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We Hold the Line—A message from the President, Bill Burris

Without significant change in our business practices, the WAC has approximately 3 years remaining before it goes broke and ceases operations. The time might vary some but that is the bleak prospect. This has been brought on by onerous changes in state law which complicate the process of firearms transfer, and the disaster of the Corona Virus Pandemic, which has made it impossible these past months to conduct our shows. Throughout this time, your Board of Directors and I have been focused on keeping the club intact. We have kept our essential employees and maintained your publication, the GunNews. We've hung in as a team. Now we are once again able to hold our shows beginning last July in Elma. We have cleared a major hurdle. We have had to adjust to new rules pertaining to public gatherings. This has not always been accomplished with good grace by all, but compliance to the rules, including wearing a face mask, allows us to resume our shows. The inability to gather was the most immediate threat to the organization. Now we must address remaining issues.

We are hemorrhaging money due to the expense involved for our venues in Monroe and Puyallup. The search for appropriate alternative show sites is ongoing. In the meantime, we must adjust so that our income is sufficient to pay our expenses. We are facing a time of rapid inflation and the WAC is not exempt. It is easy to forecast price increases in membership, gate admission, and table fees. We are exploring incentives for voluntary contributions not unlike those of the National Rifle Association. Frankly the WAC Directors have been loathe to raise prices, but the unavoidable fact is that we cannot

continue to operate at a loss, at least not beyond the three years estimated by our Treasurer. We must enter a period of adjustment immediately and find a balance which allows us to operate at a profit.

Another critical circumstance that hurts the WAC is failure of the Washington State Patrol to establish the instant background check required by state law. We have contacted members of the legislature and requested assistance in getting this situation rectified. We will report any results in upcoming GunNews.

For the immediate future the fate of the WAC is in the hands of the remaining membership. If we are determined to endure, we will. Since 1952, the Washington Arms Collectors has held the line against the enemies of the 2nd Amendment, we have offered the best gun shows in the Northwest and provided our members with the safest forums—magazine and show—for firearm collecting. Better times are coming...meanwhile, we must hold the line, as Washington Arms Collectors have been doing for the past 70 years.

We plan to offer a limited run "WAC—Hold the Line" baseball cap at our next show. This should be available at the gate. We'll price it a little high as it will be an opportunity to support your club. Please join me, your club officers, directors, employees, and fellow WAC members as we "Hold the Line".



Why the Kyle Rittenhouse Trial is Important—By Joe Waldron (11-17-2021)

Recall the Antifa and BLM riots in most major cities last year? Rioting, looting, arson and murder (at least 30 nationwide). And the stunning lack of legal action against rioters—why? Because Antifa and BLM are the Democrat Party's storm troopers; they will not go after their own.

But raise a hand to stop them and watch out! Kenosha, Wisconsin is a good example—rioters looted and burned for two nights but on the third night the good guys were out to protect their property, their livelihoods. Among them was a young Illinois lad, Kyle Rittenhouse, only 17 years old (just for the record, I was a Pfc in the Marine Corps, an 0311 Rifleman, at 17). Young and motivated, perhaps more motivated than he should have been, he traveled 20 miles up the road to assist Kenosha shopkeepers in protecting public order (his dad was from Kenosha). Kyle had a legal (so determined by the judge) AR and several other "good guys" had guns – as did many of the bad guys.

Sensing weakness in the youthful-looking Kyle, the mob set on and assaulted him—one man attacked by a crowd. He was assaulted and directly attacked by a mobster wielding a skateboard as a club. Another pulled a pistol on Kyle and has since admitted pointing it at Kyle. Kyle did what many of us would have done in the same circumstances—he resorted to deadly force to protect himself. The result: two rioters dead, one seriously injured.

All three of Kyle's attackers had criminal histories, were armed and were in the act of committing crimes.

Now Kyle is on trial for murder. The prosecution's case is that the rioters were exercising free speech and Kyle provoked them by carrying a clearly visible AR-15. My opinion—the trial was a travesty of justice. The prosecutor showed video demonstrating Kyle was the victim of several vicious assaults. While opinion varies as to the effectiveness of Kyle's counsel, the strategy was essentially self-defense. The prosecutor says he lost that because he possessed a firearm and his legal firearm was the provocation. Today it's in the hands of the jury. I hope his jury is thoughtful and applies the law.

Meanwhile Wisconsin's governor has the National Guard on alert. Will the Guard's M-16's be "provocation" if they're attacked? Recall, too, the McCloskeys in St Louis who stood in their yard holding an AR-15 as a mob ran through their gated neighborhood; St Louis's left liberal prosecutor charged them with unlawful display of a firearm. Think about it—is lawful self-defense now a crime?

Don't for a moment think that only Kyle Rittenhouse is on trial—the legal concept of self-defense shooting is on trial. The left would like nothing less than to take away your right of self-defense. If they are successful, merely possessing a firearm may paint you as the aggressor.

Legislation & Politics



Joe Waldron

Legislative Chairman

NYSR&PA V BRUEN

Oral arguments were heard in early November in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Associations challenge to New York City gun laws. As I noted last month, with a 6-3 or 5-4 conservative to liberal Supreme Court bench, things SHOULD move our way. The question at this point is how much our way. Their ruling could also impact the other “may issue” states: CA, CT, DE, HI, MD, NH and NM.

The question before the court is this: Does New York law requiring that applicants for unrestricted concealed-carry licenses demonstrate a special need for self defense violate the Second Amendment? The questions posed by the Justices to those testifying may reveal peculiar insights...or not. What seems like a pro- or anti-gun question by a Justice may simply be an attempt to examine the scope of that particular point of law.

Rest assured, no matter how favorable a Court ruling is for gun owners, one thing it will NOT do is end the argument over the scope of the Second Amendment. The gun grabbers will still be out there, looking for loopholes, for ways around whatever the Justices decide.

Something to consider – more than eighty million Americans live in “may issue” states where most are denied the right of self defense outside the home. That’s one quarter of the population. It’s hard to believe the Court won’t offer some or all of those Americans some form of relief.

With the addition of Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett to the court under President Trump, even if Chief Justice Roberts defects (he has a spotty record on guns and avoided addressing the Second Amendment in many proposed cases, we may still see productive results.

A few of issues raised: It was brought out repeatedly that the U.S. has a history of strong, prohibitive gun control laws. While open carry may have been more common in the 19th century, restrictions or even outright prohibitions on concealed carry were widespread. Especially in urban areas. Justice Alito expressed concern that many working class Americans work late night hours, many of them in dangerous

areas. One person testifying against expanded carry of firearms suggested it might be unwise to allow “a lot of armed people in an enclosed space,” Justice Alito responded, “There are a lot of armed people on the streets of New York and in the subways at night right now, aren’t there?”

Justice Amy Coney Barrett, nominated by President Trump specifically for her pro-gun record, surprised watchers when she appeared to side with New York state officials defending restrictions on when and where citizens should be allowed to carry a gun. Most of the questioning of witnesses by the Justices seemed to split along predictable lines, with a majority of Justices leaning towards a broader interpretation of the Second Amendment. Chief Justice Roberts noted that while residents of rural areas seldom had problems with licensing laws, it was urban dwellers who were probably in most need of carry permits. Even a couple of conservative Justices seemed sympathetic to laws prohibiting firearms in “sensitive places,” subject to definition later—school campuses, stadiums, ultra-crowded city areas such as Times Square, etc.

The bottom line here is that New York’s restrictive “may issue” law is unlikely to survive, but the door will likely be left open to narrow restrictions. At this point all is purely speculation. A narrow decision that no show of “good cause” (e.g. a specific threat to an individual) should be required of license applicants is likely – thus widely(?) expanding the number of license holders – they may still face unreasonable restrictions as to where firearms, concealed or otherwise, may be carried.

Bottom line: Will gun owners win? Yes. The question is how big a win will it be. But either way, the Justices final decision should bring some degree of relief to millions of law-abiding gun owners.

Don’t hold your breath waiting for the answer. Historically the Court sits on the big cases until the following June, when they adjourn for the summer. That was the case in 2008 (Heller) and 2010 (McDonald).

BIDEN SUICIDE REDUCTION PLAN

The issue of suicide has been getting a lot of attention lately, especially veterans’ suicides. So Joe Biden to the rescue. Here’s the White House press release: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/02/fact-sheet-biden-administration-takes-steps-to-prevent-suicide-including-by-promoting-safe-storage-of-firearms/> (If the link doesn’t work, just Google “Biden suicide reduction plan.”)

Suicide and suicide prevention is a cause we on the pro-gun side have been promoting for years as well. Somehow suicides get rolled in with the term, “gun violence.” Why? Because it triples the numbers of gunshot deaths and is ammunition used to promote gun control. There’s a world of difference between the criminal use of guns and suicide. I agree, we as gun owners need to work at suicide reduction and prevention, through education, training, and gun security practices. And I agree that manufacturers can provide gun locks with their products. But it’s a short step from voluntary “lock up your guns” to MANDATORY lock them up.

OREGON COUNTIES JOIN IDAHO?

Several eastern Oregon counties are talking secession – leaving Ory-gun for the friendlier climate of southern Idaho. Most of you have probably heard discussion of Cascadia as well – take everything west of the Cascades and form a new state. Doable? Technically, yes. Likely? No.

Why? Politics, same reason gun manufacturers are moving south (see item below). There is something about the water west of the Cascades, especially along the I-5 corridor. Not to mention the ongoing violence in cities like Portland and Seattle. The country is becoming more divided day by day. And not just on the left coast.

Waldron’s opinion: All part of the master plan to destroy the US of A. Divide the people, foment racial dissension, collapse the economy...and when it falls apart, a socialist nanny state is the solution.

Our friends in Russia have published a few articles comparing the break-up of the Soviet Union with similar potential in 21st century America. The Soviet “Union” was clearly an amalgamation of different cultures which collapsed of it’s own accord in only 70 years. We’ve been going strong – pretty much – for 245 years.

Not the same. But they can wish. Along with some politicians inside the beltway.

2021 ELECTION RESULTS

Suppose they held an election and the wrong people came. Just happened in Virginia. Governors in Virginia cannot succeed themselves – it’s one term and out. Although they can come back later for another try. That’s what proven-anti-gun Democrat Terry McAuliffe just tried to do in the Old Dominion State. Along came political newcomer, Glenn Youngkin, a securities executive, who ran on the Republican ticket. The main issue was education – to what degree do

parents have a say in how their children are educated versus the education establishment. Critical Race Theory “education” (indoctrination) was a topic supported by McAuliffe and the teachers’ unions.

A funny thing happened on the way to the ballot box. Not only did Republican Youngkin win the governorship, but the other two Republicans at the top of the ticket, lieutenant governor candidate Winsome Sears and attorney general candidate Jason Miyares won as well.

McAuliffe tried to paint Youngkin as a white supremacist, but the African-American LtGov and Latino AG Republicans blew that one up.

For gun owners: Winsome Sears was a BIG win. Born in Jamaica, coming to the US as a child, she joined the Marine Corps and carried that through to an honorable discharge. And the main scene she displayed in her campaign posters was an African-American lady standing there...with an AR-15 in her hands. One poster has her at a shooting bench at Clark Brother’s Gun Shop in Warrenton, Virginia, my favorite gun shop in the five years that I spent in northern Virginia. She essentially ran on guns – and won. Promising no support for red flag protection laws, a major McAuliffe platform item. It CAN be done.

Oh, by the way, the president of the Senate in liberal New Jersey lost reelection... to a newcomer, a truck driver who claims he only spent \$153 on his election campaign. Yes, IT CAN BE DONE.

GUN MANUFACTURER MIGRATION

I mentioned last month that Smith & Wesson was pulling up stakes in Springfield, Massachusetts and headed south to Tennessee. This month it’s Remington, shifting it’s flag to LaGrange, Georgia. Gun River (Connecticut River) Valley is drying up.

Over the past decade, Ruger shifted from Connecticut to North Carolina, Beretta to Tennessee, Remington had previously shifted some construction to Alabama. Ithaca, Winchester and Mossberg are growing southern roots as well.

Not that gun manufacturing in the South is new. Barrett, Kel-Tec, Daniel Defense, Steyr and Taurus are speaking with southern accents these days. Even Para USA has moved down from Canada. By one count there are now 40 gun manufacturing plants located south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Why the shift? Anti-gun politics and more favorable work conditions (right-to-work) in the South. Same reason Boeing is building in South Carolina and Airbus just up the road from me in Alabama. Y’all come on down!

-GN-

STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

Well, it's that time of the month and year, for a column and a hunting report. Yeah, the rains have returned. Like a lot of our senior folks, as the years go by, so does the will to stomp around wearing rain gear. For me, it's the old military poncho. Yup, a sheet of rubber but incredibly tough. I've got about 30+ years with this one, using it for camping and hunting.

Anyway, I got a real surprise this hunting season, with my old hunting partner and his gorgeous wife, along with their newly adopted nine year old son. His Dad, living in Eastern Washington, had gotten the Covid virus, was flat on his back at home, needed care. Oh yeah, we all masked up even though his family was all vaxxed-up. (This was the fella that got shot a couple years ago by his wife's knothead nephew, the one she "cold cocked" with one punch.)

Some years ago, my wife and I purchased a number of acres, wooded, down by Alder Lake with the idea of a retirement home. It never happened but I dozed in a 50 yard pistol range and built a small bunkhouse/cabin. At my home the hot water tank failed and I used this tank to weld up a really nice woodstove. It was about 25 gallons in size. A couple years ago I gave this woodstove to my buddy Al. Yeah, we sold the acreage.

Anyway, this last year Al's Dad had built a very nice little log cabin on the very back property line (he has 1400 acres) where it butts up against government land. My guess was about 25 x 25 feet, accommodation for six folks and loft space for extras. Yeah, they had installed the stove I'd welded up. Picture this – one wall with a small room on each side of a larger room with a bed large enough for a couple. The two smaller rooms each had bunk beds for two guys. These small rooms were about the size of a two man jail cell (possibly some of our members can relate). There was also a 50 gallon water supply and a small generator – electric lights, a fridge and a microwave. Now this guy knows how to hunt.

Back at his Dad's house, a neighbor lady stopped by to tend to his Dad, a widower and she a widow. This allowed Al, his wife and son plus me, to go to the cabin, spending a couple days there. What a way to hunt—getting up to a warm cabin with breakfast

cooking. Although Al had a "frozen" ankle from the shotgun blast, he insisted we'd hunt together. (Recall that after being shot, they sold their business up here and moved to sunny Arizona, figuring the hot weather would be better for his ankle.)

We stayed on the logging roads for the level ground and about noon we settled on a spot at the end of a straight overgrown logging road with about a quarter mile view affording a shooting lane. As it started to drizzle I stretched the old rubber poncho between trees. Al commenced to start a campfire, I got about a quart of water from a nearby stream, then we started boiling water for coffee. Thanks to Al's wife, we had some sandwiches. For the rest of the day, we just sat and caught up. At one point, about 75 yards away, we saw a very large cougar cross the trail, slowing only to give us a look over, obviously he knew we weren't serious hunters.

The next day we hit the trail about 10:30, neither of us were desperate for a deer but it was the last day of mule deer season, which means they'll be all over the place the next day. That's called Murphy's Law.

Oh yeah, not fifty feet from the cabin door the next morning—a 5x5 muley—and he only walked away when we stepped out on the porch. I know I'll be asked where this is because we also saw a woodland caribou on day three. The caribou was only 50 yards away so there was no mistaking. We were about five miles from Idaho and about the same from Canada.

Al was carrying a .54 T/C Hawken I'd given him years ago and I had my T/C Cherokee in .45. The only shooting we did was to take a couple of grouse with head shots. From a recent deal I procured a really nice Ruger Old Army revolver, with the percussion cylinder as well as the conversion cylinder in .45 Colt, all stainless steel. With it, Al and I harvested four grouse that became honored guests the next day for supper. The entrails were dumped in the woods, with one heck of a feeding frenzy after dark, must have been at least 4-5 coyotes.

According to the cutie at the counter when I purchased my big game license, even taking the grouse with only the big game license is against the law. A small game license is needed, unlike it was

years ago. I guess it's more money for the state. As I pointed out in a recent column, there is no definition for this, in last year's and this year's game laws. I had the occasion two days later to ask a game agent while he was fueling his vehicle. His response, "Beats the heck out of me." And as it's not explained, he'd unofficially turn a blind eye. He also agreed that the State's big game laws are a total joke and they are scratching their heads trying to figure out the book.

Oh well, back to the west side for the late buck season, four or five days after the Monroe Show. Where I hunt, I hit the hillside and find the old cat grades, where game lays, able to peer over the edge for predators.

At the Puyallup Show I had a number of folks asking me about the matchless fire starting. My suggestion was to check out YouTube for instructions and also how to make fire starters with a lathe for metal ones or wooden ones using only a drill press. One individual called "ClickSpring" has many varied projects with short informative videos.

Another project I've completed is making a rocket stove so you can have a good cooking fire atop the unit. The stove can be as simple as a chunk of bored out 4x4 post, a gallon can, or a 3-4" square metal tube. Most impressive, the flame it can produce. Cheap to make too, taking up very little space.

At Monroe last month, I bought a Patterson revolver that turned out to have some issues. I'd never disassembled a Patterson. What a nightmare. There are so many pieces that have to fit together, secured with screws. Must have cost a fortune to build. Really makes the Walkers, Dragoons, the 1848-49, the 1851, 60, 61, 62 models, a piece of cake. I'm thinking this Patterson would work for my canoe anchor.

For those that didn't attend the Puyallup Show, you missed a good one. Almost like the old days with some shoulder to shoulder crowds. One of our vendors, from Wenatchee, suggested the display show be held in October, as before, as the later months may hold snow in the passes. I assured Wes that I'd mention it. Are you listening Board Members?

Oh, I'm a believer in science and the covid vaccines, having gotten all vaxxed up this spring. Yesterday I went to Safeway Pharmacy for the booster. When asked which arm I preferred, I asked the young lady if I could take it in the tush. She obviously saw the humor but said "no." My response, "well it was worth a try."

Time to wrap this up – see you in Puyallup.

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3. Bookkeeper Hinckley reports on emergency repairs to the WAC Office building. A water pipe that runs from the city meter to the WAC Office Building broke under the asphalt in the parking lot. A maintenance crew was called on an emergency basis to stop the leak and repair the damaged pipe. The pipe repair required trenching in the parking lot to expose the pipe. The cause of the pipe failure was determined to be age and corrosion. The repair cost (up to meeting time) is \$8700. Additional costs are likely to be incurred as the cleanup continues. Estimated water loss was 26 gallons per minute for a period of approximately 24 hours. The pipe break occurred over a weekend, while business offices were closed.

4. President Burris presents a proposed Cost of Living increase for WAC employees to the Board. Pay increases for employees that support our events have already been adjusted (as part of Washington State minimum wage requirements). It has been approximately 3 years since the office employees have received a pay increase. Motion by Director Weaver to enter executive session for discussion of personnel wage increases. Second by Director Bramhall. Motion passes on a unanimous vote in favor. Board enters executive session at 7:22 pm.

7:50 pm Board rises from executive session.

Motion by Director Wegner to present a 5.2% cost of living increase and 2.3% merit increase to the four WAC employees (Office staff, Treasurer, and Managing Editor) that have not yet received a compensation adjustment.

Second by Director Ripley

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: Director Jennings

Motion passes

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

Next meeting of the Board: President Burris requests the rescheduling of the next meeting of the Board, and proposes moving the meeting from November 23 to November 30. The rescheduling of the November 23rd meeting date will provide an additional week for financial reporting and analysis following the Monroe show (November 14), and will move the Board meeting closer to the show in Puyallup (December 11). President Burris calls for any objections to the meeting date change. There are no objections or calls for discussion, and the November meeting of the Board is rescheduled to Tuesday, November 30.

Motion by Director Jennings to adjourn

Second by Director Weaver (A voice vote is taken for expediency)

Votes for: Many

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

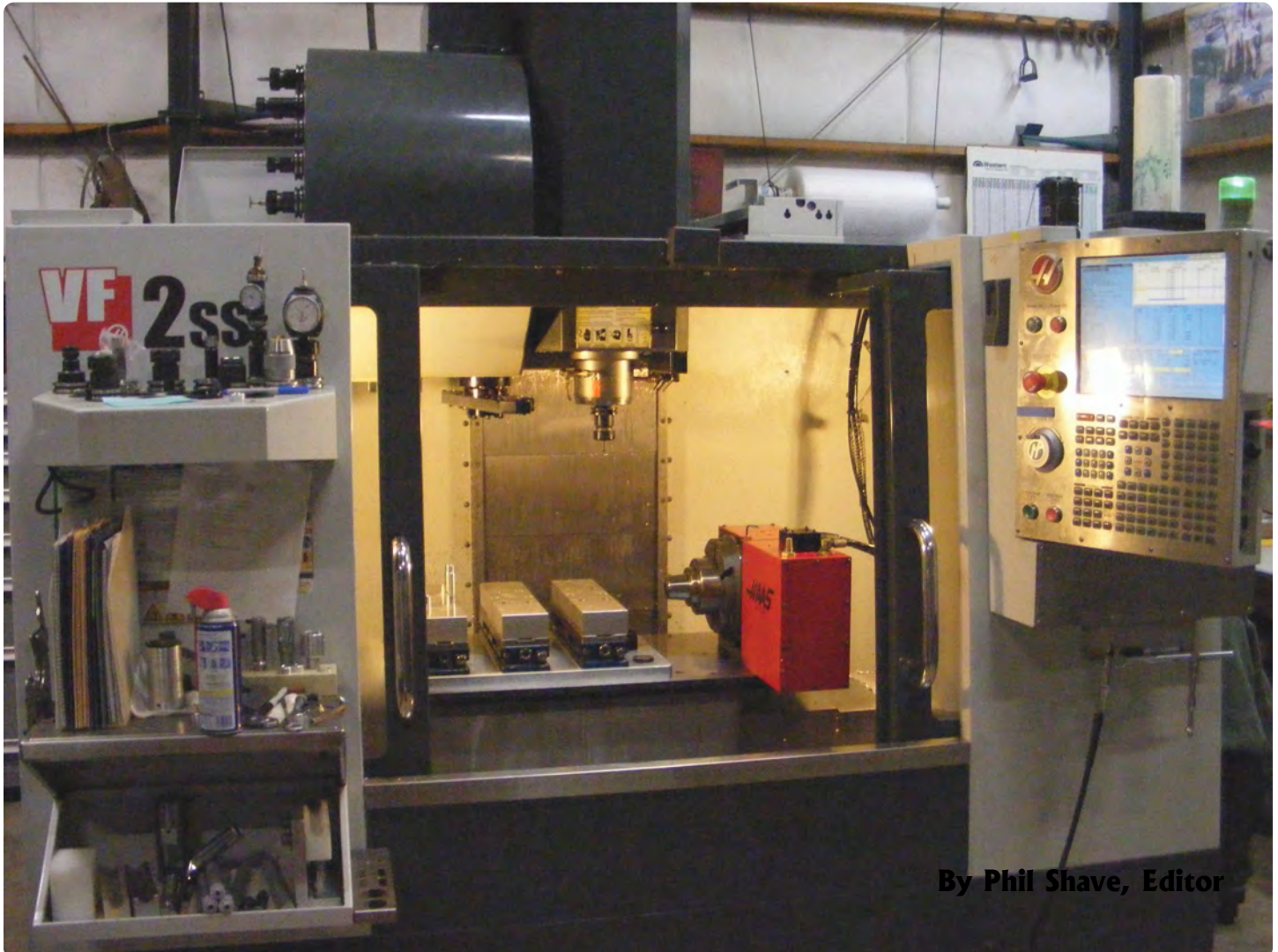
Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

By Forbes L Freeburg, WAC Secretary

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Precision Barrel Manufacture

Beyer Barrels—Making Rifle and Pistol Barrels for 15 Years



By Phil Shave, Editor

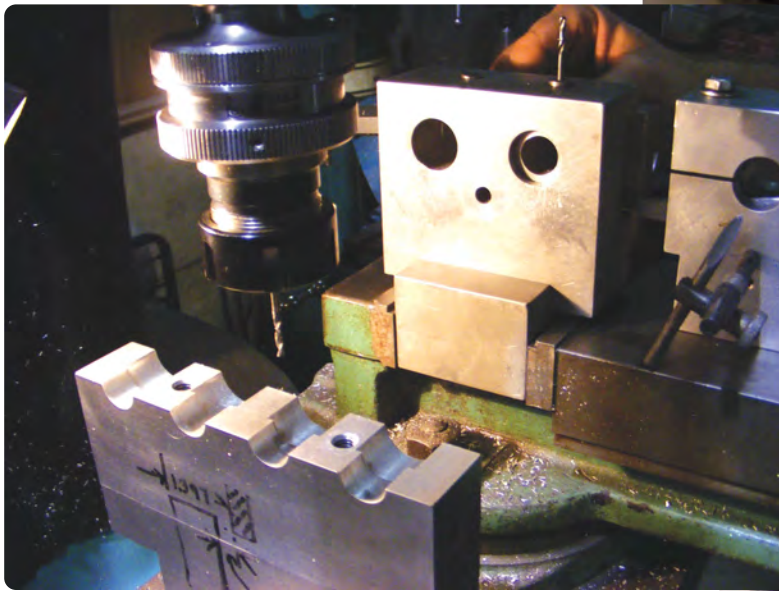
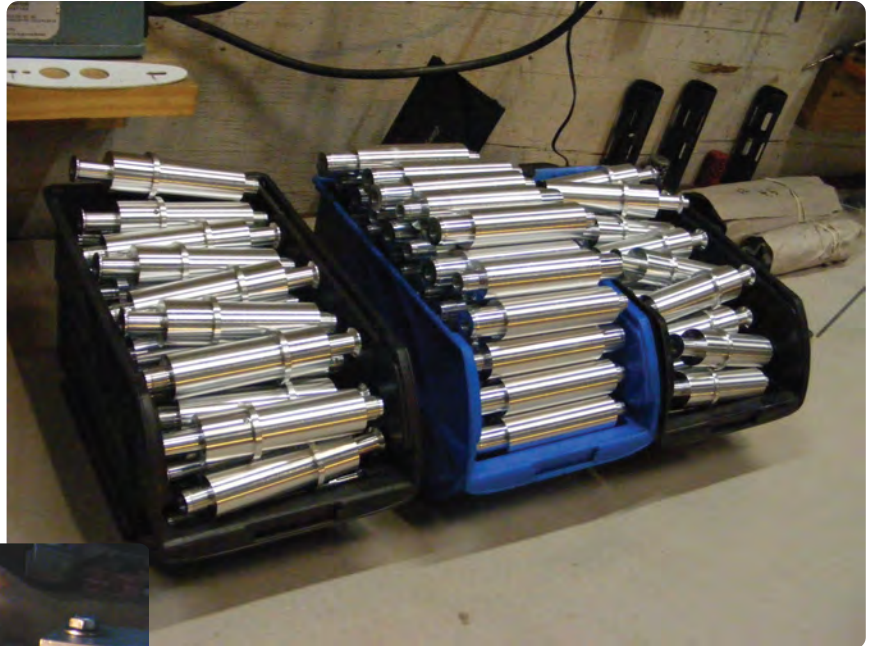
In the soggy Northern rain forests of Washington is a one of the premier gun barrel makers—Beyer Barrels, located on the outskirts of the tiny town of Forks, makes, sells and ships more than 1000 gun barrels each year from this remote location. I'd seen the barrels and wanted to see how they are made, so I journeyed north to talk with the man behind the operation.

I'm fascinated that this one man operation can crank out state-of-the-art gun barrels in a small shop located to the far west of nowhere. You'd recognize Clint Beyer if you saw him—he has been a regular at Washington Arms Collector events for many years. At every show you have the chance to talk with Clint and buy exactly what you need.



Title Page—Modern barrel manufacture requires modern tooling such as this Haas VF-2SS CNC mill. In the lower photo is a view of the control panel that allows the operator to specify the operations and sequence of the milling that will produce the necessary shapes and cuts.

Right—Pistol barrel blanks ready for finishing.



Left—Some traditional equipment is still in use such as this knee mill. Custom jigs allow the machine to perform dedicated operations.



Above—An array of pistol barrels. There are dimples, flutes and spiral flutes. The pink finish shows well here; the dark purple short barrel to the left of it may not do the color justice.

Left—Clint Beyer holding the special edition "Thin Blue Line" barrel done to honor law enforcement.





A selection of the various custom profiles and machining available. These are rifle barrels but the same designs are also in pistol barrels. You'll see fluting, spiral fluting, diamonds and in the lower barrel a blue finish in the flutes (to see the color on this barrel, Clint is holding this special edition "Thin Blue Line" barrel on p. 9).

The Ruger 10/22

There are a few firearm platforms that have achieved cult status—and longevity—in the U.S.: The 1911 pistol, the AR rifle/pistol and the Ruger 10/22. Modern manufacturing and drop-in parts have made it possible for just about anyone to “build” a custom version of any of these guns. One can specify trigger groups, replace hard parts, add adjustable stocks, mount electronic sights—and yes, replace barrels. Modern machining and production techniques permit precisely-made barrels for each of these firearms that can be installed without gunsmith assistance. These guns have become build-your-own custom kit guns.

Why is the lowly 10/22 in this group? Ruger’s little .22 LR rifle, introduced in 1964, is a paragon of reliability. Built around the clever rotary magazine, the Rugers have likely fired billions of rimfire rounds. Almost everyone who owns a gun has one. Back in '64, other semiauto .22's were a little finicky and many were tube magazine. Ruger steamrolled the competition with a cheap, sturdy, compact little carbine that held more rounds than most magazine fed rifles. No mass market firearm is perfect and Ruger left some stuff on the table. The trigger was so-so, the mag release clumsy and accuracy just okay. Enter the aftermarket; browsing through the Brownells catalog (my version of the old Sears

Christmas catalog), I see six different triggers, several hammers, sears, firing pins, bolts, charging handles and—of course—barrels.

Ruger’s simply engineered barrel-to-receiver join allows quick and easy barrel replacement. The barrel is a slip fit to the receiver, clamped in place with a V-bloc. This perfectly adequate system invites a change-out for an improved, or at least different, barrel. Enter Clint Beyer with his original Beyer Barrels.

Beyer Barrels in 2006

Clint Beyer is now a veteran barrel-maker. He’s been at it for 15 years. He is also a Veteran, retired as a Coast Guard Chief after 30 years service. When asked, “what brought you to this business?”, Clint gave credit to his father, a master fabricator, who had a boat building business. Clint learned his machinist skills working in his father's shop. Combine that with a personal interest in firearms and we have precision barrel maker. He also gunsmithed for a time and has plenty of welding experience.

Initially, Beyer barrels were only for the Ruger 10/22 but now he manufactures for other Ruger firearms and the AR platform as well. I said that this is a one



Above—Some of the muzzle brakes along with an unfinished blank.

Below—A selection of thread protectors, muzzle brakes and flash suppressors.



man shop but at this point Clint does employ an apprentice to help out with some operations. As our discussion progressed it became clear that Beyer Barrels is at decision point—operation as usual, or expand and grow into a bigger business with employees, an updated website, streamlined ordering and shipping and more product variation.

Beyer Barrels are Different

With all the choices in 10/22 and AR barrels, why would you choose a Beyer Barrel? The Beyer is an

ultra-light. No kidding—the 16-1/2” 10/22 barrel weighs only 10 oz. fluted or 17.5 in bull profile. It all depends on what kind of rifle you want to build; sure there are replacement steel barrels, bull barrels and stainless barrels from other manufacturers—if you build a heavy .22 or .17 then you might choose one of those. There is at least one technical reason to go with an ultra-light—the barrel-to-receiver joint in the Ruger is a slip fit and theoretically a heavy barrel can sag, creating accuracy issues. While there are improved V-blocks and bedding solutions, the Ruger receiver does well with a light barrel. So, if you want a handy, light weight pistol or rifle that still has tack driving accuracy, an ultra-light barrel is the answer.

There are shooting disciplines in which the ultra-light barrels thrive. Anything that requires speed, quick on-target time, will benefit from a light barrel—for example, Steel Challenge Rimfire. If you’re wondering if a Beyer Barrel is up to the challenge...Lance Bratcher is “the only person ever to make Master and Grandmaster in all 13 divisions of steel challenge.” Bratcher uses the Beyer Barrel. (You can find videos of him working the steel on YouTube.)

The Technology

Achieve both accuracy and light weight by combining a steel liner with an alloy outer. That’s the basic recipe and it is used by others. Clint build his barrels a little differently. They are built from an aluminum blank, typically finished to .920” so the Beyers look like a straight bull barrel. For the AR, the diameter of .750” will accept standard gas blocks. The liner is durable, proven, chrome moly steel that is button rifled. Clint tells me that while competitors use adhesive to retain their liners, he doesn’t. This is one of those trade secrets that must remain proprietary but suffice to say that his liners are not glued in.

One might imagine that if we just poke a barrel liner into an aluminum surround, we might lose some durability. Not so. Clint tells me of one .22 barrel that maintains its accuracy after more than 250,000 rounds. Can the same technology hold up heat and abuse? One of Clint's 4.5” barrels used on an AR pistol in .22 rimfire LR has fired 40,000 FULLAUTO rounds without failure. Imagine the heat generated by continuous firing. Such full auto abuse would push the liners out of other lightweight barrels. Apparently Beyer’s method works.

Match chambers are included and these are specified to achieve excellent accuracy while permitting reliable semiautomatic function. The standard crown is a recessed match profile.

There are other quality advantages in a Beyer barrel. The barrel blank is 7075 aluminum—harder and stronger than the alloys used by other manufacturers. The final finish is applied differently as well, with the liner installed and the chamber and crown cut before finishing; this is not possible with an anodized finish which can only be applied to aluminum, not steel. Speaking of finish, Clint prefers KG GunKote and fine grit blasts every barrel before applying the final color. I should mention the precision with which each barrel is made—for example the chamber end in a 10/22 must fit the receiver well if it is to be accurate and these parts are within .0001” on the Beyer.

Guns & Chambering

I don't want you to think that the Beyer Ultra-light barrels are only for the Ruger 10/22. Currently Beyer manufactures barrels for the Ruger 10/22, Challenger, 77/22, the Ruger Rimfire Precision and the Ruger takedown rifles. I've already mentioned the AR barrels and these have grown in popularity to become about half his production. Chamberings include the .22 Long Rifle, .22 WRM/Magnum, .17 HMR and HM2 and of course the .556/.223. Rifling twist for .22 can be 1/16 or 1/9”.

The Shop

Over the years I've talked often with Clint but I had no idea what to expect when I visited his shop up in Forks. Maybe I expected a good machinist laboring over a simple lathe. From the outside, the steel building looks like any other small industry. I walked through the door and found an array of state-of-the-art CNC equipment. His most recent acquisition is a Haas VF-2SS—a super speed, four axis, computer controlled mill. This amazing machine performs multiple operations on the barrels, faithfully executing the actions that Clint has programmed. It can even use a tiny ball end mill to cut the maker name and caliber on the curve of the barrel. Another CNC lathe performs chambering and crowning. While I was there, a separate CNC machine was profiling the aluminum barrel blank and cutting threads for AR barrels. Yes, there is also some older traditional equipment equipped with custom jigs for

unique dedicated operations. But it's the CNC machinery that allows one man to manufacture in volume. And this is done with precision that is better than that of the original firearms to which the barrels will be fitted. I saw only the best American made tools and tooling—no Chinese equipment in this shop.

How Good Are These Barrels?

I've already mentioned the durability of the barrels in extreme use. Okay, so they hold up. How do they compare to others? One can judge that by the fact that serious competitors are choosing Beyer barrels; they wouldn't use them if they weren't both durable and accurate. I note one rather telling vote of confidence—you can order a Beyer barrel from Brownells. We know Brownells is the big guy in the room when it comes to firearms accessories and parts and they certainly don't like to sell products that disappoint their customers. At least one firearm manufacturer orders barrels 100 at a time.

Customization

One can shop around and find a few choices in ultralight barrels but if you truly want a custom design then Beyer Barrels can make one to your spec. That's one thing that sets Beyer apart from others—the range of choices. I'm talking about both profile and color. You can order a straight barrel in black. Or you can choose just about any color you can imagine; I've seen blue, purple, pink, green and more.

You may also chose flutes, spiral flutes, dimples, and diamond cuts. Most barrels are built with a threaded muzzle for a comp or suppressor—it's your choice. It's possible to build a rifle that looks like nothing else on the range. Barrel length choices are just as vast—from 4.5” to 18.5”; the in-between lengths are usually 6, 10, and 16.5”. The choice of barrel lengths is available for .22, .17 and AR's.

There is a “thin blue line” special edition barrel that is very attractive and honors law enforcement officers. On page 9 you'll see Clint holding this barrel.

Most of us enjoy owning a custom, something that is built to our specifications, and with either the Rugers or the AR you can build a true custom using one of these barrels. As I write this, the price on a Beyer Barrel hasn't changed in 15 years; I speculate that pricing of raw materials and equipment would dictate that this can't continue.



Above—I caught this little guy sitting on the bench and couldn't resist a photo. This is just a proof device to check suppressor or comp threads.

The Future

Clint Beyer has already ventured into a couple of other manufacturing areas such as compensators, muzzle brakes and thread protectors. We talked about how difficult it is for one person to handle all phases of a business; as it grows, phones, ordering and shipping all require a lot of time. I've visited the website at beyerbarrels.com and while one can get a idea of what is available, it's certainly not comprehensive or up-to-date. If you stop by the Beyer Barrel tables at a WAC event, that's where you will see a pretty comprehensive selection of his product and the many custom variations that are available.

The business could expand to include barrels for other makes and models of firearms such as the popular CZ .22's. And then there's 80% receivers; the market for quality billet aluminum products could be significant. Growth would mandate hard, personal decisions that might require employees, bigger buildings, more equipment and investment. We'll see what happens with Beyer Barrels. Right now you can talk with Clint at one of the WAC shows or catch him on the phone—if you want to build a custom he can help.

For More Information:

Beyer Barrels, Clint Beyer, Prop.
Website: beyerbarrels.com

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Above—A view directly into the milling chamber of the very cool, very capable Haas VF-2SS mill.

Below—Another Haas CNC lathe, this one used for the chambering and crowning operations.



Fields of Battle

The Wars for North America

-By John Keegan

A Book Review By Phil Shave, Editor

Who is John Keegan?

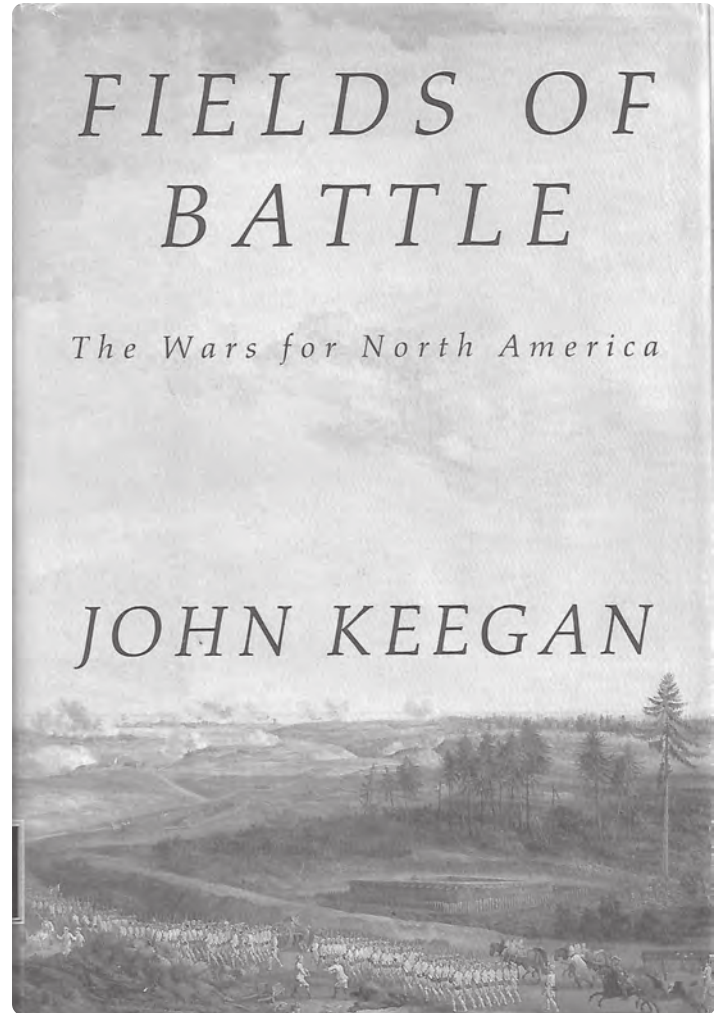
Historians, unlike novelists, aren't names known to most. John Keegan is better-known than most because he has published many histories—all them about warfare. Keegan lectured at Sandhurst Royal Military Academy, the British version of our West Point, where his career spanned many years. He is a student of military history who has studied military campaigns and battles throughout the ages and the world. Here, we'll review his history Field of Battle, The Wars For North America.

How does a Brit Know America?

And how is he qualified to write about our wars? In the most unusual introduction to a history, Keegan explains himself. The very first sentence of his book is, "I love America." Obviously sincere, he has spent over 40 years visiting both Canada and the United States. He's traveled to 35 of our States and been to towns and cities, large and small. The chapter "One Englishman's America" opens the book.

Small town America intrigues him: "...white single story houses, neat streets, chainlink fences, signs at corners signaling Sunday service..verandas, parked cars, lonely bus stops, doctors signboards..."Liquor" in neon lighting...the gun shop, the sports goods store..." Living in a small country he is hypnotized by the space and sees beneath the landscape the "effort of man's labour." Because he is a military historian with a somewhat detached eye he sees how the landscape has created lines of travel and communication; he observes why forts were located where they were and why battles were fought in those places we now memorialize. Keegan sees in America, "The most stupendous achievement of military as well as human history."

In this first chapter we read a personal history rather than military but it just might be the most pleasurable reading one can have. The author explains the relationship between England and



America, what separates the cultures and what joins us. John Keegan's personal journey begins in 1957 with a scholarship tour of the United States which he describes—after all the intervening years of achievement—as "the most memorable in my life."

If you like your history straight-up, this is not your book. Keegan writes of battlefields not dispassionately but with feeling. Respect for John Keegan's insight is not exclusively British and his reputation is not limited to other historians. His opinions have been solicited by figures as diverse as William Casey (Director of the CIA), Henry Kissinger (Keegan says, "Like meeting Metternich") and President Kennedy. Enough about the author; suffice to say, he is an unusual historian and a brilliant writer.

The Wars for North America

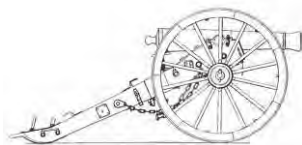
After sharing his personal relationship with our continent, Keegan moves on to a series of chapters

that form a chronology that extends from the French and British colonial period through the Indian wars. He describes North America as the most fortified place on earth in the 17th and 18th centuries—I would not have thought it. Keegan tells us of forts built by the French, then by the English. Forts used to claim ownership of areas, many which traded hands several times. Even the Iroquois built forts around their settlements. Of course there are the forts built to control harbors and waterways. All of North America was blanketed by forts—it was contested land with cultures and countries in conflict.

The story begins with “The Forts of New France” and details the struggle of the French to hold land throughout the continent. Then we move on to the revolutionary period; in Keegan’s struggle to understand why the battles were fought over such a broad geographic area, he makes sense of the campaigns throughout the colonies and concludes this chapter with Cornwallis’s defeat at Yorktown. The Civil War is difficult to understand even for those who were required to memorize some dates and places in school. Keegan, the Englishman, may not understand the politics and motives any better but he knows the geography, battlefields and actors, and brings life to the struggle in “Fortifying the Confederacy.” The final stage in North American fighting is the Indian wars and “Forts on the Plains” will enhance your knowledge of the post-Civil War battles. Inevitably, Custer (as he himself would prefer) becomes a major character in this chapter.

Every chapter contains insights likely never put in print before. In spite of his sympathetic immersion in the culture of America, John Keegan brings an objective perspective to our history. I may have read this book three times, maybe parts of it more often. Each time I pick it up to check my memory of one place or event, I end up reading an entire chapter. The writing is compelling.

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In- person nominations are accepted at the Puyallup show / meeting on December 12, at 12:00 noon

Board meeting dates:

•December 28

Building Better Bullets

Evergreen Ballistics



By Phil Shave, Editor
Photos by Jana Naleway

There's a lot of gun-press coverage of the current ammunition shortage. We've watched shooter-grade 9mm, for example, go from \$.19/rd. to \$.75/rd. The same people who have closets full of toilet paper have probably packed the kids' rooms with ammo. Handloaders should be set to easily weather the ups and downs of the market but unfortunately the surge in demand has trickled down to components—powder, primers and bullets can be hard to find.

If you've found yourself short of bullets, then Evergreen Ballistics might be the solution. At the last Washington Arms Collectors show in Puyallup, I met Marc McAtee and he was selling exactly what reloaders need—bullets. Marc is the owner of Evergreen Ballistics, located in nearby Bonney Lake. He produces quality projectiles for handloaders. And even better, many are in-stock right now. I decided to follow-up—first an interview and then a field test.

Evergreen Ballistics

In 2011 Marc McAtee created Mountain States Ammunition in Montana, retailing components and ammunition from Starline Brass, HSM and others. Marc notes, *"I quickly realized that selling other companies' products made for slim margins and product availability became a serious problem throughout 2013. This is when I began to form a business plan around manufacturing and explore the idea of producing my own projectiles."* Marc closed Mountain States Ammunition in 2015 and relocated to Washington State. Marc tells the Evergreen Ballistics story: *"Fast forward to fall of 2018 when I stumbled upon a garage sale where a gentleman was selling his commercial casting setup. I jumped on the opportunity. Up until this point, I had never cast a single lead bullet. So, with virtually no know-how I set out to learn how to not only cast lead bullets but do so on commercial equipment. After nearly 18 months of trial and error I was producing quality lead bullets consistently. In April of 2020 Evergreen Ballistics was formed. Within a couple months I was getting emails asking if I could make coated*

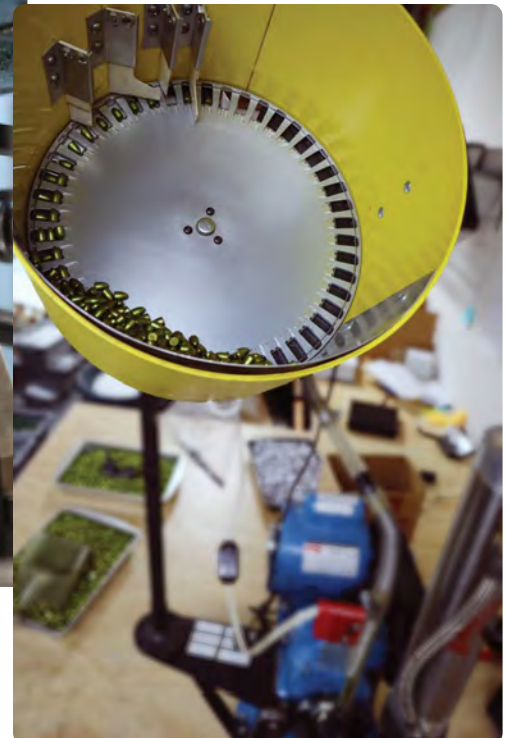
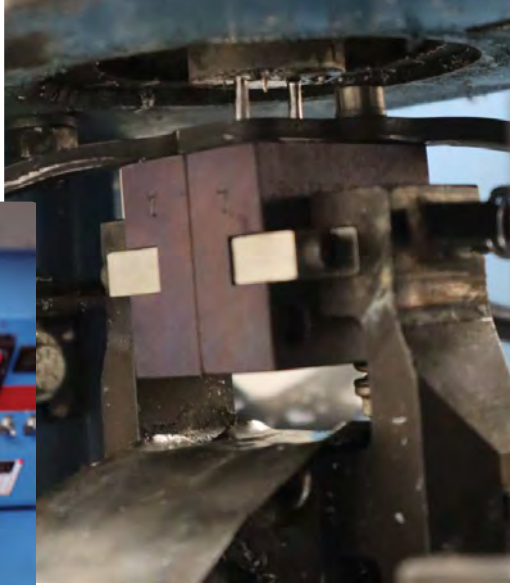
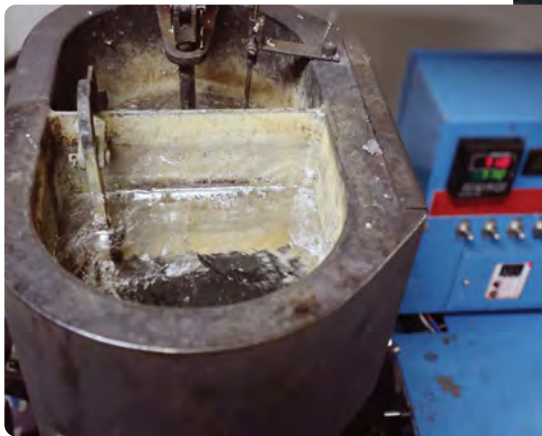


Above—Polymer coated bullets air dry before heat treat.
Below—The Bullet Master MK6 at work, note lead in pot.





Top L&R—Bullet molds. Below, left to right—Melting the alloy, Bullet Master with mold in-place, top-down view of MA Systems feeder to the bullet sizer.



Below, L to R—124 gr. plated 9mm bullets measure .355". Handloaded 9x23 Winchester rounds. Target fired with one magazine of 9x23 handloads. .44 Special rounds with 240 gr. polymer coated SWC. Photos—Phil Shave



bullets...there was an obvious demand for them...I launched the line of coated bullets in mid-2020 and they quickly became our most desired type of bullets. In September 2021 we launched a line of plated pistol bullets. These plated bullets are manufactured by a major North American plated bullet manufacture and are sold under the Evergreen Ballistics Brand."

Testing the Plated Bullets

Evergreen Ballistics takes two different approaches to product. They are bullet casters producing their own projectiles for handloaders and they are retailers of plated and jacketed bullets.

Let's start with the plated bullets. They're often thought of as a compromise. Yes, they are usually less expensive than fully copper jacketed bullets but they can be very accurate.

For this article Evergreen Ballistics sent me 9mm caliber plated bullets of 124 gr. weight for test purposes. These 124 gr. plated bullets are very attractive. I like the design with its concave base. The bullet base edges have just enough chamfer to permit smooth seating into cases. Marc had noted that, *"The heavy plating on these bullets allows them to be pushed to higher velocity using FMJ load data."* So that's what I did, loading these into 9x23 Winchester cases using Power Pistol at a velocity of 1260 FPS. A Lee "factory taper crimp" die provided an even crimp. The accuracy was outstanding in my test pistol, as good as FMJ bullets from name brand manufacturers; if I would do my part there would be just one ragged hole in the 15 yard target. Part of the reason, according to Marc is that his plated bullets have a copper coating .008" thick. Another reason is consistency—these plated bullets feature a "restrike" after plating to achieve their final dimensions. I measured a sample for diameter and they all came in within a couple ten/thousandths; all were .355"—actually closer to .3548". If you've ever measured a quality jacketed bullet such as a Hornady, you'll know that they're no different—.3548-.3549" is typical and perfect. Overall length varied .006" +/- . I also weighed the bullets and they are quite consistent.

A second test load with the 9mm 124 gr. bullets was done in the obsolete 9mm Largo caliber, loaded at a velocity of 1180 FPS in Starline brass for use in several old Star pistols. These rounds were accurate in the old military-barreled Star that has a .356" bore with shallow rifling; they performed just like jacketed bullets. The bullet is suitable for serious target practice, plinking or competition and showed no evidence of stripping or bore fouling.

The plated bullets are clean. The lead core is completely enclosed in the copper plating. I'm currently shooting mostly plated bullets for practice loads in my .380, 9mm Luger, 9mm Largo and .38 Super pistols; Evergreen offers suitable plated bullets in all these



Above—Lead lubed bullets are available, as are jacketed .223 and .308 rifle bullets. Note the concave base on the 9mm 124 plated bullets.

calibers plus .40, .44 and .45. Speaking of clean, there was no copper fouling in the bore after test firing and just a Kroil wipe was all that was needed.

And then there's the cost--bulk FMJ branded pistol bullets can be had for \$.14 each—if you can find them—whereas the JHP's are going for \$.24 each! I went shopping online for one of my favorite jacketed 9mm's and found everything out of stock.; availability remains a problem for components. As I write this, Evergreen has 9mm 115 gr. plated bullets in stock for about \$.09 each (\$46/500). I think that's a pretty good deal.

Handloading Polymer Coated Lead

Most of us are by now familiar with coated lead bullets. The premier coating seems to be Hi-Tek Supercoat, a baked coating that is also used by Evergreen. The bullets start out as standard cast lead bullets but are then subjected to an additional polymer coating. The process is described by Marc: *After casting and cooling, the bullets are weighed out onto individual wire trays. The coating is then mixed with a solvent, in our case acetone, and applied to the bullets. We apply the coating by adding it to a large mixing bowl and shaking the bullets vigorously. The bullets are then spread out on their wire trays to dry thoroughly. The bullets are then backed for approximately 10 minutes to set the coating. After cooling, we perform two tests to verify the integrity of the coating. In the first test, acetone is placed on a cloth and a bullet is rubbed briskly across it. There should be no color transfer to the cloth. This shows that the coating has cured. Next, we simply smash a bullet with a hammer. The coating should not flake off. This proves the coating is chemically bonded to the lead. We perform these tests on every tray that comes out of our ovens. After this, we repeat the process for the second coat. Once the bullets have cooled from their second coat, they are sized through carbide sizing dies. We use a small amount of fluoropolymer-based lubricant to aid*

in sizing the bullets. One of the questions I get asked all the time is, "Does the coating come off during sizing?" No, it does not. If the coating is cured properly it will remain on the bullet during sizing. Just as it remains on the bullet as it travels down the barrel. The coating is Hi-Tek Supercoat manufactured by J & M Specialized Products in Australia. This polymer coating has the look and feel of dried nail polish once fully cured and sized. The major advantages are greatly reduced smoke from not using bullet lube, nearly eliminating barrel leading and a great reduction in airborne lead exposure."

While I had experience with polymer coated bullets, I learned a lot from Marc's description of the process. How can you lose? Less mess, less smoke and about the same price as traditional lead hard cast bullets. Not mentioned on the Evergreen website is the cleanliness of the loading operation. Cast bullets with exposed lead and lube are just plain dirty whereas the polymer coat is slick and clean (one should still practice good hand hygiene while loading). Another nice feature is that Hi-Tek coated bullets don't clog up your loading dies with lube. I value and recommend polymer coated lead.

Marc sent me sample .44 bullets—a .430 diameter 240 gr. Hi-Tek polymer coated semi-wadcutter. The design is like most of the available commercial lead .44's with a flat nose, sharp shoulder and beveled base. Some very good bullet-makers use this very same design and the bevel base does make it easy to load. The Evergreens are some of the most consistent cast bullets I've found with diameters hovering around .4300". Weight is .237 gr. and varies little. While the .44 Evergreen bullets I'm testing have conventional lube grooves (unused), Marc tells me that, *"In addition, we now have a selection of coated bullets that are NLG or no lube groove bullets. The NLG bullet molds were designed specifically in response to the increased demand for coated bullets."*

I used the Evergreen polymer coated bullets in a .44 Special load using Trail Boss powder--mild recoil and report. This load is great fun for target practice and general range use. The velocity is about 700 FPS with the 240 Gr. SWC. I fired these rounds in a Ruger GP100. Does the polymer coating eliminate or reduce leading? Yes, it does. After 50 rounds I saw only a polymer streak in the first two inches of bore and it brushed out with Kroil. Accuracy was very good and did not deteriorate as I fired more rounds. I fired the .44 at an indoor range—no smoke, nice. I asked Marc at what velocities the polymer coating would remain effective—he replied that 850 FPS was practical.

Cast Lead

Tradition and economy may demand a lead bullet. Experienced handloaders know that there can be a big difference between lead bullets; if the alloy isn't right then leading can be extreme. Sure there are velocity limits with lead & lube bullets but the right blend can

perform very well, especially in revolvers. Evergreen uses a commercial alloyed lead that, *"results in a consistent and accurate alloy every time. In addition, our lead arrives very clean. There is minimal fluxing that we have to do, and we do not have a significant amount of dross to pull off the pot. It may cost a few pennies more per pound, but the better product that results from it is worth it.uses a lead alloy of 92% lead, 6% tin and 2% antimony. This blend yields a relatively hard bullet that casts well and minimizes leading."* The lube is provided by the White Label Lube Company.

Lead bullets are affordable and available. Cowboy action shooters, single and double action revolver folk—these bullets will keep you active on the range.

Other Products

On the Evergreen Ballistics website—evergreenballistics.com—you'll see some additional product. Of course the AR platform rifles and pistols and other .556/.223 caliber firearms are very popular and Evergreen has jacketed .223 bullets in 55 and 62 gr. for this cartridge. There is also a 147 gr. FMJ boattail in .308. For those in need of brass there is fully processed (cleaned, sized, de-primed, crimp removed and trimmed) previously fired brass cases in .45 ACP and .223/.556—processed brass certainly takes a lot of the drudgery out of reloading.

Conclusion

While the amount of in-stock product looks good right now, demand continues to be strong so please check the Evergreen Ballistics website for availability. When you see the Evergreen Ballistics table at the next WAC show, you might consider trying some of the bullets from this new manufacturer. I tried them and I like them. One of the advantages of buying from a WAC vendor is doing business face-to-face. You also get to see the product before you buy.

I like dealing with a fellow firearm enthusiast and Marc McAtee is exactly that: *"My interest in firearms began as a teenager after being introduced to them by my uncle, who at the time was a nationally recognized firearms instructor. This interest grew into a fascination for reloading in my early 20s. Around the same time I began working as a corrections officer in Montana. After five years in the correction industry, I decided to move on, soon after I found myself in Western Washington in a more fulfilling career as a Substation Electrician for a regional utility where I still work today as I continue to grow Evergreen Ballistics."*

As they say, "buy local."

Website: evergreenballistics.com

Photos by Jana Naleway, except as noted.

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WAC Board Minutes

October 2021 By Forbes Freeburg, Secretary



Washington Arms Collectors—
Board minutes for October 2021

Pre-meeting business:

September 26 - Treasurer Henson presented the Financial Report for July, 2021 to the Board via email. Expenses were up in July 2021 vs July 2020 primarily as a result of show expenses (i.e., Payroll, etc). General office expenses remain down (by about 25%) when compared to the same period one year ago. There have not been any Executive Director expenses since 2020; Treasurer duties have increased to offset this reduction, but overall these changes have translated to a reduction in payroll costs overall. Total rental income for July was \$8.2K, the prior year was \$4.1K. The primary reason for the increase is the partition of the WAC office to add another area for additional rental income. WAC retains a small amount of office space (filing, storage, and a meeting room) and still pays a portion of the monthly building expenses (now 36.56%). The WAC portion of the building expenses for July, 2021, was \$1.6K of a \$4.4K total. Overall, the financial performance for July, 2021, was a loss of \$19.4K.

September 27 - Motion by Director Jennings to accept the September, 2021 BoD minutes as presented

Second by Director Ripley

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Motion passed

September 30 - Motion by Director Iwashita to convene the WAC nomination meeting in December.

Second by Director Jennings

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

No vote received: Director Bramhall

Motion passed

October 18 - Treasurer Henson presented the Financial Report for August, 2021 to the Board via email. WAC had one show in July, 2021. Revenue, Membership revenue and renewals, and operating expenses are up when compared against the financial performance for August, 2020. Total income from business office rentals was \$8.2K; this was partially offset by the WAC share of building expenses for August, at \$4,042. Overall financial position for August, 2021, was a loss of \$18.5K.

October 19 - The Board meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, was moved one week, to Tuesday, October 26, at the request of President Burris.

The Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, was convened in the WAC Business Office conference room.

Meeting opened by President Burris at 6:34 pm.

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

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

Operations: Cleary, Hinckley

Excused Absent: Director Palmer

Old Business:

The Seattle Police Association facility is being evaluated by WAC as a possible event venue. Representatives of the Seattle Police Association have informed us that the regulations for use of the building do not permit admission fees to be charged when used for events, and the facility rental would be limited to a single day. If WAC sponsors an event in the facility, it would be members only, and a one day show. The facility is estimated to have enough space for one hundred tables. Timing of an event using the Seattle Police Association facility would likely be during 2023 at the earliest.

New Business:

1. Bookkeeper Hinckley presents information to the Board from the Monroe show. Facility costs have increased at the Monroe event location. The facility rental for a weekend was \$5800 for events prior to the Covid pandemic, and is now \$8800. The Monroe event was used by many WAC members as an opportunity to renew their memberships, and the show would have benefited from having a second ticket booth for entrance to the show. The financial performance of the Monroe show came in at a loss of \$6815.

2. Event Manager Cleary presents the Puyallup event report. Many individuals declined to wear masks on Sunday at the Puyallup event. Mask usage will be enforced at future events. WAC needs to remain in compliance with Washington State requirements; the WAC depends on rented facilities to be able to sponsor shows, and compliance with all state and local regulations is part of our rental contracts.

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I'd Like To Ask You Some Questions...

The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

There are currently 7,000 members of Washington Arms Collectors. While we live everywhere throughout Washington state — from Vancouver to Spokane to Blaine — it's likely most live within the Everett to Monroe to Olympia "triangle." But to confirm this we will be doing a zip code analysis of the membership. And we will also be looking at age data for a better understanding of who belongs. But after that, it's mostly anecdotal conjecture as to who our membership is and what our membership likes to do with their firearms.

We know that many collect; almost everyone shoots; and there ain't hardly no one who don't like to go to a gun show. But what else we know about our membership and firearms is something of a mystery. So we'd like to find out more about the membership in general, not about any particular member. (For me, as a writer for the magazine, it's a bit of a challenge to target topic-wise peoples' interests when I sit down at the computer to pen (yeah, mixed metaphor) my next piece.

So I'd like to ask a few questions, requesting you to complete the survey found below; rip it out of this issue; invest a stamp; and send it back to WAC. (Directions about how to do that will be at the end of my column.) So, let's give it a try:

(Note: This poll is completely anonymous. No names. No way to ID back to anyone. Your interests, your gun ownership, how many and what types of firearm you may or may not have is no-one's business but your own. So please, if you mail this in, no return addresses, no name or membership numbers on the pages. Just a few check marks or numbers and nothing more.)

Are you a gun owner? Yes No
 How many guns do you own? (Remember, this is completely anonymous)

- 1
- 2 - 6
- 7 - 12
- More than a dozen
- A whole lot more than a dozen.

Do you own: (Check as many as you have)
 Revolver

- Pistol
- .22 Semi-auto Rifle or Pistol
- Hunting rifle (from .30-30 to .450 Nitro Express and everything in between)
- Shotgun (for shot or slugs)
- Milsurp Rifle or Pistol
- Modern Sporting Rifle (in either .223, 5.56, etc.)
- Black Powder Hunting Rifle
- Black Powder Handgun

What calibers do you most often shoot? (Check top 3)

- .22
- .38 or .44 special
- .357 or .44 Magnum
- 9mm
- .40 S&W
- .45 ACP
- .380 ACP (or .25, .32 ACP)
- "Big game" loads
- Birdshot or target loads
- Slugs
- .223, 5.56, or .308
- Handloads of any caliber
- Other (45 Long Colt, 45-70, etc.)

What Kind of Shooting do you do? (Check all that apply)

- Competition** (If yes, continue)
- Cowboy Action
- Smallbore Rifle
- Pistol (.22, .38 or .45)
- Action (IDPA or USPSA)
- NRA sponsored
- Long Distance
- Milsurp (Rifle or Pistol)
- Trap, Skeet, or Sporting Clays
- Hunting** (If yes, continue)
- Elk, Deer, Bear, etc.
- Varmint
- Upland Bird
- Waterfowl
- Turkey
- Small Game
- Other Shooting** (If yes, continue)
- Practice for Personal Protection

Informal target
 Plinking
 I just like to shoot

I've taken a gun safety/hunter safety course:
 Yes No

Where do you shoot?
 I belong to a gun club (Private club or pay-a-monthly/annual fee and shoot)
 Range open to public (Pay a session fee and shoot)
 Anywhere I can (Public or private land that allows it)
 I hunt/shoot on public lands or with an owner's permission
 I own enough property to shoot in my back yard (Ya lucky dog).

Where was the last place you purchased a firearm:
Gun Store On Line Private Transfer (via an 01FFL of course) Gun Show

I'm a Collector: Yes No
I Collect: (Mark as many as apply)
 Specific brands (S&W, Beretta, Colt, etc.)
 Specific types or calibers of pistols (1911, Single Action Army, .38S&W)
 Specific types of rifles (Civil War, WWII, Mausers, Winchesters)
 Ammunition, gun-related ephemera, firearms books
 Other _____

How often do you shoot?
 Less than 1x/month
 1 to 2x/month
 More than 2x/month
 I hardly ever miss a week
 I just sight in for deer/elk season

My top 2 Reasons for joining WAC are:
 The GunNews Magazine
 "Free" entry to WAC gun shows
 Free table to sell stuff at WAC shows
 Show support for 2A gun rights
 Other
(explain) _____

I'd like to see the WAC offer (Looking for your ideas about what the WAC should offer members): _____

How likely are you to renew your membership? Very
 I'm considering it Won't
How long have you been a member? _____

How often do you visit the club website? (<https://washingtonarmscollectors.org/>) _____

What firearms-related topics would you like in the magazine? _____

What WAC "Gear" interests you: hats __, range bags __, decals __, Other (name) _____?

How did you hear about us? _____

How often do you attend our events? _____

Demographic Information (Remember this is an anonymous survey)
Age ____ Sex (this is not a yes/no question), ____ Male ____ Female, Occupation _____, Annual Income: ____ Under \$50,000 ____ \$50 -\$75,000, ____ \$75,000 - \$100,000, ____ \$100,000 - \$150,000, ____ +\$150,000
Education: ____ High School, ____ Some college or technical school, ____ Graduated College ____ Graduate School
I ____ Own ____ Rent my home. (_ I live in an RV parked on a Seattle street.)
I have a concealed carry permit: ____ Yes ____ No
I belong to the NRA ____ Yes ____ No

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Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. It will help us focus on the topics we include in our magazine and make the club more member-responsive. How to Return the Questionnaire: Fill out the survey as completely as you can, cut the completed survey from the magazine, put it in a stamped envelope and send it to:

**Washington Arms Collectors
WAC Questionnaire
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Sumner, WA 98390**

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WAC Nominations Open for Officers & Directors

This is your opportunity to participate in the management of the Washington Arms Collectors. Consider running for an open position or talk with fellow members who you may wish to nominate—ensure that they will accept the nomination. All Officer positions are open; three director positions are open. The following Officer and Director positions will expire in March 2022:

Directors:

Jim Weaver
Tani Iwashita
Karen Jennings

President: Bill Burris

Vice President: Boyd Kneeland

Secretary: Forbes Freeburg

Election Chair: Kate Freeburg

Washington Arms Collectors 2022 General Election Nomination Form

All director/officer nominations except Election Chair require that the nominee must have been a member in good standing since at least November 2018, and currently a resident of Washington State. Nominees for Election Chair need only be a current member in good standing.

The following member is hereby nominated for the position of (check one):

Director President Vice President Secretary Election Chair

member name/nominee	member number	email	telephone
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This nomination is being made by:

member name	member number	email	telephone
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Nomination seconded by:

member name	member number	email	telephone
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When completed, transmit this form or a digital copy to the WAC office via email (office@washingtonarmscollectors.org) or by postal mail to PO Box 400, Sumner, WA 98390. It may also be delivered in person to the WAC nominations meeting on December 12, at 12:00 noon.

The Spirit of Christmas

Gifting Firearms

In the “classic” movie comedy “A Christmas Story”, there’s only one thing Ralphie really wants for Christmas—the Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Even though mom warns, “you’ll shoot your eye out,” Ralphie does get his rifle. Firearms—toy, air and real—have always been special gifts and this year doesn’t have to be any different. A modest proposal...give a gun for Christmas.

Gun-giving can be a form of resistance. Now more than ever, shooting sports are under attack. Joining in the chorus of “you’ll shoot your eye out” are various gun control groups, the medical profession, Hollywood, and politicians looking for an issue. Of course these groups have no history of firearm safety, have never acted to protect children with safety classes, and have not a clue as to safe firearm handling. On the other hand, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the National Rifle Association and nearly every public and private shooting range have a long history of providing firearm safety training.

Gifting a firearm is one way to counter the ritual condemnations of the rabid anti-gunners while passing our firearm enthusiasm on to children, relatives and friends.

Can you give away a firearm?

The short answer is “yes.” There are right and wrong ways to do it. There’s common sense and then there’s the law; the two even sometimes coincide.

We all know that in some of our larger Northwest cities only felons are allowed to possess and carry firearms while committing crimes—they can be arrested and released without prosecution for their gun crimes. But for the rest of us the law is clear: A convicted felon may not possess firearms and you cannot give a firearm to such a criminal. There is a lot of detail in RCW 9.41 on who may and may not possess firearms. Included in the bans are felons and those with outstanding warrants, the criminally insane, stalkers, those under a protection order that prohibits possession, those who’ve been court ordered to surrender firearms, those committed involuntarily to mental health treatment, those charged with certain serious offenses, etc. The law and common sense agree—one should not, even temporarily, give a firearm to a criminal, or mentally ill person.

What the law doesn’t cover, your good judgment will. Go beyond the requirements of the law and make a decision as to whether a person can be trusted with a firearm; we all know very nice, irresponsible, clumsy or mentally challenged people who should not drive, use kitchen utensils or handle firearms. And I sure wouldn’t hand a firearm to anyone who might be drug impaired;



while you might be able to spot a drunk, a “legal” marijuana user can’t be trusted with a firearm and someone under the influence of prescription sleeping or mood altering drugs is a risk. Those with temporary mental disturbance and suicidal tendencies should be recognized. Make no transfers that will put life in jeopardy.

Firearm Gifts—the Law

Rifles, shotguns, pistols—they can all be gifted to those within your family. You can check it out at RCW 9.41.113—“A transfer between immediate family members, which for this subsection shall be limited to spouses, domestic partners, parents, parents-in-law, children, siblings, siblings-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, first cousins, aunts, and uncles, that is a bona fide gift or loan.” This is the law that exempts from dealer transfer requirements those gifts made to family members.

Let’s say that your brother-in-law has lusted after one of the fine hunting rifles in your collection. Surprise him by gifting it at Christmas (come on, you know it hasn’t been out of the safe in years). Yes, he is a “sibling-in-law.” All these gifts to family as described above can be done directly.

The laws on gifting firearms are reasonable and don’t require that you do such a transfer through a Federal Firearms dealer (FFL). Shall I repeat that? Don’t go to an FFL to pay for a transfer for a gift to a family member. I would make a note in personal inventory records of when and to whom the firearm was given.

We should note that giving is not a one-way proposition; those grown children might be in a financial position to gift a firearm to a parent. It’s perfectly legal and does not require an FFL dealer transfer. I have several firearms on my Christmas list; we’ll see if my son comes through.

Children

We’re talking about gifting so we should look at the special requirements for minor children and firearms. These are not prohibitions on gifting but rather on how and where a minor may use a firearm. A minor child, is

someone under age 18. RCW 9.41.040 prohibits possession of firearms by juveniles but then refers to RCW 9.41.042 and that's where we find the circumstances in which a minor may possess a firearm: "In an area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted, is not trespassing, and the person either: (a) Is at least fourteen years of age, has been issued a hunter safety certificate, and is using a lawful firearm other than a pistol; or (b) is under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or other adult approved for the purpose by the parent or guardian."

There are other special circumstances listed in RCW 9.41.060 when/where "any person" may possess a firearm including:

- Target practice, a firearm safety course or Hunter Safety course,
- practice at an established range,
- hunting,
- competitive shooting,
- on a parent's or guardian's property.

Note that this is all about possession—there is nothing that prohibits making a gift of a firearm but you must be aware that actual access to and use of the firearm may require safe storage, supervision or other special circumstances. The law, when addressing juvenile possession, makes no distinction between rifles, shotguns or pistols. There's always more in the RCW so look it up in 9.41.

Wrap up that neat .22 rimfire rifle or that first hunting rifle and put it under the tree. Yes, you can give your children firearms. Here's the neat thing—you can do this just like the old days.

Semiauto Rifles and "Children"

As most are aware voters in the state of Washington think that a .22 rimfire semiauto is an "assault rifle"—they have defined it so—the age of possession is now 21. Prohibitions in RCW 9.41.240 treat those age 18-21 as children. Let's be totally clear—the law prohibits any dealer transfer of semiautos to anyone under 21. This has nothing to do with gifting; within the family group described above, all legal firearms may be given as "bonafide gifts."

How would a legally gifted semiauto rifle be used by a person under age 21? Well, the exceptions are as important as the prohibitions and we should know and apply them. These exceptions on possession of semiauto rifles are found in RCW 9.41.060 and RCW 9.41.042 and include:

- "Regularly enrolled" members of "clubs organized for the purpose of target shooting, when those members are at or are going to or from their places of target practice" and,
- "Regularly enrolled members of clubs organized for the purpose of modern and antique firearm collecting, when those members are at or are going to or from their

collector's gun shows and exhibits" (read that as the Washington Arms Collectors!).

Furthermore, semiauto rifles may be possessed by "Any person engaging in a lawful outdoor recreational activity such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, or horseback riding." (RCW 9.41.060)

Children and those under age 21 are allowed to possess semiauto rifles in those circumstances quoted above. Gifting of semiauto rifles within the family group defined in law is exempt from the restrictions imposed at an FFL dealer. Giving a semiauto rifle to a family member does not require either an "assault rifle" training certificate or registration with the state—these requirements are all imposed on dealers, not on those who are legally entitled to gift a firearm. The same is true of pistols.

Federal Laws Apply

Beware of violating Federal laws that prohibit "straw purchases." A straw purchase is one in which the buyer is not the "actual transferee/buyer." This might appear to prevent an adult from buying a new firearm and giving it to his child. But...the ATF states in their Q&A: "May a parent or guardian purchase firearms or ammunition as a gift for a juvenile (less than 18 years of age)? Yes. However, persons less than 18 years of age may only receive and possess handguns with the written permission of a parent or guardian for limited purposes, e.g., employment, ranching, farming, target practice or hunting." While the bulk of the ATF "answer" is about handguns, the real answer is the single word—"yes." If one were to buy a firearm intended as a gift then you are the actual buyer. Because it is possible that the ATF might view the purchase and immediate gifting as a straw purchase, the National Shooting Sports Foundation published a conservative statement: "...if you want to give someone a new firearm, rather than going to a gun store, buying it on your own and giving it to, say, your father, consider instead purchasing a gift certificate from that retailer and giving it to dad as his present." Note that we're talking about new guns here, not those from your collection.

Other Gifts

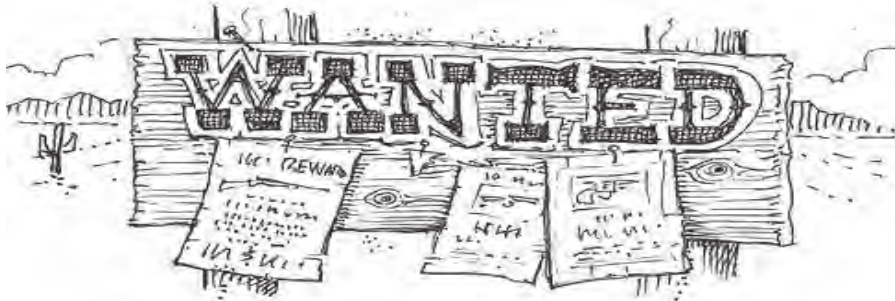
For those who already own all the firearms they desire, a gift certificate to advanced training may be just the incentive needed to advance a person's gun-handling skills. A membership to the Washington Arms Collectors would make a wonderful gift, as would membership in a firing range. A truly great gift would be a gun safe or lock box. Be creative—there are lots of ways to promote the shooting sports while giving gifts of real value.

This is not legal advice—read the law and/or seek legal counsel

By The Editor

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FOR SALE: M1 Carbine, INLAND (C & R eligible), five magazines plus 400 rounds—\$1200. Chinese SKS Type 56(C & R eligible), 7.62 X 39 with Bugbuster 3X9 scope, includes 380 rounds—\$700. Romanian Tokarev Automatic (C & R eligible) 7.62 X 25 with three magazines, includes 280 rounds—\$500. West German ATI GSG M1911 .22 LR—\$300. Allen: email allenmichler@aol.com or call 253-631-1004.

FOR SALE: Selling a left-hand Steyr AUG A3-M3 rifle in Mud color with long upper rail. The Rifle can be easily converted to a right-hand bolt available directly from Steyr. Condition is mint and comes with box, manual & 3 magazines—asking \$1800. Contact Steve @ 360-491-3608 or sbloom@theolympian.com

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FOR SALE: Cowboy leather gear, 7 new items made by oldwestreproductions.com, never worn, #34 Wyoming holster for 5 ½ in. revolver—\$135, matching #24 revolver money cartridge belt, .38/.357 loops—\$200, #40 Territory holster for 5 ½ in. gun—\$135, #78 wrist cuffs—\$100, #19B rifle and pistol cartridge belt .45-70 + .45 colt loops—\$185, #80 shotshell belt slide, 4 rounds 12 ga—\$55, #70 SASS badge holder—\$50. Crosman CO2 pellet pistol model 2240 w/3 modifications, 14 in. barrel, power mod adjuster, polished sear—\$150, Another Crosman 2240 w/3 mods, 14 in. barrel, trigger shoe, polished sear—\$150. Larry, 206-285-8140.

FOR SALE: 300 rounds Match 7.62x51 ammo - 260 rounds Black Hills 175 HPBT, 40 rounds Federal 168 HPBT, all factory original, no reloads, in original boxes—\$425 F2F. Call 253-229-1591 or email derek@smithandwhite.com.

FOR SALE: Weatherby Vanguard .300 Win Mag. Approx. 1977, light color stock dark forend, I think this is VG condition, bolt recall completed, 3-9X Weaver Scope from early 70's, crosshair reticle—\$800+ transfer. Remington Model 600, 6mm, VG condition, less some scratches to the stock, Pachmayr Decelerator pad, recall to the bolt/safety allows unloading while the safety is on, Bushnell Sportview Scope 4X Duplex Reticle (Mid 70's), includes second stock cut down about 1" for use by smaller persons and 2nd stock has been refinished and has a large chip out of the lower butt of the stock, repaired with wood filler and covered with a slip on recoil pad, 1967 MFG, should be C&R Eligible—\$600 + transfer. JC Higgins Model 20 12 Ga pump action, Model 583.58 Vent Rib, Power Pac

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Gun Rights lost from old convictions

You may be eligible to get your gun rights restored, juvenile records sealed & adult convictions vacated. Email me and I will confidentially review your record. Please include:

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- Whether you were denied a purchase or CPL
- Your DOB and Full Name (and prior names)
- Your non-work email & phone number
- Mention this ad

Attn FFLs: copy this ad for your denied customers or feel free to email me for some business cards.



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Not Guilty jury verdicts from DUI to Murder 1

Choke System – includes MidRange Choke, approx. 1950 mfg., Very Good condition for age, minor rub marks on metal slides of action, C&R eligible—\$200+ Transfer. Location – Tricities WA Area. Have located an FFL that transfers reasonably. Text or Email Jeff 509-530-5389; jeffmcpa1@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Cabela's "Hawken" percussion black powder rifle, .50 caliber, made in Italy, left hand (hammer on left, small right side cheekpiece), very clean, attractive walnut stock, no rust, bore excellent, original box, manual, other paperwork, also includes 300+ Speer balls, 2+ lbs Hodgdon Pyrodex RS, some patches, percussion caps, ball starter, fiberglass ramrod, T/C #13 bore cleaner—\$325. Steve. text 253-732-8753, or email, sbhighpower@mytangledweb.com

FOR SALE: .44 Special brass; new Starline brass, factory box of 500—\$150. .38-55 2.125" long new Starline brass—\$0.70 each. Norman, 206.786.7695 or email normfos@comcast.net.

WANTED : Webley Revolvers MK I, MK II or MK III in .455 Cal. Original condition. Parts OK as well. Anthony, 425.205.5558, Call or Text.

FOR SALE: Christmas is coming! Ruger Super Blackhawk Alaskan in .454 Casull. 2 3/8 inch barrel. Beautiful stainless, like new. Factory plastic case and case candy. Ammo available for purchase—\$1,400. Remington Model 700 (1968) in 30/06. 22 inch barrel, Leupold 3-9X and iron sights, lustrous blue, very few rounds shot, overmolded black synthetic stock along with pristine walnut factory stock, factory box and aftermarket plastic case, ammo available for purchase—\$1,500. Anthony, Seattle, 425.205.5558 Call/VM or Text OK.

WANTED: Ruger Model M77 or M77/Mk2 left hand action. For a rebuild, but will consider a complete rifle. Mowrey black powder rifle. Dan 509-293-3510 Dan 509-293-3510, email ridinghides@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Hollywood Senior Turret heavy duty loading press. This press is a solid cast iron machined press of very high quality. It is an 8 station press with 4 1 1/2 x 50, for BMG and shotgun shells, and 4 7/8x14, for standard dies. Included is a full set of 12 gauge dies and shell holder, a set of period correct RCBS 30-06 dies and a single "Ashurst" die for some sort of 270 type round that I think they made as a part of a series of wildcat type rounds. This machine is large and heavy. Probably about 1970? Asking \$500. Please text TC at 360-631-0802.

FOR SALE: Magazines: 5 new Ruger Mini-30 (AK round) mags, 20 rd. capacity—\$35 each. 5 as-new

FNAR Scout Rifle factory .308 mags, 20 rd.—\$70 each. 8 as-new clear plastic Remington 597 22 semi-auto mags. 30 rd. capacity—\$30 each. 4 new H & K mags for P7—\$120 each. Phone Robert in Seattle 206-909-7189.

FOR SALE: Beretta A400 XPLORE 12 ga. 3.5" Magnum semi-auto, wood stock, rib, chokes, recoil reducer, case, beautiful, as-new—\$1,250. FN Browning A5 12 ga., 3" Mag. Humpback semi-auto, classic in V.G. condition, ribbed 29" bbl.—\$795. Ithaca Model 37 12 ga. pump with PolyChoke, light field gun in VG condition—\$500. Mossberg 500C Youth Model 20 ga. pump in excellent condition—\$275. Phone Robert in Seattle 206-909-7189.

FOR SALE: Pellet pistol for sale, vintage Crosman CO-2 22 cal pistol, model 110- \$50. You can call me — 206-962-7952. Dave.

FOR SALE: Remington Model 81 in .300 Savage, including factory stripper clip, RCBS Dies and brass—\$400. Franchi Alcione Classic Field Over&Under 12 ga. original box, chokes, paperwork plus 2 Briley Skeet choke tubes—\$800. Barrel for a Swedish AG-42B New—\$125. Jon, 253-740-2175.


FOR SALE: New Cabelas(Bear) Optimus compound bow. DL 24.5-31.5. SL: 93.5 BCL 33.5 PW 70. \$300 or trade for gun or ammo. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: NIB Kestral 5700 w/Hornady 4DPF Ballistic Calculator—\$400/trade? Single Stage NIB RCBS Rock Chucker reloading kit—\$375. NIB 6.8 SPC ammo—\$20 a box/trade? Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Pistol sale. All are EXC-ANIB condition: Shield EZ 380, Kahrs, XD's/XDM's, MP9c, MP40c, Glock 27s. Bolt Action/Lever Action (including JM Marlins) skeleton stocked Ruger rifles for sale. 4 Digit SN prewar DCM Garand-No gas trap so obviously rebuilt—\$4,500. NIB Stainless/Synthetic Mini 14 Ranch Rifle—\$950. Transfer done at South Sound Guns in Lacey. Glen at kalenas@comcast.net

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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#:
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip:	Phone#	
E-Mail: (We will not share this with anyone.)				DL# Drivers License#	Exp. Date:	
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				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				
** SEE THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND YOUR REQUIREMENTS **						

**** 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: _____

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NEW—Members-Only Hours, 9a.m.—10a.m., Saturday & Sunday

Non-members and expired members enter at 10 a.m.

- Dec 11-12—Puyallup, WA State Fairgrounds, WAC
- Feb 26-27—Puyallup, WA State Fairgrounds, WAC
- Mar 5-6—Monroe, WA, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, WAC
- May 21-22—Puyallup, WA State Fairgrounds, WAC

Washington Arms Collectors



2022

 Gun Show Schedule

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OFFICE: (425) 255-8410

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Feb.	26 & 27	Puy. Pav.
Mar.	05 & 06	Monroe
May	21 & 22	Puy. Pav.
July	16 & 17	Elma
Sept.	17 & 18	Monroe
Oct.	29 & 30	Puy. Pav.
Nov.	12 & 13	Elma
Dec.	10 & 11	Puy. Pav.
Dec.	17 & 18	Monroe

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.

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

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