



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

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Open Those Windows... It's SPRING!... (Kind of)

The **GOOD** weather has finally come, and we can spread out in our worlds and start doing more interesting and cool stuff. Fixing your house or yard up, or maybe car repairs... but chasing Yard Sales and Flea markets is a heck of a lot more fun!

Our club gathering on the 3rd was lavishly attended (Ha Ha) and as always it was great to see everyone! The table arrangement in the Bektash building was a bit different because of all those round tables set up for a dinner, but “what the hey”... it still worked. Everyone got their stuff out and we all did our selling and shopping. One **NEVER** knows what you'll see, and though I'd not planned on buying, I got something too! Hope your treasures were good ones, and that you sellers were tickled to have some extra cash! Whoever won the evenings 50/50 was pleased I'm sure, but I was elsewhere talking to someone. Never did find out. Anyway... **Congratulations!**

Fort Constitution Arms started out with nothing and no one... We now have **165 members!** You FCAC members can be proud because **ALL** of us have made it grow! Mutual interests, Great Meetings, Buy/Sell/Trade, Good folks, and Much Fun! We're **FAMILY** and I love you all. Monthly gatherings are always something to look forward to, and on May 1st Firearms authority author Bruce Canfield will be addressing our club (flyer announcement, or check our website)

Newsletters like this hold a club together. I've been pleased to create these for the past few years as a volunteer because I care very much about the club. A couple of member friends have contributed amusing stories, but sadly no one else has helped despite my requests. There's a lot of time, thought, and research in what you've been reading here, folks... and to express it in a “muted” or “political” manner... I'm feeling **FRIED**. There's a **LOT** of stuff in my life, basement, and garage that need doing, and **MY** clock is winding down!... I ain't 35 or even 55 any longer! It's because of this that that I no longer have the time or the energy for this task.

I feel strongly that the newsletter is an important part of this club, but unless someone steps up to the plate and volunteers their time, we will no longer have one. We've got writers and “creative” people in our Fort Constitution Arms club... I **KNOW** that you can do a good job.

The FCAC... YOUR club... **DESERVES a Newsletter! ... Roger**

Springfield Armory's First Model 1903 Rifle – Love Em!

We've talked about them before, but let's do it again. The United States Rifle, Caliber .30, Model of 1903, is one of the most iconic American small arms of the 20th century. Adopted on June 19, 1903, the Springfield M1903 replaced the M1892 Krag–Jørgensen, and would be one of two rifles with which the United States fought WW I. **Timelessly classic they're still cool!**

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2019/3/4/springfield-armorys-first-model-1903-rifle/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0319

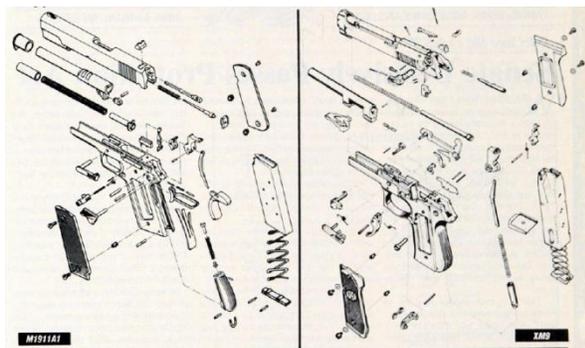


The M1911A1 and The M9

Here's a write-up that appeared in American Rifleman back in August 1985 comparing the 1911 and the Beretta 92SB-F. Rather entertaining with some valid points made, it's worth a review.

The M1911A1 has been the main handgun of the U.S. military “forever”. The [Beretta's](#) 92SB-F, service pistol has had much written about it, as has the M1911A1 that has seen its share of publicity for a longer period. Reviewing some of the latest media accounts, we note, to our “surprise”, that the .45 Colt has been with us since Civil War days without major change; that the 92SB-F was used by the Italians in World Wars I and II, and carried by James Bond thereafter; that the .45 kicks like a mule but will consistently knock either mules or Moros off their feet; that the 9 mm has no recoil but will penetrate a tank; that the Beretta's size and weight are far less than those of the Colt, etc., etc. A few less surprising but, hopefully, more ACCURATE bits of information are presented here to make comparison of the two guns easier.

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2019/3/6/archives-the-m1911a1-and-the-m9/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0319



End Gun Control - An explanation directed to Liberals

Here's a great little video pointing out the flaws in the Anti-2nd Amendment argument. Common sense logic here folks - Information without the hysteria.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=784207958370525>

Proper Gun Shop Etiquette

Just as other public activities, such as working out at a gym or dining at a nice restaurant, are attended with their own sets of social rules and acceptable behavior, visitors to gun shops should be aware of proper in-store etiquette in order to ensure that all parties involved have a positive shopping experience. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2016/2/24/proper-gun-shop-etiquette/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0319

How to Tune a Box Call

I know little of turkeys other than that they poop everywhere, love bird feeders, and have sex on your lawn regardless of who's watching! I know even less about Box Calls. For you Turkey hunters out there though, Box Calls are made of wood, often have thin sides and, like any hunting gear, are subjected to abuse. Think of your box call as a wooden instrument like a guitar or fiddle: It needs periodic tune-ups and some TLC. Follow these tips to bring that old box back to its gobbler-mesmerizing glory. https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2019/3/13/how-to-tune-a-box-call/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0319

Top 6 Sub-Gauge Turkey Loads

Once relegated to slight, feathered or furred upland species such as rabbits, squirrels, quail, dove and grouse, sub-gauge shotguns—20-, 28-gauge and .410-bore—are increasingly utilized in pursuit of spring gobblers. Apparently “technology” has changed things!

https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2019/3/12/top-6-sub-gauge-turkey-loads/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0319



On surrendering Your Bumpstock

As of March 21, this is where the matter sat. This Blog is included FYI.

<https://blog.princelaw.com/2019/03/20/surrendering-your-bumpstock-under-protest-on-march-25-2019-if-necessary-bump-stock-redemption-day/>

3 Mistakes Concealed Carriers Make

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9DQeH8wTAM>

Reacting to the Police When Carrying a Concealed Weapon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rW5y0VI-PY>

The Rocketones, - Mexico – 1957

Back before the “invasion” began it was somewhat of an adventure to travel to Mexico.

Today?... Not so much!... I won't even shop at Loew's!... “**dónde puedo encontrar tu baño?**”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDQmyL3VFpE&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3yK13IXcRRLASLU-53QAIjmr1xXfT6Zwin6UIuU-5Bp2t4_GKlrj4rV8

The Dardick Revolver

With the end of World War II a plethora of new products emerged. Some went from strength to strength. Others, such as Ford's Edsel, despite having some worthy aspects, were colossal flops. The firearm industry was not without its ups and downs, too. Two handguns stand out as exemplars in the down category: the space-age Gyrojet, which fired Hale-style mini rocket projectiles, and the subject of this piece — the Dardick, an eccentric experiment.

The Dardick revolver is one of the more bizarre firearms to come out of the mid-20th century. Despite its unusual and ungainly appearance, it's not that uncomfortable in the hand. While special in many respects, the Dardick had basic design flaws that doomed it to failure. Also, it might have fared a bit better if it hadn't looked so much like a Buck Rogers' ray gun, but perhaps not. <https://www.gunsandammo.com/editorial/the-dardick-revolver/358541>



Of Guest Speakers

Our Fort Constitution organization includes people with a variety of knowledge and areas of expertise. All of us in the FCAC are encouraged to share what we've learned through experience or study. Guest speakers from amongst you are very much encouraged. Recently club member Bob Anderson in the photo's below did an excellent presentation for us on Garand rifles.



With “general weaponry” in mind, Club President Evan Nappen has invited and made arrangements to bring firearms author/expert Bruce Canfield to our meeting and address the FCAC membership with a talk designed for us as historians and collectors. We're **ALL** smart about something... Please volunteer to be a club speaker!

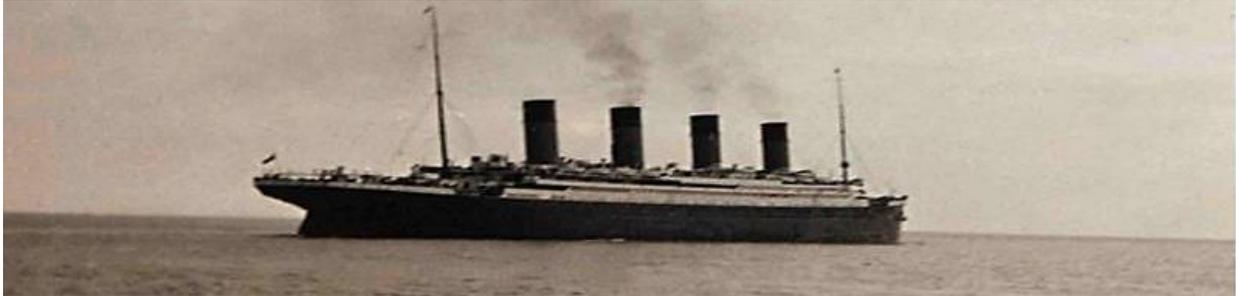
Apocalypto

M and I recently caught this flick on TV. It's a 2006 American epic adventure film co-produced, co-written and directed by Mel Gibson. The film features a cast of Native Americans, and it's damn good! Apocalypto, tells a story set in pre-Columbian Central America, with the Mayan Empire in decline. Villagers who survived a savage attack are taken by their captors through the jungle to the central Mayan city to be sacrificed. Neighboring state “Massachusetts” may well be considering this now! Ha Ha... Find and watch this movie... You'll like it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1paNxXG0KA8>

Icebergs in April - 1912

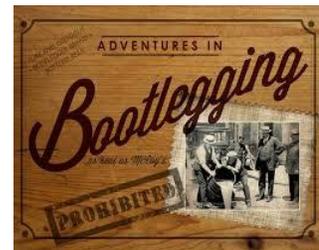
The sinking of the RMS *Titanic* occurred on the night of 14 April through to the morning of 15 April 1912 in the north Atlantic Ocean, four days into the ship's maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. The largest passenger liner in service at the time, *Titanic* had an estimated 2,224 people on board when she struck an iceberg at around 23:40 (ship's time) on Sunday, 14 April 1912. Her sinking two hours and forty minutes later at 02:20 (05:18 GMT) on Monday, 15 April resulted in the deaths of more than 1,500 people, which made it one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history. My grandfather "Elmer Bennett" (a small boy at the time) told of sitting in the parlor and listening to the radio reports... very sad indeed.



The last known photo of the Titanic as it left Queenstown, Ireland on April 12, 1912

A Trip down to Providence

Poking through my grandfathers photo albums I found a terrific shot of him, his father "Del", brother Harold, and "Uncle" Charlie that was taken of them around 1930 or so towards the end of Prohibition! Now I know that they enjoyed a good time... that Gramp Elmer was a fiery red head who resembled Jimmy Cagney... and that concocting home brew was not "unknown" to them... so who's to say what mischief was afoot! In any event, the photo of those early Bennetts makes me smile.. Ha Ha!.. Sure do wish I could share a beer with them now... **Love you guys!**



[://www.britannica.com/event/Prohibition-United-States-history-1920-1933#ref1215042](http://www.britannica.com/event/Prohibition-United-States-history-1920-1933#ref1215042)

And Then It is Winter

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and it's "Winter". I wonder where all those years went. If you're not in your "winter" yet ... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! "Life" is a GIFT to you.

The First Gun In America

Chances are that you won't find one in a yard sale, but that would have been an "Arquebus". Two years ago however at the Hollis Flea Market, I met a clever vendor from Maine who had built a couple, and was selling them. They were massive but attractive, and he told me they worked GREAT. The arquebus (from a Dutch word meaning "hook gun") was a long-barreled, musket-like firearm, shot from the chest or the shoulder. The muzzle-loaded weapon with a fierce recoil was ignited by a matchlock, a device that connected a smoldering wick to the gunpowder with the pull of a trigger. It was these prototypical rifles, says Goldstein of Plimoth Plantation that Spanish explorers most likely carried onto the peninsula that would become Florida. The soldiers who shouldered the firearms were called *arquebusiers*. When one of the shipwrecks associated with Columbus and his colonization-discovery of Hispaniola was discovered a while back, matchlocks and a hand cannon were recovered from the wreckage.

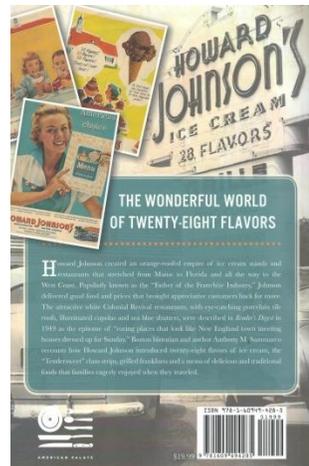
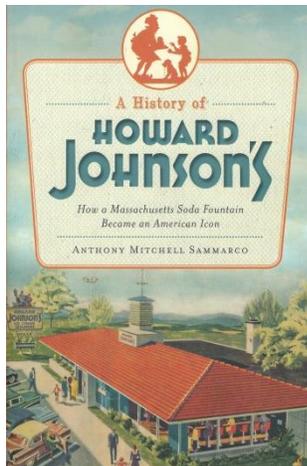
<https://www.npr.org/2013/04/06/176132730/the-first-gun-in-america>

Permitless Carry

As I suspect you've seen, American Rifleman magazine contained a little announcement that South Dakota had become the 14th state to adopt "Permitless", or "Constitutional" carry. With their new law, South Dakota joins Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. As you'll appreciate... the "trick" is to travel to those states! NH folks can carry a firearm in Maine and Vermont... but God Help you if you travel to Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, or the "People's Republic of New Jersey"!... **Bad things would IMMEDIATELY happen!** Though it's **NOT** required, I just renewed **MY** New Hampshire carry license. One just never knows what might happen in the future... and too... I'm proud of having a spotless record!

A Quiki Lunch at HOJO'S

They were EVERYWHERE at one time, and whenever making a long trip, a quick lunch of fried clams and a vanilla shake at Howard Johnsons' was always great! Here's a TERRIFIC little paperback book given to me that tells the entire story of Mr. Johnson's food empire, and his 28 flavors of ice cream! Aside from the fascinating history, photos, and advertising... the REAL treasure is that recipes for all the famous HOJO'S foods are included within! Get one at your local book store! The guys and I would often stop here for food at HOJO's as we drove to or from a gun show. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_Johnson%27s



Filet of Scrod, Fisherman-Style

3 ounces salad oil
4 pieces of scrod, filleted
1/4 cup flour
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup milk
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
8 ounces butter
2 ounces pimento, diced
1 ounce fresh lemon juice

Heat the salad oil in a frying pan. Season the fish fillets with salt and pepper and then dip in flour, egg, milk and flour again in that order. Fry slowly until golden brown. Turn the fish fillets with a spatula and fry the other side.

Place the fish in a buttered baking dish. Sauté the mushrooms in butter and then add pimento and lemon juice. Pour the mushrooms over the fish and bake at 325°F about 10 minutes or until the fish is tender.

Clams as "Sweet as a Nut"

1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup milk
1 egg
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
dash salt and pepper
4 dozen freshly shucked clams
1 cup cake flour
1 cup yellow cornmeal
oil for frying

Combine evaporated and whole milk, egg, vanilla, salt and pepper. Soak clams in liquid and then dredge in combination of cake flour and cornmeal, fluffing them in the flour mix for light but thorough coverage. Shake off excess flour and fry in oil.

Howard Johnson's served its famous Ipswich clam plate with French-fried potatoes, tartar sauce and homemade rolls and butter.

The Blunderbuss - a Short-Barreled, Short-Ranged Musket

And for our "tech savvy" generation of Millennials who have sadly been taught NOTHING of History (or an appreciation for firearms)... I present this!

The Blunderbuss (born of the Dutch word "Donderbus", appropriately meaning "Thunder Pipe" or "Thunder Gun") came to prominence in the early part of the 18th Century (1701-1800) and was more akin to the modern day shotgun than a "long gun" musket or heavy pistol of the time. As such, she excelled in close-in fighting, be it within the confines of naval warfare or walled nature of the urban environment, where her spread of shot could inflict maximum damage to targets at close ranges. Its manageable size, coupled with its spread shot, ensured some level of accuracy for even the novice user and its appearance was rather intimidating to those unfortunate enough to be staring down the business end. Blunderbuss pistols were also in fashion.

https://www.militaryfactory.com/smallarms/detail.asp?smallarms_id=488



Shotguns first came into use in the early 1600s. The first two-barrel shotgun appeared in 1873, and the first modern, hammerless, pump-action shotgun was produced in 1904. By the turn of the century, they were immensely popular. Many military officers loved their personal shotguns so much that they brought them along instead of sidearms to World War I, earning them the nickname "trench guns." Since then, they have become permanent part of the military arsenal and a part of the everyday lives of many civilians as well. Why a shotgun instead of, say, a rifle? Well, to do its job, a projectile must hit the target in a critical spot. More projectiles = More strikes.



An old man was asked: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife - darling, honey, luv... What's the secret?"

"The old man replied: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

History in April

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

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, Florida.

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- Charleston, South Carolina.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by a Libtard Democrat pro-slaver, intolerant of those with a different view. Booth was today's Hollywood type!

April 14, 1912 - The RMS Titanic hit an iceberg and sank with a loss of 1500 people drowned.

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 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 defeated the Mexican forces and achieved 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... Lunch at a local Deli was a Pastrami sandwich and a beer!

A Truism: "Old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill"

Next Meeting:



May 1, 2019

Bring along a friend, neighbor, wife or anyone who enjoys collecting!

