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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

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October 2010 Newsletter



**Distinguished
Guests**

In 2010, the Museum received many distinguished guests and groups. The museum staff has given tours to as many as 24 groups in a month. A few recent visitors include:

Individuals

- Academy Award winner Robert Duvall
- Miss Texas USA 2011 Ana Rodriguez

**Government and
Law Enforcement**

Recently the Museum received several interesting artifacts as gifts and loans. When donated, gifts become the property of the people of Texas and are preserved by the museum staff for future generations. This newsletter features five of these unique artifacts now on exhibit.

Battle of Plum Creek: Painting on Loan

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is proud to announce the exhibit of *Delaying Action: The Battle of Plum Creek*, a painting by artist Lee Herring. Herring is the State of Texas Official Artist for 2007 and is well known for his epic paintings of historic Texas events and the American West. The 4 foot by 8 foot painting depicts the story of a battle between Texas Rangers and Comanche Indians. It is on exhibit in Taub Hall beginning October 8, 2010. Thanks to owner William Adams for this loan.

- Border Security Operations Center
- Deputy US Marshals
- Fort Hood Army Criminal Investigation Command (C.I.D.)
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Former Prisoners of War Advisory Committee - includes POWs from all wars

Adult Groups

- Channel Chicks Red Hatters group
- Methodist Church of Crockett
- North Texas HOG motorcycle group
- Panola College
- Sachse Senior Citizen Center
- Temple Housing Authority

Children's Groups and Schools

- Boy Scout Troop 228 from Weimer
- Gatesville Intermediate
- Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Development Center
- Meridian Elementary
- Pflugerville High School history club
- Prince of Peace Catholic School
- Waco Family YMCA

Want to donate your Texas Ranger memorabilia?

Please send a photograph and information about the object to the [Collections Manager](#).



Delaying Action: The Battle of Plum Creek, 1878
Oil on panel
Lee Herring

On Loan to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum by William Adams

New Artifacts Donated

This saddle belonged to James "Jim" Newton Geer, who was born in Manchester, Texas in 1894 and became a Texas Ranger in 1945 when he was appointed as a criminal investigator. He worked many interesting cases including the Texarkana Phantom Murders. In 1955, Geer passed away and is remembered as an intelligent and diligent investigator.

The style of the saddle is called a Pueblo Saddle, which was produced by the S. C. Gallup Saddlery Company. Samuel C. Gallup started creating saddles in 1870 and is thought to have been responsible for the design of the Pueblo Saddle, which became the standard for the working cowboy. Thanks to donor Bucky Geer for the saddle.



Pueblo Saddle, S. C. Gallup Saddlery Company



Store Special

Texas Ranger badge playing cards are on sale (now \$1.50 each) for a limited time. Get them while they last. Call (254) 750-8631 or email [the store](#).



Photograph of Texas Ranger Charles Dissler

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In our next issue:

The Big Texas Christmas Present

Used by Texas Ranger Jim Geer
Gift of James "Bucky" Geer / Cat. 2010.004

The Texas Rangers were enormously popular in the 1940s and '50s. Movie serials and television programs ran constantly and inspired many "Texas Ranger" products such as this tricycle dating to the 1950s. James Griffin, life member of the museum, donated this example.



Texas Ranger Tricycle, c.1950s
Made by the American Machine and Foundry
Gift of James Griffin / Cat. No. 2010.037.001

Charles Dissler carried this 44 Smith and Wesson, Russian Model 1 when he served under the command of Pat Dolan during the Frontier Battalion era from September 1, 1877 to February 28, 1878. The revolver was generously donated by Mr. James Dissler, the grandson of Charles Dissler, to educate and tell the story of the Texas Rangers.



Donor James Dissler and Collection Manager Shelly Crittendon
44 Smith and Wesson, Russian Model 1
Gift of James Dissler / Cat. No. 2010.040.001

Texas Ranger Captains

The photograph of DPS Commissioner Ron Krist with his airplane and retired Texas Ranger Captains was donated to the museum by Captain Bob Prince last week. In the photograph are (left to right) Bob Mitchell, Gene Powell, David Byrnes, Ron Kirst, Jack Dean, Bruce Casteel and Bob Prince.



A Partnership Serving Texas Rangers

For almost three decades, the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) has partnered with us to preserve and perpetuate the history of the Texas Rangers. We are honored by their support and dedication.

TRAF began with an East Texas backyard barbeque in 1982. It has contributed important support to several educational, historical and preservation activities of the museum. Its own programs include college scholarships for the children of active duty Texas Rangers and assistance to Rangers and their families in times of difficulty.

TRAF currently sponsors the following programs with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame:

- On-site and distance-learning educational programs reaching a worldwide audience in memory of Texas Ranger Capt. Robert Mitchell.
- Partial sponsorship of the *Texas Ranger Dispatch* online magazine with a circulation of more than 300,000 persons a year.
<http://texasranger.org/dispatch/dispatch.htm>
- Sponsorship of an oral history program recording and preserving the reminiscences of retired Texas Rangers with online transcripts.
http://texasranger.org/E-Books/Ranger_oral_history.html

The Foundation has offices on the grounds of the Hall of Fame and Museum and holds an annual Texas Ranger Reunion in Waco.

Thanks to the members and leadership of TRAF for their support and commitment and support of the heritage of the Texas Rangers. More information about TRAF is available at www.thetexasrangers.org.

Knox Banquet Center Renovation

The Renovation of John Knox Texas Ranger Memorial Center is approaching completion. The \$1.1 million City of Waco bond project is expected to reopen by January of 2011.



**Save
\$2.00**

Save \$1.00 off adult admission for up to two adults. No cash value.

The museum is open 9 am to 5 pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30 pm. The museum is located off I-35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit our [website](#).

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