



Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

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THERE ARE NOT
ENOUGH INDIANS IN
THE WORLD TO
DEFEAT THE
SEVENTH CAVALRY.

QUOTEHD.COM George Armstrong Custer
American Soldier

Bug-Bite Greetings to you – It's SUMMER!

More precisely it's "June"... and a BAD month for Colonel George Custer and his 7th Cavalry!



1876 and the Indian peoples decided the time had come to put their moccasin shod feet down and make an appropriate statement to those "lieing white devils" in Washington! Yep, the gov't got the message, and things went downhill fast! One might ask... "Has anything really changed?"

Great fun at the June 6 gathering of the fort, and it was a **BIG** turnout! A little sprinkly rain at the start, but we're a tough bunch. 4 new members joined our garrison that night, and a smiling Mack Brash won the evenings 50/50. The tables were covered, and there were LOTS of bang sticks, stocks, parts and pieces. VERY exciting, and who can pass up a good deal! We all decided to hold next month's July meeting on the 4th as was scheduled. The Bektash building was previously booked for us on that night!

ALL of us FCAC folks enjoyed club president and attorney Evan Nappen's seminar presentation on the legal side of Gun ownership, responsibility, and "when" one may use deadly force and NOT end up in prison! Excellent information for ALL to remember! The seminar was sponsored by "U.S. Law Shield". The U.S. LawShield Legal Defense for Self-Defense Program is dedicated to preserving the Constitutional rights to self-preservation for all persons in New Hampshire, and ensuring legal representation for its members who ever have to use a firearm or other legal weapon. Membership is VERY inexpensive, and expanded coverage is available for ALL 50 states! This is insurance for "just in case". Your LawShield attorney in NH is Evan Nappen! LawShield Web address: USLawShield.com ... LawShield phone: (877) 448-6839. Evan can always be reached through his office: (603) 223-0001.

So Fort Constitution keeps growing, and our family of gun folk does too. It's always great fun to get out each month and enjoy the company of others!... Now send me some stories for this newsletter... Ha Ha.

"Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace"

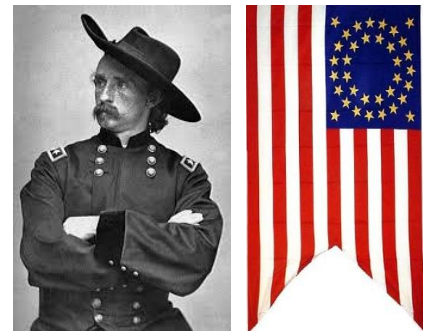
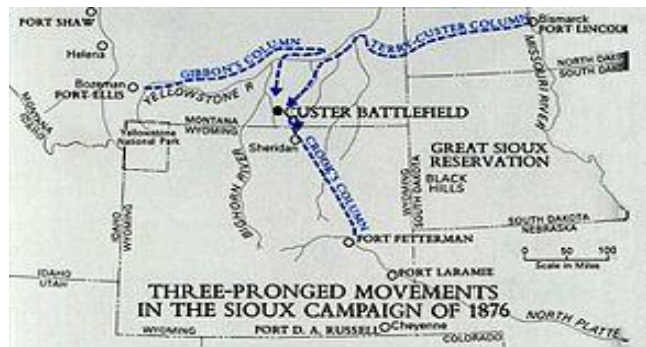
The Battle of the Little Bighorn – June 25-26 happened THIS month!

Known to the Lakota and other Plains Indians as the “**Battle of the Greasy Grass**” and also commonly referred to as “**Custer's Last Stand**”, was an armed engagement between combined forces of the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes and the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army. The battle, which resulted in the defeat of US forces, was the most significant action of the Great Sioux War of 1876. It took place on June 25–26, 1876, along the Little Bighorn River in the Crow Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana Territory.

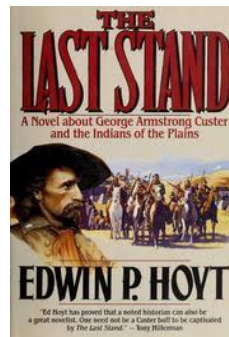
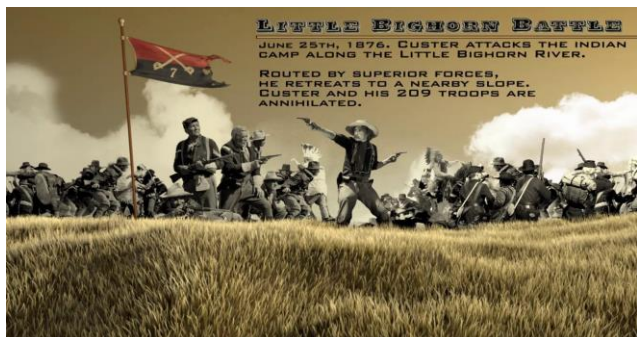
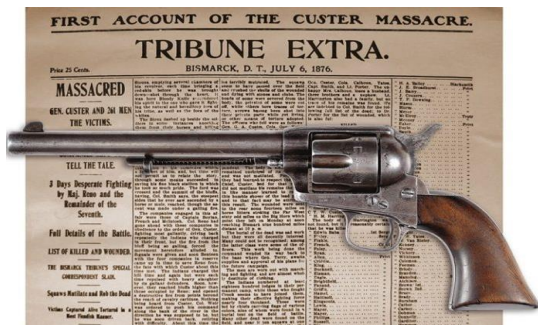
Five of the 7th Cavalry's 12 companies were annihilated and Custer was killed, as were two of his brothers, a nephew and a brother-in-law. The total US casualty count included 268 dead and 55 severely wounded (six died later from their wounds), including four Crow Indian scouts and two Pawnee Indian scouts.

The Lakota and Cheyenne warriors that opposed Custer's forces possessed a wide array of weaponry, from Stone Age war clubs and lances to the most advanced firearms of the day. The typical firearms carried by the Lakota and Cheyenne combatants were muzzleloaders, more often a cap-lock smoothbore, the so-called Indian trade musket or Lemman guns distributed to Indians by the US government at treaty conventions. Less common were surplus .58 caliber rifled muskets of American Civil War vintage such as the Enfield and Springfield. Metal cartridge weapons were prized by native combatants, such as the Henry and the Spencer lever-action rifles, as well as Sharps breechloaders. Bows and arrows were utilized by younger braves in lieu of the more potent firearms; effective up to 30 yards (27 meters), the arrows could readily maim or disable an opponent.

* The question as to whether the reported malfunction of the Model 1873 Springfield carbine issued to the 7th Cavalry contributed to their defeat has been debated for years. Historian Thom Hatch observes that the Model 1873 Springfield, despite the known ejector flaw, remained the standard issue shoulder arm for US troops until the early 1890's when the copper-cased, inside-primed cartridges were replaced with brass. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Little_Bighorn



FCAC President Evan Nappen taught a lesson to Buckee Beaver, who joked about “Col. Custard”



Remington Model 870 DM Shotgun - Custer should have had these!



Remington introduced its pump-action Model 870 in 1950, and with more than 11 million made, it is hands-down the most popular shotgun of all time. The Model 870 DM does something other 870s don't; it feeds from a detachable box magazine. Gone is the underbarrel tubular magazine (it still supports the fore-end, though), a new assembly added to the underside's loading port allows the gun to accept either three- or six-round polymer detachable magazines https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/4/26/editors-picks-2018-remington-model-870-dm-shotgun/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0518

New Members joining the Garrison of The FCAC

Each month we have new FCAC "enlistments" (chuckle). At the beginning of May we received a very cordial message from new member Scott Rand. He's a gun guy, and does reloading and casting too. Scott has acquired some reloading equipment from other folks, and now has more than he can use. He'd appreciate some info on reloading 10 ga. for his Damascus barrel Ithaca from 1890. Scott shoots and reloads for 257 Rob. 270 Win, 348 Win. 30-30 Win, 9mm, 357M/38sp, 38 S&W, 41M and Sp, 44M and Sp, 45 Colt, 45 ACP, 480 Ruger and a NEW 475 Linebaugh. He teaches reloading and casting, but always likes learning new stuff as do we all! Thoughts?... Contact him: scottrand348@gmail.com

Did you know: More people live in New York City than in 40 of the 50 states.. In 1872, Russia sold Alaska to the Unites States for about 2 cents per acre... Boston has the worst drivers out of the nation's 200 largest cities. Kansas City has the best drivers.

The Cavalry's Last Charge: The 1921 M1903 Prototype Carbine

After the adoption of the U.S. Model of 1903 rifle, the U.S. Cavalry, like these troopers in Mexico in 1916, had to give up their short-barreled carbines. They tried the 20"-barreled cavalry carbine concept out again in 1921—but it never went beyond the prototype phase. Although the prototype '03 carbines performed reasonably well in the testing, there wasn't an overwhelming demand for them. Funding in the immediate post-World War I period was very tight, and the Ordnance Dept. was conserving all available funds for the development of a semi-automatic service rifle that was deemed to be a higher priority than a limited-issue cavalry carbine. While there was little chance that the 1921 '03 carbine would have been adopted by the U.S. Army, it nevertheless was a most fascinating arm and marked the end of any further attempts to resurrect a cavalry carbine for the Army.

https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2018/4/24/the-cavalry-s-last-charge-the-1921-m1903-prototype-carbine/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0518

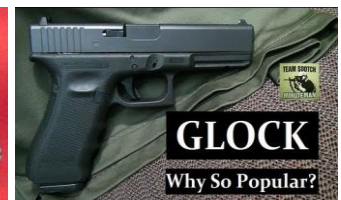


(top) U.S. Model 1898 Krag-Jorgensen Rifle (btm.) U.S. Model 1899 Krag-Jorgensen Carbine

Glock Remains Top Choice for Law Enforcement Sidearm in 2018

From the pages of "Did you know?"...The number of law enforcement agencies using Glocks grew by more than a dozen during the first quarter of 2018, and the company's handguns are currently the preferred pistol for 65 percent of departments nationwide.

https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/4/24/glock-remains-top-choice-for-law-enforcement-sidearm-in-2018/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0418



Springfield Armory Severs Ties with Dicks Sporting Goods (Mossberg too)



GENESE0, IL, (05/03/18) – Springfield Armory is severing ties with Dicks Sporting Goods and its subsidiary, Field & Stream, in response to their hiring a group for anti-Second Amendment lobbying. This latest action follows Dicks Sporting Goods decision to remove and destroy all modern sporting rifles (MSR) from their inventory. In addition, they have denied Second Amendment rights to Americans under the age of 21. We at Springfield Armory believe that all law abiding American citizens of adult age are guaranteed this sacred right under our Constitution. It is clear where Dicks Sporting Goods and its subsidiary, Field & Stream, stand on the Second Amendment, and we want to be clear about our message in response. Their position runs counter to what we stand for as a company. At Springfield Armory, we believe in the right and principles fought for and secured by American patriots and our founding forefathers, without question. We will not accept Dicks Sporting Goods continued attempts to deny Second Amendment freedoms to our fellow Americans.

* Spread the word and let's all join in to boycott "Dicks Libtard's Are Us" - Haters of AR's!
Hell, everything that's sold there is available at many other locations anyway!

Dicks Sporting Goods Hired Three Gun Control Lobbyists In April

The sporting goods store, under fire for refusing to sell rifles to anyone under the age of 21, is now officially lobbying Congress for gun control, according to federal lobbying activity records!

<http://thefederalist.com/2018/05/02/dicks-sporting-goods-hired-four-democrat-gun-control-lobbyists-april-records-show/>

Gun Digest – Proxibid

Did you know?... WWII Rifles, Military Jeeps, Antique armour, Barrett Model 82A1 & More. These people offer a series of remote auctions on a regular basis. I receive Email notices from them all the time. gundigest-newsletter@e-gundigest.com ...Alternatively, many folks use "Gunbroker" - <https://www.gunbroker.com> ...and of course there's "GunsAmerica" <https://www.gunsamerica.com/> plus many other sites and services.

How to Remove a Stuck Patch

Imagine This: You've just finished up a great day of bird hunting, or maybe you went to the range for target practice. You get home and you're tired, but you bring your gun in and gather your gun cleaning supplies to give your firearm a nice clean anyway because you **KNOW** the importance of a well maintained firearm... Reaching for your Otis kit, you pull out the Memory-Flex cable and attach the slotted tip and obstruction remover. You grab a patch and tie it onto the slotted tip. A couple drops of solvent and you're ready to pull it through. But just as you start pulling it through the barrel, it starts to get tight – Real Tight. No worries, you pull out the t-handle bar and slide it through the obstruction remover. With a little bit more leverage, you've got this... but you quickly realize you **DON'T!** With a patch stuck in the barrel, you start to get frustrated... but then you remember this blog that offered troubleshooting techniques on removing a stuck patch and you relax. Here's the lowdown on "why" this happened, techniques on how to remove the stuck patch, and what you can do to avoid this situation in the future. https://otistec.com/blog/how-to-remove-a-stuck-patch-how-to-avoid-getting-it-stuck-in-the-first-place/?mc_cid=3729d8467c&mc_eid=434a186a7c

The Legacy Of British Gun Maker Giles Whittome

When we think of the leaders among quality gun makers of the British Isles we tend to think of names like Purdey and Holland and Holland, but these men have been dead for over a hundred years. Only their firms survive. For innovative leadership we must look to individuals in the trade today, and certainly no one has been a more innovative gunmaker than Giles Whittome. Giles is famous for his giant 2-gauge single-shot rifles. His 26-pound, 2-bore rifles are the largest, most powerful sporting rifles ever made! <http://americanshootingjournal.com/jack-master-trades/>



Firearms Weight, Balance and Handling

In the February Issue 3 of the Firearms News was a very interesting article written by Jim Dickson. I'm not inclined to re-type the entire darned thing, and DID try hard to find it on the internet, but no good. If you can locate Mr. Dickson's article you'll find some interesting facts and information on gun ergonomics. "For accurate shooting, a gun must have weight... a properly balanced gun will feel 20% lighter in the hands" says Mr. Dickson.

The Difference between Boxer and Berdan Primers

During the Industrial Revolution, in the last half of the 19th century, the munitions industry transitioned from using black powder to early smokeless propellants with substantially greater energy. Concurrently, loose components and paper cartridges with separate priming gave way to cartridges having a metal case that contained both primer and propellant with the bullet fixed in place. Initially, these improved rounds were inside primed; however, case designs evolved until the more powerful centerfire cartridges used a primer seated into an external pocket formed in the case head.

Eventually, two priming systems dominated. U.S. inventor Hiram Berdan developed a simple cup containing an explosive mix that was seated in a cartridge case having a complementing pocket configuration. The bottom of the pocket was formed with a round teat, or anvil, in the center and two small flash holes on either side. When the firing pin struck the primer cup, the explosive was crushed between the cup and anvil, and it ignited. The resulting flame passed through the two orifices and ignited the powder charge.

On the other side of the pond, Edward Boxer, in His Majesty's service, developed a similar device except his primer contained the explosive mix and an integral metal anvil. The cartridge primer pocket was a much simpler cylindrical cavity with only a single, larger-diameter flash hole in the center of the pocket. <http://www.shootingtimes.com/ammo/the-difference-between-boxer-and-berdan-primers/#ixzz5EfCBSaqi>



Presidential Affairs That Never Made it To the Tabloids

Nothing to do with our hobby but heck a little gossip is always fun!... Until Bill Clinton there had not been coverage of any infidelity on the part of a sitting president in the mainstream press. Before then, journalists didn't report on presidential affairs because they didn't consider them newsworthy. Even if a president's affairs were well-known to his friends, staffers, and journalists, the public didn't learn about them until "after the president was out of office, most of the time after the president was long dead."

<https://www.history.com/news/presidential-affairs-jfk-lbj-fdr-harding-clinton-trump>

The Thompson Submachine Gun

Shooting and discussing the classic Thompson submachine gun, real ones! You folks "without" computers won't be able to watch or hear this one... You're screwed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1nKXbrim8s>

A Squeezer From Minneapolis?

Designed to be the size of a pocket watch, the diminutive Minneapolis Palm Pistol was sold under license by the Minneapolis Firearms Co., but records show these guns were actually made by James Duckworth of Springfield, Mass. Unlike its larger counterpart, the Chicago Palm Pistol, this seven-shot, .32-cal. "Protector" pistol utilized slightly more powerful centerfire cartridges and also featured a rotating safety. Despite these advantages, four times as many of the Chicago versions would be manufactured. It is estimated that only 3,000 Minneapolis "squeezers" were produced from 1891 to 1892. Once classified by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) as a "curio & relic," this rare rotary pistol is now considered an antique.

https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2018/4/29/a-squeezer-from-minneapolis/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=0518



The Toy Guns We Had – and at 5 I wanted em all!

Today the Libtards don't want kids to have toy guns, but in the late 50's we ALL had em!

\$5.00 was a lot of money back then, but a kid or his parents could get a real nice toy gun for that.

My younger brother, myself, and even our little sister were all well-armed back then. Probably like you, all of us neighborhood kids would have regular battles in someone's yard or vacant lot... Oh what fun!

https://www.facebook.com/NateTalksToYou/videos/1717026331687183/UzpfSTEyMTM4MzQ0TQ6MTA5MTE5MzAzMDAzNTIyNDA/?comment_id=10211931548143434¬if_id=1526149321835162¬if_t=feed_comment

History in June:

June 2 Birthday - Marquis de Sade (1740-1814) was born in Paris. He was a military leader, governor-general, and author... but had some unpleasant/unconventional hobbies.

June 5, 1783 - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier.

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. My father (who was then a Major in 3rd Army Ordinance) landed on D-3 and said it was a Hell of a mess!.. “**One Big Snafu**” to be precise.

June 10, 1942 - In one of the most infamous single acts of World War II in Europe, all 172 men and boys over age 16 in the Czech village of Lidice were shot by Nazis in reprisal for the assassination of SS leader Reinhard Heydrich. The women were deported to Ravensbrück concentration camp where most died. Ninety young children were sent to the concentration camp at Gneisenau, with some later taken to Nazi orphanages if they were German looking. The village was then leveled until not a trace remained.

June 11, 1994 - After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended.

June 13, 1966 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) in the case of *Miranda v. Arizona* that an accused person must be apprised of certain rights before police questioning.

June 14, 1922 - Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message by radio.

June 15, 1215 – England’s King John set his seal to Magna Carta, the first charter of British liberties.

June 18, 1815 - On the fields near Waterloo in central Belgium, 72,000 French troops, led by Napoleon, suffered a crushing military defeat from a combined Allied army of 113,000 British, Dutch, Belgian, and Prussian troops.

June 23, 1865 - The last formal surrender of Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier General Watie surrendered his battalion comprised of American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

June 25, 1876 - Colonel George A. Custer, leading 250 men, attacked an encampment of Sioux Indians near Little Bighorn River in Montana... which didn’t turn out very well for Colonel Custer!

June 28, 1919 - The signing of the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I... **No More Wars!**

Next Meeting: July 4, 2018

