TRAC match – September 29, 2026 – Mike Smith, match mis-director

Today's match…….did not happen. Oh, we were ready and able….all 3 of us….but the range was closed. Couldn't get in. The main entrance's gate was closed because the low area of roadway was under water. That "low" area would have been halfway up my car. I can only imagine what that looked like.

Tried the west entrance and the low depressions of that roadway were flooded over, but passable. The gate at Calle Silhouetta was closed and locked, so Wayne and I sat there and chatted. Got in touch with Jesse by phone, who had already turned around and went home after he could not get in.

There were 9 of us that were going to meet, but slowly, first 3 and then singles bailed out early. Got a text message this morning before leaving with another cancelation. This was after Mother Nature sounded my alarm clock with THUNDER ……Directly overhead……and lightning at 4:30, followed by a 10-minute microburst. Okay, I'm awake!! The entire drive to the range was noted by varying intensities of rain. Then when at the range, nothing. It stopped. The only thing that was noteworthy was the launching of the S.S. Minnow.

And all this for only one reason…..It was **Mike Smith's birthday** today, and he is still playing games with us, as Mike is known to do. And, he is probably laughing his fool head off. Seriously, how else would you explain today? I'm listening…..Mike, you were always a practical joker, and even now you are not giving up on us. So, Wayne and I went for breakfast, and witnessed a downpour there, as well.

Currently, the sun is out, everything appears to have dried up or drained away and the air is warm again. So, no match or match report, other than this, and next week is the beginning of October, and Wayne's turn again as Match Director.

So, everyone is welcomed to say, "Hey Mike" in their own way, and we will attempt this next week.

Lets see, what else can I report on……
No monthy match in October due to EBR / hunting season….

Club elections coming up. Nominations are open for club officers…..
2027 membership dues are going to start to be collected via website…..
…..and that is about it.

Respectfully submitted,
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“You can’t have everything. Where would you put it?”