We pushed his schedule up a little on those targets because we wanted to try them out before the state match. Despite the rain that turned his work area into a quagmire, **Elroy** managed to get the job done just in time. Thanks again **Elroy** for your hard work.

The State Match is less than a month away, and your State Match Committee is working hard to deliver a quality experience

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for shooters at our first State Match. **Delta Raider, Agarita Annie, Long Juan, Joe Darter, myself, Jake Paladin, True Blue Cachoo, Miss Cubbie, Lightning McQueen and Elroy Rogers** are setting targets, writing the shooter's book, working on awards, figuring out parking, planning the banquet, ordering belt buckles and tending to the dozens of other details that go into doing a state match.

If you haven't signed up for the State Match yet, time to send in the registration form. As of this writing we have about 230 people signed up. We are putting the posses together now. We will accept registrations right up to the day of the match as long as we are not full (300 is full) but after April 17 it will cost you an extra \$25 to register.

## Stories from Jake (*Paladin that is*):

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington show him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others show both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs." They are more difficult to paint. Painting them therefore cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

And if you can find a way to help out before or at the State Match we can use you. **Agarita Annie** is in charge of our volunteers, and she will find a way to let you help us. Contact her at [Agarita\\_a@yahoo.com](mailto:Agarita_a@yahoo.com). Make a note on your calendar for April 21 and April 28, as those Sundays will be State Match workdays. On April 21 we will celebrate San Jacinto Day by getting the range in as good a shape as we can, then on Sunday April 28 we will put the finishing touches on the range in preparation for the SASS Texas State Championship.

April marks the completion of our first year as the Plum Creek Cowboy Shooting Society, the new club at Agarita Ranch organized by the shooters. We have come a long way, but the best is still ahead.

## Find Delta Raider

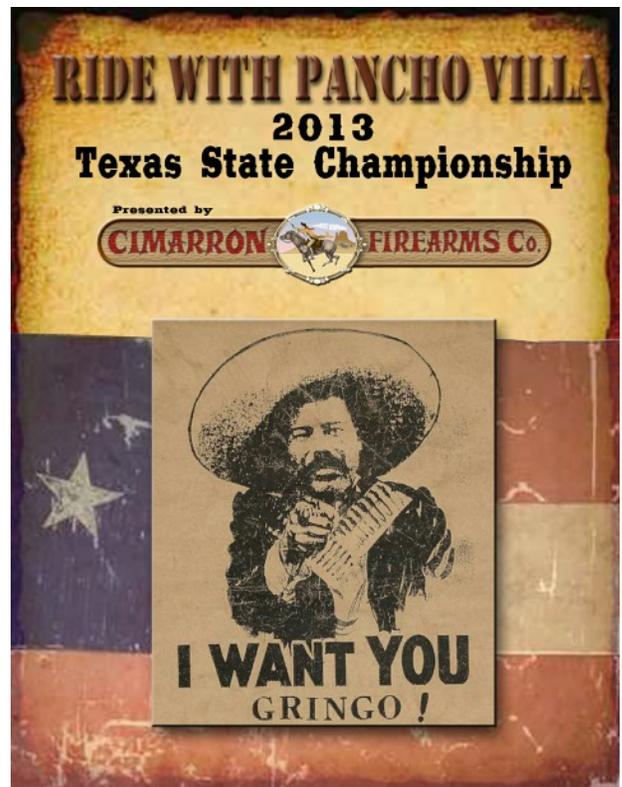
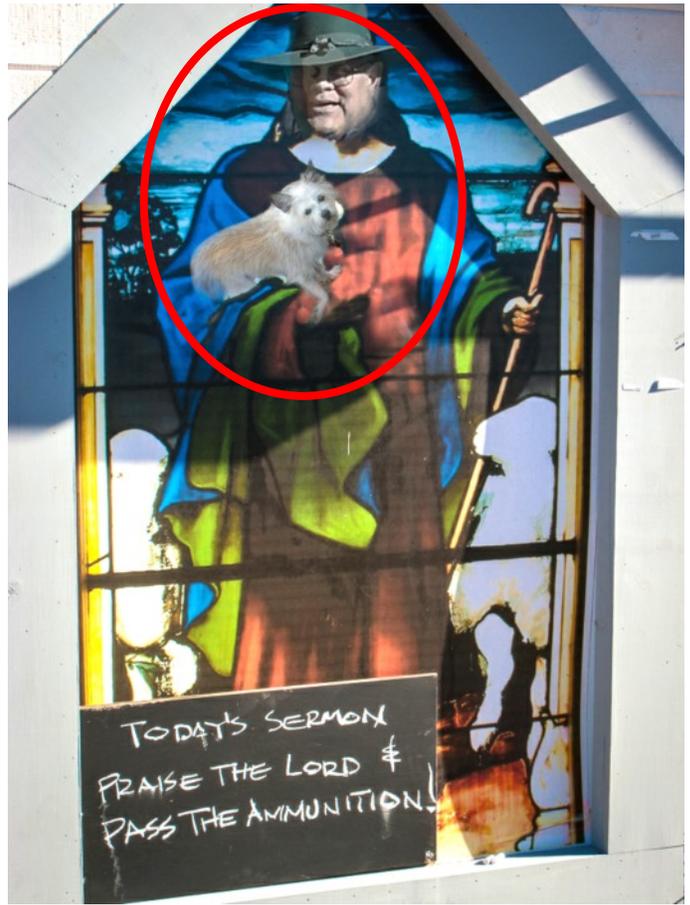
We had a plethora of people find **Delta Raider** in March. I must have made it too easy. Even **Delta Raider** found himself (and his faithful pooch, **Little Bit**). Also “mentioned in the dispatches” for finding Delta Raider are: **Sterling Sage, Circuit Judge, Gold Dog, Boon Doggle, Manassas Jack, Miss Cubbie, Hoss Roonwright, Tonic Kid, Lefty Leo, Shooting Iron Miller, Artiman, Buck Bradley, Six Goin’ South** and **Lincoln Drifter**. Find him again this month. I am working on some kind of prize for who finds him the most in 2013. Good luck.

## The Dispatches: Long Juan Here!

I will not repeat, but would like to re-emphasize all that **Dragon Hill Dave** said in the *President’s Word*. Our April shoot was great! The SASS Texas State Championship the first weekend in May will be even better. Please come help (on scheduled work days before the match and at the match). Much has been done, but there is still more to do.



Scores for the April shoot are posted on the website, [www.pccss.org](http://www.pccss.org), as are photos from the match. Congratulations to our top three shooters, **Colt Faro**, his son, **Rattlesnake Wrangler**, and Buckaroo, **SkinDawg**. Their final scores were within 8 seconds of each other. That’s some GREAT shooting! Congratulations also to all of our category winners and to clean shooters, **Gold Dog** and **SkinDawg**. Thanks, **Six Goin’ South** and **Lincoln Drifter**, for contributing most of the photos from our April shoot that appear in this issue and on our website. I encourage everyone to take photos during the State match. I will need photos for stories I am planning about the match for the *Agarita Gazette* and maybe the *SASS Cowboy Chronicle*. Your contributions will, of course, be mentioned in the dispatches.



# The Great Posse



by Sheriff Robert Love

Everyone has shot with a great posse (I hope). All great posses are well organized. Great posses have great Timer Operators (TO's). The shooters all move promptly from the last stage to the next and "Posse Up" to hear the scenario being read. The TO waits until the last shooter has joined them to begin reading. If there is something about the scenario the shooters don't understand, they ask questions and listen to the answers. They do not go to the firing line and then ask the TO to explain the scenario. The TO keeps things moving. He or she assists shooter safely through the course of fire. When requested or to help a shooter who seems confused, a great TO tries to help the shooter avoid the dreaded "P." A good TO does not count misses, but does ask if the spotters are sure, e.g., about a miss he or she thinks was an edge hit. A great TO asks only once. Great posses always have three spotters who move when necessary to see the targets clearly. They pay close attention while the shooter engages each target with each weapon. Good spotters don't wander off without being relieved. They practice the admonition: If you just *think* it's a miss, it's a hit, etc.

Everyone on a great posse is a safe shooter and everyone obeys the range rules. They politely correct others if they see a safety infraction. They genuinely appreciate being reminded of "muzzle direction" or some other minor safety infraction. Great posses have a brass picker (or two or three). Brass picking is very important. It is an art that anyone can learn to do right. That means moving in right after the shooter has finished a string of fire and retrieving the brass without obstructing the view of the spotters or getting in the way of the shooter or TO. It means keeping the "bucket" low and close to the brass being picked up to minimize time and movement. It means, when the shooter is firing the rifle, watching where the brass lands to eliminate

the need to hunt. A good brass picker finishes quickly and clears the stage so the next shooter can stage weapons without delay.



PCSS President, Dragon Hill Dave picks brass with the best of 'em!

Someone on a great posse resets the targets before being asked. Someone picks up the rifle and/or shotgun and takes it to the unloading table to expedite clearing the stage clearing for the next shooter. A posse member may offer to stage the shotgun for a shooter if the shotgun position is across the stage. Great posses run smoother and are more fun to shoot with because EVERYBODY HELPS. Do your part to be a member of a **Great Posse** at the next shoot.

*Editor's Note: This article was originally written by Sheriff Robert Love and published in the February 2013 issue of the Texican Star, the monthly newsletter of the Texican Rangers. It is being reprinted here (with minor revisions) with the permission of Sheriff Robert Love and the editor of the Texican Star, Agarita Annie. Thanks to both - it's a GREAT message for all to heed, especially at the State Match.*

# Freedom

by Lefty Leo

We have watched our friends and brothers die.  
And at the time were too scared to cry.

The battle over, the fighting done.  
We bid them farewell, one by one.

Their souls have gone to a better place.  
Leaving us here, with tears on our face.

Though they may have died in another land.  
They were protecting, what we find so grand.

We will never forget their sacrifice.  
For our "Freedom", they paid the ultimate price.



## Author Among Us



Would you buy a book  
from this man?

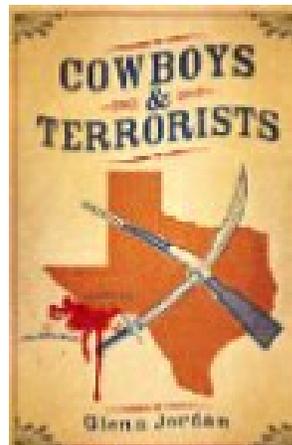
Plum Creek Shooting Society member and Tejas Caballeros president, **Farr Ranger** has published a book entitled, *Cowboys and Terrorists*. It's an e-book and, among other things, it's about cowboy action shooting. I have downloaded it and started reading. It's a hoot! A terrorist by the name of Xiuhco (shew ko) wants to blow up bridges along the Rio Grande. Thwarted in Mexico, Xiuhco crosses the Rio Grande at the giant MacPherson ranch in the Big Bend country of Texas looking for an alternative target. Big mistake! Big Jim MacPherson is hosting a cowboy action shooting match attended by 300 cowboys and cowgirls riding horses and armed with guns of the Old West. Dute, the crusty old hunter in charge of 'pest' control on the ranch, traps Xiuchco in a box canyon. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Lady Sue, a hot-shot lawyer armed with six-guns, challenges Wild Bill to a "Tequila Shot" shooting match, falls in love with Jake

Spoooner, and together, they lead the charge against Xiuhco.

The book is getting good reviews:

Farr Ranger "has blended the great modern western writing skills of Larry McMurty, with the blood lust of Quentin Tarantino and added a dash of quirkiness from the Coen Brothers. We get introduced to the world of the Single Action Cowboy Shooting Society in an imaginative manner. The characters get in your system and take you on a great ride. A book that keeps you engaged until the bitter end and makes you want more. Bravo, " Farr Ranger.

"Cowboys and Terrorists takes you on a fun and fast-paced ride through West Texas culture from the eyes of several characters



and many converging threads. It's got it all, sex, drugs, guns, explosives and romance. Good job" Farr Ranger!

You can get a copy of the book at [cowboysandterrorists.com](http://cowboysandterrorists.com), Kindle, Ibooks, Nook or other ebook sites for only \$2.99. I recommend it.



**Callahan Kid &  
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Also in the *Cat Ballou* spirit!**



**Flatwater Frosty**



**Lightning McQueen**



**"I'm not the target!"**



**Elroy Rogers**



**GT Sharps & Annalong Longshot**  
Noses in the spirit of *Cat Ballou*



**Colt Faro**



**Rattlesnake Wrangler**



**SkinDawg**



**Nueces Ranger,  
Artiman timing**



**Cowtown Scout**



**Deputy Bloodhound &  
Texas Blue Eyes**



**Phantom**



**Will Johnson &  
Faithful Follower**



**Roger McPherson, Reba McCord & Chuck Middleton provided us with some great music for our Cat Ballou shoot!**

**Kickshot & Six Goin' South with their great gun cart**



**The shooter I could not identify when I first posted photos on our website is COPPERHEAD JAMES! My apologies, CJ! Please come shoot again.**



**Boon Doggle**



**Bronco Birnbaum**



**New shooter, Goldie Yates**



**Lincoln Drifter**



**Jake Paladin**

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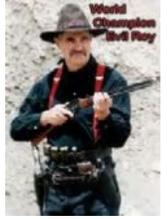
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	130	RNFP	32.5	65
	158	RNFP	35	70
	158	FP	35	70
	158	SWC	35	70
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	230	RN	43.5	87
45-70	405	FPT	92.5	185

**If you need bullets, contact Hopalong!**

# EVIL ROY SHOOTING SCHOOL

April 27-28, 2013

## THE TEJAS CABALLEROS are proud to announce an **EVIL ROY SHOOTING SCHOOL**



at the Caballeros' Flat Creek Shooting Range west of Dripping Springs, Texas.

Evil Roy, a past World Champion, National Wild Bunch Champion and Silver Senior Cowboy Action Champion and trainer for many other World Champions, will be in central Texas **April 27-28** to share his insights, skills, and tricks of the trade that can make you a better shooter. This **2-day school** on **Saturday the 27th and Sunday the 28th** will teach you how to be a smarter and better shooter. This is the same school offered at Winter Range, in Phoenix AZ.

Some of the best shooters in the world have taken this class to improve their shooting, transitions, and stage management. Even if you don't want to be a world champion contender, you can learn a lot of tricks and techniques that will improve your game.

Has your shooting plateaued? Want to move to the next level? Evil Roy's school can give you tips and procedures that can help you shave seconds and misses from your time.

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Payment terms are cash, Visa, or Master Card.

Contact the **Shooting School** through Wicked Felina (aka Karen Pearcey) to register.

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