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Alabama Rangers

If you haven't paid your dues it is past time. Please send them in as soon as possible. The dues this year are \$30.00.

Elections were held at the Member's Only Shoot and the winner's (loser's) are:
President: Cahawaba Kid
Secretary: RC Moon
Member @ Large: BB

Thanks to all those who participated in the elections and helped make the Member's Only shoot great. Remember that this is your club and the Officers are here to serve you as well as the club. If you have any suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to contact a Board member.

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Shoot Dates:

April 15
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14

Dixie 2007-
November 9, 10 & 11

December 9

Visit the other clubs:

North Alabama
Regulators
1st Sunday

Vulcan Long-rifles
3rd Saturday

Gallant Gunfighters
3rd Sunday

Old York Shootist
4th Sunday

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Alabama Rangers, Inc.
Cowboy Action Shooting Club
P.O. Box 1764
Pelham, Alabama 35124

Howdy Rangers,

It's that time of year again when we must pay our club dues. Dues are for March through February of each year. Please forward your payment to the address above, or you may pay at the February shoot. Dues are payable by March 7, 2007.

Dues not paid by the March 7th deadline will not be allowed to shoot the Members Only Shoot in March 2007. A delinquency in payment of dues may require a new application, waiting period and board review for membership reinstatement.

\$30.00 First Member

\$25.00 Second Member (same household)

\$15.00 Other members of same household

We are requesting all members to complete the information below so we can update our records. **Our insurance carrier depends upon the club maintaining a large NRA membership. We must provide a list of NRA members to the NRA each year.**

Note! Fill out entire form. Do not put: "same as last year" or "on file". Put your information.

Name _____ SASS Alias _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

SASS Number _____ Alabama Ranger Number _____

NRA Number _____

Thank you for your prompt attention in paying your dues. We look forward to shooting with you in 2007!

Respectfully,
The Officers of the Alabama Rangers, Inc.

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Kids with guns!!

Ten Beers

In this day and age when one is constantly barraged with the evening news which focuses on just how bad the world is, all the saggy pants gang bangers, rap music, school shootings, violence and video games galore it is really great to see young people show up and participate in the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. In the years I've been enjoying the sport I've seen a few raised all the way up from wet nosed pups to fine adults. As I reflect back I remember Adam Little Bird's first deliberate hammer cocks under the watchful eye of his pop. Now here he is on active duty in Uncle Sam's Air Force. I know I feel just a little safer. Don't you? Sidekick used to shoot slower than the speed of light, which he does now, but the big grin has never changed. So anyway, now we have a new crop of kids showing us the way. Little Bryn, New Moon, Root Beers, Sweet Ivory Bob (he's just a big ole kid in case you didn't know) and many others remind me every time I get to shoot with them just why I do this. It is about having fun. As guns and shooting becomes part of their lives, the rest of us reap the benefits of perhaps having the Right to Keep and Bear Arms around for a few more generations. These kids all talk to their friends about what they do and how much fun it is. I noticed New Moon had a friend at the last shoot. (Sorry I didn't get the alias). Very cool. I'll bet she comes back. I mean you really have to like this to hang out with Dead Horse. Kidding Phil. Just kidding.

So Root Beers tells me the other week that he had an English assignment to write a poem of something he could "envision in his mind." He submitted the following work word for word.

Through The Sights of My Rifle

Up I see the aqua colored sky and cottony white clouds.
Down I see the rough dirt-covered rocks and lime green grass.
Around me I see towering trees that touch the sky.
In front of me is a never-ending trail of dirt and rocks on the hillside.
Through the sights of my rifle I see a small paper target 150 yards away with a hole in the center.
I hear the wind rushing through the tree limbs and leaves.
I hear birds chirping loudly.
I hear dirt and rocks being shuffled around under my feet.
I can hear the loud crack of my .357 rifle and the gentle pop of my 22 rifle.
I can hear Led Zeppelin playing on the radio.
I can hear my dad chuckling loudly as I hit the target.
I can hear the truck running.
I can taste the chips and root beer down my throat.
I can feel the cold metal and wood of my gun on my fingertips.
I can feel the rocks under my feet.
I smell the smoggy gunpowder in the air.

I don't know what grade he got on the paper, but he got an A from me. So take a kid shooting. It is very good for them and it is very rewarding for you. See you next time.

Ten Beers (the original) Rowdy Alabama Johnny Montana from Missouri