



**Special points of
interest:**

- Show Hours: 7:30 am for table holders
- Member doors open at 9:00 am
- Visitors door opens at 10:00 am

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The What & Why of WAC's Business Decisions:

Well it's that time of the year when elections are looming in the near future, and that's true of Washington Arms Collectors as well as our country. Ours isn't nearly as important as the one for our country, however no matter how you vote...please vote.

I looked into the average number of registered voters who in fact do so in the State of Washington and was sad to see that the average is less than 30%. It's no wonder that the Legislators do whatever they want, and each year strangle our 2nd Amendment rights even more. So having said that, if you don't vote, don't complain. Okay enough politics.

In our last edition we pointed out several problems namely vendors leaving the shows early, and table locations. We discussed this at length and are going to establish policies pertaining to both of these issues. The policies will be printed out and presented to each vendor when they check in at the membership desk.

It may seem harsh however, as I previously explained the general public and members come to the show to see merchandise not empty spaces. As to table placement if you want to get your "usual" spot consider paying for the space before you leave the show.

Our staff is tiny compared to what we previously had and doesn't have time to map and remap to accommodate late applications. If you have an issue the ladies are very easy to work with, just let them know what you need. Please do not interpret this to indicate that you will always get exactly what you want.

On another important notice we were informed that the Puyallup Fairgrounds will be renovating the Gold Gate and as such starting in May 2024 the gate will be under construction. All vendors will be required to use the Service entrance by the Orange Gate. Members and the public will enter into the show using the Blue Gate. Please pass this information onto other vendors you know to alleviate confusion when they attend the show.

Some of our Directors and staff have been working to get our website user friendly. Not being part of the techy group, I'm happy to sit and listen while politely nodding my head and smiling. I don't know a bloody thing about what they are saying, but what I do know is when I go to the site and look for things I'm happy to see some improvements.

In fact our Office Manager, and Show Manager (Beverly and Kacie) have produced some much needed items for the office, and we thank them for the great work. We have a ways to go, but they are all putting their collective heads down, and getting some amazing things accomplished. I know for a fact I like being spoiled rotten by all of them.

Recently I have received letters from members with concerns, and criticisms. I read every one, and will answer all of them. It is important to listen, and learn. In fact I have recently been given some outstanding ideas which while not all of the ideas will be implemented a portion of them will be. So members give us your comments, we are listening.

Karen Jennings
President
Washington Arms Collectors

Washington Arms Collectors
Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

No business meeting was conducted due to a lack of quorum. It appears the winter flu bug has affected most of the Board of Directors.

Washington Arms Collectors
Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

Attending:

Karen Jennings, President
Beverly Hanson, Office/Property Manager
Kacie Haynes, Show Manager
Ray Dotson, Director
John Hubbard, Director
Forbes Freeburg, Director
Damien Wongwai, Director
James Romnes, Director

Absent:

Richard Ripley, Director - excused
Holly Henson, Treasurer - excused
Marcy Hinkley, Bookkeeper - excused
Tani Iwashita, Director - excused
Jim Weaver, Director - excused
Tim Wegner, Director - excused
Boyd Kneeland, Past President

Guest: None

Business conducted pre-meeting by e-mail: None

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jennings

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes:

A quorum is not achievable at 6:30 due to the unplanned absence of Director Iwashita due to illness. Director Wongwai previously informed the Board that he would be attending the meeting, but approximately one hour late. The Board members in attendance desire to convene the meeting for general reporting and postpone any items requiring a quorum until Director Wongwai joins the meeting.

Officer & Staff Reports:

President

President Jennings reports that two additional nominations were received during January for open positions in the 2024 WAC General Election. A total of eight nominations have been received for the 2024 election.

The security plan for WAC events at the Puyallup venue requires that uniformed Puyallup police officers provide overnight security for our shows. The police presence that we currently contract for appears to exceed that requirement. President Jennings requests that Office Manager Hanson, Show Manager Haynes, and Director Freeburg follow up with our event coordinator at the Puyallup venue to determine if we can reduce the contracted police services for future events to the level specified in our facility rental security plan.

Vice President
No Report

Treasurer

Treasurer Henson distributed the November 2023 Profit and Loss report, together with a 2022/2023 comparative analysis for November to the WAC Board prior to the BoD meeting. The report showed net financial losses in both November of 2022 (-\$44.4K) and November of 2023 (-11.1K); the difference between 2022 and 2023 is attributed to WAC having greater expenses in 2022 (\$20K for heating system repairs in the WAC office building, and \$40K for publication of the paper copy GunNews).

Director Wongwai joins the meeting at 7:40 pm via telecon

Office Manager

An estimate is being prepared for construction of a security gate at the WAC office building front entrance by the company that installed the security gate at the rear entrance. The front entrance has sustained damage recently from vandalism similar to what happened to the building rear entrance prior to the installation of a security gate.

There is currently a size limitation on the amount of data that we can send to members via email. Delivery to a few members is not an issue, but delivery of a large file to thousands of active WAC members exceeds the capability of our email delivery service. The size limitation prevents us from directly delivering items like the GunNews to members. Links to pages on our website are being used to work around the issue for now, but sending links to our members is not as effective as direct emails. A solution is needed to enable direct delivery of important information to our members.

Show Manager

A seminar for members who wish to obtain Curio & Relic Federal Firearm Licenses has been proposed by a WAC member. WAC is looking into the possibility of sponsoring this seminar as a member benefit at our shows. Being an FFL holder can significantly reduce the incidence of (or eliminate the need for) background checks and transfer fees when purchasing or selling a qualifying firearm. There are some limitations on what firearms are C&R acceptable.

A table holder at the WAC Puyallup event in December suffered a cardiac arrest prior to the opening of the event on Saturday morning. The member was resuscitated by two individuals after he collapsed to the floor, and was transported to a medical facility by ambulance. It is our understanding that the member has survived the incident.

Old Business

WAC is moving ahead with plans to schedule a youth event (Youth Hunter Education Day) for member families during August. The August date will be an event location in the Puyallup area. An additional event is being considered at a location further south in late September.

Motion by Director Dotson to accept the November BoD minutes as currently presented.

Second by Director Romnes

Votes in favor: Directors Dotson, Hubbard, Freeburg, Romnes, Wongwai

Votes against: None

Abstain: None

Motion passes

New Business

A list of target dates for Board meetings during the remainder of 2024 was previously circulated to Board attendees via email. The list was not subject to a formal vote, owing to the potential for change as we approach each meeting date, but the list is unanimously accepted by the Board.

The WAC Secretary will have the most current list of meeting dates for any members wishing to attend a Board meeting.

Director Hubbard moves to adjourn, Director Wongwai seconds, Board meeting is adjourned at 8:18 pm by unanimous approval.

(Minutes by Forbes L Freeburg as acting Secretary)

Upcoming Election Information

The candidates statements, photos and ballots are available on our website, at the show, or call the office and one will be mailed to you.

The ballots must be received by the office no later than March 15th, or they may be dropped in the ballot box at the show.

All ballots will be collected at 12:00 pm Sunday March 24th. No submissions will be accepted after that date.

C&R License Seminar in Puyallup February 24th at 11:00 am.

A free seminar on how to acquire and properly fill out the necessary paperwork to get a C&R License. The instructor will have documents available to fill out for your license, and will assist with any question you have.

Keep in mind the instructor is not an attorney.

CURIO & RELICS LICENCES

YOUR GATEWAY TO FFLs,
WAITING PERIOD EXEMPTIONS,
AND THE BATFE!

February 24th, 2024
Washington Arms Collectors Show

What we will discuss

- What IS a Type-03 FFL?
- Benefits of a Type-03 FFL!
- Common misconceptions and corrections
- Your responsibilities as a Type-03 FFL
- How to apply for a Type-03 FFL
- Q&A
- Application workshop

Inspector Abberline's Musings:

A View from the Floor; The 2024 January Enumclaw Show

"Big party, where's the whisky?" John Wayne fans know that line from the 1963 classic, 'McLintock'. When I heard that line or variations for the third time during WAC's January 20th show it got me thinking. And perhaps the reader is thinking what triggered that repeated quotation? The answer shortly but first those other thoughts.

The Enumclaw party may not have been as big as hoped for but my fellow table holders had a big and jubilant spirit. One member named John displayed a Webley item that I had never seen first hand, a Webley auto loading pistol in .455. And I learned, to my embarrassment, the difference between this pistol's .455 auto loading cartridge and my revolvers' .455 cartridge.

Another member named John had his superior collection of black powder revolvers and long arms for sale. Every time I see them I crave the Egg McMuffin smell of the so called 'holy black'.

The discussion topics with member Jerry were as big and far ranging as the causes of societal decline and what's really wrong with all those recent Star Trek spin offs. Hint, don't make a star ship's bridge look like the DEI efforts of the Seattle City's HR Department.

And where else but at a WAC Show could I have learned about a bizarre online auction site that had a \$120,000 Walther TPH for sale and how the seller had tried to justify a nosebleed price simply because he wanted to pay off some bills!

But the party could have been bigger if more WAC members were sharing their collections and knowledge. I know collectors of early English revolvers and Spanish Star pistols who haven't joined the fun for years. And note to member Harry, quit teasing about that fantastic cased Adams revolver and display it at a show!

As to 'where's the whisky?' The vital proof of any collector's show is youth. My youngest child who is fluent in Gaelic tells me that the Irish word for whisky means literally 'waters of life'. In youth and expanding our younger membership we will find the rushing, cleansing waters of life to continue and increase the WAC. When our membership can quote a Keanu Reeves film as readily as it does a 61 year old John Wayne film we will achieve our full 100 proof.

Now what was the reason I was thrown that Clintock line so many times? In my \$2 box I had a cut glass whisky decanter, a perfect item to store a favorite beverage for after shooting enjoyment. "Now what on earth was I selling a decanter for \$2 for?" That's a question for when you see me at the next WAC show!

STRAIGHT FROM THE HOLSTER BY J.T. HILSENDEGER

I just got back from our Enumclaw show where I found a number of bargains as unlike the Puyallup show where it can be a "shoulder to shoulder" show. Enumclaw was less crowded allowing more time to look and paw through things. I heard a number of folks commenting how it was a nice little show. Hopefully next year I can too be a vendor there as we are scheduling four shows there. Another reason for my being there was to repair broken tables. Guys, these are the same tables being used when I started with WAC in 99 and they are getting very tired, unable to hold up the 3-4-5 hundred pound loads of product. Give them a break and cut back on your display of ammo. The weekend before was our Puyallup show and as busy as it was I couldn't really shop as much as I wanted, needing to stay at my tables. However I was able to take home a couple of muzzle loaders. Both looked good but needed a bit of TLC. One had trigger issues and on disassembly I was sure it was used in the manufacturers sand reliability testing, it was so dirty. The barrel looked quite good as did the overall outside condition. It cleaned up nicely and will need a new home come our next Puyallup show. HINT--they occasionally need a complete strip down for a complete cleaning. HINT-- For checking the bore visually, go to a sporting goods store fishing dept. and purchase the little fishing bobber lights they use for night fishing. they are small enough you can drop them in a .22 even and only cost a couple bucks.

As you know, at our shows all guns must be tied off with zip ties to prevent some nut from slipping in a cartridge to see if the cartridge fits or if the caliber marking is correct. Also, absolutely no loaded magazines allowed, and with tube fed rifles, the followers must be withdrawn. With revolvers, there are a couple ways to comply for tying off and all semi autos need tying off also. Our security folks can show how to do it. Also, there can be no loose ammo in close proximity of the gun that chambers that ammo. Non compliance with any of the listed can make for a very short show, either vendor or attendee. Any questions---security can help you out. In a normal year I go hunting in the second week of modern deer season even though I carry a muzzle loader. Where I go in eastern Washington I have hundreds of thousands of acres of government land and see maybe 4-5 other guys during the hunt, during the weekdays. Usually though I hear their ATVs or UTVs before I see them. Doesn't anybody walk anymore? Anyway, with other commitments I had to settle on opening weekend Sunday as day one. What a shock!!! There were more darn cars, trucks and motor mansions than there were old logging roads to park on. Yup, some so big they wouldn't fit in a normal driveway. Way, way back I found an overgrown logging road and gave it a try although I hadn't hunted there before. I always hunt the hillside above the road as even in the dark you can find the road by just going downhill. I figured on heading, (brush busting,) up to the ridge about a quarter mile or so, then along the ridge about a half mile then down to the road again. Little did I know that coming back down there was a small stream about eight feet across and maybe a foot deep. I'd spotted a few does and two muley bucks but as they were out of range, they got a free pass that day.(I limit my shooting of animals to about fifty yards) . Anyway, I had a decision on the stream to either wade or backtrack about a quarter mile. DANG that water was cold !!! I'd guess it was logged about 15 years earlier so there weren't and old trees to use as a bridge. Yup, strip to the "skivvies" and have at it. For the draft dodgers, "skivvies" are what your undies are called in the military. Okay, picture this. Me sitting by the side of the creek, a small fire going to warm up the tootsies and a military canteen cup with water waiting to boil for coffee .Yup, a couple of Korean war era packets of dehydrated coffee and same era crackers (old C-ration stuff) and maybe a little tin of the peanut butter and jelly. Yummy . Musta spent a good short hour or so there, just having coffee and enjoying the peace and quiet. Yeah, didn't hear a shot all day. Did I score those couple days--No-- but in a couple weeks we have the late buck here on the west side. Since losing my old Indian hunting partner and the fella who got shot by his wife's nephew, I've really enjoyed doing the solo thing. Sure, I take some static from friends and relatives about going alone especially in new areas but with a decent compass, a bit of vittles and common sense, barring a medical issue, "it don't get any better".

Affiliated Events Page



**Cascade Mountain Men
Muzzle Loading Arms Show
Commemorating
The Fur Trade & Colonial America
March 9 & 10, 2024
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm / Sunday 9 am to 3 pm
Enumclaw Expo Center
Enumclaw, WA
Presented by Cascade Mountain Men, Inc.**

Traditional (pre-1840) Muzzle Loading firearms, Muzzle Loading Gun Parts and Accessories – Shooting Supplies – Leather & Fur Goods – Period Clothing and Camping Gear – Early & Native American Crafts – Primitive Archery – Trade Goods – Craft Supplies – Beads – Art – Historical and How-to Books.

Admission: \$10 per day
Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 12 and under are admitted FREE.

PO Box 1296
Issaquah, WA 98027-1296
www.cascademountainmen.com
Trader information: 425-890-7208

Enumclaw Expo Center
45224 284th Ave S.E., Enumclaw, WA 98022

**THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
CASTLE ROCK
CARTRIDGE COLLECTORS SHOW**

MARCH 16 & 17, 2024

To Be Held at: The Castle Rock Elementary School Cafeteria
700 Huntington Ave. South
Castle Rock, WA 98611

Exit 48 or 49 on I-5 North of Portland, Oregon in Castle Rock, WA

Set-up: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Saturday Vendors ONLY
Show Open: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CARTRIDGES AND RELATED ITEMS ONLY
NO GUNS
An IAA sponsored show**

Free Admission To The Public

Six (6)-foot Trade Tables: \$30.00

Show Chairman:
Tom Quigley
414 Studebaker, Spur 2
Castle Rock, WA 98611
(360) 274-4508
e-mail: tlqmlq@q.com

Send payment with your table reservations.
Please make checks payable to Tom Quigley

CMP SANCTIONED MATCH

The CMP is giving CMP affiliated clubs the opportunity to notify surrounding area clubs about their upcoming CMP Sanctioned Matches. The Wildlife Committee of Washington is holding a GSMM/Carbine Games on 06/16/2024. The location of the range is:

1031-228th S W, Bothell, WA. Match Begins: 9:45AM. For more information you may contact the match director: Martin Morehouse at morehouse9@comcast.net. Thank you for helping make the Wildlife Committee of Washington Matches a success. For information on holding your own CMP affiliated match please check out the CMP Competitions Webpage at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/>. Kim Filipiak Training/Education & Competitions Associate Civilian Marksmanship Program

Important Notice to Vendors and Members

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2024

Gun Show
Schedule

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Jan	20 & 21	Enumclaw Expo
Feb	24 & 25	Puyallup Pav
Mar	23 & 24	Enumclaw Expo
April	27 & 28	Enumclaw Expo
May	11 & 12	Puyallup Pav
Aug	TBD	Special Event
Sept	21 & 22	Monroe
Oct.	19 & 20	Puyallup Pav Military & Collector Show
Nov.	16 & 17	Enumclaw Expo Display Show
Dec.	14 & 15	Puyallup Pav

SHOW LOCATIONS

Enumclaw Show - Enumclaw Expo Center
Monroe Show - Evergreen State Fairgrounds
Puyallup Show - WA State Fair & Events Center
Show Times: Saturday 9AM-5PM & Sunday 9AM-3PM

VERIFY ALL SHOW DATES BEFORE TRAVELING

2024 Wes Knodel Centralia

February 13 & 14

March 16 & 17

April 27 & 28

Oregon Arms Collectors Schedule

May 26th Combination Gun
Theme

June 23rd Military Arms

July 28th Sharp Stuff

August 24-25 Big Two Day Show

For further information people can
call: 503-254-5986 Shows are free
admission to WAC members.

Seminars and Upcoming Attractions:

WAC would like to present
more seminars, and informative
displays that would be of interest to
not only our members but the general
public attending our shows.

If interested contact the WAC
office for scheduling.

Member Renewal Information & Form

W.A.C. - Membership Application (New and Renewing)

Last Name:			First Name:			M.I.:	Mem#:
Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:	Phone#	
E-Mail: (We will not share this with anyone.)					DL# Drivers License#	Exp. Date:	
Birth Date: (Month)	(Day)	(Year)	CPL# Concealed Pistol License			Exp. Date:	
				CHECK PAYMENT TYPE	New and Expired Members, if you do not have a current CPL or FFL, add an additional \$15.00 for the Initiation Fee which includes a Washington State Patrol background check.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year - \$57	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Background	(if no valid CPL)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Donation	Total Amount: \$			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years - \$114	<input type="checkbox"/> Assoc. \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Life \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Donation				
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Years - \$171	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Life \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Donation				