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The Display Show is Back

December 11-12

The last WAC display show was in 2019. Thanks to the Covid-19 virus, we've been unable to offer shows and many of our members have been asking, "will we do a display show this year?"

The display event is not an easy thing to put together without the Showplex venue. For the remainder of 2021 the WAC events are in the Pavilion. And as we restart our shows, we have no real clear idea of what attendance will look like (our membership has taken a drastic hit).

The good news is that we will have a display show in 2021, the first in two years. The dates are December 11-12 and the location is the Pavilion. If vendors and displayers register in large numbers we may be able to obtain an additional building to expand the December show and accommodate all. That is yet to be determined. But the show will go on.

Go to pages 14 and 15 for details and registration info. I'll highlight some changes. One category has been eliminated—Handgun/Long Gun, the combined category is gone. Those who have previously chosen this category may want to enter in Military, Handgun or Long Gun. Awards have been streamlined so that if there are only a few entries in a category the place awards will be reduced; again, see pp. 14, 15. This is an overdue adjustment—in some classes there are only three entries and all three have been receiving awards; now if there are three entries, only First place will be awarded.

Best of Show will be awarded with a cash prize of \$500. The best of show winner is removed from the class, allowing other entrants to win First, Second and Third. The cash awards will continue as will trophies in class.

I'm looking forward to the displays and hope you are too. **The Editor**

Member-Only Show Hours

As promised, the WAC has instituted Member-only hours at our shows. This is intended as a benefit of membership to allow members first-look at everything on the tables and a less crowded shopping experience.

So, show up at 9 a.m. with your badge AND A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS! If your

membership has expired you can't come in to renew, you'll have to come in with all the other non-members at 10 a.m.

Check the mailing label on the back of your most recent *GunNews* to verify your membership. If you will expire in the next couple of months, renew online or call the office. Yes, you can even use the paper form in the back of this magazine and mail it in.

If you know past members who may have let their membership lapse during the Covid-19 no-show period, do them a favor and encourage them to re-up before the next show.

Record Breaking Gun Sales While the WAC is Shut Down

The past two years have been a period of record breaking firearm sales. This is your Editor's opportunity to whine about what has happened to WAC.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) published some survey results—see p. 13 for the article. **Over 3.2 million first-time U.S. firearm buyers in just the first six months of 2021.** I'm not talking about guns sold, just first-time buyers. And not for one year, just six months. And 2021 is building on unprecedented firearm sales in 2020.

Yet, none of these firearm purchases took place at our WAC shows. Frustrating.

So, while I can rub elbows with several hundred paint and hardware shoppers at my local Home Depot, I can't do the same at a WAC event.

During the fake "lockdown" I could shop for firearms at the Lacey Cabelas but not at a WAC show.

There is more Covid-19 exposure while buying a bottle of wine at Total Wine than there would be at a WAC show, yet all the liquor stores remained open, as did the State's marijuana joints. Yes, I understand--booze and MJ are essential. Shoppers crowded my local Costco—it looked a lot like a good WAC event.

Maybe someone who is thinking more clearly than I am can explain the arbitrary "lockdown" that only prevents some from doing business. There are businesses that have suffered more than the WAC I'm sure; those that are no longer operating. My complaint is the often irrational rules that have been applied only to some here in Washington.

That's the end of my rant for this month. Please enjoy the rest of the magazine and if the authorities allow it, I'll see you at a WAC show. **The Editor**



DISASTER

No matter how you look at it, from whatever perspective (except the Taliban's), what happened in August in Afghanistan was a disaster – for the average Afghan, for those Afghans who assisted us and our allies over the past twenty years (“interpreter” sounds pretty innocuous, but they were far more than that – they were our eyes and ears on the ground inside the Afghan culture). The Afghan women...back to the 7th century.

But the biggest disaster was for America's reputation worldwide. At its height nearly 130,000 troops from more than 30 foreign countries served in Afghanistan, most under United Nations control (which ended in 2014). Our NATO allies, who were major players in this up until the end, have lost trust in us – the kind of trust that is critical in a military alliance. We abandoned Afghanistan without even warning them we were leaving. (Which is not to justify the Afghan army's abject failure to protect their country. You can train people to fight but the will to fight has to be there.)

The legislative body of our closest ally, the British parliament, passed a resolution holding President Biden in contempt – an historic first. Other European leaders blasted Biden as well. Funny thing is, these same leaders were so happy when Biden beat Trump last November. Be careful what you ask for. The European Union is talking about forming a new multi-national military body for defense of that continent, probably to be led by Germany and France (not the first time that that has been proposed, but NATO's existence forestalled it back then). The Germans probably like the idea!

What does this have to do with guns (other than the hundreds of thousands of M4 carbines, assorted machine guns, millions of rounds of ammunition and other equipment we left for the Taliban)? First, these guns will circulate in terrorist circles worldwide in coming years, to include the US. Second, as the terrorist threat grows with our super-freeway-open southern border, we will see it used to promote and impose more gun control here. Actions – and inactions – have consequences.

CONGRESS IS BACK

Summer is over, the children are back in school. No, not your local elementary, middle and high schools, but the one on Capitol Hill – Congress. You know, the one where they had the armed (they claim) insurrection ten months ago that destroyed American democracy.

There are nearly 8,000 bills filed in Congress right now. Most will never even get a hearing, much less serious consideration of passage. Typically, 5-10% of bills actually pass. But that's still a lot of new (or amended) laws. A lot of these are called “hero bills,” bills filed by Congresscritters to look good at home. They put out a few releases bragging, all the time knowing they will go nowhere.

533 of these bills mention firearms in one form or another. Not all are real “gun bills” (e.g. some budget bills make provision for governmental acquisition of firearms, etc), and by no means are all anti-gun.

The perennial topics remain at the top of the list: expanded background checks, waiting periods, “assault weapon” and magazine bans, so-called “red-flag” restraining (gun confiscation) orders, etc. All things that sound good to an ignorant public. And all with little likelihood of passage, even with infrequent “bi-partisan support” (typically meaning two or three Republicans have been hoodwinked (suckered) into signing on to a Democrat gun bill.

September is appropriation bill mark-up time. Congress is SUPPOSED to pass all eleven bills to fund the federal government for Fiscal Year 2022, which started 1 October 2021. There is room for plenty of mischief in budget bills, so the next 30 days (I'm writing this in early September) should be interesting.

Again, our biggest risk is a major shooting incident that draws media attention, followed by progressive screams for Congress to “do something.” An existing bill could suddenly grow legs, or a new bill filed. (As I have stated previously, “do something” is the most dangerous thing you can say to a lawmaker; usually it's the wrong thing that will not achieve the desired impact.)

If Congress wants to “do something” beneficial, they could file and pass term limits for Congresscritters. They did that for presidents in 1947 with the 22nd Amendment. That was 74 years ago! Don't count on it happening for Congress in our lifetimes.

SCOTUS, TOO

The Supreme Court has scheduled November 3rd as the day to start arguments in the case of *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. New York*, case number 19-156. This is the case that will put the “bear” into “the right to keep and BEAR arms.” *Heller* (2008) answered the “keep” portion when the court ruled possession of arms in the home was not tied to militia service.

In order to obtain a carry license in New York, one has to show “proper cause.” And that’s “proper cause” in the eyes of the issuing agency, not the applicant’s. Before 1988, only about a dozen states were called “shall issue” – the issuing agency MUST issue a carry license provided the applicant had a clean record, some with training requirements as well. That has changed over the past 33 years to where there are only nine “may issue” (i.e. “proper cause”) states—New York being one.

NYSRPA v New York may change that, and not just in New York. If the Supreme Court rules that carry outside the home is a fundamental part of the Second Amendment, all nine restrictive states may lose their ability to deny a license.

SAF COURT VICTORIES

It’s become obvious that many advances in Second Amendment rights are being won in the courts. Washington’s own Second Amendment Foundation is leading the way in taking the court challenge path.

The day *Heller* was announced, SAF filed suit in *McDonald v Chicago* to extend *Heller* (which applied only to the District of Columbia) nationwide. That court victory was followed by dozens of others. They won a case overturning a ban on firearm possession in public housing (East St Louis Housing Authority). In Wisconsin they won a ruling upholding the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, preventing lawsuits against gun manufacturers. A victory in Pennsylvania, blocking closure of a long-existing gun club. SAF was a player in the recent federal court ruling overturning California’s ban on so-called “assault weapons.” And another win for Defense Distributed in dissemination of plans/instructions to build 3D guns (actually a First Amendment case).

SAF currently has more than 35 cases pending in courts, mostly federal courts (where a favorable decision has a broader impact).

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY

Texas has become the 21st state to pass “constitutional carry” – the Second Amendment is the only license I need to carry a firearm in the United States. As with the previous 20 (the first was Vermont, in 1903, where the Vermont Supreme Court overturned the city of Burlington’s new licensing law), the anti-gun crowd and their media allies immediately started whining about blood in the gutters and Wild West scenarios. They did the same thing when “shall issue” carry laws started expanding in 1988. This one is no different, despite their whining, and selective attention to an occasional shooting, none of that has come to pass.

The anti-self defense lobby has never had a problem stretching or bending the truth in furtherance of denying the right of self defense. Florida, which led the new

wave of “shall issue” states back in 1988, was nicknamed “the Gunshine State” vs. Sunshine State, by local anti-gunners. Nothing changes!

DEFENSIVE GUN USES

Speaking of the right of self-defense, the Heritage Foundation recently published a convenient visual showing where many (by no means all) documented defensive gun uses have occurred in the US over the past two years. It cites 1,800 such incidents, a fraction of the true number. A nice chart to show your friends... and opponents.

<https://datavisualizations.heritage.org/firearms/defensive-gun-uses-in-the-us/>

CRIME WAVE CONTINUES

The crime wave across the US continues, driven in large part by stresses associated with the covid pandemic, and restraints imposed on police after the George Floyd riots. But no evidence exists that the continuing increase in gun sales has contributed to this.

CHIPMAN OUT

The Biden administration has withdrawn the nomination of retired ATF agent David Chipman to be chief of that agency. It appears the heat got too hot for Biden & Co. There is discussion of a possible appointment of a “Gun Violence Czar,” thus bypassing Senate confirmation. It is my understanding ALL agency heads must be confirmed by the Senate, so I have no idea where such a “czar” would hang his hat. And as far as I can tell under the Constitution, such a position would be purely advisory, with no directive authority.

Anybody seen Robert Francis “Beto” O’Rourke lately? He’s the former Texas Congressman who promised to go out and collect all those evil “assault rifles.”

ARM BRACE ACTION IMMINENT

September 8th was the last day to submit input regarding AR—type pistol arm braces. At this point I don’t think anyone can accurately predict which way the ATF will go, or how quickly they will act. If a Chipman-like character takes over ATF, expect full registration as a short-barreled-rifle or possibly any-other-weapon.

As I have stated before, there should be no tax associated with the initial registration. It’s a “transfer tax” and only applies upon transfer (purchase, trade, etc).

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

I just finished reading the most recent *GunNews* magazine, cover to cover. The Want Ads didn't show me much but the articles on reminiscence on first guns, the article on collecting and then the article on the C96 Mauser Broomhandle were very interesting, each broke loose memories stuck in corners of my mind.

Sometime back I bought estate guns that had been stored under the bed, a water bed, and even though all the guns had been stored in nice Styrofoam boxes, there was moisture present. Yup, everything had a light brownish red fuzz. Of course this affected the price I paid the seller. Fortunately everything cleaned up great with no pitting unlike the Browning Hi-Power I bought a couple weeks later. Yeah, it had been stored in a kitchen cupboard for years, over the dishwasher. Lots of pitting but with careful draw filing and block backed abrasive cloth, it cleaned up pretty decent. That 150 dollar buy turned into 650 dollars at our gun show. Sure, it took a few hours of very careful work and a Birchwood Casey touchup bluing. Confused? Check with our book folks.

A couple years back at one of our shows, a fella brought in a nice looking muzzle loader rifle but turning it over, the other side was pretty rough with rust. He admitted he'd left it lying on a shelf in his carport for almost a year. He thought I could maybe use it for parts. He offered it to me for about 40 bucks as I recall. Sure, I bought it. The bore was quite good, the wooden stock just dirty mostly but the barrel heavily pitted. As before, there were a couple hours of draw filing and then the abrasive cloth. Then again the Birchwood Casey touch up bluing. About a half hour of work on the refinishing of the stock. Funny thing was when about 2 shows later this same guy came to me to buy a rifle and paid 325 bucks, as I recall, for the same darn rifle. Woo Hoo!

Point of these examples is that with a little TLC and patience, you can save some of these guns. If you don't know how to do these operations, it's all available on the internet – or- you can pay one of us good money and you can go back to watching football reruns.

Frank Gaetje's article on his first guns brings back memories of my first gun also, a WW1 1917 Enfield in 30/06 caliber. The first thing I did was to chop off

about 6 inches of barrel and the front hand guard, top and bottom. That rifle accounted for many deer but in my mind, I needed a "big bore," just in case.

From one of the older gun magazines, I ordered a Remington Rolling Block carbine, 1885-ish, in .43 Egyptian caliber. (For another 10 bucks I could have had a selected gun, instead of the one that saw a lot of contact with desert sand). With the carbine I ordered a box of 20 rounds of .43 Egyptian ammo. Should have ordered another 20 rounds when they were still affordable (6.50-7.00 bucks a round if you can find it.) Before you laugh, you might check the book for performance. Yeah, 465 grain bullet with smokeless powder, 2140 ft lb of energy at the muzzle. That's better than the .43 Mauser. Oh, with black powder it's only a menial 1690 ft lbs. The cartridge books rate it adequate for all North American game. Reloading dies are available now (Shotgun News ad) but I just punch and reprime, then dump in powder and finger seat a new slug, depth of seating not critical. I found these easily reloaded this way with resizing not needed, the brass quite heavy, being machine turned, not formed. Oh, kicks like heck. My load – fill case with 2 fg allow enough room for slug – very accurate load (65 grain). Black powder measured, not weighed.

Since then I have acquired a couple more of these rolling blocks, one Chilean and the other Mexican, in 7mm (7x57), one a carbine, the other long rifle. Fantastic shooters even using around 1900-ish ammo. These old rolling blocks can be found occasionally at our shows, for a couple hundred dollars with good bores. (But check the bores as they went through the corrosive primer era.)

Okay, time to go outside. Because the Department of Natural Resources has closed down all the state lands due to the wildfires, I'm not counting on grouse hunting this early in the season so I figured I'd try some fishing, the river I like most in S.W. Washington goes through private land. I arrived shortly after daybreak finding a lot of river channel changes from the heavy water flows from the hot-hot weather. Anyway, the fishing was great for whitefish and a few trout. Being a catch and release guy, everything was returned to the river.

About noon I heard shots up river and going that way, spotted four young men target practicing at sticks thrown in the current. I saw two had large handguns and obviously were "over gunned". Yeah, they were .44 Magnums. Another had a revolver also, but was a deadeye shooter.

After a bit I asked about the caliber. He stated it was a .357 Magnum but found the .38 a lot cheaper and more controllable, unlike his partners who had to have "a real man's" gun (Coincidentally, the .44 shooters were the shortest and smallest in stature of the four guys.) The last guy had an AK-47 rifle with a huge magazine, just waiting his turn to shoot.

The fella with the .357/38 commented on my muzzle loader rifle, the .32 I use to shoot branches off should my fishing spinner get hung up. He stated they had brought along a muzzle loader, to sight it in for deer season. He retrieved it from his truck for a few shots, noting he was not comfortable in the loading. His load, .50 caliber – 120 grain of 2 fg black powder. Big boom, lots of smoke and fire.

Obviously he wasn't a B/P shooter and the accuracy suffered. He shot 3 shots before I suggested he use a reduced load of about 75 grains. Very noticeable tightening of his shots and more pleasant to shoot also. Of course one of the .44 Mag shooters was critical, stating he shoots a .50 with no less than 150 grains of powder.

The .357/38 shooter was very accepting of my advice and we talked about hunting/shooting, but the "Magnum" guy, a total waste of time, already had his mind made up. I even let the "good guy" shoot my .32 rifle a few shots and I believe I could have easily made a sale. Nope, too hard to find .32's that aren't Pennsylvania/Kentucky long rifles.

Recently a friend dropped off a huge bucket of brass cartridge cases, that he scavenged at a local range. Amazing how many guys don't pick up their brass even at today's prices. Anyway, for the bucket, he wanted only a box of 50 in .38 wadcutters. I sorted the brass, the pistol calibers from .32 S&W to .45 Colt and all those in between. The rifle calibers all the way from .233 (mostly steel cases for recycling) to .300 Winchester Magnum with a few 45/70's.

Like Frank Gaetje, my first lever gun was also a Marlin 336, but a pistol grip model in .35 Remington. This Marlin accounted for a few deer. The cartridge books rate this cartridge a good brush caliber out to 150 yards or less. Heck, in brushy Western Washington or in Eastern Washington where I hunt with a muzzle loader, a 50 yard shot is a long shot.

Anyway, in this bucket were about 50 30/30 cases, the primers so flattened out and protruding from their

primer pockets. This tells me they had been reloaded way-way too hot. This cartridge caliber is typically in a Marlin or Winchester lever action rifle/carbine. These guns are not rated for those very hot pressures. Sure, there are some bolt actions that chamber 30/30, but not common. Whoever is shooting these very hot rounds is asking for a broken gun and inevitable injury. Want Magnum performance, buy a Magnum.

When we first got into this WAC business, we were selling the estate for a WAC member's widow. She stated he was always reloading, trying to improve performance/accuracy. We found his loads always overloaded, beyond the book loadings, giving him diminishing returns. Per one of his "cronies", he'd load to the reloading book max loads, plus "a little more". The cases were so full that the slug would fall out if you tipped the case over. Dumb-dumb.

Whether smokeless powder or black powder in a cartridge or muzzle loader, maximum is not always the best. Good example is a revolver in .357 Magnum but shooting .38 wadcutters. .44 Magnum shooting factory load .44 specials.

Anyway, officially, Fall is just a couple weeks away and then deer season. Yes, I hunt the modern season but carry a muzzle loader. Here's hoping they open the woods in time.

Remember when a hunting license was about 10 bucks, the deer tag another 5 and there was the regular season and a late season with about every second or third year either sex? This also applied to elk seasons. Yeah, there were seasons for other animals such as bear, moose, cats, coyotes, etc. too. There was an east side season and a Westside.

Looking at the last few year's game laws, one has to wonder what the Game Department was smoking when they put that 2020-2021 piece of crap together. Obviously put together by somebody who also writes instruction manuals for cell phones or a bunch of grade school kids. Gotta feel for the Game Agents having to enforce the laws.

To be safe, you'd best be hunting your own land or risk being a poacher. Raffles for this or that area, but only these dates. HA! Just say west or east side, give me the start and ending date. Oh, try to find any listing for grouse, turkey, fox, coyotes, crows, etc. Nice going Game Department. Good thing you have government jobs because in private industry you'd be living in a tent in a Seattle park.

After writing in the last *GunNews* issued about the percussion Sharps .54 carbine, I cast a couple dozen slugs and headed to a friend's range. Book recommended 50 grain 2fg black powder. Mild recoil, accurate at 60 yards. Love it!

Looking forward to the Puyallup Show.

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Odd, Unusual and Rare? The Ruger “HAWKEYE”

by Larry Schlotterbeck, photos by Rick Verzal

As a newcomer to the firearms industry in the late 1940's, STURM, RUGER & CO. began selling well-designed, well-made and competitively priced .22 caliber semi-automatic handguns in 1949. Within three decades, Ruger was successfully producing high-quality handguns, rifles, and shotguns by the hundreds of thousands and becoming a major competitor to Colt, Winchester, Smith & Wesson and Remington. In contrast, however, to other popular Ruger products, one model in particular did not meet their highly anticipated sales expectations...the “HAWKEYE” single shot pistol.

DEVELOPMENT

In early 1960, Winchester-Western began producing a hot new cartridge by necking down a .357 magnum case to .257 inches and designating it the

Above—The Hawkeye has the revolver profile but is a single shot handgun with a hinged breech block. The left side shows the latch.

Below—Seldom do we find an older firearm complete with all related materials. In this case, the Hawkeye not only has the original box but also the shipping sleeve numbered to the gun--3107.





Above L&R—Right side view with the breech closed and then, at right, pivoted counterclockwise to open.



Left—On the left side is the latch.

Below—The Bushnell Phantom scope of the Hawkeye era would have been one of the few choices in a long eye relief optic. Original car-



“.256 Winchester Magnum”. Assuming a lucrative market for a high speed, flat shooting target/varmint pistol, Ruger, S&W, Colt and Remington began developing handguns chambered for the new round. Eventually, Ruger chose to drop an early experimental revolver concept due to technical issues and selected instead a totally new and unique laterally rotating, semi-flat breechblock design for a single shot pistol. By utilizing the proven .44 magnum Blackhawk frame and the new breechblock system, loading is accomplished by pressing in the left side plunger, rotating the breechblock a few degrees to the left which exposes the chamber. Inserting a round, rotating the breechblock back to the right and cocking the hammer, locks the breechblock in place. The gun is now loaded and ready to fire. Reversing the rotating breechblock process after firing allows extraction of the empty cartridge and loading if desired.

Simple—strong—safe—accurate. Bullet velocity with the 8-1/2 inch barrel is 2350 feet per second with lots of “bark and bite” at the muzzle. With the foolproof breechblock loading feature, the typically handsome Ruger “Western-look” styling—not a revolver but a single action look—and the powerful new cartridge, the company must have expected strong Hawkeye sales for years to come.

REALITY

It was not to be, however. Production began in late 1962, with the first guns shipped in January 1963. Most shipments then ended in July 1964 as demand faded and interest waned. A few guns occasionally shipped well into the 1970s, and some were never assembled from parts and were possibly scrapped. Of the total parts produced for 3296 Hawkeyes, records indicate only 3037 shipped—the last in 1974. This model is one of the least produced guns (other than prototype, presentation, or special issue models) in the Ruger line. Of course, low production sometimes equates to a certain amount of collectability—as is the case of the Hawkeye and subject of this article.

COMPETITION

Interestingly, S&W went on to sell about 15,000 guns in their own high performance .22 centerfire caliber, the .22 Jet; while limiting their .256 WIN Mag. product to around six guns for test purposes only. Colt decided not to produce a gun in the new offering after testing a few of their prototypes. Remington developed and produced their own



Above—A close up of the latch and the Sturm, Ruger rollmarks.

Below—The Hawkeye name is on the left side of the barrel along with the Ruger eagle logo and the "Win. .256 MAG. CAL." rollmark.



version of a high performance .22 centerfire handgun in the form of a bolt action single-shot pistol with a ten inch barrel—the XP 100 in caliber .221 Remington Fireball. Great Western Arms Co. produced 65-75 single action guns in .256 WIN Mag. in late 1960. Marlin, as well, produced some ‘LEVERMATIC’ model rifles in this new caliber during the 1960s. Then, it all came to an end. Everyone stopped making firearms in .256 WIN Mag. after only a few years.

“HAWKEYE” Number 3107

As a long-time Ruger fan, I had hoped to acquire a Hawkeye someday in good original condition. In 2015, I met a man at my WAC show table with photos of a Hawkeye for sale. He had bought it new in Auburn, WA in 1965. It was the complete and original package just as he had purchased it, including the store receipt, the Ruger box with cardboard shipping sleeve (called a bookwrap), loading dies, and the Bushnell Phantom pistol scope fitted to the factory drilled and tapped mount on the barrel. The Hawkeye was in excellent lightly used condition showing very good care for fifty years...what more could I ask? Factory ammo tends to be scarce, but a box does turn up occasionally.

I have displayed this unique piece of Ruger history enclosed in a clear Plexiglas case at several Puyallup shows. Comments are interesting and always welcome.

Information is available on this gun in John Dougan's "Ruger Pistols and Revolvers -The Vintage Years 1949-1973", Chapter 9 The "HAWKEYE" (my source of information for this article).



Above—Look closely at the barrel top and you will spot the drilled and tapped holes for scope mounts.

The Author: Larry Schlotterbeck always has interesting firearms well-displayed at the annual WAC Display events. Look for him at our next show.

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.256 Winchester Magnum

A Collectible Cartridge

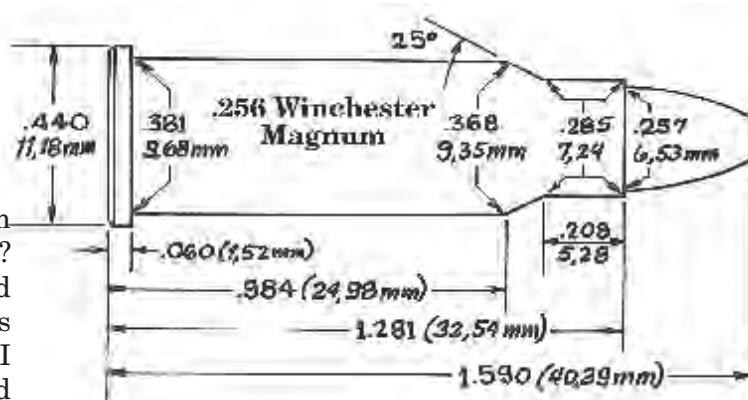
What happens if you neck down a .357 Magnum case and stuff a .25 caliber bullet on top? You get a new—in 1960—cartridge called the .256 Winchester Magnum. The marketing folks must have had a reason for the .256 label but if I were naming it I think using the actual caliber would have been very cool—.257 Magnum, little brother to the .357 Magnum.

With factory velocity between 2350 ft./sec. (pistol) and 2760 ft./sec. (rifle) this was a screaming fast round. Originally designed as a handgun cartridge that would exceed the velocity all other handgun rounds, this snappy caliber was thought to offer unparalleled performance as a small game or varmint round...from a handgun.

Let's start with the design. Because the base case is the .357 Magnum (like the S&W .22 Jet), this is a rimmed case best used in a revolver or single shot firearm. The combination of rim with bottleneck makes this an unusual pistol cartridge. The parent case provides a lot of powder capacity and the pressure spec is at 43,000 PSI—that's rifle territory. I've found sources that state 50,000 PSI but believe the lower figure is correct. The case length is 1.281" and overall cartridge length is 1.590" (about the same as a .357; after all, the cartridge is supposed to fit in a handgun). The .257" bullet weight is 60 gr. and the original bullet shape was definitely pistol-like rather than the more aerodynamic rifle style.

Since I mentioned the .22 Jet, we should probably take a detour and compare the two. Because that's what shooters did back then—the Jet, like the .256 Win Mag, is a child of the 60's. There was a lust for high velocity cartridges and the idea of stuffing one in a handgun was novel back in 1960, so in 1961 Remington worked with Smith & Wesson to create the Jet. Similarities? Both cartridges are based on the parent .357 Magnum case. And both use a small caliber bullet to deliver a high velocity. The Jet is a real .22 at .222, so a little smaller than the .256. Whereas the .256 has a conventional sharp shoulder the Jet has an unusual gradual taper to the case, more like a real magnum—of champagne. And both cartridges promised high velocity but only the .256 delivered—the Jet's original spec called out a 40 gr. Bullet at 2460 FPS but this was to prove impractical and the reality was more like 1700 FPS. Actual Jet performance is in dispute and some claim 2200 FPS from their revolvers. S&W gave shooters a true revolver, the Model 53, whereas Ruger thought the

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single shot less troublesome. The .256 Winchester Magnum was definitely the better-performing cartridge. Both are now obsolete.

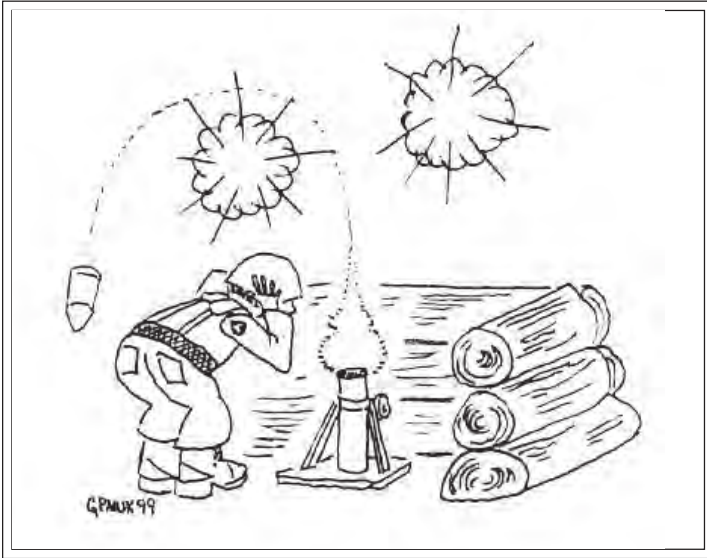
The parent company, Winchester, gave up producing the .256 Winchester Magnum in 1993, long after the Hawkeye was out of production. It's surprising they hung on that long as there were only a few thousand guns produced for the round. There were actually more lever action Marlins in this caliber than Ruger Hawkeyes. Factory ammo is unavailable from the mainstream manufacturers but you can find it at boutique ammo makers at a very high price. Handloaders stuff this stubby little guy into their Thompson/Centers and achieve marvelous velocity and accuracy. Hornady provides both bullets and loading data. Brass is a problem but those who still shoot this round have no problem forming the cases from parent .357 Magnum brass.

Factory ammunition is itself a collectible with original single rounds selling for perhaps \$5 each. A nice full box of Winchester ammo will draw a high price from cartridge collectors.

Ruger engineers wisely chose to make the Hawkeye a single shot rather than a revolver. The high pressures and small caliber create problems in a revolver. Cases can stick in chambers or set back against the recoil shield (as they did in the Jet). Erosion of the top strap at the barrel-cylinder gap is a reality for all magnums and worse for the smallbore guns. The Hawkeye had none of these problems because of its unique "artillery" design. So, if the cartridge lived up to its billing and the Hawkeye worked well, why was it not a success? It's likely that revolver shooters couldn't accept just a single shot handgun. Another issue is that the cartridge was capable of relatively long range but the iron sights weren't up to the task. Ruger prepped the gun for a scope but scoped handguns were a novelty in the 60's. Think back to the scopes that were available in 1960—few were good enough for a handgun. Scope eye relief and brightness was poor on the few available scopes. Ultimately, when the Hawkeye disappeared, so did the .256 Winchester Magnum. One fine little cartridge—RIP.

By Phil Shave, Editor -GN-

SHORT ROUNDS



NSSF Retail Surveys Show 3.2 Million Estimated First-Time Gun Buyers in First Half of 2021

NEWTOWN, Conn. — The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the firearm industry trade association, surveyed firearm retailers recently, and estimates that over 3.2 million people purchased a firearm for the first time during the first half of 2021.

The survey was conducted to learn the buying habits and factors of this year's firearm purchasers during the first six months of 2021. Respondents indicated that 33.2 percent of customers, or 3,247,351, purchased a firearm for the first time, based on June's total of nearly 9.8 million background checks for a gun sale.

"This survey shows that there is a continuing demand signal for firearms from the American public," said Joe Bartozzi, NSSF President and CEO. "We witnessed each month background check figures associated with a gun sale that are second only to those we saw in last year's record-breaking totals. These survey results show not only is there a strong and healthy appetite from first-time gun buyers but that there is still room to grow. We are encouraged by the sustained interest in lawful and responsible gun ownership as well as by the manufacturing base which has been challenged to meet this remarkable demand."

Survey results showed that in the first six months of 2021:

Over 90 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American men purchasing firearms.

Nearly 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American women purchasing firearms.
Nearly 84 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American men purchasing firearms.
Over 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American women purchasing firearms.
Over 76.5 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American men purchasing firearms.
Over 82 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American women purchasing firearms.
22.1 percent of customers purchased a second firearm since their initial purchase.
44.5 percent of first-time gun buyers in 2021 were under 40.
45.7 percent asked for information on safety training.
23.6 percent signed up for safety training.

Black Diamond Women-Only Pistol Classes

The Black Diamond Gun Club has resumed their monthly women-only pistol classes, post-covid. This is an 8-hour class covering all aspects of firearm safety, handling and shooting pistols. Classes are small (8 ladies) and are very popular, so are always filled into the future. Now in our 16th year, over 800 ladies have taken this class. Everything is included, pistols, ammo, lunch. See BlackDiamondGunClub.org, for information and an application.

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WASHINGTON ARMS COLLECTORS Annual Display Show 2021

December 11—12
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Do you have that special firearm or collection of firearms and firearm related memorabilia, or perhaps your interests are military-related items or knives and swords and you have been thinking about displaying your collection? Well this December is the show for you.

Display tables are free of charge. Display tables will also be granted to non-WAC members (Reminder that no sale items permitted on display tables). **NO BUSINESS LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR DISPLAY TABLES!** When registering please choose “ONE” of the four categories as listed. This is a change from previous shows—note that there is no combined Handgun/Long gun category. Be sure to read the 2021 Display Show points criteria guidelines to see how your display will be judged.

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- 8 or more entries in a category: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place awards
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TO HELP OUR STAFF ORGANIZE THIS EVENT PLEASE HAVE YOUR ENTRY IN NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2021. Entries after that date will be accepted but placement with the display tables is not guaranteed.

See the following page for judging criteria and entry form.

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THIS IS THE SCORING SHEET DEVELOPED BY THE AWARDS AND DISPLAY COMMITTEE—PLEASE READ IT.

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2021 DISPLAY ENTRY FORM

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2021 Display Show

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FLATTOP!

Ruger 50th Anniversary Flattop .44 Magnum

4 .44 Magnum—magic words in 1956 when Ruger introduced the Blackhawk .44 with its very recognizable profile—the flat top cylinder frame. These very collectible Rugers were some of the most attractive single actions ever made. The combination of a clean, flat topstrap and Micro adjustable sight made these handguns irresistible to single action shooters looking for .44 Magnum power. Although the factory didn't, we call them "flattops." Barrel choices were 6.5", 7.5" or 10". These were Blackhawks, not Super Blackhawks at all; rather they had the smaller XR-3 grip frame and preceded the Super. Between 1952 and 1962, regular production according to the Chad Hiddleston's "Reference of Ruger Firearms, Edition #2" was 29,860. The improvements seen in the Super Blackhawk seemingly made the flattop obsolete or at least redundant. Most shooters preferred the larger, heavier Super Blackhawk with its more

Above—50th Anniversary .44 with case, manual, etc.
Below—The "lens" anniversary logo on case top.



Clockwise from top:

- Gold inlay on barrel top.
- The "flattop" frame.
- Right side view with special Ruger red case.
- Micro rear sight fit neatly into the flattop.



comfortable grip frame. So the flattop .44 was discontinued in 1962, and eventually they became collector firearms, treasured by those who owned them and used them.

50th Anniversary

My how time flies—it's the year 2006 and 50 years have passed since the first flattop was built. Someone at Ruger understood the fondness that Ruger owners had for the old flattops and reintroduced two 50th Anniversary models, one in .357 Magnum and another in .44 Magnum. Since the new 2006 Ruger revolvers were much different than the old models we'll ~~examine the "new" Rugers for~~ their value as both shooters and collectibles; after all, the "new" Ruger flattop is already 15 years old!

Enthusiasts were anxiously awaiting the release of the new flattops in 2006. The Ruger catalog number designation is S-465N-50. This indicates a Blackhawk in .44 Magnum, the "65" denotes a 6.5" barrel and the "50" is added for 50th anniversary. This catalog number is seen on the end label of the plastic box but not on the gun. Although one might think that such a gun might be produced in only the anniversary year, ~~Hiddleson documents 16 895 produced from 2006 to 2008.~~ Serial numbers of the first guns were 89-00501 to 89-05067. Then the sequence moved to the 870 series—870-00001 to 870-16828.

Some lucky collectors were smart enough to grab the two gun Anniversary set—a New Model flattop .357 Magnum and the flattop .44 Magnum.

The anniversary celebration lasted three years and then ended. No more flattop .44 Magnums.

This Anniversary Deserves Something Special

New owners of the Anniversary flattop would first see, "...a special red case with a unique handsome lens label." (From the Ruger press release, 2006) The red plastic hinged box, molded to fit the 6.5" revolver, was nicely done in Ruger red. What Ruger called a lens label is a special inlay with the black SR Ruger eagle over a 1956-2006 gold banner. The ornate silver herald is beneath a clear lens overlay. The owner's manual is clipped onto the inside of the lid. The required gun lock and keys for the internal lock are in their own compartment. The gun would originally be wrapped in a green tinted clear plastic bag. All for \$605.

This revolver was produced in 2006, so it was actually built 50 years later than the 1956 original—a true 50th Anniversary model. The serial number on

this example, 870-01XXX, verifies the production date.

At first glance the revolver looks just like the old pre-1962 flattop. That's as it should be. The same elegant frame with the Micro adjustable rear sight set neatly into the flat top strap. The small grip frame that almost perfectly mimics a Colt SAA. A high spur single action hammer. And the slightly unusual length of the 6.5" barrel with ramp front sight. Truly an impressive retro revolver.

The special nature of this Magnum is called out on the top of the barrel in gold-filled letters: "50 YEARS OF .44 MAGNUM, 1956 TO 2006". As a bonus, the lawyer's warnings rollmarked into all Rugers are hidden on the underside of the barrel where they don't deface the gun. The stocks are classic, checkered black plastic with an inlaid silver and black eagle. Overall a visually impressive firearm.

Pick it up for a closer examination and you might notice that this 12-3/4" long New Model is a little heftier than the original. If you are expecting a high polish blue as seen on some of the old Super Blackhawks, you will be disappointed. The finish is nice with no noticeable polishing grain—dark, even and very smooth, but not the high gloss finish of an expensive handgun. Let's call it a good modern finish (a reminder—the original flattops were a rather dull finished black, not a high polish). The flattop feels right—the small XR-3 grip is perfect, the look is sleek, the revolver points well. Thank you Ruger.

Old vs. New—The Details

I'll start with opinion—the new Ruger is a better flattop. Sacrilege I suppose. Let's start with that 45 oz. weight. The Anniversary model has a steel grip frame and a steel ejector rod housing. Hallelujah. Gone are the aluminum parts with their paint-like coating. These aluminum parts, with finish worn, make a used Ruger revolver look so shabby. Better parts, better finish and the extra weight are all improvements on the 2006 .44 Magnum flattop.

The appearance is wonderful. The flattop frame looks as if a good custom 'smith added an adjustable sight to a Colt. Really, it's no wonder that all flattops are desirable. While the regular Blackhawk looks fine, the flattops are more classic. The black checkered plastic grips (let's not pretend that they're "hard rubber") offer no contrast, but they look right and they feel good in the hand.

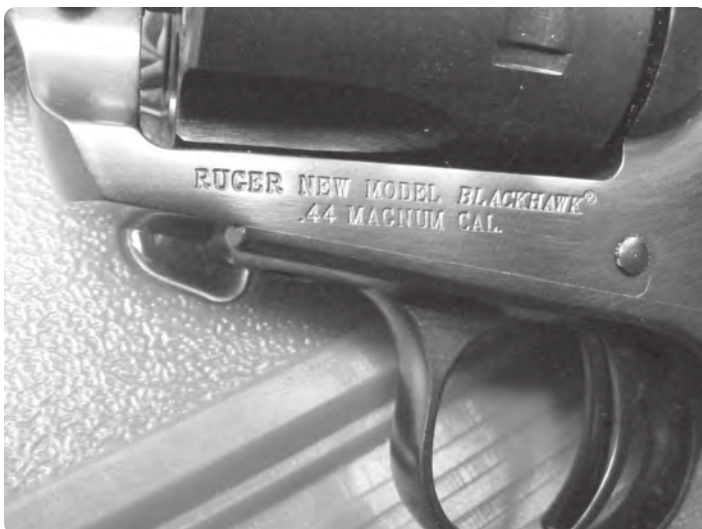
Some prefer the old model Ruger single actions with their Colt-like operation. I do understand the appeal



Above—The gold-filled lettering on top of the barrel announces the special nature of the 50th Anniversary .44 Magnum flattop. This view displays the elegance of the flattop frame and rear sight.

Below Left—Caliber markings are on the left side of the frame on the New Model Blackhawk.

Below Right—The Ruger eagle in black is on both right and left stocks; the stocks are black plastic and very well designed.



of the pre-transfer bar Rugers. There's that vintage experience of loading only five with operation like a Colt. But the New Models are safe, hold six rounds and are mechanically superior. There are only three faint clicks upon cocking and no half-cock hammer position. The reverse indexing stop that Ruger added aligns each chamber perfectly for easy unloading. There are no action screws as found on earlier models; these have been replaced by two pins. Unmodified, there's not much difference in the triggers between old and new. Fit and finish of the grip frame-to-cylinder frame is superior on the Anniversary model; it looks as if the parts were finish polished as a mated unit. Indeed, the finish might be a cut above the standard Ruger quality.

The Micro-labeled rear sight on the Anniversary model is very nice and is one of the best features of both old and new flattops. Ruger single action sight pictures are not perfect—the front sight has a too-shallow ramp angle but the blade and notch are sharp and visible if the light is good. The base pin is collared so it stops on the frame. The ejector rod button is round and usable. The trigger is nice and wide with a much better feel than the narrow single action triggers. All newer Rugers have government-required action locks but Ruger has cleverly made the components internal, beneath the stocks. The 50th Anniversary flattop is a very nice single action handgun that combines modern innovation and safety in a classic package.

An Evaluation

The example shown here is new-in-the-box. It has not been fired but does show a faint cylinder line from cocking. It is an original with the special red plastic box, manual and locks and keys. For the purpose of evaluation another 50th Anniversary revolver has been fired. First, there are some good reasons that Ruger replaced the flattop Blackhawks with the Super Blackhawk. In .44 Magnum the flattop jumps and bites. The Blackhawk with smaller XR-3 grip shape feels great in the hand but doesn't do much to dampen recoil. The grip is small enough that the best grip for most will be with the little finger beneath the grip frame. And the trigger guard can bash knuckles.

Regarding barrel length, 6-1/2" is a little odd. A classic single action look would be either 4-3/4" or 7-1/2". Call it a compromise and not a bad one for a field gun. The 6-1/2" length carries better than a longer barrel and still gives decent velocity. Wouldn't it have been neat if Ruger built a 4-3/4" or 4-5/8"



Above—The base pin has a stop collar. The base pin and ejector rod housing are sized to stop the base pin to prevent it from coming out when the cylinder is removed.

Below—The classic single action hammer and loading gate...but it is the loading gate, not a hammer half-cock, that frees the cylinder for loading.



flattop .44 Mag? That would have been not-much-fun-to-shoot but a great holster gun.

Ruger added "ears" around the rear sight on the Blackhawks, for good reason. The Micro sight in the flattop has some slight wobble when the sight is elevated. A tighter fit to the frame or a better fitting pivot pin would have solved the problem but it exists in both old and New Model flattops. It does not really affect accuracy.

The action is smooth and trigger pull on the shooting sample has some smooth creep and releases at 4-1/2

lbs. This may be an exception as most Rugers are not this light. The cylinder has only .001" endplay and spins freely. The ejector rod action is smooth. I really like the reverse indexing stop for unloading and alignment is good. Rifling is well-done and very smooth and the barrel has a deep chamfer at the muzzle instead of a crown. I've successfully loaded both jacketed and lead bullets for Ruger .44's but will say that my most accurate loads are with jacketed bullets. The flattop is as accurate as any Ruger single action, which is to say, very good.

If one is a shooter rather than purely a collector then the 50th Anniversary model would make a nice hunting handgun. It is still likely that the Anniversary model can be purchased for less than an original flattop. Why not acquire one to use?

The Flattop Fades Away

The 50th Anniversary flattops in both .357 and .44 Magnum were limited production and disappeared after a few years. The good news is that Ruger took advantage of the New Model flattop design by offering

it in models that may be even better than the .44 Magnum version. There are .357 Magnum 50th Anniversary models, .41 Magnums and .44 Special flattops with a choice of barrel length. And a Bisley flattop .44 Special that is better-suited to handle hotter loads and heavier bullets. The .357 and .44 Special versions are, in my opinion, the best flattops—their calibers don't overwhelm the design. The small frame guns with .38 Specials, mild .357 Magnums or .44 Special rounds are a pleasure to shoot and handy to carry. Of course a 50th Anniversary .44 Magnum can also be tempered by judicious handloading at reasonable velocities.

If you go looking in the Ruger catalog today you won't find a flattop. That is a shame as these are such attractive revolvers. But knowing the Ruger penchant for "specials" I would not be surprised to find them offered again in the future—if not from the Ruger catalog then from some of their bigger distributors. If you are a Ruger collector or in the market for a high quality .44 Magnum, the 50th Anniversary model is worth the search.

-The End-



A Bunch of Stuff...

The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

This month — a bit of this and that, starting with:

Two Kinds of Collecting

Personally, I “collect” for two reasons, the first is to satisfy my historical urges with a bunch-a-guns with meaningful pasts; and the second to have a battery of weapons for self-protection or range use.

The first group are mostly older firearms, dating from pre-WWI through the 80’s; the latter group is mostly semi-modern stuff both in poly and all metal. Examples: Finn-Mosins, Swedish Mausers, Swiss Schmidt Rubins and the seven or so 38 S&W caliber (not .38 special) revolvers including a Smith Perfected (top break with a cylinder release, essentially a belt and suspenders on a gun) and a WWII 38/200 BSR (British Service Revolver); there’s the post-war Walthers, a bunch of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd gen S&W pistols; and a representative sampling of .45acps including a 1911, S&W 4566TSW, a Sig 220, and a 1917 Colt .45 revolver.

My personal defense guns are mostly compact and mostly all-metal DA/SAs – S&W CS 9 and 45; a Smith 3914 and 4513TSW, a Walther PPS, and for pocket carry, a Smith 642. There are also some wheel guns in the safe.

So how do I decide on what, if anything, is next to buy? Two ways:

The wrong way is when something interesting catches my eye and on impulse I’m plunking some gelt down to add it to the accumulation. Case in point: a 9mm Magnum Research MR9, a rework of the Smith & Wesson P99 (a collaboration of S&W and Walther to make Walther’s original P99AS, where Walther provided the made-in-Germany frame and Smith, then Magnum Research, made the barrel and slide). It was listed on one of my gunboards for a really low price and I found myself typing, at 1:30 am, “I’ll take it.” And to add insult to injury I then saw a S&W99 in 40 cal on Gunbroker for a silly low bid, made a just-as-silly-a-low bid and won! ‘Course it had no backstrap, but as the MR9 came with three, I’ll just add one of them to it and I now own a 40 cal really neat pistol for \$216.00. But wait, there’s more. Now I’ve spied an all-Walther 9mm P99compact, with three



S&W Perfected

mags and a light/laser combo for another low price. And how can I not own such a tri-fecta? (Update: the seller was non-rated, joined the day the gun was listed, it wasn’t an auction but a “buy now,” he wanted payment via a postal money order, and the price was about \$200 less than it should be. Smells like a scammer to me so...no bid.)

Of course there’s the right way to buy. Studiously account for the guns I have, in terms of caliber, manufacturer, history, usage, and whether I have something similar; decide what I “need,” list what I’m now interested in; then go hunting for it in person



Walther PPS

and online, balancing price, quality, and where it fits into the “collection” against my discretionary “gun” budget and my level of desire. It’s how I acquired a Remington R1 stainless 1911 at a fair price, from a local store.

Yet another example: I’ve been jonesing for a SIG P250 in .45. For carry. I’ve got the compact/subcompact 250 in .22, 9, and 40 and figured why not, I shoot it okay, it’s a perfect carry size and as its DAO I’m comfortable with it IWB. But then I got thinking, Sig X-change kits are essentially non-existent so that idea is out and a used one goes for \$450 and up. Now I have a CS45 that’s perfectly sized for carry, I shoot it well enough, and why would I not carry the Smith, which I also spent a modest amount of cash on to have the trigger improved? So it’s “No Sale” on a SIG I really don’t need and it’s been struck off my Want list. (But if anyone knows of a SIG 250 in .380, well, that’s another story.)

Handgun Hero

A big help for me when making decisions about which gun has been a web tool: Handgun Hero (<https://www.handgunhero.com/>). The site has a long list of mostly today’s pistols that can be compared side-by-side; so that when you choose two you might like, you can inspect them visually, one against the other. You get to see not only all the important stats, but how they measure up (literally) against each other in terms of length, height, and width. (So when I was interested in a S&W 9mm Shield I compared it to the Walther PPS “Classic” I already have and realized the Shield was larger and probably wouldn’t go into my carry rotation. Why carry something bigger than I already own?

I can’t recommend this little jewel of an app highly enough. It works well and it’s kinda fun just to play with.

The Clone Wars

Not Star Wars clones, but pistol clones. I’ve been looking about for a Walther P88 and discovered it’s still (or even more so) out of my budget range. So, thinks I, what about a clone/copy? Bingo. Or I should say Bersa. Their Thunder 9 is a semi-close copy, insofar as looks are concerned, perhaps not so much build quality.

And then I began thinking about other copies/clones/imitations of some other guns. So here’s a shortish list for those who may not have quite the resources for the originals, but are content with an “almost.”

The Browning Hi Power is now out of production but there are plenty of clones/copies/fakes around as

the prices rise on original BHPs. The best is probably FEG (the Hungarian firm Fegyver- és Gépgyártó Részvénytársaság, which translates to “Arms and Machine Manufacturing Company.”) There are a bunch of different versions, but the one most like the BHP is their model PJR. Later models outwardly resembled the BHP but copy the S&W model 59 internally. Look for the oval through-bolt on the gun’s right side for the HP version. (Note: FEG is now one of the leading manufacturers of HVAC equipment in Europe and is no longer in the gun biz.)

Charles Daly has a roll-mark on a copy as well, but it’s really an FEG, imported into the US in pieces, and assembled by Charles Daly.

Other copies include a licensed and unlicensed version made in Argentina, the Kareen HP, the Arcus version made in Bulgaria, a Tisas made in Turkey, and a bunch of true “fakes” with FN roll-marks counterfeited by FEG. Caveat Emptor when it comes to all these.

CZ75: A classic ‘wonder nine’ this gun was unavailable in the US for many years, but folks brought them in from PX buys on US bases in Europe and their reputation spread. There are a score of different versions of the original, and an equal number of copies. Most popular are the Tanfoglios imported by EEA, the Turkish Canik/Tristar 120, the 9mm Pavona, Israel’s Jericho, Swiss Sphinx, Magnum Research’s Baby Eagle and Desert Eagle, Springfield Armory’s P9, the Sar B6 and B6P, and a version made by FIE. Most of these are quality firearms that used to be almost “cheap,” but today, command prices that are getting silly.

Beretta 92: Taurus made a 92 under license from Beretta, then made their own version taking the decocker/safety off the slide and locating it on the frame. Their PT92 gets good reviews and their PT99 is the same gun as the PT92 but with adjustable sights. I had a 99 before I traded up to the real thing and it

CZ75—the real thing



ran just fine. ATI also makes a copy, their AT92 which is imported from Turkey.

SIG Sauer: A couple of copies of the Sig are around. Astra (now out of business so beware of getting parts if they are needed) made their models A80, A90, and A100 with SIG's left-side frame-mounted decocker, a more than passing resemblance to 226s and 229, and decent quality. Norinco is supposed to have made a copy, but I've never encountered one in the wild. The Golan is based on a SIG model and Zastava has three pistols – the CZ99, CZ999, and CZ9 – all copied from Sig but at a much lower price point (which is, after all, the *raison d'être* of clones and copies).

Walther: Not all copies of good designs are made by air conditioning unit makers ala FEG. Walther copied its own PPX in a lower cost version, the Creed, as the PPX was bombing. There are other Walther copiers, including Turkish copies of the Walther's P99 and PQ in the Canik TP9 series.

Scammers

I've never (knock on wood) been seriously scammed purchasing guns or shooting gear over the internet. I bought an 1943 Astra 600 on the Gunboards forum that was in terrible condition, and the seller was later booted off the board due to so many complaints about his descriptions, but at least I got the gun and was able to salvage what I paid for it in a trade. Now that was a great lesson to me and, the memory of it keeps all my antennae aquiver each time I make an on-line purchase.

I mentioned above my trepidation about buying from a Gunbroker lister who was unrated, had just joined the day he listed the gun, and was selling at such a

low-enough price he was sure to attract attention; and recognizing it makes it tough for a first-time seller to get a review if he can't sell the first gun, but it ain't gonna be my \$450 at risk when all the warning signs are blinking.

I always check the rating of anyone selling on Gunbroker. And I am picky about which gun forums I shop on. I'm pretty confident about 99.9% of the folks selling on the Smith & Wesson Forum (<https://smith-wessonforum.com/>) as I post there a lot and "know" many of the folks selling stuff. Plus the S&W moderators are fanatical about policing the board, are lightning-like posting warnings about grifters, and the stats they list for members tell you everything you'd want to know about who you are buying from or selling to.

The SigTalk board (<https://www.sigtalk.com/>) is also one I have confidence in and have purchased stuff, albeit not firearms, from the folks there.

Locally, I'm very confident about buying off both <https://www.waguns.org> and <https://www.northwestfirearms.com> as those purchases would be made face-to-face. I only had one untoward incident with a prospective buyer on the WA guns board when he showed at the FFL, after viewing eight pictures of the gun in advance, rushed in, blurted something about the gun's condition (it was very good), and fled the store in a near panic.

And then there's Armslist. It used to be a good place to buy and sell. For free. Then it went paid and I don't like giving a bank number or credit card number to anyone I don't know (and I'm even a bit reluctant with a business I do know and trust, such as LL Bean, Wolff Springs, or Langdon Tactical). I guess I need to look at the ArmsList listings again, to see how it's changed since it went paid.

To Conclude

There's no shortage of stuff to write about "collecting" firearms. And each month I hope I've picked a topic that interests readers.

But if members here have any particular interest they'd like to see me cover, please drop me a line at (t.burke.column@gmail.com). I tend to focus on stuff I am pretty familiar with, but have no problem expanding my horizons and learning enough about something, say shotguns or lever action rifles, to keep folks interested for a couple of pages.

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WAC Board Minutes

Washington Arms Collectors
Board minutes for August 2021



Pre-meeting business:

July 30 - Motion by Secretary Freeburg to accept the July, 2021 BoD minutes as presented
Second by Director Ripley

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Iwashita, Jennings, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

The Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, was convened in the WAC Business Office conference room.

Meeting opened by President Burris at 6:30 pm.

Present: Officers: Pres Burris, Sec Freeburg, Treas Henson (via teleconference), VP Kneeland (via teleconference)

Directors: Bramhall, Hubbard, Iwashita (via teleconference), Jennings (via teleconference), Ripley (via teleconference), Rodabaugh (via teleconference), Weaver (via teleconference), Wegner (via teleconference)

Operations: Cleary, Hinckley

Absent: Director Palmer

Financial Report:

Treasurer Henson presents the Financial Report for June 2021.

Memberships, shows, revenues, and expenses are all down when compared to the same time period in 2020. Event insurance costs are up, even though there has been only one show in a year. WAC event insurance is different than the business office insurance. Event insurance is purchased for one year of coverage, and the amount does not change within the premium period even if there are no events. WAC could have four shows each month, or no shows in a year, and the event insurance cost would still be the same. Insurance costs by month in 2021 appear high when compared to the previous year because the policy cost is not being spread over multiple shows.

New Business: There were no New Business topics for Board action/discussion this month.

Old Business:

1. Bookkeeper Hinckley reports on the June Elma Show statistics. The Elma Fairgrounds venue has not yet billed WAC for the event that was held there during June. The Elma show reports currently contain estimates that will be finalized as the billings are received and paid. It may be another month before the Elma Fairgrounds transmits a billing statement for the June WAC event; the Elma Fairgrounds billing department is short handed for billing labor, but will catch up on event billings when they can.

2. Director Jennings reports on event venue inquiries. Director Jennings has contacted gun ranges in the Seattle metropolitan area in the interest of locating a venue for an outdoor gun show. The event would be for one day only (on a Saturday), so overnight security would not be an issue. Several gun ranges were approached with the outdoor gun show concept, and they are currently evaluating the WAC venue requirements.

3. Event Manager Cleary provides office staffing updates. More office employees will be needed when events begin ramping up again. The WAC office staff was reduced to minimize monthly labor expenses during the Covid-19 pandemic, and there are currently only two full-time employees to cover WAC monthly operations. When more events are added to the schedule, more labor hours will be needed to cover pre-event planning and coordination.

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

Motion by Director Jennings to adjourn

Second by Director Hubbard

Votes for: Directors Bramhall, Hubbard, Iwashita, Jennings, Ripley, Rodabaugh, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary

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9.3x74R ammo, .41 Cal. Cast & lubed 212gr bullets—\$45/500. Many 7mm Rem Mag and .243 Win cases & dies, 9.3x62 boxed new and fired cases, FED, WIN & REM 10 Ga. Steel ammo—\$25/box. Pure wheelweight cast & lubed .30 cal. 225gr. Bullets \$5/50, Savage FourTenner 12ga to .410 adapter in orig. box—\$65. Fully rifled barrel for 12ga Pardner Pump w/open sights & orig. Factory box—\$110. NIB Burris 2-7x Posi-Lock HEAVY Plex handgun scope—\$290. NIB Burris Fullfield II 3-9x40 riflescope—\$185. Beautiful compartmented case for double rifle/shotgun—\$125. Lots of .32 S&W, .32 S&W Long, .32 H&R and .327 FED brass & nickel. NIB self-retracting lanyard to make tree stand use, roof repair, house painting, etc. safer—\$85. Misc. trapping supplies. NIB TriplePlay crow motion decoys—\$60, M Dove Crow Owl Coyote Fawn decoys. 25lb.plastic coated iron weight for lead sled—\$15. New 12 slot duck decoy bags—\$55ea. Camo fleece decoy bags with drawstring closers—\$2ea. Misc. finished plaques for fish, bird etc. wall mounts, misc. trapping supplies, misc. new and as-new varmint scopes. Ralph, 253-272-4811.

FOR SALE: Gun Safe, American Security, 24 gun vault. Comes with multiple shelves, storage on inside of door for pistols, led lights, 59"x39"x21" approx 570 lbs. Still on pallet. Approx \$1750 new—asking \$1250. Shipping can be arranged. Text me for details or pics. In excellent condition. Wayne, sojerguy@aol.com, 817-308-7844.

FOR SALE: Prepping to move sale. Colt Commander length frame (Federal Ordnance Manuf) w/Wilson Combat .22 LR Conversion kit (comes with 2 magazines), instructions etc. Frame sells for \$400, conversion kit \$425. Both for \$700. Will not be separated unless you want just the frame (\$400). DPMS .223 Bull Barrel A-15, 1/10 twist (barrel is .910 at the muzzle) Safe queen. \$1900. Remington-Lee in .30 US (.30-40 Krag), with 2 of the exceptionally rare magazines. Part of the

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Several thousand rounds. Most in cans/some in boxes in plastic buckets. Pick-n-choose \$0.85/round. Take it all \$0.40/round. Wayne, sojerguy@aol.com, 817-308-7844.

FOR SALE: Ammo: .45 Caliber, Magtech. 230gr. FMJ—\$0.50/Round or for #250—\$125. Firm. Alan, 425-941-7155. hiker454@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Grips, pellet pistol for sale, Vintage Crossman C0-2 22 cal pistol, model 110—\$50. Hogue grips for Security Six, Police service six—\$10. Dave, you can call me—206-962-7952.

WANTED: Winchester Model 47 or Model 60 .22 single shot in at least VG condition. Jack, call 360-485-5312.

WANTED: Want to BUY Kimber of Oregon, mainly rimfire. Good wood a BIG plus, Also small bore quality shotguns. Cash for Estates and Collections. Call Daniel 541-670-9940.

FOR SALE: Very rare Ruger Redhawk stainless 41 mag with a 2-1\2" Magnaport barrel, 6 shot cylinder, has a Burris FastFire 3 red dot sight, Excellent condition—\$1295. Paul, 503 621 3766 or email blimppy44@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Lyman .54 percussion Deer Stalker rifle, front fire sight, Williams receiver peep sight, 400 CCI No11 magnum caps. Used for hunting, target shooting. And Hunter Ed demonstrations. Excellent condition—\$300. Lyman Great Plains .54 percussion pistol, 400 CCI #12 magnum caps, simple. Powerful, accurate, fun to shoot, and legal for big game, excellent condition—\$300. 185 Hornady .535 round balls—\$20. Lots of BP accessories priced to sell. Rossi 62SA .22 S,L, and LR Pump rifle, take down, blue, wood, round barrel made when they were at the top of their quality, excellent condition, with 4 boxes of shells—\$400 + transfer in Elma.. Hawke AO Sport HD 1" 4X32 Mil Dot scope, will handle high power spring air rifles, great upgrade—\$60. New Konus 1.5-5X32 Pro with Aim-Pro reticle—\$50. Bushnell TRS-25 Red Dot sight—\$50. I can not make it to the Gun Shows any more. I have 3 + tables of Things that I am going to sell. It might be worth your while to come to Elma/Shelton, and take a look. Frank, email, fwdumars@gmail.com

WANTED: Looking for good quality rifles in non traditional calibers: 22 Hornet, 250-3000, 7mm-08, 257 Roberts, 6mm, 7x57, 284, 358, etc. Call Paul, 503 621 3766 or email blimppy44@gmail.

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FOR SALE: A few boxes of rifle bullets—various brands \$10/100. Nosler partitions, 6mm & 6.5mm, 100 gr—\$15/50. Sabots: 45 cal.: T/C Shock Wave, 45 cal, 200 gr—\$5/box15. T/C Super 45 XR, 180 gr—\$5/box 30. Knight 45 cal 240 gr. Lead \$5/18. 50 cal.: Knight 50 cal 310 gr. Lead \$5/20'. T/C Maxi-hunter, 54 cal 10 pack 455 gr. lead \$5. Have box - will ship. Mikee, 425-836-8648.



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FOR SALE: Fired brass: 223, 38 Sp., 9mm Luger—5 cents @; 40 S&W —7 cents @; 45 ACP—8 cents @. 308, 30-06—10 cents @, 22-250 Imp, 243 Win, .25 auto, 30-30, 300 Sav, .32 auto, 30 TC, 357 Sig, 7.62T, 7.62x54R—12 cents @; 7mm Rem Mag,—15 cents @. 50 BMG—75 cents @. Have box - will ship. 17 ounces Alcan AL-5 shot shell & pistol powder—\$30; 6 1/2 ounces Hercules (Alliant) Red Dot shotgun powder—\$20@. Can't ship. NIB trail cam, Cabela's outfitter 12MP, IR, HD, with extra memory card 8gb/go capacity, never used—\$60. Garmin Etrex 10 hand held GPS, used once—\$60. Silver Stag knives, new in the box; #WC3000, Whitetail Caper—\$20. #DWT2.7, Damascus Caper, #DWT2.8, Damascus Caper-brown, #DWT2.8 Damascus Caper-black—\$35 @. Like new, hard cover books: Robert Ruark, Use Enough Gun, first printing—\$75. Peter Hathaway Capstick, Death in a Lonely Land, Death in the Long Grass, Maneaters, \$20 each. mikee 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: New brass: Rifle; 30-06, 243 Win, 338 Win Mag—40 cents @ for standards & 50 cents @ for magnum. Factory

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FOR SALE: Barrett .50 cal 82A1, NIB, w/case, ammo, extra mag—\$13,000 firm. 425-530-1902.

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FOR SALE: NIB Stainless/Synthetic Mini 14 Ranch Rifle—\$950. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. NIB 6.8 SPC ammo—\$20 a box/trade? Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Plastic pistol sale. All are Exc-ANIB condition: Shield EZ 380, Kahrs, XD/XDMs, MP9c, MP40c, Glock 27s. Please email me with your interest. All transfers done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Bolt Action M700s/M70s/Lever Action (including JM Marlins) hunting rifles for sale. Please email me your requests. Browning Nomad 22 ANIB, comes w/flimsy black and red plastic box—\$750. 4 Digit SN prewar Garand, no gas trap so obviously rebuilt—\$4,500. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Model 84M Kimber 308 Win. Good condition—\$700. Remington Model Seven 7mm/08 carbine, 18 ½ inch barrel with Redfield 3 X 9 compact scope—\$500. Mikee, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: Early 1942 Inland M1 Carbine s/n 10xxx, period correct components, nice condition—\$3500. Detonics .45 ACP Mark VI, Stainless Steel, first small-size 1911 style produced, mid-1980's vintage, Pachmayr rubber grips, Storm Lake barrel, fired very little and in like new condition—

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FOR SALE: Various calibers of brass as follows: 108 casings of .38 special + 50 casings new. 92 casings .243, 10 casings 300 Savage, 9 casings of .250 Savage. Some unfired Vintage rounds as follows: 17 rounds .38 S&W, 40 rounds .22 Hornet, 46 rounds of WWII German 9MM. Paper shot shells and some in original boxes as follows: 17 rounds Rem .410 GA, 33 rounds Rem 16 GA, 36 rounds Rem 20 GA, 90 rounds Western and Rem 12 GA (some are slug). Some Walnut and Ebony blocks for carving stocks and inlays, 2 sporterized Mauser stocks, and one unknown complete military stock. Please come get it out of my garage. First \$40 takes it all. Jim C., 425-919-6229. jcerenzie@yahoo.com.

Early FORGED DSA FAL with machined in muzzle brake heavy barrel—\$1650. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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- However, many members DO expire in December.
- The WAC urges you to renew today.
- If you are unsure of your expiration date, please check your badge or call the office at 425-255-8410.
- The Board has increased regular annual member dues for 2021 and will consider taking action on all categories of membership in January 2021.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year - \$57	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Background (if no valid CPL)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Donation	Total Amount: \$			
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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.

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



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- Sep 18-19—Monroe, WA, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, WAC
- Oct 16-17—Puyallup, WA State Fairgrounds, WAC
- Nov 13-14—Monroe, WA, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, WAC
- Dec 11-12—Puyallup, WA State Fairgrounds, WAC

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 **2021** Gun Show Schedule

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

July	10 & 11	Elma
Sept.	18 & 19	Monroe
Oct.	16 & 17	Puy. Pav.
Nov.	13 & 14	Monroe
Dec.	11 & 12	Puy. Pav.

SHOW LOCATIONS

Monroe Show - Evergreen State Fairgrounds
 Puyallup Show - WA State Fair & Events Center
 Elma Show - Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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