



# South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



## Match Info:

A Place To  
Shoot

13250  
Pleasanton  
Rd.

San Antonio  
Texas

78221

## Monthly Match Schedule for November 1, 2025

- Range gate opens at 9:00 AM
- Match Registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM.
- Mandatory Shooters Safety Meeting at 9:30 AM.
- Match Starts at 9:45 AM

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy all you Pistolaros, November is a big month for us. In addition to our normal cowboy match this Saturday we also have a Wild Bunch Match this month because we have a fifth Saturday. Hopefully we'll have enough shooters to make it happen. November is also the month we support the Honoring American Veteran's Afield (HAVA) event over the

berm at the police academy. Beans Aguin will have more details on the event and will also be looking for volunteers to help out.

This month I thought I'd cover a couple of the more infamous Texans in our colorful history, Bonnie and Clyde. This is an excerpt from the Texas Proud website.

## Bonnie and Clyde – The Texas Crime Spree

January 27, 2021 by Cassidy Lackey



Although it's been over 85 years since their deaths, Texas-born Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are still among the most infamous couples in American history. The multi-state Barrow Gang crime spree included Texas stops in Dallas, Celina, Lufkin, Hillsboro, Lancaster, Cedar Hill, Prosper, Grapevine, Ponder, Grand Prairie, and many more Texas locations.

Clyde Chestnut Barrow was born in Ellis County, Texas into extreme poverty. He was the fifth of seven children. In the 1920s, the Barrow family was one of several that migrated to the squatter's camp along the west bank of the Trinity River in East Dallas. Although the view across the water was that of

a bustling city and its wealthy inhabitants, Clyde and his siblings were forced to sleep under a wagon because they couldn't even afford a tent.

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Eventually the Barrows family moved into their now-abandoned house on Singleton Road (formerly known as Eagle Ford Road). Clyde went on to attend Sidney Lanier Elementary before eventually quitting school and becoming entangled with the law over petty crimes.

Bonnie Elizabeth Parker was born in Rowena, Texas, the second of three children. When Bonnie's father died in 1911, her family moved in with her grandma and grandpa in Cement City, Texas, an impoverished industrial suburb of West Dallas. There Bonnie attended Eagle Ford School and Cement City High School, where she was thought of as an intelligent student with interests in acting and writing.

During the short time that Bonnie and Clyde both were earning money legally, they were ironically working pretty close to one another. Bonnie was a waitress at the Hartgraves Cafe on Swiss Avenue in East Dallas, just down the road from where Clyde worked at the United Mirror and Glass. He also had a short stint at the Brown and Cracker Candy Co., located in the West End.

The two eventually crossed paths and began dating in 1930, when they met through a mutual friend that Bonnie was staying with on Herbert Street in West Dallas. Their romance began quickly, and Bonnie even stayed with Clyde while he served a 20-month prison sentence for car theft shortly thereafter.

Clyde was incarcerated at the Eastham Prison Farm in Lovelady, Texas. The prison was known for its horrific conditions, and it was there that Clyde committed his first murder. He attacked a fellow inmate who had been sexually assaulting him. Upon Clyde's release in 1932, he vowed that he would take vengeance on the prison: the primary motive of his robberies was to raise enough money and ammunition to return to Eastham and exact revenge on the guards.



Bonnie and Clyde formed the Barrow Gang with Clyde's childhood friend, Raymond Hamilton, W.D. Jones, Henry Methvin, Clyde's brother Buck and his wife Blanche, among others. Their crime spree began shortly after Clyde was freed from prison, starting with a March 1932 break in at the Simms Oil Refinery in Dallas. That same month, Bonnie would be captured in a failed robbery attempt and jailed in Kaufman, Texas. She was released two months later.

In April of 1932, the Barrow Gang committed their first bank heist at the First National Bank in Lawrence, Kansas. After that it was off to the races, with robberies in Cedar Hill, Lancaster, Ponder, Celina, Lufkin, Grand Prairie and Hillsboro, which included a murder of a storekeeper. On August 1, the group robbed the Neuhooff Packing Company in Dallas of \$400 and just two weeks later would find themselves in a gun battle with police in Wharton, Texas.

The spree continued for the remainder of the year, as the crew made their way out of Texas and into places like Missouri, Kansas and Indiana. In 1933, the situation became

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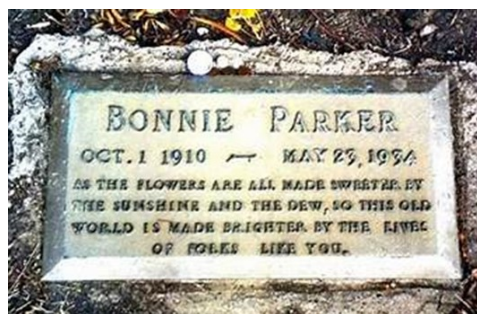
even direr as the gang began killing police officers, like the January 6 murder of Deputy Sheriff Malcom Davis in Dallas.

The following year proved to be equally grisly: in January the gang killed Huntsville mayor Joesph Crowson, stole weapons from the National Guard Armory and robbed more banks. On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934, Bonnie and Clyde brutally murdered highway patrolmen H.D. Murphy and Edward Wheeler near Grapevine, Texas.

In January of 1934, Clyde finally got some long-awaited payback on the Eastham Prison Farm in Texas. He and Bonnie returned to help break out one of their gang members (Raymond Hamilton), and subsequently shot several guards with machine guns—ultimately killing just one.

The fugitive couple was never in one place for too long. Their only known hideouts were located in Missouri, in the cities of Joplin and Platte City. The raid at the Joplin location is what led to the discovery of the couple's film roll, with the famous snapshots of the couple now cemented in American history. Unfortunately for the greater Barrow Gang, Buck Barrow was killed in the Platte City raid and his wife, Blanche, arrested.

It wouldn't be until May 23, 1934 that Bonnie and Clyde would meet their ultimate match. A six-man team, led by former Texas Ranger Frank Hamer, ambushed the couple in their stolen vehicle as they passed by them on Louisiana State Highway 154.



Although Bonnie had made it clear in her poem "The Story of Bonnie and Clyde" that she wished to be buried next to Clyde, when she was laid to rest in 1934 her mother had other plans. Bonnie's mother selected a grave site located miles away from [Clyde's grave](#) at the Fish Trap Cemetery in Dallas. In 1945, her sister relocated [Bonnie's grave](#) to the Crown Hill Memorial Park on Webb Chapel Road, where it is today.

See you on the firing line.

*Colonel Colt Winchester*

Colonel Colt Winchester



# HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING



# OCTOBER 2025 TREASURER' REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$4,068.98</b>
Total Deposit	\$280.00	\$4,394.32
Cowboy Range Fees	-\$157.68	\$4,191.30
Bank Fees	-\$16.00	\$4,175.30.
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$4,175.30</b>

*Tabasco Kid*

**Tabasco Kid  
Treasurer**



## CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING MATCHES

1st Saturday Plum Creek (Lockhart)	1000 Pin Oak Road Lockhart , TX 78644 USA	<a href="#">Brazos Bo</a> 210-303-6996
1st Saturday South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)	13250 Pleasanton Road San Antonio , TX 78221 USA	<a href="#">Colonel Colt Winchester</a> 210-788-4422
2nd & 5th Saturday Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) 5th Sunday Cowboy & Long Range	157 County Road 332 George West , TX 78022 USA	<a href="#">Tocayo</a> 361-648-1680
2nd Sunday Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)	600 East Javelina Drive Pharr , TX 78501 USA	<a href="#">Dream Chaser</a> 956-648-7364
2nd Weekend Saturday & Sunday (Cowboy/1911) Texican Rangers (Comfort)	130 Adolf Stieler Ranch Road Comfort , TX 78013 USA	<a href="#">San Saba Slim</a> 832-691-7998
3rd Saturday (Cowboy) & 3rd Sunday (Long Range) Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)	8545 Ranch Road 1623 Blanco , TX 78606 USA	<a href="#">Farr Ranger</a> 512-657-2491
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range) Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)	14230 South FM 1174 Marble Falls , TX 78654 USA	<a href="#">Bessie James</a> 210-385-3348



## NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER.....DOWN RANGE!

October's match was a long one but was still fun. Thanks to Newt Ritter for the stages even though I think the deck was stacked against me. Jassafrass won the poker match for a free shoot. Like the song *Henry the Eight* (first ear worm) - this match was 'second verse; same as the first' from last month. Beauregard

Beard took top honors this month shooting a 103.72 averaging 0.94 seconds a shot and he shot it clean! Picosa Kid came in second at 113.82 (averaging 1.03 a shot) and shooting a clean match too. PJ Mugwump brought in third with 152.68 averaging 1.39 sec/shot but a couple got away so no clean match. We had four clean shooters: Beau, Picosa, Newt Ritter, and Latigo Lee.

As for time on the range - we had a lot of malfunctions (especially on Stage 1), and 2 of our 17 shooters were new or inexperienced shooters. Taking out the 2 inexperienced shooters left us with 15. A posse of 7 or 8 is like breaking up: *Breaking Up is Hard to Do* (there's your next ear worm). Every time a person shoots, there are 7 people engaged: 1- shooter, 1-Timer Operator, 3 -counters, 1-brass picker, and 1 as unloading table official (last shooter). Yes, I know that a counter could pick brass (but no one does so it turns into a lost brass match) and a counter could clear the shooter at the unloading table but that means waiting until they are done counting. I didn't even include the scoring (iPad) which usually does double duty already. What this really means is that NO ONE can go to their cart and "get ready" for the next stage like everyone wants to do, hit the bathroom, take a break from the heat, excreta, excreta, excreta (King & I reference) ...AND all it takes is one malfunction to pull a shooter and someone clearing the gun for everything to go sideways. Mix in a new shooter that needs coaching, and we are suddenly waiting for shooters. Heaven help us if there is a cap and ball shooter! Of course, not all rules are hard and fast and if conditions allow - we will split posses. Enough of that.



ShootingBOT came through again and I picked up Bullseye powder from Natchez Shooting. Got the Unique I needed as well, so pretty much set for powder until the next crisis du jour happens. If you need help with ShootingBOT - let me know.

I stopped off at Budda and checked Cabela's/Bass Pro/ whatever it is this week, and they had Trail Boss, but it was expensive. Can't remember the price, but even with shipping and HAZMAT, what I got was cheaper. No Bullseye or Unique though. Primers are everywhere if you aren't too picky. About the only thing I still don't see are #10 percussion caps.

As Wild Bunch matches are few and far between, shooters are always welcome to shoot 1911's at any monthly match. You will load no more than 5 rounds per magazine, magazine inserted into the magazine well at the loading table (but do not chamber a round), and the pistol will be cleared on the firing line. Please let me

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know if you plan to shoot 1911's so I can ensure we have RO's who know these firearms. (Text me at 210-365-5254 or email [STXPMatch@gmail.com](mailto:STXPMatch@gmail.com).)

Reminder that we are holding our second annual All Around Cowboy competition at the November match. You don't have to shoot All Around if you don't want to; it's just for bragging rights. All Around means you shoot your pistols using each of the SASS styles. One stage is shot using the two handed grip (both hands must touch the revolver), one stage duelist (revolver cocked and fired one handed and unsupported), one stage double duelist (shoot duelist but with one revolver right-handed and one revolver left-handed), one stage gunfighter (one revolver in each hand) and finally the last stage is your normal shooting category. Newt won last time so here's your chance to take the honors.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! Stand by - **BEEP** - Bang, bang, "dang it", bang, bang, "well crap", bang..... Time is 31.77 and counters say 1 and a P. Shooter confirms one 'dang it' and one "well crap" so 31.77 a miss and a P.

To pre-register for the monthly match email [STXPMatch@gmail.com](mailto:STXPMatch@gmail.com) with the following information: Name, Alias, Category, SASS number, and if you are a South Texas Pistoleros member or not. If you experience difficulties with registration, please contact Caprock Kid at [STXPMatch@gmail.com](mailto:STXPMatch@gmail.com)



## Match Starting Time And Range Rules

Access to the Cowboy Action Shooting Range will be available only after A Place To Shoot opens at 9:00 AM.

Please do not attempt to enter the range parking lot via the dirt bypass road.

Please enter the CAS range through the side gates by the pistol range or around the right side of the building,

### Matches start at 9:45 AM.

Registration will close by 9:30, With the shooter' Safety Meeting to follow.

Please, present no bills larger than \$20 at registration.

**Guest shooters must read and sign a liability waiver before the match.**

The gate to the CAS range should be closed during a Match. Be aware that visitors may come on to the CAS range who are not familiar with CAS safety protocols.

Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistoleros club officers.

## South Texas Pistoleros Guest Shooter Policy

Visiting shooters unknown to club members but possessing a valid SASS Membership who wish to register as a competitor will be assigned a Pistoleros Officer or member as a "shooting buddy" for at least one stage. New-to-CAS individuals or guest without a valid SASS membership but with a **documented** knowledge of safe firearms hand skills (LTC, NRA certification, etc.) who desire to participate in a club match will be referred to the Range Master, or other designated Officer, for on-site orientation. If time permits, the orientation will be held before the match. If the Range Master and Match Director concur, the individuals will be assigned a mentor and permitted to register as a competitor.

Any person who have not completed any type of formal firearms training but wish to participate in CAS will be referred to a formal CAS orientation session to be provided by the club. The orientation session will use a classroom setting to address basic firearms safety, handling CAS firearms safely, **SASS** match protocols, and range and club safety rules. Upon successful completion of the classroom session, attendees will have the opportunity to shoot in a controlled setting on the CAS range. Cost per students has yet to be determined, but a range fee of \$11.00 per person plus the cost of suitable ammunition is to be expected.

## Guest Shooter Liability Waiver Policy

Any contestant at a match who is not currently a member of the South Texas Pistoleros must first read and sign a liability waiver before competing.



Check out the  
club's revised website

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[www.stxpistoleros.net](http://www.stxpistoleros.net)

Or scan here



# The Bean Pot.....



**And you think Texas politics is crazy now...**

The first mass resistance to the Carpetbaggers in post-Civil War Texas began in the summer of 1871. Unprecedented taxation spurred efforts to remove the quite large burden of taxation from much of the population. Orderly and constitutional proceedings were initiated.

A mass gathering of taxpayers was finally held in Austin in September 1871. Democrats and Republicans from some 94 Texas counties were united in their efforts to remove punitive taxation from Texans. Major George B. Erath, a prominent Texas immigrant, held the Chair.

E.M. Pease, who along with George Hancock and Morgan Hamilton, had earlier held meetings across the state in support of taxation reform. Pease addressed the convention. He attacked the disastrous, punitive taxes and the fiscal policy of the Carpetbaggers. He pointed out that when Governor Davis took office, there had been a healthy surplus in the state treasury. But by 1871, the state was bankrupt and borrowing heavily.

The warrants (financial promissory notes) issued by the Davis government as payment were being “hawked about the streets of Austin at six bits on the dollar, and even then sold with considerably difficulty.” Six million dollars were to be levied in tax revenue against the estimated \$800,000 actually needed to operate the Texas state government.

Then, as now, there was no State Income Tax. Property holders bore the brunt of the approximately 21 percent tax rate based on a Texan’s total income. Businesses escaped for the most part, but planters and farmers were facing ruin. Tax levies were not evenly applied.

The Convention demanded elections be held in 1871 as required by the State Constitution of 1869. Pease and the other principals urged a “taxpayer revolt” if elections were not held as the law demanded. To be clear, they did not advocate for “mob action,” but suggested that injunctions and court actions be instituted and fought in every county while tax payments were held up.

Governor Davis reacted in his characteristic manner. He had Radical leaders assemble a huge crowd of singing, turbulent negroes in Austin. Davis himself led those assembled in a march through the streets of Austin to the steps of the Capitol.

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Davis addressed the throng. "The Temple of Freedom is being defiled by taxpayers! It is up to you to purify the place!" At the Governor's command, the mob formed in double ranks. "March around the building singing those glorious hymns of freedom, with which you are all so familiar!"

An Austin newspaper reported on the events that took place over the next five hours. "Thereupon, this squad...the most ignorant, superstitious, and servile representatives of the race...marched around the building, at the hour of midnight, singing "John Browns Soul is Marching On," and Rally Round the Flag, Boys!"

A number of newspapers "were aghast that such rabble was countenanced by the Governor of the State of Texas."

The Capitol was thus purified. However, the Tax Revolt prevailed. It forced Davis to call for elections in 1871, rather than allow him to put them off for another year. It was apparent that former Confederates and Unionists were coming together. Davis learned of a great fusion meeting in Seguin and reacted by issuing a proclamation that (Davis) police, militia, and State Guard would conduct the polls, and "police the conduct of the people." In effect, Union soldiers were to be replaced by the hated Davis Police in conducting the election.

The effect of the order was explosive. Conservative newspapers printed denunciations such as : "It is impossible for us to express the indignation which it has aroused! Governor Davis and his satraps may learn at their cost, that the People of Texas cannot and will not always submit to their arbitrary usurpation and tyrannical acts!"

Meanwhile, the Carpetbagger group (Davis "plunderers and officeholders"), the Morgan Hamilton honest faction, and the railroad-bought boys" were angry and quarreling among themselves. Democrats and Conservative Republicans had only one fear...that they would be defrauded yet again. One newspaper in Houston marveled at how many unregistered, deceased, and underage people had been voted in the previous election.

What followed was a series of actions by the (Negro) Davis Police. No institution in Texas ever aroused so much hostility and hatred as the Davis Police. Documented incidences of oppression and killings were happening across the state. Governor Davis used the Militia Bill to ensure that any opposition to his political reign was crushed. In some cases, entire counties were declared to be "in insurrection" and martial law was declared. Habeas Corpus was suspended. A fine of \$50,000 – 3 percent on all taxable property- was levied in those counties. State Police spent their time riding about those counties collecting fines.

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Leander McNelly, a retired Texas Ranger and State Police Captain gave a blunt, honest view of the proceedings in Walker County. The Governor had declared that county to be in "open rebellion." McNelly, in a newspaper interview, stated that the real cause of Davis's actions "was for the money." State Police collected fines from every resident of the county, often at pistol point.

Criminality rose in those oppressed counties and soon became respectable as it was seen as a response to corrupt authority. There was hardly a respectable citizen, minister of religion, or newspaper editor that had anything but contempt for the Davis Police. It was during that time, in September of 1871, that John Wesley Hardin killed two Davis Police in Gonzalez as they sought to arrest him. The use of black police was often seen as "setting the bottom rail on the top." Any criminal who shot one became a sort of local hero.

Governor Davis saw the cracks developing in his administration. Despite increased taxation, the state continued to be bankrupt. A committee of Radicals in the Texas House investigated and found "reckless disorder" in the Treasury with huge sums of public money being spent for "private ends."

The elections in the Fall of 1873 marked the beginning of the end. The San Antonio *Herald* published an opinion that stated: "If Texas is a state, and if her citizens are men, Coke will be inaugurated, and the Fourteenth Legislature will sit." When the hated Police Act was repealed over the Governor's veto, John Henry Brown wired his hometown newspaper: "The police law is repealed over the Governor's veto. Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will towards men." The State Adjutant General, James Davidson, abruptly disappeared, along with some \$34,434.67 from the Treasury. He later appeared in Belgium.

The Davis government began to come apart. Despite several efforts to invalidate the election results, and a proclamation made to prohibit the seating of the incoming Fourteenth Legislature, the newly elected legislators and a new Governor descended on Austin. Davis's entreaties to President Grant for Federal intervention went unanswered.

In Austin, the newly elected legislators, and a large group of armed citizens, took action to secure the Capitol. They occupied the legislative chambers. They repelled an attempt by Radicals to enter by force. Police acting under Davis's orders and parties of armed Radicals gathered in the Capitol basement. On January 15, groups of Negroes were brought to Austin and armed with rifles from the state arsenal. At some point, Radicals under a Carpetbagger Union officer named De Gress, aimed a

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cannon at the doors of the Capitol only to discover that the weapon had been “spiked” by some of Governor Coke’s men.

From his office window, Governor Davis could see a large, armed, angry but disciplined body of men marching towards the Capitol led by Old Rip Ford. Davis surrendered and vacated the Governor’s office on Monday, January 19, 1874. He kept the key, though. The first phase of the Civil War in Texas was over. The next phase would last some one hundred years.

Source: *Lone Star* T.R. Fehrenbach

- Beans Ahgin



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025**



**Honored American Veterans Afield**





# **GUN SHOW SCHEDULE**

## **Local Shows**



**Nov 28th – 30th, 2025  
The San Antonio Gun Show  
3-Day Event  
Garcia Event Center  
1327 Bandera Rd.,  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
(830) 399-5955**



## **Area Gun Shows**

**Nov 7th – 9th, 2025  
The Belton Gun Show  
Bell County Expo Center  
301 W Loop 121  
Belton, TX 7651  
(713) 474-3900**

**Nov 8th – 9th, 2025  
The Floresville Gun Show  
Floresville Event Center  
600 TX-97  
Floresville, TX 78114  
(774) 486-7469 ext. 774-GUN-SHOW**

**Nov 8th – 9th, 2025  
The Kerrville Gun & Knife Show  
Happy State Bank  
Expo Hall  
3785 Highway 27  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 285-0575**

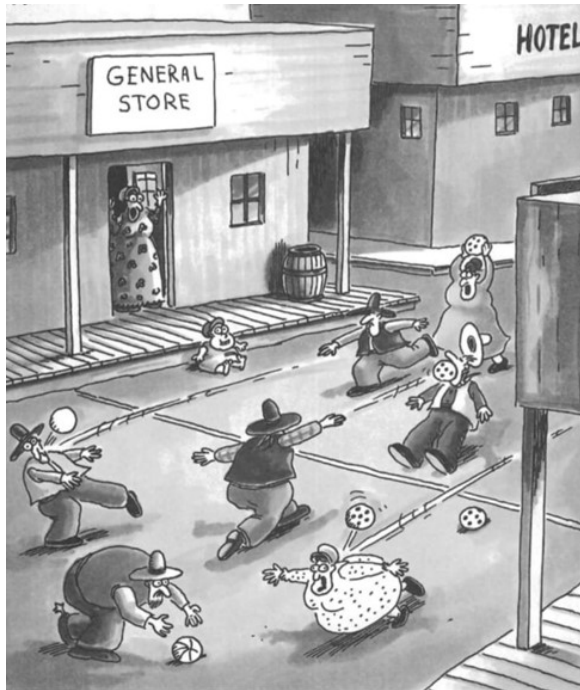
**Oct 25th – 26th, 2025  
The Al Amin Shrine Gun Show  
Al Amin Shrine Pavilion  
2001 Suntide Road  
Corpus Christi, TX 78409  
(361) 696-1585**

**Nov 14th – 16th, 2025  
The Poteet 3-Day Gun Show  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Poteet Memorial Post 6970  
9655 N. HWY 16  
Poteet, TX 78065  
(830) 399-5955**

**Nov 15th – 16th, 2025  
The New Braunfels Gun Show  
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center  
375 S Castell Ave  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
817) 732-1194**

**Dates and locations of gun shows are subject to change,  
so please contact the show before traveling.**

# THE FUN GALLERY



It was a tough frontier town; but later, after the arrival of the Earp brothers, things calmed down, and the town's name was shortened to simply Dodge City.



"You guys are both witnesses. . . . He laughed when my marshmallow caught on fire."



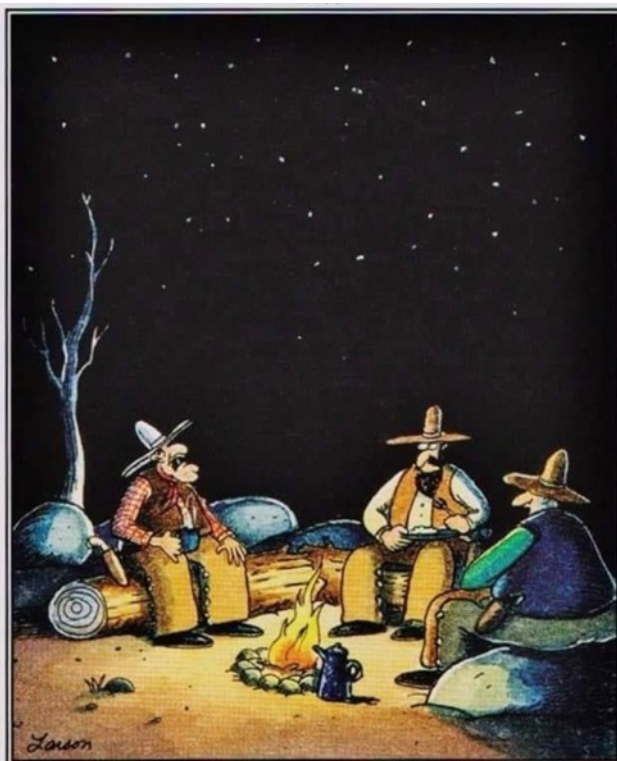
"Hang him, you idiots! Hang him!...  
"String-him-up" is a figure of speech!"



"Henry! Hurry or you're gonna miss it—  
ghost riders in the kitchen!"



# THE FUN GALLERY



"You know, boys, sometimes I stare up at the stars like this and I wonder ... I wonder wonder who ... who wrote *The Book of Love*?"



"Say, Will—why don't you pull that thing out and play us a tune?"