

# AGARITA GAZETTE



*A Chronicle of the Plum Creek Shooting Society*



Agarita Ranch

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Lockhart, Texas

## Club Elections

December 7<sup>th</sup> is election day for the *Plum Creek Shooting Society*. We will be electing people to the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are two-year terms, with one being elected each year. Our treasurer is just finishing the first year of a two-year term. At the time of publication, we have two nominations for the office of

President – **Dragon Hill Dave** and **Artiman**.

**Joe Darter** and **Long Juan** are currently unopposed for the offices of Vice President and Secretary, respectively. There is still time for more nominations. If anyone wants to be an officer of the club, nominations must be received by our secretary, Long Juan, no later than **November 27<sup>th</sup>** (10 days prior to the election). Previous announcements may have said November 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you are a member of the Plum Creek Shooting Society and are interested in running for office, you may nominate yourself or ask someone to nominate you.

**Delta Raider**, enjoys sampling the turkey before lunch.

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To learn more about what your officers do, see pages 6&7 of this issue. **Dragon Hill Dave** and **Artiman** are preparing platform statements that will be circulated prior to the election. Other nominees for contested offices will be given the same opportunity. Paper ballots will be handed out at registration for the cowboy action match, which will be in the afternoon on December 7<sup>th</sup> prior to our Christmas party. For those who cannot attend, ballot will be emailed (or mailed for those who do not have email) on or about November 28<sup>th</sup> so you will have time to cast your vote in advance. Election results will be announced at the Christmas party, posted on the website and sent by email to all members.

If anyone has questions about our election process, please contact **Dragon Hill Dave** or **Long Juan**.



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## **Range Deputy - Lightning McQueen**

## **Safety Marshal - Elroy Rogers**

## **Stage Marshal - Open**

## **Flag Marshal - Artiman**

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# **The Dispatches**

Monthly Match Report. We had a GREAT day for our November monthly match. The weather was crisp, clear and sunny. 48 shooters enjoyed the great conditions for shooting. There was a little mud, but the

work crew on Friday did a great job spreading wood chips where necessary. Thanks **Lefty Leo, Lefty's Lady, Caos Drifter, G.T. Sharps, Annalong Longshot, Lucky Nickel, River Ben, Dragon Hill Dave and Delta Raider.**

Thanksgiving will be later this month, so the match theme was, – “We Are Thankful.” Great starting lines were provided by **Dragon Hill Dave** and great scenarios provided by **Phantom** were shot by all. Our top ten shooters were **Kickshot, Hopalong Herbert, Dragon Hill Dave, P.T., Dutch Van Horn, Bison Jim, Cowboy Small, Bandera Kid, Lincoln Drifter** and **Lucky Nickel**. **Six Goin’ South** was top woman shooter. She and **Kickshot** made is a family affair! **Big John Mesquite, Jake Jones, Lincoln Drifter** and **P.T** all shot clean. Winners in categories with competition were: **Lightning McQueen – Cowboy, Cowboy Small – Wrangler, P.T. – 49'r, Six Goin’ South – Ladies 49'r, Dragon Hill Dave – Classic Cowboy, Farr Ranger – Senior Duelist, Hopalong Herbert – Silver Senior, Kickshot – Senior, Bison Jim – Elder Statesman, Jarhead Jake – GAF Single, Boon Doggle – Cody Dixon Single, Lars Christopherson – Cody Dixon Lever and The Adobe Kid – Cattle Baron.** Complete scores, including Stage Results, are posted on the website. Congratulations to all! Photos from the match are also posted on the website. Thanks to all who attended, including first-timers with us – **Haddy Heard and Shootin’ Star**. Welcome back **Doc Law, Queso Kid, Yuma Jack, Schuetzum Phast** and **Esteban Caliente**.

Thanksgiving Lunch. After the match we had a GREAT Thanksgiving lunch planned by **Kitchen Kate**, cooked and served by **Lefty Leo, Leo's Lady, Leo's daughter, Jessica, Artiman, D.J. and Tina**. Following the meal, we had our first formal club meeting. We discussed the State of the Club and plans for the future. For more information, see the minutes,, available for download on the website.

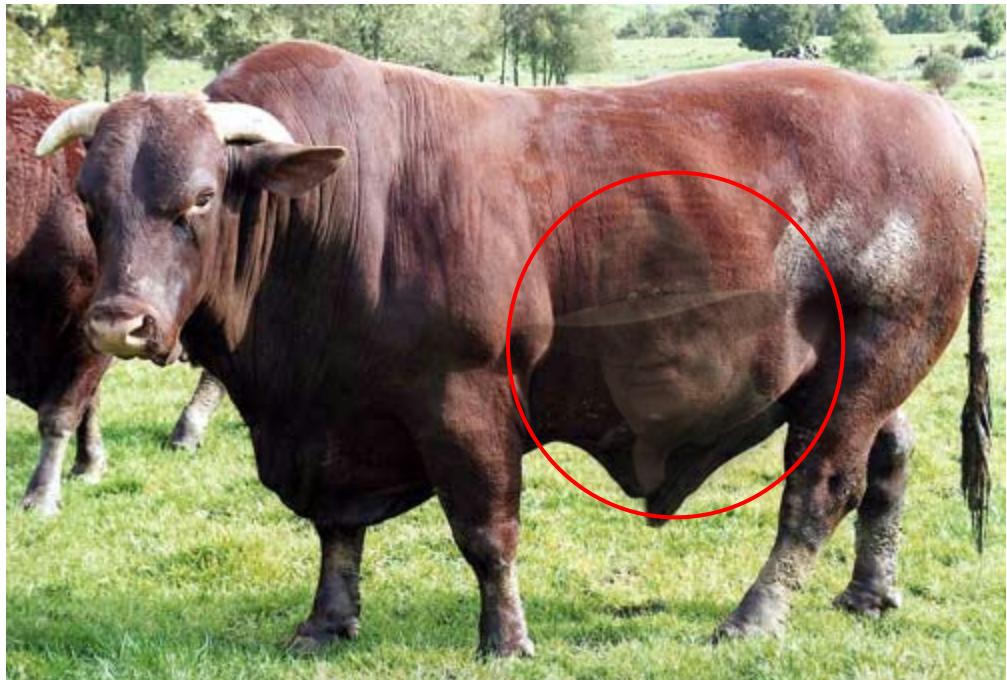
December Match, Party and Silent Auction. **Our December shoot will be in the afternoon** on the 7<sup>th</sup> (Pearl Harbor Day), followed by a Christmas party. There will be Wild Bunch match in the morning. Details will be posted a couple of weeks before the match. Don’t forget to bring your donations for the silent auction we will hold the day of our December match to raise funds for the club. You may also brings items you would like to sell with a percentage of the proceeds going to the club. We are short of money because of the State match last year. We need to raise money to support club activities.

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. Be thankful for your family, your friends, our armed forces, the great State of Texas and our great country. Hope to see you at the match in December.

# Find Delta Raider

Hereby mentioned in the Dispatches for finding **Delta Raider** in last month's issue of the Agarita Gazette are: **El Sabre, Boon Doggle, Hoss Roonright, Circuit Judge, Lincoln Drifter, Big John Mesquite, Sterling Sage, Preacher Man Lee, Delta Raider, Artiman and Meadow Biscuit Slim.**

Mentioned for also finding the helicopter in the mountains of Switzerland are: **Boon Doggle, El Sabre, Lincoln Drifter, Big John Mesquite and Sterling Sage.** **Delta Raider** is hidden in a picture again this month. Let's see who can find him? The photo on the front page does NOT count.



## WANTED: Stage Marshal

After two years as Stage Marshal, **Phantom** has decided to take a break. Starting in January, he will no longer be writing stage scenarios. Thanks **Phantom** for your two years of dedicated service to the *Plum Creek Shooting Society*. You provided great stages that we had fun shooting. You taught us how to write a good stage – what to say, what not to say, what to do and what not to do. Of necessity, we learned SASS stage conventions. We all benefited from your national shooting experience. We look forward to your continuing to shoot with us as often as you can. Again, a hearty big thanks to you for all your hard work.

For obvious reasons, we are looking for a new Stage Marshal to write scenarios and get the stages set up for us each month. If you are interested, please contact **Dragon Hill Dave** or **Long Juan** as soon as possible. Stages are ready for the December match, but we will need someone to start writing for the January match.



## A note from Victoria Whiskey:

Bunk (Stagner) & I went back & forth deciding on whether or not to attend the (November) shoot. Obviously, we decided to stay home. Please pass along to the kind folks who stopped to ask about us or found us in Lockhart how grateful we are for their concern & taking time away from the shoot to check on us. We are very thankful to have made it through that awful wreck. Bunk now has a new truck and we hope to make it to the December shoot so that we may pass along our thanks to those kick a\$\$ cowboys who came to our aide in person.



Victoria Whiskey & her Dad, Bunk Stagner

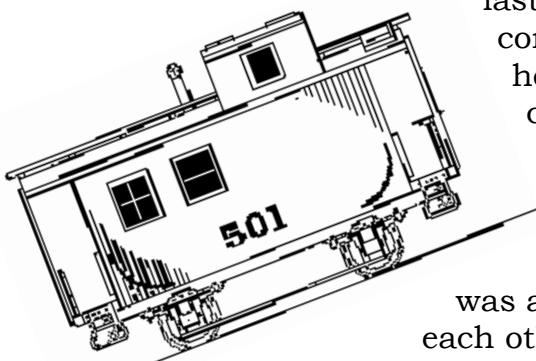
## Stories from Jake (Paladin that is): Full Deck

In old Scotland, common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards, but only applicable to the Ace of Spades. To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Because most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

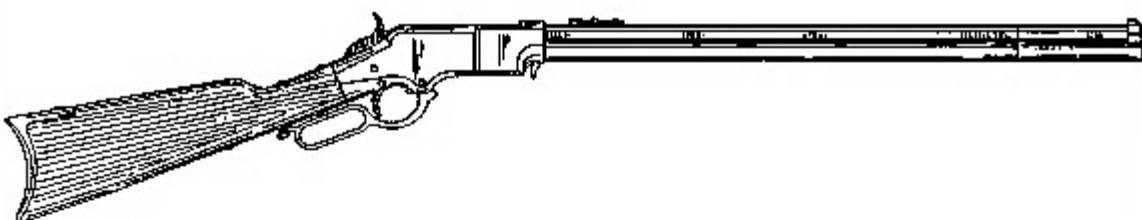


Jake Paladin  
"Doc"

## What's it mean? Caboose and More



For most people, the word *caboose* means what used to be the last car on a railroad train. The caboose was occupied by the conductor, brakemen and switchmen. In the Old West, however, a *caboose* was a dried cowhide slung under the chuck wagon on the cattle trail to carry wood and other fuel (such as cow chips or buffalo chips), picket pins for horses and similar supplies. A *picket pin*, also called a *lariat pin*, was a stake that could be driven into the ground to which a horse could be tied when nothing else was available. Longer pins could be placed some distance from each other and connected by a rope. This set-up was referred to as a *picket rope*. "*To cut your picket pin*" was a phrase expressing the act of departing.



## Western Movie Wit & Wisdom: Marksmanship

"Here in the West, the cemeteries are full of people who thought they were good shots."

*Cole Harvey, played by Robert Woods in  
The Belle Starr Story (1967)*

"He did it! He missed the barn!"

*Clay Boone played by Michael Callan in  
Cat Ballou (1965)*

"While he was shooting fast, I was aiming carefully."

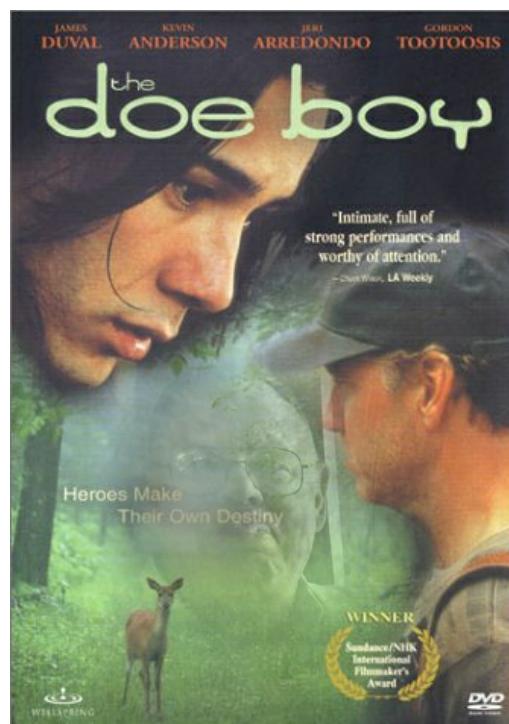
*Bill Schell played by Don DeFore in  
Ramrod (1947)*

and my favorite ...

"You couldn't hit the bottom of a toilet with a t\_d!"

*Bear played by Norman Brown in The Doe Boy (2001)*

*Editor's note:* The Doe Boy is a modern western set in 1984 in the heart of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. It tells the coming-of-age story of a young man of mixed heritage. Hank Kirk ([Kevin Anderson](#)) is a white man who objects to his half-Cherokee son Hunter's (James Duval) tendency to believe the stories of his Native American grandfather. Hunter is a hemophiliac, which makes it difficult (and dangerous) for him to take part in the same outdoor activities that dominate his father's life, especially as his mother, Maggie (Jeri Arredondo), worries about her son and tries to keep him away from danger. As Hunter grows older, he feels the need to prove himself to his father despite his medical



condition, but his father objects to the Cherokee method of hunting and insists that the boy hunt like a white man, by sitting by the side of the road with a gun and waiting for game to appear. When Hunter goes deer hunting with Hank for the first time, he mistakenly bags a doe instead of a buck -- a tremendous embarrassment for both Hunter and Hank, because the animal has no antlers to show off and thus is not considered a great catch. Humiliated, Hunter seeks the advice of his grandfather, Marvin Fishinghawk (Gordon Tootoosis), and finds love for the first time with a girl his age. The Doe Boy was selected as the United States winner of the Sundance Film Festival in 2000. Norman Brown's part was so small that I could not find out anything about his character other than being identified as "Bear."

## Plum Creek Shooting Society President's Duties

### From the By-laws:

Duties of the President. The President shall (1) preside at all meetings of the PCSS and Board of Directors, (2) serve as official spokesperson for the PCSS, (3) exercise all powers and perform all duties normally incident to such office and )4) sign or countersign the withdrawal of funds of the PCSS.

### Additional Duties and Tasks Performed:

#### Preparation for Monthly Shoot.

- Meet with landowner and coordinate regarding range and club issues.
- Oversee stage writing; determine theme of match and write stories and lines
- Review targets and target placement. Assure that all targets will function as intended. Arrange for replacement of targets where necessary.
- Set out stage boxes for stages to be shot.
- See that targets are painted and shotgun and swinger target ropes are attached.
- Check on plans for lunch
- Oversee general range maintenance and improvement.
- Assure that all key personnel (registration, scoring, etc.) will be present at shoot.
- Usually go out to the range at least twice a week

#### Day of Monthly Shoot

- Arrange for and pick up breakfast tacos
- Help with set up for registration, coffee, and tacos
- Open up gates, doors, windows, etc. as needed for shooting stages
- Oversee stage setup—blankets laid out, lines posted, shotgun and swinger ropes in place.
- Put out sign at entrance as needed
- Greet and welcome shooters and search out new shooters to the range for special attention.
- Handle opening ceremonies and (if needed) safety meeting
- Check on posses as they are shooting and solve issues to keep posses moving efficiently
- Check on scoring as shooting proceeds so can announce the results at lunch
- Handle lunchtime announcements of category winners, overall winners, and clean shooters
- Close down of registration and the range.

#### General Operations

- Overall responsibility for the performance of the Plum Creek Shooting Society and the satisfaction of its members and guests
- Serve as the face of the Plum Creek Shooting Society in interactions with other clubs and sponsors.
- Coordinate with Long Juan for President's Word and other issues related to the *Agarita Gazette*
- Handle contacts with SASS and potential sponsors as needed
- Travel to other clubs and announce Plum Creek shoots and events; generally encourage folks to come to shoot with us at Plum Creek
- Responsible for assuring success of Battle of Plum Creek; overseeing all details as needed for a successful shoot.

## Plum Creek Shooting Society Vice President's Duties

### From the By-laws:

Duties of the Vice President. The Vice President shall (1) perform all duties and responsibilities of the president in the absence of the latter and (2) perform such other duties as the Board or president may direct.

### Additional Duties and Tasks Performed:

- Spokesperson and representative of the club at PCSS matches and activities and other clubs and SASS events. Ensures all who participate in PCSS matches and other activities have a good experience. Listens to the shooters, fix what can be fixed quickly and works on long term improvements.
- Supports the owner of the Agarita Ranch, the President and other Board members. Works to ensure through shared thoughts and experiences to end up on the same page and path to help improve the club.
- Assists with preparation and managing club annual and state matches.
- Proofs stages for Stage Marshal. Writes stages when necessary. Prepares for and runs Wild Bunch matches and Western 3-Gun matches when required.
- Helps new shooters and those that need a little assistance or coaching to ensure a fun and safe experience.
- Brings good ideas and concepts from other major shoots for PCSS to consider and assists with implementation.

### ***Editor's Note:***

***The information on this page and the preceding page is provided so you will not only know what your officers are supposed to do, but also what they actually do to make the club a success.***

## Plum Creek Shooting Society Secretary's Duties

### From the By-Laws:

The Secretary shall (1) record the minutes of the PCSS and the Board, (2) send copies of the minutes to the members of the PCSS and the Board, (3) keep records of the PCSS, (4) handle correspondence of the PCSS as directed by the president, (5) issue all official PCSS notices, (6) process applications for membership and maintain a current list of all members and their contact information and (7) perform such other duties as the Board or the President may direct.

### Additional Duties and Tasks Performed:

- Editor Agarita Gazette.
- Registration for monthly and annual matches.
- Scoring for monthly and annual matches.
- Maintain and update the PCSS website.



# Plum Creek Members & Frequent Shooters do well at the SASS Southwest Regional - Comin' At Cha



Phantom, Joe Darter, Skyhawk Hans & Whiskey Kid

Plum Creek members and frequent shooters did well at *Comin' At Cha*, the SASS Southwest Regional. **Phantom** finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall and **1<sup>st</sup> in the 49'r category**. **Colt Faro** was 13<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wrangler; **Joe Darter** was 19<sup>th</sup> overall and 9<sup>th</sup> 49'r; **Tres Equis** 22<sup>nd</sup> overall, 4<sup>th</sup> Cowboy; **Matt Black** (fka **Rattlesnake Wrangler**) 37<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Boy; **Boomstick Jay** 51<sup>st</sup> overall, 7<sup>th</sup> Cowboy; **Skyhawk Hans** 59<sup>th</sup> overall, 6<sup>th</sup> Silver Senior; **Spur Broke** 79<sup>th</sup> overall, **1<sup>st</sup> Cowgirl**; **Whiskey Kid** 84<sup>th</sup> overall, 21<sup>st</sup>

Wrangler; **Wildcat Bob** 120<sup>th</sup> overall, 12<sup>th</sup> Sliver Senior; **Handlebar Bob** 134<sup>th</sup> overall, 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Duelist; **Lefty Rhodes** 138<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Gunfighter; **Diamond Kate** 139<sup>th</sup> overall, **1<sup>st</sup> Junior Girl**; **Czexican Dave** 160<sup>th</sup> overall, 9<sup>th</sup> Senior; **Sheriff Robert Love** 200<sup>th</sup> overall, 14<sup>th</sup> Senior; **Shooting Iron Miller** 214<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cowgirl; **Nueces Slim** 249<sup>th</sup> overall, 15<sup>th</sup> Senior and **Gold Dog** 265<sup>th</sup> overall, 17<sup>th</sup> Elder Statesman. Congratulations to all!!

**Thanks to Six Goin' South, Annalong Longshot, Lightning McQueen and Lefty Leo for our photos this month. For more photos, visit our website [www.pccss.org](http://www.pccss.org).**



**Lincoln Drifter?**



**The Adobe Kid**



**Scheutzum Phast**



**Long Juan**



**Hopalong Herbert recording scores**



Will Johnson



Kickshot kickin' out brass!



Lightning McQueen



Haddy Heard



Long Juan & Will Johnson's faithful follower, Flo



**Lincoln Drifter at his BEST!**



**Shootin' Star**



**Yuma Jack shooting Gunfighter while many others watch**



**Range Stage 8, Match Stage 5**



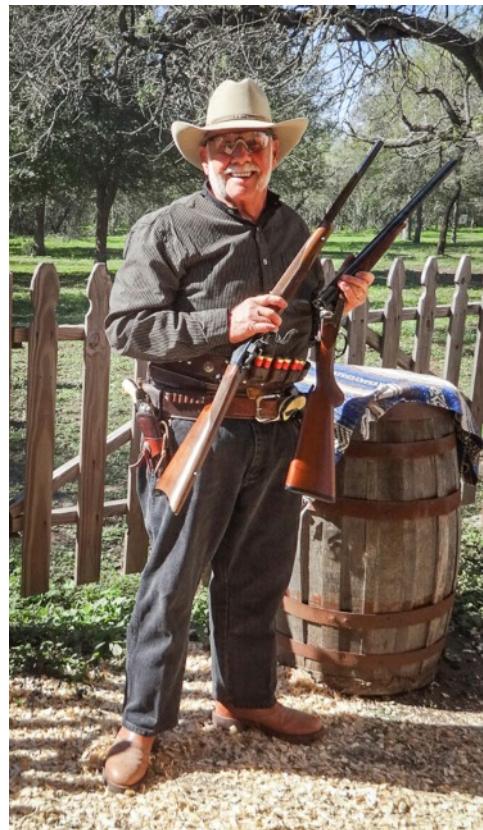
**Dragon Hill Dave**



**It's lonely before the match!**



**Queso Kid**



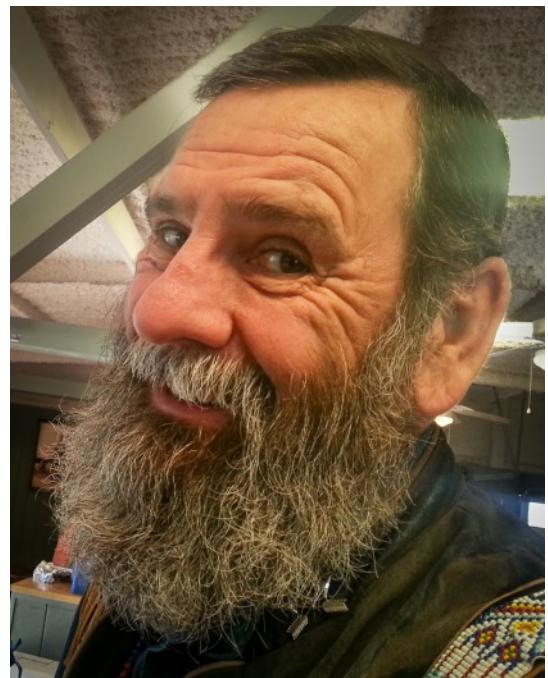
**Boon Doggle**



**Jarhead Jake**



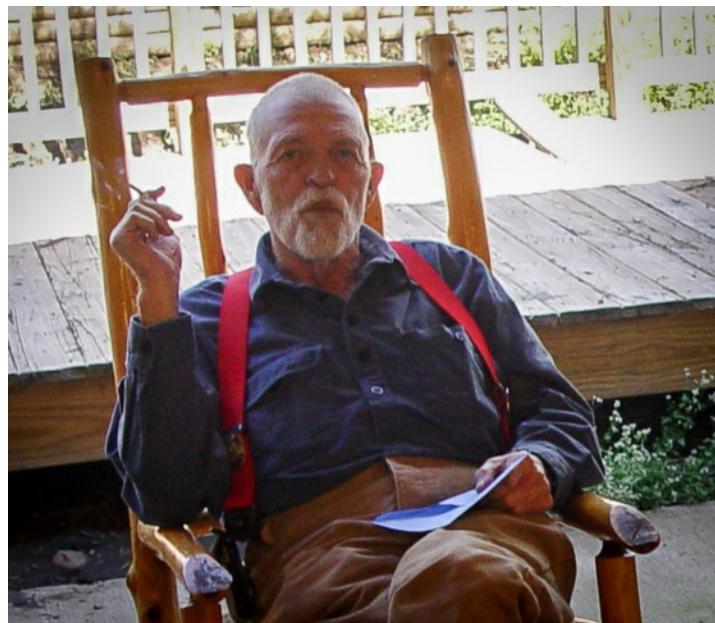
Dragon Hill Dave presides; everyone else eats!



Texas Sarge enjoyed his turkey



Who's cutting the pie?



Elroy Rogers enjoys his birthday



Lefty Leo, an extraordinary deep-fried turkey chef



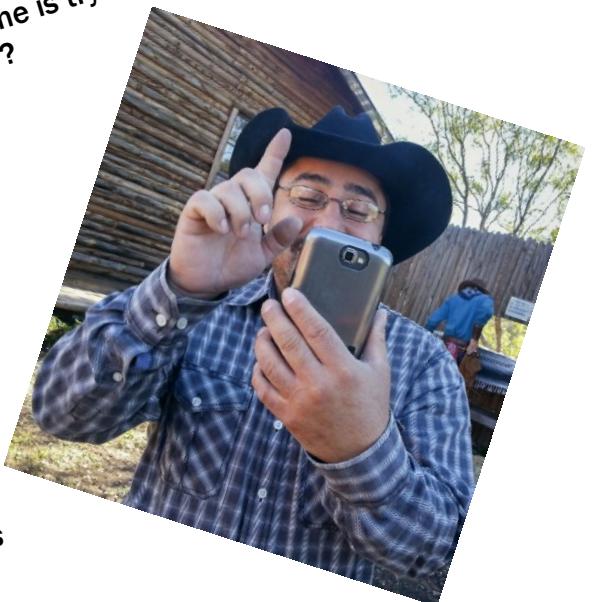
Do you know this man?  
Do you want to?



Kitchen Kate planned a great meal!



Lightning McQueen  
Not sure what point he is trying  
to make??



Little Bullseye picks brass



**Yuma Jack, Boon Doggle, Jake Jones, Long Juan & Texas Sarge**



**El Sabre**

**G.T. Sharps - Hope that neck is feeling better.**

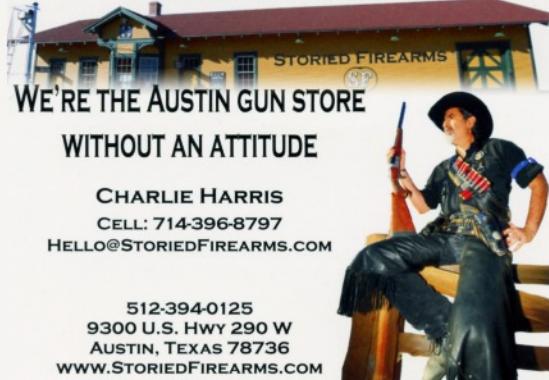
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	125	FP	35	70
	130	RNFP	36	72
	158	RNFP	39	77
	158	FP	39	77
	158	SWC	39	77
.380	100	RNFP	33	65
.38-55	245	RNFP	59	117
.41	215	SWC	49	98
.44	180	RNFP	41	81
	240	SWC	52	104
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	180	RNFP	41	81
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	125	CN	35	70
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	230	RN	51	101
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