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Cowboy Fast Draw Attracts Best In The Nation

Have you ever dreamed about being in a Western shoot out? The entire town quiets as noon approaches. The main street empties. And as the sun rises straight overhead, two gunfighters step out to settle their score.

Over 150 modern day fast draw cowboys from across the US are in Amarillo May 30-June 2 to test their fast draw skill during the Southern Territorial Championships and the U.S. National Championships.

It is a timed event. Competitors, all dressed in period costume, draw their six shooter and fire as fast as possible at a stationary target. Their times, the fastest of which are well under 1 second, are what determines who is the last man, or woman standing.

The Southern Territorial Championships are May 30 & 31 and the U.S. Nationals are June 1 & 2. Both events are in the Rex Baxter Building and action starts each day at 8:30 a.m. The events are free and open to the public. Find more details at www.texasfastdraw.com.

Highlighting the weekend is a VIP competition on Friday, June 1 at 1 p.m. in the Rex Baxter Building. Highlighting the VIP contest are chairman of the Coors Brewing Company Pete Coors and his son, and chairman-to-be, David Coors. Also invited to compete are former Amarillo Mayor, and last year's VIP champion, Paul Harpole; Potter

County Sheriff Brian Thomas; Randall County Sheriff Department Lt. Jared Wirt;

Amarillo Police Chief Ed Drain; Amarillo CVC Board Chair and Panhandle-Plains

Historical Museum Marketing Director Stephanie Price; ABC7 Morning Anchor

Anthony Pittman; Working Ranch Cowboy Association Executive Director Leman Wall;

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce President Gary Molberg; Amarillo Mayor Ginger

Nelson; Cenveo Printing Executive Tony Freeman; KAMR Studio4 Co-anchor Meaghan

Collier and KFDA NewsChannel 10 meteorologist "Doppler Dave" Oliver.

They'll receive some instruction from actual fast draw competitors and then compete for the best time in the second Amarillo VIP Fast Draw Championship. Winner receives the Amarillo Golden Gun.

"Fast draw is another Western event that harks back to our Western history. So, it is a fine match with Amarillo and all the other Western event world championships held in our home town," Dan Quandt, VP of the Amarillo CVC, says.

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