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–September 11, 2001–

Not an anniversary to celebrate—certainly one to remember. The pain of September 11, 2001, is lessened by our distance from it. Like an old wound that has scarred but is still there to remind us of the injury.

Some may question the wisdom of these 9-11-2001 reminders. It's the past and best forgotten, right? I don't think so. Those who have lost friends and family can't forget. The economic recovery from the attack is incomplete. The cost of rebuilding, restoring lost enterprise and caring for survivors continues and is absorbed into our national debt; we may not see it but it's there. Our enhanced homeland security apparatus doesn't come cheaply—intelligence and military budgets are huge. And there's been a cost in lost civil rights.

Despite intensive effort, the threats remain virulent. While those individuals who planned the attacks have paid the price, others with similar motives continue to plot future attacks throughout the world. Truly, we have been at war ever since and many have given their lives. So, September 11 is a time to remember that vigilance is required.

But we're so much safer now than we were before 9-11, some say. Are we? Meth, Heroin and Fentanyl pour across the border; substances that kill and damage more people than any past attack. The borders are open and both criminals and terrorists have nearly unlimited access to our country. Post 9-11, politicians set aside their ideologies and acted, mostly, in the best interests of the country. Well that didn't last long. Border security has become a politicized issue rather than a responsibility of government. What better plan to undermine national security than to put hundreds of thousands of undocumented, un-backgrounded, unknown and unidentifiable illegals on buses and send them to major cities throughout the country. A gift to terrorists.

20 years ago, yet it feels like yesterday. There are adults alive today who did not experience the shock of 9-11. Some of them, having no concept of what it is like to be under attack here in the Homeland, may question how we have acted in the interest of national security. Or doubt the need to continue to fight terrorists throughout the world. We can hope that remembrance of September 11, 2001 will keep us all in the fight. *The Editor*



(Another light month. In addition to Congress' summer recess and the fact that most state legislatures are not in session, I was on the road for most of July.)

BIDEN EXPRESS SLOWED

President Biden's aggressive agenda to promote infrastructure development (spending programs) and gun control has stalled, in large part due to lack of cooperation by the Republicans and that pesky thing called the filibuster. Unlike back in 1939, when legislators had to be prepared to stand on their feet and talk and talk and talk to maintain a filibuster, made famous in the Jimmy Stewart movie, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (coincidentally a film about political corruption on Capitol Hill, circa 1939 – imagine that!), all members of the U.S. Senate need to do today is agree to filibuster a bill. With today's 50-50 Senate, Democrats need ten Republican votes to move bills forward.

So in late July President Biden, on CNN, expressed support for a ban on 9mm handguns and pistol magazines holding more than ten rounds. What!?! Semiautomatic handguns, mostly 9mm, are the most

commonly used handguns in the U.S. today – by law enforcement, by criminals, and yes – by law abiding citizens. It would appear our president is out of step with the times. According to an NRA report, support for any general handgun ban has slipped from 60% in 1959 to 25% in 2020, the last year Gallup reported on gun control polling.

According to the ATF, 3.8 million handguns were manufactured in the US in 2018, and 3 million handguns were imported. More than half of those manufactured here were in 9mm caliber.

Wake up, Mr. President! If you feel so strongly about civil disarmament, maybe you should start by disarming your Secret Service detail. Ludicrous? Yes. But no more so than disarming millions of law-abiding American citizens. Approximately 20 million Americans hold licenses to carry concealed firearms, and that doesn't include the citizens of the 20 states that do not require government permission to carry concealed – “constitutional carry” states (“The Second Amendment is all the permit I need to carry a gun”). Part of the ruling in *Heller (2008)* was that the Second Amendment protected guns “in common use at the time.” Like today's 9mm handguns – AND the five million or so AR-style firearms in private circulation.

By the time you read this, Congress will be back in session. As I mentioned last month, appropriation bills to fund government will be at the top of the to-do list, but keep your eyes open for gun control measures to be slipped in, especially in justice-related budgeting. New programs require new money.

POLICE HANDCUFFED

Police agencies – and individual officers – are complaining about how House Bill 1054, signed by Governor Inslee in May took effect in late July. Dubbed a “police reform” bill and linked to the “defund the police” effort, HB 1054 has effectively handcuffed officers trying to perform their duty to protect the public. Among other things, the new rules ban the use of choke holds, neck restraints and no-knock warrant service. It also limits motor vehicle pursuits to incidents where a violent crime may have occurred or suspected DUIs.

Just as “gun control” evolved into “gun safety” and then “gun law reform,” “defund the police” quickly morphed into “police reform.” Meanwhile, thousands of police officers across the country, mostly in major cities where mayors and city councils have cut police budgets significantly, are retiring early (the lucky ones with enough time in to retire) or resigning and seeking a new profession.

Similar laws have been passed in at least 22 more states, all with the same net effect—increasing crime (see the next item). What did they expect when they tied cops’ hands? A great example is Minneapolis, home of George Floyd, the convicted violent felon whose death at police hands sparked the latest “defund/reform” movement. More cops OFF the street because of budget cuts, more criminals ON the street. Duh!

In addition to taking officers off the street, another impact of budget cuts is reduced training opportunities. How are cops supposed to get things like “de-escalation training” (conflict resolution) with no money? Not only does training cost quite a lot but it also requires that either the officers’ shifts are uncovered or other officers work expensive overtime. Most will agree that training is a critical component of effective law enforcement—it is likely that training will be one of the first victims of budget cuts.

Meanwhile, who is going to train the public to stop when an officer calls “Stop,” and not automatically run. As a general rule, all you need to do to avoid getting shot by a cop is follow his or her instructions. You know, like your mom or dad should have taught you when you were growing up. Single-parent “families” play a major role in the failure to raise kids properly, too. It’s not always the cops’ fault.

Portland police used to have a dedicated Gun Violence Reduction Team, focused on getting guns out of criminal hands. That effort was scaled back considerably in the name of police reform and accusations of racial profiling. PPD added 14 new openings for the team, but at this writing, only four officers have applied. Portland murder rates have spiked—up 327%. In only one night on July 17, two people were killed and many more injured in four shootings. In the first half of the 2021, there were over 470 shootings. News reports indicate that Portland is a magnet city—gang members are actually traveling to Portland to enjoy its violence-friendly atmosphere.

115 Portland officers have quit this year. The new Gun Violence Reduction Team has a citizen “advisory” oversight and those assigned to the team must have the, “ability to fight systemic racism.” Imagine trying to deal with violent well-armed gangsters while addressing systemic racism. It seems no one wants a thankless job.

MURDER, INC

It’s not just covid that is thriving across the U.S. Homicide has skyrocketed in most major American cities over the past several months. In part due, no doubt, to enforced close living with lockdowns. But it also says a lot about the state of our society today – or at least parts of it.

A glance at the headlines tells all: “Chicago surpasses 460 shooting incidents in July.” “Washington, DC, murders surpass coronavirus deaths in July by nearly a 3-to-1 ratio.” “NYC laundromat shooting: 10 injured after two men open fire, flee on mopeds.” (Ban mopeds?) “New Orleans shooting on Bourbon Street leaves five wounded: video shows crowd fleeing gunfire.”

So what, just business as usual, with maybe a little jump, right? Wrong! How long do you think it will take from today’s news headlines to an increase in proposed gun control legislation? Legislation to take guns away from criminals? Haha! Almost ALL gun control legislation impacts the law abiding gun owner only. Remember? Criminals by their very nature don’t obey the law, ANY law.

Shortly after I retired from the Marine Corps in 1992, I worked briefly for the Washington State Patrol as a communications officer (dispatcher). The Patrol had a saying when referring to individuals committing a traffic violation: “All violators are not criminals, but all criminals are violators.” Individuals who commit crimes for a living ignore traffic code as well!

So as Congress gets back to work this month, look at them to use those headlines as an excuse to further infringe on your Second Amendment rights.

BOUGHT AMMO LATELY?

Just as firearm sales have shot up (pun intended) during the coronavirus epidemic, so has the sale of ammunition. Priced ammo lately? My personal rule is to always keep at least 500 rounds of ammo on hand for any/every gun I own. Boy has that paid off for me. And .22 rimfire ammo even more. For those of you who recall survivalist Mel Tappan, popular in the 1970s, he pushed keeping rimfire ammo as a prime bartering tool when supplies of everything, not just ammunition, ran short. Ammunition will ALWAYS be in demand. It wouldn’t hurt to have some spare 9mm and .223 as well!

Manufacturers assure us they are producing at max capacity. And they probably are. But an article I just read, bylined AP in Seattle of all places, reports that – according to industry trackers – we are still exporting

ammo too, to places like Australia, Israel and – BELGIUM (home of FN-Herstal)!

CHIPMAN APPOINTMENT STALLED

The appointment of David Chipman, retired ATF agent and major gun control advocate, to head the ATF is stalled after a confirmation hearing by the Senate Judiciary committee. Several members of Congress have sent a letter to President Biden asking him to withdraw the nomination, pointing out Chipman's history of extremist gun control views.

Take a deep breath and hold it. Chipman isn't the only controversial Biden nominee, and we will have to see who can hold the line better: President Biden or the U.S. Senate.

PELOSI LYNCH MOB

Recall last summer, with riots, looting, arson (including of federal buildings and police stations – occupied buildings) and the murder of at least 30 citizens going on across the country? **Insurrection**—A rising or rebellion of citizens against their government, usually manifested by acts of violence. Note the definition is ANY rising, not just against the FEDERAL government. What we witnessed last summer were dozens of insurrections, the largest of which were “CHAZ” in Seattle and the ongoing disorder in Portland (what is it about the Pacific Northwest and lack of respect for the law?).

And how much attention to these insurrections was paid by Congress? Zero. Well, I mean, it was mostly in urban areas with Democrat mayors. Can't go after their own.

Then came January 6th. More than 100,000 people on the Capitol Mall in DC largely protesting the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. Peacefully protesting. There was business going on in the Capitol that day: the confirmation of the 2020 electoral college vote. So Capitol Police nominally shut the building down to the public. OUR building, OUR capitol. A few hundred protesters got carried away and tried to enter or entered the building – mostly through open doors as Capitol Police watched, although there were a few windows smashed. That's typically called trespass, a misdemeanor offense at most.

The only loss of life was one protestor (a female USAF veteran) shot and killed by a Capitol police officer as she crawled through a smashed window. Wow! What a threat she posed to the republic! Total damage? A few smashed windows, Nancy Pelosi's gavel and laptop stolen. Crime of the century.

At least that's how Democrats and their media allies are painting it. What about last summer? Nah, peanuts compared to January 6th.

And now Speaker Pelosi has formed a special committee to fully investigate this “insurrection” and punish the guilty. Why, one of the trespassers even had the gall to sit at Pelosi's desk and put his feet on the

desk (just as President Obama was photographed several years ago with his feet on the desk of the oval office).

They have identified at least 400 trespassers, many of whom have been confined, many without bail, many in solitary confinement. And the first trial occurred this past week. The first, but that won't be the last. And in many cases, sentences will be severe. This was, in Speaker Pelosi's mind and some others, the biggest crime since the republic was founded two centuries ago.

In my seven decades of life, including 28 years active duty in the Marine Corps where I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution, and my almost as many years of service in defending the Second Amendment, this looks to me like a lynch mob. It is certainly by no means an unbiased investigation into what really occurred. Oh, I forgot, it was all Trump's fault. For all of President Trump's faults—and he had many—inciting an insurrection was not one of them. I would also add that the only firearm recovered on January 6th was locked in the truck of a protester, parked OFF the Mall. Oh, and the one used to kill the USAF veteran.

The Chinese are given credit for the curse, “May you live in interesting times.” Well, we're entering the most interesting of times.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

After 50 days of no rain, we had a bit fall overnight then with a cool morning, it's getting to feel like hunting season isn't that far away. Woo Hoo. A lot of my neighbors have already gotten into the outdoor season, hauling their 100K+ motor homes and 3 or 4 ATVs or UTVs out to some camping spot. My opinion – that ain't camping. Camping, or even solo hunting, is eating what you've pulled out of the campfire, sleeping on the ground, with maybe a foam pad underneath, under some sort of tarp or maybe your poncho. Fancy camping might include some sort of tent. No, that doesn't mean some blue plastic thing you found in the "tarp" section at Harbor Freight. (Those tarps are often left behind by a bunch of knotheads, convincing the property owner to close it off to future campers/hunters.)

I talked with one young man in Elma who said he refused to sleep on the ground anymore, opting to sleep in his truck. I neglected to ask if it was in the cab, in the truck bed or in some monstrous "camper". He and I had quite a talk about Sasquatches so he was able to redeem himself.

As I've said in many columns, I sleep on the ground, usually able to find the soft rocks if no fir trees are found for the fir bough bedding. I've always been a very light sleeper hearing all the night woods sounds and with the night light "light stick", I don't get too concerned about what is out there. Of course, there is the comfort of either my muzzle loader rifle (uncapped of course) or my 45 sixgun, the hammer resting on an empty chamber. (All six are loaded through the day, though.) Coincidentally, a friend was in the Winston Creek area about the first part of April, sleeping on the ground under a canvas tarp. He awoke around daybreak, face to face with as he said "The biggest darn (family magazine word) canine he'd ever seen." It was about 4 – 5 feet away. He said he wasn't afraid (yeah – liar) and after maybe 10-15 seconds it turned and walked away. At no time though, did he feel threatened.

This would be consistent with the "rumor" of the timber companies importing wolves in the early 50's to control the deer and elk population that caused so much damage to the trees. In the past few years I've heard a number of farmers and loggers also sighting huge canines.

From a number of members I've gotten the same question about how do I spot so many animals while they don't. Here's some clues. Know the area, Here in Western Washington I hunt/camp, the area I started in

60 years ago. Get off the main roads/trails and onto the game trails. Go slow and easy with frequent stops to look and listen.

Approaching clearings, sneak up on them instead of walking right out into the open. Years ago, I learned to wear a head cover bug net, for the skeeters and to hide my face shine. Yeah, the camo guys do this with all that greasy crap but with the head net I can stop later at a 7-11 or whatever without looking weird. It's been shown that face shine alerts most animals.

They say deer and elk aren't able to differentiate colors (I don't believe it) but instead rely on sense of smell, hearing and detecting movement to survive. Years ago I was hunting with a fella who believed the secret was to cover as many miles as he could, hoping to stumble onto a deer. I picked a spot where I could watch 4 trails intersect and found a soft tree to lean against, still concealed, with head net and of course wearing only the minimum of that blaze orange crap. My companion for the day, wandered off and when he returned about two+ hours later, he stated he "kicked up" a couple of deer. I hadn't moved, but saw at least six does and two button bucks, too small to harvest. (Don't tell anybody, but there may have been a short cat nap, too.

I've expressed my opinions on hard soled hunting boots, ATVS, UTVs, etc in other columns so nuff about that. A few years back, I was at Cabela's and saw they had hearing enhancers on sale, the hearing aid size about 15 bucks. Heck yeah, it's worth a try. Even on the lowest setting they were super super sensitive. A slight breeze was like a windstorm, I heard every breath I took, my foot steps in the grass and fir needles sounded like walking on gravel. Best thing was to throw them away but like most guys with crammed full garage and shops, I couldn't. Yup, still have them, only having used them about 15 minutes, years ago. Actually, the first time I used them, a grouse took off about 15 feet away, startled the heck out of me, it was so loud.

Nuff about hunting, time for WAC stuff. Years ago, WAC would schedule the next year shows, the dates provided by the Fairgrounds. Yeah, they told us when we could be there. This was done about June or July and the dates were provided to competing gun shows, to avoid conflicts. This year, our Elma Show for July 2021 was scheduled back in January, but on the show weekend, there were 4 gun shows within 35 – 40 miles of each other, major screw up on somebody's part.

As our editor in last month's magazine stated, the Elma facility was nice, parking good, with a fairly decent

turnout considering the other shows, attended by some of WAC vendors. Sure, there are some bugs to be ironed out, but not bad for a first time event.

As the night guard, I'm up all night and when relieved in the morning, I head for a bed then a lunch and generally getting back to the show about 2:30 or so for my shopping. By that time the really good bargains are gobbled up, Rats! Anyway, I couldn't find much in the black powder line that I needed.

It appears as though vendors were piling everything they could find, on the table, to sell. There were some really nice guns and some not so nice. Lots of .22's, but a little overpriced. A couple I saw looked like they'd been used for camping, for tent stakes, one in particular was so caked with dirt, the front sight couldn't be seen. Oh, it too was overpriced. Anybody's guess what the bore would look like.

I always try to not single out any individual with negative comments but I know this fella will get a little P.O.'d, but what the heck. What caught my eye was the number of muzzle loaders, a couple of civil war era breech loaders and a percussion Sharps carbine, again, everything overpriced. For those not familiar with the percussion Sharps, when the trigger guard/loading lever is dropped, the combustion chamber is exposed. The ammo is a slug with either a linen or paper wrapped black powder charge glued or string secured, attached to the base of the slug. It's inserted and on closing the breech block, the tail of this bag is sheared off, the charge now exposed for the percussion cap ignition. One of the issues of this design is the possibility of loose powder accumulating around the barrel end, outside of the combustion chamber. Yup, when this vendor took a potty break, I looked the carbine over, noting a large build up of this powder as described, plus the nipple and hammer very dirty with burned powder residue. I didn't check the bore. Nice looking little Italian carbine but priced at American manufactured price. Yup, about \$400 too high.

During the Civil War, Maynard carbines were supplied with a brass cartridge, similar to current stuff but did not have a provision for primers, using the nipple percussion system. Thus they didn't have to deal with the linen or paper wrappings. A couple years back, Pedersoli in Italy, was selling these brass cartridges, like the Maynards, for the .54 Pedersoli Sharps carbine. (Couple bucks apiece, but worth buying of a half dozen or so.)

Point of all this is, clean your darn guns before you put them on the table, as most guys don't want to clean before they can be shot and dirt can be hiding something too. Also, be realistic in pricing and you can sell more. In this condition, either you don't clean our guns or you bought this, paid too much and now are trying to make a profit. (Kind of like licking your wounds.)

Nuff for now. See you in Monroe in September but after about 2:30-ish on Saturday.

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WAC Board Minutes



Washington Arms Collectors
Board minutes for July 2021

Pre-meeting business:

June 30 - Motion by Director Jennings to accept the June, 2021 BoD minutes as presented

Second by Director Iwashita

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

July 11 - Online presentation of April Financial Report by Treasurer Henson. Revenue for fiscal year 2021 is down because of show cancellations. Show, labor, and office expenses are also down in this reporting period.

WAC has acquired an additional tenant (and rental income) for the business office space rentals in the WAC Office Building. The cumulative total income from office rentals (adjusted net after taxes and expenses) is approximately \$9.7K through April. The cumulative total for net income through April (income from all sources) shows a loss of approximately \$109.5K; this compares favorably to the prior year net (also a loss) of \$228.3K for the same time period.

July 12 - Online presentation of May Financial Report by Treasurer Henson.

Net income from business office space rentals increases to \$14K during May (cumulative total for fiscal year 2021).

The current year to date (11 months) financial loss comes in at \$125K. The total loss would be higher, except that it has been offset by income from WAC business office rentals.

At the current rate of amortization (\$125K/year) the WAC building fund would be able to sustain monthly operations (sans shows) for approximately 5 years.

The Board meeting scheduled for July 20 was convened in the WAC Business Office conference room.

Meeting opened by President Burris at 6:40 pm.

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First Guns—A Reminiscence

By Frank Gaetje, WAC



In the May 2021 issue of *GunNews* magazine, our editor published my article entitled “Ghosts from the Past” related to my General George S. Patton replica leather rig and revolvers. After submitting that article, I read that psychology researchers at the University of Washington have found that taking the time to remember PLEASANT and POSITIVE things of the past helps in relieving the boredom of the present (e.g.: COVID-19 stay-at-home policy!).

In looking back in the light of the psychologists’ report, I can definitely say that I was not bored as I was writing that first article and I started to think about other early ghosts from my past. While I have issues with remembering what I had for dinner last night, I don’t seem to have a problem remembering some things of 60 or so years ago even, to my wife’s frustration, seemingly insignificant things.

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Above—The author's first rifle, a Marlin 336T. This is the Texan with octagonal barrel in .35 Remington caliber. Try to find one these today.

Right—A very clean DCM 1911. Remember when you could buy one for a few dollars?



Right & Below—First revolver...a Smith & Wesson Model 15, .38 Special. Relatively rare with the 2" barrel and adjustable sights. The Tyler T grip filler is a classic improvement on the standard small Smith grip.



Below—Pythons are magnificent revolvers and surely one to collect and shoot. Even S&W fans are tempted.



Right— The lure of a unique custom firearm is hard to resist and the author had a replica General Officer's Model created from a standard Colt 1911. Here is the cased pistol, more photos on p. 11.



Growing up in the '50s, I was a fan of Gunsmoke, Dragnet, and the like and closely observed the firearms in these shows. Did you know that the Lone Ranger's Colt was a pawn shop purchase that did not have a front sight? These led me to annually buy a copy of Stoecker's Shooters Bible (I don't remember the Gun Digest catalog being around back then) from which I made lists of guns I would like to buy when I was old enough and had the funds; funds being the operative word! Doing so definitely relieved some early teenage summer boredom.

First Rifle

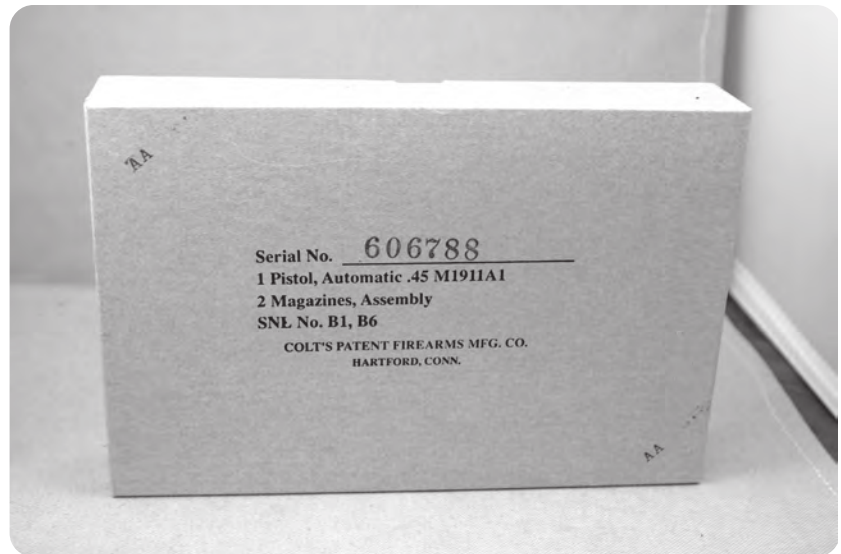
Having graduated from high school at 18, I could legally purchase a long gun in the state. I was working the summer with a tree expert company and took my first paycheck down to the "big box" store of the time (Walmart wasn't in anybody's dictionary yet!) in the Blue Star Shopping Center in Watchung, New Jersey and purchased a Marlin Model 336T with a straight grip and squared lever in .35 Remington. The shopping center is still there, but that "big box" store that sold me the Marlin is probably the Kohls there now. Even at my young age, I was more attuned to the Marlin solid top receiver and side ejection and I still prefer them today. (Photo 1 is a representative example in .22LR)

I did not have much opportunity to fire this gun while in college, but I kept it until I graduated and ended up trading it for my first revolver.

First Pistol

During my first year in college, the Department of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM) was offering refurbished surplus Model 1911 and 1911A1 pistols for sale to NRA members for \$16.00 plus shipping. Being an NRA member and of legal age (18 back then) to purchase a handgun, I promptly sent off my payment for one of these surplus pistols. A short time later I received a completely refurbished Model 1911 from the Anniston Army Depot in Alabama. (See example in photos on p. 8 and box on p. 10)

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Above—If only the DCM box had been kept with the pistol. The original packaging would have looked like this.

First Custom

I kept this gun in its original condition until 1974 when three things occurred to influence my decision to change the gun. First, I never kept the original box and papers (It took 20 years to learn that YOU NEVER DISCARD A GUN 'S BOX AND PAPERS!) so any collector value was minimal, but then again, no one was thinking of collector value back then as these pistols were so plentiful. Second, the Army ran out of Colt pocket pistols (.32ACP and .380ACP) for issuance to newly appointed general offices and went to modifying surplus Model 1911's and 1911A1's into General Officer Models. And third, I was promoted to Major and upgrading the gun would be a nice present to myself (talk about ego, huh?).

I wrote (this was way before e-mails and the internet) to many gunsmiths listed in the classified section of the monthly edition of Shotgun News asking if they would be interested in converting my 1911 into a "Field Grade Officer" model mimicking the General Officer Model. A gunsmith in Colorado Springs, Colorado wrote back and, after many letters back and forth I shipped the pistol off to him.

After several long months of waiting, I received my "Field Grade Officer" model. It duplicates the General Officer Model in every respect except my model has an adjustable rear sight while the General Officer Model has a fixed rear sight. This gun is still in the family (See photos of the cased pistol on p. 9 and right and left views on p. 11).

In the interest of legal clarification, the original serial number was removed when the receiver was polished for bluing and was stamped on the receiver under the mainspring housing.

First Revolver

The gun I traded the Marlin for was a Smith & Wesson Model 15 revolver. I had graduated from college, was on my way from the east coast to Fort Lewis for my first Army duty assignment and wanted a handgun to have with me on the trip.

I was home on leave and went down to Ray's Sporting Goods in North Plainfield, New Jersey (it was still in operation until a few years ago when it closed due to newly enacted very strict State gun laws) and debated between a Colt Detective Special and the Smith. The Smith, which I purchased, had a 2-inch barrel that had been introduced earlier that year and had the benefit of having adjustable sights (which I came to realize later were really unnecessary on a point-n-shoot 2-inch barreled revolver) and a relatively protected ejector rod. With a Tyler T-grip, the Smith had a much better feel in my hand than the Colt.

The gun went west but didn't stay with me very long after reaching Fort Lewis. There, after a few weeks, I met a young lady and sold the revolver to a pawn shop in Tillicum to have money to take her to dinner at the original Johnny's Dock.

Several years ago when we were still in Texas, I was in a nostalgic mood and wanted a Model 15 for my collection. In watching gunbroker.com over several months, a Model 15-2 in new-in-box condition was offered for sale by a pawn shop in Burlington. I bid on the gun and won it in the auction. (See photos on p. 9)

It is still in the family and I've been married to the lady I took to Johnny's Dock for over 56 years. We made it back to the new Johnny's Dock for dinner on our 50th anniversary.

First Python

Shortly after our marriage, there was a lot of media hype celebrating the 10th anniversary of the 1955 introduction of the Colt Python revolver. I got caught up in the hype and the Python became a "had to have" revolver. Being a newly married



Above—The full size Colt 1911 requires a lot of modification to become a General Officer Model. Note the adjustable rear sight—a deviation from the Army conversions. The front sight is a ramp blade.

"Field Grade Officer" script is added to the slide and the author's name plate is in the stocks.

Below—The right side reveals a custom serial number and one-of-a-kind grip inlay.



Second Lieutenant earning \$222.30 a month with take-home pay somewhat less, the price of a Python was a serious consideration. After examining our finances, we decided that by skipping a Friday evening (or two or three) at the Officers' Club, we could afford a Python.

Naturally, being recently in the media, they were in short supply among the retail gun sellers. I really wanted a 4-inch model, but after much searching in the Fort Lewis area, I finally located a 6-inch model in a Value Mart store (remember those?) in Tacoma. I still had to buy it on a 90-day payment plan, but it came home with me.

I kept this Python until I graduated from the Army Fixed Wing Aviator Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama 18 months later. Anticipating orders to Vietnam, I traded the gun to a gun/pawn shop (now Cliff's Gun Shop) in Ozark, Alabama for a 4-inch model which I took to Vietnam with my newly formed airplane company. Unfortunately, as I was returning as an individual rather than with a unit, I was unable to bring the gun back with me. I sold the gun to a fellow aviator for what I thought was a good price only to find that their new-in-the-box price had escalated almost 50% in the year I was gone.

See photos on page 9 of the Python that replaced the Vietnam 4-inch some years later when I was in another nostalgic mood reacquiring some "guns I wish I still had".

It has been enjoyable thinking back and remembering the details surrounding my first firearms and then writing about them. The project has filled up many of what would have been very boring, non-productive afternoons. It started four months ago with numerous reviewing and editing sessions along the way to smooth out the "bumps" and make it more readable. Having no pressure to meet a deadline, it continued to be fun. Ultimately, at least for me, the psychology research study results were right on.

Hopefully, the article may encourage you to take the time to remember PLEASANT and POSITIVE things of the past and then write an article telling us all about them.

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Letters from our Members

Dear Phil,

Thanks for the interesting, well-illustrated, and fun articles about JMB pistol design in the WAC GunNews. I do wish to respectfully disagree with a statement you made at least three times.

Not all modern manufactured pistols use the JMB tilting barrel design. Yes, most do but not all do. There are two basic designs being used in many pistols today which are not short recoil, tilting barrel designs. You did mention the P38/Beretta M51 and M92 and you can make the argument that they are not "modern pistols" as the locking design goes back to, well, 1937 & 1938...The new Archon B (aka Arsenal) pistol and the very, very new Ruger 57 use variations of the locking block idea.

And the rotating barrel design is also being used today. The Beretta Px4 model uses it, except for their micro Px4 version. To bring up the production numbers of rotating barrel pistols, consider that the current pistol of the Chinese People's Army (the CF-98) is a rotator. And again, you can make the argument that they are not "modern pistols" as the rotating barrel locking design goes back to before World War 1.

I have plenty of experience with all three of the above designs ...I think all three are excellent and will not argue that any one is better than the others. But I will say that recoil characteristics of the Beretta M92 and the Beretta Px4 are slightly better than those of the tilting barrel designs...

I do have a slight nagging feeling that I ran across a design which predates the SIG P220 and yet uses the idea of locking the barrel into the front of the ejection port. That is a genius idea and surely keeps manufacturing costs down. No wonder it became almost universal almost overnight.

Very Respectfully, Tom Grimes

The Editor Replies: Tom is right, there are other designs in use. I knew when I wrote "Short Recoil" that my concluding paragraph was a bit of hyperbole. When I armed the State Park Rangers, they had chosen the Beretta 96D; it was too big for some and I added the Beretta Cougar/8000 (similar rotating barrel lock as the PX4) as an option and carried the Cougar .40 myself. I agree with Tom about the recoil advantage—the Cougar, in .40 S&W, was remarkably easy to handle, had less recoil and was quick back on target.

My experience with the 96 was not positive—initially locking blocks would break. I insisted on a lot of training with .40 S&W duty rounds and after only about 6000 rds. the frames also cracked. Rather quickly, I replaced the 96 with a S&W M&P. So, even with modern manufacturing, the Beretta design seems too fragile to me.

Both the rotating barrel and dropping block designs remain in use. I always appreciate feedback, Phil

WAC Board Minutes Continued from page 7

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

Directors: Bramhall, Hubbard, Iwashita (via teleconference), Jennings, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh (via teleconference), Weaver, Wegner
Operations: Cleary, Hinckley

Financial Report

Treasurer Henson presents the highlights of the Financial Report for May, 2021.

It was too early in the month for all of the June billings to have been posted, so the Financial Report for May was used as a model to present a new monthly financials reporting format to the Board (Financial Reports now show cumulative fiscal year totals for the month of presentation. The new reporting format presents year to date revenue totals, and will mitigate some of the wide revenue swings in months that do not have shows.)

New Business

1. Event Manager Cleary presents the highlights for the July 10-11 Elma show. There were 88 tables at the Elma show when it opened. The number of tableholders was initially higher for this event (approximately 155), but many of the members with table reservations for the next WAC show dropped out as a result of many months of last minute event cancellations. Covid-19 restrictions prevented scheduled events from being guaranteed to occur for more than a few days in advance, and many individuals with prepaid table reservations elected to receive refunds in place of reserved tables. There were three other gun shows (non-WAC) on the same weekend as the Elma show, and this affected event attendance. The net income for the Elma show came in at an overall loss of approximately \$4K. Not all of the event buildings were used for the show. If all the buildings had been occupied, the total table capacity for this venue was estimated to be 230.

2. Bookkeeper Hinckley presents membership statistics. Old life membership badges are still being replaced with the new photo style badges. Aberdeen, Ocean Shores, and Elma residents became WAC members during the Elma show weekend; the membership total has increased by approximately 300 since the weekend before the Elma show. (It is estimated that 50% of the WAC

members that chose not to renew during the Covid-19 pandemic did so because there were no shows.)

3. Event Manager Cleary presents the members-only WAC event lineup for Board approval. A members-only attendance time at the beginning of each event (Saturday 9:00-10:00am) is proposed for upcoming fall and winter shows to increase the benefit of being a WAC member. The Board approves the proposal for a members-only shopping time (until rescinded by the Board) without requiring a motion or record of votes cast.

4. President Burris presents strategies for growth in the post-pandemic environment. One proposal being considered is to increase the number of shows to at least one per month, but use smaller venues to reduce the cost impact of sponsoring the shows. At least one more office employee may be needed to cover the administrative workload of increasing the number of shows again. Labor costs are going to increase as a result of the minimum wage going up during the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the small venues being looked at as possible WAC show venues do not offer table rentals. The WAC currently needs tables to be able to sponsor an event. The WAC owns a limited number of tables; renting tables at smaller shows is generally less expensive than the cost of moving the WAC trailer to/from a show venue (when tables can be rented).

Old Business

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

Disciplinary Actions

There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month.

Motion by Director Palmer to adjourn

Second by Director Ripley

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

By Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary

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Every Collection Must have...

The World of Collecting

By Tom Burke



There are “Collectors!!” and collectors. I’m an all-small-letter collector.

The difference, I think, is the type and quality of the firearms one accumulates.

The “Collector!!” has the good stuff. I mean the really good stuff. And there’s a theme or order to their safe. Like every variation of the Smith and Wesson Model 10 .38 Special (and the papers, tools, and correctly-numbered box); or a gun cabinet filled with Winchester pump-action .22s starting with the Browning-designed 1890; or S&W Registered Magnums; or all the WW II 1911’s — Remington-Rand, Colt, Ithaca, Union Switch & Signal, and Singer (they only made 500 of those, total). The good stuff.

Me, I have a few “themes” but settle for shooter grade guns and don’t need the original boxes or paperwork. So what I look for is, for example, a decent model of each of the basic evolution of the 9mm Beretta 92 (so I have a 1951, plain vanilla 92, a 92s, and a 92FS in Inox; plus a Beretta 1935 in .32acp, a model 70 and model 81 also in .32, and 85F in .380). And because I don’t want to invest (can’t afford to invest?) the money in all the variations of WW II Walther P38s (which one probably, after all, shouldn’t even ever shoot much any more as they are now, more than ever, historic artifacts rather than range toys) I have a representation of the original P38 — the post-war P1 — and a P1 Manurhin (made in France), plus a P4 and a P5 to finish out the design string.

I think then, to be a collector of any sort, people need to decide what interests them, what resources they have to invest in what they want to collect; and whether the collection will be for display, investment, history, or to shoot. Or some combination of the four.

There are those who collect, of course, for practical purposes: to compete (Cowboy Action, bullseye, long distance rifle, trap, skeet, sporting clays, IPSC/Bianchi Cup, IDPA, steel challenge, precision rifle, etc.); or to hunt (big game [deer, elk, moose, bear, sheep], really big game [Cape Buffalo?], varmints, wild pigs, waterfowl and upland birds); and, of course, for self-defense including concealed carry, open carry, and home defense. And as I was thinking about my own “collection” and adding a new gun to the safe (a .45 ACP Remington 1911, their R1S, to replace the 1911 my eldest “borrowed” a year ago) and I thought about what guns might be the ones other collectors might want to own, and what I owned, and whether I should start compiling an actual list of what I’ve got and what I want. Then, quite by coincidence, someone asked, just last month, that

question on the Smith & Wesson forum. So with thanks to many of the S&W board contributors, here’s a little discussion on developing a list of “collectibles” or what a complete, practical gunner might want in their safe.

A Basic Battery

If I were advising someone just getting into guns about what they might want in their safe, I’d start with six basic calibers. The list breaks them into all the fundamental shooting sports and suggests a few I might want to own. Here’s how I see it:

.22 Long Rifle – Good for most everything, except self-defense:

- Training — learn fundamentals of safe firearms handling as well as basic marksmanship with bolt action, semi-auto, pistol, or revolver. The guns: CZ 457 American, Ruger 10/22, Ruger Mark I – IV pistol, S&W Model 17 revolver.

- Plinking – rifle or pistol shooting at tin cans is the most American of all shooting sports. It’s just plain fun. The guns: Ruger 10/22, any .22 semi auto pistol (Browning, Walther, SIG [I have a .22 conversion kit for my SIG P220 .45 ACP], or a Marlin or Big Boy .22 lever action.

- Target – indoor or outdoor smallbore is both a challenge and affordable. Whether postal bullseye or live competition, rifle or pistol, it’s a great way to hone one’s skills. The guns: Ruger’s Mark IV ain’t bad and the Winchester Model 52 is THE iconic smallbore rifle.

- Varmints – a scoped rifle is probably best. Semi or bolt, whichever you prefer and can afford.

- .357 Magnum/.38 Special** – A versatile size gun that comes in carry size (2” barrel but a bit of a bear to shoot, ya ain’t gonna put three boxes of ammo through one in a single session); “regular” or the K-frame-S&W size; and BIG ala the Colt Python or the Smith L-frame flavor. Shoots both .357 for the big bang but can also does justice to .38 special, which is more affordable, has less recoil, and in the shorter barrels, the .38 +P loads get near to .357 ballistically. The guns: Korth, Manurhin, or Colt Python if your money tree is blooming. S&W 686 or Ruger GP100 if you like quality, reliability, and a semblance of customer service. And (shudder) Taurus if you want a Colt Python look-alike, are on a budget, and don’t expect a classic Python action.

- 9mm Parabellum (Luger)** – The world’s most popular handgun caliber. Comes in a zillion shapes and sizes, but for a basic list, I’d say look towards a higher-capacity (double stack) polymer striker-fired gun. (The current rage, micro-mini 9s [ala SIG 365] are easy to carry but more difficult to shoot than even compact models (SIG

320 compact). The guns (Modern Plastic): Glock, S&W M&P, and SIG 320. The guns (Old School Steel [or aluminum alloy]): Browning Hi-power, S&W 1st or 3rd Generation, SIG P226, and Beretta 92.

30-06 – THE, CLASSIC American hunting round (not discounting the .270, 6.5 Creedmore, 7mm Remington Magnum or the good ‘old 30-30). If you are going to shoot at anything under 150 yards you can’t go wrong with the Ought-Six. Bigger bullets for longer distances. The guns: Winchester (pre-64) Model 70, Remington 700, Winchester 1894

12 Gauge–Best all-round shotgun for birds, waterfowl and just fine for trap, skeet, or sporting clays. With slugs good for deer. And it makes a bunch of sense for home defense as well. The guns: High end = Browning Citori 725; medium grade = Remington 870, more budget-minded = Mossberg 500.

5.56 or .223–The Modern Sporting Rifle: AKA The Black Gun. NOT a weapon of mass destruction, just an up-to-date-looking semi-auto (demonized by some). Target, self-defense, hunting, plinking, you-name-it. The guns: Too many to choose from and everything from first-line gun manufacturers to U-build-it yourself.

A Top 10 List of Types of Guns

Before getting into specific makes and models, let’s kinda review the variety of firearms available for “storage” in one’s safe. Here’s my TEN, if I were limited to a list of only ten:

- A carry gun
- A centerfire revolver
- Something military surplus
- A centerfire bolt action
- A rimfire rifle
- A rimfire pistol
- An all-metal centerfire handgun
- Something for home defense weapon
- A gun for plinking, and
- A range Pistol

And here’s a few more categories if that’s not enough:

- 12 gauge shotgun
- J-Frame Pistol
- K-frame .357 Magnum pistol
- Hunting shotgun
- Competition shotgun
- Hunting rifle (big game)
- Hunting rifle (small game)
- A defense shotgun
- A truck gun
- Competition gun
- Lever action rifle
- AR
- Poly 9mm, Hi-cap

Clearly there’s some overlap — for instance a range gun could be a high capacity 9mm polymer pistol and a plinker could be a small game hunting rifle. But at least making a few lists of sorts gets one thinking about what

to buy, whether just starting out with a collection or adding to an established accumulation.

My Top 10 Guns to Start With

If I hadn’t evolved into what interests me now, I think these ten guns would be where I would start to spend my money: 1911 .45 ACP—I don’t need a +\$1500 gun, something like the Remington R1S in the \$600 range is good enough for me.

Single Action Army–US Firearms in .44 Special, but if I wanted one by a maker still in business, it would be a Ruger Vaquero.

Browning Hi-power–The original high capacity 9mm.

Ruger 10/22–.22s don’t get much better than these. Lots of models to choose from.

S&W Model 10–The definitive .38 special.

Winchester Model 70–Pre-64 in .30-06. You’re good to go for most anything that walks on the North American continent (Grizzly and polar bears excepted.)

Remington 870–In 12 gauge you don’t need any other scatter gun.

.357 Magnum–S&W Model 28, the “Highway Patrolman.” S&W invented the cartridge (with Winchester) and they don’t get too much better than this gun.

SIG Sauer 320–Sub-compact, compact, carry, or full-size — if it’s good enough for the Army it’s probably good enough for me. And it’s “portable” fire control unit means I only need one “gun” and can customize the size with a frame (slide) and mag change.

Winchester Model 94–In 30-30 it’s the definition of the lever-action rifle and has probably taken more deer than any other firearm ever made.

Some other Iconic Selections

There’s no shortage of great guns to collect, so here, courtesy of some of the very knowledgeable folks on the S&W forum are some of ‘em:

S&W Model 29 in .44 magnum, Remington 700, Walther PPK, Ruger Mk II, Mauser K-98, SIG 220, Marlin 39A, High Standard Field King 4”, Benelli Montefeltro 20 GA, M-1 Garand, S&W Shield, Beretta PX4, Browning Bushmaster, Browning Auto 5, S&W Model 41, 1903 Springfield, S&W Victory revolver, and M9 Beretta.

We all own guns for our own reasons.

But I thought a few suggestions to perhaps bring some order to our purchases might be helpful. I know it’s helped me, if not my gun budget – I’m now on the lookout for a lever action (probably in .22 as I no longer hunt), and a shotgun (‘cause how could I not have a shotgun?). And some ammo. Lots of ammo. (Which means I better be uncovering my reloading stand as my stash is starting to run low and I’ve enough components to keep me at the range, where we’d all like to spend more time.)

Stay Safe.

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Email Tom–t.burke.column@gmail.com
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Can This Gun Be Restored?

By Phil Shave, Editor



Serious collectors should just turn the page. Shown on these pages is a firearm that should have been parted out, yet here I am writing about it in the *GunNews*. It's really a personal problem...I find all sorts of firearms interesting—often from a mechanical standpoint—and I'm reluctant to give up on pitiful examples. Like abandoned kittens, these bedraggled old guns find their way into my home.

A “Red 9” C96?

Not really—even though the pistol is chambered in 9mm Parabellum and has the red number 9 etched into the grips. I'll tell you up-front that the C96 shown here is not one of the 135,000 or so 1916-1918 Prussian Contract 9mm Parabellum pistols, most of which had an armorer engraved, red painted “9” on their wooden

stocks. The standard caliber for the Mauser C96 Broomhandle is 7.63x25mm Mauser but the uniqueness of the 9mm versions with their highly visible marking has resulted in a lot of conversions; one might even call them fakes. The real Red 9 pistols have the following characteristics:

- Caliber is 9mm Parabellum (Luger).
- The 9mm tangent rear sight is calibrated for 50 to 500 meters, whereas the 7.63 is marked for up to 1000 m.
- Wartime finish is of lesser quality than commercial guns.
- There is a Prussian Eagle stamped into the front of the magazine (on many but not all).
- The contract had its own serial number range from 1 to 135127 (approximately).

- Wood stocks with 24 horizontal lines (usually) and a large field armorer-engraved “9” inlaid with red paint or sometimes black.
- A relief cut visible on the top of the magazine follower.
- Rust blue finish (which left the interior unblued).
- Matching numbers should be on many parts such as hammer, barrel, frame, lock frame, stocks, etc. (true of all C96’s).
- The bolt, hammer, rear sight top and lock frame were not blued; they were “in-the-white.”
- Fire blue or heat-treatment is on the extractor, safety lever, rear sight elevation slide, and bolt stop (some Red 9’s may have arsenal blued bolt stops rather than fire blue).
- There are 9mm arsenal re-works imposed on the Germans after WWI that have shortened barrels and a fixed rear sight and may have some blued small parts.

With all these spotting features it should be easy to spot a fake but people are creative and many import pistols have been converted to 9mm; Red 9 reproduction stocks are also readily available. So, the pistol shown here is not a Red 9 but still a real Mauser C96.

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Above & Left—The right side had massive rust and pitting. Not only the blued metal but also parts in the white (see the bolt in p. 16 photo). The right side rollmarks were already faint. The rust was a result of storage in a foam-lined case.

Can this Pistol Be Restored?

The short answer is no. A WAC member generously handed this C&R pistol off to me because it had suffered serious moisture damage while in storage. You can see in the photos the rust and deep pitting. And this pistol had already been refinished at least once. It's just not worth time or money to refinish a firearm in this condition if the intent is to bring it back to a collectible condition. No matter how good the work, such a firearm will still be a refinish that—to a serious collector—will no longer have that special finish and the patina acquired over time.

But...C96's are such interesting firearms. Often described as having puzzle piece construction, they are intricately engineered to assemble without screws or pins. The complex pieces interlock to hold the whole thing together. Even the trigger pivots without a pin. What looks like a pin for the rear sight, is not. I eventually decided that such a mechanical marvel deserved to live. Let's be clear, this story is not a true restoration but rather a return to a decent cosmetic condition that will make it a little less embarrassing to take the 100 year old to the range for some exercise.



What is This Gun?

The serial number for Mausers is a tricky thing as they often started over for a specific contract. However, sources indicate that #3786XX is likely a 1915 to 1921 manufactured gun, originally in 7.63x25mm Mauser. Knowing this, I looked carefully at the 9mm barrel and found a joint forward of the chamber indicative of a pressed or screwed-in re-barrel—interesting work. Only the barrel/extension and frame matched, the other part numbers were all

mismatched. Further, many internal parts are missing serial numbers. There was no number at all on the rear of the lock frame block. The “Red 9” stocks are old reproductions.

Our donor WAC member provided some history in the form of a 1997 Shotgun News page: The Briklee Trading Company offered several C96 variations in both 7.63 and 9mm, all billed as “...nicely rehabbed (sharp corners & clear crisp markings, new barrel, new springs), all checked and warranted.” The example that our WAC member received did look pretty good but beneath the stocks was a mess of corrosion. Looking at the inletted areas milled into the receiver sides, the Mauser-made milling marks had been buffed out of the left recess. Brutal polishing of the sides created curves where there should have been flats. Small parts that should retain some fire blue color or in-the-white had all been dipped in the blueing tank.

The owner also provided a note about a “slam fire” concern and documenting a piece of metal that had been found upon disassembly; the gun had then been sent to a shop for repair and a new “lock mechanism frame” was fitted. When I inspected the internal parts I discovered where that strange piece of metal came from—the tip of the safety lever was broken off. Looking deeper revealed that the sear disconnect and hammer pivot/spring were not playing well together and a replacement hammer pivot (which is also two critical springs) would be needed. Other internal parts fit okay although most parts were not original. The bore was excellent and chamber good. This gun is likely to have come in from China or some other war zone and been converted.

Daunted by the combination of mechanical issues, hard-to-find parts and serious corrosion—I set the Broomhandle aside as hopeless.

The safety lever with the tip broken off.



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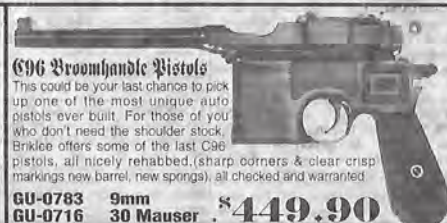
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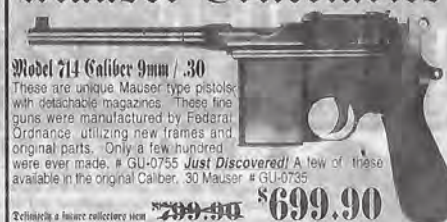
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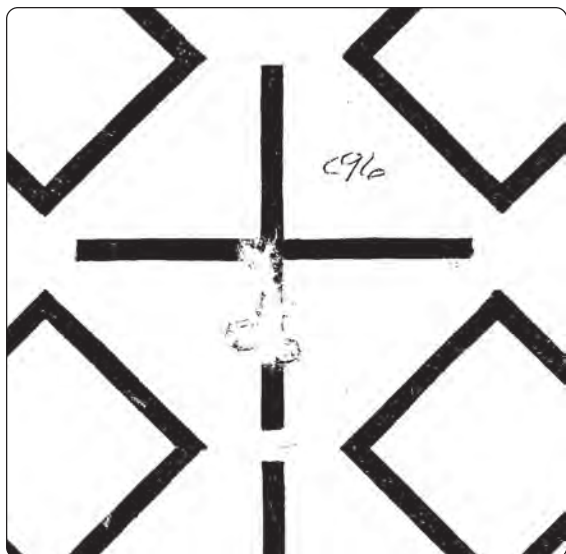
Will it Shoot?

This orphan was stripped to its components and left in a bag. But eventually the C96 recaptured my interest. I decided to make it shoot once more. The rifling cleaned-up okay and the chamber was fine. The hammer pivot incorporates two leaf springs with one for the takedown latch and another for the sear; the sear leaf was worn. The hammer pivot is not an easy piece to find but I spent the money. Also purchased was a reproduction safety lever. With rust removed and parts oiled, the assembled pistol seemed to work just fine on the bench.

Later, a trip to the range with some factory FMJ 9mm ammo was a semi-success—the old gun worked pretty well. It was occasionally reluctant to return fully to battery but some more shooting and lube may fix that. It is also possible that this gun, like some Lugers, may want hotter ammo than the tepid stuff I fed it; extraction was weak and bolt movement

sluggish. Old springs are another problem but one that is easily solved—Wolff makes new spring kits to replace all of the coil springs in the C96 and they can even sell you the magazine spring. Weak recoil and hammer springs are said to contribute to bolt/bolt stop/frame extension failures; if you choose to shoot an old C96 then fresh springs are a great idea. So, new Wolff springs were ordered and fitted; now it returns to battery.

You might ask, "How well do these pistols shoot?" Like a target pistol—a sandbag benched 15 yard group of 9 rounds was .85" center-to-center (see photo attached). I blame the pointy pyramid front sight and V notch rear for the vertical stringing and suspect that with some experience and the right aim point this C96 will shoot like a rifle. The Mauser detachable stock begins to make sense. Recoil is negligible and the trigger is easy to master. Old #3786 has proven itself worthy of some cosmetic work.



Above—Here's a nine shot group at well under an inch. I blame the V notch sights for the vertical string. Superb accuracy.

The Goal

Let's be realistic. To avoid disappointment we should know where we're headed. We don't have a Red 9, certainly not a commercial grade C96 or even a collectible military model, the parts are a mix master and the previous re-blue was poorly done. What can we make of these rusty old random parts?

I decided to create a 1920s era C96 that would look correct in as many features as possible. The parts that are supposed to be in-the-white would be returned to their raw steel but not polished and several parts would be fire blued as they were on all C96's. The finish on the barrel and sides might end up as a higher polish since it had already been buffed once. Rust blue or hot (salts) blue? Mauser didn't use salt blue until the '20's but that roughly fits with this gun. At the very least, the goal would be an attractive and shootable Broomhandle that actually looks like a real Mauser.

Files & Blasting

Where to start? The easy stuff kept me going on this project—I restored the parts that Mauser intended to be left in-the-white using a combination of rust removing acid

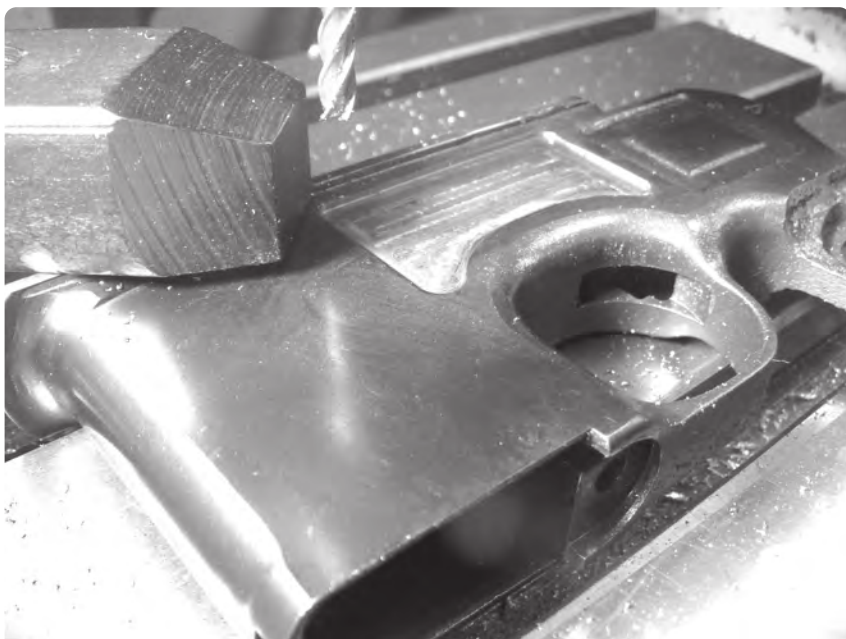
and hand polishing. The bolt had mill marks restored in the proper direction, the hammer was grit blasted to remove rust, then glass beaded, the rusty lock frame latch was cleaned up. To create a vintage look, the shiny parts were acid treated again to a faded gray.

Mauser fire blued or heat treated several parts for their function as springs and also for cosmetic reasons. This is sometimes called nitre blue. I heat blued the trigger, tangent rear sight elevation slide, bolt stop and safety lever. (C96 experts will know that some triggers were straw rather than fire blued and I've seen "original" gun photos that show a blued (black) bolt stop—pick your experts.) The extractor also originally showed a blue color from its heat-treat as a spring; I did not want to re-heat the extractor so I polished and cold-blued it to mimic the color. At this point I realized that I was becoming much more serious about making this pistol look like a real Mauser.

There are only four small parts that were to be salt blued—the rear sight body, magazine plunger, floorplate and sight adjustment button were stripped and polished as needed.

The barrel and receiver required a lot of work. When first examined, it looked as if the corrosion on the barrel would be the major problem and the pitting was quite deep. First I glass beaded the frame and barrel to see if it would mediate the pitting—too deep. Then I medium grit blasted to get down into the pits. The finish was still like the craters of the moon. After multiple passes with the sandblaster it was time for files. Draw filing the barrel finally yielded a clean barrel surface that could be polished with a series of abrasive paper grits.

Unfortunately the importer who refinished this pistol employed a gorilla with a belt sander to smooth the side flats on the receiver, thinning them much more than is prudent and leaving little metal to work with. The left side of the receiver was not rusted but it was also not flat; lots of rounded edges. Using hard



blocks and abrasive paper restored some flats and dealt with the worst of the edge-rounding. The right side required preliminary sand blasting to remove pitting, then it was also blocked. The worst corrosion was initially hidden from view but beneath the grips the picture was grim—a heavily pitted “broomhandle” that could only be saved with more sandblasting which left a rough surface.

Mauser milled recesses into the sides of the receiver and left some crude end mill circular marks in these recesses. The C96 doesn't look quite right without these end mill marks. The left side recess had been ground down, removing the machine tool marks and the finish was irregular; the right side was pitted. On a whim, I put the frame on the mill table with a small end mill and skimmed the left recess—see the photo on p. 20. My mill must have been too sharp as I left fewer mill marks than Mauser did. But this area was now much closer to original. Deep pitting on the right side required that I even up all the milled recess areas with a fine grit blast.

Before the final hand polishing, the barrel/extension and receiver were treated with an acid etch to remove all finish and rust from crevices and hidden areas. Only then was the final polish done. The original Mausers were not well-polished so the greatest flaw in all this work was my inability to maintain a finish with all the mill and machine marks of an original. Again, this isn't a restoration, it's doing the best possible.

While I did the media blasting, file work and hand polishing, Dave Merchant of Onalaska Guns performed the salt/hot blue. The old pistol came out of the tank looking as if it had never seen a moments neglect.

The Final Result

If you've followed along on our journey this far, you probably enjoy old firearms. This pistol, a pioneering design dating back to 1896, still works, still shoots. The longevity and popularity of the 9mm Luger cartridge ensures that it will be easy to keep it fed; the old conversion to 9mm, while it detracts from the originality, will keep it active as a range gun. Don't expect to see it sold to an unsuspecting buyer as a Red 9—if it ever moves on to another owner, that person will know exactly what it is. For now it's an attractive, functioning, surviving piece of history.

—The End... Almost—

After all this, don't you want to see the final result? Turn to pp. 24-25 for the rest of the story.

Firearm “Safe” Storage

To a lot of non-firearm people, “safe storage” means locking up your guns so that crazy brother-in-law can't get his hands on them. Yes, we all encourage the use of gun safes and locked storage but let's look at another kind of safe storage—avoiding moisture and rust damage.

The Broomhandle in the adjacent article was stored in a dry area. But...it was a special gun so it rested in foam within a nice wood pistol case. The result was a lot of rust and a ruined gun. The previous owner asked that I share this with our readers as a cautionary tale.

For those of us in the Northwest, at least on the Western side of the mountains, there is no such thing as dry storage. On any given fall or winter day the relative humidity approaches 100%; even when the water isn't falling from the sky humidity is often 90 to 95%. Within a heated home, humidity might be 40 to 50%. In an unheated area such as a shop, garage or outbuilding, the humidity will be more variable and usually much higher. At high humidity, moisture will, as the temperature reaches the right degree, condense on metal.

Some Western Washington firearm collectors have an even greater risk that we often don't recognize—marine air, salt air. While we might not all be lucky enough to live at the waterfront, the Puget Sound is often not that far away. Within a half mile of salt water one can expect an increased risk of corrosion on firearms.

Here are some tips for safe, rust-free, storage of firearms:

- Clean before storing. I'm being obvious but how many times have we put a firearm back in the safe, thinking, “I'll do it tomorrow.” Moisture, fingerprints, blood from hammer bite, corrosive primers, and blackpowder residue will all quickly rust a firearm.
- Dry and then clean. Hunting or a range session on a wet day will leave any firearm moist, inside as well as out. Wipe off moisture, dry the gun indoors, then clean it. Wood absorbs moisture so if the firearm is valuable, remove the grips or stock to let it dry and allow rust preventative to be applied to the areas in contact with wood.
- Use a rust preventative oil or grease. We all have a favorite product and some are better than others. A grease like RIG coats the surface and is better at keeping moisture off the surface. Oil displaces moisture but won't stay on the surface as well as grease. But oil is a superior penetrant that will get into joints and interior crevices. There is a place for both oil and grease.
- Ideally a gun safe or cabinet will be within a heated space as this will maintain low humidity and constant temperature. A gun safe in an unheated shop will experience temperature fluctuations that may result in

condensation and rusting of firearms. A safe heater such as a Goldenrod will help keep moisture at bay—a good idea in any safe but it is NOT guaranteed protection if the safe is in a garage or shop.

- Never store in an unheated area such as an attic, no matter how dry you think it is.
- Foam, almost all foam no matter the material, can hold moisture or keep it on the surface of the gun. So storage in a foam lined case will be a big mistake.
- Silicone-based products can shield metal from moisture if they stay on the surface.
- Automotive wax (not polish) will protect both metal and wood and won't soak into wood so it is an option.
- Gun socks are controversial—some say they hold moisture. Most socks use a silicone treated non-absorbent cloth that is protective if the storage area is dry. I've not seen a problem with commercial socks. Your old wool socks are another story.
- Special storage bags are available, for example from Brownells.
- Remember the brown, treated paper that used to be in every S&W pistol box? This is a paper that gives off a rust preventing vapor. You can buy this special paper and it is effective.

A note on stainless steel firearms—they're not rustproof. I've seen a badly pitted S&W Model 66 that was kept in a car trunk. Stainless varies as to its rust resistance. Boat owners understand through experience that even stainless steel will corrode. There are grades of stainless that are able to withstand salt air and even immersion but you won't find these used in firearm manufacture. A stainless revolver carried in an inside waistband holster is a great idea, as is a stainless hunting rifle—just remember, they do require occasional maintenance. And many of the springs and internal parts are not stainless! Here's a thought—just treat your stainless firearms as you would blue steel.

We dream about a temperature and humidity controlled vault in which we can openly display our firearms. Absent that perfect world solution, we do the best we can.

We've all found that near-100%, unfired collector-grade firearm at the show; then upon close inspection there a few pits to ruin the perfection—we can prevent that. And even with meticulous treatment, it makes sense to frequently inspect and re-treat stored firearms. Avoid those unpleasant rust blooms that will ruin your day.

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FOR SALE: Browning Nomad 22 ANIB. Comes w/ flimsy black and red plastic box—\$750. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 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: Remington 700 SPS, HB, Composite stock, 223Rem, Burris 6x24 Scope—\$850. JC Higgins(Stevens Mod. 86) BA, Tube feed, 22lr, good bore—\$125. Remington 700V HB, 243win. Leupold 12x scope, Exc.cond—\$1100. Colt 1911A1 Series 80, Custom build to .400 Corbon, 5 ½ bxs ammo, rcbs dies, 500 rds Starline brass—\$1200. Winchester mod 52B, HB, 22lr, 6x Redfield scope, Rcvr drilled—\$750. Winchester mod 62 SA, 22lr, 3 wood plugs in wrist area, corncob slide—\$400. Lee powder scale, new—\$20. RCBS powder trickler—\$10, RCBS powder measure—\$30. Misc pocket knives and knife sharpeners—\$5 to \$20. Bore sighter—\$10. Lee auto primer—\$10. Reloading dies: RCBS 22-250, 257 Weatherby mag, 25-06, 270win, 264mag, 38/357—\$30 ea; 44sp/44mag carbide, 45-70 New, 300Rem ultramag, new—\$40 ea. New brass: 357 nickel (100)—\$10, Norma 9mm(100)—\$10, Hornaday .223 (50)—\$25, Lapua .223(100)—\$50. Used brass: 9mm, 38spc, 357ma, 40 s&w45acp—5 cents ea, 30-30, 30-06, 7mm mag—10 cents ea. Bullets: Sierra, Nosler, Hornaday, Barnes, and Winchester factory bullets, new in boxes, in calibers: .22, .30, .38, 375H&H, .40, .45acp, .458win. Call me for details on types and pricing. Large quantity of .30 cal. Premium bullets. Factory ammo: .264mag, 7mm STW, .375 H&H. Have lots Of misc reloads, bullets, ammo, dies, scopes and binoculars. Contact Joe @ 253-852-8318.

FOR SALE: New G-Force Pump 12 Gauge—\$299. Pardus (from Turkey) 12 GA Pump Shotgun New 3"—\$229. New Eternal Model 512ST Semi-Auto 12 Gauge—\$379. Browning Auto 5, Made in Belgium, (Light 12)—\$1050. Tri-Star TT-15 Double Trap 32" bbls.—\$1195. S&W M&P15-22 1)25Rd.—\$499. Wards Western Field .22 Semi-Auto—\$149. Fair Condition Project Gun on 93 Mauser Action—\$115. Almost New Ruger 10/22 Synthetic Stock—\$295. 50th Anniversary 10/22 3.5x10 scope—\$375. Ranger Model 103-13 .22lr—\$249. Remington Wingmaster 2 3/4 Chamber—\$375. Excel 16 GA. Single Shot—\$160. Mossberg 183k .410 bore with box of shells—\$160. JC Higgins (Sears) model 31 .22 l.r.—\$125. Very Good Remington Model 12-cs (.22wrf) not .22 mag. (C&R ELIGIBLE)—\$479. New Tactical Machining (on AR-15 Platform) .458 Socom—\$899. Best contact number is 425 232 3988. (no Sunday Calls Please) Prices are out the door, not including \$18.00 Semi-auto long gun fees).

FOR SALE: XDM Elite 9MM 2)19RD—\$595. XD defender 3"subcompact—\$395. xds mod2 compact—\$589. lws seecmp.380—\$549. , ruger lcp .380—\$359. sccy cpx2—\$299. m&p9 2.0—\$669. shield plus

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You will not want to miss the first major WAC show, post-Covid. The September 18-19 Monroe show is a must-attend for both vendors and members. We hope that this is a return to normal events with a lot of guns & gear on the tables and the aisles packed with attendees. See you there. The Editor

Member Renewal Info & Forms

- Membership is 12 months from when you joined or renewed last. **Check the mailing label on the back page for the expiration date. No matter when you renew you will receive 12 month membership period.**
- 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.

W.A.C. - Membership Application (New and Renewing)						
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.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year - \$57	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Background (if no valid CPL)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Donation	Total Amount:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years - \$114	<input type="checkbox"/> Assoc. \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Life \$600				
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Years - \$171	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Life \$350				
			<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Donation	\$		
			<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Donation			
** SEE THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND YOUR REQUIRED						

** 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 **

Required When Sponsoring All Associate, Spousal and Junior Memberships.

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: _____

Rules of the Road–For Members, Table Holders &Attendees at WAC Events

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

Washington Arms Collectors

 **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
 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—\$57/yr. Spouse and Associate members at reduced rates.

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

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