



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250 Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio Texas

78221

Monthly Match Schedule for August 3, 2024

- 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
- Pre-register with

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Pistoleros; we survived the heat at the July match. I dressed in cowboy light, wearing the club t-shirt instead of my usual cotton flannel cavalry shirt. My t-shirt was soaked. I'm going back to the cavalry shirt, at least it breathes a bit. I checked weather.com for their multi-day forecast and it appears it may be a bit cooler for the August match. Not much but it says partly cloudy with a 5-10 mph breeze. However, be prepared, as we all know about the accuracy of Texas weather forecasts.

Our Wild Bunch match at the end of June was fun but not well attended. It was very hot that day. Shooters were Beauregard Beard, Caprock Kid, me, and one guest. I believe a good time was had by all and I'm looking forward to 5th Saturday in August for another chance to shoot Wild Bunch.

During the July match Long John Beard signed up four new members. Hopefully we'll see them for the August match.

I wanted a little more shooting so I went up to shoot with the Texican Rangers the week after our match. I had a clean match going until I received a stage DQ as I tried to re-holster my second revolver and missed the holster dropping it on the floor. It was my first ever stage DQ and I knew it as soon as it hit the floor. If you're going to try to re-holster without looking you better have a method that insures you hit the holster. If anyone has any recommendations I'd like to hear them.

See all y'all next weekend, August 3rd, and remember to hydrate and have fun.

Colonel Colt Winchester

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JULY 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

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| Beginning Balance | | \$5,192.85 |
| Debit (Range Fees) | (\$105.12) | \$5,087.73 |
| Deposit | \$170.00 | \$5,257.73 |
| Ending Balance | | \$5,257.73 |

Tobasco Kid

**Tobasco Kid
Treasurer**



To pre-register for the **August 3, 2024** match , you can go to **PRACTISCORE**

and sign up for the match using the instructions attached, or you can

email 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

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.

A reminder

Membership applications are now being accepted for the new year which runs from June to May. You can print a copy of the application from the Club's Website or pick up a copy at the August shoot.

The yearly dues for individual are \$36.00 and for family \$48.00

Natalia Sue
Secretary



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

Not sure which was hotter, the July match or the 5 th Saturday June Wild Bunch!

Leading off with the Wild Bunch, we had a hard time trying to gather all the shooters and get them all through the stages...well, not really. We had three shooters plus a guest, so it went fast. With only four stages, we were off the range by 11:30. Beauregard Beard took top honors shooting a 167.63, averaging 1.2 seconds a shot - and he did it with a coach gun. Colonel Colt Winchester took second with a 206.49 averaging 1.68 seconds per shot. An interesting fact on Col Colt, the shotgun he used was his dad's Model 12. We won't talk about my third-place finish but it was still fun to break out the 1911 and swap magazines. Thanks to Long John Beard for seconding the WBRO so I could shoot too! Texican Rangers host a Wild Bunch RO class at Comancheria Days so if you can and want to learn WBRO - recommend signing up to take it.

On to Cowboy. Really appreciate how everyone pitched in and helped get us through the stages quickly. Our goal was to start by 9:30 and we were close. We only had nine shooters so that factored in as well. Picoso Kid won the match with a 102.83 and Beauregard Beard came in second at 113.17. The shocking stat is that Picoso averaged 0.80 a shot and Beau averaged 0.89! When I said I hoped to make the stages quick...I had no idea Picoso and Beau would take advantage of it! Great job cowboys! Silver Dollar Sage (3 rd), Caprock Kid (4 th), Colonel Colt Winchester (5 th) and Cibolo Sam (6 th) all averaged less than two seconds a shot. Since neither Newt nor Beans shot, we had no clean match pins for this match. Silver Dollar Sage got really close with only one miss on Stage 1 but close only counts in horseshoes, hand grenades and thermonuclear weapons.

Our I-pads had issues this last shoot, but our back up paper copy worked to get us started. Appreciate everyone being flexible and Long John for getting the cantankerous things working. The battery-operated fan on the loading table worked out great and I will bring it again next month. If you have something similar, recommend you bring it.

Long range forecast has a high of 93 0 for the August match. While not as hot, humidity is going to high after the rain this coming week. I will still double up stages and make them as quick as possible but will implement a "heat plan" if it gets bad. The "heat plan" is I go sit in my truck for air conditioning...no wait, that's not it. Oh yeah, I will prepare five stages, but if the match runs long or the heat and humidity get too bad, we will stop at four stages. Drink lots of water BEFORE the match and keep drinking all through the match. Everybody, watch each other and don't be afraid to ask if they are okay.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up. You know you don't have any shells in your shotgun belt. NOOOOOO, stop! Don't leave the line! Dang it, Stage DQ. Go to the unloading table - next shooter!

The Bean Pot.....



"My Men Evinced No Dismay"

Walker's Creek is a tributary of the Guadalupe River some 50 miles North of Seguin. On June 8th, 1844, Jack Hays's company of Texas Rangers was on patrol. Two of the members were Robert Gillespie and Samuel Walker.

Samuel Walker was a twenty-seven-year-old Maryland native who had enlisted in the Washington City Volunteers in 1836 for the Creek Indian Campaign in Alabama. The following year, he worked as a scout in Florida. By 1842 he has a member of the Army of the Republic of Texas, enlisting in time to repel the attack of Mexican General Woll. Walker had survived the Mier Expedition, and the infamous "Black Bean Episode" where select prisoners were executed. He escaped his imprisonment in Mexico shortly afterwards. As soon as Walker made it back to Texas, he joined Hays's Company of the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers were using Walker's Creek as a watering hole. One of the Ranger sentinels spotted a party of Comanche approaching their camp. They appeared to be about ten Comanche, who upon discerning that they had been seen, casually ambled off into a nearby thicket. Captain Hays suspected an ambush was being created, so he held his ground until the Comanche called the play.

Hays instincts proved correct, as soon a party of some seventy Comanche led by War Chief Yellow Wolf appeared. Yellow Wolf was a relative of Buffalo Hump, who had led the infamous raid along the Guadalupe River all the way to Indianola along the Texas coast. Hays had faced Yellow Wolf in battle before.

The Comanche seemed perplexed when the Rangers stood their ground. Perhaps the Comanche were the ones being set up for an ambush. The warriors retreated up and over a small hill and disappeared. Then, Captain Hays led his (10) men forward and, taking advantage of the steep base of the hill, led his men around the hill out of sight of the Comanche. The Comanche were startled when the Rangers suddenly appeared on their flank.

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Rifle shots riddled their ranks, and the Comanche retreated. Hays's men gave pursuit until the Comanche reached level ground and turned to attack. They were confident in their numbers. The warriors charged, only to be met by the Rangers firing their Colt "five shooters."

This weapon was new to the Rangers, and to the Comanche. Soon, Sam Walker and Robert Gillespie were far out in front of their comrades and were surrounded by mounted Comanche warriors. Only the fire from their revolvers allowed them to break free. Meanwhile, the other Rangers had anchored their horses and set up what is known in modern combat as a "base of fire" with their Patterson revolvers. Seeing how many of their saddles were empty, Yellow Wolf ordered a retreat. The Rangers mounted and followed for three miles until their horse and ammunition were spent.

Several Rangers were wounded, and one, Peter Fohr, soon died of his wounds. The Comanche had suffered twenty-three dead and thirty wounded. In his report to Anson Jones, the Texas Secretary of State, Hays gave a straightforward account of the action on Walker's Creek.

"I will take occasion to say that my men evinced no dismay; but, on the contrary would dare them to come to the charge."

Beans Ahgin



**Check out the club's
revised website**

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www.stxpistoleros.net

Or scan here



GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

Local Gun Shows

Jul 13th – 14th, 2024
The Dripping Springs Gun Show
Dripping Springs Ranch Park
1042 Event Center Drive
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
(325) 205-2688

Area Gun Shows

Aug 10th – 11th, 2024
The Saxet Corpus Christi Gun Show
Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds
1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd
Corpus Christi, TX 78380
(361) 289-2256

Aug 10th – 11th, 2024
Hill Country Gun Show
Hill Country Veterans Center
411 Meadow View Lane
Kerrville, TX 7802
(830) 315-3100

Aug 24th – 25th, 2024
The San Marcos Gun Show
City Of San Marcos Conference Center
1001 E McCarty Ln
San Marcos, TX 78666
(210) 844-9599

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



Alzafar Gun Show
Cowboy Action Promotion
August 2-4, 2024

The **Alamo Antique Arms Collectors Association (AACA)**, the **Texican Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Club (TR)**, and the **South Texas Pistoleros Cowboy Action Shooting Club (STP)** have combined forces to promote our activities at the **Alzafar Gun Show in August 2024**

The Gun Show promoters have graciously given scheduled volunteers free admission and one (1) six-foot display table to share at no cost. **AACA and CAS folks will be allowed two (2) “Vendor” badges each.**

On both Saturday and Sunday, we hope to have enough volunteers to make up a shift schedule. The oncoming volunteers will call the preceding shift volunteers to effect the hand-off of the “Vendor” badges. Once your shift is completed, you can shop the show if you wish.

No sales are permitted at the table. We may hand-out promotional materials and display examples of firearms used in our sport or as “collectables.” **No ammunition** may be displayed with the firearms, and cartridge belts must be empty.

All firearms must be inspected and secured (zip-tied) by the show’s staff before being allowed into the hall. We hope to use just one set of CAS guns for display throughout the show.

What we need are some Cowboys and Cowgirls to volunteer to work the event.

Set-up will be on Friday evening from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Doors open on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM. The show closes at 5:00 PM on Saturday, and 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The South Texas Pistoleros will have their monthly match on Saturday morning. Otherwise, there is no excuse for missing an opportunity to sit in the air-conditioned hall, talk about our sport, and maybe cruise the aisles for new toys.

Beans Ahgin is the contact person for the event. Email him at saltrifle@gmail.com or leave a Voicemail at 210-639-8450.

Shift Schedule:

Friday, August 2nd: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (SETUP) Beans Ahgin and

Saturday, August 3rd: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM _____

Saturday, August 3rd 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM _____

Sunday, August 3rd 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM _____

Sunday, August 3rd 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Beans Ahgin_____

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

HAVA

Honored American Veterans Afield

HAVA Event Coordinator Eva Carwhile has let it be known that the 2024 HAVA Field Day will once again be held at the San Antonio Police Academy.

She has asked “The Cowboys” to volunteer at the event, but no further details have been provided.

The good news is that the November 16th date does not conflict with either the South Texas Pistoleros or the Plum Creek Shooting Society Monthly CAS Matches. And the Texican Rangers, of course, do not shoot Matches from October through December.

Caprock Kid will reprise his role as “Ramrod,” and *Beans Ahgin* will again serve as “Communications Cowboy. Questions may be directed to *Beans* via TEXT message at 210-639-8450 or by email at: saltrifle@gmail.com.



HARRY WHEELER



Harry Cornwall Wheeler was born on July 23, 1875 in Jacksonville, Florida. It was the wrong part of the country and too late to be an active part of the wild Old West. But, today Harry Wheeler is considered one of the premier lawmen of that era we generally call the Old West.

Orphaned at the age of one, he was adopted by a military officer named William Wheeler. Raised around the military, Harry knew this was the life he wanted to live. But, he was unable to enter West Point. Some say it was because of his short stature.

This didn't stop Harry from becoming a military man. He joined the 1st Oklahoma Cavalry until he was forced to retire because of an injury. When the Arizona Rangers were formed in 1903, Harry immediately signed up. Four years later he became the Arizona Ranger's top officer.

Harry Wheeler never shirked his duty. During 1904 in Tucson a man came running out of a saloon and told Wheeler, "Holdup inside! Don't go in!"

Wheeler responded, "That's what I'm here for," and went inside and stopped the robbery by killing the holdup man.

After the Arizona Rangers were disbanded Wheeler was appointed a deputy U.S. marshal for Tucson. Then he was elected the Sheriff of Cochise County. When World War I broke out Wheeler volunteered, and was sent to France as a captain. And to cap off the exciting career of this quite unique man, Harry Wheeler traveled Europe as a trick shooter with the Miller 101 Wild West Show.

One can only surmise that if Harry Wheeler had been born 25 years earlier, we would have talked about Wild Bill, Buffalo Bill, Wyatt and Harry all in the same breath.

Courtesy Chronicle of the Old West and Long John Beard

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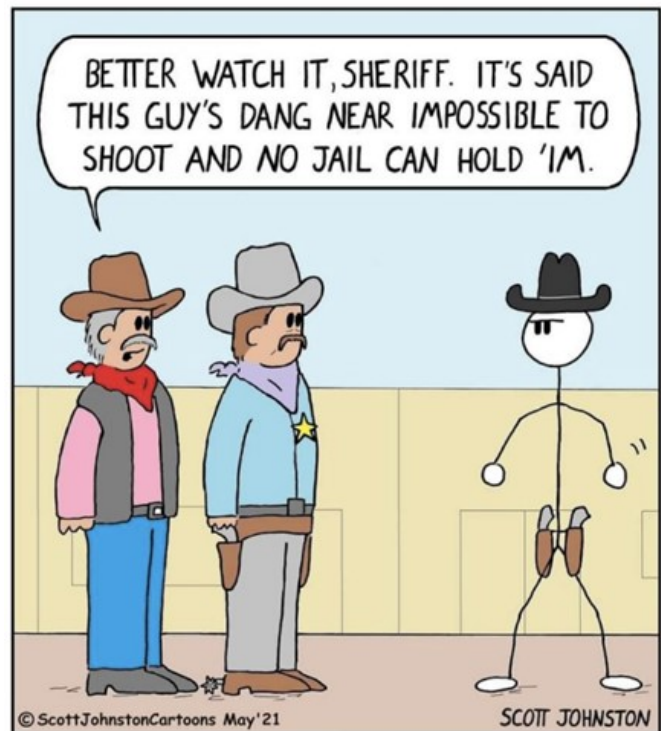
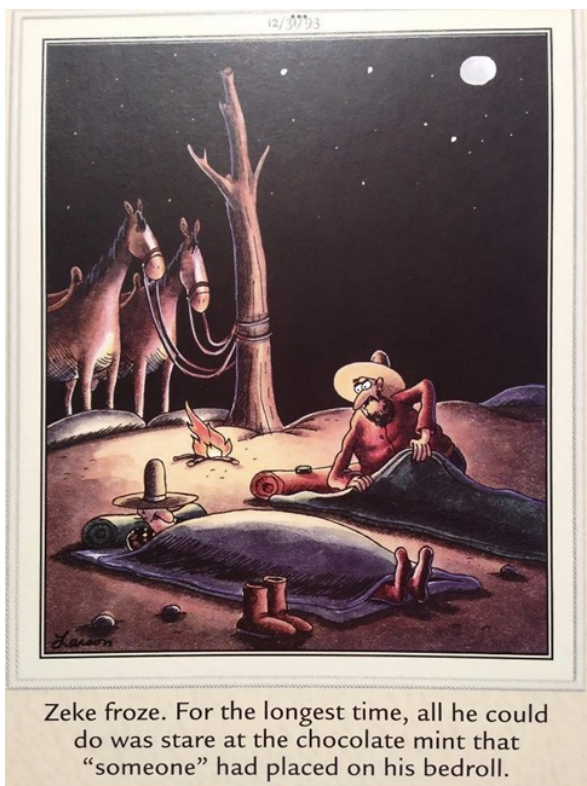
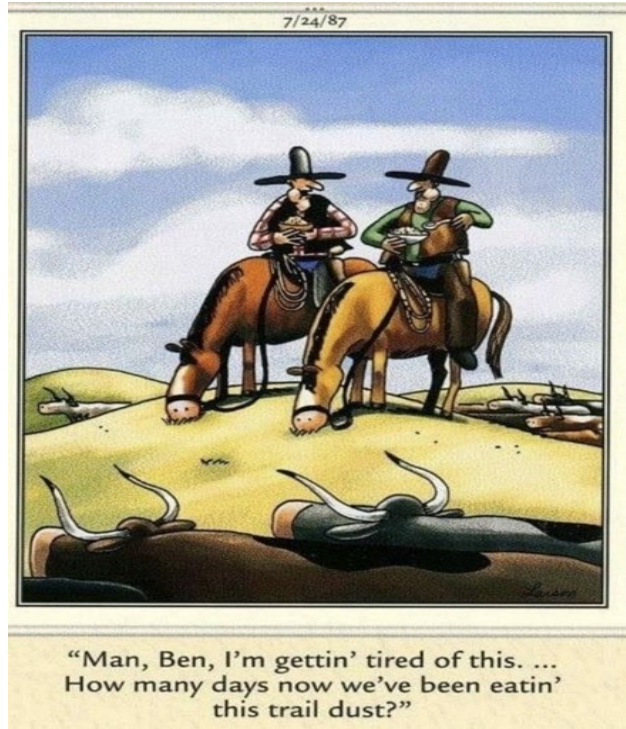
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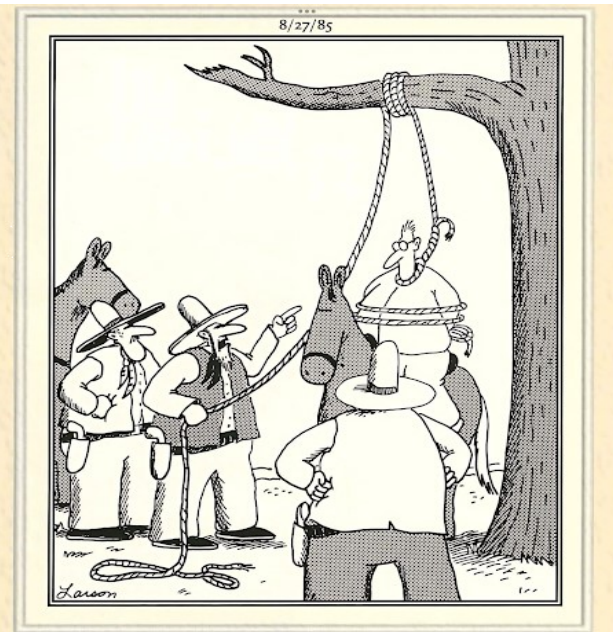
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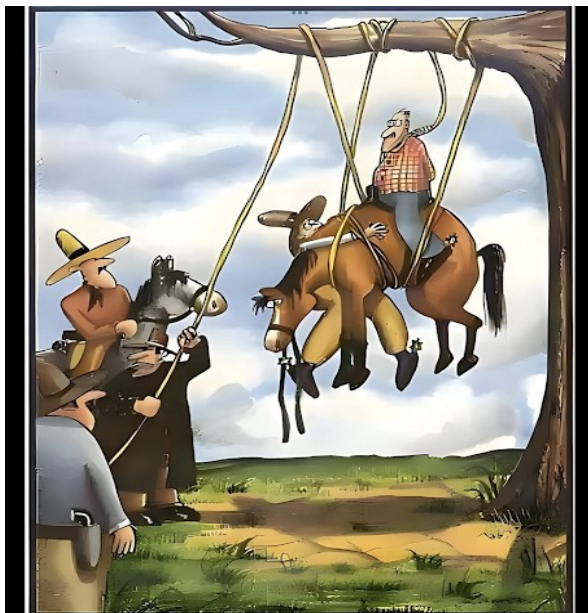
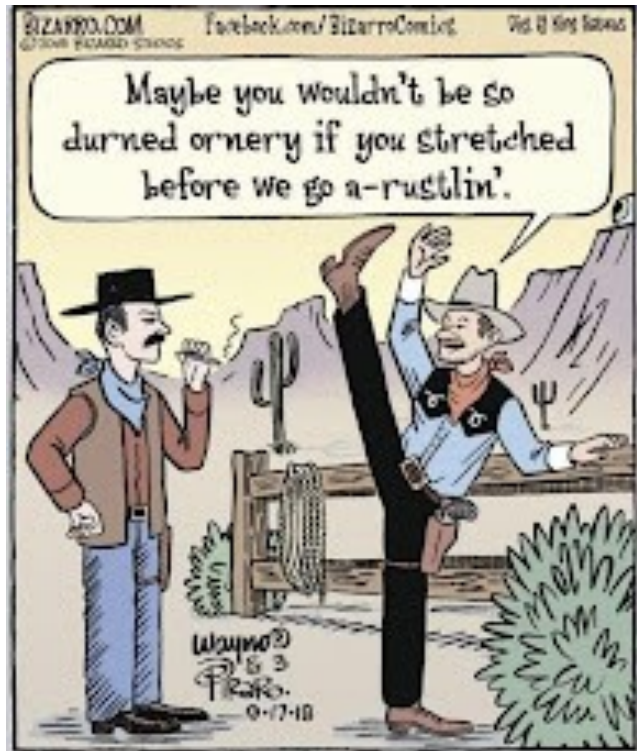
THE FUN GALLERY



THE FUN GALLERY



"One more time, stranger—if you're *really* an old cowhand from the Rio Grande, then how come your legs ain't bowed and your cheeks ain't tan?"



"Okay, okay, okay . . . everyone just calm down and we'll try this thing one more time."



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