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Prepper 101

By Phil Shave, Editor

All it took was a 70 nanometer-sized virus. World travel ceased. Social interaction was severely curtailed. Those with money or credit bought all the toilet paper. This little bug revealed the vulnerability of systems that produce and deliver our food. Streamlined, just-in-time retail and manufacturing operations almost immediately ceased to reliably function. Products manufactured in other countries became unavailable—some of them essential to health and medicine.

Federal, State and local governments failed to communicate and were unable to protect nursing homes, enact effective quarantines or direct resources efficiently. The situation worsened as our elected representatives politicized the messaging. Surprised? Not really—most of us understand and accept that the Federalist system of decentralized power and limited executive authority is weakest when a national response is required. When it did act, state government lock downs have been arbitrary, applied illogically, and served to isolate people from social support and needed services.

Not much later, protests devolved into rioting in urban and suburban areas, with burning buildings, self-described anarchists, assaults, armed rioters and the inability of fire fighters and law enforcement to respond. The ready abdication of responsibility by civil authorities in some cities—Seattle, Portland and Olympia are immediate examples—has proved, as if proof were needed, that in dire situations the government is truly not there to help when help is seriously needed. By August 2020, Seattle homicides already matched the total for all of 2019 and shots fired were up 14%; in June the city experienced a 525% increase in all crimes. And it's not just a big city thing—a drive through our capitol city of Olympia reveals boarded windows and defaced buildings; people just don't go downtown anymore. Government—in some locales—has failed to protect individuals, neighborhoods, homes, roads, communities and government buildings.

On top of these crises, out of control forest fires, opportunistic arsonists, power outages and toxic smoke have forced some to flee their homes. Few threats are as immediate and catastrophic as the total loss of ones home and possessions. What do you grab as you head out the door? What will you leave behind? If trapped indoors by un-breathable air do you have enough food, water and medicine?

No need to speculate on hypothetical scenarios—within the last several months all these disasters have

descended on the Pacific Northwest. Some of us have been affected more than others depending upon geography, jurisdiction and personal circumstances such as health. We've seen many of the expected results: Shortages and panic buying of food, water, ammunition and firearms.

If you are one of those who just shrugged, settled in and lived through the panic, good for you. Likely you were better prepared than the average. Maybe you are even a "Prepper." to use the sometimes derogatory term for those who anticipate and plan for failures of all kinds.

If you found that you were not prepared—no food reserves, only a bottle of water in the car, your gas tanks empty, particle masks not on the shelf, one box of ammo, the generator wouldn't fire up, there was no propane in the tank, no lanterns in the house, no way to charge the cell phones, etc., then you likely live each day on faith—believing that there will always be abundant food and public services and that human civility, competence and generosity will persist during the worst circumstances. One word for those with this attitude is "dependent"; one who needs to be taken care of.

Most of us DO prepare for some events—we have gun safes to prevent theft or unauthorized use of firearms, buy life insurance to protect the family, have a will and estate plan, carry a useful spare tire and even check the oil in the car occasionally. Maybe we have a generator for occasional power outages and a few other precautions. These acts of preparation are positive acts in recognition of likely events. Why not extend this mindset to other circumstances that are proven real?

Is preparation a valid subject for the *GunNews*? I think so. Many of our members have little interest in practical firearms and focus mainly on vintage collectibles. But we all understand the value of firearms in a crisis or self-defense situation. In this issue our authors will offer you some of their experience and ideas that will help us do a better job of dealing with the unexpected. Here are some personal preparation topics we'll cover:

- several different takes on the bug out bag, get home bag, and travel bag
- a practical self-defense pistol for emergencies
- some reference books for further research.

Sure, the horse is literally out of the barn regarding Covid-19. Not so with fires, smoke, rioters, looters and the de-policing of cities. Perhaps it's worth a serious look at your personal preparedness? **-GN-**

Legislation & Politics



Joe Waldron
Legislative Chairman

ELECTION ALERT--WRITE-IN NEEDED

Editor Shave is sending this issue of *GunNews* to the printers a few days early in the hope that it will arrive in your mail box before the election, and you may have a final chance to influence the outcome.

With Washington's "high two" (jungle primary) rules, we have several positions that offer two Democrat anti-gun candidates on the ballot. But nothing prevents you from adding a write-in candidate, and while it's a long shot, it's worth trying, even if it's just to poke a stick in the eye of the establishment!

Two write-in positions recommended:

Lieutenant governor: two Democrats on your ballot. Write in **JOSHUA FREED (R)**.

Congressional District 10: again, two Democrats on the ballot for those who live in the 10th Congressional District. Write in **MARTY MCCLENDON (R)**

Granted, it may be too late for many voters but if the top two split the progressive vote then there is a theoretical possibility. And it's the only way to not just "sit this one out" for those two races.

AND IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY, FILL IN YOUR BALLOT, SIGN IT, AND GET IT IN THE MAIL. The only wasted vote is the one you find on your kitchen counter the day after the election.

PREZ HAS COVID

In the last few weeks leading up to the election, there are two big political news items. First is the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to fill the Supreme Court seat left open by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. More on that later.

The other big one, at least towards mid-October, is the fact that President Trump has come down with Covid-19. I'm not going to get into the mask versus no mask thing, or other precautions that might have been taken. It is what it is. Assuming the President's full recovery, this bout with Covid will likely influence the election outcome. The "I told you so's" will vote against Trump, while it may push Trump supporters away from apathy so they get their ballot in.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of Obama advisor and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's, "Never let a crisis go to waste," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is trying to drum up support in Congress to remove President Trump under the 25th Amendment. Talk about dirty pool and kicking a guy while he is down...

The 25th Amendment was passed after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and clarifies the path for succession in the event the president is disabled. Under the 25th Amendment, the president may do so voluntarily – and reverse it when he feels capable of fulfilling his duties again.

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The vice president then takes over. OR, the president may be involuntarily removed from office and the vice president assume the duties and powers of the Acting President IF the vice president and the majority of executive branch chiefs (cabinet members) OR such body as Congress may determine may do so.

La Pelosi (as my wife calls her, or "that Pelosi woman") is trying to do that right now. The Russia collusion thing failed, the impeachment failed, so Pelosi is going for strike three. And she will strike out. President Trump will leave office at his appointed time, either in 2025 or 2021, not when power-hungry Speaker of the House (third in line for the presidency) Pelosi determines.

SUPREME COURT

After three bouts with cancer and failing health for more than a decade, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away in mid-September. Most likely the most liberal member of the Court, I rarely agreed with her judicial decisions, but I readily acknowledge she was a very accomplished jurist. May she rest in peace. (I would add one note: given the length of Justice Ginsburg's life-threatening illnesses, if she had resigned from the court in 2015, President Obama could have nominated her replacement.)

Then came the firestorm (can I say s**tstorm?). Within ten days of Ginsburg's passing, President Trump nominated Appellate Court Judge and former Notre Dame law professor Amy Coney Barrett to fill the empty seat. It was like Trump had detonated a tactical nuclear device in the Democrat caucus on Capitol Hill.

Barrett has a conservative voting record as a circuit court judge, including one written opinion where she advocated restoration of firearm rights for non-violent felons (until the Gun Control Act of 1968, only violent felons were prohibited firearms under federal law). Needless to say, Michael Bloomberg and his bed-mates – Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety – took exception to the nomination. (I've always experienced some confusion over the name "Moms Demand Action." That can be read a couple of ways!). Going back just four years ago, when President Obama nominated Merrick Garland to fill the seat of deceased Justice Antonin Scalia (who passed away under potentially suspicious circumstances while visiting a hunting ranch owned by a Democrat donor), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R) refused to hear the nomination. Precedent set. But wait, there have been several cases over our history of replacement justices being seated in the final days of a presidential campaign. Hopefully for gun owners, the historical precedent will overrule the 2016 precedent.

Barrett, a devout Catholic and a very conservative jurist, was immediately attacked by the mainstream media as well as every Democrat within 100 miles of Capitol Hill. Most of the focus was on her opposition to abortion, a basic tenet of the Catholic faith, just as support for unrestricted abortion rights tops the Democrat agenda. But wait a minute. What about Justices Roberts, Alito, Thomas, Kavanaugh and Sotomayor? All Catholic and yet *Roe v Wade* still stands. It appears the justices have an independent mind when it comes to decision making.

What about guns? After all, that's what this is about. Judge Barrett has a history on guns. As an appellate court judge, she wrote a minority (losing) opinion that – in her read of the constitution – while it may be constitutionally permissible to block violent felons from having guns, it is unconstitutional to block non-violent felons, as was passed by the Gun Control Act of 1968.

Gun owners need Judge Barrett on the court, NOW. In addition to the obvious influence on future Second Amendment cases, something else to keep in mind: If there are only eight justices sitting on the Supreme Court on election day, and if the election ends up in the Supreme Court because of challenges to election irregularities, we need nine seats deciding the outcome, not eight and the possibility of a tie.

ATF SHENANIGANS

ATF is playing games again, revisiting the “arm brace” as used on AR-style pistols. The ATF assured the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) that this was NOT the case. Well, it appears they lied. ATF recently reclassified Q.LLC's (no, I've never heard of them, neither) AR-look-alike “Honey Badger” pistol as a short-barreled rifle, subject to National Firearms Act (NFA) restrictions – including enhanced and lengthy background checks, registration and a \$200 tax. If they can do this with one AR pistol they can do it with all. You can read the TF letter to Q-LLC here:

https://gunowners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Q_LLC_6_02_02814_Cease_Desist_Letter.pdf

It appears we didn't have to wait for a Biden administration for the games to start. Assuming ATF will eventually rule ALL AR-style pistols with “arm braces” to be short-barreled rifles, how many individuals will that affect. The numbers aren't available right now. It has to be tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands.

Can you just remove the arm brace and bingo! It's a pistol again? Good question, no answer at this time.

A bill before Congress right now, HR 5289, the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act will remove all short-barreled rifles from the National Firearm Act and treat them like “normal” firearms. You need to contact your Congressperson and urge them to support HR 5289.

McCLOSKEYS INDICTED

In late June, a St Lewis lawyer couple gained their 15 minutes of fame as hundreds of “peaceful protesters” broke into a gated community on their way to protest at the St. Louis mayor's home. As the crowd surged past, and appears to have entered the couple's property, the couple emerged from the home, waving an AR-15 (him) and a handgun (her). The liberal St Louis prosecuting (persecuting?) attorney took it to a grand jury, and in early October the grand jury indicted both of the McCloskey's on charges of felony unlawful use of a weapon (brandishing) and evidence tampering(?).

Shortly after the incident President Trump called attention to it, and Missouri Governor Mike Parson said he would pardon the couple if they were convicted. He may have that chance. Now we'll see how a St. Louis jury handles it.

A few historical facts: By that point in the protest movement over the death of George Floyd, millions of dollars in property damage had already occurred nationwide and more than a few people had been murdered. There is no reason to believe this kind of “protest” behavior will end any time soon. Clearly it goes far beyond “peaceful protest” protected by the First Amendment and well into violent criminal activity. And now we know what we can expect as a response by the law enforcement system with a liberal prosecutor.

RUGER BUYS MARLIN

On the firearms manufacturing front, Sturm-Ruger recently bought Marlin Firearms from Remington's holding company that had taken control of Marlin some time past. With luck Ruger will continue much of the Marlin line, especially their lever action rifles. While Winchester has dominated the lever action market for well over a century, Marlin with its updated designs has earned its place in gun owners' safes. I have heard the Marlin 336 .30-30 referred to as the “thinking man's Model 94” and the Marlin Model 1895 .45-70 has a well deserved reputation in Alaska and other places where the big bears are hunted. Even my brother in Connecticut has an 1895!

Many of us were raised on Marlin semi-auto .22s My first rifle was a Remington 511 in .22LR – gotta learn the basic first: sight alignment, trigger squeeze and slow, deliberate fire. Next came a hand-me-down Marlin – I don't recall the model number – that one of my uncles decided I needed for fun shooting.

CPL HOLDERS INCREASE

As Washingtonians well know, the Covid-19 outbreak has slowed initial concealed pistol license (CPL) issue, and even some renewals. But overall, we're doing pretty good in the CPL arena. Nationwide there are now 19,480,000 CPL holders. And keep in mind that we now have sixteen “constitutional carry” states, meaning the Second Amendment is all a law-abiding adult needs to carry a concealed firearm in those states (be careful when traveling, a few limit constitutional carry to residents, only). The true number of concealed carriers in those states is an unknown. Some more interesting CPL statistics from Dr. John Lott's Crime Prevention Research Center: 7.6% of all Americans hold CPLs. Leaving out California and New York, 9,2% of the adult population is licensed to carry. Alabama tops the list with 28.5% licensed citizens. Indiana has 18.7% and Iowa 15.0%. Five states now have more than a million licenses: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Most states do not give detailed statistics for CPL holders, simply providing overall numbers of licenses issued. But for those states that do give detailed information, here are more interesting facts: Women number 26.4% of licensees. And women are obtaining licenses at a faster rate than men. Minorities are a part of that trend as well, all minorities. And the rate of minority new licensees is increasing faster than the overall population as well.

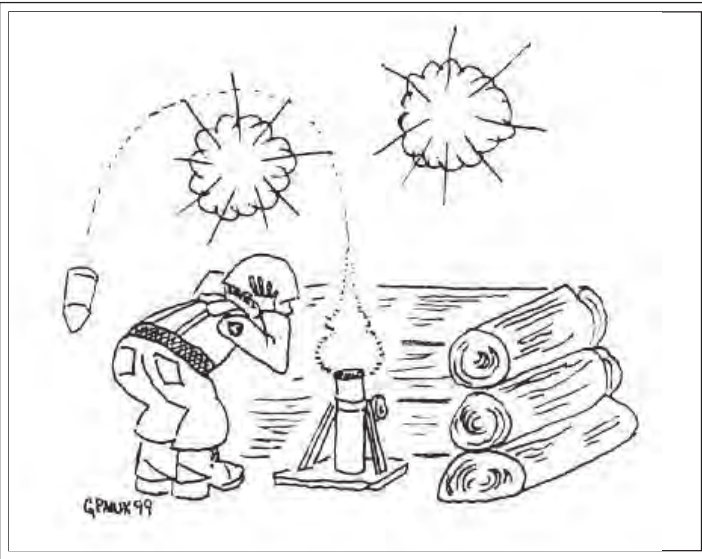
Welcome to any law-abiding citizen (or resident alien in most states) who chooses to exercise his or her right to self defense with a firearm.

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SHORT ROUNDS

WAC Membership

While we continue to worry about our personal exposures to the Covid-19 virus, keep in mind that the survival of the Washington Arms Collectors is also threatened. We ask you to remain with us during the period of event lock-downs. Free access to our events has always been one of our benefits and without shows it may seem that your membership has a lower value. While the Board agrees, we are convinced that we will be able to return to our large shows—if we survive as an organization. Your continued support of the WAC through membership renewal is essential. Remember, you can still buy and sell guns to members through our magazine each month and we continue to publish and print the GunNews for you every month. If you're not sure when your membership expires, contact the office at 425-255-8410.



Renew Your Membership!

W.A.C. - Membership Application (New and Renew)

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:	Mem#:
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E-Mail: (We will not share this with anyone.)			DL# Drivers License#	Exp. Date:	
Birth Date: (Month)	(Day)	(Year)	CPL# Concealed Pistol License	Exp. Date:	
			CHECK PAYMENT TYPE	New and Expired Members, if you do not have a current CPL or FFL, add an additional \$15.00 for the Initiation Fee which includes a Washington State Patrol background check.	
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** SEE THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AN

** Read Carefully and Sign Below **

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and rules of the Washington Arms Collectors. I also agree to obey all applicable local, State and Federal laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to firearms, ammunition and accessories; and accept full responsibility for maintaining a current awareness of the legal restrictions, proscriptions, and penalties applicable to firearms, ammunition, and accessories.

Additionally, I am a citizen of the United States of America or a legal resident. I authorize the Washington Arms Collectors to verify the accuracy of the statements and information I have provided on this confidential application for membership. I also waive any liability that might otherwise attach to those organizations and individuals who aid in the corroboration or refutation of the data on this application or the statements attested to by me. I authorize the release of all information whatsoever to the Washington Arms Collectors, and its presiding officers that will aid in judging the merits of this application.

By signing this application I agree not to sue and to indemnify and hold harmless the Evergreen State Fairgrounds (in Monroe), The Washington State Fair (in Puyallup), the Washington Arms Collectors and all other venues, persons and organizations participating in W.A.C. events.

My Dated Signature on this Application certifies that I am presently entitled to purchase and possess firearms as defined according to all Federal, State and local statutes, and I have read and understood the W.A.C. Rules of the Road.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Sponsor Information Only **

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I verify the accuracy of the preceding statements and do hereby sponsor and endorse the applicant for Membership in the Washington Arms Collectors

Sponsoring W.A.C. Member (Print Name) _____

W.A.C Member Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

Denice Fedyn Passes

Dan Fedyn contacted us with the sad notice that Denice Fedyn, passed away on September 12, 2020. You should remember Denice as she was at her vendor tables at every WAC event, always ready to engage in conversation whether you were buying or not. Denice was a great supporter of WAC and served as Secretary from 2014 to 2018.

General Election Write-Ins Last Minute Reminders

This issue of the GunNews has been scheduled to arrive early, just in case you have not completed your general election ballot. Refer to the October issue for complete recommendations, pp. 6-7. Two races for which there is not an acceptable candidate on the ballot are Lt. Governor and 10th Congressional District (House of Representatives). We recommend that you consider the write-in option as follows:

- Marty McClendon, 10th Congressional District**
- Joshua Freed, Lt. Governor**

Display Show Canceled

We've canceled the annual display show for 2020. The availability of venues and space remains questionable. Please continue to plan your displays as we expect to be able to offer our members an opportunity at some point in 2021.

Puyallup Show Cancellation

The restrictions on large events continue and have canceled the WAC show in Elma, Grays Harbor. At this time we still have listed the December 2020 event on the calendar at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. While we are prepared to protect our staff, members and visitors at Fall events, we just don't know what restrictions will be in place regarding separation of vendors and number of people allowed into the building. This makes the December Puyallup event unpredictable—stay tuned.

**NOTE: SHOW CANCELLATION:
Puyallup, Oct 31-Nov 1**

The AR Pistol —circa 2020—

Pistols for:

•*Sport*

•*Home Defense*

&

•*Preparation*

By Bill Hunt, WAC,
Art Director



Back in the mists of time I actually owned an original version of the AR Pistol; the OA-93 made in Olympia, WA by Olympic Arms. It was serial #2 and it came with two uppers. It was marked in two calibers; 5.56x45 and 7.62x39. I sold it many years before the COVID-19 hit.

Like most during this current climate I had a lot of free time on my hands. The AR Pistol concept was something that resurfaced on my radar around March/April of 2020. The internet beckoned AND it provided. I just had to have new one.

One can buy a 100% factory built model of course. Or if you like to build things, one can source every individual component, from muzzle brake to brace

Above—The very same AERO Precision M4E1/SBA3 (brace) that is shown on the cover but here with the suppressor attached. This version in .300 BLK with an 8" barrel.

Next Page: Shown with suppressor removed. Components: FDE complete pistol lower set, 8" VeriForce Tactical .300 Blackout upper (CMMG barrel), Meprolight M21 Self-Powered Day & Night Reflex Sight, MSilencerCo Omega 300 suppressor/muzzle flashhider, Magpul AFG & 30 rd. 300BLK magazine.

and everything in-between. I chose a middle route. I decided on buying an assembled AR Pistol lower and using some assemblies and accessories I already had. The hard times had resulted in a major buying rush on all things firearm which created vast shortages of parts and accessories on said internet. Most searches ended with leaving the message: "Please let me know when 'X' is back in stock". I lost track of how many times nothing came of some of these requests.

To build my 2020 AR Pistol I first had to get that complete pistol lower. Always a fan of Aero Precision in Tacoma, and liking the design of their M4E1 receivers, I decided that was the one I wanted. After viewing Aero's website pics of a 'Complete Pistol Lower' Cerakoted in FDE (flat dark earth is a Magpul color and many of Magpuls parts are available in this shade) I saw the dreaded 'OUT OF STOCK' disclaimer. I left the "let-me-know" request.

Okay, so we can't have that instant gratification for our firearm ordering online by hitting "buy it now"...but one of the fun notices one CAN get during WuFlu days is a "YOUR ITEM IS BACK IN STOCK." Then hitting the "BUY IT NOW" button

is just downright satisfying. This was just the start of the project; there are unlimited option choices and an equal number of decisions left to make. It is entirely possible that no two of the millions of AR pistols are exactly the same. I was going to use some parts that I already had on hand for my Colt CQB Monolithic 10.3" LE6945 factory SBR. These parts included several uppers in 5.56 & .300 BLK. We all know the 5.56 cartridge but some are less familiar with the .300 BLK. The full name is .300 Advanced Armament Corporation Blackout; many just call it .300 Blackout and it is a large caliber subsonic round that can be effectively suppressed, making it a very good choice in a pistol. Because the AR pistol is modular mine exists in several variations.

For the cover gun configuration here is the parts list:

- AERO Precision M4E1/SBA3 (brace) FDE complete pistol lower set
- Holosun HS503FL Circle Dot RDS
- 7.5" Davidson Defense 5.56 upper
- Firefield Charge offset green laser/light
- A*B Arms SBR Pistolgrip
- Magpul FDE BUIS & 20 rnd magazine
- Strike Industries LINKANCHOR & UDC.



The right side (page 9) view has the following parts:

- AERO Precision M4E1/SBA3 (brace) FDE complete pistol lower set
- 11.5" LE6933 5.56 upper
- Trijicon Compact ACOG 3x24 Amber Crosshair Scope w/M16 base
- Magpul MOE® M-LOK® Hand Guard, Carbine-Length – FDE.

The view with the suppressor (page 8) has the following components:

- AERO Precision M4E1/SBA3 (brace) FDE complete pistol lower set
- 8" VeriForce Tactical .300 Blackout upper (CMMG barrel)
- Meprolight M21 Self-Powered Day & Night Reflex Sight
- MSilencerCo Omega 300 suppressor/muzzle flashhider
- Magpul AFG & 30 rnd 300BLK magazine.

Because this AR is a pistol, with a pistol length barrel and whatever registration requirements exist in your state, it cannot have a butt stock. A short barrel AR with a buttstock would be a short barrel rifle (SBR), an NFA item requiring ATF approval and tax stamp. What you see in the photos and parts list is the Aero Precision SB Tactical SBA3 stabilizing brace—not a buttstock. Yes, certain braces are ATF legal on pistols if they have been “lettered” by ATF. But ATF has gone back and forth on how these can be used. One should ensure that any brace has been ATF reviewed and approved and then read the letter with their qualifications. Basically, a pistol brace should not be shouldered (ATF has issued multiple advisories and interpretation of their own rules that you may want to read). Of course Aero Precision has worked with ATF and their SBA3 brace is “lettered.”

Two interesting reads regarding the AR Pistol and the Pistol Brace are:

History of the AR pistol:

<https://medium.com/war-is-boring/the-ar-15-pistol-seemed-like-a-bad-joke-at-first-77d9dad71022>

The SB Brace:

<https://www.sb-tactical.com/resource-category/atf-letter/>

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What is a Pistol?

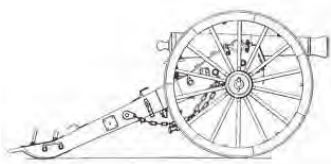
The world of firearms has become a little confusing. We must deal with laws and also regulations—regulators can change interpretations rather quickly. So, what is a pistol?

First, look at State laws; here in Washington, the definition of a pistol is a, *"firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches in length, or is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand."* This would exclude buttstocks. It apparently does not necessarily exclude forends—think Thompson Center Contenders. A rifle is *"a weapon designed...to be fired from the shoulder"* with no specification as to barrel length. But a short barrel rifle (SBR) has, *"barrels less than sixteen inches in length...an overall length of less than twenty-six inches."*

Federal law defines a pistol as *"a weapon originally designed... to fire a projectile...when held in one hand, and having...a short stock designed to be gripped by one hand at an angle to and extending below the line of the bore(s)."* There is no barrel length specified in the Federal definition of pistol. A rifle is *"a weapon designed... intended to be fired from the shoulder."* If the rifle has a barrel less than 16" it becomes an NFA taxed/controlled firearm--a short barrel rifle (SBR). It is important to note that an SBR is not a pistol as it is designed to be fired from the shoulder. Federal regs include Any Other Weapon (AOW) so just because a firearm is not a pistol, rifle or SBR does not mean that it is unregulated.

It gets a little messy. Since an AR receiver can be constructed as either a pistol or rifle one must be careful not to re-design it by changing the configuration through barrel length and stock modifications—without first knowing what is legal and what laws must be followed. For example, a perfectly legit AR pistol could be inadvertently changed into an SBR merely by adding a rifle stock, either fixed or folding. Or an AR SBR could be created by changing out the 16" barrel for a shorter one. Check with an expert, preferably a dealer if you have any doubts about your AR build.

The statutes are not quoted in their entirety and this is not legal advice.



A Failure of Civility

How to Defend and Protect You, Your Family, Friends, Neighborhood

By Mike Garand and Jack Lawson

A Book Review by Phil Shave, Editor

My grandparents—mom’s side—didn’t have electricity or a phone when I visited them as a child. Power or communication failures were irrelevant. Water? Just prime the pump and work the lever. Pickling and canning put vegetables on the shelf. The root cellar (complete with a rather large rodent-control snake) kept things cool and stored hardier vegetables and grain. Milk was straight from the cow. Most disasters would pass them by. They didn’t know it but they were preppers; their lives were built around preparing for winter, planning for shortages, feeding themselves, planning to survive. Few of us live that way today.

Our children don’t remember a time without the internet or cell phones. They certainly can’t understand life without electricity, vehicles, transit services, access to health care and more. And only a few of us are of an age to remember the last bout of urban unrest. Unless one served in the military or law enforcement, most have no experience with self-defense—even playground fights are a thing of the past. Since we don’t have these survival imprints, a genre—both book and internet—has arisen to fill the gaps in our knowledge. **A Failure of Civility** (2012, AFOC) is one of the better books on the subject. Its subtitle summarizes the content: “How to Defend and Protect You, your family, friends, neighborhood and America during a disaster or crisis.” Authors Mike Garand and Jack Lawson claim military special operations credentials. Survivalist websites highly recommend this book.

Before going any further let’s look at availability. My copy came from our show vendors at a reasonable price. This book was self-published in 2012 by AFOC LLC) and it appears that it was reprinted around 2015. These days it is hard to find. Sure there’s a copy on Amazon for \$249 and you might stumble on a PDF excerpt on the internet. Your best bet remains our show book vendors. Or borrow a copy from one of your better-prepared friends. This review remains useful as a guide to the scope of your personal preparations and the authors’ basic premises may stimulate your thinking and actions on preparation.

Plan for What?

In case you haven’t yet grasped all of the possibilities, this text begins with a two page ranked table of catastrophic events that would impact our lives. Like

any such list, current events influence the determination of which events are the most likely. In 2012 the authors thought that the “highly possible” catastrophes were: Financial collapse/depression, cyber hack disruption of food chain and life support services, EMP attack, class warfare/racial conflict/State’s rights disputes. Eight years later most of these seem to deserve a spot high on the list of threats. I find it interesting that worldwide disease pandemic is identified near the middle of the list, below famine and fuel shortages. Disasters with which we are familiar such as earthquake, volcanic eruption, and forest fire are rated as “possible”—indeed they are and here in the Northwest they deserve our recognition as events that should be uprated to highly possible. You and I have lived through disruptive earthquakes that destroyed roads and isolated some communities. Mt. St. Helens eruption is still a recent memory. I remember fuel shortages and rationing in the late 70’s.

Rely on Your Neighbors

The authors do not promote an isolationist brand of survival, rather they place an emphasis on neighborhoods and a tactical defense plan. This is the antithesis of the survivalist thinking that promotes escape to a remote area. Realistically, if things are really bad then travel, especially from urban areas, is not feasible. To quote the authors: “...the necessity and advantage of the cooperation of a group of people, over the individual efforts of the citizen...” are key to survival. Whether it’s the authors’ military background or just common sense, they recognize the advantages of a group over an individual. You define the community—whether it is your neighbors or just family, there is strength in numbers. Unfortunately our abundant society makes most of us individualists who live without a strong sense of community; do we even know our neighbors? This book asks us to create an area tactical protection plan, a concept that is more feasible in suburban and rural areas than it is in cities. It makes sense to look at geography, roads, topography and natural barriers and plan to defend a perimeter that is some distance from your home. Chapters 5, 6 and 7 are the core of this book as they provide the basis for tactical planning for your neighborhood or building. The authors have thought about urban defense and do also offer tactical planning for multi-story residential buildings. Buy and read **A Failure of Civility** for these critical chapters.

Only the Rich Can Survive Alone

Those with enough money can build shelters, own remote homes that are defensible, maintain well-stocked food supplies and employ armed personnel. The rest of us must rely on each other to create a community of skills and supplies that will enhance our survival in the event of a disaster. This is described not as collectivism but rather mutual support.

Reliance on Government is Not a Plan

The more collectivist your mindset, the less likely you will be to prepare for an event. Our grandparents were self-sufficient but succeeding generations have become increasingly dependent. Today it is not unusual for a household to have no firearms, no basic medical supplies, little extra water and only enough food for a few days. After all, with a cell call we can have food delivered and 911 gets us immediate help. Americans—outside of major urban areas—have an advantage in that most do own firearms and often have their own water wells.

The 72 Hour Bag

The suggestion here is to build one bag with enough food, water, medicine and supplies for three days. This is the survival bridge to a longer term plan. Similar to a Bug Out Bag (BOB), these portable supplies may allow evacuation to an area that is survivable.

What if the Social Safety Net Fails?

Older Americans and the disabled expect to receive their Social Security checks and other kinds of financial support. Currently the government operates on debt. Should this become unsustainable, then reliance on the complicated social safety net may collapse leaving our most vulnerable unprotected. Yet another reason for those of all ages to establish a plan to protect those within our families.

The Psychology and Reality of Desperation

In Chapter 4 the authors ask you to understand why people act the way they do and how this will change when they need food and water. Perhaps most important is the “balance between logic and emotions” that is necessary for the group to survive. For many without a survival mindset, this chapter will be both critically important and very hard to accept.

This and That

Chapter 12 lists the items one must have including firearms, water, food sanitation, medical items, fuel and communication. For example the brief communication section is not about cell phones. During the last serious earthquake here in Washington, cell networks were immediately overloaded and communication failed. Land lines worked better but were also busy and ordinary calls did not go through. The communication section is

one of the weakest in the book—not much info. The authors recommend the use of FRS (Family Radio Service) radios and frequencies. FRS are the walkie-talkie handhelds that we can buy for recreational use. As you may know, the range is short. A base camp version is recommended and these do extend range somewhat. Manufacturers may claim a range of up to 26 miles but practical range may be as little as 1-2 miles; handhelds have a much shorter range. (You may know that licensed Ham radio operators can be a part of organized emergency communications and amateur Ham operators also operate informally during crises. These radios have long range and are widely dispersed and not reliant on physical networks. The authors do include a list of frequencies and some additional comment on how to use the Ham network.)

Firearms

Almost everything in this chapter is sound. This is the firearm training manual that we all should have. While much of what's discussed is old news to serious self-defense firearm users, the reminders are good and there is more here than most have been exposed to. If you haven't been to a good firearm training school then this is the next best thing. No kidding, this text could form the basis for a law enforcement basic training class. The chapter combines basic firearm principles with military concepts such as situational awareness, use of cover, mindset. I wish I had this chapter in my early days of firearm training.

Relocation & Evacuation

Info on convoys, emergency relocation and security while in motion is included. Which of your vehicles will actually operate? That depends on whether their computers are still functional. Old, simple vehicles will run if there is gas in the tanks. Have we thought about how to refill gas tanks without electricity? During power outages, gas stations will only pump if they have generators.

Summary

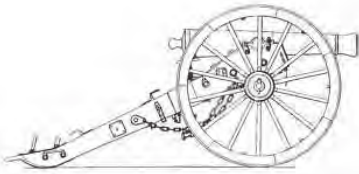
Whether you are starting from ground zero in your preparations or want to upgrade your planning, [A Failure of Civility](#) is the text that will provide a comprehensive guide. You might find it overwhelming but that just means there is more work to be done. If you can find a copy, buy it. If you can't find one, then borrow this book from one of your prepper friends.

NOTE: Our show vendors, Dave and Sharon, report that they are sold out of this book but you might call them to discuss an alternative. 406-847-2735. Dave says that many fine books are no longer in print. Special interest books are of limited demand so seldom stay continuously available.

Dare to Prepare

By Holly Drennan Deyo

A Book Review by Phil Shave, Editor



69 chapters and 632 pages—if there is a preparedness topic that isn't well-covered in Dare to Prepare (6th Ed., Deyo Enterprises, 2018) I don't know what it is. Author Holly Drennan Deyo has created the manual for self-sufficiency. Have you thought about how to collect water? Ms. Deyo will show you how. What about sanitation if toilets don't work? Both short term and long term solutions are provided—for example, plans for both a composting toilet and an old-fashioned pit toilet are included.

Food

A major strength of this book is its comprehensive coverage of food: storage, shelf life, calories needed, balanced nutrition, commercial meals and more. There are wonderful charts that specify the shelf life of various foods—fresh, canned, dried, etc. Wondering about commercial date codes? Here's 27 pages of information that you've likely never seen.

Medications & More

A realistic approach to preparedness requires that one think about both ordinary and disease-specific medications. Like food, most medications have a shelf life that is definite and must be considered. There are more of those great charts showing shelf life of various medications and first aid supplies. Chapters 14, 15, and 16 provide information that has not been readily available elsewhere.

Fuel

The author has thought about just about every possible fuel and how to store it, move it and use it. Long term stabilization is dealt with. A separate chapter is titled, "Cooking Without Power" and reviews stoves, propane, charcoal and dutch ovens, among other choices.

Communications

Chapter 33 is a pretty comprehensive text on the various radio options available, from FRS to amateur/Ham. This is a good place to start if you just don't know what to buy for emergency communications.

Long Term Thinking

Chapters on growing your own food take you beyond surviving for a few months on beans and freeze dried meals. Hygiene, soap and candle making, composting, dehydrating foods, keeping your pets healthy, cleaning supplies—all are covered.

Specific Threat Planning

While much of the information is generic and useful during any crisis, there are separate chapters that advise on survival in the event of: Terrorism, bio-warfare, nuclear incidents, EMP attacks, drought, fire, flood, hurricanes, tsunamis, volcanic eruption, winter storms. If you can think of a threat, it is addressed.

Pandemic

While this book, 6th Edition, was published in 2018, pandemic is dealt with in detail. Yes, we could have prepared better. The author emphasizes hand washing and use of N95 masks. A lot of detail on mask types, protection levels and use is included. Those who planned using Dare to Prepare were ready when the Covid-19 forced us into lockdown; they didn't rush to the store to stock up on food, paper products, Clorox, sanitizers and face masks.

Summary

Dare to Prepare is perhaps the best preparedness manual available. You can buy it locally, online or at our WAC shows. The comprehensive nature of the book makes it daunting. There is so much to do if one wants to prepare for every eventuality. But remember, most preparation is worthwhile for any emergency, whether it's just a power outage or a long term event. You won't find firearm information or tactical advice in this book, just good, sound, well-researched information on keeping yourself and your family fed, clean, healthy, warm and safe when isolated from the outside resources on which we usually depend. **-GN-**

Longtime book vendors at WAC events, Dave & Sharon, should have this in-stock. 406-847-2735. Or visit their Ebay store, The Book Rack One: [ebay.com/str/thebookrackone](https://www.ebay.com/str/thebookrackone)

STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

Yup, Fall has arrived with the low hanging fog and wet, wet air. Only good thing is that it makes for good stalking weather, the fallen cottonwood leaves no longer like walking on potato chips. Speaking about cottonwood, reminds me of one of the best claims (lies) I've heard. Second best was a welder who claimed he could weld two chewing gum wrappers edge to edge, using a oxy-acetylene torch. That's darn good. Another fella claimed his hearing was so sharp, he could hear cottonwood Fluff (seeds) when they "slammed" into the ground. Dang – now that's really good! Didn't think to ask if they were louder than dandelion fluffs, or maybe louder than snow flakes hitting the ground. Wonder if he can hear a match flame when it burns out?

In response to our last magazine where I listed some revolvers in .44 Magnum caliber, a member called to inform me of another, the Great Western brand. This brand was made from 1954 to 1964, with most of the westerns in those years having Great Western six guns. According to Elmer Keith, the noted six gun pistolero, the first couple years of manufacturing yielded guns of marginal quality, manufactured in Southern California. Later, they were well made, the timing, fitting of parts, etc, corrected. In 2003, the EMF Firm started importing under the Great Western name but these don't command the collector value, as do the earlier USA made.

I'd gotten a call from one of our members wanting to sell a deceased family member's estate, to include four front stuffers and three cartridge rifles (All C&R eligible). Long story short, they were all so darn dirty, I could not determine, or even guess, what caliber they were. I think I "ticked" him off when I offered him around a dollar, as scrap iron right now is about 2 cents a pound (7.5 lb x 7 guns). Needless to say, I lost that purchase. Coincidentally, his family members were all sitting and watching football reruns, all wearing their team jerseys, eating chips and swilling beer.

This caution also applies to our vendors at our shows. (Remember how we had shows?) Anyway, clean the darn gun before coming to the show. I remember once looking at a pair of 1875 Remington six guns in .45 Colt, the owner trying to sell them at 98% condition. HA! These had replacement front sights, the cylinders were ringed from the cylinder stop dragging leaving a shiny ring. Also, each gun still had powder residue in the chambers and around the barrel/frame joint. Cleaned – HA!

I really wanted those guns, but rated each at 60-65%. Nope, wouldn't pay his asking. Clean the darn guns!

In another column I said that with a reloading press, dies, a bullet mould, of course the brass, and a supply of primers and powder, one can be set for life. Of course if you have the black guns and a shooting session is 500+ rounds, you're beyond help. I guess if we are ever invaded and we need to "spray" the invaders, I'll be envious but how about the single shot guy who makes every shot count, then moves. Semper Fi.

Like a lot of our vendors, I get almost all of my stock from guys bringing in their unwanted guns (Many admitting that Momma said he didn't need them). Anyway, about one out of four then also brings in a box of accessories, later giving me the black powder too. (No powder allowed in the building, Puyallup or Monroe per the Fire Marshall). Will I ever need powder? Very doubtful.

FYI – if you ever get your smokeless powder wet, throw it away, it's worthless. If you get the black powder wet, spread it out thinly on a board and put it in the sun. After it's dry, crumble it between your hands and put in a container for use. It's estimated it may lose about 2-3% of it's power. (Do you think Lewis and Clark never got their 1500 lbs. of powder wet, crossing rivers, etc?) For the impatient, that doesn't mean on the electric or gas range. Duh!

From previous GunNews columns, I've been asked numerous times if I was a "survivalist" guy, as I talked about shooting and eating the grouse, etc. No, but it pays to know how to keep from freezing or starving. There is a magazine I've seen a couple times, I think it's "Backwoodsman." Anyway, guys write in how they put together their "bug out" kits and what firearms they need to survive. A few just had to have a .458 Winchester mag or something equally worthless. Heck, this isn't Africa. Probably, in my opinion, the best firearm survival kit would be a Savage 24, break action rifle/shotgun, in .22LR over .410 shotgun. Ammo is cheap (used to be anyway) and you can carry a heck of a lot, weighing very little. Probably the only caliber having taken more deer than the .22LR, is the lowly thutty thutty. Yeah, shot placement plus .410 slugs are pretty potent, too.

A good friend just moved from Puyallup to acreage down south. He immediately put in a shooting range to 100 yards, so he can remain sharp with his bolt action hunting rifles. He also has the black guns with foot long magazines, I noted at least 30 of the "fat fifty" ammo cans, holding various caliber ammo. He has a small room just for his survival food, many with shelf life expiration in the late 2060's. This room is about 8 feet x 10 feet, the contents neatly stacked about five foot high, wall to wall. And – none needing a microwave. Yup, cyclone fencing the whole property!

Another friend recently called wanting to liquidate his collection of firearms and ammo. The long guns were consigned to a local gun shop as well as all the cases of military caliber ammo. I ended up with a considerable amount of .38 special reloads, my intent, to pull the slugs, dump the powder and reload with known powder. These will be for a Taurus .38, very similar to a Smith & Wesson Model 10. A couple of parts in the cylinder rotation train are broken, totally unavailable. My intention is to turn that six shooter into a single shot, by manufacturing a locking device to align one chamber with the barrel, still retaining the tip out cylinder and ejector system. Nope, can't just throw it away! Do that with a semi auto? HA! Along with the reloads mentioned, with my coffee cans full of .38 brass, an evenings worth of plinking ammo, to put with the cans of already loaded stuff.

Am I a survivalist? No, but I'll never be caught short.

Now for a rant about "hunters." See, it's not just football on my hit list. Remember in the fifties and sixties how hunters would go to Mexico for the unlimited shooting of wildfowl as they had no limits down there. There were pictures in magazines of pickup trucks heaped with ducks and geese and anything else that flew into range. These "hunters" would stop shooting only when they ran out of ammo. This was the pinch point of the Pacific flyway. Only after extreme pressure from probably the Sierra Club, did Mexico institute changes.

Anyway, as a member of the NRA, I have my choice of their two magazines, the "American Rifleman" and the "American Hunter"—I choose the latter (the Rifleman is so full of political stuff). Well, the last issue of the "Hunter" had a story about the Central flyway with a photo of eight guys with their scores for the day. Yeah, a long pile of 64 geese and a bunch of ducks, reminding me of the Mexican slaughters. To my way of thinking, if you can afford to travel to a state just for the shooting, you probably don't need the birds to feed your family and you're there only for the killing. We all know stuff like this is going on, but it sure as heck doesn't need to be put in public view or accepted as "OK."

Remember the recent uproar when the American dentist went to Africa and with the "guide's" help, a huge old lion was lured out of the park so this guy could kill it just for the bragging rights and other Freudian reasons. Then there was the wealthy gal that went over there and killed some giraffe with lots of photos. Think she did it for the meat? Think this is an issue that I get hot about? Since I brought up the NRA magazines, I have to say that today's news on the IRS investigating possible tax fraud by Wayne LaPierre is disturbing. I won't say more until we see how this all turns out. -GN-

—VOTE—

**If you haven't mailed or dropped your
ballot in a drop box, do it today.**

The problem is when traveling via the airlines you don't have the luxury of toting a full blown "End of the World, Zombie Slaying" Bug Out Bag along with you, however there is more a compact alternative that I call the BMGB or Bare Minimum Go Bag. This is a small but well stocked Emergency kit weighing in at 9 lbs. that's packed and locked securely in my check bag after I check in at the ticket counter and go thru TSA to declare my firearm.

Some Carry-On Advice

Before I elaborate on the BMGB let me touch on some other crucial items I pack in my carry-on bag which is the equivalent of what most suppliers call a 3 day pack. I'm currently testing Blade-Tech's new SF Pack. In it I pack my laptop, prescription glasses, sunglasses, camera, medications and any other non-prohibited items I'll need at my destination and a high quality lightweight weather resistant fleece lined jacket along with a tactical nylon belt and pair of Kevlar tactical gloves. I always pack extra emergency gear such as a tactical pen, quality LED flashlight, spare batteries, pocket size emergency shelter, 25' of paracord, TAC PAK w/ Qwik Clot, small first aid kit, mini survival kit which includes a magnesium fire starter. I also keep water purification tablets, a spare survival straw and several protein energy bars. In the packs hydration compartment I keep an empty 100 oz. hydration bladder and some cleaning tablets along with Camelbak "Elixir" electrolyte tabs. To round things out I also pack two styles of Blade-Tech Holsters. The first is a Kydex® "IWB" inside the waistband" appendix carry holster and the second is a Revolution series injection molded belt holster with a double magazine pouch.

This gives me three carry options at my destination: IWB, Belt & Fanny Pack. With the exception of the holsters and the bladder the above emergency gear is a duplicate set of the emergency items carried in my BMGB that's been locked in my check bag with my firearm in case my check bag ends up MIA when I land. If I am not wearing a pair of sturdy lightweight "GoreTex" hiking boots I'll carry a pair in my 3 day carry on pack.

Check It—TSA Rules

Before 911 when you flew with a firearm you declared it and locked it at the check in counter prior to boarding. Back then you didn't have to deal with a complete TSA bag inspection. I like to call those "The Good Old Days" when you could carry a decent folding knife on a plane as long as the blade was under the 4" mark. Knives have always been at the top of my gear list. "They never run out of bullets".

Post 911 there have been five main changes:

1: You can no longer carry knives or similar tools of any size on planes.



Above—The loaded BMGB fanny pack sitting atop the Storm Case 2720. This pack holds everything shown on p. 16 plus the Glock pistol and mags.

- 2: The prohibited carry-on items list has grown much larger and now includes fluids & gels.
- 3: You are now required to go through TSA Inspection station to have your bag and firearm frog fingered before it can be locked up.
- 4: You now have to go through a much more intense personal screening.
- 5: Allowable weight limits have shrunk considerably making it necessary to refine the weight and contents of what you pack in your check bag or pay through the nose.

Ever since I had bag slashed open and the valuable contents stolen some years ago, my check bag has always been a locking hard sided case. I prefer the Hardigg Storm Case model 2720 or the slightly larger 2750. In it I pack my clothes, toiletries and my EDC firearm, a Glock 19 or 23 with three unloaded magazines and at

least a 100 rounds of quality ammo that's packed into two tough 50 round ammo boxes. My Glock is locked in a small Pelican 1150 case inside my check bag. Though not fully theft proof the locked hard sided cases aren't prone to being slashed open and looted as in my previous experience and require much more effort to gain entry if locked with a couple of stout padlocks.

The Bare Minimum Go Bag

The meat and potatoes of what's in my "BMGB" are the result of ongoing refinements made over the past 11 years. Being a GEAR nut, like many of you reading this article I am forever reevaluating my kit and always looking for newer, lighter more efficient products. For the actual BMGB I use the large model "Eagle Industries Fanny Pack" with the following items carefully packed into it. With the fully loaded Glock, two magazines, knives and all of the gear listed below, it tops off at 9 pounds on the money:

- 1: Blade-Tech "Pro Hunter Magnum" Folding Knife (or equivalent) in Eagle Nylon pouch
- 2: DMT "Diafold" Diamond Sharpener, Fine / Extra Fine
- 3: Leatherman "Wave" Multi-tool with spare bits kit, in Eagle Nylon pouch
- 4: SUREFIRE "Aviator" LED Flashlight
- 5: SUREFIRE "Spares Carrier" with 4 extra lithium batteries
- 6: Silva "Huntsman" Compass
- 7: Emergency Shelter
- 8: TAC PACK Emergency First Aid Kit w/ Qwik Clot
- 9: Adventure Medical first Aid Kit w/ tweezers, small hemostat, sutures, painkillers, broad spectrum antibiotics & anti-diarrhea medication
- 10: Adventure Medical Survival Kit w/ fishing gear and snare wire
- 11: Survival mirror
- 12: Whistle
- 13: Frontier Survival Straw
- 14: "Aquamira" Water purification tablets
- 15: 50' nylon cord
- 16: 6 Zip ties
- 17: 2 power bars
- 18: Firearm cleaning rod
- 19: Bore Snake
- 20: Outdoor Edge folding saw
- 21: Small magnifying glass
- 22: EXOTAC "MATCHCAP" Match Safe with 20 waterproof, windproof matches
- 22: EXOTAC "nanoSTRYKER" Ferrocium rod fire starter
- 24: Mil Comm TW25B Grease for Firearm & Knife maintenance
- 25: Smith & Wesson Micro 90 Weapon Light
- 26: Blade-Tech "INyati" 5" Fixed Blade Knife in Kydex® sheath (or equivalent) Attached to the fanny pack belt strap with a TEK-LOK.

At Your Destination

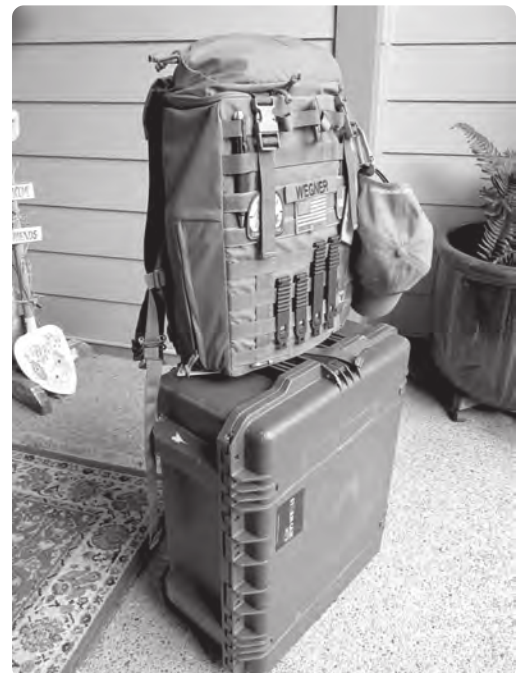
When I arrive at my destination the first thing I do when I get to a place with privacy such as rental car or hotel is load the Glock and two magazines. The Glock goes into an Appendix carry IWB tucked securely in my waist. The two spare Glock magazines are kept in the fanny pack with the emergency gear unless I choose to carry both the Glock and mags on the belt rigs I have in my pack. The BMGB goes into my pack where it stays until my return flight.

Besides Eagle Industries, there are many other quality small BMGB options to choose from by companies like 5.11, Spec-Ops, Tactical Tailor, Maxpedition, S.O.TECH, CamelBak & Blackhawk—the list is endless. As far as the contents of your bag that is entirely up to you. Everyone has their own ideas of what they'll need. If you don't have a BMGB use this as food for thought. With domestic air travel you don't have a lot of options unless you choose to drive instead of fly.

BE PREPARED! Don't get caught in an emergency with your pants down a thousand miles from home with only the contents of your shaving kit to get you out of a survival jam.

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All packed and ready to go—the carry-on sits on the hard case that will be checked in.



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The Big Bang—The .357 Magnum —The World of Collecting By Tom Burke—

Many collectors, and shooters, have a “Grail Gun.” It’s the firearm they really, really want to own; the one that they might spend years looking for; the gun that perhaps caught their fancy in their youth or epitomizes the essence of their collection. Or maybe it’s the one they most want to take an elk or bear or bird with or the one they most trust to carry for self-protection. Cost is important, but often of secondary consideration, it’s the gun that counts, whether a Colt SAA, Mauser Red-9 Broomhandle, Holland & Holland Double, H&K P7, or an Enfield .22 trainer.

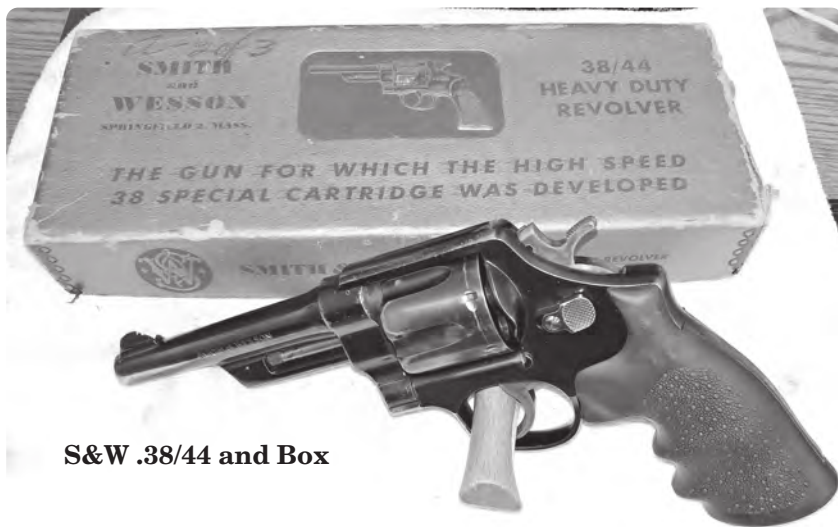
For me there was a grail gun in pistol, in rifle, and revolver. The pistol was a SIG 210; the rifle was a Swiss 1896/11 Schmidt-Rubin; and the revolver was a Smith & Wesson Registered Magnum. As for my quest, I’m kinda all there, or maybe just two-thirds there. I had to settle.

An original SIG P210 was way beyond my means (start at \$3,500 and work north to \$7,000). But Sig re-introduced the model in 2019 and it had a price tag I could afford. I shopped around and finally found one priced “right” and took the plunge. It is worth every penny. SIG people say it ain’t as good as the original, but for me, it’s plenty good.

The Schmidt-Rubin 1896/11 somehow caught my fancy. Perhaps it was the straight pull, or the thought of all them Swiss up in their mountain redoubts awaiting invaders, or maybe because it was just odd, as it was an upgrade from an nearing-obsolescence 1896 weapon reworked to make it stronger with a new barrel and a patched-in pistol grip on the stock to handle a new, more powerful cartridge. I found one years ago but got hooked on the whole line and now have the 96/11, a “new” 1911 model and two K-31 carbines, and a bunch of GP-11 (bought before such ammo became impossible to find).

As for the Registered Magnum, alas, I suspect that is totally out of reach (in terms of price); so I settled for another S&W .357, a 28-2 “Highway Patrolman” to accompany my Model 66-2 (and a Colt Trooper Mark III).

Which brings me around to the Big Bang, the .357 S&W Magnum, a caliber born of need that’s more than stood the test of time (perhaps in contrast to the 40 S&W or 10mm



S&W .38/44 and Box

which have similar needs-based origins but seem to be fading from popularity — or not, —depending on who you ask. And don’t ask me, I’ve got a couple of .40s and love ‘em.)

It Begins with the Bootleggers

The origin of the .357 is rooted in booze and bootleggers (the historical antecedent of modern-day drug wars). Not only were Al Capone and his pals shooting at each other, they were shooting at the cops (as were bank robbers like Pretty Boy Floyd and the Barrows) – with Thompsons, 1911s, and BARs. The cops were shooting back with .32 Police Positives and .38 Special Smith Hand Ejectors.

It wasn’t a fair fight and law enforcement wanted something with a bigger bang, something that would shoot through a car door (or engine block) or penetrate a new-fangled “bullet-proof” vest and score a hit.

About this same time Elmer Keith was packing brass with more and more gunpowder to make hotter and hotter loads. Philip B. Sharp (from the old, real NRA) was also looking to improve ballistics. Douglass B. Wesson, who owed a gun company in Springfield, MA, was looking at sales which were being affected, downward in the LEO market by Colt’s new .38 Super-Automatic cartridge, which was an improvement on the good ‘ole .38 special. So with the help of Keith and Sharp, and Winchester down in New Haven, Wesson got behind a new chambering that would push a 158 grain bullet out a 6” tube at 1510 fps. (Note: the .357 at 100 yards had a higher velocity than a .38 Special at the muzzle.)

But wait, here’s a bit of interesting that preceded the .357 and might identify a “grail gun” for an interested pistolero: it’s the S&W 38/44 Heavy Duty (and Outdoorsman).

.38/44 Heavy Duty

Before the .357 was introduced and after the .38 Special was found inadequate, gunmakers attempted to accommodate the need for a more powerful .38 load. So in 1930 Smith & Wesson took their big N Frame, used for their .44 Special offerings, and screwed on a

.38 caliber barrel and replaced the .44 cylinder with one in .38 Special so they could cram a bunch more powder behind the bullet, enhance ballistics, and have a weapon that wouldn't fall apart from the power of the new loading. (Note: Because the .38 Special was originally developed for black powder, and you needed a lot more black powder than smokeless powder to go Bang!, there was "extra" room in the regular .38 brass for a hotter loading. Also, when the .357 was perfected and a "Keith-style" bullet that took up less room in the brass was used, even more room was available for gunpowder. Take note, however, that the "extra" length of the .357 cartridge was NOT for more powder, but was to insure that a .357 cartridge could not be accidentally loaded into a .38 Special cylinder, the cartridge was just too big. And just for completeness, both the .38 Special and .357 Magnum could be chambered in a .38 Long Colt. But the result is a KABOOM! Oops.)

The new cartridge for the "new" gun was labeled .38/44 S&W Special, also marked .38 S&W Special High Speed. and was to be used in only two models of the new gun:

- The first, in 1930 was the "Heavy Duty" with fixed sights and aimed at law enforcement;
- The second, a year later and targeted to hunters, was the "Outdoorsman" and featured adjustable sights.
- Up to 1940 these guns have been called (by Smith & Wesson collectors) the "Pre-War" model (Duh!). During WWII there was no production as they were supplanted by Victory models and other wartime ordnance; and after the war (from 1945 to 1949) they were called "Transitional" with pre-war features (and, knowing S&W's parsimony, probably pre-war parts) and post-war finish and safety features—2,326 were made.

From 1950 to 1957 they were called the "Pre-23" or Outdoorsman Model of 1950 and 6,039 came out of Springfield. They also made an Outdoorsman/Heavy Duty with an alloy frame with a total production of about 12, so good luck finding one (and bring money...lots of money).

In 1957 S&W abandoned names for many pistols and revolvers and added model numbers. So entered the Model 20 (about 100 made); the Model 23 (also rare, maybe 50 to 100 produced). And then ended the line, replaced by the .357 S&W Magnum.

Back to the .357

So it's 1935, the .357 S&W Magnum—the cartridge's official name—is being introduced and the Smith folks think it's just for a few select shooters. When you ordered it you had to specify the type of sight, barrel length, finish, grips and what bullet and hold you wanted it sighted in for. And you were "registered" with Smith & Wesson and each revolver was assigned a number stamped on the yoke in addition to its serial number. You were sent a registration certificate and a bunch of other stuff, such as a spare sight blade, and paperwork. In terms of options, there were 25 different barrel lengths, six sight choices, blue or nickel finish, engraved



S&W Model 28-2, the Highway Patrolman

or not, and a couple of different grips to choose from—this makes collecting them a joy as there are so many variations.

Registered Magnum #1 was presented to J. Edgar Hoover (who knew?). #2 went to Philip Sharp and others to notables such as George Patton. A total of 5,224 were made between 1934 and 1939. Which creates an especially rich environment for collectors.

Smith also made non-registered .357's and these are rarer yet than the registered variety with only 1400 made. After the war a transitional model came off the line, but only a few and prices of these start around \$10,000. The "modern" .357 begins with the Pre-Model 27 in 1950 and Pre-Model 28 (called the Highway Patrolman) and then segues to the Model 27 and Model 28.

And just to keep things interesting, and confusing for the novice, a K-frame .357 was developed for those who wanted a lighter carry piece and was named the "Combat Magnum" or Pre-Model 19.

"Modern" .357s

After 1957 the models came fast and furious.

- The M13 Military & Police Heavy Barrel (K-frame and an FBI favorite).
- Model 19 Combat Magnum (K-frame with 8 numbered production changes and discontinued in 1999).
- Model 27 – A "certified" grail gun for many and according to some the epitome of the genre.
- The Model 28 – In 1954 a more utility (read "cheaper") version of the 27 was made for police departments that couldn't justify the cost of the 27. It was originally called the "Patrolman," (no number pre-1957) but according to the story, a Mrs. Florence van Orden, of a S&W distributor in VA, convinced the president of Smith to change the name to Highway Patrolman. He did. And 8,427 were made. I have one.
- A bunch more .357s followed including the Model 65 M&P, the 65LS (Ladysmith), Model 66 Combat Magnum Stainless, Model 360Sc and 36PD (lighter frames), the 520 M&P in 1980, and the 520 7-shot in 2005.
- Then a bunch of new "L" frames (lighter than N and heavier than K) were introduced including the 581 Distinguished Service Magnum, 586 Distinguished Combat Magnum, the

619 7-shot, 627 Stainless Classic Hunter, and the 640 DAO, 681, 686, and 697 with is a 7-shot stainless model.

•Don't forget the (beefed up) J-Magnum Frame 649. Whew, that's enough S&W for the moment.

There are other .357's. A lot of them

Colt didn't get into the .357 game until after the war. They sort of dismissed the caliber pre-1950 and then with two .357's: the Trooper, targeted towards law enforcement and the "Colt .357 Magnum" (yes, that was its name, just Colt .357 Magnum). They were very similar guns except for finish. The Colt .357 Magnum was the premium version. But then things got complicated when the Python, Colt's "Super Premium" gun was introduced. So there was a cheaper version, an expensive version, and a really expensive version. The middle model was discontinued after about 15,000 were made.



Colt Trooper MK III

In terms of the Trooper, it was really nothing more than the Colt Officer's Model Match with a ramped front sight on a large ramp base, a standard medium size "E" frame (that had been made virtually unchanged since 1908) and a thickened top strap that permitted an adjustable rear sight could be installed.

A "Border Patrol" model was introduced but that was just a Trooper Mark III with less polish; and a Trooper Mark V, a Lawman Mark V and a Peacekeeper, which was a Trooper Mark V in unfinished flat black (to compensate for a strike at the Colt factory among experienced polishers).

So who else makes the .357 today? Everybody. At every price point. In every conceivable length. For every conceivable purpose from carry to hunting to competition to Cowboy Action Shooting.

Sturm Ruger makes the Security Six, Speed Six, GP 100, Redhawk (a heavy-frame hunter), the SP101 (smaller frame carry piece), Blackhawk (in several variations including the Flattop), Bisley, diminutive LCR, and the Vaquero for the cowboy crowd. These are highly reliable, well-made and well-thought-of.

Taurus and Rossi have a slew of options. Dan Wesson makes 'em and if you have a money tree and want perfection (not in a plastic striker-fired "tool" but in a real gun) price out Korth. There are the Manurhins from France (keep watering the money tree), the Mateba (a grail gun for some. It's a semi-auto revolver!), FN, Charter Mag Pug, and the Chiappa Rhino (the world's ugliest gun?). Then there's the first and



**S&W 66-2 Combat Magnum
Stainless**

only semiauto 1911 platform .357, the Coonan (rumored to be out of business but the website says otherwise).

A Bit of Controversy and the End

Today, the trend (craze?) is toward smaller and smaller guns for concealed carry. Add to that plastic frames, light alloys (S&W's scandium), the "caliber wars," and the battle between shot placement versus penetration and there is lively discussion on the gun forums about what makes sense to carry. Is a J-frame in .38 Special enough? How about .380? Something in a 9-small perhaps. Beats me.

I know for myself I can shoot a .45 Shield 2.0 accurately if I need a pocket carry with authority; a CS9 or PX4 in 9mm IWB for that flavor; a 4513TSW for a big bang also IWB; and either a PX4 or 4013TSW in .40. And just in case, a nice Smith J-frame 642 because everyone should have at least one J-frame.

There's a lot of opinion about .357 in less than a 3" barrel: it's too hard to shoot, the barrel's too short to get full performance from the cartridge, the new .38+P or +P+ are performing at the same level as .357s. From my perspective, I think if you pick the gun that fits your hand best *and* you can consistently put 'em all in the 10-ring (or close) out to 15 yards you're good to go.

As for Grail Guns, that's a different story; gun nirvana comes in a bunch of flavors. And whether it's tracking down a Registered Magnum (ANIB with the original packaging, paperwork, tools, certificate and a Roy Jinks [S&W Historical Society gun guru] letter detailing the gun's history) or finding a beat-to-crap, mixmaster, shooter model of a rare piece, it can sometimes be the hunt that's as entertaining as it is satisfying finding the gun.

So whether your grail gun is a Thompson A1, Rourke's Drift era Martini-Henry, STG-44, or a Walther P88 or P5compact, keep looking. It's out there, somewhere. Just be sure you have some plastic in your wallet and the gumption to say, "Yes," when opportunity strikes.

Stay safe.

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Write-In Recommendations

From the Editor The WAC does not financially support or endorse candidates but I would like to offer a recommendation for two **write-in** candidates based upon their pro-rights, pro-firearm-owner positions and records. In Washington, for those races in which neither candidate is acceptable to you there is a space to write in a name if you choose. For more detail see Joe Waldron's column on p. 4. Here are two of my recommendations for write-in candidates.

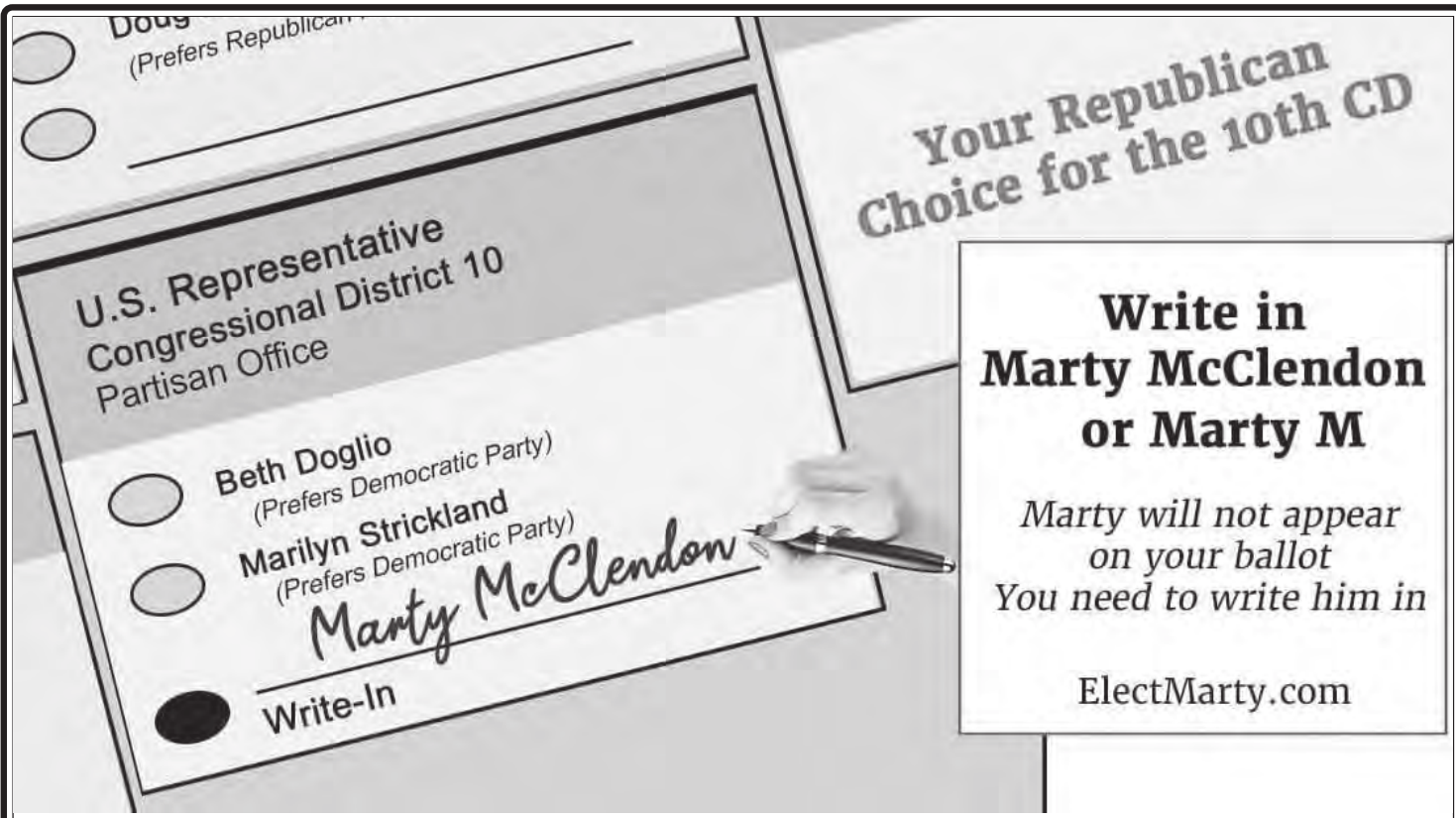
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The 10th Congressional District race is being contested by two equally anti-firearm candidates and they may split the "progressive" vote, providing Marty McClendon with an opportunity to garner more votes than either.

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If you have not yet submitted your ballot, please consider the two candidates listed above.

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The Bug Out Bag vs. The Get Home Bag

By Richard Hecht, WAC

Nobody knows when the next disaster will strike—on your way home from work, taking the kids to a soccer game, lounging on the couch, while camping or taking your significant other out to dinner? What will it be—sudden, unexpected events such as hurricanes, massive winter storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, wildfires, drought or alien invasion?

Will you to be ready to go no matter what you're doing or where you're doing it? There is an easy way to organize and divide what you need to stay ready—the GetHomeBag (GHB) and the BugOutBag (BOB). The GHB vs. The BOB sounds like one of those hokey, Japanese monster movies from the 1960's, right? OK, maybe not. With the earthquake and tsunami of March 11th 2011, that's not really that funny.

Here's a clue to start with—it's not about the bag! Really. If you think you need one of these, don't start by finding the coolest bag ever made and then buying equipment to fit into every one of its 19,000 pockets. Decide first why you need a Bug Out Bag or Get Home Bag, research what gear you might need, get the gear and THEN find a suitable bag. And don't forget training. Having all the cool-guy gear won't help you a bit if you don't actually know how to use it by conducting actual practice. Reading internet survival forums and watching television shows of other people doing things, while sitting in your undies in mom's basement doesn't count.

Take your gear and at least go play with it in the backyard. Pants on first.

Bug Out Bag

A Bug Out Bag is something that will hold the gear you need that you'll use to take you beyond civilization. The gear in this bag will allow you to "live off the grid" for a reasonable amount of time until you can establish more permanent living conditions or the event that caused you to "bug out" in the first place has resolved and you can return home. The Get Home Bag is similar to the BOB, only its intended purpose is to allow you to carry the gear you need to get you from where you are, to back home in the event that your normal routine is interrupted. I don't have any pre-packed BOBs. I'm pretty sure that in the event of any societal meltdowns, rampaging diseases, alien invasions, zombie apocalypse' or any other "The End Of The World As We Know It" scenarios, that I'll probably have at least an hour or two to get something packed up for the family. More importantly, I don't really have anywhere else to go that's better than where I am. No family "in the country." No remote piece of land that nobody else knows about with an air pressurized cabin, self-contained water source and food stocks for three years. The size and type of your actual BOB, is going to be dependent on with whom you travel, how far you have to go and what you may need, both along the way and once you get to your safe location. Remember though, you must have already

planned your destination and how to get there. The exact type of bag and the contents of your BOB are each too numerous to discuss in detail within the context of this article. Keep the above in mind and you should do fine when planning. BOB's are usually a larger, multi-day pack or expedition sized bag. A BOB however, could also be useful if you and your family felt the need or were required to evacuate due to a pending natural disaster and were told to go to a safety center. While one of the last places I would willingly take my family to would be a relocation or safety center outside of my immediate area, it may be your only option. Think about the conditions that the people of New Orleans were forced to endure when they went to the stay at the Superdome during Hurricane Katrina. We would be negligent in allowing our family members to go to such a place, without bringing some sort of self-reliant capabilities. Also, if you live in an area that is prone to natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes or hurricanes, then maybe having some extra clothing, water containers and easy to prepare meals pre-packed in a bag is not too bad an idea.

Get Home Bag

The GHB is an entirely different matter. I have just enough gear, food and water in both my wife's and my own car to comfortably keep us and our two kids cozy and fed for a couple of days in the event that we had to unexpectedly "car camp" due to some situation that prevented our immediate return home. There is also enough gear in the GHB's to provide nourishment and safety for each of us if we were forced to abandon our car and trek to safety. With most Americans working



an average of only 16 miles from home, most of us could readily hoof that, if need be, within several hours, weather and other conditions taken into account. What this also means is that most of us also do our daily shopping and errand running well within this same distance. In the event of an unexpected disaster that prevents a safe return home such as an earthquake, tornado, wildfires or coastal tsunami, we could take our GHB's and have enough comfort items and gear to not need to rely on others for our safe return. The actual GHB itself can be any type of bag or smaller daypack that holds your items discretely and can be hand or shoulder carried comfortably until you get home.

Training

If you plan to keep the GHB bag in your vehicles (as opposed to a work location) make sure that both your significant other and kids are familiar with the contents and have also been trained to use any technical equipment. Trying to figure out how to work a strobe light or fill an MRE heater with water for the first time may not seem like such a big deal, until you're trying to do it while stuck in a snow bank, 30' down a ravine or trying to dodge alien laser cannons. With the above in mind, I can't stress the importance of pre-disaster training. This should include a practice bug out or get home drill and regular familiarization with your gear. If you camp, hunt, hike, or just BBQ in the backyard, plan



Above—Remember the quake of 2000? Part of Hwy 101 slid down the hill, looking much like this California quake photo.

Left—The reality of our cities, 2020.

Next Page—If evacuated to a stadium like this—will you be prepared?

some time into your next outing on how to make fire with alternative tinder materials and methods or bring along a guidebook that shows which plants are edible in your area. Take both a basic first aid class as well as getting some trauma and wilderness medicine training. And perhaps most importantly, maintain some decent level of fitness and learn to stay calm.

A Dose of Reality

In Ontario, Canada in early December 2010, over 300 motorists were rescued in part by military forces in helicopters after the blowing snow trapped them in their vehicles, for some up to 25 hours. Although there were no deaths or serious injuries, imagine if rescuers would not have been able to get to them due to an overwhelming of emergency services across an entire region. During the Christmas weekend of 2010 in Queens, NY a young couple with a three month old baby was trapped in their car for eight hours by a blizzard. A Good Samaritan rescued them when the local police agency was unable to assist. In October 2007, nearly 225,000 people in Southern California were forced to evacuate and almost 40,000 acres were burned due to wildfires. In January 2011 in Australia, an area twice the size of Texas was covered with water due to torrential rains. There were news reports of sharks swimming in the streets! In Chicago during a January 2011 storm, drivers were stranded for several hours on Lakeshore Dr. due to high winds and massive snowfall. Firefighters had to bring in supplies on snowmobiles and passengers stuck on a bus are quoted as having heard the driver say over and over, "We are all going to die." On March 11th, 2011 a magnitude 8.9 earthquake hit Japan, which was then followed by a tsunami with waves reaching over 20 feet high. Almost 30,000 people are either dead or unaccounted for, 200,000 people were forced into shelters, there was massive infrastructure damage and multiple explosions at their nuclear power plants forced evacuation zones, ten miles around; not

to mention a lack of drinking water or electricity. During the fall of 2011, there were massive riots across parts of Europe and the United Kingdom. During the early summer in 2012, massive storms struck across the Midwest and east coast, followed by high temperatures nearing or above 100 degrees. At least three dozen dead are attributed to either damage from the storms or high heat. When the power goes out during extremes in temperature, life begins to struggle in our society where we are increasingly dependent on our need for electricity.

In 2020, well, you all know about the political unrest, Covid pandemic, TP buying frenzy, nuclear-powered-Godzilla hornets, race related riots and protesters openly targeting law enforcement. Any of these incidents could cause you to either need to bug out or struggle to get home. When disaster strikes, what are you going to do, where are you going go and whom are you counting on to come your rescue?

Bag Basics

Before choosing a bag, research the equipment you need. Think bare bones, no frills and train with what you have. Pick a bag that is slightly larger than what you think you'll need, but don't feel the need to stuff it with more than you can carry. If you can, try out several different bags to see what fits you best. Military style bags are usually made with heavier duty materials that last longer, but they also usually weigh more than their civilian counterparts and may not be as comfortable to carry long term. Civilian backpacks will usually come in brighter, more visible colors than military style bags.

Then think about bag contents—do you need an entire change of clothing or just extra socks? Do you have a pair of shoes that will take you the distance you need to go? Will you need to purify water along the way or will one full bottle be enough? Will you need to carry all of your food with you, will you need to hunt or forage or will energy bars sustain you? Do you have some way of signaling to others and do you have something to conceal you from others? Do you have a basic first aid kit supplemented with some trauma gear, painkillers, prescription medications or extra eyeglasses?

Do you have the tools and weapons you need to protect yourself from others, do you have the training and proper mindset to use them? Figure these things out ahead of time. You will not rise to the occasion; you will default to the level of your training.

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FOR SALE: Black powder swivel gun in 1.75 inch (golf ball) caliber—\$450. Cohorn mortars in 1.25 inch caliber—\$125. Small ship's cannons in .38 caliber on mounts—\$50. Photos available or see me at WAC shows. Contact Bill Gruner wilhelm@nwinfo.net or (360)348-7081.

FOR SALE: Traction trebuchet. Stands 12 feet tall with lateral stabilizers. The laminated beam is over 24 feet long. Early model that is powered by 4-8 people pulling down sharply on the effort arm. Can

FOR SALE: Dillion conversion kits for a RL 550C progressive press, 38/357 and 40 S&W both include powder die, tool head, stand, caliber conversion kit, powder measure and carbide pistol dies, Exc—\$160 each. Weaver Classic V Series scope 6-24x42, mod. 849411, varmint reticle, Exc—\$200. Nikko Stirling Nighteater scope 3-10x42, side parallax adjustment and lens caps, VG with only ring scratches—\$50. Rock Chucker Supreme with auto prime attachment, Exc—\$175. 10-10 Ohaus powder scale, and cover, Exc—\$50. Hand Priming tool, Exc—\$25. Uniflow Powder Measure with baffle, Exc—\$45. Polymer Dial Caliper, Exc—\$25. 45ACP and 9MM Carbide Dies with shell holders, Exc—\$30 each. All RCBS equipment with manuals. Daisy 99 Champion BB gun, works well, in good condition—\$50. Plano Polymer 48 in. rifle case, Exc—\$20. See All Tritium Lite open sight, Exc—\$30. Cash only. Denny @ 406-240-6057 or dbs45@comcast.net. Photos available on request.

FOR SALE: Bullets,brass, grips, pellet pistol for sale. 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. Also have 16 rds of once fired—\$10 more. 15 rds 35 Whelen 250 grain sp (remington brand)—

\$30, plus 37 rds of reloads—\$40 more. 1 box 20 rds Remington 22-250 55 grain HP—\$30. Vintage Crossman C0-2 22 cal pistol, model 110—\$95. Hogue grips for Security Six, Police service six—\$10. S & W small pistol revolver wood grips—\$15. RCBS vintage 22-250 seat die—\$10. Dave, call me at 206-962-7952.

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.

WANTED: Winchester model 43 in .22 Hornet. Dan, 509-293-3510, ridinghides@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Swiss Schmidt Rubin K31 rifle, VG-EX condition, will include separate S&K Instamount scout mount with 1" rings, rifle is C&R eligible—\$530. Trijicon MRO (no mount included) Green Dot Sight—\$300. Two boxes of vintage .22 WRF ammunition, one box Remington, one box Winchester—\$20 each. Contact Paul, pandsv@aol.com or 360-631-6520.

FOR SALE: This Colt Detective Special revolver contains a 2" barrel with a beautiful blued finish, and is chambered in .38 Special. Based on the serial number, it was manufactured in 1968, 2nd Series, the revolver is very shiny and has a faint line on the cylinder, I have not fired it, impossible to determine the amount of rounds fired through this revolver, however, it appears to have a very minimal round count, the action is very smooth—\$750. If you have been seeking a Colt Detective Special, you will like this one. Don, please email me if you wish to see photographs. donbseattle@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE: Once fired brass: 9mm, 38 Sp., 380 Auto, 40 S&W—3 cents ea. 357 Mag—4 cents ea. 45 ACP and 30 Blackout—6 cents ea. 44 Mag—7 cents ea. 7.62X54 Russian—8 cents ea. 6.5 Creedmoor—10 cents ea.; 7x57 & 8x57—11 cents ea. 30-30, 308 Win., 30-06—10 cents ea. 50 BMG—75 cents ea. Mike, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: FN/Browning Model 1900 .32 auto serial 2879XX. This model gun is featured in the October American Rifleman NRA magazine and was manufactured in the very early 1900's. According to

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the article in AR, it was John Browning's first autoloading pistol design with the contract to produce it going to FN with "Browning's Patent" stamped on the slide. This gun is solid, has matching numbers, the bore looks good and the grips are nice. It has been refinished at one time but the markings are clear & crisp. I've shot the gun & it functioned flawlessly. Rare gun-**CR eligible**. Asking \$475. Doug, 509-947-5987 (text ok).

FOR SALE: S&W Model 34-1 early production (approx. '68) flat latch .22 revolver. Gun is 99% with like new diamond grips & in the original box with 4" barrel. **C&R eligible**. Very nice gun. Asking \$750. Doug (509) 947-5987 (text ok).

FOR SALE: Two NOS forearms for 3200 Remington, uncheckered, presentation quality wood (no metal hardware) and they've never been on a shotgun, might fit certain Kreighoffs (possibly K-80) but this would need research, very pretty wood—\$100 for both. MP-5 curved magazine, 19 round stamped "JA 9mmx19" which I believe is a pre-ban (1990) mag, like new condition—\$30. Doug, 509-947-5987 (text ok).

FOR SALE: 6.8 SPC factory ammo for sale—\$17 SP, \$15 FMJ. Sellier and Bellot 6.5 Creedmoor FMJ ammo—\$15 a box, \$14 a box for 10 or more. NIB Coleman Dual Fuel GAS lantern—\$80. NIB Coleman Dual Fuel GAS stove—\$100. NIB Kestral 5700 w/ Hornady 4DPF Ballistic Calculator. \$425. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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

FOR SALE: NIB Armalite AR10 308. Uses proprietary mags from Armalite NOT P-Mags. Comes with a total of 5 OEM mags—\$1250. ANIB 50th Anniversary Ruger Red Label. 12 ga, comes with Briley chokes, fiddleback buttstock—\$1100. NIB Glock 27 40 S&W—\$500. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen, kalenas@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: 80 rounds of military surplus 30-06, mix of Lake City 53, EOP 2002 and DM. In boxes, all in good condition—\$70 or best offer. Call Don at 253-318-2951.

FOR SALE: Loading die sets: RCBS 338 Win Mag, 30-06, 270 Win, 308 Win—\$15 each. 38Sp./357 Mag, 44 Sp./Mag—\$15. Lee Loader 270 Win, 303 Sav, 44 Sp.—\$5. Sizers only: Forster 280 Rem—\$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: Bullets—various brands: rifle—\$10/100, rifle Nosler partitions—\$15/50. Sabots: 45 cal.: T/C Shock Wave 180 & 200 gr—\$5/box 15; Knight 250 gr. lead—\$5/18; 50 cal.: Knight 310 gr. Lead—\$5/20; Power Belt 348 gr. lead h/p—\$5/20; 54 cal.: Power Belt 295 gr. lead—\$5/20, T/C Maxi-hunter 10 pack 455 gr. lead—\$5. 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—\$2000.00 to WAC members only. Call Mike 253-858-4808 or Email: mpabernathy@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: 223 Rem once fired and primed R-P brass, 500 rds—\$50. Mike, 425-836-8649.

FOR SALE: Winchester Classic (Claw Extractor) collection: NIB Stainless 300 RUM—\$1,000. NIB Stainless 300 Wby—\$1,000. NIB Stainless w/BOSS 270 Win—\$1,100. NIB Stainless w/BOSS 7 MM RM—\$1,100. USED Stainless 308—\$700. Good condition. Transfer done at SouthSound Guns in Lacey. Glen kalenas@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Ruger Mini-14 Target Model (5845), .223—\$700. Winchester semi-automatic .22 model 77 (clip)—\$200 (**C & R eligible**). Allen: email, allen@amichler.com , or call 253-631-1004.

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 and the Imperial Navy Crown nested on the M. 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 33 page 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. Dave Lindsay: Phone: 208-365-5268 or Email: davidolindsay5@gmail.com.

WANTED: .410 Pump, Browning preferred. Taylor, tejano95@aol.com .

FOR SALE: All JM stamped Marlin 45-70 Guide Guns: ANIB: Ported—\$800. ANIB: Non ported—\$750. USED: Rust on barrel—\$700. Stainless Mini 30 Ranch Rifle, VG-Ex., comes with the OEM 5 rd mag—\$750. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen, kalenas@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: DSA forged receiver FAL, excellent—\$1400. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen, kalenas@comcast.net.

FOR SALE or TRADE: Goodyear Dura Trac M?S 285/70/17 mounted and balanced on factory alloy wheels. Ready to bolt on . Came off a 2500 8 lug RAM Power Wagon. 15,000 miles on tires. \$600 or trade for Glock 9 mm, Sig 365, Springfield Hellcat, 1911 45 ACP (Ruger, SA, etc.). Glen, kalenas@comcast.net. -GN-

Official Board Minutes—W.A.C.

By Secretary Forbes Freeburg

Washington Arms Collectors
Board minutes for September 2020

Pre-meeting business:

August 24 - Motion by Director Ripley to accept the WAC Legislative Committee voting recommendations. Votes for: Directors Hubbard, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner
Votes against: none
Abstain: none
No response: Director Bramhall
Motion passed

August 26 - Motion by President Burris to authorize the transfer of \$25K from WAC investments to checking to cover operating expenses
Second by Director Ripley
Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver, Wegner
Votes against: none
Abstain: none
Motion passed

August 31 - Motion by Director Solheim to accept the August, 2020 BoD minutes as presented
Second by Director Ripley
Votes for: Directors Hubbard, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Solheim, Weaver
Votes against: none
Abstain: none
No response: Directors Bramhall, Wegner
Motion passed

September 22 Board meeting 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 August 2020 is down when compared to August 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 August totaled more than \$25k (mostly GunNews publication/postage, office labor, and monthly insurance costs) and this could not be offset with show income or membership renewals. The month of August, 2020 showed a net loss of approximately \$23,000.

WAC Virtual Office—The WAC Business Office has made the conversion to a Virtual Office environment. Calls or emails sent to the office staff will be answered from remote locations rather than the WAC Office Building. The WAC business hours remain unchanged at 9am to 5pm Monday through Thursday; the WAC telephone number is also unchanged (425 255-8410).

Disciplinary Actions

There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month. **Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary** -GN-



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• VERIFY ALL DATES BEFORE TRAVELING •

Coronavirus cancellations are possible—verify all dates before traveling

- 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—**Canceled**
- Dec 12-13—Puyallup, WA, Washington State Fairgrounds, WAC—**still possible!**

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 31-Nov 1 Puyallup—**CANCELED**

Dec.	12 & 13	Puyallup
SHOW LOCATIONS		
Monroe Show - Evergreen State Fairgrounds		
Puyallup Show - WA State Fair & Events Center		
Show Times: Saturday 9AM-5PM & Sunday 9AM-3PM		

VERIFY ALL SHOW DATES BEFORE TRAVELING

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

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

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

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

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

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