



# Fort Constitution Arms Collectors

## Meeting Report: November 7, 2018

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### Gun Collector Gobble-Gobbles to YOU!

It's November already?... **DAMN!**... What happened to our glorious New England months of Warmth, Bugs, and Air Conditioning? Cold, squishy wet leaves and rising heating bills aren't necessarily a good thing... but then neither are gators, snakes, fire ants and other nasty stuff found down south where folks go in winter to get warm!... I'm a Yankee, and I'll stay right here!

Our November gathering of the fort was pretty darned **GREAT** with **LOTS** of folks there! A few of you who'd not been seen for a while showed up in the throng, and we got some **NEW** members! **WELCOME to you folks!** All of us need to remember to invite friends, family, or co-workers to come along to our meetings as a guest, so that they can see what the FCAC is all about! It's especially important to include **YOUNGER** folks to join us in our hobby, since it's **THEY** who'll be carrying on when we older folks are gone! We've got an inherent responsibility to Educate and to Encourage ... which is **VERY** important. Gun ownership, Gun Collecting and the Shooting Sports as you know are no longer deemed to be "socially correct" in much of today's society... and that frankly **SUCKS!** (Stick it up your nose, Diane Feinstein!)

The Bektash parking lot was pretty much filled, and **LOTS** of great stuff was brought in! Excitement was in the air as refreshments were grabbed, and the treasure hunt began for all us Fort Constitution folks. Selling or Buying - it was **ALL** good! Dave Whitcomb won the 50/50 (again) the lucky bugger!... and Marilyn and Beverly were and are now taking dues for 2019. Table reservations for the fort's **SPRING** show are also now being paid for, and firmed up.

Thank Gawd that the Mid-term elections are now over with! I hate all that stuff with the signs, the commercials, and all the blather! Whatever political position they aspire to, Democrats continue to advocate for "Open" borders, Expanded social programs, More giveaways, More **FREE** stuff, More gun control, and More restrictions on firearms ownership! Being a Libtard Democrat is a **Mental Illness!**.... Democrats: "Hypocritical, Unethical, Immoral and Ignorant" Achieving **Power** and **Control** by building **DEPENDANCY!**

## Ten Examples of the Internet's Worst Gun Advice

The internet is **FULL** of it!... Stories, Information, and Advice galore. As you might imagine, a lot of stuff has to do with the things we like, use, and collect. Picking *only* 10 of the worst pieces of shooting advice from across the vast and vacuous expanse known as the “internet” we have the following sampling...which will have you shaking your head, snickering, or blowing coffee out your nose! <https://www.outdoorhub.com/stories/2014/03/11/ten-examples-internets-worst-gun-advice/>

## MG15 Machinegun Found by Magnet Fishermen

As most all of us know, relics of past wars are **STILL** being found all over Europe. This video was shot somewhere in Holland, and shows a huge array of military weaponry and equipment including grenades, mines, Mauser rifles, insignia, helmets, etc. These treasure seekers went back to the location where German forces surrendered to the allied army. At that place lots of equipment and ammo was collected by the allies and dropped in a nearby pond... consequently that pond hides a lot of incredible ww 2 history!

. Reminds me of an old German glider pilot I did architecture with years ago at Wang laboratories. Helmut Schulz and his Luftwaffe pals had been driven east by the advancing allies. They gathered on the shore of a small lake waiting to surrender, but kept their weapons ready in case any SS troops found them. When the Americans appeared, all the Germans threw their weapons into the lake! I'd imagine that everything is **STILL** there!... Helmut told me some great stories, and also taught me a couple of their Luftwaffe Fallschirmjäger songs...

“Papa I miss you!” [https://www.alloutdoor.com/2018/10/10/ww2-mg15-machinegun-found-magnet-fishermen/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_content=2018-10-16&utm\\_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter](https://www.alloutdoor.com/2018/10/10/ww2-mg15-machinegun-found-magnet-fishermen/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=2018-10-16&utm_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter)

## North American Arms Sidewinder 22 LR/22 Magnum Range Review

.22 Magnum for defense? Well, the power level is low, and rimfire ignition can leave something to be desired. These rounds were never intended to be put into pistols, and yet somehow here we are. Unlike the standard NAA Minis, the “Sidewinder” does not need to be disassembled to load or unload. The Sidewinder uses a swing-out cylinder and ejector rod like what you will find on bigger revolvers. It differs from the usual NAA design that requires the cylinder pin to be pulled from the pistol and the cylinder rolled out for loading.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/10/north-american-arms-sidewinder-22-lr-22-magnum-range-review/#axzz5U93CHdKC>



**Did you know that the male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body? The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off... "Honey, I'm home. What the....?"**

## HOA Objects to Sherman Tank Parked on Street - (What's the problem here?)

**“Despite a HOA letter, his neighbors LOVE it”** - Houston, TX –

After a wealthy attorney purchased an M4 Sherman World War II tank for \$600,000 and had it restored, he parked it outside his mansion last year — right in a public roadway. And while his neighbors actually liked having it around, busybodies at the HOA sent him a letter demanding that he move it. The tank in question landed at Normandy on June 10, 1944, helped liberate Paris, and continued all the way to Berlin. Tank owner Tony Buzbee said it took a year for it to make its way to him, and he needed a place to park it. What better location than on the road outside his home?

## This Bowl Mouse Trap Design is 118 Years Old

Getting tired of gun control and crime? Me, too! So, here's something everyone can relate to: the need to catch mice, and the wide variety of ways they can be caught! And this time, we join “Mousetrap Monday” man Shawn Woods as he tests a mouse trap design that was patented in 1900. It's a simple setup — like most practical mouse traps that work. You prop up a bowl and use a couple levers to set it up, then the bowl falls down to contain the critters..... Squeak!

[https://www.alloutdoor.com/2018/09/30/bowl-mouse-trap-design-118-years-old/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_content=2018-10-06&utm\\_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter](https://www.alloutdoor.com/2018/09/30/bowl-mouse-trap-design-118-years-old/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=2018-10-06&utm_campaign=Weekly+Newsletter)



**Check out YouTube for other Mouse Traps!**

## Shooting With Both Eyes Open

When any of us first starts shooting we make a point to close our off eye so that we can have a clear sight picture. That clear, unambiguous sight picture is vital at this stage because we typically have no trained mechanics or muscle memory to assist with our effort to shoot accurately. What's more, most of us are unaccustomed to unconsciously or even consciously directing our focus into one eye while the other eye remains open. All of this is to say, there's a bit of a learning curve to proper defensive firearm technique (of which the eyes are just one component). <https://www.eaglegunrangetx.com/shooting-with-both-eyes-open/>



**“Evening News is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.”**

## **Lend/Lease: Providing Arms for Allies in the Time of Need**

In the dead of winter 1944, U.S. Navy officer Frank Grismer discovered an unknown British soldier who had perished on the beachfront of Anzio, Italy, still clutching a .45 caliber submachine gun affectionately known by G.I.s as the Tommy Gun. His body lay in the vicinity of 19 deceased German soldiers. The M1928A1 Thompson, bearing serial number #S-169807 was familiar to the American, but the sling swivels were in an unusual position. The one on the buttstock was opposite where it normally was, placed on the top as opposed to the bottom. The other was on the left side of the foregrip. That Tommy Gun was part of the U.S. Lend-Lease program which began in September 1940. <https://www.range365.com/lend-lease-providing-arms-for-allies-in-time-need>



## **Using Smokeless Powder in a Muzzle Loader – WTF?**

Ever wonder what would happen?... Watch this idiot! <https://youtu.be/GCe2B2pN3pQ>  
(Reminds me of a local incident about 30 years ago when at a 4 th of July party, one of the happy revelers loaded up a cast iron Rev War cannon with smokeless powder to fire a blank charge. The carnage was **NOT** pretty, and was the **LAST** Independence Day party held at that address!)

## **Dangerous Muzzle loading Practices**

Making sure you load your muzzle loader properly, no matter which brand, is damned important. When loading a muzzleloader **NEVER** use modern smokeless gun powder, no matter what brand of muzzle loader you have! Loading your muzzleloader with smokeless powder, or having a barrel obstruction from a short loaded bullet or mud in the muzzle, will turn you rifle into a pipe bomb. You won't like it! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmsBF6CXs18>

## **Gun explosion compilation**

These short videos may make you wet your pants.... **OUCH!**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEV15uVnhG4>

## **Putting a Live 50 Caliber Round in a Microwave? – COOL!**

What the heck, go ahead and try it yourself!... “John Brooks, I’ll bet that **YOU** already have!”  
“<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6NcD2rZ9H4>”

## **An Automatic Transmission Fix**

Needing a repair to the tranny of my newly purchased, used but lovely Dodge cruiser van, I discovered “**Russel Transmission Service**” at 247 S. Willow St, Manchester... 656-6438. **FANTASTIC**. Thought I’d have to spend around a thousand, but Wayne did a simple and inexpensive repair that most wouldn’t know. The van now runs like new! Very Nice people!

## WHAT'S in that hole in his yard?

Here's a GREAT and cost effective solution for a LOT of storage problems!... **Be inspired!**  
<http://www.trend-chaser.com/lifestyle/this-guy-became-the-envy-of-the-neighborhood-after-digging-a-hole-in-his-yard/2/>



**Guy Fawkes Day** ... It was the 5 th of THIS month, and most of us missed it!... **DAMN!**  
***“Remember, remember the fifth of November Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason Should ever be forgot”.***

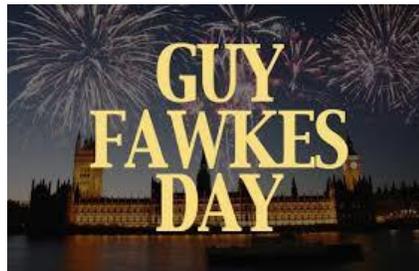
So goes one version of a popular rhyme about Guy Fawkes, whose failed plot to assassinate the King of England in 1605—Fawkes was caught under the House of Lords with barrels of gunpowder—got him hanged, drawn and quartered. Sure enough, 400 years later, the act of treason is still remembered.... (The English **LOVE** a good execution!)

Fascinating and Great fun for everyone (except for poor Guy Fawkes)... **Guy Fawkes Night**, also known as **Guy Fawkes Day**, **Bonfire Night** and **Firework Night**, is an annual commemoration observed on November 5, primarily in the United Kingdom. Its history begins with the events of November 5, 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords.

Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London; and months later, the introduction of the Observance of 5th November Act enforced an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure.

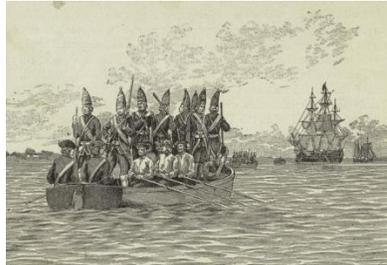
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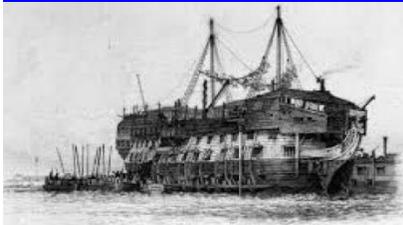
## The Lobster-Backs Go Home!

Evacuation Day on November 25 marks the day in 1783 when British troops departed from New York City on Manhattan Island, after the end of the American Revolutionary War. A once-annual holiday local to New York City, Evacuation Day was formerly equal in importance to the Fourth of July! Referring to the evacuation of British troops from New York City following the Revolutionary War, the celebration of the troops' departure was observed yearly throughout the early 20th century. While interest wavered over the years, in its prime, **Evacuation Day** was one of the most important holidays in the city. Today it's about forgotten, and NO one seems to care! [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evacuation\\_Day\\_\(New\\_York\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evacuation_Day_(New_York))



## Brooklyn's Revolutionary War Martyrs

New York played a pivotal role in the Revolution. It was the site of the war's biggest battle with more than 30,000 combatants, at a time when New York's population was just 25,000—was fought not in New England or the Chesapeake but in Brooklyn! The Battle of Brooklyn was a crushing loss for the Americans, with more than 1,500 killed, wounded or captured. But for sheer, grinding horror, nothing approaches the suffering and sacrifice witnessed during the war aboard British prison ships. More than **11,000 prisoners** died on ships anchored or, more often, aground in the East River, and were shallowly buried in the mud on the site of the future Brooklyn Navy Yard. Most are still there! <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/grisly-history-brooklyns-revolutionary-war-martyrs-180962508/>



## The M1917 Enfield: America's WWI Workhorse

The whole idea of building a firearm that looks good falls apart when it is military issue. Cosmetics have absolutely nothing to do with actual downrange performance and handling utility. If it works under adverse circumstances, what difference does the appearance make? **Here is** a military service rifle that wasn't just good, but rather **VERY** good!

[https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/11/11/the-m1917-enfield-americas-wwi-workhorse/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=insider&utm\\_campaign=1118](https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/11/11/the-m1917-enfield-americas-wwi-workhorse/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=insider&utm_campaign=1118)



## M1 Carbine Presentation

Club member Bob Anderson has volunteered to do a talk at our next club meeting on Dec. 5 th. Bob Writes: "Having finally gotten all my kit together, I can now show off my U.S. Carbine collection... Working title "US Carbines, M1, M2, M3 and SCHV". It takes about 1/2 hour and shows rifles that most Carbine owners aren't aware even exist! Hopefully it will be of interest even to black powder and antique Winchester collectors."... **Looking forward to it, Bob!**

## From The Oval Office

Was hoping for some Presidential commentary from Evan Nappen, since I'm not abreast of "Legal" junk, or a close follower of "Political Particulars". November's end is moving towards Thanksgiving though... and Marilyn Key is pressing for this newsletter to go **OUT**, so the heck with it... we're doing a mailing! I'll just say that by all reports, this "next" year is gonna be a doozy! The anti-gun Democrats have made significant inroads, increased their malevolent "power", and we can expect their renewed efforts to curtail our ability to own, buy and sell the stuff we love. Should the Libtard Dems prevail... **ALL** of us in the **FCAC** will be affected... (and that's **NOT** a good thing!)

The First snows of the year have now fallen, and though ever so "pretty" in a Currier and Ives sense... **Snow Sucks!** Plowing, snow blowing, and shoveling isn't any fun... plus I tend to slip and fall over, which scares our ever watchful resident wild turkeys! Keep in mind that I "Roger", am always looking for both stories and ideas for these newsletters. Let us know your needs. Send a message, or give me a call! **(603) 568-9806 - yankeetrader@metrocast.net**



## History in November

**November 1, 1950** - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

**November 2, 1947** - Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat took flight for the first and only time.

**November 4, 1862** - Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine-gun.

**November 5th** - Remembered as "**Guy Fawkes Day**" in Britain, for the anniversary of the failed "Gunpowder Plot" to blow up the Houses of Parliament and King James I in 1605.

**November 6, 1429** - Henry VI was crowned King of England at age eight.

**November 7, 1917** - Russian Bolsheviks overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky in Petrograd. The Council of People's Commissars was then established as the new government of Russia, with Nikolai Lenin as chairman, Leon Trotsky as foreign commissar and Josef Stalin as commissar of nationalities.

**November 8, 1923** - Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch took place in the Buergerbraukeller in Munich. The **Fort Constitution "Putsch"** took place above Concord's Draft Sports Bar in the fall of 2010, and involved a dozen of us "Revolutionary Conspirators!"... **Hoo-Rah for us!**

**November 9, 1965** - At 5:16 p.m., the Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction sending power surges knocking out interconnected power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected over 30 million persons, one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.

**November 10, 1871** - Explorer Henry M. Stanley found missionary David Livingstone at Ujiji, Africa. Stanley began his search the previous March for Livingstone who had been missing for two years. Upon locating him, he simply asked, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

**November 11, 1918** - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiegne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I

**November 13, 1942** - The five Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser *USS Juneau* by a Japanese torpedo off Guadalcanal during World War II in the Pacific.

**November 15, 1864** - During the Civil War, troops under General William T. Sherman burned Atlanta.

**November 18, 1916** - During World War I, Allied General Douglas Haig called off the First Battle of the Somme after five months. The Allies had advanced 125 square miles at a cost of 420,000 British and 195,000 French soldiers. German losses were over 650,000 men.

**November 20, 1789** - New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

**November 22, 1718** - Blackbeard the pirate (Edward Teach) was killed off the coast of North Carolina

**November 25, 1783** - At the end of the Revolutionary War, the last British troops left New York City.

## Next Meeting: December 5, 2018

\* Bring along a young friend, neighbor, co-worker, your cat Whiskers, or your Significant Other!

