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Letters to the Editor

A Muzzle End View of the FN Model 1910

Editor's Note: The August article on the Assassin's Pistol triggered a memory in WAC Director, retired Pierce County Sheriff's Sgt. John Solheim. Actually it was the muzzle view photo on the FN M1910 that made an impression. Here's John's letter:

Phil, I am stretching my memory a bit for details but here goes....

It was 1971 or 72 that I ran into that same pistol, but in .32 cal. The end of the muzzle is pretty distinctive...looking at it from about 8-10 feet away.

My senior partner and I were sent to a Domestic or "Family Beef" (depended on who was the dispatcher) in Lakewood, in the Veterans Drive area. I was pretty new at the time.

We were met at the door by an older male (I was about 23, so anyone 45 or better was older) who told us his wife was drunk again and was in the bedroom, pointing down the hall to it. The male was busy gathering and hiding the kitchen knives as he talked directly with my partner...supposedly he had hidden all the guns before we got there but evidently not hidden so well.

I went down the hallway to find the "other half" and listen to what she had to say. I walked down the hallway past one or two rooms and soon saw the obviously intoxicated light skinned, very freckled, female sitting on the bed, toward the head of the bed. She was holding that .32 on me as I was about half way across the bedroom doorway. There was at least one room further down the hall past where I stood...she was smiling and said "Hello."

I smiled back and said "What's he gone and done this time?" She said he refused to give her another drink. Naturally I said, "What is the matter with him anyway, anyone can see that you need another drink." She continued to smile and hold the gun on me...she had a two hand hold on it.

My partner said something to me about her being under arrest. I did not reply, but held my left hand up in a stop command, waving it slightly to be sure he caught

on. Now that I had his attention, I asked her to put the gun down so we could talk. She told me to get her a drink first.

I told my partner to get me a drink for this lady, by then I knew her name, but I forget it now. The Senior Deputy talked the husband into pouring a drink, which he handed to my outstretched arm. I smiled and said "Here you go," as I made the drink glass visible to her...she was not really tracking me with the muzzle at this point, but it was still generally pointed my way.

I held it out for her, but she was still about 8 feet from being able to grab it. Slowly I approached her with the drink in my left hand. She asked where my drink was and I said it was coming. I slowly walked her direction along the right side of the bed, holding the drink out, but above her reach area.

When I got close to where she was sitting on the bed, she reached out with her left hand to get the drink, still holding the pistol in her right hand. As I bent down a little to hand her the drink, the muzzle was pointing more toward the end of the bed, kind of towards the door I came through.

When she grabbed the drink, she started it towards her mouth to take that long awaited drink. That is the point I grabbed the pistol from her hand and wrestled her around to cuff her. She was fairly small in stature and easy to handle, but she was cussing. By now my partner was waiting just outside the door and he rushed in when I grabbed her. I dropped the pistol on the floor as I cuffed her.

I took her out to the car and gave her a seat in the back. She was not mad about losing the gun or me grabbing her, but she was upset that she never got that drink.

My partner spent a little time in the home with the male. When he came out, he had two pistols, one being the .32 which he called a Browning type and the other was a small .25 auto. He had a statement from the husband saying he no longer wanted the guns, as they were too dangerous to have in the house with his wife there. The guns were war trophies he had brought back from the War (WWII).

The guns went to evidence, but within a week or two, the old soldier had changed his mind and came to Evidence to pick up his guns. I never heard anymore about that case and I'm guessing the old gal probably went off to detox somewhere and learned to live without butcher or steak knives.

John Solheim

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Legislation & Politics



Joe Waldron
Legislative Chairman

FUNNY – NOT!

Let's start off with a little funny...or not.

In early September the Biden-Harris campaign started running ads showing rioters, looters and arsonists in several cities across the US...and immediately placed the blame on President Trump and his “campaign of divisiveness.” Huh?

The rioters claimed to be from BLM and Antifa, both radical leftist organizations. Calling the looting as justifiable for reparations, and besides, the shop owners have insurance.

And every one of the cities experiencing this lawlessness is headed by Democrat mayors and/or Democrat city councils. Most of whom have given their police forces orders to stand down. And on the occasions where rioters ARE arrested, typically they are released without charges.

Classic subversive disinformation: blame the other guy for exactly what it is you are doing, or fomenting. As noted elsewhere, how many Democrat “leaders” have you seen or heard condemning the violence? Oh, in mid-September, when the polls showed he was losing points on this issue, Joe Biden DID say how bad it was and continued to blame Trump.

ANOTHER THING

We're beginning to see reports that the wildfires we're experiences throughout the length of the west coast may not all be accidental. Many are believed to be the result of arson, as were many of the fires in Australia earlier this year. And some authorities are coming to the conclusion that some may be coordinated. *(Editor's note: Yes, three arsons across the Olympia area in the span of a few hours, a freeway arsonist caught near Puyallup and a home arson up in South Seattle. The anarchists see an opportunity.)*

I take a look at intentional destabilization of the country later in this column. Could this be another part of it?

DEMOCRAT PLATFORM

The Democrats adopted a formal platform at their convention. It lays out their vision of America over the next four years and what they intend to do to create

that America. One omission is how they intend to fund all these cookies and ice cream. Here's what they wrote on guns:

"Ending the Epidemic of Gun Violence

Gun violence is a public health crisis in the United States. Over 100,000 people are shot and nearly 40,000 people die annually from guns—devastating countless families, friends, and communities. We can and will make gun violence a thing of the past. Addressing the gun violence crisis requires supporting evidence-based programs that prevent gun deaths from occurring in the first place, including by making mental health care more accessible and supporting suicide reduction initiatives, funding interventions to reduce homicides and gun violence in neighborhoods, and strengthening protections against domestic violence. Democrats will also ensure the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have sufficient resources to study gun violence as a public health issue, including the ongoing health care, mental health, economic, and social costs that can affect survivors and their families for years. Democrats will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, close dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers, abusive partners, and some individuals convicted of assault or battery to buy and possess firearms, and adequately fund the federal background check system. We will close the “Charleston loophole” and prevent individuals who have been convicted of hate crimes from possessing firearms. Democrats will ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. We will incentivize states to enact licensing requirements for owning firearms and extreme risk protection order laws that allow courts to temporarily remove guns from the possession of those who are a danger to themselves or others. We will pass legislation requiring that guns be safely stored in homes. And Democrats believe that gun companies should be held responsible for their products, just like any other business, and will prioritize repealing the law that shields gun manufacturers from civil liability.”

That's all, only that.

There's a lot of “code talk” in there, so let me ‘splain what they mean with many of these measures. Right from the start, they exaggerate their claims of the numbers of “gun violence” victims. More than 2/3 of the “40,000” gunshot deaths are intentionally self-inflicted – suicides. Most Democrats actually promote assisted suicide – unless the assistance comes in the form of a .38 or 9mm fired by the suicidee. While responsible family members would be wise to secure or remove firearms in homes where the mentally ill or suicidal are

present, there is no evidence that those intent on suicide will not find other means.

They also ignore the fact that according to the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR), 50% of homicides in the US are committed by an identifiable 13% of the population. And 90+% of their victims come from the same 13% group. That figure has been pretty constant for 20 or more years. We're not allowed to talk about that.

As all of you know, there is no such thing as "gun violence." Guns are inanimate objects and have no will of their own. Violence is behavior, and that takes people and intent. By all means, support suicide reduction programs (a few pro-gun groups already have similar programs) – short of gun bans. Then they discuss the CDC and others "studying gun violence." That's fine, as long as it isn't advocacy research to promote a gun ban agenda, which it historically has been. A lot of touchy-feely in there, but that's what Democrats do best – appeal to emotion and "feelings," rather than facts and logic. Another favorite word, "loophole." They go after what they consider to be "loopholes" allowing citizens to acquire guns, tying it to "expanded background check," another liberal favorite. In the rush to "arm up" as corona virus spread through the country, a lot of gun control supporters were dismayed to find all the hoops they had to jump through to get a gun!

Blocking citizens convicted of "hate crimes" from obtaining guns. When was the last time you heard of a leftist hater/racist being convicted of a hate crime? Doesn't happen. Look at all the crimes committed by BLM and Antifa. It's just another way of disarming people they disagree with.

The "Charleston loophole" goes back to the Charleston church shooting, where the shooter had a record that would prevent him from buying a gun, but because the NICS system took more than three days to turn up that information, the shooter got his gun. Service rifle shooters know what they mean by "ban assault weapons." Here in Washington State we know that they have defined every semiauto rifle as an assault rifle.

"States enacting firearm ownership licensing" is cover for gun and/or gun owner registration. No general gun confiscation program can be effective unless they know where to go, whose door to kick in. "Extreme risk protection orders," so-called "red-flag protection orders," do a great job of eliminating half of the Bill of Rights. These orders, issued on the say-so of family members, neighbors, co-workers or just about anybody walking down the street, effectively abolish the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 14th Amendments.

Gun companies held responsible for their products, just like any other business? Sure. If the product is defective. Misuse by the consumer is another matter entirely. When was the last time Ford or GM was sued

for causing deaths by drunk drivers? The intent here is to bankrupt the firearms industry.

Quite a comprehensive package, yes? Plus, as I've mentioned in previous columns, look for a hefty "fee" to go along with the registration. As Daniel Webster or then-Chief Justice Marshall said over 200 years ago (they both get credit), "the power to tax is the power to destroy." That was the whole point in the \$200 registration tax tied to automatic weapons/short-barrels/suppressors in NFA 1934: the wealthy could afford it, the common man could not.

REPUBLICAN

Interestingly, the Republicans did not adopt a formal platform at their convention. We know all Republicans are pro-gun, right? Maybe, maybe not. Many speakers at the convention spoke in support of the right to keep and bear arms, but no specifics. Because specifics are something that they can be held accountable for afterwards. Promises made, but did they keep them? Short of repealing the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968, probably the biggest thing Republicans can do for gun owners is to pass nationwide concealed carry reciprocity. The right of self-defense does not stop at a state line, and it shouldn't be left up to the individual states to choose to recognize or not recognize another states' license.

At the NRA convention in 2016, in Louisville, candidate Trump promised nationwide reciprocity would be his #1 issue regarding guns if he was elected. (Citizen Donald J. Trump reportedly held a NY City-issued carry license.) In 2017 in Atlanta, AFTER he was elected, he reiterated that promise. I was there both times and heard it with my own ears. And for the first two years of his presidency, 2017-18, he had a Republican-controlled Congress – House and Senate – to accomplish that.

Do we have it? No. Why not? Republican "leadership" only wants to see gun owners on Election Day. Nationwide reciprocity bills have been filed every year since the late 1990s. "Republicans" controlled the White House, the House and the Senate from 2001 to 2007, and again 2017-2018. In that time they passed two nominal gun bills. The first, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, gave gun manufacturers protection from malicious lawsuits for producing lawful products. The second, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, gave retired police officers the right to carry nationwide.

Arguably the first is a business bill, not a gun bill. And the second bill is a bribe to retired law enforcement officers. What powers does a retired law enforcement officer have that all other citizens do not have? Remember the 14th Amendment, "equal protection under the law?" It appears some people are more equal than others.

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2020 General Election Recommendations—from the Board

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President

Donald Trump (R)

Cong Dist 1

Jeffrey Beeler Sr (R)

Cong Dist 2

Tim Hazelo (R)

Cong Dist 3

Jaime Herrera Beutler (R)

Cong Dist 4

Dan Newhouse (R)

Cong Dist 5

Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R)

Cong Dist 6

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Cong Dist 7

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Cong Dist 8

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Cong Dist 9

Doug Basler (R)

Cong Dist 10

No recommendation

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Loren Culp (R)

Lt Governor **(NOTE—Freed is not on the ballot—
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Kim Wyman (R)

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Matt Larkin (R)

Auditor

Chris Leyba (R)

Treasurer

Duane Davidson (R)

Public Lands Cmsnr

Sue Kuehl Pederson (R)

Insurance Commissioner

Chirayu Patel

Supreme Ct Pos 1

David DeWolf

Supreme Ct Pos 5

Greg Zempel

Supreme Ct Pos 6

Dave Larson

LEGISLATURE

Leg Dist 1

Senate Art Coday (R)

Pos 1 Adam Bartholomew (R)

Pos 2 Jeb Brewer

Leg Dist 2

Senate Jim McCune (R)

Pos 1 Andrew Barkis (R)

Pos 2 J. T. Wilcox (R)

Leg Dist 3

Senate Dave Lucas (R)

Pos 1 Laura Carder (R)

Pos 2 Bob Apple (R)

Leg Dist 4

Senate Mike Padden (R)

Pos 1 Bob McCaslin (R)

Pos 2 Rob Chase (R)

Leg Dist 5

Senate No recommendation

Pos 1 Ken Moninski (R)

Pos 2 No recommendation

Leg Dist 6

Pos 1 Mike Volz (R)

Pos 2 Jenny Graham (R)

Leg Dist 7

Pos 1 Jacquelin Maycumber (R)

Pos 2 Joel Kretz (R)

Leg Dist 8

Pos 1 Brad Klippert (R)

Pos 2 Matt Boehnke (R)

Leg Dist 9

Senate Mark Schoiesler (R)

Pos 1 Mary Dye (R)

Pos 2 Joe Schmick (R)

Leg Dist 10

Senate Ron Muzzall (R)

Pos 1 Greg Gilday (R)

Pos 2 Bill Bruch (R)

Leg Dist 11

Senate No recommendation

Pos 1 No recommendation

Pos 2 Sean Atchison (R)

Leg Dist 12

Senate Brad Hawkins (R)

Pos 1 Keith Goehner (R)

Pos 2 Mike Steele (R)

Leg Dist 13

Pos 1 Tom Dent (R)

Pos 2 Alex Ybarra (R)

Leg Dist 14

Senate Curtis King (R)

Pos 1 Chris Conry (R)

Pos 2 Gina Mosbrucker (R)

Leg Dist 15

Pos 1 Bruce Chandler (R)

Pos 2 Jeremie Dufault (R)

Leg Dist 16

Senate Perry Dozier (R)

Pos 1 Mark Klicker (R)

Pos 2 Skyler Rude (R)

Leg Dist 17	Senate Lynda Wilson (R)	Pos 2	No recommendation
	Pos 1 Vicki Kraft (R)	Leg Dist 33	
	Pos 2 Paul Harris (R)	Pos 1	No recommendation
Leg Dist 18		Pos 2	Marliza Melzer (L)
	Senate Ann Rivers (R)	Leg Dist 34	
	Pos 1 Brandon Vick (R)	Pos 1	No recommendation
	Pos 2 Larry Hoff (R)	Pos 2	No recommendation
Leg Dist 19		Leg Dist 35	
	Senate Dean Takko (D)	Pos 1	Dan Griffey (R)
	Pos 1 Jim Walsh (R)	Pos 2	Drew C, MacEwen (R)
	Pos 2 Brian Blake (D)	Leg Dist 36	
Leg Dist 20		Pos 1	No recommendation
	Senate John Braun (R)	Pos 2	No recommendation
	Pos 1 Peter Abbarno (R)	Leg Dist 37	
	Pos 2 Ed Orcutt (R)	Pos 1	No recommendation
Leg Dist 21		Pos 2	No recommendation
	Pos 1 Brian Thompson (R)	Leg Dist 38	
	Pos 2 Amy Schaper (R)	Senate Bernard Moody (R)	
Leg Dist 22		Pos 1	Bert Johnson (R)
	Senate Gary Holland (R)	Pos 2	David Wiley (L)
	Pos 1 J. D. Ingram (R)	Leg Dist 39	
	Pos 2 Dusty Pierpoint (R)	Senate Keith Wagoner (R)	
Leg Dist 23		Pos 1	Robert J. Sutherland (R)
	Senate Pam Madden-Boyer (R)	Pos 2	Carolyn Eslick (R)
	Pos 1 April Ferguson (R)	Leg Dist 40	
	Pos 2 Elaina Gonzalez-Blanton (R)	Senate Charles Carrell (R)	
Leg Dist 24		Pos 1	No recommendation
	Senate Connie Beauvais (R)	Pos 2	Russ Dzialo (R)
	Pos 1 Sue Forde (R)	Leg Dist 41	
	Pos 2 Brian Pruiett (R)	Senate Mike Nykreim (R)	
Leg Dist 25		Pos 1	No recommendation
	Senate Chris Gildon (R)	Pos 2	Al Rosenthal (R)
	Pos 1 Kelly Chambers (R)	Leg Dist 42	
	Pos 2 Cyndy Jacobsen (R)	Pos 1	Luanne Van Werven (R)
Leg Dist 26		Pos 2	Jennifer Sefzik (R)
	Pos 1 Jesse Young (R)	Leg Dist 43	
	Pos 2 Michelle Caldier (R)	Pos 1	Leslie Klein (R)
Leg Dist 27		Pos 2	No recommendation
	Senate Kyle Paskewitz (R)	Leg Dist 44	
	Pos 1 No recommendation	Pos 1	John T. Kartak (R)
	Pos 2 Barry Knowles (I)	Pos 2	Mark A. James (R)
Leg Dist 28		Leg Dist 45	
	Senate Steve O'Ban (R)	Pos 1	John P. Gibbons (R)
	Pos 1 Kevin Ballard (R)	Pos 2	Amber Krabach (R)
	Pos 2 Chris Nye (R)	Leg Dist 46	
Leg Dist 29		Pos 1	Eric J. Brown (R)
	Pos 1 Koshim Mohamed Fidaar (R)	Pos 2	Beth Daranciang (R)
	Pos 2 Terry Harder (R)	Leg Dist 47	
Leg Dist 30		Pos 1	Kyle Lyebyedyev (R)
	Pos 1 Martin Moore (R)	Pos 2	Ted Cooke (R)
	Pos 2 Jack Walsh (R)	Leg Dist 48	
Leg Dist 31		Pos 1	Victor H. Bishop (R)
	Pos 1 Drew Stokesbary (R)	Pos 2	Tim J. Hickey (R)
	Pos 2 Eric E. Robertson (R)	Leg Dist 49	
Leg Dist 32		Senate Rey Reynolds (R)	
	Pos 1 No recommendation	Pos 1	Justin Forsman (R)
		Pos 2	Park Llafet (R)

Color Case Hardening— A History and a Walk-Through of the Process As Performed By Onalaska Guns

By Phil Shave, Editor
Photos by Dave Merchant

The gun is NOT the focus of this article; it is just an example piece. We're going to look at the age-old process of color case hardening. The Ruger New Model Blackhawk that became the "project" gun was an all blue .44 Special. It had been mildly modified with some aftermarket parts and custom modifications...but still, just another black Ruger single action.

This gun was handed off to Dave Merchant of Onalaska Guns—what you see here is the revolver after his color case hardening work. The photos are much of the story—see them on pp. 8-9, 16-17, 24-25. The steps of the process are on pp. 10-11. The story of color case hardening begins on p. 12.



Above is a nice view of the colors on the rear frame of a Ruger New Model Flattop single action revolver.



At left, a full side view of the same Ruger showing the dramatic blues that have formed during the color case hardening process. The hammer is at the first position to show colors.

At right, a right side view of the completed revolver to show the effect created by the color case hardening process.

The Bisley hammer is not original to this gun but has been added.



At left, a left side view of the completed revolver. The Ruger Flattops are one of the most attractive revolvers Ruger has ever made, combining adjustable sights with a classic single action profile.

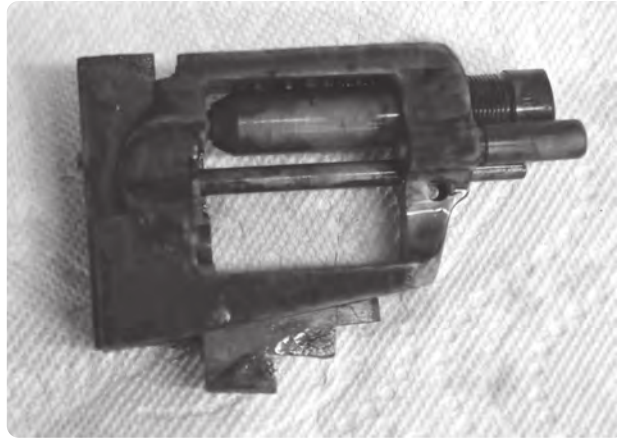
The point of this article is to provide you a real example of the colors that Dave Merchant is able to achieve with his process.

Also apparent, at right, is the Belt Mountain base pin that has been lapped to cylinder and frame for a perfect fit. The locking screw to prevent base pin ejection under recoil is clearly shown.



Step-By-Step Through the Color Case Process

Here is the sequence of operations summarized but with enough detail to show you the stages that lead to those beautiful colors.



1. Pistol frame is fitted with jigs, pins, blocks to prevent warping of the part during the heating and quenching. There is a block at the rear, pins through hammer and trigger pin holes, a pin through the base pin, jig in the ejector hole and threaded piece at the barrel mount.



2. After packing in the crucibles and cooking for an hour at 1400 F., the glowing lid is removed, above. At right the red-orange crucible containing the frame is taken from the oven with flames showing as the pack is exposed to oxygen.

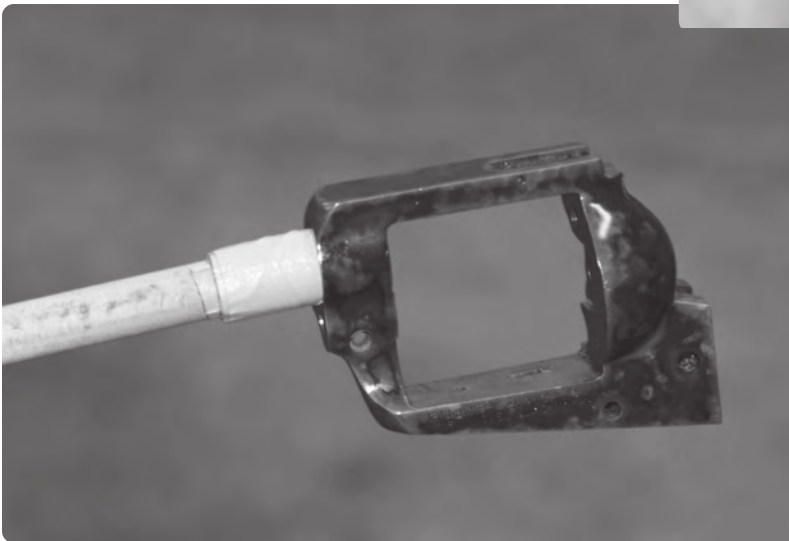


3. The crucible is immediately dumped into the churning aerated water to quench. There is an immediate explosion of sparks and backsplash when the red hot parts hit the cold water. Note the protective face shield, gloves and apron. The hose connects to compressed air. Inside the can is a grill with a pipe aerating device.



4. It's hard to capture in photographs because it happens so quickly but water is ejected from the quench tank and a cloud of steam rises. The parts are cooled immediately and may be removed. At this point, the color case hardening process is complete except for removal of the various blocking pieces and cleaning. The colors have been formed.

5. At right, the frame is cleaned and ready for a CeraKote clear spray. As most gun folks know, the modern firearm spray finishes are durable and in this case will preserve the colors on the frame, preventing fading over time.



6. The hammer of this Ruger single action has been packed in its own crucible and received the same treatment as the frame. It will also be CeraKoted. That is, briefly, most of the steps in the color case hardening process; what remains is the assembly of the revolver and the mating to its blued components .



**Article text on p. 12, more photos
on pp. 16-17, 24-25.**

The Process of Color Case Hardening

By Phil Shave, Editor

Imagine that you want to build a firearm from a chunk of steel. Whether you forge it into near-finished shape, mill it from a billet or shape it with files, the forming of the steel into a useful shape is best done with a soft low carbon steel. After all, if you start with a hard, tough steel then it will dull your tools and the finish is unlikely to be as smooth as you desire.

So start with a soft steel and create the part, say for example the frame of a single action revolver. Soft metal forges into complex shapes easily. But now we have a part that will mill, drill and finish beautifully but it won't last—too soft. If we take this revolver frame, heat it, immerse it in ground bone and charcoal with maybe some leather and hooves, horn, salts and urine, then heat this mixture, quench, then the frame will absorb carbon on the surface while remaining relatively soft inside. That's how it was done in the old days. The finished treated part will have great wear resistance. And as a side-benefit the surface will display an interesting pattern of colors. Firearm enthusiasts have come to value not just the case hardening function but also the resulting colors on the finish. Impurities in the carbon source and the quenching method provide the typical case colors which may be black, blue, purple, green and straw.

Surface Hardening

The more carbon, the harder the steel—and the more brittle. But case hardening gives the best of both worlds—like an M&M, hard on the outside, soft on the inside. The case hardened finish described above has attractive features—it is resistant to corrosion so it does not need an additional surface treatment such as blueing. If the part is subject to sliding abrasion or has pivoting or rotating parts then the advantage in durability is great. And that soft basic structure of the steel that is resistant to cracking is retained, as the case is only perhaps a few thousandths of an inch thick (as controlled by heat and duration of immersion in the carburizing material).

More Than One Kind of Hardening

Today there are many ways to achieve surface hardening that include various surface treatments. Surface hardening may be done with carbon, nitrogen and boron and overlays such as hard chrome. There

are also chemical coloring processes used today that look like case hardening but are just cosmetic. In this article we are talking about an archaic process that is used primarily on firearms that require a case hardened treatment. Both then and now, firearms are usually surface hardened with a “diffusion” process that chemically modifies only the surface of the metal.

In the past things like horseshoes were case hardened and the application to utensils and tools is obvious. While this approach to hardening steel is ancient, it remains valuable when a thin hard surface is required on a part. Maybe you've even hardened small parts in your shop. Most gunsmiths have a can of Kasenite on the shelf. Kasenite is basically a sodium ferrocyanide pack (AKA yellow prussiate of soda). The part is heated with a torch red hot and immersed in the powder, then heated again. It works for small parts. There are also some other heat-and-dip powders available. But these are not color case hardened finishes—the part will be gray.

There are several ways to create those desirable colors on firearms. Manufacturers in the past often used a sodium cyanide bath process because it was much more efficient than packing each part in bone and charcoal. A large number of parts—say shotgun receivers—could be immersed in a heated bath of cyanide solution and then quenched. This was much less time-consuming than placing individual pieces in a carbon pack. However, the cyanide bath is very poisonous and dangerous to handle, so it is a very specialized process seldom used today for firearms.

Since many in the field of firearms value traditional appearance, the coloring has aesthetic value as well. For these reasons color case hardening is still desired on many firearms. For example, a Colt Single Action Army just wouldn't look right with a blue finish on the frame—would it?

We Want Color

Collector firearms sometimes have beautiful case colors. Older Smith & Wesson revolvers are one example of great colors on the hammer and trigger. If you're an S&W collector you know that the colors can vary quite a bit with some looking very ordinary and others spectacular (some examples shown on p.

24). Few autopistols have case hardened parts and those that do are usually vintage—one example shown on p. 24 is a Star pistol. Both S&W and Star made their internal parts of relatively soft steel and these parts never break and this durability is the reason that you'll find case hardening on hammers, triggers and sears. Even an old High Standard Sentinel revolver has some case colors on the hammer. A side note: Case hardening on hammers and triggers is a functional treatment designed to give long life to wear parts but it is very thin, just a few thousandths. So, an over-eager 'smith can create a very smooth action by stoning and this action will deteriorate quickly once the thin case hardening has been removed. One really simple rule for case hardened parts—don't stone the sear engagement surfaces. A trigger nose, sear or hammer that has been ruined by stoning or worn through by use can have the surfaces re-cut and then the part case hardened again.

It's not just handguns that use case colors—high end shotgun receivers and older lever action rifle receivers are often given case colors. A mundane lever action can be transformed by a color case hardened receiver.

Collectors have noticed that case colors fade over time and with wear. While the colors lose their brilliance, the hard surface remains. A faded but still attractive finish is one indicator of an original unrestored firearm.

Doug Turnbull's Modern Color Case Hardening

In the field of firearm restoration and custom firearms, Doug Turnbull has been the go-to source for color case hardening (turnbullrestoration.com). As the color case hardening process became obsolete in new firearms, the demand for restoration of these finishes increased. For many years, Turnbull was the source for such metal finishing on custom single actions built by Hamilton Bowen, Dave Clements and others. The Turnbull finishes are brilliant and done in a traditional bone charcoal process. Some photos of Turnbull work accompany this article on page 24.

David Merchant's Color Case Hardening

Locating a gunsmith capable of doing quality metal preparation, blue finishes, and case colors has not been easy. Usually it involves shipping a firearm which is an expensive event for a non-licensed person; the cost of shipping to and from can approach the cost of the metal work. Here in the Northwest, David Merchant, WAC member, show vendor and gunsmith, has

developed a refinishing service that now offers color case hardening. For this article Dave did a number of firearms and allowed me to take photos as the work was done.

The process is not as simple as that of a re-blue. Case hardening requires temperatures that are higher than a hot blue. The part is subjected to 1400 degrees and this temperature can distort parts. To prevent the warping of parts, bracing or jigs specific to each firearm must be created and used. Pin and screw holes must be stabilized. The barrel thread area must be located in relation to the frame. Dave has built the necessary fixtures for each firearm and part that he treats. As one can see there is a lot of time and preparation before the hardening process even begins.

Let's Color Case Harden a Firearm

One of the example firearms shown here is a Ruger New Model Blackhawk in .44 Special that Dave has agreed to treat as an example for our readers. As we know, Ruger uses castings for the receivers and grip frames that are of a high grade steel. Unlike an old Colt made of soft steel the Ruger castings are tough all the way through. So, accept the reality that the Ruger does not need color case hardening. But it is a single action revolver with a vintage look and for aesthetic reasons case colors look right. Obtaining case colors on modern steel requires a different approach. In fact, each firearm is unique, and must be treated differently to obtain satisfactory results. Let me lead you through the process.

First the finish is annealed (softened) to allow polishing and to prepare for the case hardening. Then any restoration and corrections are done which might include removal of pits, file work, leveling and polishing. This may require bead blasting and hand work with blocks and abrasive paper. This is not much different than preparation for a good blue finish except for the additional step of annealing. The metal is brought to the level of polish necessary for final finishing.

The prep is followed by thorough cleaning and degreasing using chemicals.

Only then can the part be fitted with the bracing that will preserve dimensions and prevent warping that may occur during the process. Imagine the relationship of all the critical areas in a firearm. Usually in a rifle or pistol the barrel screws into the

frame and this area must be protected and reinforced. The steel parts or jigs that are used for this bracing are unique to each firearm and one can't just buy this tooling—Dave builds the specific bracing for every firearm that is color case hardened. The pins that keep the pin holes in alignment are sized for a snug fit in the frame. A brace with the exact barrel threads for each firearm must be made. Steel blocks maintain the dimensions between open areas in the receiver to keep it from twisting. If the component being color case hardened is new to Dave's shop—something he's not colored before—then all these steel bracing parts must be fabricated.

The braced part is cleaned again and then placed into a crucible packed with a mixture of wood and bone. The crucible is basically a heavy steel cooking pot that contains the packing in contact with the steel part. The mixture of wood and bone particles is the source of the carbon that will be absorbed into the surface of the steel, imparting both hardness and color on the surface.

Finally the part is ready for the color case hardening treatment. Dave has a dedicated oven or kiln capable of the incredible heat needed for the process; he starts the oven heating and sets the alarm for 1400 degrees. When the oven reaches this temperature, he uses tongs to place two crucibles into the oven and sets a timer for one hour, the needed cooking time. The parts will fully heat to 1400 degrees inside the crucible during this hour, absorbing carbon from the wood and bone mixture.

Outside the shop is a 50 gallon galvanized container filled with water with a grid and a fixture that connects to compressed air. The compressed air keeps the water turbulent and oxygenated and will create the color pattern on the metal when it is immersed. Without turbulence or agitation in the quenching water the variable pattern of colors will not be created.

The alarm sounds, Dave dons protective gear because the immersion in water of the 1400 degree carbon pack and part creates a dramatic splash of hot glowing material that will burn. He opens the oven door to reveal a glowing red crucible. Flame dances on top as the mixtures burn. Using the tongs he removes the crucible, then the lid and quickly takes the crucible to the bubbling water tank—then dumps the mixture and part into the cold water. In our example there are two separate crucibles, one for the frame and

another for the small parts—the hammer and loading gate.

The finished parts are fished from the water and compressed air dried immediately. The parts are complete at this point with the colors showing. The finish is smooth and mottled with colors. Now, individual preference provides two choices: One is to leave the finish as it is, much like the old Colt single action revolvers we've seen; if left in this state the finish will look good for some time but handling will wear the colors and they will fade over time. A second option is to spray a clear coating to preserve the colors and resist wear. In our example, Dave solvent cleans the parts once more and airbrushes a gloss clear Cerakote on the parts. The gloss coat seems to enhance the colors. Of course, once all the finishing is complete, careful reassembly and function testing takes time.

Other Firearm Finishes—Rust Blue & More

Typically a firearm that has color case hardened parts has many other parts that are blued. Dave Merchant has expanded his repertoire of skills to include not only the conventional hot blue process that yields a very black finish but also the very attractive rust blue that may have been original to many vintage firearms. The example Ruger New Model Blackhawk received Dave's extra attention with a rust blued barrel, cylinder and grip frame. The rust blue process is much more time intensive than typical immersion oxide bluing. The color is also different. A conventional oxide bluing is attractive and very black and with a gloss—a process we're used to seeing on most factory firearms. Dave's rust blue on the other hand gives us a deep finish with coloring that has a little more character and a soft sheen. You may not be familiar with rust bluing as it is offered only by specialists. Rust bluing requires the use of a solution that creates an oxidizing surface on steel; this oxide is then gently carded or "scrubbed" with steel wool or soft steel brushes to remove and even it and the process repeated until the desired finish is achieved. Yes, this is more time-consuming. Is it worth it? It depends on the firearm and appearance one desires. If you have an old double shotgun with a soldered rib, this may be your only choice; rust blue will not harm the solder.

As an aside, these days we see more stainless steel in firearms and sometimes this has been factory blackened. Regular bluing salts will not work on stainless. Dave showed me an example of a stainless

match rifle barrel that he “blued” (blackened really) with special chemicals in a separate tank. Dave continues to expand the finishing options in his shop.

Refinish or Replace?

As we toured the shop I was struck by the quality of the work. And not just steel refinishing but also stock work and other repairs. Something that I should note is that firearm owners often have a fixed value of their firearms in mind—you know, what they paid 40 years ago for that gun. This can make it difficult to understand the cost of repairs and restoration. Modern manufacturing automation and materials have kept firearms prices low, sometimes less than the new cost of a firearm only a few years ago. It may cost more to repair or refinish a worn or damaged firearm than it would to buy a new one. That’s the trend in our world of increasingly disposable products. While manufacturing costs have gone down, the cost of skilled technical work has increased. Think about the shop rate at your local auto dealer—it might be \$150 to \$200/hour.

Why do some of us still think it worthwhile to repair or restore an older firearm? Many reasons I suppose but at the top of the list is an attachment to a trustworthy gun that has taken years to develop. Maybe because a firearm has been on memorable hunts. Possibly because you’ve carried it every day for 40 years. Sometimes it is because of outstanding reliability or accuracy. Or is the gun one that was handed down from a father or grandfather? Collectors sometimes find a rare firearm that is so unattractive that it has little value but when restored can take a place of honor in their collection. I find that it is often much more rewarding to restore a firearm than to shop for a new one; the intrinsic value in preserving something from the past.

Because of the quality of Dave Merchant’s work and the scope of his metal finishing services, he is capable of doing restorations that will satisfy. Yes, a basic refinish that is not a restoration is available and is reasonably priced. But if you demand more and are willing to pay for it, then case colors and rust blue are available. Dave is at every Puyallup WAC show and he accepts work there. He can also be reached at his shop: **Dave Merchant, Onalaska Guns, 360-978-5486, email-Onalaska_guns@tds.net.**

The End...but more photos are on pp. 16-17 and 24-25. If curious about the project revolver, see the sidebar on this page.

A Custom Ruger Blackhawk .44 Special A sidebar by the Editor

I’m a sucker for a pretty face. The example I’ve presented in this article is a Ruger New Model Blackhawk in .44 Special, one of my favorite calibers and a nice revolver as it comes from the factory, but plain. The Ruger is a modern rendition of the classic single action revolver and as such I think it looks much better—more authentic if you will—when the frame and hammer are in case colors. Much more Colt-like.

This particular gun is one on which I’d already done some custom work. The high spur hammer was replaced with a Ruger Bisley hammer. I am not a fan of the Ruger front sight which is sort of an ugly lump on the barrel with a blade face angle that produces glare under many conditions...so, the base has been re-contoured and then a pinned-in serrated blade added. The cylinder base pin is an oversize Belt Mountain pin that has been lapped and fitted to cylinder and frame; the base pin also has a locking screw that engages a recess in the barrel to prevent ejection when firing those “warm” loads that the Ruger can handle. The ejector rod has the much larger Colt-style crescent head. Ruger has a pretty nice adjustable Micro sight on their New Model flattops but the sight base often wobbles on the pin so an oversize pin has been fitted to the frame and sight. The action is tuned with hammer and trigger shimmed to eliminate side play and ensure a consistent trigger pull.

Something that I find attractive in old Colts is one-piece stocks with no screws used—the separate Colt backstrap allows this. The Ruger has a one-piece grip frame that prevents Colt-style stocks. But I achieved a clean right-side stock by attaching the grip screw nut to the inside of the right panel, making a spacer to fit over the screw thus firmly fitting the two grip panels together using only a visible left side screw. When holstered (for a right hand shooter) this gives the Ruger a vintage Colt look. The stocks are fancy walnut.

This .44 Special Ruger was a pleasure to handle and shoot but it surely did not look special. Once Dave Merchant did his magic with the case colors this New Model is no longer just another plain black Ruger—now it’s a prized custom revolver with exceptional appearance.



Some color photos of the Color Case Hardening Process...

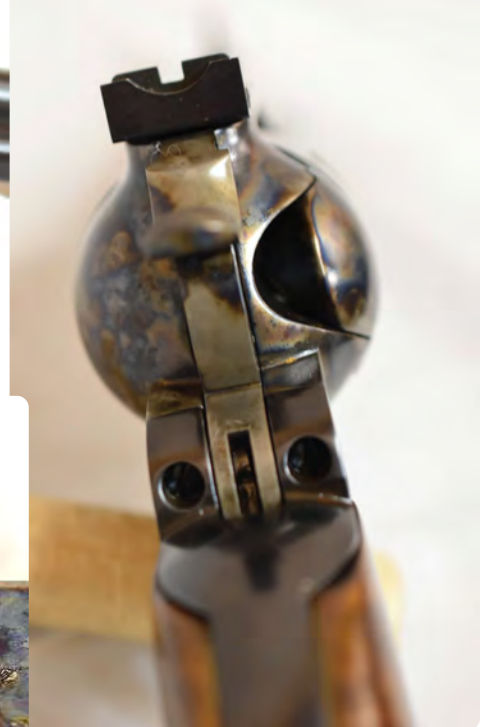
The photos here can't capture every step of color case hardening but they do provide a flavor of the time-consuming, complex, specialized and dangerous process. While there are a lot of firearm building and finishing activities that can be done by the hobbyist, this is not one of them. For a step-by-step description go back to pp. 10-11.



Close-up Photos Showing Final Colors

These detail photos will give you a close-up look at the colors and texture of the final finish on the Ruger Flattop. Let me draw your attention to the hammer at top left and below right. The photo below right also gives an excellent view of the closed loading gate.

The image below left is with the loading gate open to reveal blues on the frame. The sheen and texture of the rust blue finish are a nice complement to the colors on the frame. At lower right is a different view from the rear and through the sights. Although our "test" gun is a Ruger, the color case process is appropriate to rifles and shotguns; at bottom is a Savage receiver finished by Dave Merchant.



More photos on pp. 24-25, including examples of factory and other custom color case finishes



STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

Waking up from a cooler evening & morning, a little fog to the south and fogged over windshield. Also the season for the unexpected spider cobweb across the eyes when you aren't expecting it.

Woo Hoo, hunting season is around the corner for big game, grouse season about a week or so old. The number of birthdays has increased, meaning the body ain't what it was. Time to rethink how I'll hunt this year. Probably a lot more slow-walk stalks on level ground and a lot more sitting concealed, waiting for the ambush. I always carry the muzzle loader and it is equipped with open sights that have gotten quite foggy over the years. The old small V shaped rear sight has been filed open, now about like the rear sight on a handgun, 1/8 inch. The front sight replaced with a bit fatter blade. Okay, now gotta deal with that fuzzy target. Looks like full time glasses are in order. Or-stick a scope on the smoke belcher and hunt the modern rifle season.

A fella gave me a pretty nice looking little Ruger rifle, Model 77-50RS, meaning bolt action just like the real cartridge rifles. Seems like he bought it at a garage sale and after inspecting it at home, found the barrel extremely pitted. Nope, I could not get it to shoot worth a darn (many times even though there is excessive pitting, some will shoot decent groups, adequate for animals to 60-70 yards). Over the years, I've lost a few re-barrel jobs just by showing customers how it could be done. Anyway, this gun's receiver is factory grooved for Ruger scope rings and there is a pair lying on my bench. I also have 3-4 spare muzzle loader barrels that need a home, so with a bit of lathe work, that bolt action Ruger will have a new octagon barrel. That ought to get a few looks and chuckles. The other option would be to bore it larger and make a smoothbore/shotgun. Maybe I'll just flip a coin. Either way, about a 2-1/2 to 3 hour project. I replaced the Ruger .50 with a T/C .54 octagon to round cut to 20 inches. The breechplug threading was the same, woo hoo, only needing to re-thread for the receiver. Now only need to do some stock bedding work for the larger barrel. Not worried about sights, the Ruger milled for scope rings already. This will be for the modern rifle season only until the state allows scopes in the "primitive" season which will probably happen in the next few years.

Got a call from an old friend wanting to know if he could go hunting with me this year, (didn't ask, just kept hinting around) wanting to know if I was doing the muzzle loader season or carrying the smoke pole in modern rifle, as I normally do. Where will I be going, when and for how many days? My response, "I'll be going alone, don't know, don't know, and hunting until I'm tired. I always get advice about the risk of hunting alone, such as a medical emergency occurring, getting lost, etc. For grouse hunting, it's no big deal with others as long as rules about who is shooting, is established. For deer hunting (the only big game I hunt) there's always somebody who can't stop talking. That's why I go alone!

Okay, should I take a cartridge weapon for the modern season, should I take a muzzle loader or a cartridge model? Let's see, there is the Marlin 1895 lever action, scoped, in 45/70 or the one in .35 Remington, also scoped. But where I hunt, a long shot is maybe 50 yards so I could easily take the 99 Savage in 25/35, scoped or maybe the 94 Winchester in 25/35, or even the 1925-ish model Sauer single shot, scoped, in 25/35. I could take the old sporterized 30-40 Krag, also scoped. Then there's the semi auto 742 Remington in 30/06, scoped, that has taken many deer over the years, or, maybe a Sharps in 45/70 or the percussion .54 model. Or the Mexican 7mm rolling block rifle, all original military hardware or the Remington rolling block carbine, sporterized, in 7mm also. Then there's the model 8 Remington (first semi-auto successful rifles) in .25 Remington or .32 Remington. And then, there's the Ruger Super Blackhawks, one scoped, the other open sights. The .44 Magnum is more than adequate but one of my Italian sixguns in .45 Colt would also fit the bill and they are just a bit lighter weight and after a day of wandering, day dreaming, general bird watching, even a half pound makes a difference. Hey, there is also that 444 scoped Marlin that I could take.

But then, my little .45 Thompson Center Cherokee weighs very little and with a less than maximum load, will handle anything in the lower 48.

In one of our recent GunNews, I wrote about gathering brass and in my head, reconstructing a shooting scene. I listed the weapons I figured were used and how I arrived at it. Okay, you got me. I was right on the Garand and its empties, also on the .38 S&W cartridges,

then listed the 10mm as from a Glock semi-auto, as evidenced by the firing pin evidence.

Although the .44 Magnum brass was in batches of 6 to 12 etc., it was obviously from a revolver. But which one? Our member thought it could have been from a Ruger Redhawk, .44 Magnum, since 1979. Or, from a Colt Anaconda .44, since 1990. Also, possibly from a Taurus, the wannabe made in Brazil to look like a Smith & Wesson, but comes up a little short. A decent gun, just not as popular. For a very short time, High Standard also made a double action .44 but its action was so unique (ratcheting gear linkage), very few were made. Then there were a couple of "Cowboy" revolvers, the Ruger Super Blackhawk and a Virginia Dragoon. It was made in ~~Switzerland for a bit, then all in America~~. The Virginia Dragoon was not a popular revolver although it was of excellent quality but a bit larger and thus heavier.

My thought, it had to be the Smith & Wesson model 29 – Clint Eastwood's "Make my Day" gun. Made in 1950, most were purchased in a beautiful wooden presentation box, then maybe shot, but stored away, becoming the "Forbidden Fruit," snuck out when Dad didn't know. Hence, new gun and obviously brand new ammo, the brass showing no signs of reloading/handling. Anyway, of the listed handguns, there are so many Super Blackhawks, Redhawks and Anacondas, they have become kind of "Ho hum", unlike the Model 29, the "Forbidden Fruit." Giving credit where it is due, the Anaconda has by far the smoothest factory trigger of any of the double action revolvers in .44 Magnum. Anyway, that's how I concluded my shooting scene. I'm willing to bet, I'm at least 90% correct.

As you know, grouse season is from September 1st to December 31st each year, even though there was no listing in the current game laws (so much for printing "across the waters" and no WDFW proof reading). On Friday, the one before the Labor Day weekend, I had a job cancellation so I figured I'd go harvest some grouse. This is the area on the south side of Riffe Lake/Cowlitz River, always good for the fool hens. Yup, got there just after a couple guys with their bird dogs. I sat in my truck and listened to 7-8 shots, spaced out, in 30 minutes. Dang! This area now has birds somewhere between forest grouse and the big blue in size.

I headed down towards the Cispus River, south of Randle, another good area for the birds. Again, there were so many campers in this area, I just headed for home. Can hardly wait for Eastern Washington, with less pressure and I believe, more birds, usually bunches of 6-8-10-12. Flush in all directions.

Now I need to only figure out which rifle to take and how many in case I change my mind. What to do, what to do. As far as social distancing, there are so few hunters where I go, it's not a problem and Sasquatches (if they exist) are the Kings of distancing. -GN-

WAC Elections for 2021

—Nomination Process—

Nominations are now open for the positions named below and will close on November 30, 2020. If there is a November Puyallup show, in-person nominations will also be accepted there. Nominations may now be made via email and mail and we recommend that you submit nominations early using these methods rather than wait for the show (the show is likely to be canceled due to virus closure rules).

In order for a nomination to be accepted the following format and rules must be followed:

- The nominee must be a member in good standing and active since November 2017.
- The nominating person must be a current member and identify him or herself by name and member number.
- The nominee should be named and WAC # provided if possible.
- The nominating person should obtain agreement from the nominee that this person will serve.
- The nominating person must provide another member as a second to the nomination; it is acceptable to ask the nominee to second their own nomination as this will facilitate the process and reduce the possibility that a second does not arrive in a timely manner.
- Nominations may be sent to: WAC, PO Box 400, Sumner, WA 98390, or emailed to, office@washingtonarmscollectors.org

Instead of the usual three Director open positions there are five openings, three for 3-year terms, two for 1-year terms:

1. expiring 3-year term of Director Ripley
 2. expiring 3-year term of Director Wegner
 3. expiring 3-year term of Director Bramhall
 4. vacant 1-year remaining term of Director Demaine (currently filled by appointee Director Solheim)
 5. vacant 1-year remaining term of Director Verzal (currently open)
- expiring 1-year term of Election Chair Kate Freeburg.

Please participate.

More & More Berettas...and then even more

The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

Last month we began looking at Beretta. We reviewed some company history, explained some Beretta/Italian nomenclature, highlighted a few of the early pistols, and considered their most popular offering, the Model 92. However, as they say on TV, "But wait, there's more." A lot more.

By my count, which is modestly accurate, there are at least 20 different lines of Beretta pistols. By that I don't mean there are 20 different pistols in the Beretta lineup, I mean there are 20 different and distinct series of guns that are or were made by Beretta. And each series has a whole, big bunch of separate models within the grouping.

Here's a quick example: the 70 Series (in .22, .32acp, and .380) includes the Model 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 76. All are different enough from each other to earn a separate designation; and there are variations within each of the models.

Here's the best place to see the line up: <https://berettaforum.net/vb/showthread.php?t=95801>

(NOTE: In researching my columns I use a variety of sources including books I own, books I borrow, internet postings by individual users, internet research sources, and brand-specific firearms forums; and Beretta has one of the best, if not the very best, forums on the web: The Beretta Forum. It is awesome. Top notch. Complete. Independent. Filled with more background info than any other gun group I know. And it's chock-a-block with friendly, helpful folks. Here's the website: <https://berettaforum.net/vb/>)

Now, back to the pistols with the 81 series, also known as the Cheetah, and at least 3 different models: <https://berettaforum.net/vb/showthread.php?t=94273>

And the 92's: <https://berettaforum.net/vb/showthread.php?t=98238>

And the 100's, which are rare.

And the Stoeger guns; the Bobcat tip-ups in Model 20, 21, and 21A; the Model 90; Model 1934, Mod. 948, Mod. 1935, Mod. 1951, Model 3032 (Tomcat and AlleyCat); the BU9 Nano, the Pico, the .22 Neos, the new APX; and the PX4 line of 9mm, .40S&W, and .45acp full-size, compact, and subcompacts with either constant action, DAO, DA/SA with decock/safety or decock only.

And we haven't even listed the shotguns of Beretta, Benelli, Franchi & Stoeger (damn if that doesn't sound like the name of a law office. Oh well...) and the long guns of Sako & Tikka (a Finnish CPA firm?) or the historic reproductions of Umberti.



Beretta PX4 in 9mm

A Collection?

Last month I said it was a challenge to decide where and when to start collecting Berettas. Does one focus on one model (say the 92 or model 70) or maybe on a particular caliber? Or, instead of assembling a "collection," does one simply choose to amass a disparate bunch for the range or for carry?

Personally I aim for a broad spectrum of calibers, age, and models; all "shooter grade," as I can't afford museum pieces, and all representative of their era. (That's how I "collect" Smith and Wessons too.)

So owning a couple of .32 ACP's (Beretta 1935, Model 70, and M81 Cheetah); a .380 (Model 85F); some Beretta 9s in the "92" series (starting with the 1951, the 92, the



Stoeger 8000 "Cougar" mfg in Turkey, replaced by PX4 on Italian Assembly line

92s, and the 92FS Inox); a PX4 9mm Compact (which is my primary carry gun); a PX4 Compact in .40S&W (which will become my primary carry gun when I shoot it a bit more); and a 96 Compact Centurion. (I had a bunch more PX4s, a couple of Stoeger 8000 Cougars, a 1935 .380, and a 92FS compact but they all went on the block for one reason or another.)

Bottom line: I've got the older types pretty covered (missing something in .22 Long Rifle) but the newer types ala the APX, Nano, or Pico aren't really "collectible" yet, at least from my perspective. They are still "tools." Plus I have other guns that cover the bases those stake out. (I mean how many carry guns does one need? I think it's far better to have fewer guns in the rotation, but be intimately familiar with their operation, rather than cycle through six or eight different guns with six or eight different manuals of arms. Plus it's usually a bit more difficult to shoot smaller guns, especially the micro-minis (versus their larger cousins) well at the range, so why handicap yourself vis-à-vis the X-ring when shooting at paper or steel?).

Some Unexpected Nomenclature

In addition to proof marks and date codes, there are some other things graven on slides and frames of Beretta pistols.

Of course there's the Browning roll mark on a 9mm Corto (Corto means "short" in Italian. It's what they call the .380). Wait...did you say a Browning name on a Beretta pistol?

Yep. Beretta made a bunch of their Model Type I and Type II 82-series .380s on contract for Browning, who named them the Browning BDA and sold them in the US. The only real difference was the slide. It wasn't the iconic Beretta open slide, but rather a traditional "closed" one as found on 99% of the worlds semi-autos.

And in reverse, you'll find a Beretta name on a Umarex-made .22. The Beretta M9-22, 92FS-22, and M9A1-2 are all marketed by Beretta but have Umarex on the slide. Umarex is best known for their air guns and owning Walther. (Not all Walther aficionados are fans of Umarex. A lot of them think they have done damage to the Walther name and reputation.)

These .22's are pretty much a "copy" of the 92 in terms of size and feel and get generally decent reviews on the interwebs. Some question the "mystery" metal used throughout the gun, calling it pot metal or zamak (Zamak) and others don't like some of the plastic parts. Personally, if I were going to buy one I'd do a bunch of research before I plunked down my dinero. (An alternative could be a .22 Beretta-made conversion kit for full-size 92s and 96s. Listed on the Beretta web site as "in stock" and \$340.00. (Of course ya gotta have a 92 to start with.)

More to Follow

Our hard-working editor usually pleads for maximum content but now he tells me this month's issue is jam



**Left Side of .32ACP
Version of Model 70**



**Right Side of .32ACP
Version of Model 70**

packed, so I'm not going to write as long as I usually do. (I'll do one more installment on Beretta next month.)

So to close this column I'm going to (again) advise anyone interested in Berettas to go to the Beretta forum, register, and make full use of what you find there. (<https://berettaforum.net/vb/>)

It's more than I can read or absorb. And any question anyone has about anything made in Italy, the US, Turkey (or Germany) that carries the Beretta roll-mark, they can find an answer on the site.

So everyone stay safe and Ciao for now.

**Email Tom with your questions and
suggestions on column topics:
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-GN-

Pierce County Sheriff's Q&A

The WAC invited both candidates for Sheriff—Ed Troyer and Cyndie Fajardo—to respond to a Questionnaire regarding various positions on firearm issues; we agreed to publish their verbatim statements. Ed Troyer did not respond so only candidate Fajardo's statements are published here: The WAC Board makes no recommendation for local Sheriffs.

Each question is followed by Lt. Fajardo's response in italics:

Initiative 1639 recently became law. It created a new category of “assault rifle” which now includes all semiautomatic rifles, even youth and recreational .22 rimfires. Do you agree that all semiautomatic rifles are assault rifles? *I do not agree that all semiautomatic rifles are assault rifles.*

Initiative 1639 prohibits the purchase and possession of semiautomatic rifles by youth and young adults age 18 to 21. Should adults over the age of 18 be allowed to possess semiautomatic rifles. *My biggest concern with the age limit is the inconsistency throughout many of our laws and rules both locally and nationally. You can vote and go to war to fight for our country and freedom at 18, but you cannot drink, smoke, or own a weapon till your 21.*

All firearm sales and transfers in Washington State require a Federal NICS background check but even after successfully passing such a check, the purchaser may not take possession of the firearm until a waiting period has elapsed. What is your position on waiting periods and if you support a waiting period what purpose would this accomplish after the buyer has already been proven eligible to own a firearm? How long should a waiting period be and for which firearms? *If the background check and all surrounding eligibility requirements have been met, what is expected to be learned during the waiting period that would make a person no longer eligible? I understand the reasoning behind the waiting period, but I also support that there may be an equal number of citizens who might be in harm's way that need immediate access to a firearm. I am also aware that many weapons are being delivered after the 10-day waiting period without confirmation of eligibility requirements because the background check results have not yet been disclosed. There appears room for improvements in this area and on this subject.*

The number of Concealed Pistol Permits (CPL) issued to Washington residents continues to climb and is now at about 600,000; many of the recent applicants are women who choose to carry a pistol for self-defense. Do you support the issuance of CPLs to good citizens who have been background checked and do you feel that the Sheriff's office has a role in providing any kind of training to CPL holders? *I do support citizens being able to obtain a concealed weapons permit. I do not believe that the Sheriff's Office should take a role in providing training. Agencies are currently fiscally challenged already in trying to provide training for their own officers that this suggestion would be a burden to the department.*

Do you support a State-based instant background check system that would allow firearm transfers to take place same-day? *Yes, this had been the case for many years for those who possessed a CPL and it appeared to work.*

Would you support a State-based instant background check system that would be available for private persons to conduct non-retail private transfers without resort to a Federal dealer (FFL)? *Yes, as the only action the FFL Dealer is performing is as a middle go-between.*

The Washington Constitution is very clear regarding the right to own firearms for personal defense. Will you as Sheriff uphold Article, I Section 24? *Yes, the constitution is clear, but there are also other regulations that have been passed which enacts certain requirements both locally and federally. My role as the Sheriff is to enforce all laws. Where those laws are in conflict it is up to the courts to determine.*

The Legislature and Initiatives sometimes enact laws that conflict with or infringe upon both Federal and Constitutional guaranteed rights. How will you address these conflicts through policy within your department? *In Washington State, law enforcement has discretion on what laws are enforced (except in a situation involving domestic violence). Again, the courts do get to weigh in on the constitutionality of legislature and initiative actions. This process is also part of the fabric of our country and democracy.*

Citizens infrequently use firearms in defense of life and property. Law enforcement manpower is such that it is not always possible or reasonable to expect an immediate police response to all situations. In spite of clear statutes on permissible force used to stop felonies, some county prosecutors bring criminal charges against those who have used deadly force. What is your position on a private person's use of force? *I believe that every citizen has the right to protect themselves and we would all agree that deadly force should be the last resort. Prosecutors have the ultimate decision on charging once a case is sent to them for review. I can only assure that my deputies would do a fair and impartial investigation in cases where a private citizen has used deadly force.*

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Burglary—the prevention, investigation and prosecution of the criminals—is a very important issue to all firearm owners. Yet there is a recent trend to treat residential burglary as a lower level offense that merits only a token law enforcement response; in some counties residents never see an officer and must file their own online report. Please provide your views on residential burglary and your other crime prevention priorities. *The unfortunate reality is that burglary offenses are considered property crimes. The probability of arrest and prosecution is minimal, and the deployment of uniformed personnel is needed in other areas and/or in progress crimes. I would like to have the ability to investigate these crimes the way they were handled in years past—neighborhood canvassing, fingerprinting but the current situation of staffing and funding has changed that response*

Recent laws make the victims of a burglary the subject of criminal investigation and up to felony charges if their homes are burglarized and unsecured firearms stolen. Do you intend to arrest burglary victims based upon RCW 9.41.360? *I do not interpret this RCW in that way. Both subsection 3(d) and subsection 6 are detailed in that: “The prohibited person’s access to the firearm was obtained as a result of an unlawful entry, provided that the unauthorized access or theft of the firearm is reported to a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the unauthorized access or theft occurred within five days of the time the victim of the unlawful entry knew or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been taken.”*

“(6) Nothing in this section mandates how or where a firearm must be stored.”

Firearm owners have a serious interest in stopping the sale of stolen firearms, yet there is no database available to the public or even dealers that would allow checking for “stolen” status prior to purchase of a used firearm. What is your opinion on creating such a database? *This feature should be included with the requirement of the pistol transfer application. When a private transfer occurs, it makes no sense that we would only be looking at the eligibility of the possessor yet not the weapon.*

There have been repeated attempts in the Washington legislature to limit magazine capacity to 10 rounds, including bills that would seize all existing magazines that would become non-compliant. What position do you hold on magazine capacity? *I do not believe that the capacity of magazines has any bearing on the ability to stop an active shooter or give a window of opportunity to stop a rogue shooter. It takes 1/10 of 1 second to do a magazine change. This seems to be the reasoning behind these attempts adding that no citizen has a need for this capacity.*

Bills before the legislature have included some that would require mandatory “buy-backs” of semiautomatic rifles; really, these are firearm seizures since most would not wish to sell their firearms to the State. If these firearms were not surrendered, would you allow your deputies to seize these private firearms? *I would have grave concerns for safety of my deputies if this bill were to be enacted.* -GN-

Official Board Minutes—W.A.C.

By Secretary Forbes Freeburg

Washington Arms Collectors Board minutes for August 2020

Pre-meeting business:

August 01 - Motion by Secretary Freeburg to accept the July, 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

The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 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 July 2020 compares favorably to the same period in 2019. There were no events sponsored during July of 2019 or July of 2020: net income for 2020 was a loss of \$22K, but this was still a stronger position than the net loss of \$54K posted during July of 2019.

General office expenses are down 74% from July of 2019. During July of 2019, the WAC had expenses of \$10k to buy out the office lease in Puyallup, and \$7K for repairs to the company vehicle. Payroll costs are also down this year when compared to July of 2019 because of reduced employee hours (the office staff has been working reduced hours since June, 2020).

Old Business

WAC Office Building Rental Space

The WAC is actively seeking a tenant to occupy the ground floor building space that was previously occupied by WAC employees before the transition to a Virtual Office. A small portion of the business office ground floor, and a portion of the building first floor continue to be occupied by WAC as a physical business location, but are expected to be used (on average) only one day per week. At this time the WAC business office is mostly virtual, and it is recommended that WAC members call before visiting the business office to ensure that the building is not closed.

Disciplinary Actions

There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month.

Forbes L. Freeburg, WAC Secretary

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Color Case Hardening—Continued from p. 17



Comparison examples of color case hardening from several sources.



- A Dave Clements .44 conversion with Turnbull colors.
 - S&W original hammer.
 - Star BM original hammer
 - Turnbull Ruger hammer
 - Turnbull Ruger .44 Mag frame.
 - Colt 3rd Generation frame.
- Phil Shave photos on pp. 24-25.*





The custom .44 Special Ruger New Model Flattop.

Modified front sight ramp with pinned blade, graceful Ruger Bisley hammer, figured walnut stocks without a right-side screw.

On this page—a few more photos of the example revolver. The flattop Ruger is a great canvas on which to display the various blues and straws that Dave Merchant has applied.



At right the left side view reveals a Colt-style ejector rod button, the Belt Mountain locking base pin and some of the figure in the walnut stocks. The Micro rear sight on a Ruger is poorly fitted to the cross pin so on this gun an oversize pin eliminates wobble.

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FOR SALE: SKS, Norinco, all matching numbers, unfired, 2-30 round mags—\$600. H and R model 929: 22lr, 9 shot, blue, 4" barrel, no turn line, 95%. Serial number AD48xxx—\$200. Glock 17 9mm, round butted, trijicon sights—\$425. Taurus g2c: 9mm, 12 rounds, 3.25" barrel, 21 oz—\$225. Keltec p32, 32 ACP, 7plus 1, 7oz!, .75" wide. 3.5" height, 5.1" long—\$185. Located near Mt. Vernon, will split transfer costs. Call/text: Tom 360-202-3622, email: allanburws@gmail.com

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FOR SALE: Rifle scopes: Original Redfield Co., 4X medium duplex with dot—\$75. 3-9X fine crosshairs with dot—\$100. Burris 3-9X Fullfield with Ballistic Plex—\$125. Mike, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: Once fired brass. 9mm, 38 Sp., 40 S&W—3 cents ea. 357 Mag—4 cents ea. 45 ACP and 30 Blackout—6 cents ea. 44 Mag and 45 Long Colt—7 cents ea. 7.62X54 Russian—8 cents ea. 6.5 Creedmoor—10 cents ea. Mike, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: Weatherby Mark V Vanguard, Howa Japanese action. Really beautiful Claro walnut stock with rosewood tip & cap. 7 mm magnum, left handed. Has Redfield Tracker 3-9X scope in Weaver mounts. Can email photos. Kept in my climate controlled safe since 1993. Never been fired and now I'm getting too old. This is a very beautiful rifle—\$2000 to WAC members only. Call Mike 253-858-4808 or Email: mpabernathy@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Smith & Wesson Model 629 Classic w/lock, 6.5 inch barrel, Very Good Cond, with nylon holster—\$975. Webley Mark III 455 caliber, 3.5 inch barrel, un-molested example, serial #10068, good condition for age (c. 1890), shoots well, with 50+ rds. new ammo—\$1,050 (**C&R eligible**). Tony, anthonylease@yahoo.com.

WANTED: 20 gauge Browning A5, vent rib invector barrels. Paul, 503 621 3766 or email blimppy44@gmail.com .

FOR SALE: 45 ACP FMJ Winchester and Federal ammo, six boxes of 50 each—\$120 takes all. 8Mmx57JS ammo, five boxes of 20 each—\$100 takes all. Rob, 253-857-3343.

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FOR SALE: CERTIFICATES for Many courses -programs held at Front Sight Firearm Training Facility. I am offering Certificates good for exactly the same options listed on the Front Sight website and I will donate \$50 to President Donald Trump for every Front Sight certificate purchased from me between now and the election. **Front Sight** is the BEST Firearm Training Facility in USA. It also provides SUPERIOR martial arts training - rock climbing - and other great self-defense project to build family unity. I previously sold some of these @ \$1,000 for WAC and NRA members but will continue these SUPER Discounts while President Trump is running for re-election. For instructions or questions call or email Ken:

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WANTED: German P38 pistol in good condition and reasonably priced. I am elderly and would need it delivered near Sea Tac. **I have a current C&R license.** Charlie, 206-248-3639.

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FOR SALE: 338 Win Mag hand loads, 225 gr. Barnes X bullets, WBY (Norma) cases, 215 Fed Primers, H 4350
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powder, 39 rds—\$30. 338 Win Mag, WBY (Norma) cases, 54 fired, 4 new—\$20. 338 Win Mag: 20 cartridges, 200 gr Hornady spire pts, 215 primers, new W-W brass. + 24 rds new W-W brass & 6 rds fired brass—\$35. Nine reloads, 250 gr Hornady sp—\$5. Mike 425-836-8648.

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FOR SALE: Smith and Wesson mod 19-3, 2-1/2 inch barrel, blue, excellent condition, factory grips, very light ring on cylinder—\$1100. For more info contact Jeff at 206-499-0284.

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WANTED: Marlin model 1894M (22magnum). Call Randy, 360-640-2238.

FOR SALE: Verona SX405-12 autoloading shotgun, 12 ga. 3in. 28 " bbl, threaded choke, black nylon stock,VG cond—\$225. Norm, 253-988-3084, voice or text.

FOR SALE: Once fired brass: 9mm, 38 Sp., 40 S&W—3 cents ea.; 357 Mag—4 cents ea.; 45 ACP and 300 Blackout—6 cents ea.; 44 Mag and 45 Long Colt—7 cents ea.; 7.62X54 Russian—8 cents ea.; 6.5 Creedmoor—10 cents ea.; 50 BMG—75 cents ea. Mike, 425-836-8648.

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WANTED: Remington model 34, .22 rifle, in at least good working condition; I don't want one that has been modified, such as a tapped barrel for a scope. Contact Ordie at ordiedb@gmail.com. Or text me at 253 266 2105.

WANTED: Winchester model 37 12 GA shotgun in a 32" barrel in at least good condition, a 30" barrel might be OK. Contact Ordie at ordiedb@gmail.com. Or text me at 253 266 2105.

FOR SALE: Coleman Dual Fuel NIB GAS lantern—\$80. Coleman Dual Fuel NIB GAS stove—\$100. NIB Kestral 5700 w/Hornady 4DPF Ballistic Calculator—\$450 or trade for Glock 357 SIG. Sellier and Bellot 6.5 Creedmoor FMJ ammo—\$15 a box, \$14 a box for 10 or more. NIB RCBS PRO 2000 reloader—\$450. Contact Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: JIC Biden wins: NIB Armalite AR10, uses proprietary mags from Armalite NOT P-Mags, comes with a total of 5 20 rd NIB proprietary mags. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Help my son, a staunch 2A supporter, finish med school! Riot shotgun variations: Mossberg 500s and Rem 870s. All Mossberg 500s are gloss blued not matte finished. Except for an 870 that has some rust stains on it, the rest are in VG to EX.condition. Please email me your interest and if I have it I will reply. 50th Anniversary Ruger Red Label 12 ga. ANIB, comes with Briley chokes. Fiddle back figured buttstock—\$1100. Transfer at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Hunting bolt and lever action rifles for sale. No pre-64s but Classics available. Email Glen at kalenas@comcast.net with your request and I will reply if I have it. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: NIB Colt LE6920 \$1,500. Excellent DSA forged receiver FAL—\$1400. Excellent blued Mini 14 Ranch—\$750. Excellent stainless Mini 14 Ranch—\$800. NIB stainless Mini 14 Ranch—\$850. Help my son, a staunch 2A defender, finish med school! Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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FOR SALE: SIG 229, 40SW, Two Tone, 5 boxes of ammo—\$950. AR-15, Sabre Upper, MAGPUL, EOTEC, 3 mags, 5 boxes ammo—\$1400. AR-15 varmint, 20" Bull barrel Sabre upper, Timmy Trigger, Millet 6-25X, 3 mag, 5 boxes ammo—\$1600. Glock 20, 10 MM, 5 boxes ammo—\$700. SCCY 9 MM, 2 boxes ammo—\$300. Olympia Arms K8, 20" Bull barrel, .243 WSSM, Leopold 4.5-14 x 50 Mk4 Illuminated Scope, 27 boxes factory Winchester ammo (\$900 value), Harris Bipod—\$2200. SIG 556 Patrol, AR15 CAR4 style stock, Quad Rail, Millet 3x9x44 Illuminated scope, 5 boxes of ammo—\$1200. Robinson Arms XCR 5.56, side fold stock, Aimpoint, 5 boxes of ammo—\$1300. Magnum Research Baby Eagle 40SW, 5 boxes of ammo—\$550. Springfield XDM 40 SW NIB, 5 boxes of ammo—\$750. DPMS LR260, .260 REM, 4 magazines, Timmy Trigger, PRS Stock, Bipod, Night Force, 10-32X56, 8 boxes ammo—\$3000. Glock 23, 40 SW, 5 boxes of ammo—\$500. SIG 239, 40 SW, 5 boxes of ammo—\$650. Walther P22, 5 boxes ammo—\$275. SIG Mosquito .22, 5 boxes ammo—\$300. UTAS-15. 5 boxes buck/slugs—\$950. KELTEC KSG 5 boxes slug/buck—\$850. All in like new conditions, some only test fired. Legal transfer only at gun store in Olympia/Tacoma. Pictures available. Contact Mike at michael.crippen@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Goodyear Dura Trac M/S mud grips 285/70/17 mounted and balanced on factory alloy wheels, ready to bolt on, note 8 lug, came off of a a 2500 Ram Power Wagon, 15,000 miles on tires—\$600 but trading for Glock +cash or 1911 possible. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net.

WANTED: Original stock and forend to a Browning 20 ga A-5. Call Wayne at 253-848-9318 or email at rgrwj@hotmai.com.

FOR SALE: Remington GameMaster 760 pump in 270 cal. very nice w/Leopold 4x—\$425. Winchester Model 12 Field Grade in 12 ga. Full Choke, made in 1950 in superb orig. condition—\$475. Parker Bros. Titan 12 ga. SxS, GHE with No. 2 frame has double triggers, 30" bbls., made in 1927, solid but lots of friendly wear, not a collector as barrel was re-blued—\$1500. Winchester Model 54 bolt action in 30-06 w/ Lyman 4x, a classic made in 1936, brite bore, no rust—\$525. Stevens Model 325 bolt action in 30-30 with magazine, blond stock, iron sights, butterknife bolt handle, VG condition, sort of a scout gun—\$235. Winchester Mod. 67 .22 single shot bolt, great kids first plinker—\$195. Navy Mk 5 Flare Gun by R. F. Sedgley made in 1944—\$125. Legal transfers. Telephone Robert in Seattle 206-909-7189.

FOR SALE: Winchester Model 94, .30-30. 20" bbl, Williams Peep Sight, Sling swivels, G cond. Mfg. 1960, **C & R eligible**—\$350. Norm, 253-988-3084, voice or text.

FOR SALE: Wood blanks for carving gun stocks, complete stocks (shotgun, rifle, M98), sporterized stocks, reloadable brass, shot shell hulls (mostly 2—3/4 12 gauge, some 20 and 16 gauge, bags of new 16 gauge shot shell wads, old Alcan wads, Vintage unfired cardboard shot shells still in the old boxes, and some loose unfired rounds .22 hornet and unknown caliber pistol ammo. To see everything above, go to <https://youtu.be/SdeKsxDrWow>. This is my youtube

channel. The video link is unlisted so only WAC members may see this video. Please take all for \$150 OBO. Jim @ 425-919-6229. jcerenzie@yahoo.com .

FOR SALE: Mr. Heater Portable Buddy, 4,000—9,000 BTU's/hr. plus 12 foot attach hose assembly, NIB, never used, \$115 at Cabela's—my price \$75. Mike 425-836-8649.

WANTED: German Luger magazine loading tools: DWM, Erfurt, Simson, Police, Krieghoff and early Mauser. Also Weimar era tools and the navy marked M over an anchor. If you are not sure what you have, contact me; they can be identified. I will buy or trade for your Luger magazine loading tools. I also sell them. Klaus Merzbach's Luger magazine loading tool article is still available free of charge. As well as the Long Neck Luger Loading Tool article. Email me and ask for it. I have a few P.08 Luger magazines, springs/parts etc. that are for sale. Dave, phone: 208-365-5268 or Email: davidolindsay5@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Loading die sets: RCBS 338 Win Mag, 30-06, 270 Win., 25 ACP — \$15 each. 9mm, 380, 38Sp./357 Mag (no 357 seater), 44 Sp./Mag—\$15. Lee Loader 270 Win, 303 Sav., 44 Sp.—\$5. Sizers only: Forster 280 Rem & RCBS 308 Win — \$15, Lyman 38/357. Sizing dies (H & I) for 450 Lubricator: 308, 439, 452, 458—\$5 each. Lyman bullet molds: 311291EX-d 30 cal rn 170 gr, 358212-s 146 gr rn, 358242LW-d — \$20 each. Ideal 420-s rb — \$5, RCBS 38-148WC-d — \$15. Lee bullet molds (singles) with handles: 90410, .319 round ball (rb) 46 gr; 90435, .440rb, 128 gr; 90447, .490rb, .176 gr—\$5 each. Lyman lube sizers: # 450 (452) & 308 — \$5 each. 20 Gauge MEC Loader kit—\$10. Mike, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: 40+ Years of American Rifleman Magazines — 1979 thru 2020, 5+ banker boxes full, all in good shape, not damp or musty. Lynnwood, WA Area—\$100 OBO. Call Haney (No Text), leave message, if necessary, 206-618-4445.

FOR SALE: 1300+ rounds 38 Spec brass, some once fired, some sized and de-primed, 950 are brass mostly in boxes, rest is nickel and in bulk—\$45 takes all. Box of 100 Remington 44 200 gr soft point jacketed bullets in .425 diameter—\$18. Wheeler Ring Align/Lap Kit 1" (#204061 new on Amazon \$45) used—\$30 OBO. NAA Mini .22 WMR 1-5/8" bbl with metal belt clip holster and pistol rug, front sight has been lowered to correct point of impact—\$225 OBO. Project gun: 16 gauge Belgium made SxS shotgun, extractors, needs buttstock, all metal and fore end complete, good condition, modern steel—\$75 OBO. Pictures on request. Legal Transfers. Roger at reingalsbe@yahoo.com.

WANTED: Rifles in 22 hornet 257rob, 6MM, 7x57, 250-3000, 7MM-08, 6.5 rem mag, 284, 350 rem mag 358. 6.5x55 Swedish, 8mm rem mag Want Rem. Ruger Brown. Etc. Non military. WANTED: 410 ga, 28 ga, 20ga, 16 ga. Pumps, simi autos, S\S's, O\U's. Also 12ga S\S's and O\U's Call Paul, 503 621 3766 or email blimppy44@gmail.com

WANTED: Browning A5 20, and 16 gauge barrels. Call Paul, 503 621 3766 or email blimppy44@gmail.com. **-GN-**

Legislation & Politics

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Am I suggesting you NOT vote Republican this year? No. I'm suggesting we need to hold Republicans' feet to the fire to stand on the principals they claim to support. Part of that is using the primary process to "clean house."

ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the candidates in the general election, 3 November, which your board has recommended. First off, yes, Donald Trump is the first name there. There are a lot of things I don't like about President Trump's demeanor, but the bottom line is, if that's how you feel, vote AGAINST Joe Biden by voting FOR Donald Trump.

I don't have a crystal ball, and I'm not going to prognosticate the outcome of the election at any level, but if Republicans don't control any of the following, gun owners are toast: the White House, the US Senate, or the US House. The same goes at the state level with the Governor's mansion, the state Senate or state House. You've seen above the Democrat plan for the future of the Second Amendment. Olympia is no different.

NO APOLOGY, BUT...

Editor Shave tells me he's had some calls about my being unfair to Democrats. Or at least some Democrats. Well, I calls 'em like I sees them. Yes, we do have a handful of "good Democrats" in Olympia, committed to preserving your right to keep and bear arms as best they can. Unfortunately it's a shrinking number. We've got Senators Sheldon, Takko and Hobbs on the Senate side, and maybe one or two others that will vote our way occasionally as the mood strikes them. In the House, we're down to Rep. Brian Blake. All of these gentlemen deserve our thanks and our support.

LT GOVERNOR 2020

Republic, WA, police chief Loren Culp (R) will be on the ballot, running against Jay Inslee. The choice there is obvious. But the "top two" in the Lieutenant Governor's race are both Democrats. What to do? Use that "write-in" option on the ballot. With two Democrat candidates splitting the Democrat vote, write in "Joshua Freed.". If ALL of the Republicans and Independents in the state line up for a single Republican write-in, there's a fair chance that Republican will be elected. And if we can get a Republican Lt Gov, his will be the deciding vote in the event of tied votes in the Senate.

ELECTION, ELECTION, ELECTION

(Repeat, repeat, repeat from last month!)

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, that was 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. 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 ("X'd" and signed, of course.) Don't get caught with your ballot sitting on the kitchen counter the day after the election!

DESTABILIZATION

Murder and mayhem (and what I believe is one lawful self-defense shooting, finally) continue unabated. If you think this is going to go away after the election – no matter who wins – you need to rethink that. The Democrats consider BLM and Antifa allies, their foot troops in the cultural war. That's why NO Democrat "leaders" have condemned the violence. But what they're going to learn is that reality is the other way around, BLM and Antifa are using the Democrat's social platform to justify their actions. And between the destabilization caused by corona virus and the ongoing rioting (allegedly justified by the killing of several "ghetto saints"—mostly people with long histories of interaction with the criminal justice system) by police, the revolution is well underway. A funny thing happened on the way to the riot. BLM demonstrators in Phoenix, in late August, CANCELLED a planned "protest" because they said they were threatened by locals. I think the phrase is, "The pot calling the kettle black."

9TH CIRCUIT GETS IT RIGHT

A three judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals tossed California's normal capacity magazine (over ten rounds) as unconstitutional in a mid-August decision. And the orders for 30 and 15 round rifle and pistol mags began flowing. But wait...

The state has appealed and requested an "en banc" hearing. *En banc* technically means a full court review, in this case, 29 federal judges. But typically a panel of 11 judges is chosen to hear a case *en banc*. We'll see.

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NOTES: Display Show canceled, Elma show canceled. WAC Director Nominations open—see page 19.



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- Sept 19-20—Elma, WA, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, WAC—**Canceled**
- 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

The ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW is canceled. Even if the WAC is permitted shows in October and December, social distance rules will not allow enough space for the displays—we will re-schedule.

Washington Arms Collectors

 **2020** Gun Show Schedule

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

•Sept 19-20—Elma, Grays Harbor Fairground—**CANCELED**
•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.

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