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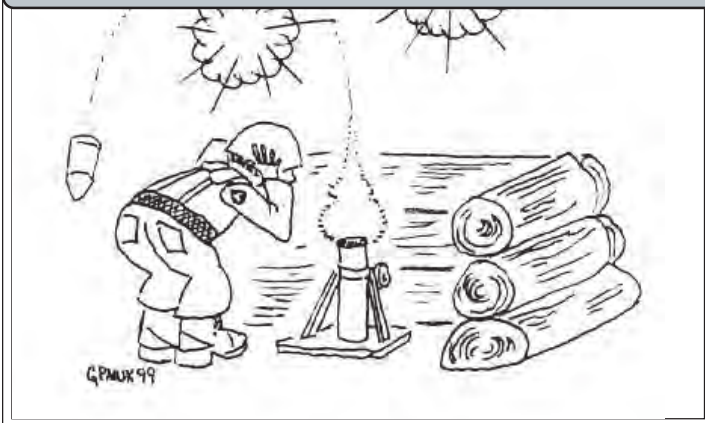


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SHORT ROUNDS



New Show Dates—Make a Note

As of our go-to-print date, this is the show schedule for the next few months:

- Sept 19-20, Elma, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds
- October 10-11, Monroe—Commercial Bldg.
- Oct 31-Nov 1, Puyallup

WAC members must check the website for closure notices or call the office to reserve tables and confirm. If we have your email we will do an email notification directly to you. If there is no cancellation by the fairgrounds then the WAC will hold the event. *Editor*

Update—Digital, Online GunNews Magazine

From the Editor: Not to worry—the print *GunNews* is still being mailed directly to you. If you've accessed the digital magazine on the website, good for you. But there were some technical glitches—some of you may have seen a corrupted file in June. July should be fine.

To access the online magazine go to: washingtonarmscollectors.org. Then click on the Members tab, log in with your member number and in the password block enter your last name in All CAPS. Then the Member tab should show an option to click on the magazine. The format is PDF.

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September 20, October 18, November 15**

Note: Most gun clubs are open with restrictions due to the virus so please check with any club website before traveling or planning to attend.

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Legislation & Politics



Joe Waldron

Legislative Chairman

ELECTION

You should be receiving this sometime in the first week of August. Have you mailed your ballot yet? If you haven't, shame on you. Too often, when people wait until the last minute, the minute passes and the ballot sits on the table.

As I've said before, the primary election is a good dress rehearsal for the general election. If gun owners don't turn out for the primary, we're likely doomed. That was clearly the case in 2018.

CONGRESS

A month ago I would have said that this being a volatile election year, you won't see any gun bills moving in Congress. That changed when the looting started and we saw shop-owners and storekeepers such as those in Snohomish and elsewhere across the country step forward – armed – to protect their property. Many of them carrying what the other side calls “assault weapons.” (Next time someone asks you why you need an AR, show them a picture of the looting.)

The reaction from the other side was immediate. All of the photos and video I saw on the evening news zoomed in on ARs – perfectly legal under the circumstances. It wouldn't surprise me to see a renewed push on some kind of “assault weapon” ban. There are already more than 100 gun control bills filed in Congress, several of them with A/W bans.

And of course, if the Democrats keep the U.S. House, take the U.S. Senate and move into the White House, all bets are off. How quickly they'll move to pass their entire disarmament agenda will depend on what they think we'll do. Have you thought about what YOU will do under the circumstances? Article 6, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution says, “This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.” It's commonly called the “Supremacy clause” for a reason.

And while we may have been encouraged over the past couple of years by law enforcement professionals who have upheld their oath of office to the Constitution and

refused to enforce what they believe to be unconstitutional laws, I can assure you that that will not prevent Congress from passing such unconstitutional laws.

SUPREME COURT

This has been a crazy year, and the Supreme Court is not immune. As I write this, the Supreme Court has gone into its summer recess, and their last handful of decisions is just coming out in mid-July. It appears some of the Justices may have been smoking those funny cigarettes again – the usual 5-4 conservative-liberal split on the court is gone.

For the past year there have been ten gun-related appeals sitting in the hopper at the Supreme Court, awaiting a decision to consider one or more. The Supreme Court hasn't touched the gun issue since Heller (2008) and McDonald (2010). And as such, states continue to push the limit on gun control wherever and whenever they can. We need one or two good cases to put an end to that. For example, in Heller, Justice Scalia mentioned “assault weapons” favorably, but it wasn't a part of the formal decision.

Well, with ten opportunities before them, the Supreme Court punted and kicked the can down the road again. Keep in mind that there is not solid conservative control of the Court. Both Heller and McDonald were 5-4 decisions, one vote away from a loss. Chief Justice Roberts was viewed as a solid conservative when he was appointed to the court, but has since disappointed in several decisions. He has effectively replaced Justice Kennedy as the Court's swing vote.

One of President Trump's major successes as President – beyond the economy and unemployment, both of which have been scuttled by Covid-19 – is his appointment of conservative federal judges. He has made 200 federal judiciary appointments, all of which have been confirmed by the Republican-controlled Senate. Any president's impact on the judiciary is probably his – or her – longest lasting legacy.

However...in a Louisiana abortion-related ruling in June, Chief Justice Roberts sided with the liberal wing to overturn the Louisiana law that required abortion providers to have admitting privileges at the nearest hospital to the abortion clinic. Why admitting privileges? In the case of a botched abortion and the mother's life is in danger, the abortion provider could get the woman immediately admitted to the nearest hospital. Abortion advocates claimed it was too restrictive.

Then in the first week of July, not only Chief Justice Roberts but the two “conservative” Justices appointed by President Trump, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, flipped ideology and voted with the liberals 7-2 to allow the release of President Trump's tax returns to a New York City grand jury. Don't get me wrong, I believe all elected officials' tax returns should be available to the public – that's how we'll find out how so many

multimillionaire members of Congress got that way on \$174,000 a year. But a New York grand jury is a lynch mob for Trump. This is just Phase IV of the coup attempt to remove an elected President.

The scariest thing right now is Justice Clarence Thomas's increasing frustration with the liberal bent in the Court. Thomas is Scalia Junior, and currently the most conservative – and pro-gun – member of the Court. He went public recently complaining about the Second Amendment being the “orphan amendment” of the Bill of Rights. There has been speculation that Thomas might retire. Hey, he's a year younger than I am. He's good for many more decisions. In your daily prayers, mention Justice Clarence Thomas! There is also speculation that Justice Samuel Alito is considering retiring. That's the last two conservative on the court. Justice Thomas is only 72, and Justice Alito 70! C'mon guys, look at Justice Ginsburg – she's 87. Man up!

GUN SALES BOOMING

Did I say that a month or two ago? Well, the boom is continuing at an even faster pace. According to FBI NICS background checks, more than 2.3 million guns were sold/transferred during June, about 2/3 of them handguns, setting a new record. Sales throughout the spring, March-June, were on average 80% above those months a year ago, with June sales a whopping 145% over June 2019!

DEFUND THE POLICE

The cause of the gun sale increase should be obvious – widespread rioting in the streets across the country, accompanied by looting and vandalism, the “defund the police” movement which many Democrat-led cities have followed up on by cutting police budgets, the early retirement of many good police officers who are frustrated and sick of being demonized over the actions of a few, just to name a few. The New York City council cut \$1 BILLION from the NYPD budget to fund “community outreach – touchy-feely – programs. And Los Angeles cut more than \$150 MILLION. NYPD has 36,000 police officers to LAPD's 9,000. Don't feel left out. As I write this, the Seattle city council is considering police budget cuts as well.

Many of these new gun owners are “converts,” previously supporting all sorts of gun control measures. And many were upset to experience the hoops they had to jump through to buy a gun. “You mean I can't just have my background checked, pay the man and take the gun home?”

Some believe the gun rights lobby will see a wave of new Second Advocates join us in the fight to preserve our rights. I'd like to believe that is the case, but I'm less optimistic. Many will convert, yes. But many will stick to their core politics, and likely dump their guns as their fear subsides. Time will tell. (Plus as the fear subsides, you may find some good deals on guns from

bliss ninnies who return to their previous rosy view of the world.)

DEFEND the police, not defund the police.

ATF REVISITING “ARM BRACES”

The ATF has demonstrated mixed emotions about the rifles-turned-into-pistols phenomena and especially the “arm braces” used with many. AR-15 pistols are selling quite well, and other typically full-sized rifles have made the transition as well. ATF has issued guidance on the use of these a couple of times over the past decade. The most recent ATF letter is dated March 21, 2017, which clearly states arm brace pistols are legal, but not legal when fired from the shoulder (<https://vpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Pistol-brace-ATF-letter-March-21-2017.pdf>). Apparently the current concern is that they MAY BE improperly used as “short barreled rifles” (SBRs), thus avoiding the \$200 transfer tax imposed by the National Firearms Act. (Everybody is broke and looking for sources of revenue.) My Congressman here in Florida, Matt Gaetz (R-1), has written a letter to the ATF, co-signed by several others, telling them to back off.

According to an article in “Guns & Ammo” magazine, there are nearly one million of such pistols currently in circulation in the US. IF the ATF reclassifies them, how will this impact those million gun owners? Again, this is speculation at this point, but what MIGHT the ATF do?

First, they could reclassify them as SBRs, grandfather existing possession, mandate registration under NFA and charge the \$200 transfer tax. A milder form would be to waive the tax for initial registration as no new transfer is taking place. A second course of action would be to classify them as Any Other Weapons (AOWs), grandfather existing possession, require registration and payment of the \$5 federal AOW tax. Or waive the tax as above, but still require registration. Another possibility might be to just remove the arm brace, leaving the bare buffer tube extending from the rear of the receiver.

The issue here isn't the transfer tax. The issue – and the goal of some – is to register those evil suckers. We'll have to wait and see what happens, but this is the least of what will happen if Democrats take control of Congress and the White House in November.

In the meantime, don't take your AR-pistol to the range and fire it from your shoulder.

CIVIL DISORDER

The protest scene appears to be slowing down... slightly. At least the more violent aspects of it. As I have noted elsewhere, we're looking at three kinds of people out there on the street: protesters (of all colors) – who are generally simply and peacefully exercising their right

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

Don't know about you, but I hate this time of the year, specifically the fourth of July. With the Covid-19 thing, organized fireworks shows have been canceled which means individuals with too much money have purchased monstrous fireworks to set off starting about a week before the official birthday of our nation. Yeah, starting about 0730 clear through until 0200 the following morning every day. Yeah, safe and sane stuff. Hah! Real window rattlers. You can only imagine what pet owners like myself, would like to do to these "boomers."

Just got back from Eastern Washington where my brother said they might hear a gunshot on the fourth of July and the same on New Year's Eve, Yeah, maybe a single gunshot. How nice.

Anyway, a friend and I were talking about the solitude in Eastern Washington, away from the scattered towns, many being as small as five or six buildings. He said he had a small cabin and told me where he hid the key, should I need/want to spend the night. I took him up on the offer a couple weeks ago. The cabin (kinda rustic—no water, with electricity, three Army cots) is in the center of our state, about three miles from Canada. He lives in Everett.

I knew he was coming up there the following day, After walking around enjoying nature, I had my supper, read a bit and "crashed". About 2300-ish, I awoke to voices, finding three young men in the cabin. My friend's son had arrived with his buddies (all 18-20-ish). And soon they started with the beer (real beer – not sissy beer) and shortly after I started smelling "weed". From my years on the police force, I recognized the smell and as usual, started getting a headache.

Bear with me, this story is going somewhere. Yup, I vacated that place and slept the rest of the night in my truck. Ah, those lay-back seats. My buddy showed up a little after daylight and of course, I told him why I was sleeping in my truck. "It hit the fan." I really

thought I'd be witnessing a homicide. I drove him to the closest restaurant (gas station, post office, garage) where he bought breakfast, then we went to the closest shooting range—alright it was a gravel pit.

Have you been to any sporting goods place lately, trying to find ammo? Good luck! Miss our shows now, don't you! Anyway, with the shortage of ammo, the popular stuff anyway, you'd think more people would reconsider reloading their own. (It ain't hard, and safe if the instructions are followed).

Would have been a good photo for our magazine, showing the two of us on hands and knees, crawling from one brass pile to another, with our plastic Folger's coffee cans, picking up brass. After about an hour, we each had 10+ pounds of 9mm, .38 Spec. .357, 40 S&W, 10mm, 45 auto, 44 mag, a bunch of .223, some 308 & 6.5, with a few 30/06 and a few .450 Bushmaster. For those who are scoffing about scrounging the brass, try buying it. Yeah, hoard a bunch of primers, with a few cans of powder, cast your own slugs and with the very basic dies and press, you're set for life. Just for informal plinking cast lead slugs are plenty good and for serious hunting, sure, buy the pricey copper jacketed, soft point stuff. (FYI – muzzle loaders use the same lead slug for plinking and hunting although the rules now allow all that modern stuff, too.)

On another trip east, I'd stopped at another informal range (another gravel pit) and checked for brass. I found a bunch and like any cop that is worth his salt, I reconstructed a scene, from the brass on the ground. I found four groups of 30/06, with eight in each group, obviously from a Garand. Ever notice how shooters will move a few feet to the side, thinking it'll help their accuracy even though they have a clear unobstructed view?

Another pile of 12 .44 mag casings, with another pile of six, close by, where they ejected from a Smith & Wesson or possibly a Taurus revolver. Also, there were 10mm cases all over, showing the classic Glock firing

pin rectangular shape. Lastly, quite a number of .38 S&W cases. My conclusion, was a group of young folks went shooting with Dad's M-1 Garand, another had Dad's pricey .44 Magnum, the Model 29 Smith & Wesson, another had his Dad's Glock in 10mm. I figure there were three shooters, one having the old top break revolver in 38 S&W. Maybe he helped move Grandma into assisted living and found the revolver then "pocketed" it, telling his friends, "Grandma gave it to him".

How did I come up with three youths? Their targets were three energy drink cans, about 35-40 yards away. ~~Of all these shots taken, I counted~~ total of eight hits in the cans, Two .30 caliber holes. Of those four weapons, three are C&R eligible. From this range I scrounged half a Folger's coffee can of 9mm & .45 auto brass, plus the usual .223. Looking up at the tree line, I saw two whitetail deer watching me, from maybe 35 yards away.

As far as I know, nobody makes a firearm now (but I am sure somebody will contradict me) that is chambered for the 38 Smith & Wesson cartridge. It's a ~~round from the turn of the century~~, for the thousands of top break revolvers, what some would call Saturday Night Specials. It'd also be considered a marginal pip squeaker. Probably more victims shot with this round succumbed to infection from the outside lubed slug, than the wound itself. Yeah, copper jacketed ammo is available for these old classic shooters and many in fine condition frequently show up at our shows, very affordable, too.

Speaking about old guns, I was watching another western with stars Kirk Douglas and Rock Hudson. Kirk was a bad guy killer, his weapon a Remington derringer with pearl grips. Of course they had the quick draw shoot out. Anyway, he claimed it was a .45 (?) and because no revolver was effective beyond 50 feet, his Remington was sufficient. Really?? The Remington derringer was chambered in .41 only, shooting outside lubed slugs and if one was lucky enough to hit the opponent, chances of a fatal shot were doubtful. Again, wait for the infection, not saying it was a pip squeak round, but not the best choice for defense.

For anyone who doesn't get out much, the old Remington and most recent clones, are two-shot, over and under models, hinged at the top, the locking latch

at the bottom of the barrels, close to the spur trigger. The weapon must be cocked, pulling the hammer back, with no choice which barrel fires first. (single action).

A more recent model made by Hi-Standard is also an over and under model (.22 or .22 mag) but is hinged underneath, the locking latch is where the rear sight is located. Since it's a hammerless model, you can't be certain which barrel goes off first. Double action. In a Hollywood movie, a bad guy double agent type, pulled out his Hi-Standard derringer and screwed on a suppressor (silencer) before doing what hired killers do. Oh Yeah, 22's are used for these deeds, but a derringer with a suppressor—for which barrel I wonder? Hollywood – go figure. Current manufacturers chamber from .22 up through rifle calibers. I am guessing very, very few of the big calibers have ever been shot and if so, not a second time. Had one many years ago in .38 special caliber—very loud and I couldn't hit diddly. Traded it for a Smith Model 10 in the same caliber.

A few years ago I answered a want ad in the local paper, for a couple of guns. There was a German Luger, 9mm, an old Webley .38 and a nickel plated .357 derringer. The Luger had some road rash and with very light file work and abrasive cloth and re-bling, I made decent profit at a show. The Webley, just got my money out of it. The derringer owner had scratched his initials in it. With a screw driver that I'd cut off and rounded and polished the tip, I was able to polish out the scratched initials. Again, made a decent profit on resale at our show.

A number of times our security guys have asked me about how I come up with theses "deals". Oh yeah, I've been bit a few times, but know the product and what it can be worth with a little T.L.C. And don't try to "make a killing" on each sale. Another biggie is to not misrepresent and don't sell junk. That will bite you big time.

Grouse season starts in a couple months so time to load up some shot loads for my .45 handgun. In the meantime, probably the only shooting will involve my hard starting lawn mower. Guys will understand. Had a police call once about a fella who pushed his to a gas station, bought and flooded it with a half gallon of gas, then threw a lit match at it. Guys will understand. See you at the show.

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Let's Take a Look at Colt's 1903 Pocket Pistol —the Old, the New, .32 and .380—

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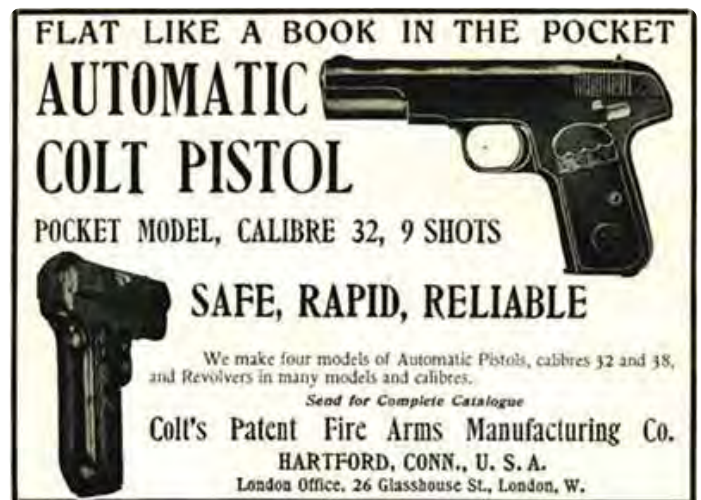


Left—A nice example of the Colt 1903 in factory box with instructions included and advice from Colt on shooting your pistol.

Below—While somewhat larger than today's “micro” pistols, the 1903 was favored for its flat profile and snag-free “hammerless” configuration.

Sometimes a pistol design quietly comes onto the scene, serves its purpose exceedingly well, is loved by many and yet never quite seems to make it into the Hall of Fame. I would like to point the spotlight at a little pistol that might be classified as iconic, yet seems to have remained in the shadows of its bigger fancier brethren.

One of the first semi-automatic pistols available to the public was a .32 caliber pocket pistol introduced by Colt in 1903. Since then nearly a half million of these little pistols have been produced, in several configurations and in both .32 ACP and .380 ACP calibers. While some of these pistols probably languished in desk and dresser drawers, many found favor with persons who wanted a dependable, accurate and easily concealed handgun. The 1903 Colts also found their way into military service, most notably as a sidearm issued to U.S. Army and Air Force Generals.



In its initial offering, the Model 1903 was chambered only in .32 ACP. That was in the days when this diminutive cartridge was considered acceptable for self-defense and indeed as a police and military round. Keep in mind that many people of the 19th Century were comfortable with

the little .31 caliber percussion pocket revolvers. Those percussion pocket revolvers had been replaced by small frame revolvers chambered for the .32 Smith & Wesson short and long cartridges, generally with five-shot cylinders. The Model 1903 offered nine rounds fired from a pistol without the handicap of a gas loss between the cylinder and the barrel. Here was a pocket size pistol with more firepower and a harder hitting bullet. With a Colt .32 semi-automatic and a spare magazine in their pocket, people could feel more secure without having to strap on a holster pistol.

Within a few years, those who appreciated the qualities of Colt's little pistol were asking for something like it but more powerful. In 1908 Colt came out with a pistol that was basically the Model 1903 chambered for what it called the .38 Smokeless Rimless cartridge. That cartridge is still popular today in what we now know as the .380 ACP. I will note here that Colt never called the new .380 the Model 1908. Collectors use that as a term of convenience. Colt called both the .32 and .380 versions of their Model 1903 the "Model M."

The design of the 1903 pistol was simple yet incorporated a number of features to make it a desirable weapon for concealed carry. While billed as a "hammerless" pistol, it actually did use a hammer rather than a striker, but the hammer was concealed within the frame. Safe carry was provided by a positive safety catch supplemented by a spring loaded grip safety.

While discussing this project recently with a friend who swears by the Model 1903, I was informed that his pistols (he has several) were so reliable that they would feed any kind of ammunition. He went on to say that they would even feed empty cases. At first I took this as an answer to a non-



Above—It was not uncommon to find 19th Century citizens relying on revolvers that fired a .320 diameter round lead ball for self-protection. Colt sold about 340,000 of these little Model 1849 Pocket Revolvers. (Possibly the 1849 large copper cent was not the best item for showing the scale of the .31 caliber round balls.)

Below— .32 caliber handguns were popular not only for self-defense but also for military applications well before the development of semi-automatic pistols. During the Civil War many Union Officers favored the Smith & Wesson Model 2 Army in .32 Rimfire (left). A Kansas Cavalry Regiment issued a pair of them to each of its Troopers. Wild Bill even carried one, which he had in his sash that fateful night in the saloon in Deadwood. After the Civil War there was a demand for smaller versions of the No. 2 "Army" revolver, resulting in revolvers such as the Smith & Wesson Model No. 1-1/2 .32 Rimfire Short (second from left). Small pocket revolvers like the .32 Smith & Wesson centerfire revolvers shown here were also in common use until late into the 20th Century.





Left—Mark Twain even retired his pepperbox in favor of Colt's new .32 pistol!

Below—The .380 pistol (left) and the .32 pistol (right) are dimensionally identical.



existent question. But even though it had never occurred to me to wonder if a pistol would feed empty cases, this piqued my curiosity. Just for fun I rounded up some empty .380 cases and gave it a try. Nope. Three tries, three failures. The empty cases were hanging up on the bottom of the feed ramp. The pistol I was working with was a .32 that had been equipped with a second barrel in .380 caliber. Perhaps that was the problem? I switched to the .32 barrel, and loaded up some empty .32's. Three tries with three successful feeds. I tried it again with eight empties. They fed smoothly until the magazine was empty. Cool. So what does this prove? Maybe a "Model 1908" would have fed the empty .380's. There is no doubt that, in its original configuration, the 1903 .32 was utterly reliable. (As a side note, I guess if you wanted to load up some blanks and operate the slide by hand, I would recommend that you do it with a 1903 in the .32 ACP configuration.)

While the Model 1903 .32 and the Model 1908 .380 are distinctly separate models, they share a degree of interchangeability that contributes to their continuing popularity. You can take the barrel out of a 1903 .32 and replace it with a .380 barrel, load

up a .380 magazine and insert it into the grip of the 1903 and you are now armed with a more powerful, 8-shot pocket pistol. I am told that some of the .32's will not accommodate a .380 magazine, but that a few file strokes will fix that. Due to the simplicity of design, the barrel change is an easy procedure. If you look at the right side of the slide, you will see a small arrow pointing rearward. If you draw the slide to the rear until the point of that arrow is even with the forward end of the receiver, the barrel is in position to rotate to the left, disengaging the barrel lugs from the frame. You may then pull the barrel out of the slide, and replace it with another barrel.

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Above Left & Above Right—Reliability experiment proves that the Colt Model 1903 .32 ACP will indeed feed empty cases! Note the empty .32 case in the magazine at left.

One can just spot the empty case ready to feed from the open slide shown at upper right.



At Right—this photo shows the slide in the rearward locked position.



At Right Below—Photo shows the slide drawn slightly rearward until the barrel locking lugs can be disengaged. Once the barrel is unlocked you may separate the slide from the receiver, remove the recoil spring and guide, and normal disassembly is complete. Needless to say, ensure that the magazine is removed before doing any of these procedures...





Colt 1903 field stripped, following the sequence and photos on the previous page

Speaking of Patton, everyone knows that he carried a Colt Single Action Army Revolver and a Smith & Wesson .357. Patton was a gun guy, and he also owned a Colt Model 1908 .380, a Remington Model 51 .380, and a Colt .38 snubie. In 1943 he was issued a Colt Model 1903 .32 by the Army, complete with the belt, holster and magazine pouch rig. Obviously he couldn't carry these all at once, but if you see a picture of the General in which he appears to be unarmed, you can bet money that one or more of those little guns are stashed on him somewhere.

Indeed, the U.S. Armament folks have recreated his little .32 if you wish to own one. A side benefit of this venture is that you can also purchase new barrels and magazines for your old original. The new magazines come fully blued, and sell for considerably less than the original magazines (that is if you can find an original). The originals, in the classic "two tone" configuration, will set you back anywhere from \$100 to \$250 or so. I believe the new magazines go for about \$33 in .32 ACP and \$44 in .380. There is no danger of passing off the reproductions as original, as they are unmarked on the floor plate. Originals will be marked with the Colt name and caliber.

While there is no question that there are more iconic Hollywood guns than this little pistol, it has had its share of exposure on the screen. Who hasn't seen Bogey toting his in Casablanca? And, while experts agree this did not actually happen, moviegoers were treated to the sight of General George Patton taking on the Luftwaffe with his Colt .380!

I have to admit that I have a preference for the older firearms over today's Black Rifles and Wonder 9's. I was pleased to see that an interest in these nice old pistols has been rekindled by the introduction of U.S. Armament's "General Officers Pistol." (See ad reproduced on the next page.)



At Left & Below—The Colt 1903 in the movies. Yes, in Casablanca you will see Bogart as Rick with a Colt 1903. And of course we've all seen George C. Scott as George Patton, firing rounds at strafing German planes; in the movie he uses his Colt 1903.





FEATURED 1903 RE-ISSUE SERIES BY U.S. ARMAMENT:

COLT 1903 PARKERIZED (.32ACP)

*The Colt Model 1903 “General Officer’s Pistol” is back in its original Browning single action blowback .32 hammerless design. “US PROPERTY” marked, this pistol is a tribute to the leaders of the greatest generation and the iconic firearms originally issued to them. It features a 3.75” barrel, grip safety, 4140 carbon steel slide and frame, fixed front with an adjustable rear sights, and American black walnut grip. This model has a gray parkerized metal finish. Colt 1903 Pistols are a Colt Licensed Product manufactured by US Armament Corp. **\$1200.00***



Or, for only **\$2195**, you can own a much fancier version commemorating General Patton, as shown above.



Above is an original two-tone .380 magazine currently offered at auction with a starting bid of \$125.00. U.S. Armament magazines—not shown—come fully blued with a plain floorplate.

If your budget can't handle the price tag of the new U.S. Armament offerings, a search of available original specimens shows that prices start at around \$600-\$700 for the lower condition pistols, but it looks like you can spend a whole lot more depending on how pretty you want your Model 1903 to be, or if you would like one that actually belonged to a General!

No gun article should be complete without a trip to the range to see how well the gun will perform. The concept of one pistol that could be quickly changed from .32 ACP to .380 ACP had a certain amount of appeal to me, so I made a visit to our local range with both barrels and a supply of .32 and .380 ammunition. Uppermost in my mind was if the pistol would shoot close to the same point of aim with either cartridge. Then of course I wanted to know how reliable it would be in either configuration. This was an important question in my mind considering the outcome of the experiment with feeding empty cartridges.

I soon had my answers. This pistol was originally manufactured as a .32 ACP (and was so marked), and the .380 barrel came along at some point as an afterthought. I fired it first with .32's and there were no surprises—the little pistol fed flawlessly and placed all rounds in the black offhand from the 7 yard line. Switching to the .380 barrel, I loaded the magazine with factory FMJ rounds. I had tested it previously with a magazine of Hornady Critical Defense rounds with no problem, but had not fired it at a target; I had simply bounced a little stick around with it. When I chambered the first round I noticed a slight reluctance to feed. Checked lubrication, that was not the problem. I fired the .380's and experienced a failure to extract on about

the third round. The group looked pretty much identical to the one on the .32 target, but I wasn't happy with that malfunction. I fired a second magazine, and again, about midway through, had another failure to extract. Both malfunctions left an empty cartridge case backed out a ways from the chamber with the next round exerting upward pressure on it, causing the magazine to bind. In both cases, I was able to clear the pistol and continue firing, but those malfunctions were not a good sign. I then reloaded the magazine and tried a stiff two-hand hold. This time the pistol emptied the entire magazine with no problem. So for now, I had my answers. Not exactly the outcome I had hoped for. Both barrels shot to same point of aim, but I would not be comfortable carrying this pistol in the .380 configuration without a lot more work with different types of



The target on the left was fired with the .380 barrel, on the right the .32 barrel. Groups are remarkable similar, but the .380 did not demonstrate the reliability you would want in a defense pistol.

ammunition and a better showing of reliability. At this point I would say that if you want to carry a Model 1903, carry it with the ammunition caliber marked on the slide. Or plan to spend a while on the range trying different cartridge options. I need to emphasize that this project was by no means a scientific or conclusive examination of the Colt Model 1903's abilities. For the shooting portion of this project my time and resources were somewhat limited. Any time a semi-auto firearm malfunctions, the first suspect should be the magazine. Since I only had one .380 magazine, and a fairly rough specimen at that, I willing to blame that magazine and give the pistol the benefit of the doubt. I simply had no way to try a different magazine after experience the malfunctions described. This leaves me with possible material for a future article.

So should you even carry one of these neat little pistols for self-defense? Well sure, why not? However, in my opinion, the most effective way to carry one in the defensive role would be as a backup to your normal EDC. There are plenty of more modern pocket pistols available on today's market, but I enjoy carrying a piece that is cool, historic and a great conversation starter, but having lived in the Real World, I am more comfortable knowing that I can rely on my Sig P220 .45 ACP while the little .32 waits quietly in my vest pocket as an insurance policy against running out of ammo. It nicely fills the role of what we used to call in the Profession a "New York Speedloader."



Or if you're not into waiting for the end of the auction, this well-seasoned specimen is one you can "buy now" for \$2200.



The U.S. issue General Officer's Pistol, a Colt Model 1903 .32 ACP, is a highly collectible item among gun fanciers. This one recently went, along with its accouterments, for \$8500 at auction.



As I write this, the .32 above is on Gun Broker with a current bid of \$650 with two original magazines.

Happy Hunting!

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The Browning reintroduction of the M1910 as the Model 1955.

The Assassin's Pistol

The "Other" John Browning Pocket Pistol, the FN Model 1910

By Phil Shave , Editor

Black Hand assassin Gavrilo Princip used an FN Model 1910, .380 in his political killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (and the Duchess Sophie Chotek) in 1914, thus beginning a cascade of events that became World War I. Another killer, Paul Gorguloff, a “White Russian”, assassinated French President Paul Doumer in 1932. Here in the U.S., the Model 1910 was the handgun used to assassinate Huey Long, governor of Louisiana, in 1935. An unusual series of bad acts perpetrated with this one model pistol. Why? The only obvious answer is that the Model 1910 is a compact, concealable firearm in a caliber of decent power—the perfect choice

for an evil-doer needing to move within crowds to close on his target.

The FN Model 1910 is the “other” famous John Browning designed pocket pistol. First there was the Colt-made, Browning-designed Colt 1903 Pocket Hammerless .32. Then in 1908 the Colt Pocket Hammerless was upgraded to .380. (The Colt 1903/1908 is described and tested in this issue by Ray Heltsley.) The other Browning-designed pocket pistol, the FN Model 1910, had an even longer production run than the Colt—ending in 1983—if one considers the variants, the Model 1922 and the Browning Models 1955 and 1971.



Clockwise from top left–

- Muzzle view showing knurled nut with two wrench slots.
- .380 barrel markings.
- Rear sight milled in groove in slide.
- Right side of pistol on original Browning pouch.
- Browning Model 1955 with "MADE IN BELGIUM" slide markings.
- Bottom of grip showing magazine release.
- All photos are of a Browning M1955 version of the Model 1910; the grips have the Browning name.



Why Was the 1910 Not a Colt?

John Browning's practice was to offer his pistol designs to both Colt in the U.S. and Fabrique Nationale (FN) in Europe. But Colt declined to produce the 1910 design, deciding that the 1903 was already quite popular and of similar dimensions. After all, why introduce a new pistol to compete with their neat, reliable Colt 1903 in .32 and the .380 just introduced in 1908. Thus, FN had an exclusive with the 1910 and beginning with production in 1912, it was eventually offered throughout the world as an FN, or later Browning, labeled firearm.

Who is Truly Hammerless?

The Colt is called the "Pocket Hammerless" but it is a hammer-fired handgun. Really, naming accuracy would have labeled the 1903 the "Concealed Hammer" Colt but that's not as slick a marketing title. Just to be clear, the Colt 1903 is NOT hammerless. The Model 1910 on the other hand has a striker system that Browning designed just for it—no hammer. Too bad for FN, the "Hammerless" name was already taken by Colt. Some irony there.

One might wonder why Browning introduced yet another design only a few years after drafting the really cool Model 1903. He was always inventing, adapting and improving firearm designs and in his Model 1910 there is really nothing held over from the earlier design. In the 1910 he introduced an effective striker fired system, he replaced a separate recoil spring with one that is concentric with the barrel (that is, wrapped around the barrel, like the Savage Automatic Pistol) which allows a more compact package, and he created a triple safety system consisting of a manual thumb safety which blocks the sear, a grip safety and a magazine safety.

The Model 1910 is slightly more compact at 6" length and 21 ounces (vs. 7" and 24 ounces for the 1903). This must have been a design goal. Whether the later 1910 is an improvement is a matter of opinion. The FN Model 1910 design outlasted the Colt 1903 by many years.

M1910 Design Features

Already mentioned are some of the new features of the FN Model 1910. It is a nifty, flat automatic with no lumps, bumps or protrusions to snag. This Browning design practically defines "pocket pistol" with its sights that are milled into a groove with nothing protruding—the entire pistol is smooth and sleek with nothing that would snag on clothing. There is no external slide stop lever. The sights are hard to

see and hard to use. The magazine release is the European style latch at the butt which is very stiff, clumsy to use but very positive. The pistol is only .800" wide at the slide and about an inch at the grips. Magazine capacity is 7 rounds in .32 and 6 in .380. The stocks are black plastic. Operation is simple blowback design. Takedown is not intuitive so you must follow the sequence:

- Check to ensure that the pistol is unloaded, point in a safe direction and pull the trigger, remove the magazine.
- Push rearward on the knurled muzzle cap and rotate it 90 degrees counter clockwise to release the bushing (under a lot of spring pressure!). There is a special spanner that engages the two notches but they are not usually with the pistol and finger pressure usually works. Remove the recoil spring.
- Pull the slide to the rear and use the slide lock to lock the slide to the rear in the takedown notch position.
- Rotate the barrel to the right side of the slide (counter clockwise viewed from the front) to disengage from the frame lugs, disengage the slide lock, move the slide and barrel assembly forward off the frame.
- The striker assemble is now free to remove or fall from the slide.
- Rotate the barrel to the upright position and remove it from the slide.
- Reverse to assemble.

Subsequent Models—1922, 1955, 1971

Following the Model 1910 the first major re-design was the model 1922 or 1910/22 which appears to have been intended to expand the appeal to military and police use. And the pistol itself was expanded with a longer barrel and more weight. No longer a pocket pistol but rather a holster gun. Magazine capacity increased by two rounds each in .32 and .380, respectively to 9 and 8 rounds. The size revisions did result in many countries choosing this revised pistol for military and police use. The 1922 supplemented but did not replace the 1910.

The Model 1955 with the Browning name on it is like the original Model 1910. In other words, it is a reintroduction of the original pistol. I don't see any improvements and the only change seems to be the grip panels. And of course the marketing as a Browning pistol. The parts interchange with the original. Note that the photos with this article are of a Browning M1955.

The Browning Model 1971 was made for the U.S. Market to allow importation after the 1968 Gun

Control Act prohibited small pistols. One might call this the target model. It violates all the principles of the original design by lengthening the barrel, adding thumbrest grips and placing a large Hi-Power style adjustable sight on the slide. The sights are big and clear and pistol is comfortable to shoot, so if one wants a .380 target pistol, this is the one. Not many pockets will accept a Model 1971—a holster is required. Production ended in 1974. I've always wanted a Model 1971 but I can't explain the attraction.

Production and Serial Numbers

In a nice online history of the Model 1910, Ed Buffalo notes that, "there was no interruption in serial numbers." You can find this article here: <https://unblinkingeye.com/Guns/1910FN/1910fn.html>. He also states that, "Total production is estimated to have been 704,247." I believe that this is only for the Model 1910 and may not include the 1922, 1955 or 1971 variations.

The Browning website has a feature that is supposed to allow one to date their pistol by serial number but I can't make it work for the 1955 or the 1971; don't expect much from the current Browning look-up.

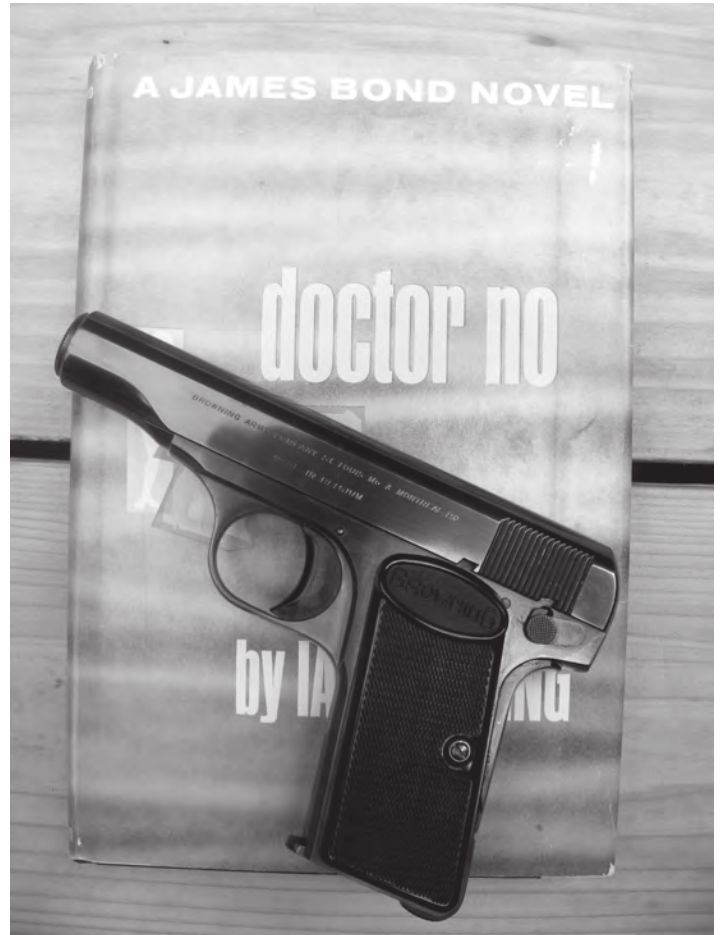
If looking for an FN serial number, note that collectors say that FN was not consistent in their use of serial numbers and may have assigned numbers to production runs in a manner that fit the buyer's needs, thus numbers may have been used several times.

Have you ever used the nramuseum.org site? One can find serial number ranges and manufacture dates for many firearms on this listing. Browning firearms are listed but not FN and I see the Browning Model 1955 (all pre-1970 and thus Curio & Relic firearms) but not the 1971. The NRA info is derived from other published sources.

I wish I could be more helpful on serial numbers and dates.

Collector Guns

Fans of James Bond films might remember that in the movie "Dr. No", Bond uses a suppressed Model 1910 to kill an adversary. Once again, the M1910 is an assassin's pistol. Ian Fleming *readers* will know that the movie departs from the novel, in which Bond has been issued both an S&W Centennial Airweight .38 Special and a Walther PPK in .32 ACP (Major Boothroyd justifies the choice of .32: "And you can



Ian Fleming's book Doctor No was published in 1958. In the book, James Bond uses a silenced .32 Walther PPK but in the movie version you'll see Bond's first "00" action with a suppressed FN Model 1910.

get ammunition for the Walther anywhere in the world."). The usually comprehensive Internet Movie Firearms Database, imfdb.org, fails to list "Dr. No" among the extensive, mostly foreign, movie uses of the Model 1910. The popularity and availability of the 1910 make it a natural for movies and perhaps that makes it collectible to some. For example a "Bond" themed firearm collection might include both film and novel firearms such as a Beretta .25 M418, FN Model 1910, Walther PP and PPK, Colt Police Positive, S&W Centennial Airweight, Colt Detective Special, Colt Army Special, S&W .38, "long barrel Colt .45" and more.

The mere fact that the FN Model 1910 is a John Browning pistol with plenty of history is enough reason to own one. An FN pistol collection would be incomplete without a Model 1910 and some 1922's

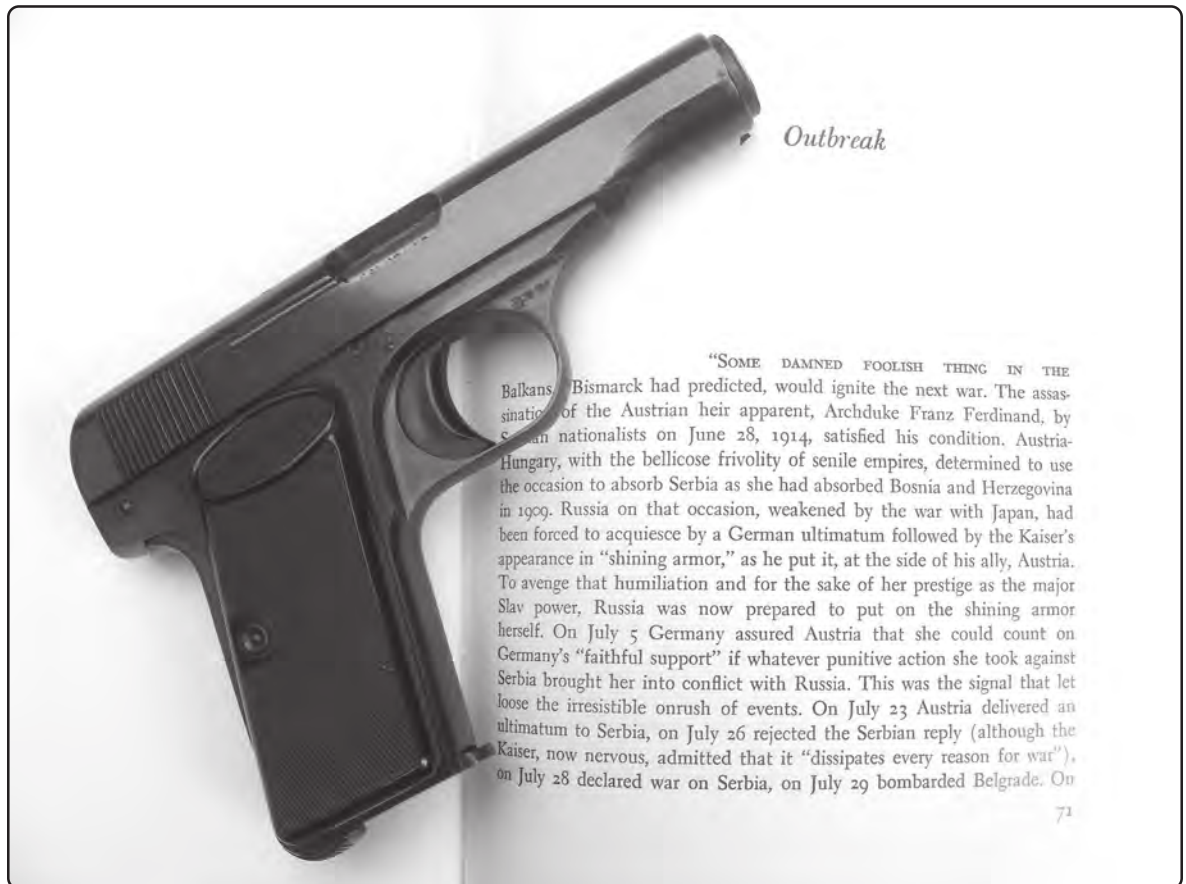
which are collectible for their variety of police and military identification marks.

Browning collectors are often anxious to add both the Model 1910, 1922 and the Browning-named versions to their collection and so the Browning Model 1955 and 1971 should have a place in any collection. Browning USA issued collector sets with elaborate engraving and plating which are highly collectible and include the Browning versions of this pistol. For many years the Browning pistols came in a vinyl zippered pouch with a red fabric lining and of course this pouch should be with a collector pistol.

Currently the FN 1910 brings a pretty good price. Value has steadily increased and it is tough to find a pristine example for sale. I see prices for pistols with multiple finish flaws for \$600-1000 on the auction sites. The FN 1922 is similarly priced. The Germans took over the Belgian FN factory when they invaded and cranked out 1910/22's for their war machine; of course these Nazi marked pistols are collector items with higher than average prices. The Browning 1955 may be priced slightly lower and as these guns are more recent it may be possible to find one in better condition.

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Below—Barbara Tuchman's excellent history of the beginnings of World War I describes the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand (Actually the heir apparent) by Serbian nationalists. Here we have p. 71, the chapter titled "Outbreak", in which Bismarck is famously quoted as saying that the next war would be started by, "**Some damned foolish thing in the Balkans.**" The assassins' pistols were new FN Model 1910's much like this one. There were multiple Black Hand assassins—six in all—armed with grenades and bombs as well as handguns. Some failed to act or missed their opportunity. One threw a bomb which injured 20 people; his cyanide failed him and he was beaten by the crowd and arrested. The assassins had only a little practice with their FN Model 1910 .380 pistols in a nearby park. After surviving the gauntlet of assassins, Ferdinand and his "security team" made the decision to continue with their public event, providing Princip his second chance. The relatively new Model 1910 already had, like most of Browning's designs, a reputation for reliability. Less than an inch wide and so easy to conceal, this pistol was undetectable until it was drawn from concealment.



Who's Got the SIG-ness?

The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

People who follow the SIG forums are thoroughly familiar with the “SIG-ness,” a form of mania that overtakes those who cannot stop themselves from purchasing more and more SIGs. It usually begins benignly, say with one 9mm plain-jane P226 or one of the older 9mm P6s (ex-German police pistols that were attractively priced a couple of years ago) but then the compulsion rages out of control as the urge to own SIGs overtakes all restraints. Victims find their gun safes crammed full of SIGs and other brands have mysteriously disappeared from the shelves...I know, it happened to me.

While there is no known cure, positive results controlling the mania have been experienced by those who know the magic words, repeated three times over: Beretta, Beretta, Beretta; or Walther, Walther, Walther. HK, HK, HK or Hi Power, Hi Power, Hi Power also works. Good results have been reported (but are not necessarily guaranteed) using other incantations. Those who are already under the spell of “John Moses Browning” seem somewhat immune to the SIG-ness. (It can be positively stated that repeating Glock, Glock, Glock, even a million times, will do nothing—those words just don’t work.)

Clearly there is danger lurking in your local gun store. There are a lot of different SIGs around. Indeed, conspiracy theorists have posited that the SIG company has greatly (by deSIGn) contributed to the spread of the “SIG-ness” by producing so many different variations.

What is without doubt, however, is that SIG produces a plethora of pricey pistols that are popular with the public and responsive to the market, including US Armed Forces, law enforcement, and civilians. Let’s take a quick look at how the sickness spread.

A Brief History

As a Swiss company, Schweizerische Industrie Gesellschaft (SIG, not SIG Sauer), began making muzzleloaders in 1860, developed a breechloading military rifle in 1865, and began manufacturing the then-standard Swiss long arm, the Vetterli, in 1869. Their first handgun, the SIG P210 wasn’t developed until 1947. The P210 (adopted as the standard Swiss army sidearm until 1975 and replaced by the SIG P220) was a hit, but it was expensive, the firearms equivalent of a handmade Swiss watch. They wanted to make a mass-produced version, but didn’t want to put the SIG rollmark on it.

So they approached J.P. Sauer & Sohn, an old-line West German gunmaker in 1975 and formed a partnership to make a version of the 210, the P220, in a more cost-efficient and less-expensive way, as well as avoiding Swiss restrictions on the sale of Swiss-manufactured firearms. They succeeded and SIG-Sauer was born.

SIG-Sauer then expanded to the US first to Tysons Corner, VA in 1985, then Herndon, VA in 1987 as SIG; and then they changed the name to SIGARMS in 1990 and located in Exeter, New Hampshire for sales and then manufacturing. Production of most SIGs now takes place in NH (Exeter & Newington) and SIG opened the SIG Academy and Pro Shop for training and sales there. In 2019 the SIG’s holding company was sold to L&O Holdings and a variety of too many and too confusing (to me) interlocking subsidiaries were developed. The latest company news was the closure of the SIG plant in Eckernforde, Germany in June of 2020 (for what seems a variety of good and bad reasons).

Today SIG makes and services a full line of pistols in both all metal and plastic, in both hammer-fired and striker-fired modes, produces a line of military (with civilian adaptations) SMGs, and makes and/or markets ammunition, suppressors, electro-optics, air guns, and gear.

The Guns

There are a lot of SIG models and even more variations on these models. (Almost too many to list.) And while not all are currently produced all can be found somewhere in today’s firearms marketplace.



The 9's have been the mainstay of the line (I hope I have them all here): P210, P220, P6/P225, P226, P227, P228, P229, P239, P250, P290, P320, P2009, P2022, P938, P365, X-Six, and the new P210A (American) and armed forces M17 (full size) and M18 (compact) and civilian variations of both.

There are/were also .380s: P230, P232, and P238.

And, of course, the .45acps especially the P220, P227, P245, 1911, and .45 conversions of some other models. For .40 S&W there were: P229, P250, P320, 2022, and 2340.

They also make .22 conversion units for many of their guns and a line of SMGs and rifles.

(Note: SIG has been a leader in the modular pistol concept, beginning with the 2007 P250 [hammer-fired DA only] then the P320 [striker fired] and now the Modular Handgun System [MHS] for the US armed forces. The MHS [and both the P250 and P320 from which it is derived] is based on an interchangeable fire control unit (this is the actual serialized part of the gun) that can be easily fitted into a bunch of different sized grips, in a variety of calibers, with the appropriate barrels, slides, and magazines so that a dizzying array of possibilities are created.)

What contributes to the SIG-ness? I asked some very knowledgeable SIG owners about what contributes to their devotion of SIG. Here's what I heard:

- Reliability, Quality, Safety.
- Great history....good quality.....appearance.....Classic
- SIGs look like real guns.
- Double/Single Action simplicity.... Nothing to screw up in the middle of the night when half asleep.
- While I own and appreciate all sorts of pistols, when I think of "handgun," the classic P-series SIGs are the image of what I see. Hard to beat in my book! The fact of the matter is these guns just plain shoot...in my opinion they are the pinnacle when it comes to out-of-the-box accuracy and reliability.



SIG P6 9mm

- Pretty girls and SIGs or ugly girls and Glocks, which do you prefer!!!!!!
- Brilliant design. Comfortable beyond expectation.
- I own and shoot SIGs because...well....they're SIGs.

From a marketing perspective SIG has developed its cachet through a combination of its heritage of Swiss/German deSIGn, engineering, and manufacturing (even though they are now made in the USA); value for dollar (yes, they cost more than S&W or Ruger but people don't balk at paying for perceived quality); innovation; customer service (their used-gun rehab special is the best gunsmithing deal around); and relentless marketing. Plus they make really good guns that are well-thought-out, functionally superior, and have the approval of law enforcement, the military, and "operators."

The Models

Frankly, there are too many to list both in terms of actual different numbered models and variations on each model. Take, for instance, the popular P229, which was an offshoot of the P226 and its compact cousin the P228. The P229 was designed in 1990 specifically for the then-new .40 S&W round (and the new, similarly-sized .357 SIG), after the FBI said it wanted a more-powerful-than-9mm-but-not-as-big-as-10mm round, which some of its agents had trouble handling. After S&W and Winchester introduced the .40, SIG changed production of the P228 from their traditional stamped slide to a CNC-milled-from-a-single-bar-of-stainless slide to handle the extra oomph. It was another success. A 9mm version was later introduced.

Now we get into the variations of this one model. There's a lot and, in no particular order: the standard P229, the Equinox option, the Elite lineup, as well as an SAS GEN 2 model. Plus the Legion Compact SAO, Select Compact, Legion Rx Compact, Legion Compact DA/SA, Nitron Compact and the M11-A1. There is a DAK (double action Kellerman) version of these, a SRT (Short Reset Trigger) can be fitted. Supplanting the "original" 229 is the new P229 E2 version that enhances the ergos by reducing the size of the grip.



SIG P245 45 ACP

Enough? Nah, let's look at their "big gun" the P226 which was introduced in 1983 for the US "replace-the-1911" trials. (Which many think SIG actually won over Beretta on function but may have lost on either politics or pricing.)

First the gun was made in West Germany, then made in Germany, and then made in US, with proponents of all three. There's trigger types with traditional SA/DA, Kellerman, and SAO. They come in stainless and nitron stainless. And variations include the Elite, Emperor Scorpion, Enhanced Elite, Legion, Legion SA, Mk25 (the "Navy Seal" 226), the 226 Navy, the Scorpion, the 226SCT, a tactical version, and the X-Five in Tactical, All Around, Competition, and Skeleton, plus the 226 X-Six in aluminum or stainless frame and X-SIG Skeleton SA.

I think collecting the SIG line is a hopeless task. First and foremost when considering SIGs one defines the purpose of the gun (competition, range toy, duty carry, concealed carry, home defense, etc.) and then find a model that is specifically made for that purpose. It's like buying a car deSIGned to only turn left, on a NASCAR track, at 150 MPH, on a Sunday. Ya ain't going to drive the kids to soccer in that car, but then your cross-over Honda ain't gonna be run'n at Daytona.

My SIGs

I've had a bunch of SIGs, and yes, My Name is Tom and I have the SIG-ness.

Currently I "only" have six: A 9mm P226 Stainless Elite; a P-6; a 9mm P220 (heel mag release); a .45 P220; a .45 P245 (it's a compact) and a new P210A "American." Plus .22 conversion kits for the 226 and 220.

I had a few more including a .380 P230; a plain-jane 226, a P250 in .22, .380, .40 S&W, and 9mm with subcompact, compact and full-size grips; a P320 in various sized grips; two 229s (one "regular" 9mm and the other E2), and a P2022. All got traded or sold as my needs, likes, and desires changed.



SIG P226 9mm with rollmarks of VA and W. Germany

For the Collectors

Collecting SIGs is tough. There are just too many of them. To me the line is more for shooters than collectors, even the older models.

But if I were going to salt a few away either for the future or as a collection of representative SIGs I'd start with an original P210. If you can find one and afford it. ("Sold" prices on Gunbroker clustered around \$2,500 with some up to \$5—6,000.)

Next I'd get a 230 or 232, one of SIG's older .380 entries. They were an improvement on Walther's PP; looked smart, shot well, and are out of production. I had a problem with slide bite and mine went away, replaced by a S&W .380 EZ (I was actually thinking about carrying it or teaching my wife on it and wanted easy) but when I found it was just gathering dust it got supplanted by a Beretta 85F and CZ 83 as "my" .380s.. Without doubt no collection could even start without a P226 (pick your variation). And another keeper is the iconic P6 or it's civilian equivalent the old 225. (There's an updated 225 but it ain't the same gun.) The P6 has everything going for it for concealed carry: it's slim, pointable, reliable, handsome, good SD trigger – but — it's a single stack and only loads 8 rounds. (That's plenty for me, but today's concealed carrier wants even smaller with more bullets. So SIG invented the P365, which is smaller and carries more bullets and was an instant hit.) I personally have a soft spot for the original 9mm P220, which SIG and J.P. Sauer developed to reduce the cost to police and just plain folks of the 210. I like the heel release, it's a big gun, a stable platform, soaks up 9mm recoil and just keeps on shoot'n; and I'd say it belongs in any SIG "collection."

As far as the P250, P320, M17, or M18 I'm not sure they are collectibles yet, unless one was focusing on US armed forces small arms ala original 1911, 1911A1's, and Berettas. Then the two "M" guns make a lot of collect'n sense. At one time I started to accumulate all the "trial" pistols that the Pentagon ran through its paces to replace the 1911, but I got sidetracked by calibers other than 9mm and that project was abandoned.

Now with SIG's 1911's, there are again too many variations for me to comprehend with 36 current offerings. They range from the GSR (handfitted) Revolution in either stainless or nitron, both with or without a rail; to the carry Scorpion, nitron or stainless, with or without a threaded barrel; to the Emperor Scorpion, Fastback Emperor Scorpion Carry, Platinum Elite, and 1911 Ultra Compact.

Oh, and let's not forget two of SIG's latest entries, the 210A and P365. The 365 is a micro-carry 9mm with an amazing magazine that manages to accommodate 10 rounds into it's 1" wide, 4.3" high grip (12 and 15-round mags are also available); has a 5.5 – 6.6 lb. striker-fired trigger and comes in three flavors: regular, XL (bigger), and SAS, which is SIG's dehorned model. Not quite a "collector" item but a real good gun.

The 210A is the made-in-USA redesigned version of SIG's original pistol the P210 (or Pistolet 49 to the Swiss military). It's sweet. Two models: Target and Standard. Inside rails. Single action only target trigger. Super smooth everything. Stainless. Superior ergonomics. If there's a better gun for the money (running from \$1200 to \$1500) I'd be amazed. And yeah, I got one. And I bought it after I went into remission from the SIG-ness. This is one I'd hold on to, both for its function and future value. But wait, there's more

And the more includes a line of SIG ammo, optics of every sort, rifles, air guns, clothing, gunsmithing services beyond warranty work, and a complete training facility for everyone from the rank beginner to experienced law enforcement and military. They got the whole package, SIG does.

The End

I was wholly into SIGs. And no wonder. But it gradually dawned on me that these guns were made for people who needed them and used them, a lot. And I wasn't one of those people.

I'd go to the range a couple a times a week (before Covid-19), so a few range toys were needed. I figured three or four carry guns (.38 S&W, 9mm, .45 ACP) to rotate. Something .45-ish in the nightstand, something else .45-ish in my desk. And if I were going to collect anything it was going to be high quality with some distinctive characteristics that I could afford. So early on Walther P1s, P4s, and P5s were on my radar. One of every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation S&W pistol was on a list, as was the history of Beretta starting in 1934 and working up to the 92FS and 96 Centurion. I don't have a big budget so I look for shooter grades and bargains. And I'm a happy guy.

Folks chuckle about the "SIG-ness" and I suspect there are similar afflictions caused by Beretta, Walther, Star, and Mauser...and we won't even get into mil-surps, shotguns, or revolvers.

While some folks look askance at people who collect "guns," we who do know what we're about; the value of preserving history; and the pleasure our hobby brings. For my money the "SIG-ness" isn't a disease, but a sign of good sense and probably "less cents." Stay safe.

Note: There are a ton of web sites dedicated to SIG, here are a few:

The official SIG site: <https://www.sigsauer.com/>

A great SIG forum with tons of enthusiasts and experts: <https://sigtalk.com/forums.php>

Gunsmiths including the company gunsmith and two legendary SIG smiths: <https://www.sigsauer.com/custom-shop/>

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Above—SIG P250 modular—.22, .380, 9mm, .40—the one fire control unit works for all. The magazines and slide assemblies are obviously unique to each caliber.

Below—The new version of the P210, the P210A; this is the Standard Model.



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to free speech and assembly under the 1st Amendment. Looters – of all colors — people taking advantage of distracted police officers to steal and occasionally rob people (funniest one was the guy caught on camera carrying a boxed large screen TV outside an electronics store with smashed windows, when two other guys ran up to him, cold cocked him, and “stole” his TV). Circumstances permitting, these people should be arrested and charged with theft. Then you’ve got the professionals – the instigators and agitators who are inciting violence, vandalizing and destroying. They come in all colors, too, from Antifa (mostly white) to BLM (mostly black), and others with lower visibility. Both with a revolutionary, tear down this society, message. That is exactly their goal. The FBI has counterintelligence responsibility inside the US (something I used to work inside the Marine Corps), to include focus on radical groups. The media frequently talks about white supremacists and the KKK, but rarely mention left-wing extremism. Hopefully the Bureau and other law enforcement agencies have a good handle on both.

Another aspect of this one is crowds and mobs. (Crowds are just bunches of people, and I know as good Washingtonians y’all practice good social distancing.) Mobs are different. They typically have violent intent of some kind. And as we have seen recently, a crowd can be riled up by the agitator-types to turn into a mob.

The principal lesson to be learned here is situational awareness – SA, SA and SA. Always be aware of your surroundings when out in public. You never know when, or from where, a threat may materialize. As a general rule, in normal times the nearest most of us come to a “high threat” area is when you visit a convenience store – especially after dark. But these aren’t normal times. Be alert, be prepared.

I’ve heard different advice about what to do if a mob surrounds and immobilizes your car. I’m not a lawyer, so I can’t give legal advice. But I know what I’ll do in a similar situation. The best thing is to see them ahead and take a detour (some GPSs offer traffic info). If you’re caught, keep the windows up, the doors locked, and keep moving at slow (walking) speed to try and push through. If they smash your window(s) and start punching or trying to get you out of the vehicle, that’s clearly a potentially lethal attack (and a felony crime directed at you) and opens the door to a similar response. Even with a 30-round magazine, though, I wouldn’t want to be there. Display a firearm and they might back off...or they might take it away from you, or start shooting at you. Once you’re in such a situation, it’s dicey. A Rottweiler in the back seat helps, too. And a dash-cam if you end up in court.

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Official Board Minutes—W.A.C.

By Secretary Forbes Freeburg

Washington Arms Collectors
Board minutes for June 2020

Pre-meeting business:

June 07 - Email motion by President Burris to transfer \$50k from investments to cover WAC near term operating expenses.

Second by Director Rodabaugh

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Palmer, Ripley,

Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

June 12 - Motion by Secretary Freeburg to accept the May, 2020 BoD minutes as presented.

Second by Director Ripley

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley,

Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

No response: Director Palmer

Motion passed

June 17 - Motion by President Burris to accept the voting recommendations of the Legislative Committee Chair for publication.

Second by Director Rodabaugh

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Palmer, Ripley,

Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 was convened by President Burris at 6:34 pm in the WAC Business Office conference room.

Present: Officers: Pres Burris, VP Kneeland (via teleconference), Sec Freeburg, Treas Henson (via teleconference). Directors: Bramhall (via teleconference), Hubbard, Ripley (via teleconference), Rodabaugh (via teleconference), Solheim, Weaver (via teleconference), Wegner. Operations: Cleary, Hinckley, Shave. Absent: Director Palmer.

Board Vacancies: President Burris has a list of potential appointees to fill two vacant positions on the WAC Board. Not all of the individuals on the list are known to President Burris personally, and the absence of WAC shows during the COVID-19 event restrictions have limited his ability to

pursue a recommendation for one of the positions. President Burris has recommended that former Director John Solheim fill one of the open positions. In fairness to all the individuals named on the President's list, the other position will likely wait until WAC shows have resumed.

Motion by President Burris to approve John Solheim as a Director.

Second by Director Ripley

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley,

Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes - Director Solheim is seated on the Board

Code of Conduct Policy Documents: The WAC has developed a Code of Conduct Policy document for Directors. Some questions about the ability of Directors to serve on multiple company Boards simultaneously have been posed, and the Board has requested that the Code of Conduct Policy document be placed on hold until the next scheduled BoD meeting.

Motion by Director Rodabaugh to table the Code of Conduct Policy document until the July BoD meeting.

Second by Director Hubbard

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley,

Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

New Business

WAC Office Building Rental Space: Bookkeeper Hinckley presents a plan to compress the remaining WAC office space, and proposes renting the portion that is not currently needed for WAC Office Operations. Part of the plan is for the full time WAC employees (now only two individuals) that are working virtual from home to continue to do so. Online and telephone membership renewals have largely eliminated the need for a continuous office presence. The proposal designates one day each week for in-office work, and the balance of time as virtual. In-office time would be every day during the week immediately prior to a WAC event weekend, and for several days after a WAC event. The proposal would eliminate the current reception area, and would release six offices as additional rental space. The WAC would continue to occupy the conference room, one office, a kitchenette, a storage room, a file room, and a network closet. The proposed change would require moving one interior doorway to create a new security perimeter for WAC occupancy.

Motion by Director Solheim that the areas of the WAC-owned office building as defined in the proposed plan be offered for rent or lease to generate income for the WAC. WAC staff members are authorized to employ a leasing

agent for this purpose and to contract for structural changes as needed to separate this leased area from the WAC office space to be retained.

Second by Director Wegner

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

Motion by Director Wegner to offer the office space rental as a five year (vs three year) lease.

Second by Director Rodabaugh

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

Firearm Sales to Non-members at WAC Events: Firearm sales to non-members at WAC events was a temporary authorization that has now expired, and the Board favors continuing firearm sales to non-members when WAC events resume.

Motion by Director Rodabaugh to continue to allow sales of firearms to non-members at WAC events through the end of 2020, or until the Washington State Patrol Instant Check System becomes operational.

Second by Director Solheim

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

Membership Services at WAC Events: WAC employees have recommended changes to streamline the way that Membership Services handles new and renewed memberships at WAC events. One change in particular will combine the account management, background check, and cashier roles for a more customer oriented process.

WAC Virtual Office: WAC has been using a Virtual Office concept to remain open during the COVID-19 restrictions. The number of walk-in customers that visit the WAC facility during the week have dropped significantly in the time since the WAC website started offering online membership renewals. The WAC will be making policy changes so that the Virtual Office concept can continue to be used when appropriate to do so.

Motion by Director Solheim that the WAC Operations Manager and Bookkeeper operate from their homes and provide full member services during regular office hours. Full time employees will work within the WAC office building

on one designated day each week during non-event weeks, and on that day the office will be their assigned workplace. The WAC will assign necessary computer and support equipment in employee home offices.

Second by Director Hubbard

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

Financial Report: Operating expenses for May, 2020 were lower than expenses incurred during May, 2019. Rental income was also received in May, 2020 that was not present in May, 2019; Overall, May 2020 showed a net loss of approximately \$24K, but that compared favorably to the net loss of approximately \$44K incurred during May of 2019.

A WAC Financial Audit is due during 2020. The last full audit was conducted during 2016, and the WAC Bylaws require a Financial Audit every four years. The Board will conduct research on the available accounting firms that could be used to perform the audit, and select an auditor at a later time.

2020 WAC Events: Monthly WAC events are being planned starting in September. The number of tables that will be available at each show will be reduced because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions. The number of tables that are anticipated to be available by month will be:

September 70 tables (Grays Harbor)

October 95 tables (Monroe)

November 225 tables (Puyallup)

December 225 tables (puyallup)

(the number of tables listed are 1/2 of full event capacity)

The WAC continues to carry a liability of approximately \$10K in pre-rented table rents for future events from members; the number of tables listed above for each show as "available" may be significantly lower if members with pre-rented tables exercise their options to participate in the listed events.

Disciplinary Actions: There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month.

Motion by Director Weaver to adjourn.

Second by Director Solheim

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passes

Meeting adjourns at 8:27 pm.

Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary

Rules of the Road

1. There will be no loaded firearms, magazines, or speedloaders in the building, either on the tables or on one's person, with the exception of law enforcement officers with valid agency credentials, and officers under contract with WAC.
2. There will be no bulk gunpowder or explosive bullets in the building. There will be no loose cartridges or loaded clips of any description near the firearms for which they are intended. Chemicals used to make explosives and irritant sprays such as O.C. or Mace are prohibited.
3. All firearms will have their actions tied open. Where that is impractical due to design considerations the arm will have its action tied to make it inoperable. All detachable magazines, including rimfire tubular feeding devices, will be removed from a firearm. Flintlock, wheel lock and matchlock arms need not be tied. Percussion or cartridge firearms for display only contained in a separate secured display case may remain untied.
4. Fully automatic firearms other than those displayed by law enforcement or military organizations, or parts to convert semiautomatic arms to fully-automatic are prohibited. Dummy or replica firearms must be accompanied by a sign stating that the item in question is not a machinegun.
5. Any extended bayonets attached to firearms shall be scabbarded. If a bayonet on a firearm has no scabbard, it shall either be folded against the stock or removed from the firearm. This applies to arms being carried as well as to arms that are on tables. Exceptions for displays may be granted by the Event Manager.
6. Firearm sales to – or purchases from – persons prohibited by law from firearms ownership/possession are totally forbidden. Violation will lead to expulsion from the event, and possible further disciplinary action. Firearms transactions in the parking lot are prohibited.
7. Members may not loan their badges to anyone, whether a member or not. Membership badges will be worn above the waist with the name clearly visible. The alteration of WAC membership badges in any manner is strictly prohibited; the display at WAC gatherings of altered WAC badges or of badges purporting to be insignia of current WAC membership other than those issued by the WAC shall be cause for immediate expulsion from the gathering and may subject the bearer, if a member, to further discipline by the WAC Board of Directors.
8. There shall be no promotion of, or soliciting for, commercial gun shows on WAC leased premises, including the parking lot. Any other solicitations, display or distribution of non-arms related material at WAC shows must have prior approval of the Event Manager.
9. There will be no parking on the Puyallup Fairgrounds except for those individuals with approved parking permits. All others will be towed at owner's expense.
10. No smoking is allowed on the event premises, except in those areas outside the building specifically designated for smoking.
11. Taking of photographs, video or audio taping is prohibited without permission from either the Board of Directors, Executive Director or the Event Manager.
12. The sale of literature on the unlawful manufacture of explosive devices, full automatic firearms, booby-traps, and/or illegal terrorist tactics, etc. is prohibited. All anti-Semitic, racist and hate literature is prohibited. The sale of targets depicting the likeness of American Politicians is prohibited. If any of the above or other material deemed offensive, the Event Manager shall ask that the material be removed immediately.
13. In the event of disciplinary action taken against a member or members which leads to the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of membership in the Washington Arms Collectors, all monetary balances and credits with the Club shall be forfeited to the Washington Arms Collectors.
14. No person under 18 years of age will be admitted to WAC shows unless accompanied and supervised by an adult, parent or guardian or unless such person is a member of a group authorized by the Board or Event Manager such as Scouts, Civil Air Patrol Cadets, etc.
15. Any member who becomes disqualified from membership must immediately report the disqualification and the circumstances thereof to any Director, Officer or the WAC Office and must surrender his or her badge to the WAC.
16. Any member who learns that another member has become disqualified from membership must report the circumstances to any Director, Officer or the WAC Office. Failure to report such knowledge may be cause for disciplinary action.
17. Any member who is required to conduct a NICS background check on a sale of a firearm to a member at a gathering of members and who receives a denial, must IMMEDIATELY report said denial and the identity of the prospective purchaser to the Event Manager or his designee. Failure to report such information may be cause for disciplinary action.
18. Any member whose attempted purchase of a firearm at a gathering of members is denied by NICS is immediately suspended and must surrender his or her badge forthwith. The suspension of such member shall terminate upon reversal of the NICS denial.
19. Failure to appear before the WAC Board of Directors upon issuance of a written notification signed by the President or his designee may be cause for disciplinary action. Members may be disciplined by the BoD for misconduct or persistent trouble making. The Event Manager, Director of Operations or a majority of the Board present may expel a member or guest from a gathering for violating these Rules of the Road, WAC Bylaws, or other published Board-approved policies and procedures. The Event Manager, Executive Director or a majority of the Board present may, at their discretion, refuse the entry or continued presence of a guest at a gathering.
20. Any person using loud or abusive or obscene language towards another member, attendee or WAC employee may be removed from any WAC activity. Any person engaging in such conduct may be removed immediately from any WAC activity and, if a member, shall be subject to a WAC disciplinary hearing.
21. Additional rules and related policies apply to all members and table holders. Copies may be obtained from the Event Manager.
22. The sale or trade of items known to be stolen, counterfeit or falsely represented is prohibited.

The Washington Arms Collectors (WAC) requires compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Municipal firearm laws within its events. The WAC disclaims any liability for any of the acts of its members, guests or visitors. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain personal liability insurance and be familiar with all laws applicable to firearms and ammunition and to abide by them at meetings of the WAC.



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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

• VERIFY ALL DATES BEFORE TRAVELING •

Coronavirus cancellations are possible—verify all dates before traveling

- Jul 26—Portland, OR, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Oregon Arms Collectors—**Canceled**
- Aug 22-23—Portland, OR, Holiday Inn Airport, Oregon Arms Collectors—**Canceled**
- **Sept 19-20—Elma, WA, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, WAC—New Date**
- Sept 27—Portland, OR, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Oregon Arms Collectors
- **Oct 10-11—Monroe, WA, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, WAC—New Date**
- Oct 31-Nov1—Puyallup, WA, Washington State Fairgrounds, WAC

• **WAC Shows not on the annual schedule**—As new shows are added in 2020 they will be posted on the website and in the magazine.

Washington Arms Collectors

 **2020** Gun Show Schedule

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

• **Sept 19-20—Elma, Grays Harbor Fairground, NEW DATE**

• **Oct 10-11—Monroe, Evergreen State Fairground, Commercial Bldg.**

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| Oct. - Nov. | 31 & 01 | Puy. Pav. |
| Dec. | 05 & 06 | Monroe |
| Dec. | 12 & 13 | Puyallup |

SHOW LOCATIONS

Monroe Show - Evergreen State Fairgrounds
Puyallup Show - WA State Fair & Events Center

Show Times: Saturday 9AM-5PM & Sunday 9AM-3PM

VERIFY ALL SHOW DATES BEFORE TRAVELING

Membership in WAC gives you free entrance to events, free ads in the GunNews, the monthly magazine either mailed to you or online and the ability to rent tables at WAC events.

Tables—Call the office to reserve, Saturday only, Sat/Sun or Sunday only. Puyallup—\$60; Monroe—\$50. Discounts for multiple tables. Members only.

Membership—Keep your membership current by renewing online or calling the office—\$50/yr. Spouse and Associate members at reduced rates.

Committees—Check the website for committee members and to volunteer for a committee.

GunNews—Missing a copy?—call the office for replacement and to verify your address.

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