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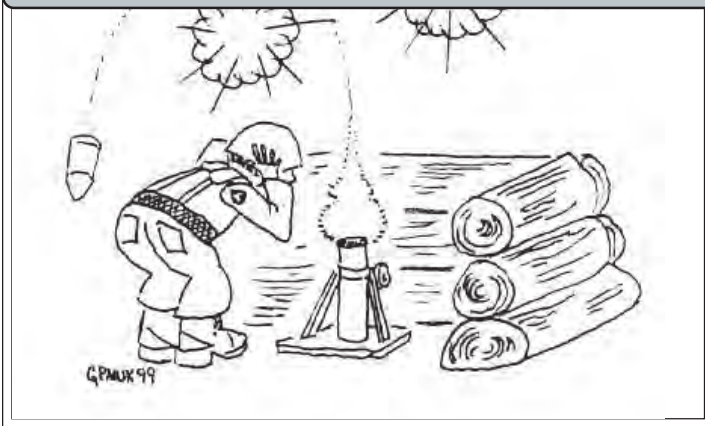


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## SHORT ROUNDS



## More Info—Digital, Online GunNews Magazine

**From the Editor:** Some have contacted me with problems accessing the online digital copy of our GunNews magazine. I've gone to the website and July was there and looked fine. August is also posted. I'm going to ask that the magazines remain on the site in an archive so that you can look at back issues; we'll see how that goes.

The access is a bit clumsy but you can get there. To access the online magazine go to: [washingtonarmscollectors.org](http://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 back to the Member tab should show you an option to click on the magazine. The format is PDF.

Look beneath the current magazine and click on page 2 to see last month's issue. We hope to maintain back issues for you.

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## Show Cancellations— Make a Note

We just received notice that **ALL** Monroe shows for 2020 are canceled (The fairgrounds are being used for Covid 19 isolation and medical purposes). While we continue to list the October Puyallup, there are no guarantees. Here are the remaining next two shows:

• **Sept 19-20, Elma, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds**

• **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*

## High Power Matches Wildlife Committee of WA

**Kenmore Range, 1031 228th SW, Bothell, WA**  
Dec 8 – CMP Game Course A or B  
More information can be found for the event on the club's calendar: [www.wcwi.org/calendar/](http://www.wcwi.org/calendar/)

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The Black Diamond Gun Club presents their schedule of popular basic pistol classes for women only. Any (or no) experience is fine for these 8 hour classes, This is a fun, relaxed, comprehensive class limited to eight students. Everything is provided for \$125. More info at: [BlackDiamondGunClub.org](http://BlackDiamondGunClub.org)

**Most classes have filled, reserve now for July 19, 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, ELECTION, ELECTION

I'm making this one short but not sweet. I'm sure some won't be happy with what I'm writing. So be it. This may be my last election, so I'll speak out. It's a short one.

In less than two months, as you read this, we are going to elect a president, a full House of Representatives, one third of the US Senate, a full state House of Representatives and one-half of the state senate. Think about that. The electorate – you and me, Joe and Jane Citizen – has the power to set the course for our country for the next four years, probably the most important duty, and responsibility, of citizenship.

And without question the 2020 election will be most important election of our lifetimes.

I have a brother-in-law in the shipping business who is a world traveler. He's lived and worked in Greece, France, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela, all for the same Greek shipyard tycoon. In the late 1990's he lived in Venezuela for five years, at that time the wealthiest country in South America. To say life was good there is a gross understatement. Then they tried a little experiment in socialism—after all, it's the fairest political system there is, right? Twenty years later it's the poorest country in South America and people are eating their pets. Despite all their nominal oil wealth.

Can't happen here, you say. I grew up in a solid Democrat family in Connecticut. After WW II, my dad was a propane appliance installer and repairman, a lifelong Teamster, my mom was a nurse. As a high school freshman, I worked as a volunteer on the JFK campaign, stuffing envelopes and doorbelling, doing the nuts and bolts of campaigning. (Just for the record, I registered to vote in 1967 when I turned 21. I registered as an Independent. And except for an occasional temporary switch to one party or another to vote in a closed primary, I've remained an Independent.)

But in 1968, with increasing disillusion in Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam War and the rise of the largely student radical left, the Democrat Party took a sharp turn to the left, and radicals took over. As many openly use the title, today they are the Democrat Socialist Party. That's the direction today's Democrats want to take us. Capitalism is evil, socialism is wonderful. No matter that it's been tried in several countries for about a century now, and always failed. "Well, they didn't do it the right way, we'll do it better," is usually the defense.

As I mentioned last month, primaries are a dress rehearsal for the general election. Washington's primary system has gone back and forth, from all parties' candidates appearing on a single ballot, to two major party (Democrat and Republican) ballots, to—after a few years of court wrangling all the way to the US Supreme Court—the "top two" primary we have today. This system is also known as a "jungle primary." The top two vote-getters in the primary, regardless of party, advance to the general election. This year we have a handful of races where the top two are both Democrats – surprise, surprise. Primaries accomplish two things: First, they're an opportunity to clean house—if the incumbent or party nominee is too squishy on your issue(s), this is your chance to change that. Like with "RINO" (Republicans in Name Only) Republicans. The second benefit of the primary is to boost morale leading up to the general election. Or conversely, to demoralize the electorate. Either way, the general election is still coming. Covid-19 has caused significant destabilization of our society, nationwide. Add to that Black Lives Matter and Antifa protests, first about police brutality but followed immediately by rioting, looting and murder – much of it ignored by Democrat city officials. Then the calls for "fundamental change" (see next item). Further destabilization. (Rioting, looting and murder and not "protesting.")

It's no coincidence that most Democrat politicians—both in Congress and locally—have refused to condemn BLM or Antifa. BLM's and Antifa's ultimate goals are the same as the Democrat party—the fundamental change to a socialist society. At risk of alienating a few who are still reading, it could be said that both organizations are unofficial arms of the Democrat Party. And like many radical movements, they soon take over or marginalize the more moderate party elements.

And this is why, in my opinion, November's election is the most critical in our history. Will we continue with the Constitutional Republic we've enjoyed for two centuries...or continue a leftward slide?

Back to the August primary election.

At this writing, five days after the election, turnout was 43%, with remaining uncounted ballots to push that to about 50%. Better turnout than most primaries. Maybe people are waking up.

But the actual votes aren't so impressive. Thanks to the jungle primary (top two proceed to the November ballot), we'll see a few races with only two Democrats on the ticket. With 400,000 ballots remaining to be counted, Jay Inslee received just 50.06% of the counted vote, while Republic police chief Loren Culp got 17%, giving him the Number 2 slot for November. 50.6% is not good for Inslee, and presumably Culp will pick up the remaining Republican vote. Because they waived the fee and signature requirement due to the Covid-19 pandemic, more than 30 individuals signed up for governor. Most got zip, just an ego trip. Your choice there in November is obvious. Go Culp! Two Democrats took Lieutenant Governor honors, Denny Heck and Marco Lias. Time to go back to conventional closed primaries.

Ferguson (D) and Larkin (R) for Attorney General. The choice is obvious there as well, and long past time to send Ferguson packing.

There are three or four legislative races that appear to be D versus D, but they're too close at this point to list them here.

Democrat turnout appears to be larger than Republican, not especially surprising. But not all Democrats vote Democrat. There are a lot of Democrat gun owners out there, and they need to start voting the gun issue. More than 600,000 CPL holders in Washington – there's a lot of Dems in that mix – note that in the 1997 vote on gun control initiative I-676, even all of the Seattle Districts voted it down – it only passed in one county, San Juan (where all the Seattle retirees go.) Don't leave out tens of thousands of hunters (some overlap with CPLs, but not all—hunters and shooters are different)—no self-respecting liberal would shoot Bambi.

Gang, we've got our work cut out for us. The Republican base and those independents who lean conservative—and liberal gun owners—need to get energized. Ballots go in the mail only a month or so after you read this. Fire up your family, your friends, your co-workers. Remember in 1994 Washington voters gave control of the House AND Senate to Republicans. And in the I-676 vote, the only thing on the ballot so only gunnies and anti-gunnies turned out, the vote was 2.5 times more pro-gun than anti (1.5 mil

NO to 500K YES. We can do it. YOU can do it. But it takes work! Volunteer to help pro-gun candidates. You can register to vote or change your address if needed at the Secretary of State's web site at [sos.wa.gov](https://sos.wa.gov). Click on the blue box in the upper right corner that says "Register to Vote."

**PUT THAT BALLOT IN THE MAIL ASAP.** You can mail it right back in (voted and signed, of course.) Don't get caught with your ballot sitting on the kitchen counter the day after the election!

An updated candidate recommendation list will be provided in the October GunNews, which should hit your mailboxes a week or so before your ballot arrives. (If I've really pissed off any readers, sorry but I can't apologize. Too much is at stake this election.)

### **WHERE HAVE ALL THE GUNS AND AMMO GONE?**

While he was on the campaign trail in 2008, Barack Obama made the following statement: "We cannot continue to rely only on our military... we've got to have a civilian security force just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded. We cannot continue to rely only on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives we've set." What "national security" objectives?

In just the last two years of his presidency, various federal agencies spent millions stockpiling arms and ammunition—many of them agencies that would not be expected to be heavily armed. Obama apologists claim his statement was taken out of context, and that he was referring to expanding the Peace Corps and Americorps—neither of which are armed. Has anyone conducted an inventory of all these guns and ammunition? Some may have gone to Mexico under Obama's "Fast & Furious" Mexican gun-running scheme. Were some handed out in CHAZ when individuals were filmed illegally handing out AR-15's? The following article asks some interesting questions: [https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2020/06/where\\_are\\_all\\_the\\_guns\\_and\\_ammo\\_purchased\\_under\\_obama](https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2020/06/where_are_all_the_guns_and_ammo_purchased_under_obama)

There's an old saying "keep your powder dry." Good advice. But there's another saying, "Keep your magazines loaded." Equally applicable.

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

## J.T. HILSENDEGER

I just got a call a couple weeks ago from the young fella that broke a couple fingers about two years ago, when he mistakenly chopped a bent tree and it released all that tension. Taking him to the hospital in Morton, x-rays showed two broken fingers. Anyway, he was going to be in this area (he's from the Midwest) and wondered if we could again do the "old time" type camping with me. I've pretty much given up on the idea of taking/going with others on these 2-3 day trips but in this case, yeah, glad to. Having been cooped up for the Covid thing, I welcomed the opportunity.

We decided to again go up toward White Pass, off Highway 12, to an area I knew where there was a small pond not on maps about half an acre in size that had nice fish. I don't normally eat fish, but love to catch and release.

We had a friend drop us off rather than leave a vehicle unattended for a couple days. (The backpack trip in to the pond area was about 4-4 ½ miles from the highway). I noted this fella had brought along a nice little muzzle loader, a .32 caliber "squirrel" rifle. Apparently he was most impressed with the one I used the last time he was out here.

Being summer, we each opted to take only a military poncho and a single wool "Army" blanket for shelter and sleeping. Oh yeah, and lots of bug repellent. (Didn't deter the big old horse flies though—me, on the neck; him, while answering the call of nature. You can guess where.) Anyway, we caught a bunch of Eastern Brook Trout on my secret spinner, releasing all but two. Three times the .32's had to bark, shooting off a branch to retrieve a hooked spinner (they're about \$4.50 apiece). After a supper of fish, Johnny cakes and hot coffee, it was "sack time" and all those after-dark sounds from the woods. Oh, we did put up the light stick for the night time nature calls.

The next day was spent looking for animal tracks, a bit more fishing, some gold panning in a nearby creek with some "color" found by my friend. (Value – who cares, it's the finding that is exciting). Day three, time to return to the city.

Got a call from one of our members, wanting a bit more info on the Remington Derringer I wrote about, in our last GunNews. He insisted the one he had, was a .38. Per the Flayderman's Guide to Antique American Firearms, the derringer was in production from 1866-1935, made in .41 rim fire caliber. So he is either mistaken in caliber or it's heavily modified, or perhaps an imported copy, cleverly disguised. For the price of about 35 bucks, I'd suggest getting that Flayderman's reference for many hours of reading and pictures.

Also, I'd written about the .38 Smith & Wesson cartridges and how they are far short of man stoppers. I was recently given a reprint of an 1895 Montgomery Ward catalog showing rifles, shotguns, handguns and ammo. A Remington #3, "the boss long range rifle", using 45-70 to 1000 yards—price—\$14.75. The ammo. a box of 100—\$2.97. The value now for the #3, if you can find one, \$20,000 plus if in excellent condition.

In the same catalog there are revolvers in .38 S&W caliber starting at \$1.40 for the Forehand & Wadsworth double action, to the Hopkins & Allen Top Break revolvers at \$4.90, for their top of the line hammerless "pocket" gun. Montgomery's own line of revolvers were priced at \$1.20 for a 2-1/2" barrel model. Oh, 22 cents shipping. .38 S&W cartridges, box 100—98 cents.

I'd previously mentioned that the old ammo, whether .22, .32, .38 or bigger, if outside lubed slugs, picked up all the grit and lint from your pockets. Not as bad as the old hard candy could, but close.

While cleaning out a closet last week I found some "Mountain House" brand camper's meals. They had an expiration date from about 6-7 years ago, so I figured they might still be good and I needed a "getaway" just to use them up. I had a friend drop me off down by the Lewis River, here in S.W. Washington, on the south side of the river. For anyone familiar with the area, this was the area of the middle falls. As the weather was hot, everything very dry, I decided to go lightweight, with the very light emergency tube tent and

likewise, the sleeping bag. Okay, these items are both nothing but reflective foil. I had a couple meals, my "ESPIT" foldup little stove and a stainless cooking pot/pan, about the size of a military cookset meat pan. For those not in the military, or were in the Navy, or Air Force, you'll have to visualize about 4x7x1-1/2 inches deep. Oh, going lightweight meant leaving my stainless canteen cup at home, opting for the aluminum instead and the aluminum taste (Ptuey!).

I don't hunt this area but know it as a nice wooded, secluded place to enjoy nature. Long story short, three days and two nights was nowhere long enough. Sleeping in tinfoil was okay (?) on an emergency basis only. Yeah, sliding into a much-too-narrow bag was a bit claustrophobic and I felt more like a baked potato. The bag was marginal for heat retention. With the foil tube tent and bag, I was very aware of all the little critters running around at night and over this camper trying to sleep.

I'd strung a tripwire about 10-15 feet away, making a circle around my tent, the wire 2-1/2 feet off the ground, tied to a "festivity" popper. Oh, yeah, it popped about midnight and after I again armed it, there was a "pop" about 0200. The next night, about a mile away, the trip wire was hit about midnight and whatever did it, ran through my camp and over my tent. I figured it was a deer, punching one hole through the tinfoil, from a hoof.

For one of our members, Mike, I'd hoped to see a big hairy guy, as the area is noted as a "hot spot", for activity. Maybe my night light stick kept them at bay, but I felt like I was being watched a couple times.

Have you ever wondered about the old cowboys sleeping on their canvas bedroll, covering up with only a single blanket, wearing the same clothes for days, including their boots. Had to be pretty ripe. (Can't imagine doing it, sober anyway.)

One of the things witnesses state about the hairy guys, is the stench. I'd asked my old Indian friend about that and he stated Indian lore was only that the males stunk, possibly as an attractant for the opposite sex. Just think how the elk bulls are known to stink, with many outdoor folks saying they "can smell 'em." Just like the bison bulls who have their wallows and will urinate in the wallow, then roll in it, to smell to high heaven. This would make sense of my experience last fall when I was only a minute behind one in Eastern Washington—

obviously a female for lack of stink. The fella on the road where "she" crossed in front of him, did not detect any odor. Of course he was so shook up, would he have noticed?

Nuff about that, time to talk guns. I'm frequently asked about coaching brand new owners of muzzle loaders. I won't do it, instead advising to look it up on YouTube, to attend rendezvous or go out to the Paul Bunyan Range south of Puyallup. Actually, almost any outdoor shooting range can provide dates, locations, etc, for instructions. Coincidentally, some time back, I had on my tables at Puyallup, another type rifle that drew attention. I had Sharps (Italian) rifles. Two were percussion .54, two were 45-70 cartridge models and the last was in 45-90 caliber.

Sold one the first day, to a young Marine who stated the full auto/spray guns, did nothing for him. The Marines were always noted for their "one shot-one kill" then move tactic. Semper Fi. I fixed him up with the rifle, some slugs, a bullet mould and some brass powder cartridges. For those not in the know, there is a linen or paper powder bag that goes into the rifle chamber behind the already chambered slug and then the breech is closed and a percussion cap seated on the nipple. The brass cartridge insert is used in place of the linen or paper.

When you pull the trigger on your blackpowder rifle get ready to answer lots of questions from observers as it does draw a crowd. Every time! I remember an incident about 12-13 years ago, at the Tacoma Sportsman's Club, south of Puyallup. I was at one end of the shooting bench line with a muzzle loader. The other benches were occupied by assorted gunners, the last by a young man and his large scoped magnum whatever. His girlfriend was with him but after I'd shot a couple times, I was aware of this young lady right behind me. Oh yeah, she was a "babe" and in due course I had her shooting my muzzle loader. Needless to say, her boyfriend was not happy. (I thought to myself, works every time and she probably thought the same thing.)

Nuff for now, have an old heavily sporterized rolling block carbine in 7mm, needing a re-bluing of the receiver and barrel. About seven-ish pounds for modern rifle seasons.

See you at the Shows (whenever).

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# The Pappenheim Rifle

## A HIGH QUALITY GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK SPORTING RIFLE

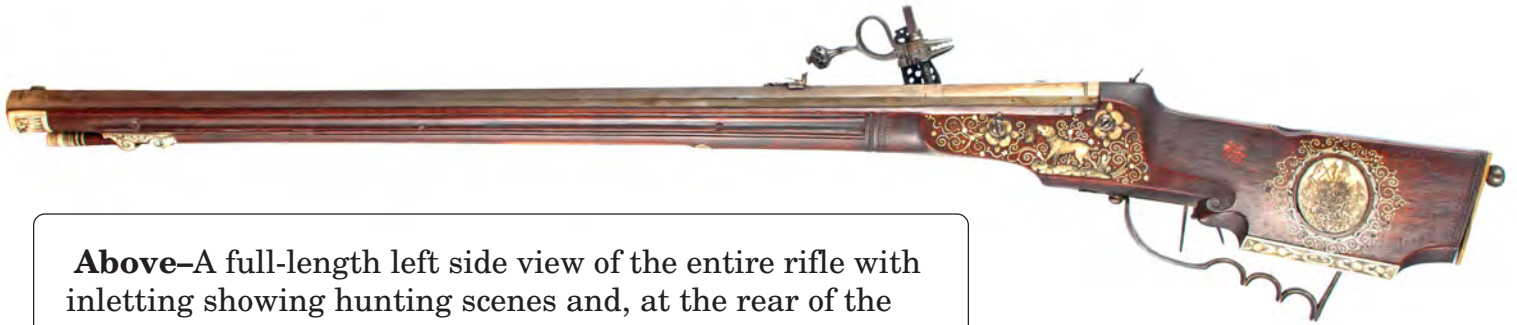
By Lee Bull, WAC

**Above**—A full-length right side view of the Pappenheim wheel-lock in near original condition as made in 1666.

**Below**—Viewed from the top, the mark of the barrel maker, Hieronimys Jeger. This view also reveals some of intricate detail such as the scrollwork at the rear sight and the ornate ball on the cock.



**W**e begin this article with no text, only the fantastic photos of a fantastic rifle that dates to the year 1666. The detail is so worthy of showing you full color, full size photos that they have been placed on pages 8, 9, 16, 17. The descriptive article text is placed beginning on page 10. If you know the wheel-lock only as a term describing an archaic type of charge ignition, you will be surprised by the intricate engineering that created a firing system more reliable than the more familiar flint lock. Enjoy the pictures which are, in themselves, educational—and then read-on, as the history of this survivor from the 17th century is fascinating. *The Editor*



**Above**—A full-length left side view of the entire rifle with inletting showing hunting scenes and, at the rear of the stock, the coat of arms of the von Pappenheim family.



**Above**—The lock is detailed with two hounds pursuing a stag. Hiding within the flower at the stag's fore feet is a child's face. The crowned eagles to front and rear of the wheel cover represent the Holy Roman Empire and are seen again on the top of the dog. The V spring at the front (right) of the plate applies the force to the dog (in which the pyrite is clamped); this spring forces the dog with flint against the revolving wheel to create the sparks which ignite the priming powder in the pan. In this photo the dog is in its at-rest position; to fire the gun, the shooter must manually rotate the dog 180 degrees so that the jaws of the dog rest on the pan cover, which will be automatically retracted when the trigger is pulled.

**Below**—The interior view reveals the workings. At right end of this photo is the heavy mainspring that powers the wheel. The pan is at the top—look for the black hole under the pan cover. Even the springs merit some decorative engraving.



# A HIGH QUALITY GERMAN WHEEL-LOCK SPORTING RIFLE

By Lee Bull, WAC

**THE SWAMPED, SIGHTED, OCTAGONAL BARREL OF THIS FINE GERMAN RIFLE IS CUT WITH EIGHT GROOVES, DATED 1666, AND SIGNED BY HIERONYMUS JEGER, A GUNSMITH KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN WORKING IN REGENSBURG, A CITY IN SOUTH-EAST BAVARIA, IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. (SEE LOWER PHOTO, P. 8)**

The rear of the lock plate (see center photo, p.9) is engraved with a scrolling floral pattern above the scene of a pair of hunting dogs chasing a stag against a blackened recessed ground; in the center of the plate, surrounding the wheel, is engraved a martial scene. The wheel cover of pierced ironwork is cut into a floral pattern which repeats the pattern engraved on the rear of the plate, as do the pieces of pierced iron which cover the rear end of the cock spring and the lower portion of the cock. The top of the cock is cut into the shape of a double-headed eagle, the symbol of the Holy Roman Empire (which was led by the Austrian Emperor at that point in time). The jaws projecting to the rear of the top of the cock hold the pyrites required for ignition. Protruding from the center of the wheel (and through the wheel cover) is the end of the axle on which the wheel revolves; this end is filed square in order to accept a wrench, or spanner, to turn the wheel until the lock is cocked. (See, [How To Shoot a Wheel Lock](#), in the adjacent article.)

The interior of the lock is shown in the bottom page photo, p. 9. The rear half of the lock is dominated by the massive mainspring, and the central portion by the large piece of iron which supports the inside end of the axle on which the wheel revolves when the trigger is pulled. The pan, the black hole in the photo, is clearly seen on the top of the lock. Above the pan is the pan cover, in its closed, ready to fire position, to keep the priming powder from being lost when the gun is carried loaded and cocked. At the front of the lock, near the bottom, is the pan release spring, which is held taut by a sear released by the action of the trigger at the same moment as it releases the sear which holds the wheel cocked. Unfortunately, this wonderful lock is unsigned; the maker unknown.

The maker of the finely finished full-length walnut stock with fluted fore end, is, however, known, at least by his monogram, "AS," accompanied by the Regensburg city mark, situated on the stock just to the rear of the breech of the barrel. The initials, in conjunction with the Regensburg provenance, lead to the tentative conclusion that "AS" was Andreas Schmidt, a gunsmith known to have worked in Regensburg, who was born around 1631, and who died there in 1670.

The form of the stock is unusual to modern eyes; this rifle is a "cheek gun," that is, one which has a short butt stock and is to be supported only by the arms, which also assume the recoil, and to be held against the right cheek for sighting. It is NOT placed against the shoulder. (See the lead photos of the right and left sides of the rifle at the top of pp. 8,9.)

The most outstanding feature of the stock is the horn inlay of the coat of arms of the owner into the cheek piece (see upper photo on p. 16.); the arms are those of the von Pappenheim family, created Hereditary Marshals of the Holy Roman Empire by Emperor Ferdinand II in 1628 in thanks for the distinguished service of Graf Gottfried Heinrich von Pappenheim as a leading General of the Imperial Army in the Thirty Years War, which raged in central Europe, primarily in Germany, from 1618-1648. Also seen in this photo is the red wax seal of the von Stauffenberg family, to which this rifle was given at some point in its history, as well as the iron ball attached to the butt, known as the grounding ball, to protect the horn butt cap from damage.

The stock exhibits delicate wood carvings on much of its surface. In addition, on the left flat of the stock at the breech there are engraved horn inlays, including of a hunting dog, and inlaid bone tendrils, stars and little bone pellets (lower photo p. 16). On the rear of the right side of the stock, there is a second horn inlay of a hunting dog with further bone tendrils, stars and pellets, just above the patch box cover, on which is a veneer of horn, engraved with a boar hunting scene similar to those also found on powder horns of the period (see upper photo p. 17).

On the underside of the rifle there is a small oval wood carving of flowers surrounded by an inlaid bone border, to the rear of which there is a seven-aperture water drain beneath the lock, a most unusual feature. (See lower photo, p.17.)

Additionally, the gun has its original engraved bone ramrod bridge and fore end cap, original wood ramrod with engraved bone tip, and set trigger.

This rifle was not built for a king, with no precious metals or ivory inlays, but it is of the highest quality workmanship for a ranking noble, and also is in nearly new condition. The rifle has not been shot in centuries, for the barrel has been preserved by pouring molten beeswax down the bore. It was truly good fortune when I was afforded the opportunity by a good friend to acquire it in 2014; I am very proud to have the opportunity to possess this beautiful work of the gun maker's craft for a few years, before it is passed on to its next steward.

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### **HOW TO SHOOT A WHEEL LOCK (SIMPLIFIED)**

To shoot a wheel lock you must first have black powder and lead balls which tightly fit the bore. You must also have the type of soft pyrites (iron sulfide ore) found in central Europe which creates a spark when struck or rubbed hard. Pyrites ore was hand sawn into small pieces which could be clamped between the jaws of the cock, fastened into place using a wrench, or spanner. The part of the lock which has the jaws holding the pyrites is called a cock in English because the jaws reminded the men of the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries who used wheel locks of the beak of a rooster, called a Hahn in German.

After loading the powder and ball with a patch of cloth or skin to improve the accuracy, you wind the mainspring by placing the spanner on the axle of the wheel in the center of the lock and rotate about 3/4 turn until the tip of the iron piece at the end of the main spring (see photo #3) falls into a hole cut in the wheel to hold the wheel in the cocked position. Next, you pour a little priming powder, very finely ground black powder which ignites easily, into the pan (see photos of the lock on p. 9) which is fixed on the top of the wheel. The wheel has fine cuts filed into it across its outer edge so that when the wheel turns, tiny pieces of pyrites heated by the friction of the wheel turning against the pyrites will ignite the priming powder, and thus the main charge.

After the powder is placed in the pan, the wheel cover is pushed over the pan until it locks in place, and the cock is rotated 180 degrees around the screw at the foot of the cock, visible in photo #2 as the upper screw on the front of the lock ahead of the wheel, until the pyrites rests on the wheel cover, under tension of the V-spring on the front of the lock, which is secured in position by the lower screw. When the trigger is pulled, the sear holding the tip of the mainspring in the hole in the wheel is released, and the wheel spins; at the same time, the sear holding the pan cover is released, and the pan cover is retracted from atop the pan so that the pyrite is pushed against the wheel, and the powder is ignited.

Although complex, the wheel lock provided much more certain ignition than the flintlock, which was developed in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **The Author-Lee Bull**

WAC members know Lee Bull from his tenure as President of the organization (2007-2012), during which he initiated the first financial audits, brought true finance accountability to the club and promoted the idea of a full-time Executive Director.

Others recognize Lee's name and face from some of the most interesting and certainly the oldest, firearms ever presented at our annual display shows. It would be inaccurate to call Lee a collector of vintage firearms; his interest lies mainly in truly ancient firearms. The examples he has shared with the membership are in the finest condition and most would not be seen outside of museums where they would be secured beneath glass.

At the WAC Display Shows, Lee has these fine "untouchable" firearms right out in the open where they can be viewed up-close and he can point out the various features that you would otherwise overlook. It's like having a specialized museum docent as your personal guide.

Thanks to Lee Bull for sharing some of his collection both at the display events and here in the pages of the GunNews.

#### **The Photographer-Frank Martin**

Frank Martin of Salinas, CA, a friend of Lee's and fellow member of the American Society of Arms Collectors (ASAC), deserves special note as the photographer who captured the Pappenheim rifle in the photos that accompany this article. Although an "amateur," his photos are of professional quality; he takes photos that often appear in the ASAC bulletin.

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# Collecting 494 Years of Beretta

## The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

Collecting Berettas is a challenge. Where does one start? When does one start? What to start with? Today, ya gotta even decide which Beretta company you want to start with, as it's virtually impossible to collect everything in the Beretta family.

Beretta, known internationally as Beretta Holdings SpA, of Gardone Val Trompia, Italy (and here as Beretta USA, Accokeek, MD), owns a bunch of "gun" companies: Beretta (of course), but also Benelli (Italian shotguns and rifles), Franchi (more Italian shotguns and rifles), SAKO (Finnish long guns), Tikka (more Finnish long guns), Stoeger (a subsidiary of Benelli, which is a subsidiary of Beretta and features made-in-Turkey pistols and shotguns), Uberti's quality replicas of 19th Century American revolvers and rifles (also owned by Benelli, owned by Beretta), and Burris Optics (which markets scopes, red dots, rings, mounts, and bins).

Wow, not bad for a little family-owned business that started making gun barrels in 1526 (okay, to put a fine point on it, they made barrels for an arquebus, which was a sort of heavy musket that needed a wall or monopod to prop it up) and then went on from there. And unlike Walther, which lost many (most?) of its early records in WWII, Beretta still has the original receipt of that first order for 185 barrels worth 296 ducats, and probably every other piece of paper ever generated by the company.

In terms of "semi-current" history, they made weapons for every war fought on the European continent since 1650. So, for instance, in World War I they made, arguably, the world's first submachine gun, the Model 1918, and in WWII they made rifles and pistols for the Italian army. When the Italians dropped out of the war in 1943, the Germans used their factory as it was up north of Milan, behind the Gothic Line.

After the war, they fixed up the surplus M1 Garands sold to the Italians by the US and converted them to the BM59, sort of an Italian M14.

Beretta came to the US in 1972 and anchored themselves in Accokeek, MD, not far from DC but in a fairly rural part of the state close to the Potomac and the National Colonial Farm, a working property



**Modello  
1935 in 32  
ACP.**

**Close-up of  
safety lever  
above  
trigger**



that illustrates pre-Revolution agricultural practices (it's a great, off-the-beaten path place to visit with the same view across the Potomac you would have seen had you visited in 1700).

After they "won" the competition to replace the 1911 as the Army's sidearm they went into production of the M9 in 1987 in Accokeek. However, in 2016 Beretta USA moved production (in part to protest Maryland's new, restrictive gun laws and in part 'cause

Tennessee offered them the earth and moon and stars [100 acres of free land and a 10-year tax abatement]) to Gallatin, near Nashville.

Of some interest to me was the attitude of the company's "owner," Ugo Gussalli Beretta, who said he wanted to find, "the most consistently pro-Second Amendment state in the country," and continued, "If we're going to build a factory somewhere, I want to put it in a state where I don't have to worry about it, or my sons don't have to worry about it, or even my grandkids." Ugo was taking a 100-year view of the company; it appears that a guy who owns a 500-year old privately-held firm can do this instead of worrying about next quarter's dividends and stockholders.

Of course while corporate history and politics are interesting, this is a gun magazine, so let's talk about guns.

### **The Guns, A Preamble**

Before considering specific firearms, a few words about the markings on Italian handguns in general, and Beretta especially, are indicated.

Today, Beretta basically offers four different types of pistol actions:

The "G" which is double action/single action but the "safety" will only decock the gun and spring back to "fire" automatically.

The "F" type which is DA/SA and the safety acts as both a decocker and a safety and will stay in the down/safe position after it's applied.

The "D" gun which is traditional DAO.

The "C" constant action which is akin to a striker-fired gun (but these have hammers) where every shot is the same (no DA/SA) and it fires from a half-cocked position. Once one chambers a round, the hammer doesn't fall all the way back down as in true double action only. It stops in the half-cock position. When the double action trigger is pulled, its initial movement doesn't fight the trigger spring. As a result, the "C" model has a lighter trigger pull. (Note: I had the PX4 9mm version of this and really, really liked it. But as it was a full-size gun and I wasn't carrying it and would only take it to the range sporadically, it got sold off as part of a deal for a Sig 210. The Beretta C action is similar to the HK LEM trigger which also emulates a striker-fired gun but has a hammer.)

In terms of dating a Beretta, there isn't any mystery about how, it just takes a lot of space to explain and provide all the data. To make



**9mm 1951 Beretta. Notice the crossbolt safety and mag release on the grip.**

easier life for everyone (including our Editor), here's the Beretta website that 'splains it all (copy & paste):

[https://berettausa.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/101/session/L3RpbWUvMTI5OTcwNTMyNy9zaWQvbUIUWUt3b2s=](https://berettausa.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/101/session/L3RpbWUvMTI5OTcwNTMyNy9zaWQvbUIUWUt3b2s=)

As far as who the guns were made for, their military designation is usually stamped on the pistol: RE for Regio Esercito (the Army); RM for Regio Marina (the Navy); RA for Regio Aeronautica (Air Force); and PS (Police) for Pubblica Sicurezza.

### **The Guns, Part I**

While Beretta has been in the "gun" business for almost 500 years, they only started making pistols in 1915. But they made a whole bunch of different ones and a whole bunch of variations on the same model (mostly the 92 series). Here's my first list of some of their notable creations.

#### **Model 1915**

The first. Designed by the "Italian John Browning," Tullio Marengoni, it was a simple blowback chambered in 9mm



**Beretta 92F Compact.**

Glisenti. (The Glisenti cartridge is essentially an underpowered 9mm parabellum. But don't try firing a modern 9mm in one or you get a pretty good KABOOM!). They made about 20,000 of 'em, they were used through WWII. It was an Army service pistol (but the Spanish Ruby was a more popular choice amongst WWI Italian officers) and it looked, amazingly, like a Beretta.

Of course, today's Beretta is actually a design descendent of this original pistol, which, in style, is a child of the Art Deco movement. There's an excellent discussion of Beretta designs at <http://blog.beretta.com/the-art-deco-origins-of-berettas-signature-pistols> as well as some other interesting material. Beretta advanced the design with a new 1915/17 and newer 1915/19 models.

### **Model 1923 & M418**

An improvement on the 1915/17, this pistol was also made in 9mm Glisenti but evolved into the M418, which was produced in .25acp (6.65mm). Most interesting factoid about the M418 was it was one of James Bond's original guns (in the first 5 Bond novels). Ian Fleming had his hero carry it until in the sixth book he needed more "stopping power." In Dr. No, Bond was issued a .32 Walther PPK as a buddy of Fleming had written him saying the Beretta in .25 was only good for a "lady's handbag" and Bond needed something bigger/manlier. Fleming thanked his pal by using his name, "Boothroyd," as the name of the MI6 armourer.

### **Models 1934 and 1935**

Two biggies in Beretta's history. The 1934, in .380, (in Italian it's called 9mm Corto) and the 1935, in .32ACP (7.65mm in Eurospeak), were essentially the same gun, differentiated only by caliber (although parts were generally not interchangeable.)

The '34 was produced to thwart Walther's PP as a choice for the Italian army and the '35 as a softer-shooting alternative. (Note: I have a bunch of Berettas from 1934 onwards, and I like shooting them all. However, after taking the .380 out a bunch of times I purged it from the safe and replaced it with the .32ACP—a much more pleasant experience.)



**9mm Beretta 92s made for Italian Law Enforcement.**

Of course both guns were produced as weapons of self-defense/last resort, and, in the European tradition, worn more as a badge of rank than an actual battle instrument (unlike the .45 1911). Neither caliber gets a lot of cred for stopping power, but both guns are fun to shoot and there are plenty of them around as they were favorite bring-backs among American GIs during WWII.

Both are single action and have a somewhat complex manual of arms. While locking open on the last round, the slide closes when the mag is dropped, meaning you have to reload by racking the slide again, unless you use the safety as the slide stop, insert the mag, then drop the safety to slam home a round.

Beretta continued with its open slide design with these guns, only eliminating a separate ejection port ala the 1915 and getting shells out of the gun via the elongated open slide.

### **The Start of the 92: The Modello 1951**

Although Beretta fiddled around with 9mm before WWII by beefing up the recoil spring of the model 1934 to handle the parabellum cartridge (it was a nasty shoot and battered the gun greatly) they abandoned it to focus on making the '34 and '35 for Benito.

After the war they refocused on the now more-popular 9mm and Tullio Marengoni (yep, him again) leaned heavily on the traditional Beretta look and German engineering by copying the Walther P38 and its dropping block mechanism instead of ripping off John Browning and his 1911 or HiPower workings. (There were a couple of pre-large-scale production changes, like replacing the alloy frame with all steel and lengthening the slide.)

So the Model 1951 looks a lot like today's M92 or M9s. Except for the safety, which on the '51 is a cross-bolt safety, high up on the grip, ala many shotguns, and the mag release, which in European fashion is found down the bottom of the grip, but isn't the typical lever you pry. To drop the mag, you push a button.

The M1951 is a fun shooter and is the transition between mouse guns and 9mms, albeit not for serious self-defense today, as there are much better platforms suited for that function.

A couple of “warnings.” Beretta made a bunch of these in Italy (called M951) for Egypt (and will have an “E” in the serial number); then Egypt made their own and called them Helwan. Be very, very careful buying a Helwan. There are at least three caveats. One, a bunch on today’s market were captured and used by the Israelis, but they used very hot machine gun rounds and blew them out. Two, the Egyptians made a bunch for export but used a very low grade steel—they are junk. Three, the decent ones are out there, but it takes a very knowledgeable person to determine if they are buying junk or not. My best advice: Don’t even think of buying a Helwan. There are a bunch of surplus 1951s just come on the market, get one of those.

(Note: The Iraqis under Saddam made a version, called the Tariq, that is probably worth something on the collectors market as the US government didn’t allow “bring-backs” as they did in WWII. I wouldn’t buy one to shoot, but for curiosity sake, perhaps.)

### **Model 92, 92s, 92SB, 92FS, Vertec, 90Two, plus 96 and more**

The lineup here is pretty straightforward: first came the 92 with it’s frame-mounted safety (1976 – 1983 by Beretta and made under license in Brazil and then by Taurus on Beretta’s tooling and called the Taurus PT92. It’s a longish story and readily available on the internet); then the 92’s (DA/SA for law enforcement with a slide mounted decocker/safety and heel mag release, ’78 – ’82); then the 92SB for US Airforce trials with ambi safety, a firing pin block, and a mag release where it’s found on the 1911. (It won). Then the 92F with squared-off trigger guard and Brunton finish which was followed by the 92FS or M9 in 1985.

There’s also the Vertec with straight back strap; the Brigadier (not to be confused with the commercial version of the 1951 which was also called the Brigadier) which has a heavier slide to dampen recoil and dovetail for front sight; the M9A1; 92A1 which has an accessory rail; and the M9A3 which combines movable front sights and straight backstrap. Plus the



Compact based on the 92SB; the Centurion with full size grip and shortened compact slide; four single action versions; and the 90Two with mostly cosmetic changes. The 93R is a fully auto machine pistol and the 98 is chambered in 9x21mm for countries that prohibit citizens from owning arms that use military calibers. There’s also a 96 in .40S&W and lots of most everything can be found in INOX, Beretta’s word for stainless steel.

There are a zillion stories about the 92, from how it “won” the replace-the-1911-contest (was it politics?) to slides breaking and flying back at the shooter. There’s not enough room to delve in to all that and it detracts from an overriding fact: the 92, in any format, is a pretty good gun. Outstanding even. And yes, some hate it like others hate Glock; some love it like others love Glock; but hardly anyone is neutral.

But, but, but....what about all the other guns Beretta makes

Patience, grasshopper...we’ll deal with the rest of Beretta – the .380s, .32ACP’s, and .22; the Neos, the Cheetahs, Jaguars, Bobcats, Nanos, Picos, Stampedes, Cougars, PX4s, and APXs next month.

And I’ll ponder why when everyone wants to “Buy American” so many gun folk, especially in the forums, knock the American-made Berettas, Sigs, and Walthers. They even cast aspersions on the “Made in Belgium, Assembled in Portugal” roll-marked Hi Powers, while extolling the virtue of “Made in Italy” or “Made in W. Germany.”

And next month we’ll also look for a .45ACP Beretta, although we may just have to say PX4 not 92 to find one.

(Final note: I enjoy the feedback I get from these columns. If you have a comment or request, don’t be shy.)

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**Above**—The left side of the stock is inlaid in horn with the intricate von Pappenheim coat of arms. Forward of the large coat of arms is the impressed seal in red of a later owner—the von Stauffenberg family.

**Below**—You may not be able to make out the stock-makers initials "AS" on the wood just to the rear of the breech but they identify the maker as Andreas Schmidt. The horn inlay on the side of the stock shows a retriever with a mouth full of duck.





**Above**—The hounds have brought the boar to bay and the hunter is armed with a boar spear in this right side stock inlay located just above the patch box cover.

**Below**—The underside of the stock warrants only bone inlays surrounding an intricate floral wood carving. Even where it is not treated with bone inlays, the walnut of the stock has been finely engraved with lines and patterns. Note that the metalwork forward of the screw has a scroll or flourish that mimics the one in front of the rear sight (see p. 8, lower photo). The seven hole bone plate covers a water drain beneath the lock, an unusual feature intended to allow rain water to exit rather than accumulate.



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# The Freedom of the Open Range

## Where Can I Shoot?

By Phil Shave, Editor

One of our long-time members, Marie, was reminiscing about those times “back in the day” when we could just load up with a couple of guns and head out into the woods for a walk and some shooting. Ah, the joy of fresh air and the freedom of the woods. Marie suggested that we report for our members on those areas still open for casual target shooting. A great idea so I thought I’d explore it here with our members.

Do you remember taking your .22 to the gravel pit for some unsupervised practice? I do. Usually I stopped by the Rexall Drug store to pick up a box of .22’s or maybe some .22 Mags for the Mossberg Chuckster. Even in those days it wasn’t that easy to find a truly safe place to plink—a good backstop and some distance from homes were essentials. Since I was young and here in Washington handguns were not legal for the under-aged, the usual firearm was a .22 rifle. But dad bought me a Herter’s revolver—I’m still not sure why he agreed to do this. And an older brother went with me to Yard Birds where we found a gorgeous new Browning Nomad .22 for about \$70 (that Browning showed me that my shooting skills needed work). My usual destinations were DNR lands in the Capitol Forest and sometimes a deserted pit or the Indian Reservation with a friend. Later the acquisition of a 6” Model 19 S&W .357 Magnum led me to a gravel pit that was a little too close to civilization—I remember carefully grounding the revolver as the officer approached to question and caution me.

Those days are long gone—Western Washington is now so crowded. 1970 population was about 3.2 million, 2020 population is over 7.5 million, concentrated in the West side of the mountains. As the cities and suburbs have built out, it has become nearly impossible to shoot safely on undeveloped land. Even our private club ranges are pressured by residential neighborhoods that have built up around them. If you’re lucky enough to live in Eastern Washington then open land is everywhere but a lot of it is private and posted, some of it grazing land.

### Public Lands–Forest Service

Public lands would seem to be a good choice since much of Washington is Federal or State land. Both the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Washington Department of Natural Resources are—on paper—committed to multi-use of public lands and this includes shooting and hunting. So, let’s start with the Forest Service—here’s the official statement by USFS: ***“Target shooting is allowed on national forest or grassland unless restricted. Check your local ranger district for more information about local restriction.”*** There are common-sense prohibitions in areas near buildings or campsites or recreation areas. Just as elsewhere, you may not shoot on or across a road or lake (almost always against the law and always unsafe). You may not post targets on trees or buildings or use tracer ammo. Leaving targets, garbage or shells—really anything at all—is both an offense against nature and a crime. Practically speaking, this means that you do informal shooting on USFS land after checking with the local ranger regarding restrictions and then locating an area with a safe backstop.

### Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

By stated policy, the Washington Department of Natural Resources is also supportive of shooting and hunting on public lands. Admittedly they have a tough balancing act at DNR—managing resources (timber) to make money for the state, maintaining roads and campgrounds, allowing hunting, keeping hiking trails safely open, minimizing destruction by off-road vehicles and more. Years back I was hunting up in the Capitol Forest when I heard the approach of what sounded like a chatty cavalry troop. Just three horsewomen taking a ride. They stopped to express their outrage—horrified that I was carrying a rifle. I kindly pointed out that it was sort of stupid to take a horse into those woods during hunting season—not likely to have a good outcome for the horses. Just one example of the kind of competing interests with which DNR must

cope. The lands are timber producing and during logging there are restrictions. And then there are the casual shooters—vandals really—who dump appliances, TV's and other “targets” in shooting areas, leaving the mess for others to clean up. Every single year there are forest fires started by recreational users; while motor vehicle, ATV users, campers and smokers are the most likely fire starters, this typically closes DNR lands to shooting during high fire danger times. The reality is that many DNR lands are closed to recreational shooting. I'll use the Capitol Forest again as an example; most of it is posted “no shooting” and DNR has attempted to channel target shooters into a single pit. You'll find the DNR rules here: WAC 332-52-145. Included in these ordinances is the prohibition on shooting in areas posted as no shooting and shooting is allowed ONLY in, “Areas with an unobstructed, earthen backstop capable of stopping all projectiles and debris in a safe manner.” Here's the online page from DNR: <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/targetshooting>.

### **Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife**

There are some positive efforts by the Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) on behalf of shooters. For example, in Swakane Canyon, Chelan County, efforts are ongoing to build a safe but unsupervised shooting range on WDFW land. The notion is to offer shooters a safe area with a good backstop to concentrate the shooting thus avoiding shooting from many random areas that do not have backstop. They are developing a very nice range with up to 200 yard ranges. This project is an agreeable compromise between a formal range and completely unsupervised shooting. There is no rangemaster or supervision but there will be clearly defined shooting areas and backstop.

What looks like a good backstop to some shooters might actually contain a hiking trail being used by



An informal woods shooting session might require a shooting mat, target stand—not a target tacked to a tree—and a safe backstop.

others. Reminds me of another experience down in Salt Lake City Utah. While attending a firearm instructor conference I was taking a submachinegun course taught by none other than Chuck Taylor. An emergency cease-fire was called—looking out to our backstop hill one could see a group of mountain bikers taking a trail ride. Now a 9mm or 45 would not make it out to the bikers unless the muzzle was quite elevated...still. Just like waiting for the deer and elk to walk across your club range—we resumed after they'd passed through. And this was a formal law enforcement range.

So, back to WDFW and DNR lands, they are multi-use and while many areas are open to shooting, the person using the firearm is responsible for ensuring that he is shooting in a safe direction. Note that DNR and WDFW lands require a Discover Pass for access and use. I can find no official listing of the DNR shooting areas. Regulations are found in WAC 352-52-145. In some areas DNR will have a designated pit or area for recreational shooters.

### **Bureau of Land Management**

The “other” public lands are administered by the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Similar to the USFS position, the BLM states that, “Target shooting is generally allowed on BLM-

administered public lands, as long as it is done in a safe manner, without damaging natural resources or improvements on public lands. Across all BLM-administered lands, discharging or using firearms, weapons, or fireworks is not allowed on developed recreation sites and areas except at sites specifically designated for that purpose. Check with your local BLM office for any additional restrictions on shooting.” You’ll find a map of BLM areas and some info on shooting on the website: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/recreational-shooting> . As with the USFS, the best advice is that one check with the local BLM office to determine whether a specific area is open to target shooting.

### **Private Timber Lands**

Timber companies still allow some access to hunters and shooters—here’s the catch, on most lands target shooting is not allowed. Understandable, as the casual shooters have often trashed the area with garbage. I did a little research for you but you need to personally check out rules for any area in which you shoot. Port Blakely lands are generally open for walk-in access but shooting is prohibited. American Forest Management/Stewart Mountain is a group that permits hunting with a paid permit but prohibits target shooting. Weyerhaeuser has both open and permit access, and on some lands hunting is allowed but it looks as if target shooting is not. Green Diamond sells annual permits and target shooting may be allowed in some areas. All managed timber land now has locked gates to prevent vehicle access but this does not mean that you can walk in and shoot. There are forest management companies that sell permits; they can cost much more than a range membership and you must verify their rules. I do know that during much of the summer even those with permits are prohibited from entry due to fire danger. Locate timber land ownership in your area, check the websites or give them a call and see if there are any permissions or permits that will allow you to target shoot—good luck.

To summarize, yes, one can still find places to do some relaxed, informal target shooting. It takes some work to locate USFS, BLM or DNR lands nearby that are actually open to shooting—a computer helps but a phone call to the local office may get an answer. For those with private timber lands convenient, it just might be worth the price of a permit if shooting is permissible.

### **Range Finders**

Not to give up on open public lands but if just can’t find such places to shoot near you then please check out available clubs and ranges. There is a gun range finder on the Washington Arms Collectors website: <https://washingtonarmscollectors.org/gun-range-finder/> . This has not been updated recently but it is still useful. The National Shooting Sports Foundation also maintains such an interactive map and it works well: <https://www.wheretoshoot.org/> . All you need is to specify your location and how many miles you are willing to travel.

In her letter, Marie suggested that perhaps our WAC members have favorite shooting areas that they may be willing to share. I’m willing to ask the question of you—if you send me information, I’ll share it.

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## **September 11**

**If you don't remember your country under  
attack only a few years ago then who will?  
The battle continues...**



# Build Your Firearm Collection with a Curio & Relic License

By Phil Shave, Editor

**W**hat can you do with a Curio & Relic (C&R) license? Several members have contacted me with questions about the C&R license, how to get one, how to use it once you have it. So, I'll update and provide some information and opinion here.

Briefly, the C&R is a Federal firearms license that has been created under Federal law just for firearm collectors as a method to allow collectors to pursue their hobby in a legitimate, safe, backgrounded, inexpensive and convenient manner. That's quite a list of positive attributes so I'll explain each of them. If you're looking for the downside of being a C&R licensed collector, I'll give you that too.

We all know that a Federal License is required to do *business* with firearms. If you buy and sell firearms as a business, have a business license, make money buying and selling firearms, deal in modern firearms or want to buy modern firearms from other states or wholesalers, then the C&R is NOT the license for you. Should you engage in those activities you need a regular FFL, a type 7—that's what your neighborhood gun shop has, as well as those dealers who do transfers for us at the WAC shows. Don't think that the C&R allows you to act as a small dealer in firearms—it does not.

**Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) states the purpose of the C&R quite succinctly:** *"May acquire and dispose of curios or relics at any location. May dispose of curios and relics to a licensee or a non-licensee residing in the same State, who is not otherwise prohibited by the GCA, and to any other Federal firearms licensee in any State."* (ATF open letter of January 18, 2001)

## Who is Eligible for a C&R?

A person who intends to use the license to buy and sell certain firearms for the purpose of adding to or disposing from their personal collection. The C&R holder must, like any person in possession of or acquiring firearms, pass an initial background check that is done through ATF and local law enforcement. This is really no different than the

process that occurs every time you buy a firearm from a dealer. The neat thing about submitting to a background check is that it is done to obtain the license and then NOT repeated for every C&R transfer that you conduct. The bottom line—if you are not a felon and are otherwise eligible to possess firearms then you will be approved for a C&R license.

## Which Firearms Can You Buy and Sell?

Any ordinary firearm 50 years or older is categorized as a C&R firearm. Bolt actions, shotguns, semiauto rifles and pistols—all types of actions. This opens up a huge number of interesting firearms that are of interest to collectors and shooters. Collectors of military arms should be especially interested in the broad range of C&R rifles available to them through the use of this license. Firearm enthusiasts don't really see a 50 or 60 year old firearm as a relic but in this case it is.

In addition to firearms "of a certain age" the ATF has separately listed a large number of C&R firearms that a person could not otherwise collect. When I received my first license it came with a paper copy of "Firearms Curios or Relics List" ATF Publication 5300.11. This list can also be found online and the online version is dated 2018 and "reviewed" in 2020; this will be more current than the paper copy as firearms are added as they are approved. Some collectors wish to acquire firearms that are generally prohibited or specially licensed because they are designated as National Firearms Act Weapons—some of these have been removed from the NFA and are now listed as C&R firearms. Collectors have also requested that specific firearms receive a C&R designation: For example, the "Colt, American Combat Companion Officers model cal. 45ACP pistol marked "1911 American Combat Companion 1981, 70 Years at America's Side" is a C&R firearm even though it was issued in 1981. Many other commemoratives and special anniversary firearms are listed as C&R. As another example, some Inglis and Browning Hi Power pistols slotted for a shoulder stock have been removed from the NFA and are C&R firearms. The

same is true of many Luger pistols and pistol/carbines that are slotted for a shoulder stock. One can't apply any general set of rules to determine which guns are C&R—the firearm must be approved and listed by ATF. So, those interested in collecting commemoratives, military firearms and or former NFA guns/destructive devices, must check the list prior to transferring with their C&R. And if a firearm is not on the list but should be, a collector may request that ATF make a determination that would list the firearm as C&R.

### **Benefits of a C&R License**

Here are some of the advantages of using a C&R license to build or dispose of a collection:

- C&R firearms may be transferred without seeking out type 07 FFL, without paying additional fees.
- Firearm transfer records stay only with the C&R license holder. The license holder maintains a book listing all firearms transferred using the license and that record stays with the license holder. No other paperwork is filed with either the State or Federal ATF.
- Upon discontinuance of the license, the record of C&R transfers is kept by the former licensee. The ATF states, "Are licensed collectors required to turn in their A&D records to ATF if they discontinue their collecting activity? No. Licensed collectors are not required to submit their acquisition and disposition (A&D) records to ATF upon discontinuance of their collecting activity."
- C&R firearms may be purchased from dealers, auction sites and also other non-licensed persons both in and out of state. If an importer or dealer specifies that a firearm is C&R, one can provide a copy of the license and order it—it will be shipped directly to your place of residence (or your collection location as specified on the license).
- C&R firearms may be transferred and shipped to other C&R or other federal firearm license holder in any state.
- C&R firearms, according to Federal ATF guidelines, may be transferred to an eligible but unlicensed person who resides in the same state.
- Washington law specifically exempts C&R licensed transfers from registration and background check requirements that apply to private transfers—see RCW 9.41.113. Recently firearm laws have been added and changed through the initiative process and thus have confusing and contradictory text; you will have to determine how various statutes interact with your Federal license.

- The C&R license is inexpensive—\$30 is the cost for a three year license. Renewal is easy and at the same price and can be done with a credit card.
- Application and receipt of the license is fairly quick with some people reporting that the license is received within three weeks.
- Because the license is for use with a personal collection, no business license is required—you are not using the license for a business purpose.
- Just like other FFL's the C&R is a Federal firearm license, so transactions are not reported to the State, they are in the licensee's book of record.

### **Disadvantages of a C&R License**

There are a few things that one might consider disadvantages—most really aren't an issue:

- You must keep a record of all C&R firearms that you transfer after receiving the license. The ATF "FAQ" page states that the C&R records need not be sent to ATF upon discontinuance of collector activity or license expiration.
- You must use published records of serial numbers, collector books and other reliable sources to know that the manufacture date of a firearm is 50 years or more of age and thus eligible for C&R. Usually this information is readily available, much of it on the internet.
- Modern firearms cannot be transferred using the C&R license.
- The licensee must report to ATF multiple sales (two or more) of pistols or revolvers to one person at a single event or within five business days.
- If firearms are stolen or lost this must be reported to ATF within 48 hours.
- An ATF agent may inspect the C&R firearms and records once during a 12 month period. The licensee may choose to do this at the nearest ATF office rather than at the license premises. I've not heard of a C&R inspection actually occurring but it is possible, especially if a licensee were to be suspected of conducting business in firearms rather than collecting.

These "disadvantages" really aren't so at all. The structure and rules regarding C&R firearms and licenses actually work to protect the license holder. There is less paperwork and nuisance for a C&R transaction than takes place with a business FFL. Even if used infrequently, a typical WAC member will find the C&R license useful.

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# Applying For Your Curio & Relic License

## A Brief Walk-Through of the Application Form

Okay, I understand, we all hate government forms and red tape. Set aside that prejudice and see how easy it is to apply for and obtain a Federal Curio & Relic license.

There is now only one application form for all Federal Firearms Licenses, it's called a Form 7/7CR. Go to **atf.gov** and find the **Form 7/7CR** under the forms list. I'll give you the internet address but it's easier just to go to atf.gov and find it on the site. Here's the form:

**<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/form-7-7-cr-application-federal-firearms-license-atf-form-531012531016/download>**

This is a form-filler PDF so you can fill it out online and then print it. Or print the form and fill it out by hand. If you're not an internet user, go to your local library and download the form there—make two copies.

- First, you are applying for a **type 03 license**, Collector of Curios and Relics.
- The price is \$30—indicate how you want to pay, by check or credit card
- When you get to item #12, list at least some hours of operation; you're not a business so you don't need business hours just some hours you may be available.
- The instructions tell you to skip items 13 to 17.
- Items #18-19 ask for the name and address of the Chief law enforcement officer in your jurisdiction. If you live in an incorporated city/town then the Chief and Department address are correct, if you live in the unincorporated area of the county then the Sheriff and his office will be used. If you don't know these items, look them up.
- Item #20 has parts A through F. Although some items seem not to apply to an individual C&R, check them and initial as instructed. Except for #20 E, which does not apply to C&R licensees and is to be noted "N/A."
- There is a part B to the form in which additional responsible persons are added to the license; most people apply for a C&R license only for themselves since they are not in business.
- You will see a space for a photograph and instructions to submit a fingerprint card—please note that this is not required as the instructions state, *"A photograph and fingerprint card are not required if you are applying for a Type 03 Collector of Curios and Relics license only."*
- Don't forget to print and sign your name and date the form.
- Make sure you either complete two copies or make an extra copy because you are instructed to send one copy to your local law enforcement officer. It works better to fill out the local LE copy separately because you don't need to include any payment information on that copy.

This is a short, simple form with only a couple of places you might make a mistake. There are several pages of instructions and definitions you should read; much of it applies to other types of licenses.

**After all, we're the Washington Arms Collectors, so yes you should have a Collector's license.**

# Letters to the Editor:

## Another Name for the C96

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Dear Sir:

Thanks for the fine article on the Mauser C96 pistol, in the July newsletter, which came today. I would like to add one more to your list of names for this pistol. In Ireland it is commonly known, by both museum curators and veterans of the 1919-21 "troubles," as a "PAINTER."

It got this name because of its use by the gang led by an anarchist known as "Peter the Painter" in London in 1910. They were wiped out in a gun battle called the siege of Sidney Street." There is a photo of the action showing the Police and Scots Guards being directed by Winston Churchill in a top hat. He was Home Secretary at the time. Of course, he probably knew more about the Mauser pistol and its capabilities than anyone else at the scene.

I think the Irish nationalists, who were becoming very active at that time, were impressed. Many of the books about the 1919-21 period mention the "Painter," including those by Tom Barry. One book even mentions a "Parabellum Painter" which could be a 1916 model in 9mm. The National Museum in Dublin has a couple used by famous fighters, and the Cork City museum has one. All are of standard caliber. I saw them when I visited in 1978 and '80. The curators called them "Painters" just like my uncle Joe and his friends who were "active" at the time.

In regard to the Chinese copies, I photographed many in Taiwan in 1972, some of which were shown in the book, "Improvised and Modified Firearms by J. David Truby.

I don't know if I'll ever get to another show and display my "Rarest Nines," but I live in hope!!

Warmest Regards,

**Richard J Keogh, Major, USA (Ret.)**

**Editor's note:** Our members often have experiences and information beyond those described in our publication, Richard Keogh's information adds more fascinating history to the Mauser C96 story. Peter the Painter was the name given to a Latvian anarchist and criminal but historians connect the Painter name to several different people of different origins and nationalities. Thanks to Mr. Keogh for adding one more name for the C96. Here are photos of the "wanted" poster for Peter the Painter (public domain photo) and of Winston Churchill at the Sidney Street Siege (from *The Illustrated London News* of 7 January 1911 (issue 3742; page 6). Article titled "Ball-Cartridges in a London Street: Scots Guards in Action".)



**Above**—Supposedly this is Peter the Painter from a "Wanted" poster.

**Below**—Second from left, next to the rifle-armed soldier, is Home Secretary Winston Churchill at the Siege of Sidney Street.



# Letters to the Editor:

## About Those Derringers

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Hi Phil,

I read John Hilsendeger's column and his derringer story brought back a memory I thought he might find interesting. I would appreciate your passing it on to him.

Back in the late '70's American Derringer's new owner had recently moved his new operation to, I believe, Waco, Texas. I purchased a .45ACP in polished stainless. I took it to the range to get the "feel" of a big bore round in the pipsqueak pistol. After loading it up, I pointed it down range in two hands at arm's length and pulled the trigger. What an experience! It kicked more than my Ruger Super Blackhawk. I pulled the hammer back and proceed to shoot the second shot. CLICK!!!

After waiting to see if I might had had a hang fire, I opened the gun and saw that BOTH barrels had fired the first time. Needless to say, I did not shoot it anymore, but took it home and preceded to disassemble the gun to see the cause of the double fire.

It must have been one of the first guns off the reinstalled manufacturing line and got rushed through quality inspection in the effort of get through their backlog of orders as there were stainless chips and filings inside and some of the mating surfaces were pretty rough. After cleaning out the trash and carefully stoning the mating surfaces, the gun shot as designed; one barrel at a time.

I agree with John that it was not a pleasant gun to shoot, but just a modernized "toy" of the Old West. I kept it for a while as a conversation piece on my gun show table and ended up selling it to a young Houston Police officer who wanted it for a "backup" to his 1911, Talk about going from one end of the design spectrum to the other all at once!

It really sad that this virus is putting a serious crimp in the finances of the gun shows and other activities that rely on them for their operations. Sure hope we get through it pretty quickly.

Regards,

**Frank Gaetje**

**Editor's note:** Frank Gaetje is the author of a couple of previously published articles here in the GunNews on Colt Detective Specials. His letter regarding derringers / deringers is worthy of note for several reasons. It is a reminder that any firearm, new or used, must be test fired before it can be judged reliable or even safe. Two barrels firing at once is a major malfunction and in the case of a double barrel derringer can be a result of both design and less than careful manufacture or maintenance. Some semiauto pistols from a major manufacturer were known to fire when the hammer de-decocking safety was applied; there was a recall. Frank's wise words remind us that any firearm that is new to us should be loaded and fired first at the range while testing for function, reliability and safety.

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**WANTED:** 1903 Springfield made by Rock Island or Springfield Armory, low or high serial number. I collect these so I am a bit picky, arsenal rebuilds considered too, no sporters please, C&R holder. Erik @ erik22lax@gmail.com located in Pierce County.

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**FOR SALE:** Thompson Center Arms Contender, older style pistol, 9" barrel, 2X power Redfield Scope, one box ammo, good condition, 44 Mag., with forearm, very good condition, bull barrel, forearm and back rifle stock, 3-9X scope, 17 HMR

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**FOR SALE:** I just bought some antique firearms at the Cowan's auction and the following are for sale to WAC members: (1)Half Stock Percussion Rifle—.38 caliber, 41" barrel, no S/N, blade front sight with rear sight block, brass pipe with brass trigger guard, toe plate and buttplate; stock and forend feature German silver inserts; barrel does not show any visible maker's marks with an illegible marking on lockplate; condition poor; barrel has an overall smooth black patination with some dents and pitting near breech, stock shows some sections of replaced wood including a section of the forend and right side of forend above the barrel pin escutcheon, minor stable crack along grain on left side of forend; action non-functional, bore is poor; great piece for ceremonial parade use—asking price—\$325. (2)Half Stock Percussion Rifle .32 caliber, 41" octagonal barrel, no markings, maple stock with brass hardware; good condition, old repair behind the lock and in front with a metal screw inserted at the rear of the stock to tighten it

up, an old repair to the stock on the left side, stock had dark patina, working order, not just for parades—asking price—\$375. (3)Connecticut Valley Arms Percussion Plains Rifle .50 caliber, 28" octagonal barrel, wood stock, leather sling, bore is bright and shiny, mechanically excellent—asking price—\$275. Note, even though I have an FFL type 3 C & R license, these 3 firearms do not require an FFL license to purchase or to receive in the mail, either because of their age or because they are not in firing condition. I can provide pictures upon request. Ken, life WAC member, 253 225 0110, email, robertsresearch@msn.com

**WANTED:** Winchester model 43 in .22 Hornet. Dan, email at, ridinghides@gmail.com

**FOR SALE:** Brass, grips, pellet pistol for sale. 100 rds 6 mm BK Lapua brass, new, plus 100 rds once fired brass—all for \$95. 50 rds 300 Win Mag brass, new—\$40. Also have 16 rds of once fired brass—\$10 more. 50 rds 35 Whelen brass, new—\$40. 16 rds of once fired—\$10 more. 15 rds 35 Whelen 250 grain sp (remington brand)—\$30. Plus 37 rds of reloads—

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FOR SALE: Ammo, all in old vintage boxes. 7mm mauser in Winchester, Remington, and Federal brands, 7 boxes—\$50 each. 30.06 in Remington, Super x Silvertip and Winchester brands, 3 boxes—\$50 each. 30-30, Super x 170 grain boattail, 1 box—\$50. Call Dave, 206-962-7952.

FOR SALE: Pre-64 Winchester model 70, .270WCF, S/N 1003xx with Bushnell variable scope, **C&R eligible**—\$750. Remington model 700 BDL 30-06 sprg, S/N B6200xxx with Tasco 4x32 scope—\$425. Both in very good condition. Will not separate scopes. Ortgies Deutsche Werke 7.65mm (.32), manufactured between 1921 and 1924, **so C&R applies**—\$350. Dean,

email: dean253253@outlook.com or 253-740-1423, leave message.

FOR SALE: JIC Biden wins. NIB Armalite AR 10, uses proprietary mags from Armalite NOT Pmags, comes with 4 extra proprietary OEM NIB 20 rd mags for a total of 5 mags—\$1200. Transfer done at the next WAC show or at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Riot shotgun variations: Mossberg 500s and Rem 870s. All the Mossbergs are blued not matte finished. Almost all the shotguns are in very good/excellent condition. Please email me your interest and if I have it I will reply. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 50th Anniversary 12 ga. Ruger Red Label as NIB, comes with Briley chokes—\$1100. Transfer will be at next WAC show or South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

WANTED: A front sight or barrel for a Beretta M-70S/71 22 LR! Thank You! Contact Lance at, funnybear2011@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 6.5X52mm MANNLICHER-CARCANO Ammo, 123 gr Soft Point, case of 200 Rounds (10 Boxes of 20) Prvi Partizan PPU and a set of two MANNLICHER-CARCANO rifles, 6 RD. ammo clips by Northridge International Inc.—\$200. Cash only. Please note - I will only sell to current 2020 WAC members with current WA drivers license and a current WA state CPL Permit. Thank You! Contact Lance at, funnybear2011@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Caldwell Lead Sled DFT2 Rest; assembled but not used; 25 lb. lead shot and Caldwell weight bag, still in shipping box—\$190 OBO. Lj7helen@tds.net 360-978-5231.

WANTED: I want to buy Kimber of Oregon, Rimfire rifles, clips and scope mounts for the same ( nice wood a real plus ). Also want other Kimber memorabilia and other quality small bore shot guns. Call Daniel, 541-670-9940.

WANTED: Unfortunately, I'm going to be 70 and I need a competent estate attorney to get my affairs in order. Does anyone know of a good one? The attorney doesn't have to be a WAC member although

that would be ideal. Note that I definitely don't want a leftie anti gunner. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Perazzi MX-3 Trap 12 Ga. with 2 sets of barrels, an O/U and a single bbl., excellent cond.—\$3,950. Ruger stainless Mini-14 w/ 4-12 x 50 scope—\$695. Remington 760 Game Master .270 cal. pump w/ scope—\$395. Crescent 16 ga. single barrel shotgun, rough but works—\$95. Legal transfers. Robert, 206-909-7189.

WANTED: 12 & 20 ga. shotshells, particularly but not necessarily trap loads. Also 6.5 Rem. mag. Brass. Gary, 206-396-2395

FOR SALE: Hunting bolt and lever action rifles for sale. Too many to list. No pre-64s but Classics available. Email Glen at kalenas@comcast.net with your requests and if I have them I will reply. Inspection sale can be at the next WAC show or South Sound Guns in Lacey.

FOR SALE: NIB Kestral 5700 w/Hornady 4DPF Ballistic Calculator—\$450 or trade for Glock in 9mm, 357 Sig or 10mm. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

WANTED: Reasonably priced 375 Ruger ammo. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

WANTED: Reasonably priced 38 ACP or 9mm Largo ammo. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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FOR SALE: NIB RCBS PRO 2000 reloader—\$450. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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# Official Board Minutes—W.A.C.

By Secretary Forbes Freeburg

Washington Arms Collectors

Board minutes for July 2020

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## Pre-meeting business:

July 07—Motion by Director Ripley to accept the June, 2020 BoD minutes as presented.

Second by Director Weaver

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

July 18 - Motion by Secretary Freeburg to post the updated WAC Bylaws on the WAC website, and remove the 2018 revision of the WAC Bylaws that is currently on the website.

Second by Director Solheim

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

No response: Directors Bramhall, Palmer

Motion passed

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The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 was cancelled. Items on the agenda did not require an in-person meeting, and online discussion and voting were selected as the means to advance the WAC BoD agenda for this month.

## Financial Report:

Revenue for June 2020 is down when compared to June of 2019 because of show cancellations. Income from membership renewals is also down, as many members are choosing to defer renewing their membership until the WAC is once again sponsoring events. Operating expenses for June totalled more than \$25k (mostly GunNews publication/postage,

office labor, and monthly insurance costs) and this was offset only by rental income of \$2677. The month of June, 2020 showed a net loss of approximately \$23,400.

## Old Business:

WAC Office Building Rental Space.

The conversion of the WAC Office Building to additional business rental space is underway. WAC currently occupies an entire floor of the building that we own; a portion of that space will be retained by WAC as office resources, and new security doors will be installed to enable the front offices to become a new business rental space. The back office is being retained by WAC, and it has been repainted for use as a work area. Other building changes (such as network and telephone relocations) are also in work at this time. The current schedule date for the completion of building changes is August 3rd.

WAC Virtual Office.

WAC office employees will start working virtual at the same time that the WAC Office Building second floor conversion to rental space completes (August 3rd).

## Disciplinary Actions:

There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month.

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Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary

## Board Meetings

Due to the Covid-19 virus, recent Board meetings have been either canceled or held via electronic means. When open meetings are once again allowed we'll begin publishing meeting dates.

## 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.
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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

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**Coronavirus cancellations are possible—verify all dates before traveling**

- Sept 19-20—Elma, WA, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, WAC—**New Date**
- Sept 27—Portland, OR, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Oregon Arms Collectors—**Canceled**
- Oct 10-11—Monroe, WA, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, WAC—**Canceled**
- 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**

•All Monroe shows canceled—2020

Oct. - Nov.	31 & 01	Puy. Pav.
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

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*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.

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