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You probably all know that it has been pretty hectic around here lately. Just in case, I will give you a quick run down. Tx. Alline was having chest pains, so we decided that she needed to see a heart specialist in Tyler. She searched and found one that she could LIVE with. (no pain intended) It was agreed that if she made an appointment that I would make one too. So it was done. We both saw the doctor the same day. He decided right away that she should be in the Hospital, while I went thru some tests. He thought that I needed further testing also, but that Tx. Alline had a more urgent problem than me. She subsequently entered the hospital and had a stint put into one of her arteries that was about 80% blocked. This was what was giving her pain. The pain went away and she is doing fine now. Then it was my turn. The doctor thought that I had the same type of problem, but with the arteries feeding my kidneys. He did his thing, and decided that the Kidney arteries were ok but some of the arteries on my heart were totally blocked. Small arteries had formed around the blocked areas, and provided enough blood to keep the heart tissue alive, although not enough blood was getting thru to keep me from tiring easily. I had no pain. He advised surgery. A surgeon was contacted and an operation was set up for the next day. I had four (4) bypasses. Came thru it really well and was allowed to come home several days earlier than usual. No real pain from the operation except when you cough or sneeze. Got to hold that pillow real tight.

I was home for one week and had to go back and get my stitches out. When we got home, Tx. Alline got a call from her sister in Indiana that she had just been diagnosed with cancer and would be checking into Hospice care. Tx. Alline and her niece decided to make a quick trip to see her. (I could not go just yet) They should be starting home tomorrow and hopefully will be here by this weekend. I have PLENTY of people checking on me while she is gone. I hope that will be the end of our troubles for a while.

The club is in possession of a Texas Star target. Donated by Texas Ghost. Scrounger will be coming down this weekend along with Boss and Gunslinger to put it together. Hopefully it will be ready for you to try by the November match.

I should be released by the doctor the day that we are scheduled to leave for the SASS convention in Las Vegas. Let me know how you want me to vote at the meeting.

We will be here for the regular November shoot even though that is the same weekend that the big shoot will be going on at Fort Parker. Wish we could go, but I am not allowed to shoot a gun for 8 weeks anyhow. For those of you not going to Fort Parker, I will see you here. Tx. Alline will take over the cooking duties, so, lunch will be available.

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