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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS PANHANDLE PISTOL CLOUB





2 Meetings per month. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. The second meeting is the Thursday after the Saturday Meeting:

March Meetings: (this will be only for new member sign up and existing member renewals) 3/6 starting at 08:30 AM 3/11 stating at 07:00 PM

April Meetings: 4/3 starting at 08:30 AM 4/8 stating at 07:00 PM

May Meetings: 5/1 starting at 08:30 AM 5/6 stating at 07:00 PM

TPPC Executive Committee: President:

Bill Thompson Administrative Vice President:

Malcolm Carter Operations Vice President Jack Zinger

Bobby Nokes

Bobby DeLong Events Director: Leonard Eubanks

Membership Coordinator: Jerome Price



## **Events:**

There were not any club event shoots in February. The next club competition shoot event will be for 380 ACP on March 6 at 1:00 PM

License to Carry (LTC) Practice: These are held every other Thursday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The participants get the opportunity to practice drawing from their concealment with their everyday carry pistol. All participants are closely monitored to provide a safe and fun atmosphere. There are multiple scenarios and barricades to practice different aspects of defending oneself if the situation ever presents itself.

International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA): Practices and holds there events every other Wednesday starting at 6:00 PM. texaspanhandlepistolclub.com or tppc.club

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Ladies' Night: Ladies nights are typically held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. However, our next ladies' night will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. You may come at 6:00 or 7:00. There will be a safety briefing, then shooting in the range. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. You may bring your own gun, or there will also be pistols and ammo available for use. Minors above 12 years of age are welcome while accompanied by an adult.

# Club Propositions

Proposal: To allow the officers to send letters and emails to our elected representatives stating our position of gun issues on behalf of the gun club members. The proposal passed by a majority of the present voting members in both Saturday and Thursday meetings. (See below for shooting simulator proposal)

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## Bobby's Top 5 List for February 2021:

#### Top 5 Gun Podcasts

- 1) God and Guns Podcast
- Gun Talk Radio
  Concealed Carry
- Podcast4) Self Defense Gui
- Stories Podcast
- 5) Concealed Taco Dudes Podcast

# Honorable mention: We Like Shooting.

If you like the list or if I left one off one, lets discuss.

## Member in Remembrance:

James (Jim) Arthur Burr club member passed away on January 24th, 2021.

<u>Tribute for James (Jim)</u> <u>Arthur Burr | Angel</u> <u>Funeral Home</u>



## Jerome Price is currently building a simulation station designed to provide skill development and entertainment for shooters of all ages and skill levels. This system delivers an incredible simulated shooting experience. Shooters can develop their skills using true-to-life firearms or real weapons with laser inserts; all within a simulated environment.

The proposition was introduced to the club members to help with expenditure for around \$5000 to put in the system and as a return it will allow members to set up times to be able to be able to use the simulator. The proposal was made and seconded for a club vote. The club voted and passed the proposal.

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# Shooting Simulation Proposition

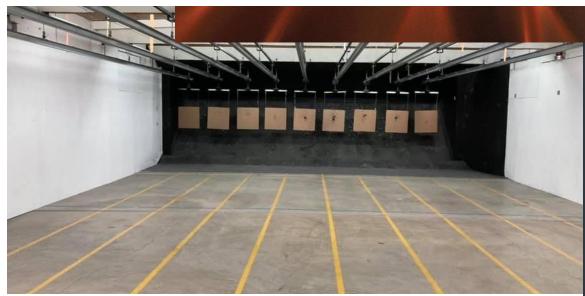
It will be at Jerome's warehouse at 99 N Tyler Street.



Jerome will have a calendar to sign up for time slots to come up and shoot. You will use you club card for access.

You may visit Jerome's website to watch videos. They are located under the 'coming soon section' at:

www.wrenchitmotorclub.com.



## Membership Renewals

The March meeting will be used strictly for membership renewals.

What to Bring:

- Door/Access Card
  NRA Membership Card
- 3) Credit
  Card/Cash/Check
  4) Renewal Form

We are converting to a new system that is easy to maintain and your current card is needed to help the efficiency of getting you in the new system.

Also, make it a habit of bringing your access card with you to each monthly meeting as the sign-up sheets will be going away soon. Links to access the renewal forms:

### Renewal Form (MS Word) Renewal Form (PDF)

We will have multiple stations set up on Saturday and Thursday for finalizing the paperwork and receiving your funds. Two of these stations will have the ability to take credit cards for your payment. are converting to a new system that is easy to maintain and your current card is needed to help the efficiency of getting you in the new system. Receipts will be emailed, unless you request a written paper copy.

#### Range Closure:

The range will be closed the evening of 3/5 to set up the stations for renewals. If you have do not have a NRA membership or yours is expired, you will have the opportunity to obtain your membership during club renewals.

You can do it in advanced at:

### Join: National Rifle Association of America (nra.org)

Renew: <u>Renew Your NRA</u> <u>Membership</u> - Official <u>Application</u>

# Improvements at the Club

A new video projector has been installed at the club. This will benefit us in the presentation and training of club information.

## Importance of Dry Firing

The price of ammunition has increased significantly in the past year. Gone are the days of getting a 50round box of 9 mm for less than \$10. Today's prices are around 50 cents per round/\$25 a box: **at the low end!** 

To help keep your muscle memory of the trigger and sight alignment dry firing your gun is becoming more important. In addition to dry firing, make sure to practice drawing from a holster while overcoming any over garments (shirt, jacket, vest, etc.)

First, and foremost, to starting this practice is safety.

"Treat all guns as if they were loaded" – meaning even if you know that you know that you know – check the condition making sure it is unloaded in the magazine <u>AND</u> in the chamber is empty.

Pick a spot on the wall or what I do is a screw on a light switch. Get familiar with the position of your hands, squeeze of your trigger, and where the trigger breaks. You should do this until you are comfortable with the feel while keeping your sights as steady as possible.

Next month I will go over some dry firing products.

# Monthly Maintenance Activities: February:

Thank you all who come to Maintenance Night, to those who change out the target backers, and the crew how cleans the lead trays.

Tuesday's planned work was check range lighting, check lanes for functioning, clean up around the building, sweep, vacuum firing line, vacuum foyer pew, clean the foyer tables, change the furnace filter, and clean the administration building. The target retrieval system was inspected, any issues were fixed.

## Discounts for Club Memberships:

All attendance credits are accumulated on a calendar year basis, not from the March membership renewal.

- Club meeting attendance
- Range Maintenance Nights
- Cleaning the Lead Trays



## Bill Spotlight:

US House of Representatives:

## HR 127

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, [D-TX-18] introduced this bill on 1/4/2021 'to provide for the licensing of firearm and ammunition possession and the registration of firearms, and to prohibit the possession of certain ammunition'. Some of what is included:

1) shall establish a system for licensing the possession of firearms or ammunition in the United States. (Setting up a national registry)

2) Attorney General shall issue to an individual a license to possess a firearm and ammunition if the individual. Includes any 'military-style weapons' (National Firearm Licensing system)

3) psychological evaluation, the licensed psychologist interviewed any spouse of the individual, any former spouse of the individual, and at least 2 other persons who are a member of the family

## Club Proposition for Contacting Elected Officials

There have been many bills that are antigun in nature introduced this year in the Texas Legislature (Senate and House of Representatives) and the Federal Legislature (Senate and House of Representatives). We both individually and as a collective body need to take a stand and voice opposition against these proposals to our elected officials. We have the weight of over 400 members as a group.

Proposal introduced in the club meeting: To allow the officers to send letters and emails to our elected representatives stating our position of gun issues on behalf of the gun club members. seconded and approved.

## NICS and Gun Sales

The National Instant Background Check System (NICS) set a record for the most checks done in any month, ever, since the system started in 1998. There were a total NICS 4,317,804 checks done in January. The next highest month was in December of 2020, with 3,937,066 checks. January brought an estimated of .8 million new gun owners. NICS and Gun Sales in January 2021 sets New Record (ammoland.com)

## **Political Contacts**

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