



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

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Happy New Year... and Snappy Salutes to you!

It's a NEW start to a NEW year for us, and the slate is clean!... or maybe just cleaner – chuckle. We've now got this new year of **2019** to savor and to concentrate on... Hoo-Rah to that! The First World War ended 100 years ago, and I can remember a couple of those vets from my childhood. It's a different world today though, ain't it?... and amazing how fast time goes by! Let's all grin, think Happy thoughts and look forward to all the good stuff that's gonna happen **THIS** year! Deals; discoveries; travel; great food; new friends and High Adventure! If we're lucky we "may" even see a **WALL** built on our southern border... and if we're **REALLY** lucky some slimy socialist Anti- 2 nd Amendment Democrats will go to prison!

The FCAC meeting on the 2 nd was **VERY** well attended. Dark and Cold, yes... but spirits were high, and there was no snow! Great stuff was set out as always, and dealing was terrific! Smiles, stories, and much fun for all. We had happy visitors to our club, and new members enrolled and joined us. **WELCOME** to all of you! Great to see folks who've been absent for a while, and "Mike"... your beard is most distinctive! Lucky Don Fanny won the 50/50 drawing, and the pizza was delightful... though I really think that 10 pizzas is plenty if folks don't get piggy. We are after all, a "collectors" club and not an "eating" club.

Club President Evan Nappen profiled the current anti-gun state of affairs in New Jersey, and suggested that similar draconian measures could also befall New Hampshire should Democrat knee jerk have its way!... Police raids? Confiscation? Mandatory prison?... frightening thoughts indeed! In New Jersey possession of any magazine holding over 10 rounds that works in a semi-automatic firearm is now a felony-level offense with a penalty of up to 18 months in prison! Please read Evan Nappen's article "**Knock! Knock! - Show Us Your Glock**". This is Science Fiction that's becoming Science Fact! <http://www.evannappen.com/knock-knock-show-us-your-glock.html> There's also a very good Internet profile link on Evan and his law practice, which is a real Feel-Good. You'll be impressed! <http://www.efnappen.com/about.html>

"Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport the world affords."

..... .. Theodore Roosevelt

Garrison Keillor: Our man in Minnesota gets in his PC licks



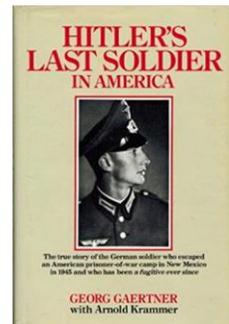
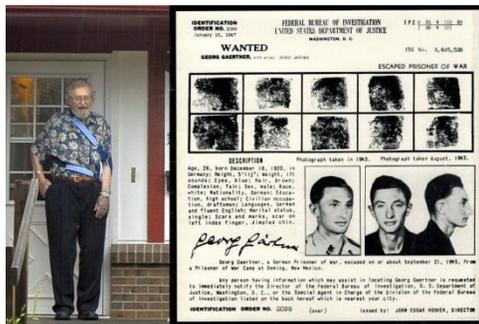
“SNOW ON THE ground in Minnesota and a frosty grayness in the air and a delicious chill that makes a person feel alive and vibrant. Cold is a stimulant, but of course some people don't tolerate it well and they decamp for the Sun Belt and — don't tell anyone I said this — everything works better when those old people leave town”... I just LOVE Garrison Keillor's charm and wit. The fellow has a real way with words, and the article attached here on Political Correctness is amusing and spot on!. You folks without a computer lose out again!
https://www.unionleader.com/opinion/columnists/garrison-keillor-our-man-in-minnesota-gets-in-his-pc/article_6f3692fd-f4a5-5597-83f9-4307afe70401.html

What's in a Name?

Recently I went to my doctor for a followup on itchy skin. I told him of experiencing recent dizziness and stuffy sinus's, and he prescribed a nasal spray called “Fluticasone” AKA: Flonase; Flonase Allergy Relief; Flonase Sensimist; GoodSense Nasoflow and/or Veramyst. Pharmacy warnings accompanying the spray tell the purchaser to notify their doctor if taking any of the following drugs: Atazanavir, Clarithromycin, Conivaptan, Indinavir, Itraconazole, Ketoconazol, Lopinavir, Nefazodone, Nelfinavir, Ritonavir, Saquinavir, Telithromycin, Voriconazole... WTF? **WHERE** do they get these wacky names?... and **WHO** are the inventive marketiers making this stuff up? Bear in mind that this only concerns a lowly **NOSE SPRAY!**

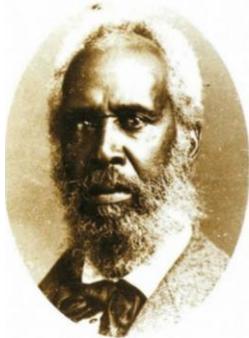
Georg Gärtner, the last German POW in America.

Indeed, history deserves to be remembered, and here's a story that's both fascinating and inspiring. In 1985 a federal fugitive chose to turn himself in after evading an FBI manhunt for forty years. He was an escaped German prisoner who made a new life for himself in the United States. Having watched this video, one viewer wrote that his father had worked with German POW's in the fields in Wyoming, and told of one POW whose father had been captured in WW1 and interred in America. His advice to his son, who was conscripted to fight for Germany in WW2 was, "Find the nearest American unit and surrender." He did and that is my snippet of history that deserves to be remembered!... Note that there were over 700 POW camps in the US!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BecF_NEWeQ8



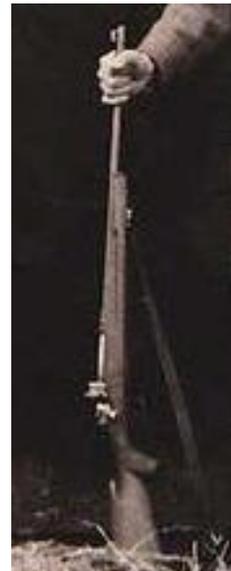
One of the Best Old World Gunsmiths, You've Never Heard Of

James Monroe Jones was one of the very few African-American gunsmiths working in 19th Century America. Born as a slave in North Carolina, Jones' father eventually purchased freedom for himself and his family and moved them to the free state of Ohio. Jones eventually graduated from Oberlin University in Ohio, and worked as a gun maker in London, OH and later in Chatham, Ontario (Canada). He was renowned as the only African-American gun maker in Canada during the period and even produced a pair of extraordinary gilt derringier pistols for the Prince of Wales (later King Edward the VII). <https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/politics-law/the-prince-the-pistols>



One BIG Stinking Bear!

Sure as Hell that's NOT a "New Hampshire" bear!... but if I'm right, that's a sporterized O3 Springfield with a Lyman peep the fellow is holding! Many years ago I bought an NRA Sporter like that one from a pal, and it was sweet! Being out of work later on though, I sold it to a dealer at a gun show, and have always regretted that. I lost my gun, and the "dealer" was an A-hole!



4 Legged Creatures... In the book "Cat Body Language" author Trevor Warner states that fear of cats and kittens is called **Ailuraphobia**. It is said that Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, and Adolf Hitler were all afraid of cats, while Napoleon Bonaparte was afraid of kittens... **MEOW!..** And what are **CATS** afraid of?... veterinarians, loud appliances, and cucumbers!

Remembering one of the GREATEST "last stands" in history

One of the greatest "last stands" in history was the Battle of Saragarhi. It took place in British India or modern day Pakistan in a world made famous by Rudyard Kipling. **The Battle of Saragarhi** was fought before the Tirah Campaign on 12 September 1897 between Sikh soldiers of the British Indian Army and Pashtun Orakzai tribesmen. It occurred in the North-West Frontier Province (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan).

The British Indian contingent comprised 21 Sikh soldiers of the 36th Sikhs (now the 4th battalion of the Sikh Regiment), who were stationed at an army post and were attacked by around 10,000 Afghans. The Sikhs, led by Havildar Ishar Singh, chose to fight to the death, in what is considered by some military historians as one of history's greatest last-stands.

The Pashtuns later admitted that they had lost about 180 killed and many more wounded during the engagement against the 21 Sikh soldiers, but some 600 bodies are said to have been seen around the ruined post when the relief party arrived. The post was recaptured two days later by another British Indian contingent. Sikh military personnel commemorate the battle every year on 12 September, as *Saragarhi Day*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HoUxIhdDdg>



Iceland is officially worshipping Norse Gods again!

Well, it's about time!... We need more Pagan theology don't we?... For the first time since the Vikings sailed, the Icelandic public will soon be able to worship classical Norse gods like Odin, Thor, and Frigg at a public temple built in their honor. "The worship of Odin, Thor, Freya and the other gods of the old Norse pantheon became an officially recognized religion exactly 973 years after Iceland's official conversion to Christianity." An Icelandic association called Asatruarfelagid, which promotes faith in the Norse gods and is headed by high-priest Hilmar Orn Hilmarsson, raised sufficient funds and received permission from the government to construct the first such temple in 1,000 years. Observers wonder how the rise of neo-pagan traditions will affect the reception of Christianity. Membership in Asatruarfelagid has tripled in Iceland to 2,400 members, out of a total population of 330,000.

<https://bigthink.com/ideafeed/iceland-to-officially-worship-norse-gods-again>

Small assault-style rifle firms are thriving under activists' radar

BOSTON (Reuters) - A decade ago, Kentucky's Anderson Manufacturing was a small machine shop that didn't make firearms. By 2016, it was making more rifles than Smith & Wesson, according to the latest available data from the U.S. BATFE. Anderson's big seller: assault-style rifles that cost up to \$2,100 and require no lubrication. Anderson says it made nearly 454,000 rifles that year, or about 57,000 more than Smith & Wesson. Anderson is the leader among a cluster of small, private companies that are taking market share from America's biggest gun makers. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-guns-manufacturers-insight/small-assault-style-rifle-firms-thriving-under-activists-radar-idUSKBN1OG1BZ>

Building an AR-10 from Scratch

A lot of us do restoration of antiques or old cartridge guns. Others enjoy the satisfaction of doing a from-scratch, at-home build. For a “project” how’s about the AR-15’s beefier and more potent compatriot, the AR-10 chambered in .308 Win. It’s got a feature set that could comfortably transition between target shooting from a bench rest, use in the field and, if necessary, defensive applications. Consider AR-10s with shorter 16"-ish barrels, more nature-friendly color schemes blending black and Flat Dark Earth (FDE) components, and feature sets leaning toward tactical applications. One manufacturer of note is “Aero Precision”. This company has a reputation for quality, and offers an in-house version of the AR-10 called the M5E1. It’s available as a factory complete rifle, or components for at-home build can be purchased from the company's website.

https://www.americanriflemag.com/articles/2018/12/10/building-aero-precisions-m5e1-ar-10-from-scratch/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=1218



Venezuelans Now Regret Giving Up Their Guns

In 2012, Venezuela’s “dictator for life” President Hugo Chavez had his rubber stamp legislature pass the Control of Arms, Munitions and Disarmament Law. The public generally supported it at the time. The law stripped law-abiding Venezuelans of every firearm and round of ammunition they could legally own. As the country and its citizens have increasingly benefitted from the wonders of Bolivarian socialism, it appears that the public now regrets their support for total civilian disarmament. “Guns would have served as a vital pillar to remaining a free people, or at least able to put up a fight,” Javier Vanegas, 28, a Venezuelan teacher of English now exiled in Ecuador, told Fox News. “The government security forces, at the beginning of this debacle, knew they had no real opposition to their force. It was a clear declaration of war against an unarmed population.”

https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/2018/12/luis-valdes/venezuelans-now-regret-giving-up-their-guns-this-is-what-happens-to-a-disarmed-populace/?fbclid=IwAR2GJE5OjoHoz_v1XIKb5OcedY7tFI15oPFfY6mHtz-MXAkXHJVbYj-9mxA



Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year; not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Crate of P 53 Enfield's Pulled From the Ocean

A crate of 19th century guns was found in the fishing net of the Newfoundland Lynx, a 222-foot stern trawler operating on the famous Grand Banks fishing grounds. Once the sea life-encrusted crate was brought ashore, they reached out to local authorities. The guns were found offshore just inside the 200-mile limit and were brought to the attention of the Provincial Archaeology Office by OCI's Operations Manager. They are currently undergoing conservation treatment. According to a military historian, the guns appear to be a bundle of 3-band P53 Enfield rifled muskets in what is left of their original crate and as packed at the Tower of London for shipment sometime in the 1850s-60s. These were the standard British arm in the 1850s-60s and the first standard British rifle. They were very popular with the British military and used in several wars and highly favored by both sides in the American Civil War. These examples were likely new arms on their way from the Tower of London to arm either regular British Troops in Canada or the new Canadian militia. A similar crate of 20 Enfield's was pulled up off Georgia in the 1980s by an archaeological diver and has been tied to the Confederate blockade-runner CSS Stono. Those rifles have been undergoing conservation since then and are at Sweetwater Creek State Park. <https://www.guns.com/news/2017/01/12/19th-century-rifles-fished-up-200-miles-offshore-continue-on-road-to-preservation-photos-video>



Pattern 1856 "Enfield" Cavalry Carbine

Coinciding with this find was an article in American Rifleman that discussed the carbine version of the Enfield. The British had adopted what many consider to be the finest arm of its type ever designed, the Pattern 1853 Enfield Rifle-Musket. As its name implies, the arm was designed at the Royal Small Arms Manufactory at Enfield Lock. The P'53 was a muzzleloader that fired a hollow-based, .577-cal., smooth "Pritchett"-style Minié bullet, and it was intended for standard infantry regiments in its three-banded form with a 39" barrel. Other variants were also available, including: two-banded "Short Rifles" of various models for sergeants, rifle units and other specialty forces; three versions of Artillery Carbines; and two Cavalry Carbines.

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/10/29/i-have-this-old-gun-pattern-1856-enfield-cavalry-carbine/>



100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.
Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses

Making the American Rifle at Colonial Williamsburg

A recent restoration project of mine has been an old flint musket. MAKING some missing parts brought to mind a renewed appreciation for those who built these things long ago! Dramatically portrayed and for all to see is the Colonial Williamsburg experience! The men in the gunsmith shop aren't actors. They aren't portraying characters at a theme park. They are experienced craftsmen, working with period tools under historic conditions, who choose to demonstrate their trade in front of an audience. Now **THAT'S** the job for me, folks!... **Entertaining and Fun!**

<https://www.americanriflemans.org/articles/2018/12/23/video-preserving-the-skills-gunsmithing-at-colonial-williamsburg/>



Massachusetts Governor Won't Reinstate Gun Permits

It seems Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker thinks he is above the law - at least as far as guns are concerned. Even though district court judges have ordered that hundreds of law-abiding citizens should have their permits reinstated, Baker has stood firm on rejecting that order!

https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2018/12/8/massachusetts-governor-won-t-reinstate-gun-permits/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=1218

Left Looks to Criminalize Private Sales of Guns

If you want to sell a gun or give a gun to a family member, you might want to think about doing it soon for, alas, if the incoming Democratic Party majority has its way such transfers will be more costly and difficult. U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., apparently is behind a push to require background checks on *all* gun sales—their remedy for closing the so-called gun show loophole. Thompson says introducing the bill will be one of the first things on his agenda.

https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2018/12/18/left-looks-to-criminalize-private-sales-of-guns/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0119



Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell?... Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

History in January

January 1, 1660 - Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666... SO much has changed since the 17 th century!

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba and established a Communist dictatorship.

January 3, 1777 - During the American Revolution, General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton, NJ and drove them back toward New Brunswick. He then established winter quarters at Morristown. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled. Today, Political and Anti-Gun oppression is causing New Jersey's population to once more shrink. Residents are leaving in droves as socialism and liberality spread.

January 8, 1815 - The Battle of New Orleans occurred as General Andrew Jackson, pirate Jean Lafitte, and American troops defeated a far larger British force, inflicting over 2,000 casualties.

January 12, 1999 - President Bill Clinton sent a check for \$850,000 to Paula Jones officially ending the sensational sexual harassment legal case that ultimately endangered his presidency. The president withdrew \$375,000 from his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's personal funds and got the remaining \$475,000 from an insurance policy. That was okay though, because the Clintons are **Democrats!**

January 15, 1559 - Elizabeth Tudor, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, was crowned Elizabeth I.

January 17, 1773 - The ship *Resolution*, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle... and a raucous snow ball fight promptly erupted among the crew!

January 24, 1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended... **"Did WE win?"**

January 28, 1871 - The Franco-Prussian War ended as Paris surrendered to the Germans after a four month siege... France of course became quite good at surrendering to the Germans!

January 30, 1649 - King Charles I of England was beheaded for treason by order of Parliament under the direction of Oliver Cromwell. It had been a slow week in London. Executions are always entertaining!

Put out a name card with your stuff so we know WHO to ask for particulars!

Next Meeting: February 6, 2019

Bring along anyone you know who enjoys Collecting or the Shooting Sports!

