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Despite delay caused by multiple hurricanes, the July Scout is now ready.

**A GREAT TIME AT THE STOCKYARDS,
FT WORTH, TEXAS
THE 2008 ROUNDUP!**

By Laura and Stephanie Greene



Clockwise from left: Lindsay, Laura, Stephanie Greene, Juliet McKinney

The 2008 roundup got off to an interesting start as many of us were stranded temporarily while bad weather canceled/delayed flights. But once we were all present and accounted for in Texas, everything settled down to the normal. Our first afternoon together was spent at the traditional meet & greet, where it was immediately clear that this year's group was ready for action, which was fortunate, because the Texas heat was sweltering. No doubt our braving the Texan summer sun for hours during our walking tour of the stockyard proved that the admirers of Texas Jack definitely have some of that cowboy hardiness! Furthermore, the entire Roundup seemed saturated with cowboy spirit! Texas, the namesake state of Texas Jack, certainly showed us a taste of the west we have been overlooking for the past few years. Fort Worth especially is rich in cultural history, and the city proudly celebrates the colorful characters that shaped "cowtown."

Rand McKinney, a Fort Worth native, had the good sense to book our stay at a hotel literally next door to the historic stockyards.

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from the Editor's Desk...



We want to apologize for the delay of this Roundup issue of the *Texas Jack Scout*. As you will see, it was well worth the wait! Sometimes important things like jobs, family, and hurricanes need to be taken care of first, but with us all helping each other, as our hero, Texas Jack, would have done, we get it all accomplished.

Our secretary, Stephanie Greene, wrote an exciting and informative account of the Roundup for us. Lots of photographs were added, so those of you who unfortunately could not be with us could vicariously experience the fun.

Also included are the minutes of our business meeting, which are very important to understand all the projects and improvements that we have working. You may notice one thing we agreed to do—insert teasers for the next Roundup.

We introduce one of our newest members, Aaron Poff, who is a cowboy poet and children's book author. He wrote a poem about Texas Jack especially for us.

Rene Tyree has been feverishly working to get our website updated and more user-friendly, with a new address, a blog, and new server. Please check periodically to see what's new.

I hope you enjoy reading this Roundup issue of the *Scout* as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Linda Omohundro

Layout Editor



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The Texas Jack Scout publishes articles about John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the times and places in which he lived, and individuals who have contributed substantially to maintaining his memory.

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Being so close to a true cowboy haunt inevitably caused all of us to indulge our curiosity about Texas Jack and what would have been his lifestyle.

Our first full day was scheduled to begin with a walking tour of the stockyard, but unfortunately a rogue rainstorm put a damper on our plans (no pun intended). Instead we headed over to the Stockyards Museum and watched a short film outlining a quick history of the town. Afterwards we enjoyed an hour in the Stockyard Museum wandering around the old relics. It just so happened that next door to the museum, a real cattle auction was in full swing, and a few of us couldn't help but poke our heads in for small taste of the cattle industry. My sisters and I bought a cow and named it Texas Jack Jr.- Just kidding!

Once we relocated everyone (why can't Omohundros stay in one place for more than five minutes?) we walked outside to Main Street to watch the daily Fort Worth cattle drive. It was sure hot, and as we all stood outside waiting, Linda Omohundro decided to join the cattle drive and hop on a steer. Finally, from the end of the street almost out of our eyesight, came the familiar clacking of hoofs and loud bellowing of the cattle. There were about 15 or so of them; they weren't moving very fast, but they sure were big! Hard to imagine that back in the day, cowboys had to handle hundreds of them at a time. Needless to say, watching all that potential steak walking down the street made us pretty hungry, and so we were glad to take a trip to Risky's BBQ, a pretty famous staple in Fort Worth, and we all took advantage of the Texan talent for barbeque. After taking a short siesta, we all regrouped to take the walking tour, which was definitely good exercise for our minds and bodies. It is amazing how the cowboys were able to manage all the livestock in these stockyards, what's even more mind boggling is how streamlined and efficient their

production system was for their time period. The stockyards were so well built, most of the original bricks and framework still exists today in pristine condition. Lucky for us, because minus the tourists and new shops (and that fact it's pretty clean), the stockyards probably look the same way they did many years ago. Swift, one of the two former processing plants in Fort Worth, burned down many years ago, but it is still structurally stable. Our guide told us the popular TV show "Jail Break" was actually filmed there. Talk about a blend of the old and new!

The rest of our trip included a bus trip to downtown Fort Worth, where we perused galleries of art depicting western scenes and historical events. Later in the day, we visited the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, where we were able to learn about famous cowgirls throughout history and today!

The Stockyards are a stark contrast to the city of Fort Worth as a whole. Though Fort Worth is the seventeenth largest city in the US and the fifth largest city in Texas, the Stockyards today manage to maintain a small town feel. It is hard to comprehend the amount of cattle processed in "cowtown" throughout its history. Over four million cows were driven through Fort Worth between 1866 and 1890! The city of Fort Worth is one of character and of resourcefulness. When railroads were built in 1876, rendering Fort Worth a major cattle shipping port, the Stockyards were planned and constructed only a few years later, quickly becoming invaluable to the cattle processing industry. The Stockyards continued to flourish as a point of livestock production until the closure of the Armour and Swift plants in the 1960's and early 1970's. Today, the Stockyards remain as one of America's most valuable historical treasures, capturing the spirit of the Old West and all of those who toiled tirelessly in the quest for success.

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Later in the trip, many of us watched the Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, where we saw some true cowboy talent. There was trick riding, roping, and some good old-fashioned country cowboy singing--to the enjoyment of the audience. There was even a short history given of Pawnee Bill's life and career (and everyone knows that the TJA loves its history!)

Without a doubt, Fort Worth was the perfect location for the 2008 Roundup. Touring the Stockyards is like walking through time, and its juxtaposition to the modern downtown of Fort Worth mirrors the merging of the past and present, which is characteristic of the

Texas Jack Association. Throughout our final dinner, which took place within the historical Stockyards, the spirit of the old west enveloped us and reminded us of the central purpose of the Texas Jack Association: to promote the memory and appreciation of a great historical figure and the circumstances which surrounded his life. As is the case for every Roundup, those in attendance were able to look through a window in time and add to their picture of the Old West, a unique facet of American history, which never ceases to amaze me in its complexity and richness. 🤠



*The Meet & Greet at the Hyatt Place Hotel
Clockwise from top left: Candice McKinney, Dennis Greene, Lindsay Greene, Kitty Pelkan,
Peggy Greene, Stephanie, Mark, Lindsay Greene, Candice McKinney, Rand McKinney, Mark,
Dennis Greene*

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Enjoying the Stockyard Museum are KB Chapman, Karl Pelkan, and Beryl Catterson



Linda, Dick Omohundro in Sundance Square Juliet McKinney, KB Chapman at Joe T Garcia's



Julie, Dennis Greene at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame

Guided tour of the Stockyards

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We are going into the Amon Carter Art Museum



Dick Omohundro with Stockyards Cowboy



Daily cattle drive at the Stockyards



Most of the attendees of the 2008 TJA Roundup

The President's
MESSAGE

As a charter member of the Texas Jack Association and one of those members who rarely miss a Roundup, I've had the opportunity to see our association grow and change over the years. The Texas Jack Association is in great hands! The new Board of Officers is extremely competent and committed. As Vice-President, Larry Tyree worked diligently on obtaining non-profit status for our association along with other goals and will continue that into his term as President. Linda Omohundro, our Layout Editor, accepted the nomination to serve as Vice-President. Rene Tyree agreed to remain as Treasurer and in addition has already set up a blog and will be working to add new features to our web site. Despite her full schedule at the University of Miami, Stephanie Greene will remain our Secretary.

During my term as President for the past two years, my goals were to centralize our membership database in order to keep it accurate and make it accessible to all the Officers so that the "behind the scenes" work could be accomplished more

efficiently. Another goal was to increase the visibility of Texas Jack in order to attract new members. We were able to put our membership database online so that it can be accessed by anyone with Internet access (and the password) and started advertising in True West magazine. None of that could have happened without Larry, Rene, Linda, Stephanie, or Rand McKinney. I have been privileged to work with this group of people and gratified that I also have been able to add something to the Texas Jack Association.

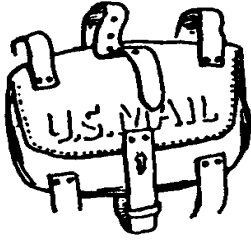
Despite the many time challenges of work, family, and community; it is rewarding to be part of something that will truly live on that is part of history. It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Association and I look forward to participation in one way or another for many years to come.

Peggy Greene, President



New Officers: Larry Tyree, Rene Tyree, Linda Omohundro, Peggy Greene, Edna Nees, Stephanie Greene

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Do you have any information on how many Dime Novels Texas Jack is featured in?"

The reason I was asking is because I am going to try to go to the Library of Congress later this summer. As an

Omohundro in Virginia I'm naturally interested in Texas Jack. The library has over 40,000 dime novels in their collection. (<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tri015.html>) I really don't know much about dime novels, I didn't even know about the French translations you mentioned. (but I suppose they were popular with the fur traders of the time)

I'm not sure how the collection is cataloged but if it's possible I'll try to assemble a complete list of Texas Jack novels. I'll cheerfully let you know what I find.

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From: Ltyree5353@cs.com  
To: baomdc@netscape.net  
Sent: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 11:54 pm  
Subject: Re: dime novels

Hello,

We have a partial list of the dime novels... listed at: <http://texasjack.wordpress.com/tag/john-baker-omohundro/> ... then if you scroll down the right side you will see the heading Dime Novels, click this and a list of 56 titles comes up.

I know that there were approximately 150 dime novels translated into French, but I have not seen them, nor the original English versions. We continue to try to find information... If you find anything additional, we of course would be interested too!!

Best wishes,

Larry Tyree  
Texas Jack Association

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A quick follow up. I did some research online and found a list of titles written by Prentiss Ingraham (Ingraham sometimes wrote under Buffalo Bill's name and Ingraham even wrote at least one novel under the pen name J. B. Omohundro). Of Ingraham's 1000 or so novels most were the Buffalo Bill series. It's impossible to say without reading each individually which of those Texas Jack appears in, but I only found 8 with his name in the title:

Texas Jack, the Mustang King. Thrilling Adventures in the Life of J. B. Omohundro, "Texas Jack.", Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Beadle and Adams, 1882.

Texas Jack, the Prairie Rattler, or The queen of the wild riders: a romance in the life of a real hero - John B. Omohundro, "Texas Jack," and a tale of the Southwest border, Buffalo Bill, New York : Beadle & Adams, 1884.

Arizona Joe, the boy pard of Texas Jack, Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Beadle & Adams, 1887.

The ranch king dead-shot or, Texas Jack's proxy: a story of Buckskin Sam's robber-rangers

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run-in, Buffalo Bill, New York : Beadle & Adams, 1894.

The wild steer riders: or Texas Jack's terrors, Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Beadle & Adams, 1894.

Buffalo Bill's rough riders, or Texas Jack's sharp-shooters, Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Beadle & Adams, 1896.

Texas Jack, the Lasso King, or The robber rangers of the Rio Grande, Buffalo Bill, New York : Beadle and Adams, 1897.

Texas Jack, Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Ivers, 1899.

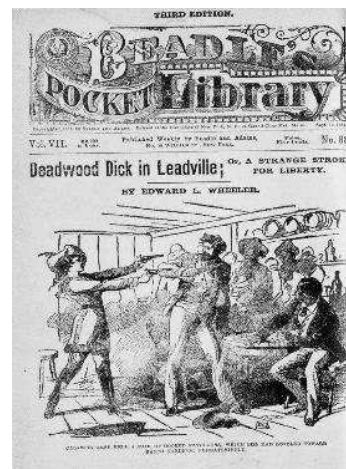
I read that he is also a character in:

On the wing of occasions; being the authorized version of certain curious episodes of the late Civil War, including the hitherto suppressed narrative of the kidnapping of President Lincoln, Joel Chandler Harris, New York, Doubleday, Page & Co., 1900.

Another Ingraham title I found interesting was this:

Buffalo Bill and the Russian plot, or, Pawnee Bill and the Grand Duke, Prentiss Ingraham, New York : Street & Smith, 1917.... which sounds like an account of the royal hunt of 1872 with Grand Duke Alexei Alexandrovich of Russia that Texas Jack supposedly participated as a scout.

Thanks for getting back to me Larry.



Examples of Dime Novels



IN MEMORIAM
TEXAS JACK FAMILY DESCENDANTS

This is to let you know that M.H. Omohundro's wife, **Elizabeth Omohundro**, has past away. She died Monday May 19th 2008. She was 91 years old. She was living in Gloucester, Virginia. She will be buried next to M.H. on Saturday, May 24th at 3:00 p.m. at Hollywood cemetery in Richmond, VA.

Bob Rowe, nephew



Elizabeth "Libby" and Malvern H. Omohundro, Jr.

The funeral for Elizabeth Overbey "Libby" Omohundro, was held Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester County. She was a former elementary school teacher who, with her late husband, was a benefactor of the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Historical Society.

"Someone once asked me what the difference was between my mother and Aunt Libby," said a niece, Mary Hyde Berg of Claybank. "I said, 'Mother entertains. Libby is entertaining. She could rip off a funny story like anything and those old Southern flip lines just dropped off her. Someone was once speaking of someone who was ill. Aunt Libby said, 'She's had everything but fits and

twins!' Libby and children loved each other. She was the best first-grade teacher. I never heard of one in Aunt Libby's first grade that did not go on to do well in life.

In 1955, she married real estate executive Malvern Hill Omohundro Jr., who died in 1999. In October 1996, the Omohundros endowed the Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William and Mary with a multimillion-dollar gift. As a result, the institute was renamed in their honor. At the time, W&M President Timothy J. Sullivan said the gift would "assure the continued vitality of an institute that for more than five decades has helped define our understanding of what it means to be an American."

In 1981, the Omohundros gave the college's Earl Swem Library its one-millionth volume, which Britain's Prince Charles dedicated during his May 1981 visit to the school. Mrs. Omohundro and her husband were major donors to the Virginia Historical Society's Center for Virginia History. Two galleries at the society bear their names -- a large one dedicated to the entirety of Virginia history and a smaller one to rotating exhibits.

The Omohundros had no children. However, "Their legacy is in the tens of thousands of schoolchildren who go through the gallery and learn their Virginia history thanks to their generosity," said Charles F. Bryan Jr., historical society president and chief executive officer. "We and **William and Mary** fortunately were beneficiaries of their generosity."



Thomas Tipton Omohundro, Sr.

Thomas Tipton Omohundro, TJA member, passed away on August 13, 2008, in Mesa, AZ. Born in Bentonville, AR, in 1918, he finished his schooling in Tahlequah, OK, then earned a Master of Science degree in agronomy at Oklahoma A & M in 1940. A certified pilot, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and captained

numerous bombing missions over North Africa and Italy. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the British Distinguished Flying Cross. He married Elizabeth Thieme Cooke in 1945 in Casper, WY, and continued his career in the USAF as an officer and test pilot, rising to the rank of colonel, Director of Aerospace Research and Development at Air Force Systems Command. He retired in 1964 to become a certified life underwriter in Albuquerque, NM, with the R. J. Tinnin Agency. He and Elizabeth moved to Mesa in 1982, where he was active in community governance and the golf club. He and Liz enjoyed the Cody 2000 and Deadwood 2002 Roundups. Salute to a wonderful husband, father, and friend. Survived by wife Liz, sons Tipton and John, and sister Betty Johnson, all TJA members.



Harvey Bradford Willard

Harvey B. Willard, 83, a noted nuclear physicist, died August 22, 2008, at his home in Bradenton, FL. He was born in Worcester, MA. After one year of college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) he entered the U.S. Army during World War II and was assigned to work on the Manhattan District Atomic Bomb Project at Oak Ridge, TN. After the war he

returned to M.I.T. to complete his education: B.S. 1948, Ph.D. 1950. He then went to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he did basic research in nuclear physics as Group Leader, Associate Director of the Physics Division, and Adjunct Professor of Physics at the University of Tennessee. In 1967 he moved to Case Western Reserve University, where he held the positions of Professor of Physics, Chairman of the Physics Department, Dean of Science, and Vice-Provost for Science and Technology. At the same time he carried out a nuclear research program studying fundamental nuclear interactions at the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility in New Mexico. In 1979 he joined the National Science Foundation, first as Head of the Nuclear Science Section, later as Director of the Physics Division. He retired to Florida in 1989, where he maintained a consulting

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practice for several years. Then he finally found time to work on the family genealogy, resulting in a 494 page book relating the 193 family lines leading down to him. Harvey was a descendant (through his great- great-grandmother, Mary Bowen Vaughn) from six families of passengers on the Mayflower, who settled at Plymouth (MA) in 1620. He was also a cousin of the famous New England clock makers: Simon (1795-1874), Benjamin (1803-1847), Aaron (1783-1864), and Ephraim Willard (1755-xxxx). His Great-Grandmother, Arabella Adelaide Omohundro Wohlbruck Nees was the sister of Texas Jack (John Baker) Omohundro,

who with Buffalo Bill Cody started the famous Wild West Shows. Unfortunately Texas Jack died at age 33 and never attained the status of Buffalo Bill.

A memorial service, followed by a luncheon was held at the Bradenton Country Club on September 23, 2008. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made in the name of Dr. Harvey B. Willard to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Physics Department, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

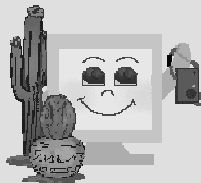


NEXT SCOUT ISSUE INFORMATION

The deadline for the November 2008 issue of the *Scout* is November 15, 2008. Please send ideas and materials to our Guest Editor:

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Texas Jack Association Business Meeting Minutes June 21, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Peggy Greene.

The 2006 minutes were read by Stephanie Greene and approved.

Financial Report

Rene Tyree reported that the TJA is now using Quickbooks, which simplifies the duties of the Treasurer. Bank accounts consist of savings and checking accounts, each held with Bank of America. The checking account held enough to cover 2008 Roundup expenses. 164 members were paid at the time of this Business Meeting; Peggy Greene estimated that one half of members were paid. She reported that "reminder letters" would be sent to unpaid members.

Rand McKinney suggested moving a portion of the assets from the low-interest savings account to a higher interest yielding CD. Jack Omohundro moved to authorize the Treasurer to use her discretion to move any portion or all of the assets to a CD of her choosing. Peggy Greene moved to approve the 2008 financial reports. It was seconded and approved.

Merchandise

Merchandise is not currently included in the Financials, but efforts will be made to include them. Rene Tyree read through the current inventory. She reported that each item would be increased by two dollars to cover shipping expenses, effective following the 2008 Roundup. Ideas for new merchandise included: more baseball caps, rubber stamps of the TJ logo, return address labels, ceramic wipe-boards, mouse pads, coloring books, and reprints of dime novels. Novels would require finding an original copy; Larry Tyree estimated the price would be \$12-\$15. Larry Tyree moved for reprinting of a dime novel, with an upper limit of \$20, including shipping. It was seconded and approved. Larry Tyree

volunteered to investigate the reprints. Julie Greene suggested a tee-shirt with a catchy name (Larry Tyree suggested "Got Jack?"). There were suggestions which included the Texas Jack website on shirts, etc. Edna Nees suggested sending out the TJ trifold along with membership cards, as opposed to bookmarks. Peggy Greene suggested magnets. Beryl Caterson suggested business cards, which could be reprinted on an individual basis. Peggy Greene moved to approve the creation of 500 business cards, 300 magnets, and bookmarks, with the total cost not to exceed \$500. It was seconded and approved.

Magazine and Online Advertising

Larry Tyree reported that "True West" Magazine will feature TJA ads for three upcoming months and an online ad for a year. For about half the cost of regular print ads, TJ ads will appear for an entire year on the "True West" website. "True West" sent 45 mailing labels for their readers who had expressed interest in learning more about TJA. John Omohundro agreed to make minor changes in his original 2005 appeal. The reprint is to be sent to prospective members. Jack Omohundro Sr., Dennis and Julie Greene, Edna Nees, Larry and Rene Tyree, Mark and Peggy Greene volunteered to sponsor additional months of advertising.

Julie Greene suggested contacting Buffalo Bill's Association. Mark Greene advocated word of mouth to friends as a means to increase membership.

501 C3 Non-Profit Status Update

Larry Tyree, who had volunteered to undertake the application, has submitted the application. Approval of the application is pending. Benefits would include reduced postage rates, reduced QuickBooks rate, and possibility of retroactive tax returns.

TJ Website/Blog

Rene Tyree reported efforts to change our webhost to a less expensive alternative. Rene suggested a blog, and presented a sample TJ

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blog (TexasJack.wordpress.com). Rene Tyree suggested her son-in-law, Aaron Zimmerman, improve the TJ website at no cost. Future improvements will include utilizing Paypal for online merchandise and online membership renewals. Rene suggested the blog be incorporated into the current host TJ website. She agreed to write an article for the upcoming *Scout* regarding a possible TJ blog.

Cemetery and Archeology Committee

Edna Nees reports that Gale Hill has been resold, and that the new owner would allow us to clean the area and would love to learn more about the TJA. Peggy Greene moved to send the new owner information about TJ, seconded, approved.

Texas Steakhouse Posters

No member is currently pursuing this issue. Edna Nees suggested that posters from the 2008 Roundup could be donated to restaurants. The project will be left dormant until the next Roundup.

Other Committees or Projects

Dennis Greene reported that he sent letters in advocacy of a stamp, and suggested that others do the same. Jack Omohundro has written to various Congressmen regarding stamps, and will continue to do so. Dennis Greene had personal TJ stamps produced and advertised them in the *Scout*, however none were sold. Stamp information will be included in an upcoming *Scout*.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Per bylaws, Peggy Greene will become Director; Larry Tyree will become new President. Stephanie Greene was nominated for Secretary, motion was seconded and passed. Rene Tyree was nominated for Treasurer, seconded and passed. Linda Omohundro was nominated for Vice President, seconded and passed. Edna Nees's position as honorary Historian was re-approved for the upcoming term.

Roundup 2010

Martha Sullivan (who organized the

Deadwood Roundup) agreed to help organize a Roundup in Denver or Golden, CO (about 2 ½ hours from Leadville). Edna Nees suggested another Roundup to Charlottesville. Larry Tyree suggested visiting an area around Buffalo Bill's Pony Express territory near Kansas City. Margaret Omohundro suggested a return to Texas (Fredericksburg) in future years. Kitty Pelkin moved to hold the 2010 Roundup in the Golden or Denver area. It was seconded and approved. Edna Nees has volunteered to assist Martha Sullivan in making arrangements for the 2010 Roundup. Larry Tyree will serve as the central point of contact for Roundup organization. Peggy Greene moved to recommend the dates for the 2010 Roundup for July 21-25 or July 28- August 1, with the final determination to be made by the organizing committee. Rand McKinney was thanked for his excellent organization of the 2008 Roundup. Dennis Greene suggested a small trophy or plaque as a symbol of the TJA's thanks for organizing the Roundups.

Scout: Guest Editors

Roundup issue: Laura Greene and/or Stephanie Greene, Nov. '08: Rene Tyree March '09: K.B. Chapman, July '09: Larry Tyree, Nov. '09: Margaret Jones (to include an article but not edit), March '10: Kelly Wyche, Martha Sullivan.

Kitty Pelkin and Mark Greene recommended greater promotion of the 2010 Roundup, including small mentions in each *Scout* and a special mailing. Larry Tyree suggested sending Roundup information with invoices. Julie Greene suggested including Roundup testimonials in the *Scout*. Peggy Greene volunteered to create a small questionnaire to hand out at the banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Greene, Secretary



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"A True Frontier Western Hero"

By: Driftin' AaronG

He was born and raised in the hills of old Virginny in 1846
A strong young man a buildin' his legacy from about the time he turned six

John Baker Omohundro was his true given name
An' he arose as Texas Jack an' earned the greatest of fame

It all began with Ol' Jeb Stuart a ridin' hard an' wild
Spent some time in Texas an' helped ever' woman an' child

He saved a town in Western Tennessee with a herd O' Texas Steers
An' those folks in that town so filled with joy, an' so many happy tears

Texas Jack the Scout traveled far an' wide
Just a young man was he when he crossed the great divide

Good friends an' "pards" with Buffalo Bill an' Wild Bill Hickock
They traveled together just knowin' that young Jack was from good stock

Danger an' adventure, an' the great outdoors was his greatest delight
An' Indian tribes, he knew them well, some were friends an' others only wanted to fight

With his bravery untold he survived skirmishes with Indians an' outlaws of ever' kind
Into the face of his enemy he'd ride, fearless he was, with only a wild adventure in mind

Across the western plains Texas Jack rode proud an' true
Into the annals of the great frontier, from the east to the west his fame grew

With Buffalo Bill at his side, a very handsome actor he became
An' love at first sight his lady an' he an' they found they were both the same

They married in '73, an' off to Leadville they went in '79
The Cowboy an' Scout, Hunter an' Showman, his spirit in life will always shine

The years have come and gone and Texas Jack has earned his final rest
Through his life of wild adventure and glorious deeds he simply gave his very best

He was a brave man of unyielding courage that continues to live forevermore
Texas Jack, his undying spirit ridin' wild in the traditions of western folklore

On special star-studded nights over the western plains, travelers often say
The spirit of Texas Jack can be seen in a far off distant shadow of gray



The above poem was written by one of our newest, and returning, TJA members, Aaron G. Poff, aka Driftin' AaronG.



As a single dad raising three children, Driftin' AaronG often created animal adventures to inspire his kids' imaginations. Driftin' was raised in California and Idaho and has traveled across the country, and also Canada, Mexico and South Africa. He spent several years in Alaska, then published his first children's novel Claude Henry, the Iditarod Mouse in 2007. His second children's novel was released in March 2008.

Driftin' began writing patriotic and cowboy poetry in 2004, when he first wrote the "Ballad of Claude Henry," which can be heard on his website: www.claudehenry.com

It was just this year that he wrote the "Spirit of Texas Jack." He is currently busy working on his third children's novel. Driftin' can be contacted by e-mailing: poff41@yahoo.com.

***A BIG WELCOME
TO THIS YEAR'S
NEW MEMBERS!***

Aaron Poff
Libby, MT

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Ft. Worth, TX

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Old Hickory, TN

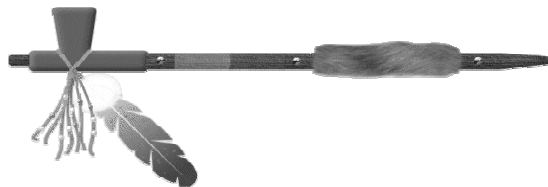
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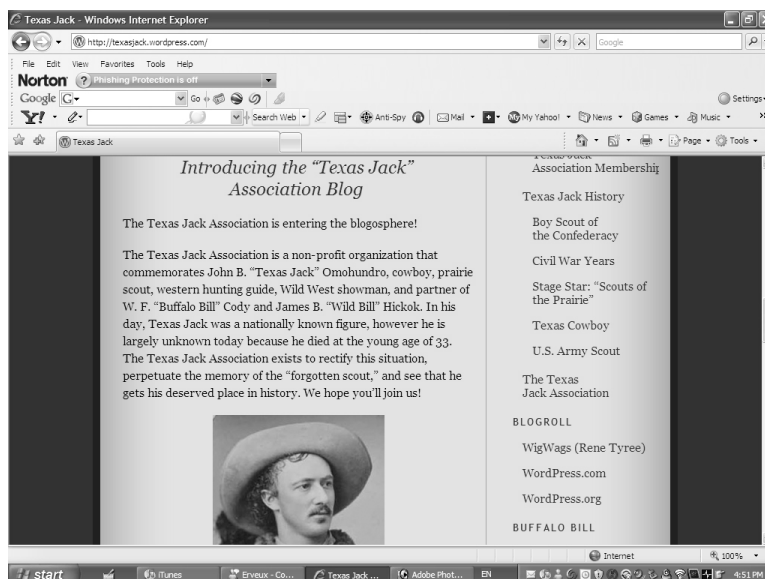
TEXAS JACK BLOG SITE

By Rene and Larry Tyree

The Texas Jack Association has entered the “blogosphere” at <http://texasjack.wordpress.com> . For many people who are not yet familiar with the term “blog”, it is a relatively new type of site on the Internet that is much more interactive than a website. This occurs in several major ways:

1. A person may leave comments to be read by other “bloggers”, or, to the one who maintains the site. This then is easily responded to.
2. In a blog site it is very easy to add material, to modify articles, and even to completely change content.... free of charge. In other words, a lay person with no website creation skills can do it.
3. Because there is new material and discussions that occur, people naturally want to be notified of new information. A visitor to a blog site may choose to be informed by an automatic message that is sent to their email address—every time new information is posted on the blog site. This is accomplished quite simply by clicking an *RSS Feed* button.
4. Certain words in an article on the blog may be of significant interest for individuals who are running search engines, such as Google, to find information on those topics. It is very easy to turn one of those words into a “tag”, thus increasing the likelihood that the blog site will be discovered.

In a blog, it is very easy to add a link to another story, or website. For anyone desiring to do so on <http://texasjack.wordpress.com> , please send your information to renetyree@hotmail.com . This new Texas Jack blog site is in its infancy. However, as the weeks and months continue, more material will be added. We also encourage discussion, suggestions, and questions that will help to broaden the information that is available to the world. The Texas Jack Association is literally available on every continent of the world with our original website, and now interactive to a much greater degree through the blog site. 🖱



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TAX EXEMPTION STATUS

By Larry Tyree

On August 4, 2008, the Texas Jack Association was granted 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status from Federal Income Tax under the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Association are deductible under section 170 of the code. We are also qualified now to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts under sections 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the code.

We are now further classified as a public charity under code 509 (a) (2). This is a

wonderful development in that any contribution, beyond registration fee, that is made to the Texas Jack Association is deductible from the Federal long form at tax time. We will also save having to make annual Federal Income Tax payments. In fact, we are looking into having some of the past payments reimbursed to the Association. We will alert the Association to further developments in that regard as they develop.

Great news!



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Our Next TJA Roundup Destination

The Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave and the Colorado Railroad Museum, both in Golden, CO. The Buffalo Bill Museum has pictures and information on Texas Jack.



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