
Reporter: how do you feel about 2021?

Deer: I'm pretty excited about the ammo shortage



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Funny Story 1—The Bear Clerk

The night clerk at this particular convenience store was a woman. Now, I'm not trying to body-shame her, so let's just say that she was a rather robust individual. She was also lacking a shy and receding personality. In more ways than one, she covered the ground that she stood on. And she did not take kindly to a holdup attempt.

The particular armed robber in question had considered all of this and was convinced that he could prevail. His plan was working pretty well...right up until the time that his pistol failed to fire. The clerk had reached across the counter and grabbed him by his shirt front and the head of his hair, jerking him across to her side of the counter. That was the point when his gun went "SNAP" instead of "BANG" and his plan sort of collapsed.

Throwing him to the floor, our clerk/hero then produced a child's aluminum baseball bat and proceeded to thump him soundly. He turned this way and that, even curled up into a fetal position. And all the time that bat was thumping away like the bass drum in a high school marching band. It is indeed rare to find a crook so happy to see the police arrive.

Funny Story 2—Messin' With Texas

Thinking about this lady clerk reminded me of the West Texas ranch woman who was getting breakfast ready about 4 o'clock in the morning. Her husband was way down at the barn, feeding the horses. All was going well until a prowler came in through the screened-in back porch and tried to force the kitchen door open. As the home invader forced his way into the kitchen, our ranch woman took the basket of coffee grounds out of her old stove-top percolator and threw the pot of hot coffee in his face. For some reason, this concerned the crook enough that he decided to get down on the floor and roll around, emitting some pretty impressive screams.

Not to be deterred, our ranch woman stepped across the crook and reached out on the back porch to get her husband's electric cattle prod. Now a cattle prod is a device that has a rather large battery on one end, with a long rod that ends in two metal points. It provides an electric shock that will encourage large bovine to do what they're supposed to. You might say that it's a taser on steroids.

Every time the crook tried to get up, the woman would stick him with the cattle prod and apply the electricity. The impressive screams intensified to the point that her husband heard them, way down in the barn, and came running to the house. He later told me that the whole affair was so entertaining that he regretted running to the house and wished that he had strolled instead. (I might add that the crook later said that there was nothing entertaining about any of these events.)

Funny Story 3—Road Rash

The final tale was shared with me by some officers on the West Coast. It seems that this particular crook had decided that carjacking would be his professional calling. Spotting a likely vehicle slowing down at a city intersection, our crook ran out and jumped into the passenger seat of the car and announced his intentions.

Whereupon, the driver promptly shot him.

Now the crook was admittedly new to carjacking, but it seemed to him that this was not what was supposed to happen. Thinking that he'd maybe just picked the wrong car, he decided to get out. Jumping out, he was quickly hit by a car in the adjacent lane and knocked flying. I am told that he was not difficult to apprehend.

Gun Cleaning Reminder

Written by: [Priscilla Cash Guns & Ammo](#)

[Note: This article is a laid-back care and cleaning article that maybe has been said many times. However we need to keep those guns functional and this is one persons comments.]

When it comes to rifles, whether we use them for hunting, taking care of predators, target shooting, or home defense, we want to keep them in top-working condition.

While most hunting style rifles don't require a significant amount of cleaning, they do get dirty and need an occasional cleaning from time to time. Taking a few moments with the proper cleaning agents and tools can get your rifle ready for storage or for the next time you need to chamber a round.

When you first get your rifle out to clean it, check and recheck that it is unloaded. Work in a safe place and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times. Too many supposed "unloaded" guns have killed people.

Lay your rifle down on a bench or table and open the action. Remove the bolt if your rifle is a bolt action and set it aside. Disassemble your rifle as much as you feel comfortable with. Most hunting-style rifles perform admirably with minimal cleaning and do not need to be completely disassembled. Semi-automatic rifles (except for the AR15) can be complicated to disassemble and should be left together unless they are failing to perform or you are advanced enough in your gunsmithing skills to attempt some fine-tuning.

Cleaning Rod or Snake

To clean the barrel you'll want to use a single piece cleaning rod. The screw-together sectional cleaning rods are generally cheaper, but they can damage your bore and should be avoided. Usually the single piece rods are polymer coated, which is softer than the steel of your rifle bore, and won't scratch it. I recommend purchasing a cleaning rod guide also to ensure you enter your gun's chamber straight on. If your rod didn't come with a bore brush, purchase one for your rifle's caliber out of bronze or nylon.

Bore snakes are an excellent option, as well. These soft cords are usually made from washable materials. They can't damage your bore and for general, quick cleaning, they're priceless! They also come with a built-in brush, or an additional pull-through brush.

Cleaning Patches

If you're using a cleaning rod, you'll also need cleaning patches. These can be made out of any absorbent cloth material (i.e. not paper towels). A cheap option is to cut patches from old T-shirts, but any number of different fabrics will work nicely. You can also purchase patches from sporting goods stores or from online retailers. They may come in larger sizes and need to be trimmed to fit smoothly down the barrel. You also want to grab a clean rag and a few cotton swabs for wiping grime and dust from your rifle's chamber and action.

Solvent

Lastly you'll need a solvent, something to cut away at the fouling inside your bore. A favorite solvent is Hoppe's #9. Another excellent option is Sweet's 7.62 Bore Cleaning Solvent. Both of these are available at sporting goods stores or online from numerous retailers.

(Next article next month)

Musings from Our President

When this edition reaches you we will be two months into the year. (They say that time goes quicker as you get older. If that is true, then I am definitely older than my brain is telling me.) And with spring only weeks away we will be getting ready to open the club for the season. I am looking forward to that.

It is too easy to "pack on the pounds" during the winter months while being cooped up and the only strong relationship you have is with your refrigerator – but I have been getting plenty of exercise just shoveling the snow that keeps falling.

My attention has been focused on what legislation will be introduced (and passed) by the parties now in control. And folks, there is a lot of it. While the club cannot be politically engaged, its members can be. I urge you to stay informed and to let your representatives know your thoughts. Sitting back in silence and saying "it can't happen here" – It is happening here and right under our noses.

Looking forward to spring and seeing everyone at the range. Stay safe and healthy.

Joyce

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I have five Ruger 22 target pistols for sale (6/21)

MK1 6 inch barrel blue 225.00
MK1 4 3/4 inch barrel 225.00
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"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." And, for those that carry or have a defense weapon available, practice at the club makes for that perfect shot when required.

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Looking for additional help? Please view our instructional videos below.

You probably zero your rifle at 100 yards, but below is a private test made by an individual to see how a zero at 200 yards would affect a shorter distance, say 25 or 50 yards with a few different bullets and setups. Realize that a zero means that your bullet would go higher from the line of sight to the zero point and then drop off after the zero point. I cannot explain the low test. MV is muzzle velocity, LOS is line of sight, SZD is ?? Some intermediate distance, not sure exactly the terminology except D is distance. Note how the amount high seems to be directly related to MV. Also, the bullet should not have reached its peak at the shorter distances.

Primary and Secondary Zeroes

Cartridge	Projectile	MV (fps)	Zero (yards)	SZD (yards) & deviation from LOS
5.56 NATO	77-grain SMK	2,634	200	50 (.1-inch high)
6.5 Grendel	123-grain AMAX	2,492	200	50 (.3-inch high)
.300 BLK	135-grain FTX	2,085	200	25 (.2-inch low)
7.62x39 mm	123-grain SP	2,251	200	25 (.5-inch high)
.308 Win.	168-grain AMAX	2,502	200	50 (.3-inch high)

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