



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

Meeting Report: April 4, 2018

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HOORAH it's finally SPRING! – Time to sweep and tidy up after winter!

Just like our state's turkey population, all of us troopers in the FCAC have been SO anxious for Spring to get here! "New Hamster" (as I call it) is about as lovely a spot as one could wish to live in. Doggone it though... winters are cold and **NOT** pleasant if you don't ski, or run a snowmobile!... It's now **SPRING** though, so let's all Giggle and Grin!

Wednesday April 4 was a **GREAT** gathering, and a good time for everyone! Cool but no snow. Lots of stuff, stuff, and more stuff came in... and everything was interesting! I got a bunch of slngs from Scott Marston who always has cool stuff, and later grabbed a rusty shotgun that cried out to me as it went by. President Evan Nappen of course missed the meeting since he was tied up in court, but we carried on anyway. Though he won his case and ticked-off a prosecutor, Evan missed out! Scott Moylon won the 50/50, and spoke of either taking someone to dinner or buying "Gun Stuff"... It was a hard choice!

We were reminded that **Pioneer Crew 556 4-H Shooting Sports** meets each Thursday evening from 6 PM to 8 PM (except the first Thursday of the month) and is hosted by the Pioneer Sportsmen, Inc. 21 Farrington Road, Dunbarton, NH. They teach firearms safety and marksmanship to youth in a co-ed program, and have been doing so for over 5 years! Interested individuals should have their parent or guardian contact the adult leadership to arrange a meeting and orientation by emailing: pioneercrew556@gmail.com. **Pioneer Crew 556** offers many shooting opportunities both as team and individual participation. It's especially important today that we ALL foster interest and teach appreciation of firearms to our youth. Our media and schools are now doing whatever they can to vilify both firearms **AND** the 2nd Amendment!... **This ain't 1955 America any more Dorothy...or Kansas!**

12ga. Camping Trip Alarms - Unusual shell loads! (Clever... but Scary)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJBezRwxhXA>

Live Shotgun Shell in flare pistol - What happens? (BAD Things!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjVw1_H3wXM

Murder & Mayhem in Boston

As you know, I'm a sucker for history!.. Been reading an interesting book lately by Christopher Daley, "Murder & Mayhem in Boston". It concerns and narrates "historic crimes in the hub". For those who grew up in or near the Boston area these lookbacks would be especially interesting. The preface to one of the stories caught my attention as it included a goodly amount of social specifics on the famous (or infamous) "North End".

- In 1927, Boston's North End was almost entirely Italian. In the early 1800's, it was an Irish enclave mixed in with a fair-sized Jewish community. North End historian Guild Nichols tells us that the first Italian immigrants came in the 1860's from Genoa and settled in a small area off Fulton Street. Originally, there were only about two hundred new arrivals. However, each year brought more and more immigrants from all over Italy so that by the 1880's the ethnic makeup of the North End began to change quite drastically. Of the fifteen thousand Irish who lived there in 1880, barely five thousand remained by 1890. By 1900, the Italian population in the North End was about fourteen thousand people. Over the next twenty years, it would more than double to thirty-seven thousand and, at its peak in 1930 forty-four thousand, all, packed into an area less than one square mile in size. Along with the groups of hardworking, industrious Italians also came the parasitic factions such as the Sicilian Mafia and Neapolitan Camorra. They made their living off their countrymen through blackmail and extortion.

The unforgettable sound of a full-auto-only BAR in 30.06

Here's a gun guy who managed to get his hands on an original piece of history, a full-auto-only BAR in 30.06 with variable rate of fire. Made around 1919, this BAR is stamped as a 'Browning Machine Rifle' and only fires full auto. Designed for WWI style fighting, this weapon was built for walk-and-fire trench warfare or stationary fire from a bi-pod. This model saw extensive use throughout WWII and Korea. The weapon in this video has seen combat, but it has been upgraded over the years. This old workhorse is big, heavy, and reliable. At the time it was a revolutionary war machine that could easily send a barrage of 30.06 with minimal recoil. <http://americangg.net/sound-bar-3006/>

WWI Battle Rifle: The Upgraded Mauser Gewehr 98 of 1918

Weighing 9 pounds, the Mauser Gewehr 98 was used in combat for the first time during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900. Then, when Europe descended into war 14 years later, it still ranked as one of the finest designs in the world. The experience of combat during the opening years of the Great War only reinforced that fine reputation as it fought from Tannenberg to Gallipoli, where it was put to good use by Turkish troops. On the Western Front, it proved itself from Mons to Verdun, but as the war changed, so did the Gew98. Here's an excellent article with information of note.

https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/2/21/wwi-battle-rifle-the-upgraded-mauser-gewehr-98-of-1918/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0218



Learning from your mistakes is wise....

but learning from the mistakes of others is quicker and easier!

Considering Stephen Hawking

On March 14 one of the world's leading theoretical physicists died.

Stephen Hawking, who sought to explain some of the most complicated questions of life, while himself working under the shadow of a likely premature death had surprisingly reached the age of 76.

The power of his intellect contrasted cruelly with the weakness of his body which was ravaged by the wasting motor neurone disease (ALS) he contracted at the age of 21. Hawking's formidable mind probed the very limits of human understanding both in the vastness of space and in the bizarre sub-molecular world of quantum theory, which he said could predict what happens at the beginning and end of time. His work ranged from the origins of the universe itself, through the tantalizing prospect of time travel to the mysteries of space's all-consuming black holes. All of his calculations and computational activities were restricted to his mind since he had no use of his limbs... and he dictated all of his thoughts through a voice synthesizer... Inspiring and Sad. He showed if general relativity is correct, that the universe must have begun as a singularity, which exploded in the tremendous burst of the "Big Bang". Hawking wasn't a "gun-guy", but he **DID** appreciate **LARGE** explosions. Man, could he think!
<http://www.unionleader.com/article/20180314/NEWS19/180319630/0/SEARCH>

From the "very Big" to the "very Small"- MOUSE GUNS!

European police, army officers and armed civilians felt that 6,35mm pistols were perfectly adequate for personal protection, which led to a plethora of European gunmakers producing them. On the other side of the Atlantic, Colt was the first off the mark with its .25-caliber Model 1908 Vest Pocket Pistol.

Volume 72 issue 6 of the Firearms News had a terrific article concerning the evolution of such things.

The .25 Caliber COLT
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Solid Breech!
Automatically Safe!
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Here Is Real Protection!
The compact little COLT "Six Shooter" is only 4 1/2 inches long, weighs but 13 ounces, yet has the speed, accuracy and hard hitting qualities that are available in no other weapon. Shouts metal jacketed bullets as fast as the trigger is pulled, moves the trigger slide and reloads automatically for each shot. Combined with these features is ABSOLUTELY SAFE SAFETY FROM ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE - the Grip Safety automatically locks the action until the trigger is properly pulled - for every one that gets it.
"You Can't Forget to Make a Sale!"
SEE THIS PISTOL AT YOUR DEALER'S.
Write for free Catalog No. 43, descriptive of all COLT'S in calibers .22 to .45.
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In his early James Bond novels, author Ian Fleming armed Agent 007 with a Beretta Modello 418 pistol. (Rock Island Auction Co.)

Colt marketed the Astra-made Colt Junior .25 pistol in the 1970s.

The Czech-made CZ-26 also featured a double-action-only trigger.

The Salvo-designed Baby Browning replaced the Modéle 1905 in FN's line in 1931.

Walther's Model 9 was a subcompact 6,35mm pistol intended to compete with FN's Baby Browning.

Mauser introduced its WTP to provide a 6,35mm pistol smaller than its M1910. (James D. Julia Auctioneers)

Walther produced limited numbers of 6,35mm PPK pistols before WWII. (James D. Julia Auctioneers)

Top 6 Subsonic .22 LR Loads for Small-Game Hunting

Given the ever-increasing proximity of neighbors due to suburban sprawl and the boost in sales of .22 caliber sound suppressors for range and field use, it's little wonder why subsonic .22 Long Rifle (LR) loads have grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. Beyond maintaining positive relationships with nearby residents, subsonic .22 LR loads also don't frighten livestock or game, and their use helps preserve one's hearing—especially when coupled with a quality suppressor, and they're often more accurate than their supersonic brethren, too. https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2018/3/19/top-6-subsonic-22-lr-loads-for-small-game-hunting/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0318#

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Links – NRA Publications



There's a number of Internet links out there in "Cyberworld" to both new products and weaponry. You folks with computers can hook up with them at any time and get on distribution lists!

NEW firearms are well publicized, but of limited interest to THIS old dinosaur. I've always been more interested in Historical and "Vintage" stuff... with dust on it!

REMEMBER- I need material for these newsletters!... When you see or hear of something interesting, send it over here to THIS corner of the fort, where I do "clerk stuff" next to the Keurig coffee machine!

Savage Arms Expands Left-Handed Rifle Lineup

For those of you who insist on going through life doing everything the "hard" way (chuckle)...

Savage Arms has GREAT news for southpaws! The company is expanding its already extensive catalog of firearms geared to left-handed shooters with the release of additional options in center-fire target, hunting and rimfire rifles. The new models were launched at the 2018 SHOT Show in late January.

"Research reports approximately 10 percent of Americans are left-handed," said Firearms Senior Brand Manager Jessica Treglia. "Then there are those who are right-handed, but left-eye dominant. These hunters and shooters greatly benefit from a left-handed firearm, and Savage is proud to supply them with dependable and accurate left-handed choices."

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/1/12/savage-arms-expands-left-handed-rifle-lineup/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0118



Of Break-ins and Burglary's

Both of these are still happening, and are fueled by drug addiction and the conscienceless "I want it now" attitude of SO many younger millennial "products" of today's society! The news as reported on TV and in the papers is seldom happy or encouraging. The next time you come home, pretend you don't have your keys. The way you get into your house is the way a burglar will too!



A New Ruger Precision Rimfire Rifle - (Doesn't look like the .22's "WE" had as kids!)
The few months from the end of 2017 to the beginning of 2018 could rightfully be called "Rugerpalooza," with Ruger launching more than 40 new models of semi-automatic pistols, revolvers and rifles during that time. And it looks like the new model launches for this year are not over quite yet because, believe it or not, a few more are still on the way!... **Libtards! - This is NOT an Assault rifle!**
<https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/3/8/tested-ruger-precision-rimfire-rifle/>



Latest NICS Check Numbers

The FBI just released the NICS check numbers for February, and that month was the second-highest on record for the period—eclipsed only by 2016's figure. The total number of background checks the law enforcement agency performed in the 28 days was 2,333,193. The number is considered a relative gauge of overall firearm sales, although the "barometer's" readings are off in most cases due to renewed carry permits run through the system and other factors. There were nearly 99,000 more NICS checks in February than during the same period in 2017 and 300,000 more than in January 2018. So far this year, handguns have outsold long guns—1,163,337 to 771,970, respectively.... "Interesting".

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/3/5/fear-loading-latest-nics-check-numbers/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0318

Why Are New Hampshire's Tax-Free Liquor Stores Selling So Much Hennessy?

Here's an Interesting article... but **First**, as an "aside"... What's with our states booze monopoly, and New Hampshire's OBSESSION with "Beer" and "Micro-Brewery's" EVERYWHERE you look?!!.... It would seem that we're all being encouraged to become a state of **Alcoholics!... WTF!**

- In December, New York tax department investigators seized 757 liters of untaxed liquor brought into that state says the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. New Hampshire doesn't have a signature drink, unless you like your maple syrup served neat... but in recent years sales of one particular brand of cognac have surged at NH state-run liquor stores! So much Hennessy is being sold, in fact, that one New Hampshire official is asking state Attorney General Gordon MacDonald to investigate whether the Liquor Commission is turning a blind eye to bootlegging and money-laundering activities! New Hampshire, despite its pronounced libertarian streak, is one of 17 "control" states, meaning the government manages the distribution of spirits. The state's Liquor Commission, which is run by an appointed chairman, oversees **79** retail stores!... **Booze and Gambling pay well don't they!**

https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2018/03/08/591568943/hennessy-hauls-raise-concerns-about-new-hampshire-s-tax-free-liquor-business?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20180316&utm_campaign=npr_email_a_friend&utm_term=storyshare

On fooling a Mad Ostrich -

If an enraged Ostrich attacks you, lie down and pretend to be dead... It will think it has won and forget the whole episode within a few seconds, allowing you to retreat intact... (It works on "Libtards" too!)

Lever-Actions for Personal Defense...???

AR's are fine rifles, and many people enjoy owning and shooting them, which—in a free society—is just as it should be. However, there are those who live in parts of the country where this type of rifle is banned or restricted. There are also those who simply don't feel that a semi-automatic rifle meets their needs. Besides being relatively short and easy to handle, the lever-action can also be topped off with ammunition quite easily if it is a Winchester, Marlin, or one of the Winchester copies. During any sort of lull in the fight, extra ammo can be fed into the gun's magazine via the loading gate on the receiver. With a bit of practice, the reload can even be done without removing the carbine from the shoulder.

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/3/26/lever-actions-for-personal-defense/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0318



The Firearm Blog

Here's a Firearms website filled with **LOTS** of relevant stuff..... donotreply@thefirearmblog.com

Hydra-Shok Deep 9mm

Pioneered in 1989, perfected today. An improved jacket and core give Hydra-Shok Deep the power to penetrate 50 percent farther than classic Hydra-Shok. Learn more at federalpremium.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh-fWMQVJxs>

Hydraulic-Expansion 9mm Bullet Experiment (ANOTHER interesting bullet design!)

Most every company has its own ideas about a bullet that will stop "something" and do DAMAGE. In this video some FMJ 9mm bullets (Federal) were modified by drilling a deep pocket in them and filling them full of liquid. As the bullets impact, the non-compressible liquid will "hydro-shock" causing the bullet to expand and fragment much more than a traditional hollow point bullet. Reminds me of the explosive bullets used during the Civil War. Drill out a "Minie ball", fill it with black powder, and put a percussion cap on the nose!... **BANG!** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71AHiciJi5o>

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead.

"How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked her pupil.

"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently.

"You did WHAT?!?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

"You know, explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

NOTE: The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

History in April

April 1, 1865 - Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia.

April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

April 3, 1860 - The Pony Express service began, but lasted less than two years.

April 9, 1865 - the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia..

April 10, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Bataan Death March began.

April 12, 1861 - Confederate troops opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by a Democrat.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 19, 1775 – The battle at Lexington occurred... Eight Americans were killed and ten wounded.

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans and Mexican forces took place near present day Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces thereby achieving independence.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the *Sultana* killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war.

April 28, 1789 - On board the British ship *Bounty*, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against Captain William Bligh, setting him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat. So began one of history's most incredible sagas of survival and endurance at sea.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office in New York City while drinking a **Moxie**... "Congratulations George, have a Cannoli!"



Next Meeting:

May 2, 2018