



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

Meeting Report: February 6, 2019

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Good Day... and February Greetings to you!

It's **COLD** and **DRAFTY** at the fort these days, and the big old pot belly wood stove is a **MUCH** appreciated thing to the garrison! When it's stoked up and glowing **HOT**, garrison folks like to spit on it and make it sizzle! Indeed, we've now passed the **MID**-point of winter. By all accounts reported at our February club meeting, you members are all staying busy. It's tidy-up time now for all of us as we work on our projects, and on those things we intend to peddle on March 9 at the Fort Constitution Spring Gun Show. Just **ONE** more club meeting before that show, folks! Spring shows are always the busiest and the best attended. This one will be no different.

Wednesday night the 6th was a Dark, Damp and Chilly night! By the time our gathering was winding down, there was a cold, nasty, freezing rain falling that coated everything! Driving home for all of us was an "exciting" endeavor. As far as we know, everyone made it home okay! There was a **BIG** turnout that night despite the weather reports! Much of the building was Filled, and as one might expect, there was a **LOT** of cool and useful stuff out on those tables. Good job, guys and gals! Harley Locke won the evening's 50/50 drawing, so he'll be buying something that he needs, or "thinks" that he needs!... Ha Ha.

With all of you **NEW** club members who've joined, I realized that I only know the names of about 1/3 of our garrison although I know your faces. "Jeepers, has our club ever grown!" I guess that we really started something with this Arms Collectors club of ours! Sadly, if the Anti-Gun Libtard legislators get their way (according to the bills that have been proposed in NH and in Washington, DC)... "Private" buying and selling of firearms (even to friends and family) will be made illegal. Clubs like ours will in effect be **SHUT DOWN.... DAMN!**

NH State Rep John Burt has been a strong 2nd amendment advocate and a vocal proponent for the right to carry in the state house. John was with us at the February FCAC gathering, and addressed our membership on recent happenings and issues. NH Governor Chris Sununu is pro-gun and is prepared to use his veto against the Anti's. All of us are now encouraged to phone or address appropriate pro-gun messages to both the governor and to our state reps. A Pro-Gun rally will happen at the State House on March 9, which will coincide with our club's gun show.

Gun Owners of America Challenge Trump Bump Stock Ban

Pro-gun group Gun Owners of America is suing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Justice Department over the Trump administration's recent move to ban bump stocks. "These dangerous regulations can go much farther than just bump stocks," said Erich Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, in a statement. "The goal of the anti-gun left (Democrats) is ultimately, not just banning bump stocks, but, rather, putting 'points on the board' toward its goal of **banning civilian ownership of all firearms.**"

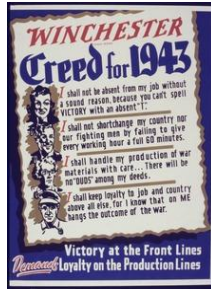
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British use of Winchester rifles

On Gunboards.com one of the members queried: "I was wondering if the British military acquired any Winchester Model 94s in the post-Dunkirk period when they were buying all sorts of arms from the US." The reply was: "In WWI the Royal Navy purchased 20,000 Model 92s (.44-40) and about 5,000 Model 94s (.30-30). They also received another 1,000 similar '92s originally bought for a locally raised army battalion. The British use of Winchesters in WWI is covered in Part 4 of my Books on British secondary small arms 1914-1919.

British military small arms and ammunition, TonyE - Researcher, collector and pedant.

<https://sites.google.com/site/britmilammo/home>



First Look: Mossberg MC1sc Pistol

I shudder at doing "product reviews". Heck, you folks see the ads just as I do!... *However*... this little bugger looks cool to me! Now in its 100th year, Mossberg is bringing its firearm building tradition full circle with the introduction of the Mossberg Carry 1 Subcompact, designated the **MC1sc**. In 9 mm of course. The MC1sc addresses what is perhaps the hottest segment in the modern firearms market—compact, semi-automatic pistols for concealed carry and personal defense. https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2019/1/3/2019-first-look-mossberg-mc1sc-pistol/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0119



The M1 Garand at Dieppe

To quote one participant... the failed raid on Dieppe, France was a “**Costly Cluster F**k!**”... but, the **M1 Garand was there!** The rationale for the massive Dieppe event of August 19, 1942 is difficult to describe. The British had committed to opening a second front to take pressure off the Soviet Union in the East. More specifically, a commitment had been made to open a new front in Western Europe. In hindsight, it can seem that the Dieppe operation was a rather costly public relations mission, risking far too much to achieve far too little.

. Coordination was minimal. Confusion and the consequent losses were high. In less than 10 hours the massive raid was over. All Allied troops (mostly Canadian) had either been evacuated or killed, with 1,946 left behind to be taken prisoner by the Germans. Of the almost 6,100 men who went ashore at Dieppe, 3,623 were killed, wounded, or captured. No one within the Allied command were prepared for more than 60 percent of the landing force to be lost. The Royal Navy suffered too, with 33 landing craft lost along with the destroyer Berkeley. Overhead, the RAF lost 106 aircraft. It was a bitter, miserable day!

. American troops had been arriving in the UK through the first half of 1942 and by late June, the 1st Ranger Battalion had been organized, with the greatest amount of the men recruited from the 34th Infantry Division. The First Ranger Battalion had existed for just two months before the Dieppe raid. While the Rangers combat contributions were small, their casualties were proportionally just as high as the rest of the raiders. The Rangers were equipped with much of the latest American combat gear, save for their M1917A1 “Kelly Helmets,” which gave them the appearance of British troops, at least from a distance. Up close, their weapons were instantly recognized as something distinctly “different”. M1 rifles were issued, and Browning Automatic Rifles were used as the squad automatics. American officers carried the M1911 pistol. Their British allies were quick to notice the big semi-auto rifle, and the Commandos were almost instantly jealous of the firepower that the M1 offered. The Germans were surely impressed too!

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2019/1/4/first-action-in-the-european-theater-the-m1-garand-at-dieppe/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0119



Fun With Tannerite!

While on the subject of “disasters”... some of us have messed around with this explosive powder and INDEED it is powerful when detonated! Well the video below just hit the internet, and it’s a darned good thing to shake your finger at and tell your pals... “**DON’T DO THIS!**”

Our hero here was almost killed when he shot a refrigerator filled with Tannerite!

<https://www.military.com/video/off-duty/odd/man-almost-killed-after-shooting-fridge-filled-with-tannerite/5478833126001>

NRA Video: Long Lee-Enfields

Long Lee-Enfields have long been sought after by collectors for their unique characteristics and place in history... plus Brit rifles are fun to shoot! Here's a Terrific video you may have seen, or maybe not. Be inspired! https://www.americanriflemans.org/articles/2019/1/6/video-i-have-this-old-gun-long-lee-enfields/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0119



Roadkill: it's what's for dinner

About 20 states now allow people to scoop dead animals off the road and serve them for dinner. Among them are Washington, which issued 1,600 roadkill salvaging permits within one year of legalizing the practice in 2016; Pennsylvania, where more than 5,600 vehicle-deer crashes were reported in 2017; and Georgia, where motorists may take home struck bears. The rules vary by state, though most require timely reporting of the collection to authorities, and most absolve the state of responsibility if the meat turns out to be stomach-turning.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/01/05/roadkill-growing-number-states-its-whats-dinner/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.77e3a48e698d

Lillian Smith (trick shooter)

Hey, we ALL know about Annie Oakley, but how about **Lillian Frances Smith**? She was a young trick shooter and trick rider who joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in 1886, at the age of fifteen. Lillian was billed as "the champion California huntress," and was a direct rival to Annie Oakley in the show. Apparently, Smith and Oakley were never on very friendly terms; Smith was a braggart, and at one point declared "Annie Oakley was done for." Moreover, in contrast to Annie, who was an extremely conservative dresser, Lillian enjoyed flashy clothing and had a reputation as a "shameless flirt." In 1907, Smith moved permanently to Oklahoma and became a fixture with the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Wild West Show, performing as "Princess Wenona", a fictionalized Sioux princess. She also performed in other shows like Pawnee Bill's.

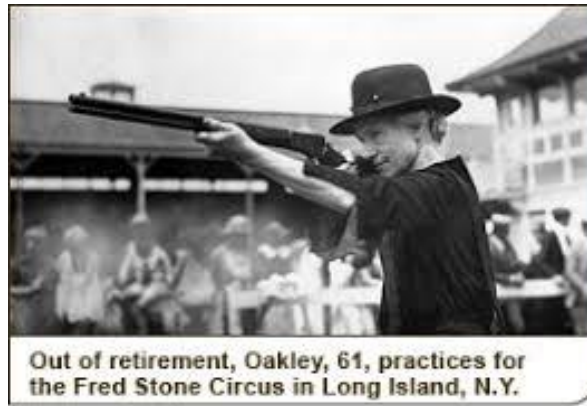
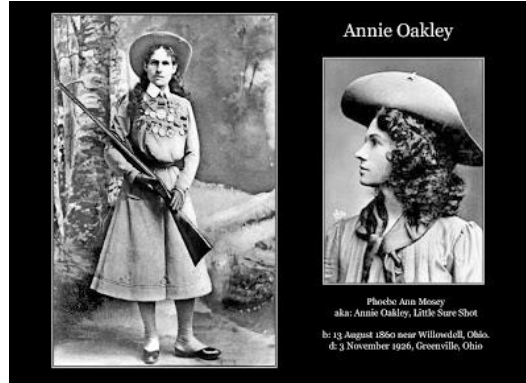
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Annie Oakley

Her real name was Phoebe Anne Oakley Mozee. Known as “Little Sure Shot” she was a major star of Buffalo Bill Cody’s Wild West Show for 17 years... and was the source for the Broadway show “Annie Get Your Gun”. A talented, charming, and good looking lady, I’ve always had a crush on her! Annie lived a reasonably long and exciting life, becoming a revered global figure. She retired in 1913 and died on November 3, 1926 in Greenville, Ohio. The news of her death saddened the nation. Her husband Frank Butler was devastated, and he died on Nov. 21, 1926.

<https://www.historynet.com/annie-oakley>



I would like to see every woman know how to handle firearms as naturally as they know how to handle babies... Annie Oakley



Robert Rogers **REAL** Standing Orders

The “orders” are taken from “*The Northwest Passage*”, a book written by Kenneth Roberts and published in 1937. The book, a historical fiction, is an excellent story that follows a man, Langdon Towne, as he is expelled from Harvard and joins Robert Rogers’ Rangers. Ultimately, he participates in the pivotal raid on the Abenaki village of St. Francis - a major turning point for the British. However, the book does not do near enough justice explaining the real Robert Rogers. His real orders, *28 Rules of Ranging*, was a guide for young officers who led the Rangers on many missions across the swampy, isolated, and always dangerous frontier.

<https://4gwtimes.blogspot.com/2017/02/robert-rogers-real-standing-orders.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR09TwxibO7Y2Z2R7fosPuXxQzSz3SMQYqPAZLRNft5hBRse05x7SAif70> (If you haven’t yet read *Northwest Passage*.... DO IT!)

HK416 .22 LR - Heckler & Koch, maker of the HK 416 used by U.S. Special Forces, is back in the .22 Long Rifle gun business with the new 416 22. The Oberndorf, Germany, gunmaker has partnered with Umarex, another German company, to offer a semi-automatic firearm that has the lines, look and feel of the center-fire carbine.... Looks kinda cool to me!.... **Bang Bang!**



https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2019/1/23/shot-show-2019-hk416-22-lr/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0119

Beware the Amateur Gunsmith

The definition for a gunsmith is someone who repairs, modifies, designs and builds guns, but in the end, it's not as simple as all that. If you have been around firearms for a long enough time, you will see shoddy or even dangerous work, and often it comes at the hands of someone who calls themselves a gunsmith, but in reality, shouldn't be near a gun at all.

Got a good Gunsmith? Let us know, and we'll publish a list.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/beware-the-amateur-gunsmith/#axzz5eEg8Zmsb>



CCI Quiet-22 Sem-Auto, New .22 LR Ammunition

CCI has brought out a new round in their quiet series. The Quiet-22 Semi-Auto is said to drastically reduce the sound volume of standard 22 LR rounds, while cycling flawlessly through semi-automatic rifles and handguns. The accurate, low-velocity loads provide the sensation of “shooting through a suppressor—without the suppressor”—and are perfect for new shooters.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/ci-quiet-22-sem-auto-new-22-lr-ammunition-at-shot-show-2019/#axzz5eEg8Zmsb>



The Disgusting Side Of WWI

The First War was interesting from both a political and a military perspective... but it was Damned Nasty... heck, what war isn't? Here's a video covering Verdun, Mud, Desertion, and Mutiny. Got a computer?... Grit your teeth! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SqDZbLyljc>

Two Anti-Gun bills will be heard Feb 13 at the NH Legislative office building.

HB109 Title: requiring background checks for commercial firearms sales. (Sponsors: (Prime) Katherine Rogers, Mary Jane Wallner, Marjorie Smith, Edward Butler, Paul Berch, David Huot, Mary Heath, Lee Oxenham, Skip Berrien, Mary Jane Mulligan, Martha Hennessey)

Note that this is Rep Rogers' **3rd** attempt to pass this!...The bill is **SO** extreme that without a background check at each instance, the bill will make illegal:

- the transfer, "even temporarily", to a family member or friend who sees your gun on "display", e.g. in a gun safe, in one's holster, while hunting, a self-defense emergency, on the mantle, teaching your son or daughter how to shoot, etc.
- the transfer, "even temporarily", at a target shoot, barbecue, party, get-together, etc. which was advertised, posted, or listed such as on FB or other social media, website, newspaper or flyer.
- the transfer, "even temporarily", at a gun shop to handle and examine a firearm on display to consider a purchase; and,
- It will **END** all range rentals of firearms on display, advertised, listed or posted.

This bill would place the firearm in question onto the books of an FFL and place undue, unnecessary and extremely long-term recordkeeping requirements and liabilities onto a business owner simply by virtue of his or her being in a legal business. The bill would "create a register of each sale", something prohibited by federal law. Specifically, Firearm Owners' Protection Act of 1986 (FOPA) makes it illegal for the national government or any state in the country to keep any sort of database or registry that ties firearms directly to their owner

HB 514: Title: imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm. Sponsors: (Prime) Katherine Rogers, Michael Abbott, Timothy Josephson, Casey Conley, Garrett Muscatel, Donna Mombourquette, Jacqueline Chretien, Lisa Bunker
NH actually adopted its Gun Line in 1999 to **ELIMINATE** waiting periods!....This bill is designed to be punitive but also, quite plainly, to raise money for the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game by exempting those who hold a NH hunting license from **ANY** waiting period!

In the fiscal note accompanying the bill, it states: "The Fish and Game Department reports this bill may increase the likelihood of students enrolling into hunter education classes by an indeterminable amount". Email or call the members of the **committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety** to let them know **YOUR** opinion:

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History in February:

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. (In recent years though, Mexico has been repopulating all that it lost!)

February 3, 1865 - A four-hour peace conference occurred between President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The meeting was unsuccessful as President Lincoln insisted there could be no armistice until the Confederates acknowledged Federal authority. The Confederates though, wanted an “armistice” first.

February 4, 1861 - Apache Chief Cochise was arrested in Arizona by the U.S. Army. Cochise then escaped and declared **WAR** on the U.S... The Apache Wars lasted 25 years!

February 6, 1788 - Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the new U.S. Constitution, by a vote of 187 to 168... (Massachusetts then began a steady continuing descent into Socialism!)

February 8, 1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay, England.

February 12, 1999 - The impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton in the U.S. Senate ended with the whole world watching. On Article 1 (charging Clinton with perjury) 55 senators, including 10 Republicans and all 45 Democrats voted not guilty. On Article 2 (charging Clinton with obstruction of justice) the Senate split evenly, 50 for and 50 against the President. With the necessary two-thirds majority not having been achieved, President Clinton was thus acquitted on both charges, and served out the remainder of his term of office lasting through January 20, 2001..... *“Why heck Hill’ry, ah was juss havin a good time is all”*.

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The result was a declaration of war against Spain.

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as U.S. troops lost their first major battle of World War II.

February 27, 1950 - The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms, or a maximum of 10 years in office. Figuring optimistically on EIGHT... we can look forward to Donald Trump’s presidential tenure as he rebuilds our country, our economy, secures our borders, and restores our Nation’s respect among the world’s nations!..

Next Meeting: March 6, 2019

Put out a name card with your stuff so we know WHO to ask for particulars, and bring along anyone you know who enjoys Collecting or Shooting Sports!

