



The Plinker



MISSION STATEMENT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting among residents of our community, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of citizens of our community of the safe handling and the proper care of firearms, and the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline and self reliance that are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

To CCR&P,

I just wanted to let you know that the **Westcoast Horn and Accoutrement Fair** was a success. Those in attendance had a great time learning about the traits of the North Carolina Appalachian Powder Horn. These are the horns that could go with the Kibler SMR that Guild members have built. Scott Morrison led a discussion on "Horn Myths and other Accoutrement Nonsense Seen on Social Media" along with demonstrating the use of Red Lead for spotting and marking horns. We also learned techniques for threading horns with Steve Skillman. New to the Horn Fair this year were fiber classes. Karen Haas came and taught two classes on card weaving that were very well received. We look forward to seeing the fiber arts grow at the Horn Fair.

As a reminder, we have the upcoming WHGG Annual Gunmakers' Workshop on August 21 - 24, 2025. We have a great line up of classes for this year's workshop. Our main class will be "18th Century Style Checkering" with instructor Dennis Diagger. This class is limited to 8 students with tools and material included in the class fee. You must pre-register by July 20th to attend this class. Dave Rase will be leading a discussion on "Stock Architecture, What Not to Do" and Rich Downs will be discussing "Pattern Layout - From Picture to Plank". Plan to attend this year's WHGG Annual Workshop.

We look forward to seeing you there! Paul Nelson, WHGG Secretary

Wood Cutting

I have mentioned before. We are really in need of firewood. The club voted to hire Gary's Bull dozing to build our cold deck. I need a faller. I have one loader operator, but need a back up. The trees will be fallen on the Back powder trail and moved to our cold area. They need to be limbed and cut to loader length. Gary is waiting for dry weather so we don't damage the Trail roadway. There will be only a month lead time to organize it. I need volunteers. If you would call or email I will get you on the list for when this time arrives. It could be June. A wood cutting party will follow. I would like to have someone running the cooking for lunch also.

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May's Lever Gun Match

By Tom Witt

We had a great turnout, as you will see.

This was an aggregate match, which means we were shooting paper targets at 25, 50 and 75 yards. When the shooting started at 9:30am we shot the big turkey target at 25 yards. Bob Delisle shot a 100-5X with his 32-20 Winchester rifle which sets a new record for offhand shots on the turkey. Allen Cuniff was only a point behind with a 99-5X. I rounded out the top 3 at 25 yards with a score of 95-4X.

Our second target was the buffalo with the two bullseyes posted at 50 yards, shooting was done while sitting and using cross-sticks. We shot 5 rounds in each bullseye to make up ten shots for the 100 points possible. Allen Cuniff claimed the first-place spot with a score of 95-X. Second was Jerry Mayo with a score of 93-X and Bob Delisle came in 3rd place with 92-X.

We rounded the match out with a large bullseye target at 75 yards, also with shooting from the sitting position while using cross-sticks. Allen Cuniff shot a very impressive 97-6X with Bob Delisle and Jerry Mayo following with 92-2X and 91-X respectively. As I mentioned earlier, everyone's scores were higher this month compared to months past. It could be a result of the great weather that we had or maybe people had an opportunity to practice. As I looked through past scores since we started this lever gun match, in September 2022, I found that Allen Cuniff's score of 291-12X is a record high score for the lever guns.

Our after-match was long distance targets shot with .22 rifles. Most of us were shooting Falling blocks like the Steven's Favorite. We had at least one sharps rifle with a .22 conversion kit in it shot by Jerry Johnson. Allen Cuniff had his Hopkins and Allen rifle by C. Sharps Arms and Mike Nesbitt used his .22 Low-wall, also by C. Sharps Arms. There was one bolt action on the line. These guns are more suited for grizzly squirrels than grizzly bears, but they are fun to shoot none the less. We shot 10 rounds each at a squirrel target at 50 yards and a standing bear at 100 yards. I was impressed with the scores that were turned in, considering my front blade sight completely covered the bear at 100 yards, and that not all of our shooters were prepared to shoot the .22s at 100 yards. High score was Jerry Johnson with 148 out of 200! Jerry did his good shooting with his Remington rolling block, chambered for the .40-65 cartridge, with a Crosno .22 insert using RWS target ammo.

I want to thank everyone that helped with set up, scoring and prizes. Next month is not an aggregate shoot so we may do a novelty shoot with gongs, I haven't decided as yet.

And I look forward to seeing everyone, except the Quigley shooters, on June 14th.



Mark Davis fires a shot, now using a .44-40 carbine.

Airstreaming With Firearms

By Gary Thorson, NRA Certified Range Safety Officer

Authors Note: My wife and I own an Airstream travel trailer, and we are members of the Oregon Airstream Club. I wrote this article for the Airstream Club newsletter, and I thought it might be of interest to readers of the Plinker.

OK, I know this will be a Hot Topic. Readers of the OAC Newsletter may have strong opinions on both sides of this issue – and that’s OK. The purpose of this article is merely to provide some useful information and “food for thought” for those who choose to, or may have thought about, traveling with firearms.

There are a few different reasons why someone might choose to take a firearm with them in their travels. They could be going hunting, to a shooting competition, or are concerned about personal protection. If you are a hunter, you likely already have your hunting license, are familiar with all the hunting regulations, have taken a hunter safety course, and have done your research regarding the type of game you are hunting and the equipment needed. For those who want to bring a firearm for personal protection, the issue becomes more complicated.

Regardless of your reason for traveling with a firearm, you need to be fully aware of, and comply with, all the relevant laws in the areas where you are traveling. This is where it gets complicated. Oregon, Washington, California, and Canada have some very restrictive laws. And they are not consistent with each other. Other states are less restrictive. The easiest way to figure all of this out is with the book titled “Traveler’s Guide to the Firearm Laws of the Fifty States” by J. Scott Kappas, Esq. The book is updated annually, and you can find it online where you can download it as a .PDF file, or purchase a paper copy.

Let’s say you have decided to bring a firearm along in your travels. Do us all a favor, and MEMORIZE the Four Rules of Firearms Safety:

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Even if you are absolutely positive that it is not loaded, still treat it as if it IS loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off of the trigger until your sights are on the target.
4. Be absolutely sure of your target, and know what is behind your target.

I mentioned above that the personal protection part of the discussion is complicated. In addition to complying with the law, you need to think about what you are protecting yourself *from*. This can be broken down into two main categories: 4-legged predators, and 2-legged predators.

If you enjoy hiking or fishing in the backcountry, you might want protection from the 4-legged predators (Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!). For this application, you should have the biggest, hardest hitting firearm that you can competently operate. A large caliber high-powered rifle is best. However, most hikers and fishers are not going to want to be packing around a large rifle or shotgun, so they will likely elect for a handgun. Handguns are *marginal* protection from bears and cougars, but the right handgun, with the right ammunition, in competent hands can be effective. In my opinion, minimum handgun calibers for 4-legged predators should be in the range of .44 Magnum, .357 Magnum, or .45 Auto. However, more important than the caliber

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is the right choice of ammunition. For 4-legged predators, you should use a heavy hard cast lead or solid copper, non-expanding, deep penetrating projectile (bullet). You need the bullet to penetrate deeply through big, tough muscle and bone all the way to the vital organs of the animal. Good ammunition for this purpose is made by *Underwood* and *Buffalo Bore*. The popular hollow-point “self-defense” ammunition is not going to cut it for large 4-legged predators. Hollow-points are designed to expand rapidly, make a big hole, and then only penetrate 12 to 18 inches. These will likely only make the bear very mad at you!

Now let’s talk about the 2-legged predators. They are much easier to stop than a bear. The modern hollow-point ammunition was designed specifically for this purpose; they are made to expand rapidly, but not penetrate too deeply. *Refer to Rule #4 above.* Hollow-points are designed to minimize the possibility of over penetrating the bad guy and hitting an innocent bystander behind. Lighter and easier to shoot handguns such as 9mm and .38 Special are fine for this application, but not the best choice for 4-legged critters. However, with the right ammunition from *Underwood* or *Buffalo Bore*, a 9mm or .38 Special is way better than a sharpened stick against a bear or cougar.

Airstreamers tend to put a lot of time and effort into figuring out what tools they need to bring along on their travels. It’s up to each individual to find the balance between a tool that they can be proficient with and the power that is needed to get the job done.

The bottom line is PROFICIENCY. You need to know the laws, and you need to be proficient with the tools you are using. And every bullet you send down-range could have a lawyer attached to it.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES RATESDues and Renewal policies

Members will receive a statement 45 days before their membership expires. (Your renewal month is found on your mailing label.) The dues renewal date is the last day of the month in which members' "annual date" falls. Members' gate card will automatically "lock out" on their renewal date if they have not renewed, and their membership will be considered "inactive" for 30-days, during which time they may still pay their dues. After 30-days on "inactive" status the membership will be terminated. Should they wish to rejoin CCR&P past the 30-days "inactive" status, they must reapply as a new member and attend the Orientation class. **Membership fees (taxes are additional)**, collected at the time of the orientation classes are:

Annual dues **\$80.00** for the first member of each household and **\$45.00** for each additional eligible member of the household.

Initiation fee (one time) **\$80.00** for each household and a refundable gate card deposit fee of **\$10.00** for each member.

In addition, each member is expected to devote 8 hours of volunteer service annually or recruit two new members or pay an assessment of **\$80.00**.

Orientation class (required)

(GUESTS: Members may bring their spouses and children under the age of 18 years old as guests as often as they'd like. Non-immediate family member guests are limited to two visits annually. Members **MUST** accompany their guests at all times, including spouses and children, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests.)

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Front Entrance to Club House Closed for Maintenance	2	3	4	5	6	7 Old West Centerfires 2025 (HP,SB)
8 M1 Garand Rifle Match (HP) Multi Purpose Range Orienta- tion (MP)	9	10	11	12	13 Beginner/ Intermediate Pistol Match Set Up (AP)	14 I/R 5050 Rimfire Benchrest (MP) Beginner/ Intermediate Pistol Match (AP) Lever Gun Match (BP)
15 NRA Concealed Carry Weapons Courses (3) (MP, CH)	16	17 Board of Direc- tors Meeting (CH)	18	19	20 Hunter Edu- cation (CH,IR,BP, MP)	21 Hunter Education (CH,IR,BP,MP)
22 Old Soldier Rifle Match (HP)	23	24	25 Open Trail (BP)	26	27	28 I/R 5050 Rimfire Benchrest State – Yards (MP)
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RANGE KEY: A=Archery; AP=Action Pistol; BP=Black Powder; CG=Campground;
CH=Club House; HP=High Power; IR=Indoor Range;
K=Kitchen; MP=Multi Purpose; SP=Pistol Side Bay