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SECRETARY POSITION OPEN

In the last election there was no candidate for club Secretary and this position is currently performed by Director Richard Ripley. Richard Ripley remains a Director, thus the position of Secretary is open. The Secretary is responsible for taking notes of the official Board meetings and publishing the approved minutes for the membership.

If you are willing to serve, please re-

spond by email with the heading **Secretary** to:
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ELECTION CHAIR POSITION OPEN

In the last election there were no candidates for club Election Chair. In the past there were multiple candidates and the person with the most votes became chair and the other candidates formed the Election Committee. The club is in need of several members to serve as the Election Chair and Committee. The duties of this position include supervision of the ballot collection and count for the annual election; this will occur in March 2023. The Board would like to fill this position now in order to ensure orderly nomination of candidates and the creation of a ballot to be sent to members in February 2023.

If you are willing to serve, please respond by email with the heading **Election Chair** to:
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***These are volunteer positions that are critical to the function of the Washington Arms Collectors.
–Boyd Kneeland, President***

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Legislation & Politics



Joe Waldron
Legislative Chairman

ELECTION 2022

As this is a mid-term election, there is only one statewide office up for election: Secretary of State.

I'm going to keep my recommendations simple. I'm no longer close enough to Olympia, and the people who inhabit it, to give a detailed name-by-name recommendation for whom to vote. But the nice thing about a general election is that you generally only have two choices: a Democrat candidate and a Republican candidate. And when it's that easy, there is only one practical choice for anyone who believes in the right to keep and bear arms: VOTE REPUBLICAN.

Yes, there are the occasional Republicans who do not support the Second Amendment to the extent they should, just as there are a few rare Democrats who DO support it. Democrat Tim Sheldon in the 35th has retired so we no longer have his strong pro-gun vote; we'll hope that common-sense Democrats in the 35th become issue voters and choose Drew MacEwan (R) who has a strong pro-gun record. If you know of a Democrat who has voted against recent magazine bans and anti-gun laws, then go ahead and vote for that candidate. But the bottom line here is which party controls each chamber, the House and the Senate. If Republicans hold one chamber, it is highly unlikely ANY gun control bills will move out. On the other hand, with a Democrat-controlled chamber, as our Navy brethren say, stand by for a ramming!

So much for our voting choices.

I recall moving to Bellevue when I retired from the Corps in 1992 and I was surprised to see primary election ballots with ALL candidates on it. That shifted to a "top two" system several years later, but still no one-party voter registration, so voters in Washington and two other states can vote for ANY candidate of their choice.

Be grateful you have those options and that freedom.

VOTER REGISTRATION

I hope this doesn't reach your mail boxes too late. I'm pretty sure I've already addressed the topic earlier in the season. But is your voter registration up to date? A residential move of even a few blocks can result in a change to your district – and the candidates in that district.

Last chance! *(Editor's Note: Washington residents can register right up to election day but if you're that late you'll have to do some in-person work at your county*

elections department to get a ballot. Registration can be done online (<https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>), requiring a driver's license or ID.)

BIDEN ON GUN VIOLENCE

On September 1st, President Biden gave a speech on "gun violence" where he called for, among other things, a ban on so-called assault weapons. There's only one problem with that: if ANY class of firearms is protected by the Second Amendment, it is what the opposition has taken to calling "assault weapons." Remember the first phrase of the Second Amendment, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state..."

There is no question the Second Amendment protects a fundamental, individual right, but the amendment's lead-in provides another justification for its existence and inclusion in the Bill of Rights. Title 10, US Code Section 246 defines the militia in the United States. And while the average non-gun owners thinks of it in terms of the uniformed National Guard, that's only less than half the militia. That's the "organized militia." Then there is the "unorganized militia" – the rest of the citizenry.

And what better rifle to arm yourself with as a member of the unorganized militia than an AR-15? Same magazines, same ammunition, mostly the same parts – fits right in next to your uniformed Guardsmen. Or in any other situation that calls for a militia response. Let us pray that we never have to defend our country here at home as part of the Constitutional militia. But let us be prepared.

(BTW, there is a standing Department of Defense prohibition on uniformed military at political speeches/ events. Even the left wing media recognized that President Biden's recent speech was a political speech rather than a Presidential address. The use/abuse of the military to backdrop his speech—Marines in dress blues flanking him—is a violation of our long-standing tradition. President Biden waved his fists and ranted about the opposition party Republicans as fascists. The symbolism did not escape me.)

I've reported before that I am a registered "No party affiliate" voter since I first registered in 1967. That's the way I think we all should be. Choose the best candidate. But the fact is, the Republicans are far more protective of gun owners rights than the Democrats. Fact of life.

NEW UPS SHIPPING RULES

United Parcel Service (UPS) has just jumped onto the gun control bandwagon. They started a short time ago when they canceled the account of Ghost Firearms, sellers of 80% AR lowers. You know, GHOST GUNS. Then, under pressure from the Giffords Law Center (Gabby Gifford's gun control group), Federal Express (FedEx) stepped in with the same policy – no unfinished receiver shipments. Giffords is "asking" dealers to assist them in their goal of "stopping shipping dangerous firearm

products that are fueling the epidemic of gun violence in America.”

Many, if not most, guns shipped via common carrier (UPS, FedEx, etc) use their two-day air service to get their products into consumers hands as quickly as possible. Not so fast! UPS is now requiring users of it's two day service to ship at least 350 firearms/parts a week to continue their account.

Yep, Big Brother is expanding his tentacles and going after everyone and everything related to the commerce of guns. More detailed information can be found here: <https://www.ammoland.com/2022/09/ups-releases-new-woke-rules-for-shipping-firearms/#axzz7eavBTqeq>. Or visit your local UPS store!

HR 1808 IN THE SENATE

Last month I addressed the details of H.R. 1808, the “assault weapons ban” bill that recently passed the House. This week (mid-September) the Senate has returned from it's summer recess, and the bill is likely headed to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and further into the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Terrorism.. Two subcommittees it definitely will not be headed to is are the subcommittees on Human Rights and on the Constitution!

Most of what I have read to date indicates the bill will have a hard time in the Senate. Until we have another spectacular shooting where similar firearm(s) are used, and the media creates a gun control circus. Would they do that? Rest assured additional gun control bills are already drafted and awaiting the right “facts” to fit.

MASS SHOOTER PROFILE

Extensive research has been – and is being – conducted into individuals involved in mass shootings, research going back 30+ years. The majority of these shooters fit an identifiable profile, but it's a profile that matches millions of other Americans. And most of the profile standards have nothing to do with guns per se. Most address mental health issues unrelated to guns themselves.

Does that mean everyone who fits a profile is a suspect mass shooter? No. But data crunchers will be more than happy to try and apply it to individuals “who bear watching – monitoring.” Are we there yet. Not hardly. But expect it to pop out of the Brady or Giffords bag of tricks, typically in Congressional testimony on “gun violence,” as a proposed potential solution. The profiling “solution” is already masquerading under the “red flag” laws.

Screams of “privacy” and “innocent until found guilty” will be heard, but probably ignored in the search for “public safety.” How about declaring universal nationwide recognition of all state concealed pistol licenses as a public safety measure? Or, better yet, Constitutional Carry nationwide – the Second Amendment's guarantee of “the right to keep and bear

arms shall not be infringed” should be enough for any citizen to carry, anywhere..

CREDIT CARDS TRACKING GUN SHOP SALES

Visa, the world's largest credit card payment processor, Mastercard and American Express have announced they will no longer categorize sales in gun shops as “general merchandise” but adopt a new transaction identification number. The move is supposedly intended to identify potential mass shooters/shootings and other potential firearm-related crimes before they occur. For example, an individual buying large amounts of ammunition could be flagged. How information collected, except as general gross sales receipt numbers. remains to be seen.

At this point there is no discussion of reporting flagged purchases to police, but can that be far behind? The move comes after pressure was brought to bear by some public employee unions and by gun control groups.

A problem here is that all that is being collected/identified is the type of shop where a purchase occurred, not the specific items purchased. Purchase of a large gun safe, certainly in the interests of public safety, could be construed to be a major multi-gun purchase.

Gun rights groups have already announced their opposition to such a move. Does this fall under “standard business practice,” or is it a target for lawsuit(s)?

(As an aside, it was just revealed that the state of Florida has been using license plate readers at most toll booths across the state to track traffic movements. A simple counter to track the volume of traffic moving across the state? No problem. But LICENSE PLATE READERS?!? So far the state has refused to answer questions about what the data is being used for. But they are clearly tracking citizen movements, or as a minimum they are capable of doing that.

Hmmm. That guy that just went through the toll booth next to the mall also just spent a thousand dollars at a nearby gun shop. Are these being linked? Not yet... I'm sure. But how long will it be before gun control advocates put two and two together and decide “what a great way to enhance public safety.” You'd better damn well believe that Big Brother is out there and he is watching. George Orwell was an amateur.)

DEFENSIVE GUN USES

There's a new report out there on defensive gun uses – use of a firearm to stop or protect from crime. I'm not going into detail here, but invite your attention to the report:

<https://fee.org/articles/more-people-use-a-gun-in-self-defense-each-year-than-die-in-car-accidents/>

The bottom line is that guns are used defensively more than TWO MILLION times a year. In most cases with no shot(s) being fired. Simply warning your attacker that you are armed and prepared to use force to defend yourself is enough to change their mind(s). Better for everyone that way.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER

J.T. HILSENBERG

I'd gotten a call from my old Eastern Washington hunting buddy, the guy that was shot by his wife's nephew a couple years ago. His name is Al, his wife is Annie. They'd sold their business in Washington to their employees and moved to Nevada or Arizona (one of those age/memory things) for the warmer weather. Anyway, with the climate changing and warming, they decided to move back north, the hunting/fishing is much better here.

Al had business in Seattle so he stopped by for a visit to relate a story about his Dad. His Dad was the one that built a very nice log cabin a couple years ago, on the far end of his 1400 acres, that we hunted out of last fall. Yeah, the same place and guy that gave the Sasquatch hunters "the boot" for not asking permission to set up camp on his property.

Anyway, with all his game cameras he'd gotten a signal this spring, of somebody/something messing around the cabin. His Dad grabbed the closest firearm, a stainless Ruger old Army 45, a black powder cap and ball revolver to go check out the cabin. I'd given him this gun about 8-9 years ago.

Approaching the cabin he saw one of the two windows was broken, the aluminum center bar folded into the cabin. His Dad entered the cabin noting a bit of a mess (not normal) and pulled back the curtain to bunkroom #1, finding it okay. Going to curtain #2, the same. Pulling aside the curtain on bunkroom #3, there was a medium sized black bear on the lower bunk. The bear growled and charged. His Dad "fanned" the revolver getting off two quick shots, the bear dropping at his feet, deceased. Yup, one shot in the mouth to the base of the spine, the second hit under the jaw into the throat.

Al told us that we are all getting some bear steaks this hunting season, the bear not early enough in the year that it wasn't all fat, as it would be later in the fall. For those having eaten coastal bear

that tastes a lot like rotten fish, these Eastern bears can be a bit greasy, but not bad. Looking forward to that meal.

Oh, his Dad says for anyone in doubt of the cap and ball revolver's power (black powder or substitute) they can rest assured it'll do the job if the shooter does his. Amen!

Okay, now to present. This is being written on Labor Day weekend, grouse season started three days ago. I recently picked up a couple of double barrel shotguns, percussion of course, and my buddy Al has already laid claim to one, as he lost(?) his during the move to Nevada or Arizona (again the memory issue). Anyway, one is an old gun in excellent condition, the other an Italian in excellent condition, except the Italian had some damage where from either a piece of wire, cotton or wool cord or a leather thong laid across the blued barrel. Yup, one of those items had enough moisture that it ate through the bluing. Yeah, an easy bluing touch up, but shouldn't have happened.

This brings to mind a book I'd been reading some time back, about the old mounted cavalry guys. Yeah, returning to post, their first duty was to feed their mounts, to then clean and groom them. Next, to thoroughly clean and lube their weapons, and only then could they think about feeding themselves.

We probably all know the guy that gets home from hunting or fishing, that dumps his gear in a smelly pile in the garage, doesn't bother to clean up his truck figuring it'll rain soon. Then only wipes down his rifle and stuffs it in a closet until next year. Unfortunately, a lot of guys can see that guy in the mirror. Unfortunately, too many think it's no big deal, as they can throw away the moldy stuff and buy new next year. Oh yeah, the kids pick up on that attitude also.

I've had many comments over the years about the hunting backpack/pack board that I occasionally use. It is one I made in the late 50's, from some old

oak slats and parachute cord. I think I copied something in a Boy Scout Manual. It's not fancy but with an old Boy Scout bag laced on it, it does the job. I also was looking at maybe buying some new hunting boots, until I started pricing them. My favorites are an old pair I got at Walmart many years ago, the soles kind of a shallow lug pattern, quite flexible. Best part though is when worn, it's like a pair of favorite moccasins having multiple layers of leather as soles.

Some years ago I bought a butt pack to replace the old pack board. It kinda works but I like a long tailed jacket to cover my tush in cold weather so the butt pack didn't really work with it. Yup, just now gathering dust in the gun room.

In the last couple of days I've seen some kid/young man running around in the neighborhood in a new UTV, a 5 or 6 passenger thing. I had the opportunity to talk with him, learning it was about 20 grand. He stated it was their hunting rig. Taking any bets how much hunting gets done? Probably twenty years ago I bought from a friend, his 4-wheeler and found all I did was play, climbing that old cat grade, driving to the end of the trail, etc. Yup, only played and got no deer that year. It now stays home where I use it to move trailers around, pull brush stumps, etc.

Time to talk about guns. By the time this hits your mailbox, we'll have had the September Monroe Show and the Elma Show. I've always had my best purchases at the Monroe event where I am the night guard. Looking forward to that show in two weeks. Although the Elma event is still fairly new, I foresee it as being good also. You're asking why I fail to mention deals at Puyallup. Well, as a vendor I'm at my tables mostly with limited shopping time.

At a recent show I had a young man offer me the dreaded European .22 revolver. Yeah, the aluminum alloy frame with the ill fitting barrel. Over time the barrel gets loose from unscrewing. An easy fix is to wrap the barrel threads with chewing gum foil and screw in the barrel. Then drill the frame and pin the barrel, just like a Smith & Wesson. Then leave the darn thing alone. You don't need to unscrew the barrel to clean it.


This brings to mind my first revolver, having had a number of single shots starting in my early teens.

Anyway, this revolver was a "universal double action" 3 inch barrel, .38 Short Colt 5 shot. Got it from one of my "shady" friends for 5 bucks, I think. Nope, I didn't ask where he'd gotten it. I recall putting a few hundred rounds through it even though it spit lead badly, from poor cylinder/barrel alignment. Although the frame and barrel were both steel, the barrel eventually got loose enough to unscrew with your fingers. I don't recall how the barrel got tightened, but with the closed frame and attempt to adjust the cylinder, timing was impossible. It eventually became a .38 special shot loads shooter, until retired for a Smith & Wesson.38. Yeah, .38 home loads.

One last thing before I wrap this up. A couple issues back I told about an old hunting buddy I'd met hunting years ago in the area west of Shelton. His hunting weapon a long barreled Colt revolver in .45 Colt. In recent years he was in an assisted living, then a nursing home. He'd always insisted I not visit him as his physical condition was very bad. But his mind still very sharp and he looked forward to my phone calls, generally monthly, my most recent, about 3 weeks ago. The caretaker stated he'd passed away but up until the end, he chuckled when she brought up how I'd told her how he had a shoe stolen during the night as he slept. He replied that he was sure he'd hunted the day before, with a shoe on each foot. He kept his sense of humor to the end. Thinking back, we had some good hunts even if neither of us scored on an animal. Good phone visits too. At his insistence I can remember him with a decent body/frame, not crippled up as of late. Good friends. Few and far. Unlike those that call with their first sentence, "I need or do you have?" 'nuff said, see you at the Shows.

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Big Bores—Short Barrels

The Lipsey Special Rugers in .44 Magnum, .45 Colt, .45 Auto

Revolvers by Dale Hall, WAC
Article & Photos—Phil Shave, Editor

Above—Whether .44 or .45, the muzzles tell a story of power. Below—The right side view of the Super Blackhawk Bisley.

There is something uniquely attractive about a large caliber revolver with a snubbed barrel—the combination of big bore and short barrel is irresistible to some revolver fans. The factories don't always offer this combination of features so some serious revolver guys go directly to a custom 'smith for a modified standard gun. But Lipsey, a distributor of Ruger products, has enough volume and enough clout to have special versions of Ruger revolvers made and distributed only through them.

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Right-Triplets.
The stocks
vary but all
three sport the
3.75" snub
barrel and the
unique-to-
Ruger Bisley
grip.

**Below-Behind
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His Guns" by R.
L. Wilson.**



The Ruger New Model Super Blackhawk Revolver



The examples shown here are provided by WAC member Dale Hall; these are a past offering from Lipsey designated as a Ruger Super Blackhawk. To add some specificity to this description, this is a Bisley grip-framed, New Model Ruger Super Blackhawk with a non-standard 3.75" barrel, in stainless steel that lists for \$1059.

But there's more. What if you liked the .44 Mag configuration so well but wanted a .45 too? Well Lipsey obliged by having Ruger build the Super Blackhawk in a .45 caliber version. And there was a convertible with two cylinders—one in .45 Colt and one in .45 Auto. Rather than finding a convertible model, Dale Hall was able to obtain two physically identical twins that only differ in caliber; one is chambered in .45 Colt, while the other has a cylinder accommodating .45 ACP. Why bother switching cylinders when one can just grab the revolver in the caliber of choice? Dale provided all three calibers for evaluation.

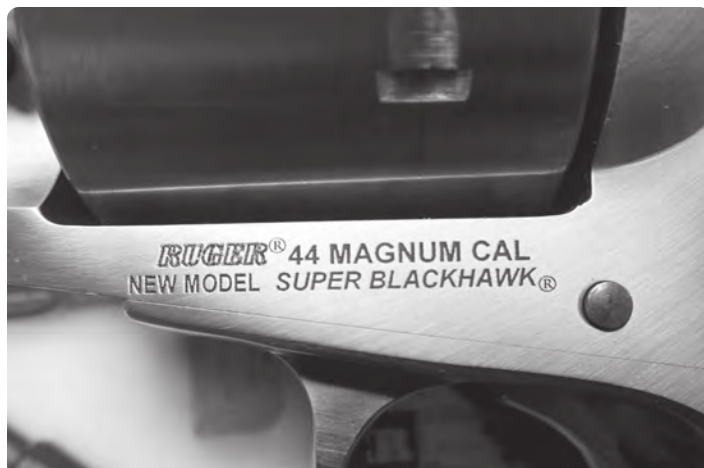
The Super Blackhawk Bisley Ruger

If you know or shoot Ruger Super Blackhawks then you also know the limitations of the old-style, near-Colt grip frame—it can be brutal with the full power magnum calibers, smacking knuckles and bruising hands. Ruger did a good thing when they created a modified Bisley grip shape for their Blackhawks as it seems to absorb the recoil much better. In my opinion the Ruger Bisley grip frame is the best shooting of the Rugers. The grips on the example revolvers are either an attractive laminated black/gray/green or reddish wood synthetic. These are tough and good-looking grips and on the stainless guns, a perfect aesthetic match. I see absolutely no reason to change out these stocks.

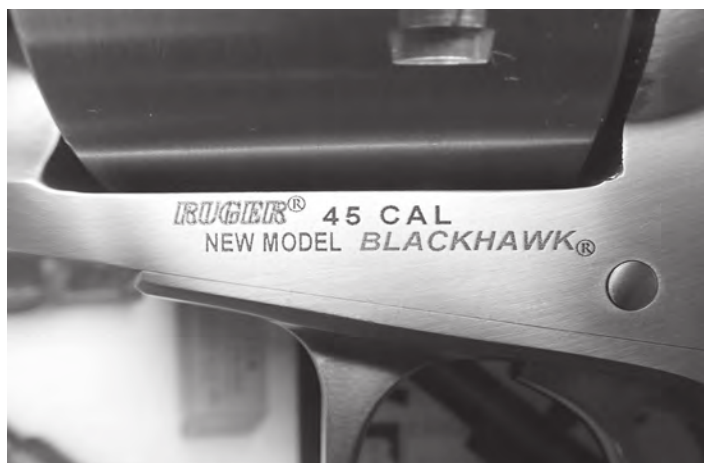
Now, some think the Ruger Bisley looks a little awkward, unnatural if you will. Perhaps in the longer standard barrels this is true. But take a look at the photos of the short barrel Lipsey special—the combo of Bisley style grip and snubby barrel is very attractive.

Special Features

What do you get for your money? In addition to the unique short barrel length, this Ruger comes with a lowered Bisley hammer which is very easy to reach and cock; it's also a good-looker. I've mentioned the black or wood colored laminated stocks. The sights



Above & Below—The left side frame has typical Ruger rollmarks for the Super Blackhawk. In .44 Magnum there's no doubt the caliber. In the .45 Auto or .45 Colt calibers, the marking is more ambiguous; both guns are caliber marked identically.



are usable, adjustable and black. The finish is an attractive brushed stainless that is very well done; most will find that this finish is more attractive than a polished stainless. The cylinders are un-fluted for a massive look and in fact, each gun weighs about 43 ounces.

And of course, one gets exclusivity with the Lipsey specials. The revolvers were made in a limited run so not that many collectors will have them. I can't verify the total quantity made but the story is that the first 500 sold out immediately and more were then ordered. If one browses the Ruger website you'll see that these were only made for Lipsey.

Shooting the .44/.45/.45 Auto

Dale Hall was kind enough to provide these revolvers for a shooting session, along with ammo for each. Dale loads and shoots .44 Special in the Lipsey .44 Magnum—a good choice for a snubby revolver. This is a heavy handgun so it would be reasonably well-behaved in .44 Magnum but for this session I didn't try that. Dale has benchrested this gun and his provided test targets show nice 6-shot groups that are barely more than single hole; while his test targets are fired at only 7 yards, the gun certainly demonstrate the potential for long range accuracy. I don't have a grip adapter for the Bisley Ruger so I was unable to machine rest the pistol.

The .44 was a pleasure to shoot with the Special loads. The weight makes this a pretty tame handgun and in combination with the Bisley grip shape the recoil is hardly noticeable. While this gun has the longer magnum chambering, there is no reason not to shoot Specials—just clean the chambers after each session and all will be fine.

In .45 Colt the Lipsey Special experience is very similar to the .44 Magnum version. Actually, I'm comparing the .45 Colt to the .44 fired with Specials. Not much difference and any differences can be attributed to the choice of ammunition. Take your pick; if you're a .45 fan then this is the one for you.

Now the .45 in semiauto caliber .45 Auto is a little unusual. If you have a semiauto 1911 then this revolver will be an eye-opening experience. The 1911 in a semiauto has some recoil but if you shoot it out of a 43 oz. Revolver, it's like shooting target load .38's. The .45 Auto version is Dale's favorite—and I agree, it is a sweet shooting experience with mild report and recoil. Examine the cylinder in .45 Auto and you'll find that the cylinder is full-length so the stubby round has a very long chamber throat. The pistol round headspaces on the case mouth just like a semiauto; this means that no moon clips or other nonsense is required.

I spent most of my range time with the .45 Auto because I found it the most interesting. One might anticipate that the .45 Auto version with its long cylinder throat would be less accurate but this revolver demonstrates otherwise. Offhand at 15 yards, it was easy, using S&B 230 gr. ball ammo, to



Above—The typical Ruger treatment on the crown is flat with a deep recess to protect the rifling.

Below—The unfluted cylinder gives a massive look to these guns.



shoot six round groups that formed a nice ragged hole. The very nice trigger helped. Dale provided test targets that show accuracy equal to or better than the revolver-caliber-chambered versions. The photos show some of these groups including a best with the

Winchester white box practice ammo—six rounds in 3/4” center-to-center. Dale handed this revolver to a veteran target shooter who then fired superb off-hand groups at 15 yards—groups that look as good as those from the bench. .45 Auto reloaders should own a revolver like this—great accuracy, almost no recoil and no brass to pick up!

Impressions

I have a criticism of the big six shot Rugers—the cylinder does not index for loading or unloading. The smaller frame Rugers like the flattop New Models don't have this issue. All New Models have a reverse rotation stop and on many Rugers one can just rotate the cylinder, back it against the stop and load or unload—the Super Blackhawks with a larger diameter cylinder require that one manually locate each chamber to align it for loading or ejection of a fired case. This is odd. Dale pointed out that he uses a thumb to hold the cylinder at the proper position; I did that and it works. Well, regular Ruger shooters know that there are free-spin pawls available or a good Ruger 'smith can modify your revolver to free spin; this will still require that you manually index the cylinder but at least you won't have to fully rotate the cylinder if you go past the stop point. These guns are candidates for this modification.

We like our short barrels but in these single actions there's a price to pay. The ejector stroke is shorter than normal and does not fully eject the cases. With the .45 Auto revolver, the cases almost clear and with the muzzle raised, these low pressure cases drop out neatly—not really a problem. But the longer the case, the more aggravating the ejection. .44 Special cases (in the Magnum revolver) have nearly 1/2 inch of case still in the chamber at full ejector stroke, Magnums even more. Certainly these guns are not intended for any kind of speed game but it can be annoying to have to pick cases out of the chambers.

Heading to the range for some fun, how do you know which .45 is in-hand? The caliber marking on both is “45 CAL”. Ruger covers all bases with this simple rollmark. You'd better double check the chambers before packing your shooting bag to make sure your ammo matches the handgun.

As Dale suggested, the .45 Auto caliber handgun was really fun to shoot. The stubby cases drop in neatly



Above—The cylinder is held against its stop, yet the chamber is not aligned for ejection; an awkward design in an otherwise perfected revolver.

and in this massive revolver are easy shooters. Just like shooting a .38 Special. Very accurate as well. If one is a 1911 shooter and the reloading press has cranked out a ton of .45 Auto ammo, this is just the handgun to add to your collection. You might even find that it is as accurate as your 1911 (better?).

The .45 Colt version of the Lipsey Bisley is just the ticket for .45 shooters. The .45 Colt cartridge can be anything you want it to be in the super-strong Ruger. Load it with cowboy level loads or use heavy loads from your favorite loading manual for hunting. This gun is heavy but compact so would be easy enough to carry in the field and it is plenty accurate for hunting.

I'm a .44 Special fan and even though the example gun is a .44 Magnum, I tested it with Special loads. Another very easy shooting and accurate revolver. Specials feel just about like the .45 Auto version with comfortable recoil. And of course this is a Super Blackhawk so one can load this magnum-rated handgun with hot Specials, or full power .44 Magnums. Dale commented that he has had no issues with regular .44 Special shooting in the Magnum chambers; he just cleans after every session.

Ruger triggers sometimes arrive out-of-the-box a little heavy. All of these guns had very good triggers—

smooth and light. In fact very smooth with just that bit of Ruger creep. Dale admits that he "adjusts" the trigger return spring to lighten the pull. Well, whatever he's done, the triggers are near perfect for a single action.

I don't have machine rest grip adapters for the Ruger Bisley so can't provide you with data on absolute accuracy potential. Dale's targets and my off-hand shooting experience with these revolvers demonstrates that they are very accurate. From a mechanical standpoint, all is near perfect. The throats of the .44 were on-spec. Barrel to cylinder alignment is perfect. These modern big bores are superb revolvers and in the Lipsey snubby version are both unique and useful.

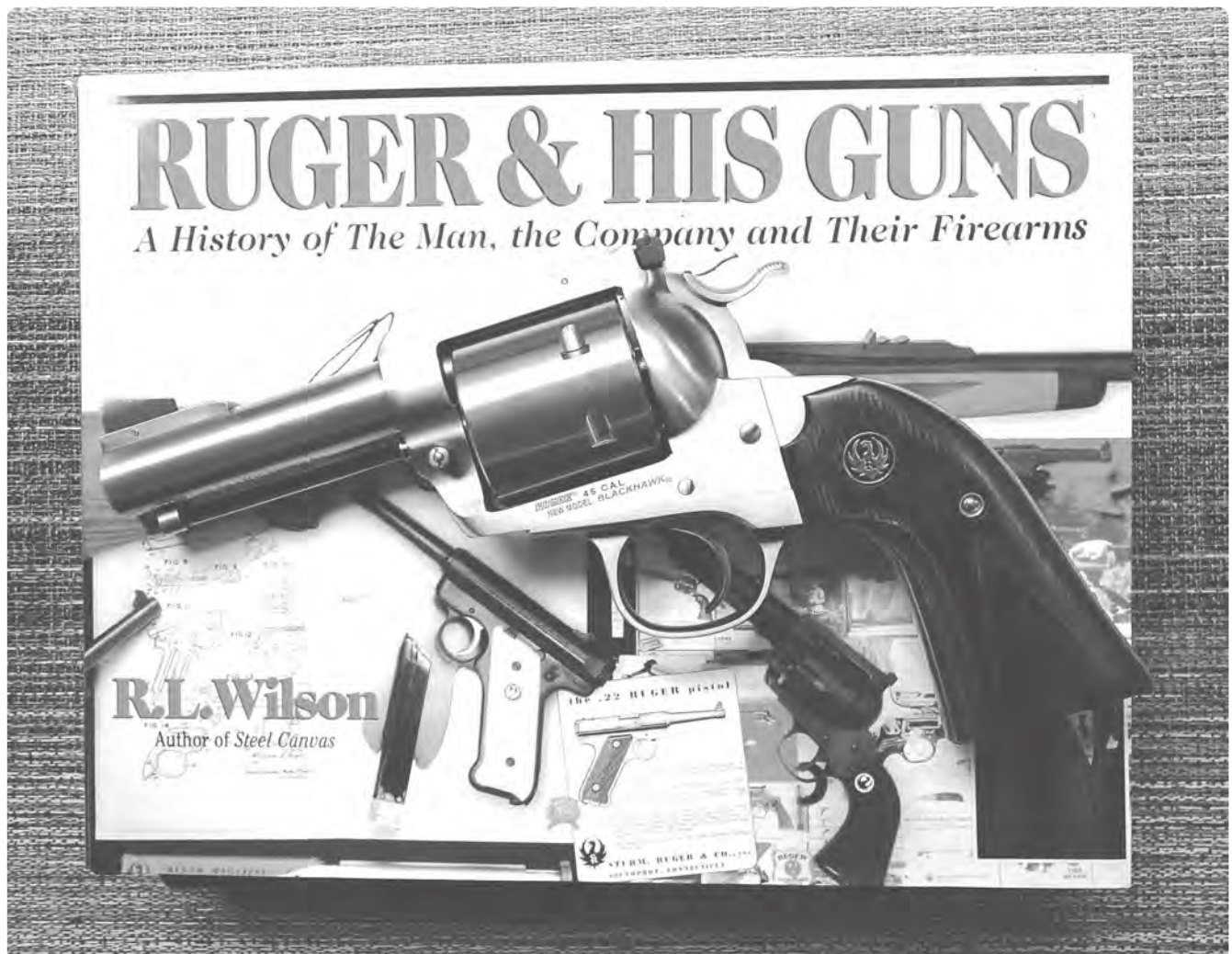
Thanks to Dale for sharing these fine semi-custom big bore snubbies. Interesting, shootable and collectible.

•The End•

WAC member Dale Hall was quite generous in providing the Editor with the three revolvers reviewed here. Even better, he provided the ammunition to be fired in each. How often does someone hand you a bunch of their valued firearms along with "free" ammo? Not too often. And then he asked me NOT to clean them.

Dale's three Rugers are unique enough to qualify as collectible. And even more interesting to me is that Dale intends them to be used as intended. The result is this article that includes commentary on how these fine guns perform. *The Editor.*

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SAF FILES BRIEF IN SCOTUS REMAND OF MARYLAND GUN BAN CASE

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BELLEVUE, WA – Attorneys representing the Second Amendment Foundation and Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms have filed a supplemental opening brief in their challenge of Maryland’s ban on so-called “assault weapons” based on the Supreme Court’s remand of the case back to the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals following the landmark ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* in June.

SAF and CCRKBA are joined by the Firearms Policy Coalition, Inc., Field Traders, LLC, and three private citizens: David Snope, Micah Schaefer and Dominic Bianchi, for whom the case is named. Defendants are Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh, State Police Secretary Col. Woodrow W. Jones, III, Baltimore County Sheriff R. Jay Fisher and Anne Arundel County Sheriff Jim Fredericks, all in their official capacities.

Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys Raymond M. DiGuiseppe, DiGuiseppe Law Firm P.C. in Southport, N.C. and David H. Thompson, Peter A. Patterson and Tiernan B. Kane, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, Washington, D.C. The case is known as *Bianchi v. Frosh*.

The brief details how the high court in *Bruen* overruled the use of “intermediate scrutiny” in such cases as Bianchi, and instead mandated “the only way that a law burdening conduct falling within the Second Amendment’s scope can be upheld is if the government can demonstrate a ‘historical tradition’ of regulations, rooted in the Founding Era, that burdened the right in a similar way and for similar reasons.” Further, the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Bruen* “demonstrates that Maryland’s ban on certain semiautomatic rifles is unconstitutional.”

“The *Bruen* ruling effectively ended lower court ‘means-end scrutiny’ of Second Amendment challenges that have allowed perpetuation of extremist gun laws banning firearms that are in common use,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “In that regard, the *Bruen* decision makes it difficult to uphold certain laws, especially when they arbitrarily ban whole classes of firearms and criminalize their possession, clearly violating a citizen’s individual right to keep and bear arms.”

An affirmative ruling overturning Maryland’s ban could have a significant impact on other states where bans have been enacted, or may be proposed via legislation or citizen initiative, Gottlieb observed. That’s why the *Bianchi* case is so important in SAF’s effort to win firearms freedom one lawsuit at a time.

The Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 720,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

Letters from our Members

Persistence Pays—A C&R Journey or Do They Still Issue C&R Licenses?

As an official curio and relic myself, born before 1972, I have found curious the prolonged process for obtaining my Curio and Relic license. For any aspiring collectors considering a C & R here was what I recently experienced.

On March 24th, 2022, I mailed my application for an FFL type 03, Curio and Relic License, along with a \$30 check. On March 28th the check was cashed by the ATF and according to the ATF website the Federal Firearms Licensing Center then begins an electronic background check on the applicant.

At least that's the theory. And that had been the experience of some who in years past reported a three week turn-around. Others spoke of a month wait for renewal of their C & R this year even with minor complications. As June wound to an end this applicant was still returning sad faced from his mailbox. I only collected the usual debris of charity beg letters and the advertisements of landscaping companies who apparently lusted after my 7 foot high lawn grass.

Like any impatient patient, I tried a variety of snake oil cures for these slow motion FFL blues. The Google information bubble had local ATF numbers to call including a Seattle field agent. Zilch results though I talked to some great recordings. Even more apathetic regarding my predicament was the supposed 'Mother in Tennis Shoes'—Senator Patty Murray. Her tennis shoes didn't bestir themselves to reply even after phone call and emails.

I don't, however, consider a peddler of snake oil Reagan Dunn member of the King County Council. His office contacted the King County Sheriff's office and I was assured the hold up wasn't from them. Said Max Kotran of the King County Sheriff's Office Records Unit: "The copy of your . . . Curio and Relic application sent to us is only kept for storage/reference purposes. We do not handle any part of issuing the license."

The Sheriff's office also supplied the first ATF phone number that actually lead to real people, 1-866-662-2750. I was thrilled to speak

with flesh and blood customer service representatives who said my application was "awaiting processing". At least now I knew my license hadn't been lost by my postman!

Sadly, they could give me no inkling of a time frame for processing my background check. And then, horrors, they referred me to another ATF recording that changed weekly and said the agent would be back in the office next week and then the following week it was updated to the week after that and then updated to . . . well, climb on board the ad nauseum train.

Finally, over five months after my check was cashed by the ATF there was a nondescript envelope swaddled with yet more beg letters in my mailbox. Untold angels danced on the head of a pin as I held my FFL Type 03 license.

So, what is going on with C & R applications? Why is an electronic background check taking over five months? Is the West Virginia version of the worldwide web a squadron of homing pigeons? Some have said it is "staffing shortages caused by COVID". Others that the ATF is "without a director . . . and they seem very subject to political influence, reflecting Biden admin policies". With the ungainly Federal Behemoth who knows?

The lesson I learned from this episode? Don't let such curiosity kill the cat, or cats that you might be able to more easily purchase with possession of a Curio and Relic License.

—James Romnes

1972 is the C&R Date

While James Romnes application for a C&R took way too long, I'm hopeful that this is not the new normal. My experience and that of many other WAC members has been a three week approval timeline. Yes, there are reports of increasing ATF enforcement actions that seem to be an effort to reduce/limit the number of class 7 FFL's but this should not affect Class 3 C&Rs. The C&R license is a simple affair that requires a background check that is easily and quickly done. The license should be issued without delay unless there is something disqualifying in the applicant's background. Since this license will allow WAC members to continue to buy and sell collectible firearms at our events, I recommend it to all. —The Editor

The Terminator

A Spanish .44 Magnum Snubby from Astra



By Phil Shave, Editor

Arnold Schwarzenegger earned fame as the Terminator in 1984. Clearly, Arnold does his best acting as a cyborg. Not long after the movie's successful run, Interarms imported the .44 Magnum snubby built by Astra Unceta Y Cia SA in the 1980's. Of course, they named it "TERMINATOR."

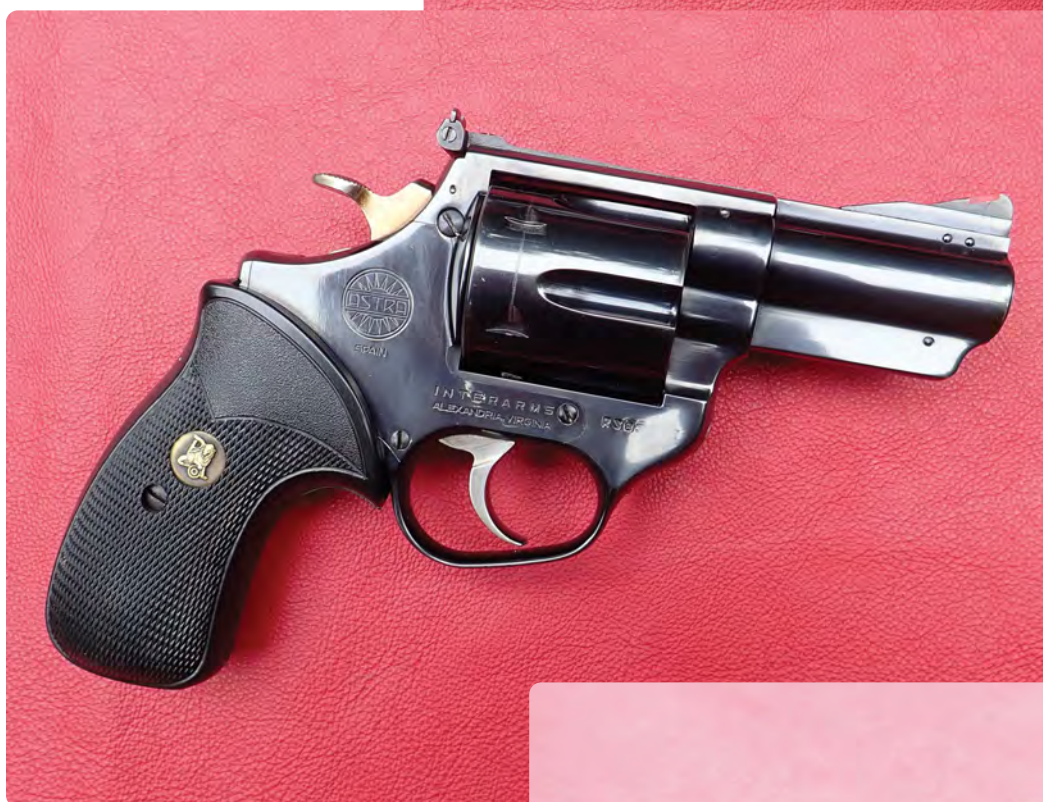
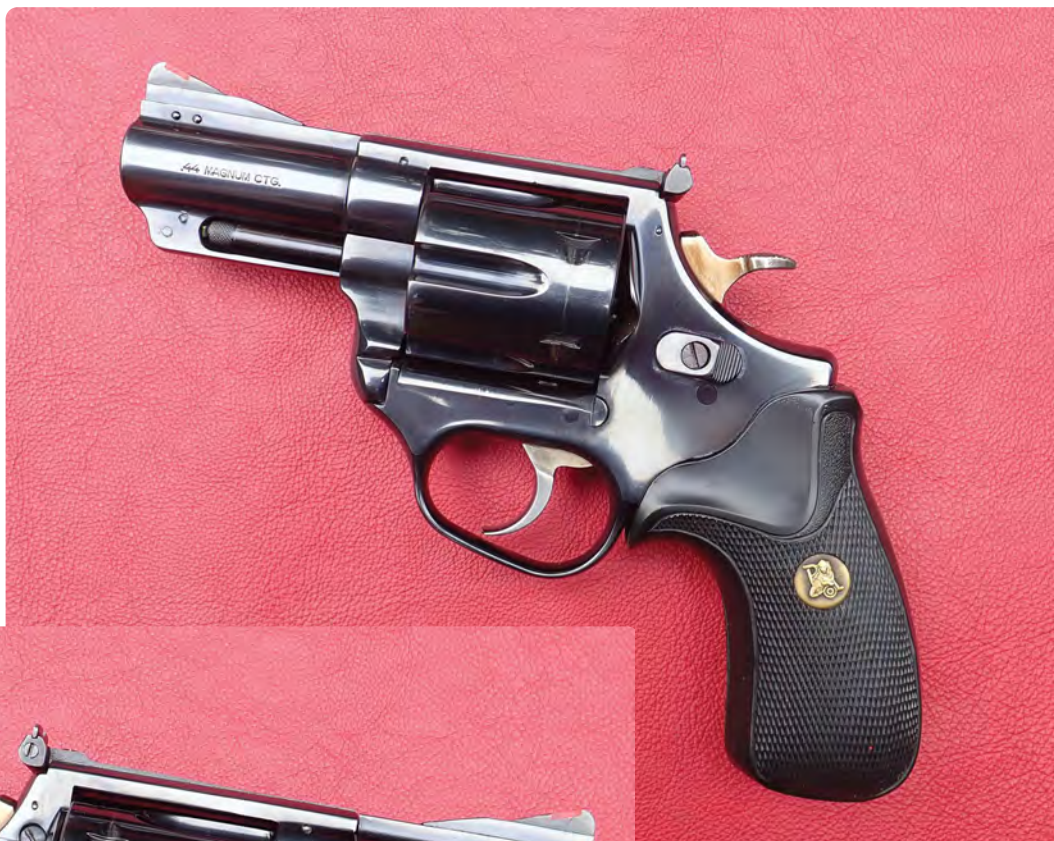
Lew Horton Distributing had previously introduced the concept of short barrel magnum revolvers with their round butt, short barrel S&W Model 29 and found a ready market. The Astra version was similar to the Lew Horton gun, at a slightly lower price.

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Right—The left side of the .44 Astra looks very S&W. There is a copper shade to the hammer, full length barrel lug and graceful trigger guard. The round butt grips are K frame S&W sized and the Pachmayrs are factory-supplied.

Page 16—The lower picture gives us a view of the checkered hammer.



Left—Note the classic five screw build; the upper sideplate screw shows here. The barrel is pinned, the cylinder chambers are recessed.

Right—This view shows how well-integrated the ribbed sight and barrel have been designed—one meets the other at the frame joint. The front sight is a red ramp. Look for the "flaming bomb" proof mark on the cylinder.



The Terminator revolver became a movie star, just not as famous as the Schwarzenegger. Mel Gibson used one in Lethal Weapon. Later, George Clooney is seen with a Terminator in “From Dusk ‘Til Dawn.” I speculate that it was easier to acquire the Astra than it was to source a Lew Horton 29. In a movie, only a few firearm experts would be able to spot the difference between the two revolvers.

An Old-Fashioned 5 Screw

If you don’t know Astra revolvers then you might think this is a cut-rate, low quality rip-off of the S&W. That would be only partly correct—the Astra incorporates much S&W in its design but it is not a cheaply made or inferior revolver. With all its similarities, I can’t help but compare it to the S&W N frames. During the troubled years, S&W quality varied quite a bit—the fit, timing, tolerances and finish of some S&W revolvers could range from excellent to unacceptable. The Astra from the 80’s, however, displays top-quality manufacture and quality control.

Look at the finish first. I will go out on a (pretty sturdy) limb and say that the finish and polish on the example Terminator is equal to the S&W. The finish is a perfected high gloss, with a deep black bluing. Not just a pretty face, the construction of the frame is like the older S&W five screw revolvers. There is a screw in front of the trigger guard and four screws on the right side plate. The upper sideplate screw is the one S&W removed from their revolvers. Fit of the sideplate to the frame is perfect, better than many S&W’s of the 70’s to 80’s.

S&W collectors value the older guns that they refer to as “pinned and recessed.” Like a classic Smith, the Astra has the pinned barrel. The cylinder chambering has the recess for the cartridge rim. The timing is perfect and there is no cylinder endshake. The barrel-cylinder gap on this example is about .006”.

The Terminator name is nowhere on the revolver itself nor on the boxes I’ve seen, just the Astra logo, the Interarms name and “.44 MAGNUM CTG.” on the barrel.

Misinformation

Our friend, the internet, is a fount of “facts.” Well, maybe not. There are lots of postings that attribute Terminator production to John Jovino. The Jovino



Above—Astra does a nice crisp rollmark on the right sideplate. No shoddy edge fading as we’ve seen on some big name revolvers.

gun shop pioneered and produced short barrel revolvers in a lot of calibers, usually called “Effectors.” At least one contemporaneous (1985) article states that Jovino did customize some Astras that preceded the production gun. Internet experts will point to the muzzle and say that one can see that it was chopped—not so, the Terminator was a factory gun, not a cut-down custom. I wish I could provide you with some actual ad copy here that would show who and how the Terminator was sold but I don’t have it (Maybe some of our collectors will have an old Shotgun News ad they can show me?). Some sources state that it was the distributor of unique handguns, Lew Horton, who provided the Terminator to the public. We know that Horton teamed with S&W to offer the N frame short barrel guns with a K frame round butt and they may also have sold the Astra. In any case, the Astra Terminator is a factory produced handgun that was imported and sold through Interarms and it has the “Interarms, Alexandria, Virginia” rollmark on the right side.

Regarding the grips, bad information abounds. Some say that the stocks are specific to the Astra. Others call for the use of S&W N frame stocks. Even worse, I’ve seen some say that you should modify the grip frame to accommodate S&W stocks. Reality intrudes—the Astra was factory fitted with Pachmayr rubber grips. Astra built the Terminator with a unique, for Astra, round butt grip frame and they copied the S&W but not the N frame, rather the K

frame round butt. One of the advantages of being a copycat is that off-the-shelf grips were available and these original Pachmayr grips are marked for the S&W K frame round butt (SK/C). There's recoil-absorbing rubber over the rear grip strap which is helpful with the .44 Magnum. The frame shape is close enough to S&W that one could use any custom grips made for the K frame round, with likely just a little shaping for perfect fit.

Many .44 Magnums have a problem—the sharp recoil can unlock the cylinder. In short or light guns the issue is worse. Some S&W .44 Magnums and some Astra Terminators can experience cylinder unlocking when fired with full power 240 gr. ammunition. 200 gr. bullet loads are the cure. Although the example Terminator does not have this fault with full power ammo, one will find that .44 Specials or light .44 Magnums are more suitable to the short barrel.

Will this Spanish-built magnum survive hard use? I have a good friend who has fired many full power .44 Magnums through his Terminator and it is still as tight and sound as when new. The strength of this forged steel Astra is not in question. I will say that double action magnum revolvers don't have the durability of, for example, a Ruger single action. Shoot enough magnums through a S&W, Colt or an Astra and you will batter it; eventually it will develop excessive cylinder endshake.

Built Like Arnold

Looking all bulked-up, the Terminator is one testosterone-infused, heavy duty revolver. It weighs a little more than 2-1/2 lbs. While the action is S&W-derived, there are differences. Most significant is the use of a coil mainspring rather than a leaf. This is both good and bad. While the coil spring is reliable, it is not as tune-able as the leaf and does not deliver quite the linear stroke of a good S&W action. Here's a plus—the coil mainspring seats in a "wheel" with four recesses of different depths; choose between light or heavy settings. The Astra double action is smooth and light but is harder to stage than the Smith. The single action is crisp but heavier than most S&W's. Other than that, the Astra will seem familiar with the six shot cylinder's right hand rotation and S&W-style lockup. Astra was early to the inertia firing pin mounted in the frame rather than on the hammer and this is a good, nearly unbreakable, safe piece of engineering; S&W switched to a similar system much



Above—A coil mainspring gives a smooth reliable action. The spring seat is a barrel with four different settings for spring tension.

Below—The cylinder stop is a beefy, oversized part that engages perfectly with the cylinder slots.



later. The cylinder stop is beefier than the S&W N frame; wider at .112" compared to about .105".

Like a weightlifter, the barrel is a "bull" with hardly any taper and a massive full-length underlug. While sale postings and gun scribes have sometimes variously stated the barrel length as 3", 2-5/8" or 2-1/2", it is none of these. I measure the barrel at 2.82" so if we're rounding we go with 2-3/4". Adding to the heavy duty look is a ribbed barrel and sight ramp that clones S&W. However, the adjustable rear sight,



Above—There is no mention of the Terminator name on the box. But you'll see that the non-standard barrel length is written in by hand. There is a "3" for barrel length that has been marked out and corrected.

also ribbed, is an aesthetic improvement on the S&W—there is no gap in the sight rib. It actually extends all the way forward to the end of the frame, unlike the S&W which ends 1/3" short of the barrel. The front sight ramp is secured with two pins.

The sights are classic, with a red insert in the ramped front and a white outline in the adjustable rear. Hammer and trigger are an unusual straw color and perhaps they are case-hardened but without the colorful patterns we're familiar with. The hammer is checkered target-style. The trigger is appropriately smooth for double action work.

Variations

Evidently the Terminator was manufactured in stainless steel as well as the blue version. I've seen pictures but not handled one. The same revolver was made as a .41 Magnum; again, I've only seen photos and these .41's were Terminators with 2-3/4" barrels. There was a .45 Colt but I do not believe that these were in the short barrel Terminator version. There are also 4 and 6" .44 Magnums but the Terminator name was reserved for the short barrel guns. While some reference sources say that Lew Horton was the distributor, it appears that Interarms cataloged and sold this Terminator more widely.

On Target

The Terminator will definitely terminate whatever needs terminating. The appearance is intimidating as is the recoil. Grab a box of Magnums and head to the range—Boom! And a huge flash. Even though this is a heavy handgun, there is lots of muzzle climb and it's slow back on target. Ear plugs and muffs

combined will help you deal with the impact. It handles either .44 Magnums or Specials just fine. The rifling is beautifully smooth and delivers accuracy that is first-rate. Since we're comparing it to S&W N frames, I'll say that it easily shoots as well as any Smith .44.

If you can find a holster for an N frame S&W then it will fit the Astra. The problem is that there aren't a lot of choices for a 2-3/4" barrel. Extra ammo can be carried in speedloaders made for the S&W as the cylinder chamber spacing is almost identical.

Do we need a .44 Magnum belly gun? One that really needs a holster, not a pocket? Only you can answer that question. If you go looking, you'll find that the current collector value for a Terminator is well short of the Lew Horton "Combat" version of the S&W snubbed N frame. Handling this Astra makes me wish I'd spent the asking price of \$189 for a new one back in the 80's.

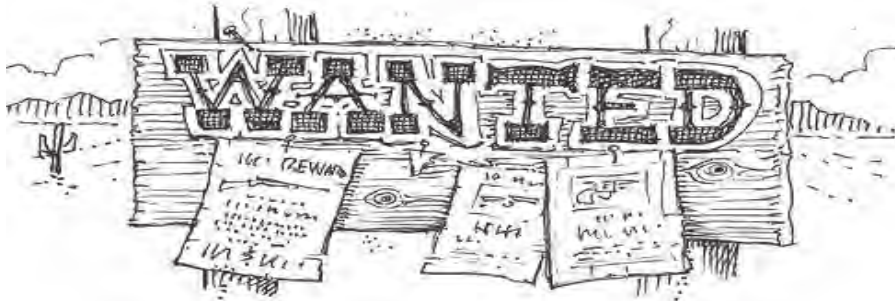
I can usually find things I don't like with most handguns—sharp edges, poor finish, lousy sights and more—it is hard for me to find fault with the Terminator. There are more than a few Spanish revolvers that lack quality and durability and these have poisoned the Spanish reputation—the Astra proves that at the very least the Spanish can build a revolver that is as good as the best. Whether you want a collectible piece of history or just a very good field gun, the Terminator is more than just a cute name; it is an outstanding revolver.

Like the Terminator himself, this muscular revolver has aged pretty well.

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FOR SALE: Guns, Miscellaneous Ammo and Older Re-Load Equipment. Marlin Model 80 .22 with peep sight—\$140. Older re-load supplies out of 25 years of storage. Lots of extra odds and ends. Lyman T-Mag Turret Press (Expert Kit \$430 new), press; Lyman universal trimer; 500 Lyman scale; Lyman powder measure; and enough extras to sweeten the deal—sell components for \$180. Funnels; powder dribbler; caliper; deburring reamers; cartridge tray; bullet puller; case lube; de-capping pins; hand primer—\$25. Wilson neck die—\$20. Bullet seat—\$30. Neck turner, gauge, odds and ends. RCBS Pistol powder measure "Little Dandy" with RCBS stand—\$25. RCBS primer press; plastic rifle ammo boxes. Redding Master Powder measure No. 3—\$55. Lyman Dies 308, 32 ACP; RCBS Dies .243 and 7mm Remington Mag—

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Lew Horton's Snub-Nosed Model 29

By Phil Shave, Editor

Lew Horton partnered with several firearms manufacturers including Smith & Wesson and Ruger to offer unique specials, usually with custom stocks and barrel lengths, sometimes with engraving or gold accents. My favorite Lew Hortons are the snub-nose, big bore Smith & Wesson revolvers in .44 Magnum.

The Lew Horton company had its beginnings back in 1948 in Framingham, Massachusetts. By 1960 both Lew Horton Sr. and Jr. were managing the company. In 1977 the operation changed names to "Lew Horton Distributing Company." Operations continued until closing on December 31, 2019. The company distributed enough firearms to give it some clout with manufacturers who obliged by producing the "specials" that were only available through Lew Horton. Typically a new Lew Horton limited production special would sell out almost immediately and sometimes this would justify a re-run. In any

Above—The Lew Horton Model 29 looks great with its 3" barrel and K frame round butt. The stocks shown are modified from those provided by Lew Horton. Once could almost mistake this for a Model 19 Combat Magnum, except for that big bore seen below.



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Right—Right side view of the 29-3. Crisp, Sharp logo.

Right Middle—There are some decent colors on the smooth combat trigger.

Middle Below—Two views of the typical N frame sight rib. Note that the sight leaf ends quite a distance from the end of the frame; it does not adjoin the ribbed barrel.

Below Right—The barrel length was rare and so Horton offered a nice FBI tilt pancake style holster with a thumb snap. It is suede-lined.



case, production was more limited than a typical factory offering and the short barrel S&W revolvers are now collectible.

Short barrel revolvers, often described as a snub-nose, snubby or belly gun, were usually diminutive .32 or .38 calibers. Back in the 80's there was no such thing as a .44 Magnum snubby. Everyone knew that such a beast would be very hard to handle and produce an incredible, ear-numbing blast. So, the factories wisely didn't offer such a revolver. But, shortened revolvers always have appeal and the bigger the bore, the better. When the Lew Horton "Combat" ~~.44 Magnum with 2" barrel~~ was announced, there were plenty of buyers.

The Lew Horton Combat revolver was a typically deluxe finished Smith & Wesson Model 29-3. The blue is glossy black, the sights adjustable white outline and the front sight is ramped with a red insert. S&W did more than just screw on a short barrel—they also used the more compact round butt frame. While today all S&W frames are round butt, whether or not the grips are square or rounded, back then the round butt of this Lew Horton N frame was unusual and it was actually a K frame round butt. The color case hardened hammer and firing pin are the old-style with the hammer-mounted pin. The trigger is wide but smooth. The Hammer is semi-target checkered. The other visual feature of note was the custom round butt, finger groove stocks of Goncalo Alves wood. These stocks are unusual and were not found on other S&W revolvers and they have the S&W medallion. This is one pretty Model 29.

The package was completed with the inclusion of a custom holster made to fit this unusual barrel length. This holster is lined in suede leather and finished in black and has a thumb snap retainer. The back of the holster is stamped with the S&W logo and "624" which would indicate that it was originally planned to be used with a stainless .44 Special. The holster carries the revolver with an FBI tilt which will help conceal this short, chubby gun. While it's weighty, the Combat 29 is fairly compact and actually carries and conceals pretty well in the supplied holster.

Yes, I've shot this shorty .44 Magnum with full power magnum loads. It is truly unpleasant. Someone with a bigger build and sturdy wrists would manage it better than I. In fact, I think it should have been a



Above—The caliber rollmark centers nicely on the 3" barrel.

Below—A properly executed S&W logo with no edge fading or irregularity.



.44 Special and actually there was such a gun. Check out the image of the ad from 1984. Lew Horton claims that the Model 24 Combat, not the Model 29, is "The First Factory Produced "K" Round Grip on an "N" Frame." So it appears that the Model 24 preceded the production of the Model 29 Combat snubbie. I love looking back at the prices—\$300 for the Model 24 and another \$20 for a very nice holster designed by S&W in either right or left hand. I don't have a Lew Horton Combat 24 but when I do shoot the Lew Horton Combat 29 it is with .44 Specials.

The action is typical S&W old-style smooth and linear. The single action is perfect, breaks with

merely a wish. I found that the nice-looking finger groove stocks didn't fit me well so (not thinking of collector value) I shortened the length and removed the finger grooves for a better shape and less bulk. A collector wouldn't do this but I do like to shoot my firearms.

What we have here is a very nice classic Smith & Wesson Model 29 with a few custom features in a package designed more for carry than for shooting. And because only a limited number were made, the Lew Horton big bore Combat magnum is both interesting, collectible and pricey.

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Above—Lew Horton had Smith & Wesson apply custom combat stocks with very distinct finger grooves. These are large stocks and grooves will only fit some shooters. The stocks were both long and thick, although the backstrap was not covered.

Left—Here's an example of the Lew Horton advertising for the snubbie .44's. This ad is for the .44 Special that preceded the .44 Magnum version. Both the 24 and 29 had 3" barrels and a dedicated holster

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\$25. Speer Reload Manual #10—5. Sierra Bullets Reload Manual 2nd Edition—\$5. Lyman Pistol & Revolver Handbook 1978—\$5. Partial box of .240 gr. Jacketed Soft Point (33 of 50 rounds) of .44 Remington Mag. Ammo—\$25. Reasonable offers considered. Dana, 253.970.5814 or dwherron@outlook.com

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**Washington Arms Collectors
Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022**

Attending: Boyd Kneeland, President, Richard Ripley, Director, Acting Secretary, Marcy Hinkley, Bookkeeper & Office/Property Manager, Emma Cleary, Operations Manager, Holly Henson, Treasurer, Scott Bramhall, Director, Ray Dotson, Director, John Hubbard, Director, Karen Jennings, Director, Jim Weaver, Director

Absent: Bill Burris, Past President, Phil Shave, Gun News Editor, Tani Iwashita, Director, Tim Wegner, Director, John Rodabaugh, Director

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Officer & Staff Reports:

President: We are without a VP. President Kneeland will select a candidate for the Board to approve.

Vice President: No report

Treasurer: Fiscal year is July, 2021 – June, 2022 was \$404K, vs last year of \$173K. We do not have a detailed analysis for each individual show location. Expenses this year are \$584K, last year \$343K. Expenses for the building were \$60K, vs \$58K for last year. Building Revenue was \$99K this year vs \$74K last year.

Secretary: The last 2 meeting minutes were distributed and approved by e-mail vote.

Insurance Chair – Jim Weaver: We have an issue in process – an underwriter at our carrier (Liberty Mutual) looked at the Website, and cancelled our umbrella policy (\$5M) as of September 8th. The website had a mention of “gun safety courses”, which are now required in Washington State for the purchase of “assault rifles” (the now legal definition of ANY semi-automatic rifle). The underwriter apparently assumed that we were teaching the use of “assault rifles”. We have updated the site to no longer include the words “gun safety course” or “assault rifle”. This was originally written to facilitate the Washington State semi-automatic rifle class & exam. With the revised language, we are in better shape, but it is still an open issue.

Office Manager/Operations Manager: Angel of the Winds has a “No Firearms” policy, so they are not an option for a show. Skagit Fairgrounds also has a no guns policy, but they have a new board that may

revisit the policy. Monroe has a larger military presence, and we believe we get 110+ attendees at \$7 per admission. This is still an expensive facility (more than \$10K). Perhaps we can do a Spring and Fall show (only). We have 4 shows scheduled in Puyallup for 2023. Elma is still open for 2023. How about a Saturday only show at Monroe?

Director Jennings moves to have 2 shows in Monroe, 1 day only, contingent on negotiating a 1 day fee. Second by President Kneeland. Vote is unanimous in favor.

Puyallup has 4 shows scheduled for 2023, and Puyallup is usually in or close to being in the black. Show insurance is based on the *number* of events, not the event size. We’re thinking 3 or 4 shows in Elma. Enumclaw would have about 120 tables, and that could double with the other building. Vendors seemed to like the shows there.

Old Business

Director Dotson has some comments about getting new folks involved with the organization. President Kneeland notes that “All marketing should have URLs, and all URLs should have marketing”. We should be spending more time on our Facebook page, making comments about shows and general gun-related activities.

New Business

GunNews – Director Jennings suggests having an on-line only GunNews each month, except for perhaps 1 or 2 “special editions” that are paper. The issue is the cost of producing and physically mailing the magazine. The cost to create the Gun News is about \$30K per year, printing and mailing is about \$60k per year. We believe the organization’s By-Laws would allow meeting our obligation for meeting and communication frequency to be met if the publication is via e-mail or a postcard.

Director Weaver moves to adjourn, Director Bramhall seconds. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Approval of August 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Director Jennings, second by Director Iwashita

In favor: Directors Jennings, Iwashita, Hubbard, Dotson, Weaver, Ripley

No vote yet: Directors Rodabaugh, Wegner, Bramhall
Motion Passes, Minutes approved as written

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- 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.

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** Read Carefully and Sign Below **

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

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Sponsor Information Only **

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

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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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2022

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Mar.	05 & 06	Monroe
May	21 & 22	Puy. Pav.
July	16 & 17	Elma
Sept.	17 & 18	Monroe
Sept.	24 & 25	Elma
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

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

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