



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

Meeting Report: December 6, 2017



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Wintery Hello's to you!

There's NO escaping it now, troops... we're in the throes of Winter!.. Well, that's the way it is here in New England. Tote wood into the house, or pay the Oil/Gas people to come and visit... Oh Drat! For those of you who still "work", your commute is even LESS fun than usual!... and for those of us who are "retired", it's a matter of staying warm INDOORS as much as we can. In any event, this is the month to rejoice and to celebrate as your customs and upbringing move you. Remember that whatever religion you belong to, we're **ALL** on the **SAME** team!... (except for Muslims). Dogmatic intolerance reinforced by their scripture, mandates that they HATE and should KILL the rest of us!... **WTF?**

Our gathering of the fort this month fell immediately before Pearl Harbor day - **December 7.**

I'm sure that all of you were mindful of that. As Americans, we must always remember the tremendous loss of life, destruction, and HORROR of the ensuing war brought on by that infamous sneak attack! Had the Japs won "their" war, our country would be FAR different today. We'd all be driving Japanese cars, and buying Japanese electronics.... **Hey, We Already Are!**

Meeting night was dark and cold, but clear. The parking lot was filled with cars and members when M and I got there with a stack of 10 hot pizzas! Chilled and anxious fort folks were gathered and ready with LOTS of stuff to bring inside. Much activity and much business went on that night, and as always it was fun doing the "meet and greet" thing! The 50/50 for the evening was won by Riley Sadler, who's one of our newer members. No chance for me to win, since I had to officiate the whole thing... chuckle.

FCAC President Evan Nappen was out of state for a few more days, and so wasn't present to comment on the political side of 2nd Amendment matters. Although I care a great deal about both you and the club, I am not a political activist. As you all know, however... the National Rifle Association applauded the United States House of Representatives for passing the most far-reaching expansion of self-defense rights in modern American history! The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 passed with bipartisan support in a 231-198 vote. **Now how about the Senate!!!**

<https://www.nrila.org/articles/20171206/house-passes-concealed-carry-reciprocity>

The Great Mouse Invasion

No one likes being cold... and certainly "mice" are no different! Those pesky little creatures just LOVE to get into our houses, storage buildings, and cars to make their winter homes. Over here, we're finding nests and destruction everywhere on THIS ranch!... What really pisses me off though is that they're storing nuts, making nests, and eating the seats in my nice old red Ford!

Greg Larosa at "Johnson's Speed Shop" sells and recommends a product called **MouseBlocker**. It's an electronic noise device upsetting to mice, that comes in 2 forms. One works off of house current, and is intended for large spaces. The other is to be mounted (or hung) under the hood of your vehicle, and runs off of the battery. The draw is equal to your digital dash clock, so it'll run unattended for a couple months or more. That's what I bought! I hear nothing... but then I'm no mouse! Greg Larosa is a dealer rep, so if you're in the area, go see him at Johnson's Speed on Manchester Street in Concord!
<https://www.mouseblocker.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI143uo6jL1wIVEbvsCh0MAgzHEAAYAiAAEgLLpPD BwE>

At Days End

Many years ago (and it's been at least 40) I came across a poem that touched me. I've saved it all this time. Written by a fellow named John Hall, it appeared at one time in International Flying Farmer magazine. Not being a farmer, or aware of that organization, I researched them. The group began in 1944, on the campus of Oklahoma A&M University as a state organization; it went national the next year. (The addition of Canadian chapters made the organization "International" in 1961.) A survey conducted in 1948 estimated that 20,000 U.S. farmers and ranchers were then flying.... Read this, and remember it.

At Day's End

**Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
that you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you said or did?
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"**

Strange Heartland History: The Coup That Made the NRA What It Is Today

Many of you will remember the facts and events in this video. In 1977, a small faction within the NRA organization overthrew the Old Guard. This is the story of "why" and "how" it happened.

A BIG Hoo-Rah to them! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03zyVprh4f0&feature=em-sub digest>

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year" ~ Victor Borge

How Much Gun Does One Need?

Club member George “Deadeye” Duke has related the following story of drama and High Adventure while defending his home a few years ago:

One night in Westmoreland, back when I had my FFL and the store at the house, I always carried my Glock 17 loaded with Dynamite Nobel- BAT bullets (Blitz Action Trauma rounds). No longer allowed to be sold in the USA... “Verboten” - too deadly, huh? At the time it was the most lethal ammo in 9mm and .357 mag, and used by NYPD robbery and entry teams around the world. I chose these bullets mostly to protect Pam and the children, since the whole county knew we had a firearms store in the house miles from any help.

About 10 PM two raccoons decided the front porch was a good place to explore. Well, the dogs (Rocket and Sophie) didn’t think so, and started going nuts. About this time Pam exclaimed “Do Something, George!” I went out on the porch to shoo away the coons with a broom (I’m a flatlander... what do I know about coons?)

Well, the bigger one decides he’s not having any of this, turns, and starts to attack me! I of course don’t know if he’s rabid, though I’ve seen others that were. I pulled out the Glock... careful... aim... don’t want holes in the porch... **FIRE!**... He’s hit! Can’t see the wound, but I saw the impact and he’s **STILL COMING!**... **FIRE AGAIN!** See the impact again, **SOB** he’s **STILL** coming! Now he’s close!... **DOUBLE TAP!** Now at last he turned around and the two coons walked off into the night. Looked at the Glock 17... “Whisky Tango Foxtrot, Batman”... That can’t happen!

In the morning I went out to check the porch floor. No holes. All four shots were hits. I cleaned the Glock, went to the safe and put it away. From then on I carried a .45 ACP.

My neighbor Earl sometime later, came to the house and asked to borrow a .22 LR. He had a coon in the house. I told him “maybe more gun”. He said no... a .22 LR would do it (life-long mountain man). I gave him a .22 LR that held twenty rounds and a box of 50 hollow point bullets. He said “I don’t think I’ll need 50”. The last advice I gave was “load the whole magazine!” He left, and I looked at Pam. The next thing we heard was **BANG**. “Bang- Bang- Bang- Bang” and so on... until the gun ran dry! Earl came back up in the morning. Shook his head and bought the rifle. I let him keep the ammo free. “Country Living”... It’s just grand!

My advice... Pack as much gun as you feel comfortable with... plus extra mags!
People who are on drugs (like Raccoons), don’t know “when” to turn-tail!

.....SAGAPO-GEORGE

Best Pistol Caliber for Self-Defense – Is the .45 ACP Outdated?

What is the best pistol caliber for self-defense? .45 ACP or 9mm? This is a storied debate that generally ends with some agreement that the real determining fact is a shooter's preference.

As Jeff Cooper observed long ago, the .45 ACP is the semiautomatic version of the .45 Colt the round that fed the Single Action Army, a cartridge that had proved its worth. But was the Old West shooter right when he said that he carried the .45 because Col. Colt doesn't make a .46? My notion is what I call the three p's: placement, penetration, and punch. Use a bullet that you can put on target that will go deep enough and do enough to stop a lethal attack, and good luck unto you. And while the subject of stopping power is a dense thicket of competing claims, many dubious, what evidence we do have suggests what I've said, that lots of handgun rounds will do the job. [https://www.ammoland.com/2017/11/45-acp-outdated-self-defense/?utm_source=Ammoland+Subscribers&utm_campaign=1692a618e0-Monday Morning Email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6f6fac3eaa-1692a618e0-21138181#axzz4z7PzlTQa](https://www.ammoland.com/2017/11/45-acp-outdated-self-defense/?utm_source=Ammoland+Subscribers&utm_campaign=1692a618e0-Monday+Morning+Email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6f6fac3eaa-1692a618e0-21138181#axzz4z7PzlTQa)

Colt to Offer Limited Run of M203 Grenade Launcher on the Civilian Market

Colt have produced a limited run of Civilian-legal M203 grenade launchers. The iconic under-barrel grenade launcher will be offered through Arms Unlimited – one of Colt Defense’s law enforcement distributors. While this isn’t the first 37mm M203 to hit the market it is the first from the original manufacturer. This marks the first time Colt have released genuine production-standard, mil-spec M203’s to the civilian market. The sale of 40mm launchers to civilians is prohibited under the NFA and Colt previously sold solely to military and law enforcement agencies around the world. The new M203s, however, sidestep this as barrels are 37mm rather than 40mm. This means the new Colt launchers are Title 1 firearms and don’t have to be NFA registered. Colt’s launchers will be able to fire a variety of non-lethal 37mm flare rounds. http://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2017/11/13/colt-offer-limited-run-m203-grenade-launcher-civilian-market/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=2017-11-18&utm_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter

Nammo’s 40mm Anti-Drone Programmable Airburst Ammunition

And speaking of “grenade launchers”, we have this.... Norwegian ammunition company Nammo has come up with a solution to the anti-drone predicament. The company’s answer is to develop 40x53mm high-velocity grenades using programmable components that allow soldiers to lase the distance to an enemy UAV, transmit that data into the grenade, which then programs that grenade to airburst at that particular altitude. Using bursts to maximize the effectiveness of the explosions around a drone, the likelihood of taking it out of commission can increase, given an accurate distance program is used. http://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2017/11/15/namos-40mm-anti-drone-programmable-airburst-ammunition/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=2017-11-18&utm_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter

Colts: Perfection in Percussion

For the lovers of antique and classic firearms amongst you, I submit this video created by the Rock Island Auction Company. Incredibly beautiful stuff here that most all of us can only dream of owning. Colt may have "made men equal," but these percussion Colt revolvers prove that not all guns are made so equitably. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMj2DJkBPww&feature=youtu.be>

5 Tips for Buying Used Guns

Hunters are increasingly turning to the used market when looking to purchase a rifle or shotgun. As with any significant acquisition, a little knowledge and forethought can go a long way to ensuring you make the correct buying decision. Here are a few tips to guide you through the process and assure you are ultimately satisfied with your used-gun purchase.

https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2017/11/28/5-tips-for-buying-used-guns/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=1117



Shooting Granddad's Rifle: Reloading "Big Bore" RIMFIRES!

Got a nice old Stevens, Winchester, or whatever rifle that you'd like to shoot, but don't have the ammo? Well let's begin by considering the .32 rimfire! It was first introduced by Smith & Wesson around 1860 and would be made in Short, Long and Extra Long or Long Rifle loadings. In its original Long form, 13 grains of black powder propelled a 90-gr. solid lead bullet to 1,080 f.ps. Modern rimfire ammunition for calibers larger than .22 is virtually nonexistent. In the decade after World War II, most American manufacturers stopped producing it. Canadian Industries Limited (CIL) made the ammunition under its Canuck brand a little longer. An Internet search for affordable .32 rimfire ammo turned me on to a different solution. I found "H&C Collection" <https://www.hc-collection.com/?PGFLngID=1>, a company making reloading kits in .32 (both Short and Long versions), .38 and .41 rimfire calibers. Based in France, "H&C Collection" makes a whole line of reloading products to breathe life back into obscure calibers, from 10.6 Reichrevolver to 9 mm Lefauchex Pinfire. How does one reload a rimfire you ask? H&C's solution is to machine a brass case that has an off-set primer pocket. A .22 blank is inserted into the pocket with its rim sitting on the outside edge of the case's rim where the firing pin will contact it. After firing, the spent blank can be removed and the case used over again.... **Fascinating!** https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2017/11/21/shooting-granddad-s-rifle-reloading-big-bore-rimfires/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=1117



Bond Arms BullPup9

The BullPup9 is a rotating-barrel, locked-breech semi-automatic designed specifically to provide a relatively long barrel despite its compact exterior dimensions. The beveled, satin-finish slide is machined from a billet of 416 stainless steel, and features rear serrations along with a set of dovetailed, metallic, low-profile, three-dot sights which are drift-adjustable for windage. The lightweight frame is machined from a billet of aircraft-grade 7075 aluminum, hardcoat anodized with a matte-black finish to give the pistol a two-tone appearance. It's elegant and innovative, but a tad pricey. MSRP \$977.00

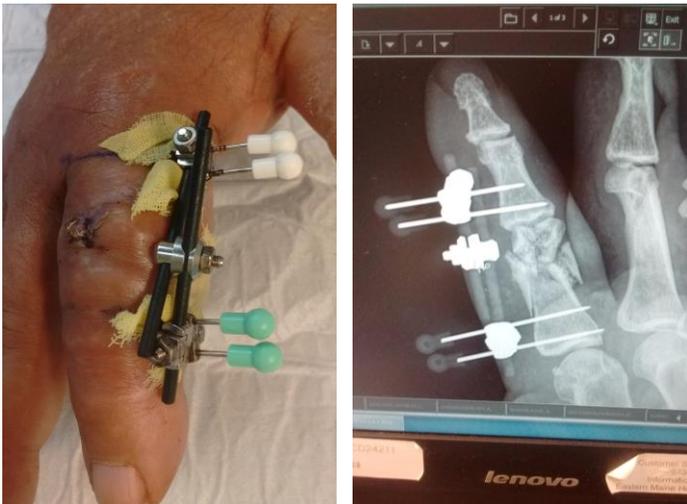


I think I'll stick with my little Ruger!

Shooting Misadventures - In A Moment Your Entire Life Can Change

“My guns are not loaded” as an older fellow up north fired a round through my pal’s finger. That .32 ACP almost cost the finger!... Thank God it wasn’t a .45! No more piano playing for Bruce... but then he never could play the piano! Another pal of ours though, DID take a .45 through his leg... Ooops!

On a more serious and TRAGIC note, I found out at our last meeting that a good friend of ours and an FCAC member was seriously injured in a shooting accident. That same thing happened to German gun designer and manufacturer Paul Mauser prior to WWI. At that time Herr Mauser lost his right eye due to a testing accident involving the Model 1898 semi-auto! For God’s Sake folks... PLEASE be careful around these things that we love and care for!



Destruction of a Trigger Finger

Cops Notice Historic Gun Slated for Destruction - Intervene to Save Piece

So-called “gun buyback programs” are somewhat controversial. While communities use them to try to get guns off the streets, there’s very little evidence that they actually help reduce crime... and sometimes, they can lead to the destruction of some truly significant pieces of history. That’s nearly what happened several years ago in Connecticut. A woman who isn’t an expert on firearms tried to get rid of a World War II relic that is worth over \$30,000. <https://conservativetribune.com/cops-save-historic-gun/>

Maybe New Hampshire ISN’T all that cold! – “Nightmare On The Ice”

Captain Robert Falcon Scott, CVO, RN (6 June 1868 – 29 March 1912) was a British Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions: the Discovery Expedition (1901–1904) and the ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition (1910–1913). On the first expedition, he set a new southern record by marching to latitude 82°S and discovered the Polar (Antarctic) Plateau, on which the South Pole is located. On the second venture, Scott led a party of five which reached the South Pole on 17 January 1912, four weeks after Roald Amundsen's Norwegian expedition. On their return journey, Scott's party discovered plant fossils, proving Antarctica was once forested and joined to other continents. A planned meeting with supporting dog teams from the base camp failed, despite Scott's written instructions, and at a distance of 150 miles from their base camp and 11 miles from the next depot, Scott and his companions perished. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/daring-journey-across-antarctica-became-nightmare-180967223/>

The 7 Greatest Lever-Action Rifles

By any stretch of the imagination, the lever-action rifle should have been consigned to the ash heap of history long ago! General locker-room talk suggests that it's not as accurate as most bolt-actions, and at the same tick it most certainly is not as fast shot to shot as almost all semi-automatics. It might bend some shooters' noses out of place, but the lever-action is an anachronism in comparison to today's technology. Almost any job you'd demand is done better by a more contemporary design — and almost certainly taxes your wallet less. Yet, there's no way these repeaters are going the way of the dodo any time soon! https://gundigest.com/rifles/7-greatest-lever-action-rifles?utm_source=wir&utm_campaign=gd-dwb-wir-171204&utm_content=985099_EDT_GD171204&utm_medium=email

Increasing Wolf Attacks Cause More Bird Hunters to Carry Handguns

Those that grouse hunt in northern states have likely run into wolves at one point, or will in the future. Most of these occurrences pass without incident, but they also leave hunters thinking about *what if* scenarios for both them & their dogs. 52 dogs were attacked, injured or killed in Wisconsin alone in 2016. A shotgun loaded with birdshot can make some noise, but it isn't going to be very useful beyond that. Whatever your outdoor purpose, it may be “advisable” to CARRY... **Hell, I recommend it!** <https://www.ammoland.com/2017/12/wolf-attacks-bird-hunters-carry-handguns/#axzz51HVIDheT>

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde.

History in December

December 1, 1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

December 2, 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII in Paris.

December 2, 1823 - President James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by European powers, stating... "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety..." **"So Stay the Frig out!"**

December 5, 1933 - The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.... "Hoo Rah to that!... Hold my Beer and watch this! "

December 6, 1877 - At his laboratory in West Orange, New Jersey, Thomas Edison spoke the children's verse "Mary had a Little Lamb", while demonstrating his newly invented phonograph.

December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

December 10, 1898 - The Treaty of Paris was signed between American and Spanish representatives following Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War, and was signed by President William McKinley.

December 13, 1577 - Francis Drake departed England, in the *Golden Hind* on his voyage around the world.

December 13, 1862 - During the American Civil War, the Battle of Fredericksburg occurred. Been there, done that... It was a slaughter!

December 13, 1937 - The beginning of one of the worst atrocities of World War II as the Chinese city of Nanking (Nanjing) was captured by the Japanese. Over the next six weeks, the "Rape of Nanking" occurred in which Japanese soldiers randomly attacked, raped and indiscriminately killed an estimated 200,000 Chinese persons.

December 15, 1939 - *Gone with the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta, introduced by producer David O. Selznick and featuring appearances by Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.

December 16, 1944 - American big-band leader Glenn Miller disappeared in a small plane over the English Channel... Also during World War II in Europe, the "Battle of the Bulge" began.

December 20, 1606 - The Virginia Company expedition to America began as three small ships, the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, departed London. In May of 1607, the royally chartered company established the first permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown (Virginia).

December 23, 1888 - Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh cut off his left ear during a fit of depression.... "WHAT?"

December 24, 1914 - The first-ever German air raid against Britain took place when a German monoplane dropped a single bomb on Dover, England, during World War I... "Dat vill fix those Brits... We Win!"

December 25th - Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth...(STILL my favorite Jew!)

December 27, 1831 - Charles Darwin set out from Plymouth, England, aboard the ship *HMS Beagle* on his five-year global scientific expedition... "Evolution be damned fellas.. Break out the rum and head for Miami!"

December 30, 1803 - The *Stars and Stripes* flag was raised over New Orleans as the United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana, an area of 885,000 square miles, nearly doubling the size of the U.S. The territory had been purchased from France for approximately \$15 million.

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door ~Happiness to you!

Next Meeting:



January, 2017

