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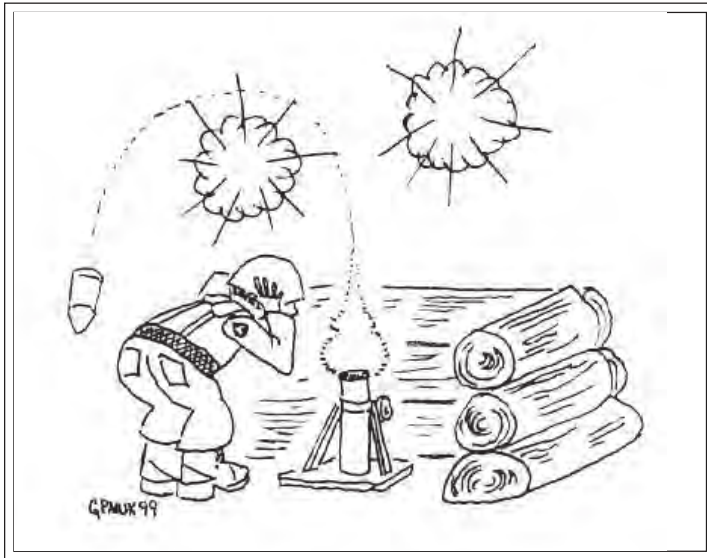
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## SHORT ROUNDS



**1952–2022**

### **70 Years for Collectors Holding the line for 70 Years**

**Our New Cover**—Bill Hunt gives our cover an outstanding new look for the WAC 70th anniversary. 70 years is a durability to be celebrated.

During the December Display Show, member Steven Blacksten included a small booklet in his display of Smith & Wesson single shot target pistols—the 1952 published WAC roster. What a reminder to me that the WAC started as a small group of dedicated collectors, meeting to share their interests. That hasn't changed. Over the years we evolved into an operation with much broader appeal but many more challenges. I see 2022 as the year to rebuild, re-focus on our priorities, recruit new members and carry on the tradition. The question is—how will we do that?

There are as many opinions as Members, so don't take my thoughts as the only way forward. I see a smaller, more efficient WAC, more frequent small shows, an annual Outdoor/Firearm/Knife show with plenty of manufacturer reps.

You'll note the emphasis on the Curio & Relic license in this issue; I also believe that the C&R can be central to successful collecting and that the WAC should be "C&R Central" in the Northwest.

Happy New Year—*Phil Shave, Editor*

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## **WAC Board Minutes**

### **November 2021**

**By Forbes Freeburg, Secretary**

Pre-meeting business:

November 01 - Motion by Director Jennings to accept the October, 2021 BoD meeting minutes as presented  
Second by Director Ripley

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

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

No vote received: Directors Iwashita, Wegner

Motion passed

November 03 - Bookkeeper Hinckley presents the post-show analysis for the September Monroe show in a new format (email). Post-show analyses were previously delivered to the Board as in-person presentations during monthly WAC Board meetings. The new format uses email as the delivery medium, and presents the most requested data in a multi-page report. The intent of the new reporting format is to increase visibility in areas of financial opportunity. Financial performance for the September Monroe show came in at a \$6.8K loss. The most comparable show in recent months was the Monroe show in September, 2019; that show had a loss of \$3.2K (and a facility rental cost that was \$3K lower than in 2021).

November 04 - Secretary Freeburg issues a call to the Board for any Bylaws updates to be incorporated into the WAC Bylaws during the 2022 general election.

November 11 - Secretary Freeburg presents a summarized list of proposed Bylaws updates to the Board for review.

November 13 - Motion by Director Bramhall to accept the proposed Bylaw changes as permanent changes to the Bylaws

Second by Director Iwashita

Votes for: Directors Iwashita, Weaver, Wegner

Votes against: Directors Hubbard, Jennings, Palmer, Ripley, Rodabaugh

Abstain: none

No vote received: Director Bramhall

Motion failed

November 30 - Treasurer Henson presents the Financial Report for September, 2021 to the Board via email. The WAC has had two revenue events (shows) so far during 2021; there were no corresponding shows during 2020, and the monthly losses during 2021 are less than those

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## Legislation & Politics



**Joe Waldron**  
Legislative Chairman

### LEGISLATURE CONVENES 10 JANUARY

It's a new year, and like most years, it has good things and bad things. The 2022 regular Washington legislative session convenes on Monday, 10 January. The good news is that it's the short session, only 60 days to do what damage they will. The bad news is that nothing has changed from last year. Democrats still hold majorities in BOTH chambers, 57-41 in the House and 28-21 in the Senate.

Before I get to bill numbers, an observation on how things MIGHT play out in Olympia this year. 2022 is an election year. We have a Democrat administration in the other Washington as well as in Olympia. Historically, the party of the president in power takes a beating in the mid-term elections, to the tune of 30+ seats lost. Ask Bill Clinton what happened in the 1994 mid-term election. Or Mike Lowry. Anything more than a five seat loss in the House this year, one seat in the Senate, means the Democrats lost control on Capitol Hill. They are very well aware of that.

This opens one of two doors to them: They either push all out on their liberal agenda, including gun control, in hopes of retaining control, or they take the cautious approach and hold back rather than alienate voters. We'll know over the next 10 months.

All of the bills filed last year that were not passed come alive again. Two bad bills passed, SB 5038 (open carry of weapons at public events) and HB 1054 (peace officer tactics and equipment) passed and were signed into law by Governor Inslee. Ten bad holdovers from last session remain, as well as four good gun bills and two neutral bills. They are:

**BAD**

- HB 1283, Criminal mischief/weapons
- HB 1038, Firearm possession in certain crimes
- HB 1134, Forfeited firearms, mandatory destruction by WSP
- HB 1164, SB 5078, "Firearm safety" (magazine ban)
- HB 1229, SB 5217, Assault weapons ban
- HB 1234, Banning weapons in government buildings
- HB 1313, Local government gun regulation – repeal of state preemption

HB 1169, Sentencing enhancements  
**GOOD**

HB 1181, Veteran/military suicide prevention

HB 1224, Legalizing spring-blade knives

SB 5095, Pistol license records

SB 5187, Clay targets sales tax exemption  
**NEUTRAL**

HB 1026, Firearm rights restoration

HB 1133, Lost or stolen firearms

Curtis Bingham will once again be providing bill tracking updates, via the Washington 2022 Legislative Action Group on Facebook (until Facebook slows or shuts him down) and the Washington Civil Rights Association by e-mail at [wacivilrights.org](mailto:wacivilrights.org).

### PRE-FILED BILLS

As of this writing, two new gun related bills have been filed in Olympia. HB 1618, by Reps. April Berg (D-44) and Tara Senn (D-41), would prohibit possession of ANY weapon, to include firearms (even with a CPL) at any place involved in the election process: polling places, ballot collection and counting sites, election offices, etc. Violation is a gross misdemeanor and if a firearm is involved by a licensed individual, his or her CPL will be revoked for three years.

SB 5491, by Sens. Pedersen (D-43) and Rivers (R-18), addresses voluntary waiver of firearm rights for individuals.

Bill information can be found at <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>. It has several subcategories to include bill listing by topic, bill tracking (you can sign up to receive tracking information), bill text, bill status, etc.

### GRASSROOTS LOBBYING

I've covered the issue of "contract" (or paid) lobbyists versus "grassroots lobbyists" before. There are a small handful of contract lobbyists out there protecting the rights of gun owners, backed by millions (hopefully) of individual gun owners, ready and willing to communicate with their elected officials. Grassroots lobbyists.

Well, it's time for the rubber to hit the road. Do you know who your House members are? Your Senator? This is the web site to visit to learn who they are: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>. And if you click on their name, it will take you to the information you need to get in touch with them.

Remember, you're the expert, NOT the legislator. Many of them are lucky if they know which end of the gun the bullet comes out of! And most don't

realize the impact – or the intent – behind most gun control laws. They have zero appreciation that we have nearly 400 million guns in circulation in the U.S. (by ATF estimate) and just over 10,000 gun homicides. A fraction of a fraction of a fraction of guns are used in homicides, or in any crime, for that matter..

If you haven't already been in touch with your legislators, NOW is the time to start. Give them a call, send them an e-mail or a letter. Ask them to keep you informed on pending gun bills. That's one of their duties as YOUR elected official. Ask them where they stand of the bills and why? The gun issue is full of misinformation, most of it generated by the disarmament lobby and passed around by the ignorant media.

Inform them of the truth. It's out there, mostly from a variety of gun rights organizations: the National Rifle Association, Washington's own Second Amendment Foundation and Citizens Committee for the right to Keep and Bear Arms (in the interests of full disclosure, I was a SAF employee for two years, executive director of CCRKBA for nine years, and I'm currently on their board of directors), Gun Owners of America at the national level and local groups as well. Your gun club can also affiliate with these groups and get information.

### **MURDER, INCORPORATED**

It's mid-December and already 12 major US cities have broken their annual homicide records. (Including neighboring Portland.) In the US overall, homicide is up nearly 30%. How can that be with the covid pandemic and all the lockdowns? First, lockdowns don't help, as far as homicide goes. Enclosed living, no way to let off steam, tempers flare... and BOOM! The same is true of domestic violence in general.

Another major factor, not only in homicide, is the raids, literally invasions, of high end stores in major cities. The newest hobby appears to be crime sprees, organized gangs of shoplifters and simple thieves hitting stores. Why not? They're rarely caught when it's a dozen or twenty rampaging through a store. They're all wearing masks, just like many other people. And when they are caught, they're released almost immediately with the no-bail policies in force in many cities – it's not fair to impose bail, you know.

Since the George Floyd incident we've seen a general decline in support for law enforcement, and law enforcement officers feel that. Cops are quitting all over the country, or leaving big cities for smaller ones. I don't see this changing any time soon. Until

the public wakes up and demands laws be upheld – and perpetrators receive appropriate punishment, not a slap of the wrist. There SHOULD be consequences for criminal behavior. And NO, it's not “all covered by insurance, anyway.”

### **SENATOR SAYS HE HAS THE VOTES**

A few gun control bills have passed the House in the past year, but all are dead on arrival in the Senate. Why? Democrats have 50 Senators PLUS Vice President Harris to cast the deciding vote. But before a bill can move to the floor for a vote, it has to pass what is called a “cloture vote” to end debate on that bill. And cloture requires SIXTY votes.

Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) says he has enough Republican votes to pass his favorite gun control bill: universal background checks. And he claims that not only will Republicans support it, he says Republican voters and even NRA members support it. Could that possibly be true?

Background checks have been around in one form or another for decades. They sound good. Have they blocked some people who shouldn't have guns from getting them? Yes and no. If a criminal can't buy guns in a gun shop, he turns to relatives (so-called straw purchases, a felony), or to the street. Any criminal who wants a gun will not be deterred by ANY law. That's why they're called criminals.

So why not universal background checks? Because they are classic bait and switch. A major violation of truth in advertising. The true goal of universal background checks is to get a paper trail – a federal paper trail – on every firearm transferred. In other words, gun registration. Sure, it won't happen overnight. But in a generation, there it is. And who has access to that federal paperwork? Government agents (not just ATF). The Form 4473 you fill out, the dealer's bound book (which must be surrendered to the government when the license lapses), all there in black and white.

I've mentioned this before, so why bring it up again? Because this or similar bills are likely to rise again, soon, and you need this information when you write to your elected officials (grassroots lobbying, again) and explain why such a good idea isn't such a good idea after all. Remember, no general firearm confiscation program can succeed unless they know where (most of) the guns are.

### **NYSRPA v BRUEN**

Nothing new on the Supreme Court Second Amendment case at the Supreme Court. And we

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENDEGER

In a couple days all the big game hunting will be over for 2021 with only the grouse season remaining, closing in about 3 weeks. (Writing this on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December) I didn't harvest a deer or elk this year, but more about that later.

I saw few grouse this year and decided to forego harvesting them, hopefully leaving them for next year's breed stock.

We had the Monroe Show about a month ago and for those not attending, you screwed up. As you know, I'm not a fan of the "Black Guns" and that show had very few seen, and the "dealers" for black guns weren't there. However, although the show was light in table count, the deals were there especially in old wooden stocked stuff. It was almost like the old days, with the C&R License holders having a field day. For those license holders however, the purchase must be for your own collection, not for immediate resale.

I noted a few new vendors, also, loving the sales, purchases and trading. Sure, a couple tables looked like a garage sale, but at this point the club benefits from the table rent and the attendees aren't paying to see a half full building.

Sure, we are all concerned with the Covid situation and the Fairgrounds insists/requires that all wear a mask. Although a few vendors drop it to expose their nose. (Probably the only time they actually breathe through their nose.) So, if you haven't been to a recent Gun Show, mask up and stop by.

At Monroe, I was approached by a young fella who stated he always hunts the muzzle loading season for the usually nice dry weather and of course, fewer hunters. This year however it rained so recalling my advice, he did a light cellophane wrap to cover the action/nipple area of his rifle, plus a toy balloon over the muzzle. Yup, scored a really nice blacktail buck.

FYI, there are weatherproof (?) nipples available, such as a little neoprene O-ring model that is then covered with a brass cap/cover. Yeah, for about 15-16 bucks. Also, since the state in all their wisdom (HA) now allows nipples with small pistol primers, these reduce chances of rain killing the ignition, but again not 100%. I've seen guys with a big gob of candle wax covering the nipple area. These guys are probably the same ones putting their gob of chewing gum under the edge of the table, too. I know of a few who then use a piece of black electrician's tape or masking tape over the muzzle. Yeah, better than a cork, but for about 4 bucks you can buy a pack of ten muzzle covers at most sporting goods stores, should your kid refuse to part with any balloons. In the past I've covered the nipple with a valve cap, the plastic kind, from a tire valve stem. This means you don't need to rely on the half cock hammer positions, but rest the hammer on the cap.

Sorry, my train of thought was broken by the mailman arriving with the latest *GunNews* magazine. Yup, read my column, then the want ads, then the featured stuff. Very interesting stuff. Those of us having the very basic drill press, metal lathe and milling machine can't help being envious of Clint Beyer's machinery and skills.

Years ago when black powder revolver conversion cylinders came on the market, I was fortunate enough to take one in trade for an 1858 Remington in .44 caliber. This cylinder is one that requires removal to reload and then insert again. After a bit of revolver machining I had a permanent install of the cylinder. (This makes the the "antique" replica into a real gun, no longer a black powder non-gun, by ATF ruling.)

On the mill, it takes about 10-12 minutes to complete. An older fella asked if I could modify his 1858 but I had to turn him down as I'd need a manufacturing license to be legal. At the next show he showed me the results of his drill press



and lots of round file work. Yeah, it took him a few hours but he did a very nice job. Point is, that you don't need expensive machinery to hire somebody else to do minor gun work. As we were talking, he mentioned that he thinks it's a total waste of time, watching the overpaid sports figures who have multiple girlfriends, get arrested for beating their wives, get arrested for DUI and crash their Mercedes or Lamborghini. (You figure out who they are).

Oh, FYI, should you have one of these modified black powder revolvers that accept the cartridge conversion cylinders and you decide to sell it with only the percussion cylinder, it is still considered and classified as a gun, with Modern gun rules applying. On the other hand, an unmodified black powder revolver with its percussion cylinder doesn't require any FFL paperwork. You can always buy the cartridge conversion cylinder later but don't buy and sell cartridge firearms as if they're blackpowder exempt.

Okay, time to get back to the woods and hunting. As you recall either last year or the one before, I'd done some cold/wet weather camping with a Mother and her daughter, visiting from Southern California. They were so impressed with Washington they decided to visit again for muzzle loading elk season. They both related that hunting in California, modern season deer, is taking a risk of getting shot; the hunters are crazy.

They'd called here asking that I fix them up with rifles and all the gear needed for a hunt, muzzle loader- late elk, having truly been impressed with my little .32 when they last visited. Anyway, the mother bought a .54 Hawken, her daughter a Hawken .50. Then came the request to tag along when/where I was going. Hey, I couldn't say "no", they having just left close to 800 bucks with me.

As you know, here in S.W. Washington almost all private timber land is still huntable but it is closed to all vehicle traffic, evidenced by all the big yellow gates and signs. Where I'd planned on hunting it was a 1-1/2 – 2 mile hike, all uphill. Yup, they were game for a 3-4 day/night hunt and had a tent and grub, etc. Having been hunting this area for years, I'd made friends with one of the land

owner's supervisors who stated he'd be available to haul out any game (for a steak or two).

We hiked in and set up camp just back in the timber, with a good view of about 300 acres of logged area, from maybe 3 years earlier. Day one was uneventful with some drizzle and light snow, day two was the same, but was started with a nice fire and feed, provided by the women. The evening meal was equally good with them doing everything. I could get used to this, with daylight savings and it getting dark about 4:30 – 4:45ish. It means about 3:30 in the woods. Darkness falls so quickly, you can almost hear a "thud."

On day three, with the breakfast they fixed, I had a can of pork and beans. So along with the grunts and mews used to call elk, I figured I would throw in another two or so sounds.

We'd separated with me working the timberline heading for a ridge about a quarter mile away, approx 3200 ft., with light snow, no wind. I spotted four or five animals but the closest I could get was about 75-80 yards and I won't take a shot over about 50 yards. I want to guarantee a first shot to "put them down" and will pass over that distance. They spotted me and vanished.

About 2:30 or so I heard a shot and headed in the direction. This late hunt called for a 3 point minimum bull or antlerless. Yup, the mother had a nice 4x4 on the ground. We field dressed it there, skinned it and bagged it. We had minimum cell phone coverage but enough to call my friend who came up the next morning to haul us out. Yeah, we'd quartered the animal and were able to haul it off the ground.

With the supper meal, of course, there was some heart and liver. Yum, yum.

Ever see somebody with such a big smile the corners of their mouth almost touching behind their head? Yup, times two.

Day four, heading back to civilization and the increasing traffic. Yuk!

Oh well, Puyallup Show in a week from now. See you there.

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# The Mauser Firearm Empire

## ...the innovators who contributed...and the American who once owned all the Mauser Patents

By Richard Six, WAC

**T**he Mauser firearm history is one of successful design and manufacturing prowess but few know that the Mauser brothers almost went bankrupt and were saved by an American salesman who worked for one of their competitors. If this salesman had been patient, he would have owned one of the most successful gun companies in history.

The Mauser name is widely respected in the firearms field; if it were word association, when someone says “Mauser” we would respond “bolt action.” Mauser bolt actions were used by militaries throughout the world. In fact, most of us own either a genuine Mauser or other copy in our collections. So, let’s focus on the bolt action rifles. The success of the Mauser firearms did not happen in a single act of creative genius or through a single invention; rather, it was the result of a series of innovations. To examine the rise of the Mauser Empire we need to look back in history to some key inventors whose genius contributed and led to the Mauser improvements of military rifles.

### The Needle Gun

In 1840 Johann Nicolaus von Dreyse invented the needle gun and presented it to the Prussian Army. The needle gun applied the bolt action to close the breech but did not resemble modern day bolt action rifles. The gun used a needle in the bolt which pierced a paper cartridge containing black powder and hit a percussion cap on the back of a bullet. The rifle’s simple construction made it easy to clean and in operation the needle could be replaced without dismantling the bolt mechanism. The Dreyse rifle was a significant -improvement over muzzle loading rifles as the rate of fire was 10-12 rounds per minute compared to 2-3 rounds of a muzzle loader. Muzzle velocity was 1000 FPS and range was 600 yards. Often overlooked is the huge advantage that this system offered—the needle

**Right**—Johann Nicolaus von Dreyse, creator of the bolt action needle gun. But it was still blackpowder and used a paper cartridge. Photo by Herman Levinthal, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.



rifle enabled riflemen to reload without standing and exposing themselves to return fire.

The Prussian Army used the Model 1841 Dreyse Needle rifle until 1871 when it was replaced by the Mauser model 1871 centerfire rifle. Acceptance of the Mauser model 1871 as the German military weapon was the first significant step in a series of Mauser bolt action rifles. While the Mauser firearms built on other inventions, Mauser engineering and design ensured their practical application. In order for the model 1871 to exist, several other developments by other inventors were necessary.

### Metallic Cartridges

1845 was a major milestone in rifle development. Louis-Nicolas Flobert from Paris, France invented the first rimfire cartridge. Flobert combined a single metal cartridge containing a percussion cap, black powder, and a bullet. Before this a





**Above**—The Mauser brothers would be amazed; in 2021 you can still buy a Mauser bolt action rifle and this one is made by Mauser. Mauser.com photo.



**Right**—Louis-Nicolas Flobert, inventor of the first metallic cartridge. Photo in public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

**Left**—Antoine Chassepot who invented an improved version of the needle gun. Image by unknown, public domain via Wikimedia Commons.



**Flobert-Gewehr** (Vogel-flinte)

Ganze Länge 75 cm, mit Patronenauswerfer, poliertem Nussholzbackenschaft, Vorderschaft, Sicherheitsverschluss, Cal. 6 mm, **Mark 6.** — per Stück, Porto 50 Pfennige, Kugelpatronen 100 Stück **Mk. 0.70**, Schrotpatronen **Mk. 1.80.**

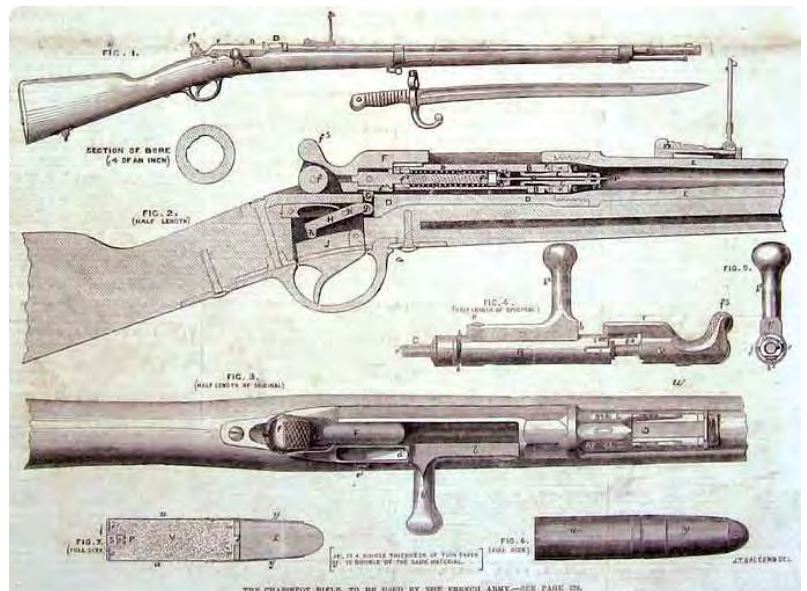
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**Above**—An ad for the Flobert metallic cartridge rifle. Image with permission of Creative Commons Attribution--Share Alike 3.0 unported (Belgian Rifle 1903)

**Right**—Diagram of the Chassepot rifle. The detail of the needle firing system and bolt action are illustrated. We can see the origins of the bolt action rifle.

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“cartridge” was simply a cloth or rolled paper cylinder which also acted as wadding for the charge and ball. His French 6mm Flobert cartridge was also known as:

22 BB Cap 1845

22 CB Cap 1888

1855 brought rifle cartridges into the modern age. Clement Pottet, a French inventor had created the first true center fire cartridge in 1829 and perfected it in 1855. Improvements were made to the cartridge concept by a whole series of inventors including the following:

- Benjamin Houllier
- Gastine Renette
- Charles Lancaster
- George Morse
- Francois Schneider
- Hiram Berdan
- Edward Mounier Boxer

### **Successful Repeating Rifles**

The year 1860 brought another major milestone in rifle development and this time it came from the United States. The Spencer rifle and carbine was the world’s first military metallic cartridge repeating rifle. Invented in 1860, the rifle and its carbine version saw action during the civil war. Production by Spencer and Burnside Rifle Company totaled 200,000 and was produced from 1860-1869. The rifle carried 7 rounds and was loaded through a port in the stock and pushed forward into the chamber by a spring loaded rod. The Spencer was adopted by the U.S. Army but did not replace the muzzle loading Springfield and the breech loading Springfield adopter later on. The Spencer rifle company was sold to Winchester.

During the same year, 1860, the Henry lever action 16 round rimfire repeating rifle was invented. This was the rifle that Confederate forces would come to say “was the rifle you loaded on Sunday and shot all week”. Union Army troops would end up purchasing their own Henry rifles for 45 dollars and most of the time would purchase their own ammunition as well. 10,000 Henry rifles were used in the Civil War however only 1731 were actually bought by the Government. Most of those were purchased after the Civil War ended. The War Department had a list of objections to both the Henry and Spencer:

- The rifles were too heavy.

- There were too many different arms in use.
- Each rifle required a special ammo which meant more supply wagons and supply problems.
- Spiral Springs would wear out
- There was no advantage over other breech loaders
- The price was high — The Henry or Spencer would cost four times that of a Springfield muzzle loader.

### **The Chassepot—An Improved Needle Gun**

1866 Antoine Chassepot, another French inventor, created a breech loading, bolt action center fire needle cartridge rifle known as the “Chassepot”. Adopted by the French Army in 1866. This rifle was a much improved version of the Dreyse needle gun due to the factors listed below:

- Rubber obturator had a better gas seal
- Smaller 11mm cartridge vs Dreyse 15.4mm
- Smaller cartridge had more black powder
- Higher muzzle velocity
- Longer range — 1000 meters compared to the Dreyse’s 600 meters.

The Chassepot was later converted from a needle paper cartridge to become a Gras model rifle using a metallic center fire black powder cartridge. The Mauser brothers worked to evolve and refine the Chassepot needle gun and developed several patents that would prove applicable to bolt action rifles.

### **From the Boxer Centerfire to Smokeless Powder**

1874 French General Basile Gras created the first French rifle to use metallic cartridges. He converted the model 1866 Chassepot rifle to use the Boxer center fire cartridge which was also adopted by the British for their Martini-Henry breech loading rifle (which was, by the way, invented in the United States). The Boxer cartridge was also used by the Mauser Model 1871. General Gras also played an important part in the formulation and production of the French Lebel rifle.

Then in 1884 French chemist Paul Vieille invented smokeless gun powder. This invention would make all black powder military rifles in the world instantly obsolete, and initiate a race worldwide to design military rifles to take advantage of the new





**General Basile Gras-Gras** created the first French rifle to use the centerfire Boxer cartridge. Image by H0, public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

career selling Remington rolling block rifles to European Military leaders and recognized the potential in Mauser bolt designs. Norris was quick to see Mauser’s distress as a business opportunity and he offered them \$20,000 to be paid over 8 years. In exchange for this cash, the Mauser brothers signed over all their rights to all the Mauser patents.

Norris and Paul Mauser had traveled to the United States and obtained patents on the rifle bolt and stripper clip improvements. The Mauser rifle was presented to the U.S. Army in 1867 but rejected. Their technology was certainly not discarded, as the Springfield M1903 would steal their patented action. In 1903 the Mauser company would sue the Army for Springfield M1903 patent infringements and be awarded \$200,000. Other German companies would also sue over M1903 patent infringements but they would have to wait until after WW1 To collect.

propellant. The term “smokeless powder” is used in the United States but in Europe early versions were called “Cordite” and the propellant was shaped like small sticks or cords.

**Now, the Rest of the Story**

Wilhelm and Paul Mauser, the two youngest of 13 children born to master gunsmith Andreas and Merira Mauser, started their gun manufacturing training at the Prussian government armory at Oberndorf, Germany. Paul was drafted into the Prussian army in 1859 and established himself with his improvements to breech loading artillery. Wilhelm was to handle the finances of the Mauser company later until his death in 1882. Their oldest brother Franz and his sister both left Germany and came to the United States and began working for E. Remington and Sons. Paul had designs for a new rifle rotating bolt and would be the inventive genius behind the company until his death in 1914.

Despite the Mauser brothers many new designs and patents, they were not commercially successful and by 1867 they were desperate—the business was in crisis and about to go bankrupt. Paul Mauser’s rotating bolt came to the attention of Samuel Norris, European representative of the Remington company. Norris had a successful

The following year, 1868, Norris and Paul Mauser presented their new improved designs to the French Chassepot needle gun but these designs were also rejected. Samuel Norris had failed to sell Mauser designs to any military armies and was now faced with having to make the first \$800 payment to the Mauser brothers. Norris gave the Mausers back all their patents except the French patents and later would not receive any money for those patents as France would adopt the Lebel rifle



**Paul Vielle**— Here's a name to remember, the inventor of smokeless powder, the man behind all modern fire-arms. Image from Galfi4, CC B/-SA 3.0,[https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0.](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/), Wikimedia Commons.





### **The Mauser Brothers–**

On the left is Paul Mauser and on the right is Wilhelm Mauser. These two were the brains behind the Mauser Empire. They are descended from a master gunsmith. Fortune smiled on the brothers when Samuel Norris was unable to make payment on their patents.



instead of the Mauser design. (One might compare Norris's financial foolishness to Tim Paterson's sale of the Disc Operating System (DOS to become MS-DOS) to Bill Gates for \$50,000.)

Paul Mauser created the model 1871 single shot metallic cartridge black powder center fire rifle and with this design finally achieved success. The model 1871 was adopted by the Prussian Army as the first centerfire metallic cartridge rifle to enter German service.

Reality often intrudes in a way that upends closely held beliefs. The almost six month siege of Plevna (Pleven), Bulgaria in 1877 demonstrated the superiority of repeating small arms. Russian forces eventually defeated the Turkish army but in a two day battle the allied Russian and Romanian armies suffered horrific casualties when Ottoman Turkish army units held them off using Winchester model 1866 lever action rifles. While the Turks relied on the M1872 Peabody-Martini with its more powerful cartridge as the main battle rifle, they possessed enough Winchester 1866 lever action rifles in the .44 Henry rimfire caliber to inflict massive casualties at ranges under 200 yards. This use of repeating rifles sent a shock wave throughout European military establishments.

Understanding the importance of a repeating action, in 1884 Paul Mauser changed the model 1871 rifle by adding a cartridge feeding tube, and a select lever which enabled the bolt action to be

loaded as a single shot or fed from the tube. This model is the M1871/84. The bayonet for the rifle now designated model 1871/84 was the first knife blade design for a military rifle. This was the last black powder rifle used by the German army and continued to be used in Germany and its African colonies throughout World War II.

### **Repeating Rifles Waste Ammo**

Adaptation to new technology is not always quick. When Spencer and Henry presented their rifles to the U. S. Army one of the reasons both rifles were rejected was that generals felt that soldiers would waste too much ammunition firing rapidly and should instead concentrate on select fire. The U.S. Army was not alone in this prejudice. Note that the Mauser model 1871/1884 repeater was built with a select lever that gave a choice of single or repeating fire; the Mauser magazine-fed rifle was only to be used as a repeater when officers commanded it. Some decision-makers were concerned that a company of Henry-equipped soldiers had the fire power of a larger group and so fewer soldiers would be sent into combat to face a much larger force, thus fearing more casualties (perhaps their own lives as well). Although metallic cartridge firearms were available, experience during the Civil War showed that countless wagon loads of black powder paper cartridges for the Springfield muzzle loading rifles would get wet and become useless. Although this was pointed out by both Spencer and Henry, the Army did not want another type of ammo in the field.

### Adapt or Die

Market forces and technology demand change—failure to adapt will eventually kill a business. In America, Samuel Remington refused to believe that bolt action repeating rifles were now the declared weapon of choice with armed forces around the world. Consequently, E. Remington and Sons went bankrupt in 1888 and was sold to Harley Graham of New York, New York and then to Winchester which renamed the company “Remington Arms Company.”



**Samuel Remington**—While we know the name Remington, he lost control of his company in 1888. He was a repeater-denier. Photo by Remington Arms -UMC, NY, publisher, public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

No one knows what happened to Samuel Norris, the one-time owner of the Mauser patents—had he simply waited three years when the Prussian Army bought the Mauser Model 1871, he could have eventually become one of the richest men in the world by owning all the Mauser patents. To save \$800 he lost a fortune.

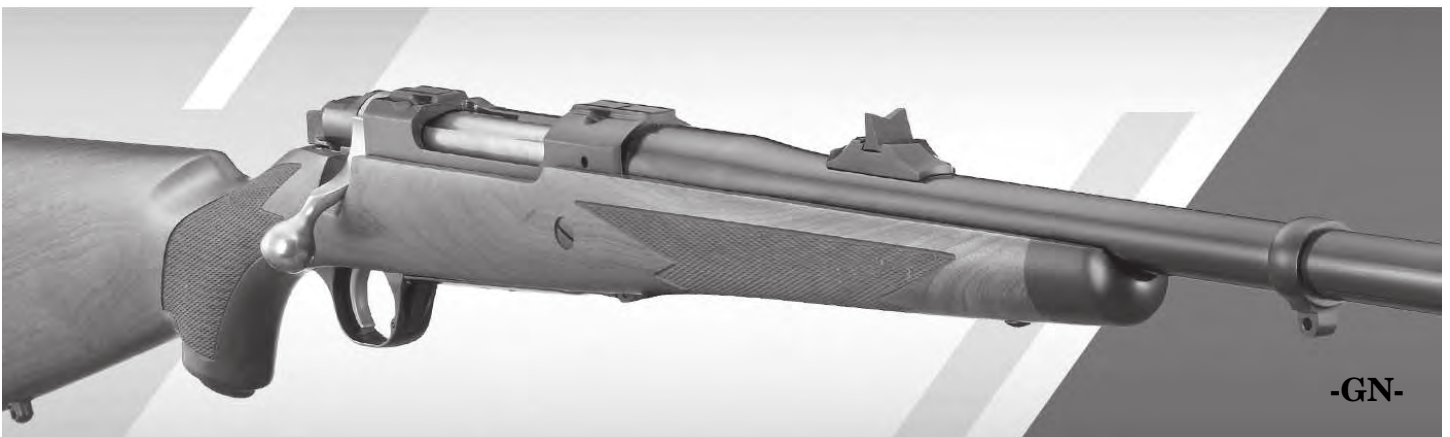
Paul Mauser would later improve the model 1871/84 by redesigning the rifle into the Model 1888 and 1893 to handle smokeless powder. This was followed up with the G98 and later, after Paul’s death, by the now famous Karabiner 98k.

Throughout the years other designs like the Krag-Jorgensen, Schmidt-Rubin, Arisaka, and Springfield would take their place among famous bolt action military rifle makers, but it is the Mauser bolt design that is still considered to be at the top of the list. How good were the Mauser bolt action designs? Just look in your gun safe and you’ll likely find either a true Mauser rifle, a clone like the Winchester M70 or Ruger 77 or other modern adaptation of the Mauser bolt action.

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**Modern Mausers**—The Ruger M77 is just one example of a modern Mauser copy. While Ruger started with a push feed action and a plunger ejector, the current Mark II has Mauser-style controlled feed and a fixed blade ejector. Ruger photo.



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## Letters from our Members

### "Star" Questions & Answers

The November GunNews articles on Star pistols generated some feedback and questions from our members. I have been pleasantly surprised by the responses and while I wrote mainly about the Supers and the .380's, the articles caused some folks to search the recesses of their gun safes for Star pistols. And they wrote with some interesting experiences and questions.

#### Colt Pony Advertising; IJ and Garcia Model D

Frank Gaetje writes: *Like you, I've had both the Iver Johnson Pony and over the years a couple of FIC/Garcia Model D's. I bought the Iver Johnson in '77 at Glen Slade's Gun Shop in Houston. He had a very large stuffed Polar bear standing in the front window of his store which was clearly visible from the Gulf Freeway going south toward Galveston. Armoloy was about the only aftermarket corrosion resistant finish that was highly touted at the time so I sent the gun off to Fort Worth to have it applied. I passed the gun along to a fellow Houston gun collector some 20 years later.*

*I had a couple of FIC/Garcia Model D's over the years. I shipped the last one to an FFL dealer in Maryland for a lady who lived there. I also had one of the Kimber Micro CDP .380s you mentioned which I have passed on to our #2 son.*

*A couple of interesting tidbits about the Colt Pony. First, the Colt marketing department got ahead of the decision makers and published their 1974 sales brochure with a full color picture of the "Colt Pony" (must have been one of the 40 FIC Model D's with Colt marked slides) along with a one paragraph description in the upper left hand corner of an even numbered page within the catalog. A Colt collector friend sent me a copy of the page, but, unfortunately, I no longer have it. As you noted, the powers that be dropped the project. but after the brochures got out. I assume that these sales brochures are treasured by collectors of Colt memorabilia.*

*The other tidbit is that both the FIE/Garcia Model D's I've owned and all those whose pictures I*

*have seen, including the one pictured in the Colt brochure, have serial numbers beginning with "CPA". Back in the mid-70's, rumor was that these initials stood for Colt Pistol Automatic. To my recollections of the time, neither Colt nor FIC would confirm or deny it. They may have owned up to it in the years since, but either way, it is an interesting bit of trivia.*

*Thanks again for the great articles and for an outstanding GunNews. Have a great week. Frank.*

#### Star German Police Model B

Gary writes: *I inherited a Star pistol from my father. He had it back when I was young and I remember shooting it with him. After I inherited it I did a little research and thought it was a model B. After reading your recent article I am not sure. It has a B stamped on it, but it does not have a P after the 9m.m. caliber designation. I have attached a photo and would appreciate knowing what you think.*

Phil replies: You've inherited a nice looking (Model B) pistol. Even better, it is collectible...you have one of the pistols built for German police after WWII...the LPN (rollmark on the front strap, see photo) is for Landespolizei Niedersachsen. So this pistol has seen post-WWII civilian German police use. I don't think I've seen one of these with all matching numbers, even the mag. The condition is excellent. The grips show some wear but little use. The only thing that would add value would be the black police holster, which would also have the 3 digit number on it. Very nice.

The German Star B's were all 9mm Parabellum and the Germans required that the barrel/chamber hood be marked with the caliber as well as the slide—the official designation for what we know as the Parabellum or Luger is "08" which is the year



LPN=postwar German police Star B

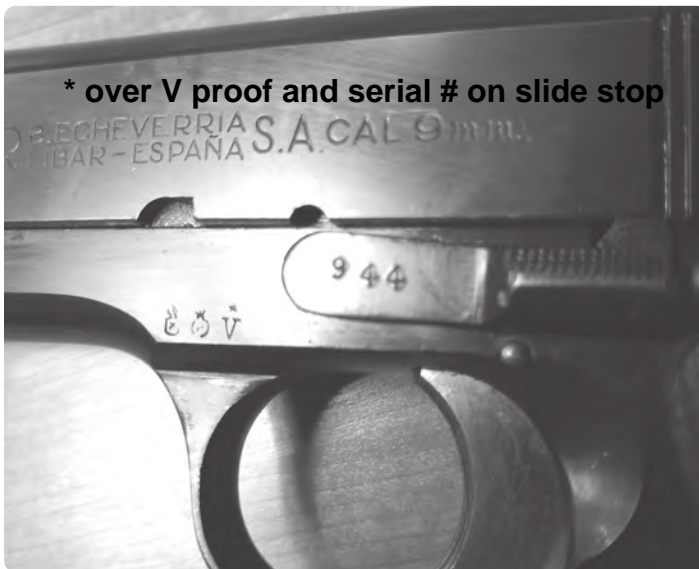


## Counterfeit Nazi Star B—The Bulgarian B's

they adopted the Luger pistol and the cartridge. So the left side of the Star slide with the German designation for caliber “FPatr08” is the caliber designation, meaning that the pistol is to use the same cartridge as the Luger, literally “for the 08 cartridge.” Star didn’t bother to add the P to the 9mm slide marking for these pistols.

I didn’t cover the model B because I was focused on the Super and what I wrote applies to the Super B but not these Model B’s. I could write another article on the B and bore our readers to tears. The serial and proof dates are interesting. The \* over V on the frame left side is the proof mark for 1951. (see the photo for this date proof)

This fits with the shape of the front grip strap—straight—which indicates that the pistol was built on the old style frames with extra slides left over



from WWII military contracts. The relief on the left grip panel is for a lanyard which was not used on the LPN guns—so the grips are also original left-overs from WWII military guns. While the left grip looks wrong because of the lanyard relief, it is correct. This all matches up with the year 1951.

Back to your gun. Here’s what makes it collectible (in addition to the excellent condition). From what I can see, the last three numbers of the serial number appear on the slide stop, safety and slide. They should also be on the barrel chamber, recoil spring plug, barrel bushing and magazine floorplate. A pistol with all these matching numbers is a very nice gun. Many very good German B pistols will have a mismatch magazine and barrel bushing because these parts were lost/replaced. Even the wood grips look original.

Richard writes: *Great Star articles! Made me think of a Star I own and haven’t looked at in years. Do you think the German inspection stamp, by the safety pin is counterfeit? I’ve always wondered. (photo attached to the email)*

Phil replies: Thank you, glad you enjoyed the articles. I’ve been surprised by the number of members who’ve contacted me with questions about their pistols. Your pistol is “sort of” a counterfeit. It was made during WWII and although the Germans did order fairly large numbers of Star B 9mm Parabellum pistols they were marked in the German manner with three digits of serial number on the small parts—safety, barrel lug, slide stop, spring plug, magazines and slide. (photo at left shows a serial # slide stop) Your photos don’t include these details but I would guess the small parts are not serial numbered. The Nazi guns also had a different caliber marking on both slide and barrel; usually the left side of the slide would have “FPatr08” and the barrel/chamber would be marked “Cal 08”—the German designations for the 9mm Luger/Parabellum.

...your pistol does have an interesting history. Between 1943 and 1944 the Bulgarian military ordered a bunch of B pistols. Your B falls in this serial range. Numbers 231758 to 235782 (includes yours) were delivered in 1943. They were all marked as normal commercial Star B’s. About 50 years later a dealer of surplus pistols marked a large number of these with the Waffenamt eagle and “E/WaA251” acceptance/proof mark (right side of the tang near the safety lever pin—the photo is fuzzy but this marking is visible) So, while not a WWII Nazi gun, this is a WWII Bulgarian pistol from the period when they were an Axis ally of Germany. Yes, the German proof was added later as a fake but collectors know of the fake and still see this as a collectible Star with a WWII history. Neat old Star—thanks for sharing, Phil



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# Instant Firearm Transfers on Really Cool Firearms You're a Collector— Get the License!

**W**hy have you waited?  
Are these your  
excuses?

- Federal licenses are too costly—really, can you afford \$30?

- Or maybe you think Curio & Relic (C&R) firearms themselves are just too old—come on, wouldn't you be happier carrying and practicing with a Browning High Power from 1972?

- Perhaps you believe that the Federal government shouldn't have a record of your firearms—surprise, C&R licensees keep their records and don't send them to the Feds or the State.

- The paperwork is a burden—Nope, the only paperwork is an entry into your bound book.

- The application process is tedious and slow—wrong, it is a very easy form and the license will arrive quickly.



**Above are just a few examples of neat, collectible and useful firearms that are Curio & Relic eligible.**

## **Firearms Delivered to Your Door**

How would you like to order a firearm and two days later have the FedEx driver knock on your door to deliver it directly to you? That's the way it works for licensees—whether that license is a class 7 or a class 3 C&R. If you read the *GunNews* you know that I have some Star firearms—most of these can be purchased directly from auction houses or online sources like Armslist or Gunbroker.

## **So Many Eligible Firearms**

Here's the big secret—any firearm (non-NFA) that is over 50 years old can be bought and sold if you are a licensed "Collector of Curios and Relics." That's a lot of really desirable firearms no matter your area of collecting. I'll do the math for you—that would be 1972 and older or on the ATF "Firearms Curios or Relics List."

## **NFA Firearms?**

Collectors have been hobbled by the National Firearm Act rules that prohibited or licensed certain unusual firearms such as old handguns with shoulder stocks like the Mauser C96 or some of the unusual Colt 1911 pistols with shoulder stocks. Many of these are listed as C&R firearms. Marlin made 1894 rifles with 15" barrels that would be NFA

but are listed as C&R. Luger collectors likely know which Lugers are on the “removed from the NFA” list. There’s even a Star Model A shoulder stocked pistol that is a C&R.

Thus, the C&R license allows collectors to acquire some fascinating firearms that would otherwise be impossible to possess, or at least require other fees and processes.

### **"Modern" Firearms That Are C&R**

ATF has a process whereby a modern firearm may be reviewed and classified as collectible. There is quite a list of collector firearms that are newer than 1972 which may be bought and sold with the C&R license. I took a moment and found a number of commemoratives as recent as 1986 listed. This means that these specific modern firearms are available using the C&R license. How cool...I can bid on that “TEXAS LAWMAN” Smith & Wesson Model 66 Distinguished Combat Magnum, .357 magnum revolver, with badge, commemorating 150 years of law enforcement in Texas, 1836-1986.

Anyone who collects commemoratives should have the license.

### **For Those Who Collect and Shoot Semiauto “Assault Rifles”**

Another advantage for military collectors is that they don’t need to deal with the harassment of an assault rifle training certification. So, Garand collectors, get the C&R. AR collectors—you might also find that rifles you want are already C&R. Sure, WAC members can get their “assault rifle” training certificates as a membership benefit but why should you have to send registration paperwork and fees to the State?

### **Collecting C&R Pistols**

With the collector license you can spot that wonderful old Smith & Wesson Registered Magnum at a WAC show or in the “Wanted Dead or Alive” *GunNews* classifieds, inspect the firearm, provide a copy of your license to the seller, record the seller’s information and take your collectible home same-day. Just as every Federal licensed dealer does, you’ll enter the firearm info in your bound book yourself. Can you handle that?

### **Buy and Sell in Other States**

The C&R license is a Federal Firearms License type 3. C&R licensees may acquire firearms in person,

over the phone or internet just like other FFL dealers and C&R firearms may be delivered directly to you by those in other states. For example, if you are a Washington resident you might head down to the Oregon Arms Collectors show in Portland Oregon with copies of your C&R. You may acquire C&R firearms in Oregon, Idaho, etc. by providing a license copy to the seller. And if you are an Oregon resident C&R licensee then you may shop for C&R firearms at the Washington WAC shows.

### **The Rules for Federal Firearm Licensees**

All Federal firearm licensees are thoroughly background checked by the FBI and local law enforcement. For that reason they are allowed to buy, sell, transfer, hold, mail and ship firearms; guns go in and out of their inventories as long as the transfers are documented. The C&R license is no different—as a Federal and State approved collector this is exactly what you may do. Look at RCW 9.41.113 to see the state law that exempts C&R licensees from transfer requirements. It makes sense—maybe even to the waiting period obsessed—that you can do this because you have been thoroughly background checked and have the license!

### **Record Keeping**

I have heard from those who won’t get a license because they don’t like to keep the records of firearms bought and sold. I agree with them—if they can’t be bothered to write an entry in a book, they should not apply for a C&R license. But most of us do want a record of firearms we own and we do keep these serial numbers so I suspect it’s not a burden.

It is especially good to have a record of firearm dispositions. Firearms are misused and stolen and it is a little uncomfortable to find a police officer at your door asking questions about a rifle or pistol registered to you that has been used in a crime. Remember, all retail pistols here in Washington have been registered to the buyer, even those bought years ago.

C&R licensees don’t use the (retail) form 4473 and also submit no forms to Washington State.

### **C&R is NOT a Business License**

If you are in the business of dealing in firearms then you must meet all other requirements of ATF and the state. The C&R license does not allow you to engage in the business of buying and selling firearms. The C&R license is designed for collectors and is a



way for private collectors to build their collections of Curio and Relic firearms—now recognized by both federal and state law. For most of us, it is an advantage not to be grouped with firearm businesses.

### **BATF Fear**

Some are afraid of the ATF agent knocking on the door. Okay, I understand that, nobody likes to answer to the cops—doesn't matter whether it's being stopped for speeding or being asked to show your C&R book. As a collector all that matters is that you have made entries into your book as you use the C&R license to collect or sell C&R eligible firearms. The agent could ask to see those C&R firearms that are in your possession.

I don't know any C&R license holders who have been inspected—do you? It is unlikely unless reports of illegal dealing have reached the ATF. Think of the thousands of retail firearm dealers with inventories that are monitored by the ATF. And the serious crimes like gang trafficking in firearms, illegal importation, etc. There is plenty for the ATF to do.

### **Opposed to Firearm Registration?**

In principle, many believe that a citizen with a clear criminal record should be allowed to own firearms without government intervention. Agreed, but if you buy a handgun or semiauto rifle in Washington or Oregon it is registered with the State. And all those Federal form 4473's that you've filled out—do you really think the Feds have disposed of them as required by law? In short, most firearms have already been registered.

What you need to know is the C&R license does NOT register your firearms. The records are kept by you, not sent to anyone at either State or Federal agencies. If you let the license expire you may keep your personal bound book of C&R firearms.

### **So Expensive and So Difficult to Get**

Yeah, we hate paperwork but the C&R application is painless. Too expensive? It is still \$30 for three years. I'd call that a bargain. I've talked to C&R applicants who received their license within two weeks of sending in the form. Of course that was pre-Covid.

Do not be intimidated by the application form—most of it does not apply to the C&R applicant. Go online or have someone download and print two copies of

the application for you. One for local law enforcement and one for ATF. Complete it, add your payment and send it in. To find the form go to the ATF site and search for either Form 7 or "application for federal firearms license"—you'll be taken to a PDF application that you can fill out online or print out.

The instructions are part of the form. Some hints:

- The same form is used for all types of licenses but most does not apply to the 03
- #9—The specific activity is the personal collection of curio and relic firearms
- #10—check the box of license type 03
- #12—hours of availability isn't relevant but put in an hour you might be contacted
- skip #13-17
- #18, 19—find the chief or sheriff of your local law enforcement agency and put this information here.
- #20 read and initial each box
- send a copy of the completed form to chief local LE officer when finished
- Part B, fill in your personal info just like when you bought a gun, answering all the questions
- You'll see the block for a photo—this is NOT required for an 03 license
- No fingerprint card is required.
- Pay by check or credit card
- Don't forget to print and sign your name in all spaces required.

Once you are licensed, buy or make a bound book for your firearm acquisitions and disposals. Download the latest list of C&R firearms from the ATF website; more info and a link will be found at:

**<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/curios-relics>**

Then make several copies of your new license and bring them to the next WAC show.

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**The WAC can be the primary organization for all Curio & Relic licensees in the Northwest. The license is Federal and thus crosses borders in its application. The WAC has a future as the C&R headquarter for a dedicated group of firearm collectors. I see a future in which the WAC GunNews, our website and our events are all central to serious collectors. I encourage our members to participate by applying now for a C&R license.**

**—The Editor**

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# Is an 03 C&R Federal Firearms License for you?

## The World of Collecting By Tom Burke

**It probably is...if you collect, hunt, plink, or shoot (carefully) at most anything.**

**F**or firearms collectors, possessing a Type 03FFL (the license issued by the ATF for collectors of “Curios & Relics”) can be an invaluable tool. It makes buying and selling guns at least 50 years old (that is, made in 1972 or before plus some others) much less cumbersome and less expensive than the sale or purchase of a “modern” firearm.

The same holds true for those who hunt, target shoot, plink, or undertake just about any of the shooting sports. A C&R might be just the thing you need to make firearms transactions easier and because there is still a plethora of outstanding firearms that fall into the C&R category, less expensive.

How do I know? ‘Cause I had a C&R for years and years, and used it a bunch.

(Full disclosure: I didn’t re-up my 03FFL in 2020 as I’d stopped collecting milsurps, didn’t shoot shotgun any more, passed my hunting rifles on to my boys, and the pistol shelves in the safe are modestly filled. I’m sort of out of the marketplace now and I’m okay going through the WA state process for the occasional gun I buy.)

### **Yea or Nay: Should I Apply for an 03 FFL?**

Ask yourself and answer Yes or No:

1. I am interested in “older” guns that get the job done (whatever the job is) and I don’t need the latest plastic/fantastic gun-de-jour.
2. I like the WA-state process, and associated costs, for transferring a firearm.
3. I like getting qualifying firearms shipped directly to me with no need to have them transferred through a dealer.
4. I like saving money (transfer fees and taxes) on the guns I buy plus money I could save from online retailers offering discounts to C&R holders.
5. I don’t mind keeping a “bound record book” (similar to ones other types of FFL licensees keep) with the make, model, and serial number, as well as when and where and from whom it was obtained.
6. I like to buy qualifying firearms out of state without going through a lot of rig-a-marole.

If you answered “Yes” to questions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and “No” to number 2, an 03FF may be just the thing you need.

So then, lets say you get and C&R FFL, what kind of guns can you buy? Here are the basic regs:

- Any firearm more than 50 years old in its original configuration (not including replicas thereof).
- Any firearm on the Curio and Relic list maintained by ATF.
- Firearms which are certified by the curator of a municipal, state, or federal museum which exhibits firearms to be curios or relics of museum interest.
- Any other firearms which derives a substantial part of their monetary value from the fact that they are novel, rare, bizarre, or because of their association with some historical figure, period, or event. (*This includes many military firearms from countries that no longer exist, such as East Germany, the USSR, and Czechoslovakia.*)
- (Note: What guns qualify for a C&R is pretty straightforward, but like dealing with any firearms issue, ya gotta know the rules, so use this as a basic guideline, but do your own research.)

### **How to Get an 03FFL**

Our editor, Phil Shave, has a section in this month’s magazine that fully describes how to obtain an 03 FFL. Essentially, it means filling out some federal forms, paying ‘round \$30 and waiting a month or so. The ATF does the same type of background check as you get when you fill out a 4473 – so ya gotta not be a felon, not have an order of protection naming you as the one to be protected from, and all the other usual citizenship/background stuff. (You do have to let your local chief of police know you are applying,



but he already “knows” what you’re buying, insofar as pistols and semi-auto rifles are concerned, ‘cause he sees your “regular” purchase paperwork. So here in WA state it ain’t no big deal.)

### **Where I’d Look to Buy On-Line**

There are lots of places that sell C&R guns and ship to C&R holders, from online sellers to local gunstores to individuals advertising in places like our magazine and WAGUNS.

The biggest on-line resource, of course, is Gunbroker. But ya gotta read the fine print. Not every dealer selling a C&R qualified firearm will ship directly to a C&R holder, some just won’t do it. So if you’re shopping on the big auction site and see something that appeals to you, check to positively ID that they’ll send it to you.

Now my go-to retail place for high quality C&R is Simpson Ltd. (<https://simpsonltd.com/>). They are not the cheapest guys around, but their quality is excellent, their descriptions and pictures are good+, and they still do business the old-fashioned way. You pay a bit more but the quality is there.

Then there are the usual sources of guns like pawn shops, gun stores, and the WAC gun shows.

(Another note: learn the procedure for buying a gun with a C&R. It includes having an ink-signed copy of your FFL [NOT the original, make copies and then sign the copy] and getting the name and address of the person you are buying from/selling to as well as all the details of the firearm itself. Again, KNOW THE RULES, you’re dealing with the Feds.)

### **GUNS!–What I’d Look For**

What to look for all depends, of course, on what kind of shooting or collecting you do.

The thing to remember is — just because it’s “old” don’t mean it ain’t no good any more. (Hmmm....sorta like me. But I digress.)

For those interested in collecting martial long guns, well, there’s a lot out there – everything from M1 Garands, to Enfields (WWI and WWII), to Mausers of every conceivable make and model and country, as well as Swedes, Mosins, Schmidt-Rubins, Springfields (both Krag and 03s), Finn-Mosins, Arisakas, etc., etc., etc.

Of course ya gotta know a bit of what you are doing when buying online (or in person) so research is the key to success.

And don’t forget, many of those military rifles can do double duty in the field. .30-40 Krags have harvested more venison than one can imagine and countless Enfields and Mausers have been converted

to hunting guns by countless smiths (and even more Bubbas).

Of course, there’s a raging controversy over “sporterizing” a perfectly good military artifact by cutting it down and restocking, rebarreling, etc. but most agree that the gun you own is yours to do with as you please; even if, by sporterizing it, you are despoiling history, butchering a link with the past, and thumbing your nose at those who long ago created and carried them in the most dire circumstances. (Hmmm...is my bias showing?)

For people looking for a pistol, C&R guns can offer almost as much (or more) than some modern guns.

My 1903 Colt is a fine carry gun for those inclined to .32 ACP. And the East German/Bulgarian/Russian Makarovs aren’t to be sneezed at as carry weapons either. S&W and Colt made a ton of still-viable revolvers pre 1972 in almost every caliber and I wouldn’t hesitate for a moment to have one in an extreme situation, or at the range.

For the pure collector, unless you are trying to accumulate every model of the Turkish-made Canik TP9 series (and there seems to be an endless list of variations) an 03FFL is almost required. While ATF-defined “antiques” don’t require purchase via an 01 FFL or possession of an 03FFL (for the record the ATF defines an “antique firearm” as “any firearm not intended or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898 (including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system or replica thereof, whether actually manufactured before or after the year 1898) and also any firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade”)

Most of the good stuff does.

And I can personally attest to the excellence of the Swiss K-31, a Finn-Mosin 39, a 1951 Beretta (not the Egyptian “Helwan” version), a S&W .38/44 Heavy Duty revolver, my 1916 Mauser with the roller-coaster sights, or my two Smith WWII “Victories,” one in .38 Special and the other a British .38/200.

### **So What’s Out There?**

If I were looking, today, for something in a C&R, what would I look for?

Well, on the big auction site I found: an H&R .22 revolver, an Astra M400, a bunch of Swiss Schmidt-Rubins (my absolute favorite milsurp), a Winchester Model 122 -12 ga., a Remington 760 in .30-06, a 1922





Argentine 1911, a scad of Turkish Mausers, a German GEW 88 “Commission” rifle (1891), a Walther Model 4, a herd of Mosin Nagants, a 1934 Beretta .380, Browning HiPowers, a Canadian No.4 Mk I in .303, a High Standard Sport King .22, Lugers of every type, M1 Carbines, and a great lot of Italian Carcano Cavalry carbines (someone must have just released a bunch of them, they’re everywhere these days, sort of like Mosins from years ago).

Of course, “back in the day” prices on most C&Rs, especially the milsurp pistols and rifles, used to be good. Great even. So was the available quantity. (I bought my SKS, which I sold, for like a \$125, and even that was a bit higher than they used to be. Mosins were going for \$99, and Turkish Mausers were basically going begging. All that’s changed, obviously.)

Today, prices ain’t what they were, which means mass-market bargains aren’t either. But if you shop, and have a C&R, you can do okay.

### Downsides to a C&R?

Are there any downsides to having an 03FFL C&R license?

I didn’t think so, which is why I had one for many years.

But some people are concerned that as part of the “deal” of getting the license: A.) one has to keep a bound book up to date. B) the ATF reserves the right to inspect the book and to verify that the guns in the book are the ones you have. (It doesn’t, I understand, give them free access to your home.) Yet another note: From all my research I have found very, very few instances of the ATF ever inspecting a bound book and virtually never heard of them doing a physical inspection. But the law is on the books and some people worry about that.

Two other “cons” about getting an 03FFL: 1.) It could put your bank balance in serious jeopardy, as

it makes it even easier to buy yet another gun; 2.) You have to understand an 03FFL C&R does **not** give one the opportunity to engage in a gun “business,” buying and selling lots and lots of guns to make a profit (and it is NOT for modern guns and has no effect on carry laws). The license is issued to facilitate the assembly of a private collection, of qualified firearms, not an opportunity to act like the owner of an 01FFL.

### Some Parting Thoughts

With the average FFL transfer fee in most of WA state somewhere around \$35 and climbing, even buying one gun on an 03FFL is a money saver. And the process is not onerous.

So for me, having the C&R license made a lot of sense, especially when I lived in New York state, where gun ownership is a real pain, even for long guns, and that C&R relieved a lot of it. As I’m writing this I’m probably convincing myself I should reapply for one; I still buy enough over the course of a year to justify it plus I’m not really in the market, anymore, for a modern gun, it’s the older, oddball ones I’m interested in (like an old-timey .44 (not magnum) revolver).

C&R guns can fill about any role one wants to assign to them—from target shooting, to bird hunting, to big game (ain’t no one knocking a pre-64 Winchester Model 70), to home defense, to concealed carry.

And if functionality, plus the realization that one is pretty much holding history in ones hands, appeals to you; and saving money and hassle is a good thing—look into getting your 03FFL.

You won’t be sorry.

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# Actor Alec Baldwin Shoots and Kills Cinematographer

## Let's Do a Review of What We Know About Firearm Safety

Halyna Hutchins was shot and killed by Actor Alec Baldwin on the movie set of "Rust" on October 21. This has been called an accident, an incident, an accidental discharge—words and phrases that don't accurately describe a shooting. The AP report uses this phrasing: "*...Baldwin's gun fired a single live round*"—the reality however is that Baldwin fired a single live round.

There is a lot of underlying circumstance that contributed to the shooting. According to the Los Angeles Times, the previous camera crew walked off the set only hours previously over disputes including safety: "*Safety protocols standard in the industry, including gun inspections, were not strictly followed on the "Rust" set near Santa Fe, the sources said. They said at least one of the camera operators complained last weekend to a production manager about gun safety on the set.*" A New York Times story stated that Baldwin's stunt double had previously fired two accidental discharges—other reports are that there had been three firearm incidents.

There was live ammunition on the movie set. NPR quotes Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza's statement that "*...500 rounds of ammunition — a mix of blanks, dummy rounds and suspected live rounds — were found...(on) the set.*" It appears that the movie guns were not always secured while on the set. Insider.com states, "*Several crew members took guns from the movie, including the one that killed Hutchins and injured director Joel Souza, and drove away from the "Rust" set at the Bonanza Creek Ranch in Santa Fe, New Mexico to shoot beer cans with live ammunition, according to sources cited by The Wrap and TMZ.*" While these are just media reports, we already have confirmation that the bullet removed from Director Joel Souza's shoulder was a .45 caliber bullet.

The movie filming that day was interrupted by a lunch break in which cast and crew were taken off-site and the search warrant affidavit states that Director Souza was, "*not sure if the firearm was checked again.*"

Typically, the movie armorer handles all firearms and blanks. Armorer, Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, is the daughter of famed revolver shooter and movie armorer Thell Reed—"the fastest gun alive"—and should certainly have the background to manage safety. But the on-set situation has been described as chaotic and having extremely long hours; she may

not have had the authority or control necessary. Gutierrez-Reed shared firearm responsibilities with Dave Hall and it was Hall who handed the gun to Baldwin.

Actor Alec Baldwin is on the record in an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC and explained his actions. I'll include some of this because it is relevant. Baldwin tells Stephanopoulos that, "*...if I took a gun, and I popped a clip out of a gun or I manipulated the chamber of a gun, they would take the gun away and redo it.*" In other words, the armorer would re-take possession of the firearm and go through the inspection again. Although some actors have publicly disagreed, this makes some sense—the armorer insists on being the last person to manipulate the firearm and check the status. Baldwin says that he did not pull the trigger—as he was pulling the hammer back as instructed, he then lowered the hammer, "*and then (I) let go of the hammer of the gun... and the gun goes off.*" A witness, Assistant Director Dave Hall also says that Baldwin's finger was outside the trigger guard. Baldwin also said, "*We both assumed the gun was empty.*"

Criticism is easy and if done without all of the facts can be very wrong. While many assume that Baldwin's movie gun was a Colt single action replica (unattributed reports are that it was a Pietta), we don't know enough about the gun and its mechanism to make statements about how it functioned. Some replica single actions have incorporated transfer bars, inertia firing pins that are frame-mounted, etc. We don't yet have a report on the firearm and don't know if it was mechanically sound (gunsmiths do see Colts and Italian replicas with broken hammer notches).

"Experts" have pronounced the impossibility of the revolver firing unless Baldwin pulled the trigger—better to wait for the results of the investigation. I would not testify to that unless I had examined the gun. Yes, the most likely scenario is that Baldwin did pull the trigger in one of three ways: 1. While lowering the hammer, 2. inadvertently or 3. intentionally (he assumed the gun was unloaded).

### Lessons Learned

Evidently real guns are still used on movie sets. And they are not modified to be "blank-only" firearms. In these days of digital magic, one wonders why a functional firearm would be used and handled as if it were a toy. We know that, in close proximity, even

a blank can kill. It is easy enough for an armorer to render a real gun, for example a replica Colt Single Action, incapable of firing a bullet. ***The lesson for us is that functional firearms should not be used as toys or props.*** Have you ever been tempted to loan a firearm to a theatrical/movie production?—don't.

Let's look at the Colt Single Action and its copies. Baldwin states that he did not pull the trigger but the gun went off. Is this possible? Generally a gun will only fire if the trigger is pulled (there are exceptions—mechanical failure or an older firearm that will discharge when dropped). In this case the revolver was in Baldwin's hand and he describes beginning to cock the hammer in stages and then lowering it. The pure Colt action will have the familiar four "clicks" to cock and the first click draws the firing pin away from the primer. We know that if the hammer is drawn back to the first "safety" notch and beyond, the trigger must be pulled to lower the hammer.

Will a Colt single action fire a round if the hammer is drawn back—finger off the trigger—just prior to the first notch engaging, and then released? This would be the situation if the thumb slipped off while cocking the hammer. Let's find out; I primed unloaded cases, placed them directly beneath a Colt's hammer, drew the hammer back to just before the first "safety" notch and slipped my thumb off. I was not able to fire the primer in any attempts. But there was a dent in the primer and on some guns a discharge might be possible. The hammer is less than .150" inch from the frame at this point but single actions have a stout mainspring. The reminder for us is that the single action revolver is a primitive mechanism and must be handled according to a strictly observed regimen. ***Those of us who handle old-style single actions understand their operation and routinely leave the hammer down on an empty chamber...and we don't use that first notch as a safety—it isn't.***

Again, if the hammer is drawn back to the first "click" or beyond, then the trigger must be pulled to lower the hammer—if the gun is mechanically sound.

There is another lesson here, not just for single actions—lowering the hammer on any firearm requires that it be pointed in a safe direction. ***And lowering the hammer on a live round is usually a poor choice.*** It's not just single actions that may fire if your thumb slips off the hammer, some autos will do the same (finger on the trigger). And some autopistols with hammer-lowering safeties have been recalled because they fire when the decocker is used.

***Point any firearm in a safe direction if lowering the hammer.***

Did you note that the movie crew went to lunch and the shooting took place immediately after? This is important—***any break in practice or routine requires that an unloaded gun be re-checked.*** In this case there was a lunch break after which the firearm was re-introduced into the rehearsal. Any loss of visual or physical control over a firearm or break in concentration requires that it be re-checked. That is why a safe "dry fire" ritual requires a strict routine; without it you'll likely put a hole in a wall or kill someone.

We tend to trust people we know but with a firearm that trust is a mistake—***don't accept an "unloaded" firearm from anyone; always open the action to verify that there are no rounds.*** Alec Baldwin says that he assumed the firearm was unloaded and that's a lesson for us. ***All guns are always loaded.*** Until the action is open, the only assumption you can make is that the gun will fire.

Making movies requires actors to point firearms at people and the camera. That sounds wrong to me. ***The reminder for us is to never point a firearm at anything we are not willing to destroy. Be sure of your target—it should not be another human being.***

I think this is an important point...***firearm collectors who are not also shooters can begin to think of their firearms in much the same way as movie actors—as if they're displays or props.*** This can lead to complacency and handling errors.

Was Baldwin's finger on the trigger? We may never know but this tragedy reminds us that ***the finger should not be on the trigger until the firearm is intentionally on-target.***

Firearms are machines and subject to parts failure, malfunction, abuse and modification. A faulty firearm may not have functional safety features, something might be broken or missing. 'Smiths often disassemble firearms to find that a safety feature has been previously removed or altered. The hammer block on a S&W revolver is one example—sometimes it's missing. A firearm may fail due to parts breakage—I've had a Walther pistol break the decocking/safety lever thus locking the firing pin and creating an open-bolt firing full auto—the magazine emptied in less than two seconds. To repeat, the basic firearm safety rules, if followed, will help ensure that a mechanical failure does not become a tragedy.

Those are some of my take-aways from the Alec Baldwin shooting. Better to learn from others mistakes than from our own. Be safe.

*Phil Shave, Editor*

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## Board Meeting Minutes

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of the previous year. The overall financial performance for September, 2021, is a loss of \$12.7K.

November 30 - Director Palmer submits his resignation as a Director on the WAC Board

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The Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, was convened in the WAC Business Office conference room. Meeting opened by President Burris at 6:35 pm.

Present: Officers: Pres Burris, Sec Freeburg, Treas Henson (via teleconference), VP Kneeland, Directors: Bramhall, Hubbard, Iwashita (via teleconference), Jennings, Ripley, Rodabaugh (via teleconference), Weaver (via teleconference), Wegner (via teleconference)

Operations: Editor Shave

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### Old Business

1. Treasurer Henson presents a review of the September Financial Report (Report distributed via email prior to the meeting) Net losses are continuing. Treasurer Henson recommends increases in show revenue (table rentals and/or gate fees) or memberships to balance show losses with revenues. The shows cannot continue to run at a loss without consequences.

President Burris asks the Board how much discretionary control they would allow the office staff to have for adjusting event revenues. If current trends continue, there is an estimated three years of WAC resources prior to corporate insolvency. President Burris proposes enabling the office staff to have flexibility in setting rates for table rentals and gate fees, with oversight and approval by the WAC President when changes are needed. WAC has largely sustained operations by being a membership organization, and membership revenues have provided funding to compensate for lapses between profitable events. The membership is currently at about 7K, and the estimated minimum level of membership to sustain a break-even level of show sponsorship is approximately 14K. Lower levels of membership (7-8-9K) might work if our event venues (rented facilities) can be obtained at significantly lower cost.

The Board does not voice any objection to President Burris' proposal for the office staff to have some managed flexibility in adjusting gate fees and table rental pricing.

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### New Business

1. Editor Shave presents a review of WAC products and services. The WAC has historically promoted a buy it today, take it home today situation for firearm sales at our events. State laws currently prevent this policy from being available, unless individuals involved in the

transaction are both FFL holders, and can do a book to book transfer.

The cost for the FFL Transfer of a firearm in many gun stores is about \$50 and the process takes many days of time to complete. The cost of a transfer presents an opportunity if WAC can partner with an FFL dealer that is set up to do show events and can store firearms for buyers until after the waiting period has lapsed. An FFL holder with a local shop might be able to benefit from such a partnership because of the number of transactions that WAC shows generate. The benefit to WAC members would be a reduced cost for firearm transfers, and the firearm handoff to the buyer would be conducted in the local area where the sales event (show) was sponsored.

2. Editor Shave proposes event changes monthly shows in smaller venues could restore sustainable operating revenues. Operating losses would be significantly less if WAC sponsored only one large event per year (during fall). The large Showplex event could be named "Northwest Firearm Expo" or "NW Outdoor & Firearm Expo". This would be open to vendors of some non-firearm themed products (knives, fishing, camping, archery, have been proposed). Other suggested changes include a highly visible presence in social media as the main advertising method, table rents that vary by venue and type of business, partnerships with advertisers on the website and in the magazine, partnerships with local FFL dealers near our shows to do transfers and hold firearm transfers, creation of an online marketplace for members-only, estate disposal and auction opportunities for members and survivors, and efforts to become the home for knife collectors. Event changes are at least one year away because of venue schedules that are already contracted for WAC events during 2022.

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### Disciplinary Actions

There were no disciplinary items for Board action this month.

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Motion by Director Jennings to adjourn

Second by Director Bramhall

Votes for: Unanimous

Votes against: none

Abstain: none

Meeting adjourned 8:29 pm.

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WAC Secretary

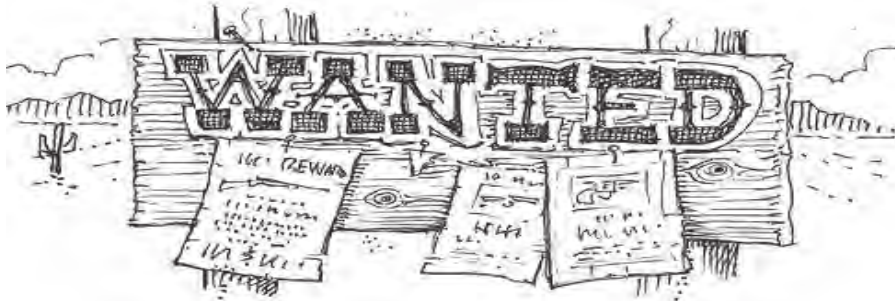
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### Loaded Rounds in the Trash?

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FOR SALE. Fired brass: 223, 38 Sp., 9mm Luger—5 cents @; 40 S&W —7 cents @; 45 ACP—8 cents @. 44 Mag, 308, 30-06—10 cents @, 22-250 Imp, 243 Win, .25 auto, 300 Sav, .32 auto, 30 TC, 357 Sig, 7.62T, 7.62x54R—12 cents @; 7mm Rem Mag,—15 cents @. 50 BMG—75 cents @. Have box - will ship. 17 ounces Alcan AL-5 shot shell & pistol powder—\$30; 6 1/2 ounces Hercules (Alliant) Red Dot shotgun powder—\$20@. Can't ship. Mikee, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: NIB trail cam, Cabela's outfitter 12MP, IR, HD, with extra memory card 8gb/go capacity, never used—\$60. Garmin Etrex 10 hand held GPS, used once—\$60. Silver Stag knives, new in the box; #WC3000, Whitetail Caper—\$20. #DWT2.7, Damascus Caper, #DWT2.8, Damascus Caper-brown, #DWT2.8 Damascus Caper-black—\$35 @. Like new, hard cover books: Robert Ruark, Use Enough Gun, first printing—\$75. Peter Hathaway Capstick, Death in a Lonely Land, Death in the Long Grass, Maneaters—\$20@. mikee 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: New brass: Rifle; 30-06, 243 Win, 338 Win Mag—40 cents @ for standards & 50 cents @ for magnum. 284 Win., 11 count-\$8. 7mm Mauser, 40 count-\$25. 22-250, 40 count-\$20. 300 H & H unformed Norma (458 Lott), 20 count-\$40. Fired brass: 6mm/244 Rem., 7mm Mauser, 44 Rem Mag-20 cents @, 284 Win., 375 Win., 375 H & H—25 cents @. 7mm STW—30 cents. Factory loads: 7mm Rem Mag, 308 Win—\$10/15 rds. Hand loads rifle: 17 Rem Fireball in new brass—18 rds.—\$10; 338 Win Mag—\$10/box. 44-40 Win, 51 hand loads in new brass, 15 new primed cases, 2 fired cases—\$35. Winchester Super X 12 gauge 2 3/4 inch magnum, 00 buck, 5 rds.—\$20. Winchester Super X 12 gauge 2 3/4 inch 00 buck, 9 rds.—\$25. Two 5 rd. boxes 2 3/4 inch rifled 1 oz. slugs—\$20 @. One 25 rd. box Remington Express 12 gauge 00 buck—\$60. Bore snake: 458 cal.—\$5. Have box - will ship. Mikee, 425-836-8648.

FOR SALE: 20 inch Hobaugh rifle barrel chambered to 338/284 Win. Threaded for model 88 Win, and includes dies and 94 cases—\$100. 22 inch Model 70 Feather Weight 6.5mm barrel chambered for 6.5/270 and includes Forster full length and neck dies plus Redding bushing type seating die, micrometer adjustable, and includes 300 weight sorted cases—\$150. Mikee, 425-836-8648.



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FOR SALE: New year, new toys ! Marlin 1895-G "JM" stamped, Cal. 45/70, factory ported, hammer extension, brass bead and folding buckhorn sight, lustrous blue finish, very, very good condition overall, ammo available for purchase. —\$1,900. 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 3X9 and iron sights, lustrous blue, very few rounds shot, over molded black synthetic stock along with pristine walnut factory stock, ammo available—\$1500. Anthony, Seattle, 425.205.5558 Call/VM or Text OK.

FOR SALE: Mosin Nagant Rifle Collection, all 7.62x54R cal.: 1925 Tula M91-30 with early octagonal receiver, 29" bbl, canvas sling/bayonet/cleaning rod, excellent/restored, numbers matching—\$525. 1942 Izhevsk M38 carbine, 20" bbl, canvas sling/cleaning rod, mostly restored, numbers matching—\$475. 1945 M44 carbine, 20" bbl, canvas sling/cleaning rod/folding bayonet, clean original look, numbers matching except bolt—\$425. 1942 Finnish SAKO modified M39 rifle with early octagonal receiver, 27" bbl, leather sling/cleaning rod, very nice, all numbers match—\$725. Rare 1931 Tula M91/59 carbine with early octagonal receiver, 20" bbl, canvas sling/cleaning rod, excellent condition, numbers matching—\$875. (2) rare Finnish M39 SkY bayonets, nice one with brown sheath—\$575 and excellent one with green sheath and display box—\$650. M91/30 bayonet—\$30. **I have a C&R for these rifles.** Randy, 253-858-2120 or matt42mtq@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Winchester SX3, 3" - 20ga., camo , 26" vent rib barrel , 3 chokes , soft case, never fired—\$800. Browning M81 BLR, Lightweight, stainless, takedown, 30-06, Vortex scope, exc—\$1000. Browning X-Bolt Carbon Stalker, Stainless, 26" fluted barrel, 300 Win Mag, Vortex scope, exc—\$1000. Ruger Super Blackhawk Stainless, 5.5" Barrel, 44 mag, like new—\$800. Stan, ph 360-708-5662.

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

WANTED: Looking for a pre-2000 year production, Ruger Mini-14 rifle in solid condition..Contact Steve @ 360-491-3608 or sbloom@theolympian.com

FOR SALE: S&W Mod.64-5 38sp. 4" SS Factory bobbed hammer bead blasted frame for non reflective finish, Faux bone grips—\$525 OBO. S&W Mod.67 no dash number 38 sp. 4" Combat Masterpiece, all orig 90% shape in S&W presentation wood box. no factory manual—\$625 OBO. Colt Diamondback blue, 38sp. 2.5" has Colt wood grips nice vintage piece—\$1600 OBO. Colt Frontier Scout

**NICS denial      CPL denial**

## **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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blue. 22lr 43/4" barrel, no drag marks on cyl, gun looks unfired—\$475 OBO. Ruger P89 DC SS 9mm 4 mags. 2 10 rd, 2 13 rd. fantastic shooter—\$550 OBO. High Standard H.D.Military 6" 22lr 2 Mags. blue wear slight on left side barrel from holster use—\$525 OBO. Marlin Mod. 81 DL 22lr bolt action tube feed nice wood stock original factory peep sight has a vintage leather sling—\$225. Harlan, email gottogo3943@gmail.com for more info or pictures which may not be too good. Interested in a 1911 style 9mm, possible trade. Transfers at local gun shop or??

FOR SALE: Vintage Firearms Books. The Gun by W.W.Greener, Pioneering handgun hunting by Alfred Georg. Guns of the world by Hans Tanner, Modern Small Arms by Major Fredrick Myatt. too many more to list, email for more info. 3 Jim Beam collector containers, 57 chev. in org. box. poulan chain saw, Lionstone depicts lions laying on rock ledge. Firearms assembly/disassembly and repair by J.B.Wood and other writers. Couple sets of Numrich Arm Parts, now known as Gunparts Corp. Magazines, 2 9mm for CZ 75—\$40, 1 Beretta Nano 9mm unused—\$30, 1 Ruger BX-25 new unused—\$25, 1 used Butler Creek clear 25 rd.—\$20. A collection of 22 magazines for different manufacturers. Will give as much info as I can but book people interested should really come look as hard for me to give info you may want. Harlan, email gottogo3943@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Revolver ammo, .32 Long Colt cal (aka 32 Colt), 127 factory rounds in 3 Remington boxes, for the Colt Police Positive and earlier guns, marked 32 Long Colt 82 grain lead R32LC High Velocity--\$100. New Professional Ledger Book for recording gun purchases circa ~1960-80, large and heavy with multiple column 2 sided pages (~200+) 8 1/2 x 14", for use with your C&R license-\$20. Larry larrydotfly@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Savage B22 Magnum FV-SR, 16 1/2" threaded barrel, AccuTrigger, scope rail, two 10 round rotary magazines, under barrel mount for laser, or light, tang safety, ergonomic synthetic stock, and barrel is threaded into action for accuracy. This is the most accurate 22 magnum rifle that I have ever shot. I used it for my Nuisance Wildlife Control business, and varmint hunting in Montana for fun. Includes 33 rds CCI HP ammo—\$300 plus transfer. Nine 50 rd boxes of 22 Mag ammo—\$20 each, or \$15 each with rifle. 6 boxes CCI Maxi-Mag 40g HP, Two boxes CCI Gamepoint 40g. one box Hornady 30 gr V-Max. I will have a huge downsizing garage sale because of my health. Hunting, guns, Boating, fishing, camping, canoe, and kayak equipment so let me know if you want to be on the contact list when I am ready. Frank, at Shelton, fwdumars@gmail.com .

WANTED: Long guns, collections, shotguns and rifles. Also good quality rifles in 22 Hornet, 250-3000, 7mm-08, 257 Roberts, 6mm, 7x57, 284, 358, etc. Also shotguns, side by sides, O/U, semiautos, pumps, small gauges a plus. Want Savage 1899 and 99 rifles. Call Paul, 503-621-3766 or email, blimppy44@gmail.com.

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## Legislation & Politics

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likely won't hear anything until next June, when the court releases it's "big," or controversial decisions – at the end of their annual session.

### KYLE RITTENHOUSE

The Kyle Rittenhouse trial is over, and with it the liberal attack on the right of self-defense. For now. Rittenhouse was accused in the media of "vigilantism," (i.e. taking the law into his own hands); this was Orwellian double-speak, nothing more than a twisting of words to re-define their meaning. Vigilante justice is when the legal system is circumvented through informal, illegal actions. Self-defense is entirely different and is the right to defend life from a criminal attack. There are many people out there who believe the individual citizen does NOT have the right of self-defense, at least to the point of taking an aggressor's life.

And that's the key. In law, the criminal, the aggressor, does not have a right of self defense; he (or she) loses that right when they initiate the action. The Rittenhouse prosecutor tried to prove that Kyle initiated the action by "hunting" the rioters. The jury agreed with most Americans that the rioters were the aggressors.

But let this be a warning to all gun owners. In many jurisdictions, prosecutors will be taking a hard look at any claim of self defense. You have to be able to show that you had reasonable cause to believe YOU were in danger of death or serious bodily harm. In most cases, if a direct threat is made to you, the facts are clear. Certainly the extensive video coverage of the Rittenhouse incident saved him. But sometimes it's not so clear.

In some cases, you might witness a situation developing where armed intervention by you is justifiable. But your eyes CAN deceive you. If the situation is ongoing when you first see it, can you accurately determine who is right and who is wrong? You don't want to pick the wrong guy to defend. What am I saying? Think carefully before you decide to become the hero. There are far too many headhunting prosecutors out there. For those who remember him, God bless and Rest in Peace, Norm Maleng, was the King County prosecutor for many years. I never saw him make a bad decision of a self-defense shooting case.

Concealed (or open) carry carries with it the responsibility to exercise your right with sound judgment.

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### Legal Representation & Advice:

- Advocacy, seminars on self-defense
- Licensing & Litigation
- Representation in administrative proceedings
- Criminal defense
- Constitutional & employment issues
- NFA Gun Trusts



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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)						
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Birth Date: (Month)	(Day)	(Year)	CPL# Concealed Pistol License	Exp. Date:		
				<b>CHECK PAYMENT TYPE</b>	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				
<b>** SEE THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND YOUR REQUIREMENTS **</b>						

## \*\* Read Carefully and Sign Below \*\*

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

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

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## \*\* Sponsor Information Only \*\*

Required When Sponsoring All Associate, Spousal and Junior Memberships.

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

Sponsoring W.A.C. Member (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

W.A.C. Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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

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

- 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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### 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.

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