



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

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Independence Day Greetings to you!

Another year has gone by, and the good old U.S. of A. is still here! **HOO-RAH!**... Problems?.. Yeh our country has a few, but we can all feel happy that we're no longer a part of Great Britain!.. Consider all the problems that they have... plus... they don't approve of private gun ownership.. **PERIOD!**

Our July FCAC meeting of course fell on **Independence Day!** Inspired by the thought of celebrating our country's birthday, club member "Joe Ustinowich" thought that a Fort Constitution cookout/barbeque would be both exciting and appropriate! Joe volunteered to ramrod and shop for all items needed, and the plans for this **FIRST TIME** event were on! He and his friend Terry did a **TERRIFIC** job of setting up, cooking and organizing everything. A number of you members volunteered to assist Joe with setup and additional food. Big FCAC thanks go to everyone! There was great recorded music from the Kingston Trio, great Food, and of course **GREAT** company! At least 50 or 60 happy members of our club attended, and everyone had a Terrific time! "Swap and Sell" action happened afterwards inside our building... and yes, there were a lot of Bang-Bang goodies as always! You Fort Constitution members who weren't able to join us that night were missed... it was a good time! Since everyone was so pleased at how well Joe's inspired event turned out... we're now talking about doing a **PIG ROAST!** Joe Ustinowich (our defacto "Social Director") is now currently doing research for the next FCAC event!

Almost every month we have **NEW** members join us. Last month there were 4 and on July 4 th there were 2 more. **Welcome to you folks!** Remember that members are to receive both a lapel/hat pin and decals to proudly put on your vehicle's window. Ask Marilyn or Beverly about that. Remember too to pay your annual dues (a measly \$40) and to wear your FCAC club neck tag at our gatherings. Write your name on a card or piece of paper and place it with your stuff for sale... "Who do I pay for this?"

The 4 th wasn't super noisy in Epsom this year. In past years we've watched rockets and explosions all across the valley... this year, not so much. Reflecting on events back in the "old days", the 4 th was never a complete success unless a kid in our neighborhood blew off a finger, or ruptured an ear drum! Powdering match heads for bombs and rocket fuel was not always a good thing as I found out... and I also recall being chased across the yard by an errant rocket that either my brother or I had made! Ah... times were simpler in the late 50's... you and everyone else could freely blow stuff up!

Our 1 st Annual Fort Constitution Barbecue Cookout



And How About One More Thing?

One more thing on the ObamaCare Repeal..... Since only 11 million people have ObamaCare, how will 24 million people die if it is repealed?.. **Will an additional 13 million people be randomly shot?**

One more thing on Donald Trump.... If Donald Trump deleted all of his emails, wiped his server with Bleachbit and destroyed all of his phones with a hammer, **would the Mainstream Media suddenly lose all interest in the story and declare him innocent?**

One more thing on ISIS..... Each ISIS attack now is a reaction to Trump policies, **but all ISIS attacks during Obama's term were due to "Climate Change" and a "Plea For Jobs".**

One more thing on Russia manipulating our election.... The DNC is mad at Russia because they 'think' they are trying to manipulate our election by exposing that the DNC is manipulating our election?

The Battle of Gettysburg



This month July 1–3, 1863 the battle of Gettysburg was fought. Won by the Union and lost by the Confederacy, it was a hideous brawl fought in and around the town of *Gettysburg*, Pennsylvania. The battle involved the largest number of casualties of the entire war, and is often described as the war's turning point. I recall having read that the Confederates had been advancing as they sought a needed source for shoes! In any case summer is now beginning for us folk who live here in “Yankee-land!”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Gettysburg

Why the guns at Gettysburg were found loaded

The conclusion of the Battle of Gettysburg saw the Confederate Army in full retreat, forced to abandon all of its dead and most of its wounded. This left the Union Army and the local citizens with the job of cleanup. It was when the weapons were being gathered and added to a master list of enemy possessions found that people started to notice something strange.

<https://www.thevintagenews.com/2016/08/30/guns-gettysburg-found-loaded/>

What Happened to Gettysburg’s Confederate Dead?

Gettysburg National Military Park Rangers, interns, and volunteers are frequently asked a series of questions by visitors starting with: *Where are the Confederate dead buried?* Many of these visitors have walked through the Soldiers’ National Cemetery where they noticed the markers of more than 3,500 Union soldiers, known and unknown, who were killed during the bloody days of early July 1863, yet they observed no burial markers for the approximately same number of Confederates who lost their lives on these identical fields.

<https://npsgnmp.wordpress.com/2012/07/26/what-happened-to-gettysburgs-confederate-dead/>

The Remains of the Fallen

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — You know you’ve arrived in the ranks of Gettysburg battlefield buffs when they tell you about the Confederate mass burial trench on Culp’s Hill, which saw fierce fighting 150 years ago. And if they really trust you, a licensed guide might take you out there on a winter day when the ground is bare. Then you can see for yourself the telltale depression where the ground has settled into the graves below.

https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/lifestyle/gettysburg-battlefield-still-has-remains-of-fallen/article_33ee3c00-9d8b-5b75-a571-dfe5b519ed2f.html

Civil War Mysteries: The Strange Disappearance of Harvey B. Wentworth

The strangest casualty of the Civil War occurred not on the battlefield, but beneath the U.S. Capitol Building, and involved a young soldier from New Hampshire who never got the chance to confront the enemy. This is the story of Harvey B. Wentworth, who vanished from the face of the earth in the summer of 1862. Wentworth was 20 years old, and the son of a farmer from the town of Suncook.

<http://www.journalofthebizarre.com/2017/03/civil-war-mysteries-strange.html>

The Grand Army of the Republic

Discovered and forgotten in a bookcase here at the cabin, I rediscovered a modest sized paper bound booklet written and published by R. Brad Long and printed in 1990 entitled “Collecting Grand Army of the Republic Memorabilia”. It’s a fascinating reminder of those who came before us. A useful reference for anyone who appreciates and collect artifacts used and worn by those gallant and duty bound men.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson of Springfield, Illinois is credited with the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1866. He was a Union surgeon attached to the 14th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. Thanks to Dr. Stephenson’s creativity, the GAR received its Ritual and foundational organization plans. Having died in 1871, Dr. Stephenson never had the opportunity to witness the glory of his Grand Army dream at the apex. It was not until 1890 that the organization reached its peak of a reported 409,489 membership. Records indicate in December of 1891, the year of the GAR’s Silver Anniversary for National Encampments, that there were 7,568 posts in operation. Post No. 1 of Decatur, Illinois holds the honor of being the first Post officially organized. The Decatur Post No.1 was given its charter on April 10, 1866.

By the time the 1880’s arrived, the GAR began showing an interest in securing pensions from the government. Aided by the leverage of sympathizers voted into public office the veterans successfully lobbied for state and national legislation. An army of pension attorneys and claim agents materialized to handle the windfall of pensions. The GAR became so powerful that the United States Congress itself was forced to pass legislation to aid pensioners on an individual basis! The appetite for government pension money was enormous. The “Boys of 61” had a tremendous impact on the administrative branch of the United States. As many as six (6) presidents can attribute to the GAR the success of their presidential campaigns. The concept of caring for the needs of the veteran went far beyond bestowing pension money. It was the GAR which began an ambitious program of instituting “old soldier’s homes”.

My grandfather was born in 1898, and by 1910 or thereabouts while a young boy, he spoke of watching those proud old men march in parades in Newton and Revere while carrying Quaker guns. As time went by their numbers diminished, and those left eventually took to riding in open touring cars.... Very sad.



The Psychic Ties that Bind ?

I'd suspect that at one time or another we "all" have pondered the strange mental connection that people seem to have with one another. Someone voicing **EXACTLY** what you were about to say... or a phone call from a relative, friend or loved one who you were just thinking about! Over the years it's happened to me **MANY** times. "**Weird and Strange coincidences**"... Well, it just happened to me again! I stepped out onto the porch for a smoke, and decided to phone a pal on the other side of the state to see how the day had gone for him and his wife. Punched his number into my Cell phone, and almost immediately it rang. It was **HIM** calling **ME!**... **WEIRD!** Somehow ALL of us are mentally connected (and probably animals are too). Many years ago my father warned me to always watch my thoughts... **ESPECIALLY** in "Business!".. Right now I'm thinking I'd like to go back and punch out a few folks!

1911 "We The People" CO2 BB-Gun

Brought to my attention, but not necessarily to "my" taste, we have this item from "SIG". Some of you may wish to grab one, and at a retail of \$119.99 it's in the same price range as "NON-guns that do nothing!" Modeled after the exceptionally popular 1911, this "We The People" full-size centerfire pistol is inspired by a rich, patriotic history. This BB pistol version of this uniquely-American handgun features the same custom grips adorned with 50 stars (25 per side) that represent each state of the Union. A distressed finish on the stainless-steel slide and the frame includes patriotic engravings, such as 13 stars atop the slide and "We The People" and "1776" on the slide flats..... It's "Pimpy Cool!"

<https://www.sigsauer.com/store/1911-we-the-people-co2-bb-gun.html>



It's got a functional takedown lever too!

Is the Mouse Gun a Dying Breed?

Generally speaking, defensive handguns can be grouped together by size: large (duty or full-size), medium (compact), small (sub-compact) and extra-small (pocket pistols). Mouse guns are a subset of the Pocket Pistol category chambered in pistol calibers smaller than .380 ACP, even though the .380 was once considered mouse-size until it went main stream (more on that later). Critics of small-caliber pocket pistols have been quoted as saying things along the lines of, "A pistol like this may be able to stop a charging mouse at three paces, but it's not much good for anything else."

Thus the title of "Mouse Gun" was born. <https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/5/24/is-the-mouse-gun-a-dying-breed/>



Man wounded after storing revolver in his oven..... WTF?

An Ohio man suffered injuries last month after picking what later turned out to be a less than ideal storage spot for his handgun. Robin L. Garlock, 44, of Warren, was taken for treatment at St. Joseph Warren Hospital after he was hit by fragments from a revolver he had stored in his oven, as reported by the Youngstown Vindicator. Garlock had placed the handgun in the kitchen appliance to keep it out of the reach of visiting children but his girlfriend, without knowing the loaded firearm was secreted in the broiler, turned the oven on and the ammunition eventually started cooking off.

DOJ releases regulation banning bump stocks

The Department of Justice unveiled a regulation late last week effectively banning bump stocks. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the new rule clarifies bump stocks fall under the definition of machine gun as it pertains to the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968. "Since the day he took office, President Trump has had no higher priority than the safety of each and every American" Sessions said in a recent news release. That is why today the Department of Justice is publishing for public comment a proposed rulemaking that would define machinegun to include bump stock-type devices under federal law—effectively banning them. •

A subjective test of popular penetrants; with the control being the torque required to remove a nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

None	516 pounds
WD-40	238 pounds
PB Blaster	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	127 pounds
Kano Kroil	106 pounds
ATF - Acetone mix	53 pounds

Relate this to your Gun and Automotive projects!

The ATF-Acetone mix was a "home brew" mix of **50/50 Automatic Transmission Fluid & Acetone**. Note that the "Home Brew" was **BETTER** than any commercial product in this one particular test. Note also that "Liquid Wrench" is about as good as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price!



REINSTATED: Brownells Back On YouTube!

As you may have already heard, firearms and parts retailer Brownells was removed from YouTube and later reinstated without a detailed explanation as to which community guidelines had been violated that landed them in social media jail. Although the channel's return is a victory for both Brownells and consumers alike, the trend towards demonetizing videos and removing channels that feature firearm related content appears to be gaining steam.

British YouTube Gun Channel Goes Dark

On the heels of YouTube shutting down [Brownells'](#) channel in America, a stranger story has emerged on the other side of the Atlantic. It seems as if police in the United Kingdom have pressured gun blogger Calum Long-Collins into disbanding his YouTube channel.

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2018/6/14/british-youtube-gun-channel-goes-dark/>

* In case I've not made the observation lately... **YouTube AND Facebook SUCK!**

The Model 1903 In World War I..... Here's a GREAT article!

One of the best known and most venerated U.S. military small arms is the "U.S. Magazine Rifle, Caliber .30, Model of 1903." Subsequently known over the past 115 years as the "Springfield '03" or simply the "'03," the rifle has gained a well-deserved reputation for its craftsmanship, dependability and accuracy.

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/6/14/the-model-1903-in-world-war-i/>



Mishaps and Exploded C/W rifles

Nature and happenstance sometimes make a mockery of man's most serious endeavors and turn his grimmest tools into playthings for capricious gods. A sentry walking his patrol on a rainy night had his musket and bayonet turned into a corkscrew by lightning, but the powder charge is untouched. A porcupine gnaws at a musket for the seat salt impregnating it. And in the heat of battle, chance drives a musket ball into the stock or barrel where it remains embedded.

<https://www.nps.gov/spar/learn/historyculture/mishaps.htm>



Cured by a live virus

Not all viruses are bad for us! Suffering for 5 years, this lady drank a concoction of live viruses called bacteriophages, or "phages" for short. Similar to probiotics, they permeate our guts and nasal passages and exist everywhere in nature, including in the soil and in drinking water. They are bacteria's natural enemies. As parasites, they invade bacterial cells and use their machinery to replicate, destroying bacteria in the process. <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20180703/NEWS12/180709858>

This Month in History

July 1, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Sounds darned good today! Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 1–3, 1863 - The battle of Gettysburg was fought... won... and lost.

July 4, 1776 - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

July 10, 1943 - The Allied invasion of Italy began with an attack on the island of Sicily.

July 12, 1817 - American philosopher Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) was born in Concord, MA.

July 19, 1863 - Union troops made a second attempt to capture Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. The attack was led by the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry, commanded by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who was killed along with half of the 600 men in the regiment. This battle marked the first use of black Union troops in the war.

July 22, 1934 - Bank robber John Dillinger (1902-1934) was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater after watching the film *Manhattan Melodrama* starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy. Ms. Loy was wholesome looking, with great eyes.... John Dillinger, not so much!

July 26, 1945 - The U.S. Cruiser Indianapolis arrived at Tinian Island in the Marianas with an Atomic bomb destined for Japan. On its return to the states, the Indy was sunk by a Japanese sub.

July 31, 1790 - The U.S. Patent Office first opened its doors! The first U.S. patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont for a new method of making pearlsh and potash (2 secret ingredients in Marilyn's monthly brownies – Ha Ha!)... That patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.



Next Meeting: August 1, 2018

