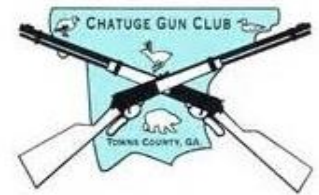




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The next meeting of the Chatuge Gun Club will be (No one knows at this time)

Location: The Towns County Civic Center, 67 Lakeview Circle (upper level), next to the Library in Hiawassee.

Meetings are (normally, not this year) held 4 times a year, on the third Tuesday of meeting months, January, April (Annual Meeting), July and October.

We hope to get back to our meetings soon.

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>>>>> IMPORTANT <<<<<<

Notice to all members of the Chatuge Gun Club

To remain in compliance with the guidelines regarding the Coronavirus the Chatuge Gun Club is cancelling All ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This will include the Annual Meeting, Range work day, the RSO workshop and ALL scheduled matches at the range.

The range will remain available for use by members on an individual, daily basis. PLEASE, if you are experiencing any symptoms of this virus, stay away from the range so as not to leave the crud on the benches or other surfaces at the range for fellow member to take home with them. You will be notified when the club activities resume. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Stay safe and well.

The Chatuge Gun Club Board of Directors

Have a firearm for sale or looking for one, check out the Tradin' Table always on the website.

more shooting opportunities. On a less serious note, I've taken great delight in telling my friends back in Virginia now that not only do we have a toilet paper shortage, but also an ammunition shortage. So, we have to conserve and make every section of TP count, just like we do with every bullet. To my new fellow club members, thank you for exercising good range etiquette and stay safe. **Robert Hume**

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What I did during "shelter in place"

After sulking for a few days following receiving the news of all the events at the club being cancelled, looked for a project. I could go to the range and practice, a bit boring by myself and with no communication or competition it didn't seem to make the time feel worthy, I could shoot some sporting clays but then again Noontoola announced they were closing also.

Finally I fell upon a project worth my time; I would go through all my "gun stuff" and truly see what I had been hoarding all these years. To my amazement I had untold amounts of parts and pieces of pistols, AR's, and shotguns. Then a thought came to mind, could I possibly make a working AR just from all the parts and pieces that I had in boxes and lying around on benches. The adventure begins, I sorted, polished, oil, machined a few, measured and got out the tools.

Well, two weeks later I have two complete new AR's that I am excited to get to the range and see how they perform. I have to admit I did have to call on Brownell's and MidwayUSA for a couple of springs and pins but for the most part I had all the parts and pieces available. Never did I imagine that I had collected this many parts that would complete two rifles.

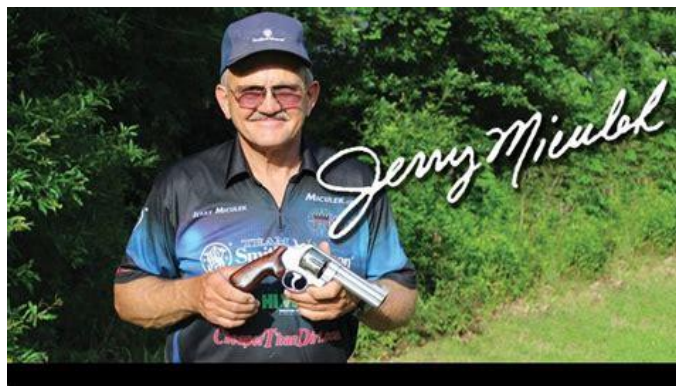
If the emergency order stays in place any longer I'm starting on the pistol junk box and can't imagine what I will find. **Dave Hickerson**

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What if..... on April 4th things were a bit different than they are now. What if we had made it to the range that day and not only did we have a great turnout, we had visitors.

April 4th, 2020 Steel Plate Duel
Thad Bynum Match Director.

We had a great turnout today with 22 shooters and 1 visitor. Jerry Miculek (World Champion) happened to be in the area that day and stopped by to say hello.



Jerry had been passing though while on his way to another competition so we invited him to compete in our duel. We had a blind draw to determine who would be shooting against each other and I was knocked out first by Harvey who made it through the

first round without missing a target. We had a great time watching the remainder of the matches and then it came time for the matchup with Jerry Miculek who got paired up with Dave Hickerson. It was a great matchup as rock steady Dave gave Jerry a run for his money with Jerry finally winning by only one target. Jerry made the comment that Dave seemed like he had been in a few gun fights before and Dave just smiled. In any event, Jerry won the first round and had to wait for us all to finish the second elimination. It came down to the last two shooters in the second elimination with Ed Jones and Joan Moody. I have never seen such a fierce competition and it really looked like a grudge match between the two competitors. It was the closest match yet that day with Joan nosing Ed out of the competition.

Now for the final match up between Jerry Miculek and our own Joan Moody. Jerry looked up at Joan and said that he had never competed against a lady before and Joan responded; "You can forfeit or you can shoot!" After the horn blew and the smoke cleared, Joan Moody took down the great Jerry Miculek who said as he was leaving. You mountain folks are tough, really tough!

What a dream

By Thad Bynum

They said it would be enough to just wear a mask and gloves to go grocery shopping . . . They lied!!!!
 Everyone else was fully dressed!!!



I spent my time off for over a month without my truck. I got out maybe three times by borrowing my ex wife's van. Stuck at home all I could do is cook, clean and bathe my dog. Everybody is closed including the groomers and the Vet so I can't get her nails clipped. I thought the bill was going to be so high that I would have to sell some guns or work out some kind of a deal. Luckily I got it back Monday and he kept the bill low by working on it himself on his own time. There is still more work to do. BTW my internet stinks. It's spotty and I get dropped mostly every ten minutes so even this E-mail is difficult. Nothing else could go wrong....I hope.

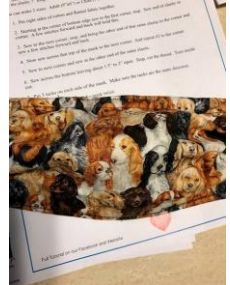
As the song says. "If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all." **Mike Ebinger**



I set Lynn up with protective gear for going to Ingles.
 She was not amused and declined to wear it...
Jim Soltys



Well..how I am spending my shelter in place? I have cleaned out closets; cabinets; garage (!!) and am working on the gardens. Getting them ready for flower seeds and some vegetables. Every day I feed feral cat colonies around



Towns County. I have heard of so many folks needing face masks that I blew off the dust on my sewing machine and have made some simple cloth masks to use when we go to the store. There are so many plans on YouTube on different styles anyone can make one. There are also no sew ideas; using tshirts. Folks should google YouTube face masks how to. Here is one side of the mask I made. **Sandra**



I am a proud United States Air Force veteran and would like to share something from my Marine Corps friends. This is something I feel we can all focus on and use to help us deal with the current Covid 19 issue or other challenges facing us.

Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome

Marines are taught to be able to **overcome** any obstacle, which serves them well in the chaos of combat. This concept is encapsulated in the Marine slogan "**Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome**", which is a mindset that allows Marines to **deal with** any physical, mental, or spiritual hardship. **Audy James**



My name is Robert (Bob) Garrett. My wife Pam and I joined shortly after we moved here in 2010. Every time I go to the range, I think a little bit about my first time at a range. I grew up so far back in the country in Florida that we would do our shooting back behind the house; the first pistol range (and semiautomatic) I ever saw was as a 17 year old recruit at Coast Guard Boot Camp in Cape May, NJ. The ranges were run by a crusty old Warrant Gunners Mate who made Lee Ermev look like a kitten. They didn't bother painting the range area because his language would have blistered the paint off. The Coast Guard did not really stress weapons proficiency back in 1971 and we spent that morning familiarizing with the 1911 then the afternoon in shooting for qualification. During qualification, I was on the left end, so at least I wasn't getting pinged by hot brass. During a dominant hand slow fire string, the recruit to my right, who had never fired a pistol before, was having trouble getting his safety-off/aim/fire/safety-on routine straight. The warrant came over and started screaming at him and the poor kid automatically turned around to face him. With the 1911 pointed up (fortunately), a round in the chamber, safety off and finger inside the trigger guard! The warrant very carefully took the pistol away from him, placed his nose in a crack between two of the railroad ties holding back the sand dunes, and proceeded to scream at him for 15 minutes without ever repeating himself. Right behind me as I continued to fire. I was too young to really appreciate the artistry of this world class butt chewing but definitely terrified of making any mistakes. I don't know if it was the adrenaline that did it, but I shot my first and only Expert Pistol that day. **Bob Garrett**

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I haven't been to the range yet this year.

I have been working at my neighbors house for about the last month. I was tiling two bathrooms and a entry/mudroom. It was a nice commute (one house away).

I am working on a project for a friend of mine who lives in PA. He bought a pin fire shotgun clock. The way it works is there are 12, 16 ga pinfire blank shells loaded into a steel block with the pins vertical. there is a steel bar that holds the shells in place.

Above it a wooden block that holds 12 steel bars above each shell.

The bars are held up by a thin thread which is attached to a clock mechanism and are severed one each hour.

The problem is 16 ga. shells are like hen's teeth.

I did find someone in France who makes brass cases but they are about \$12.00 ea.and another in Belgium at about \$32.00 ea.

I am trying right now to make something like this.

The attached is the link that shows the process. <http://www.hlebooks.com/pinfire/cal16-01.htm>

My other project is making a train horn from from PVC fittings.

My next home project is going to replace the tile floor in the kitchen, entry, hall and laundry room. **Carl Sartor**

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Anyone wanna meet for lunch tomorrow? We could order drive-thru and pull up next to each other like the cops do.

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Firearm cleaning

Not your usual cleaning but copper bore removal etc. DEEP CLEANING. Disassembly of the firearm to a point you feel comfortable, cleaning and reassembly. How many of us have not removed copper from our bores?

It's a good time to do this. Maybe put a couple of links to YouTube on how to remove copper from your bore, what cleaning chemicals to use etc. IE. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdY2Slc2P5w> **Robert Spinks**

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How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My wife keeps trying to come in the house.

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During this virus crisis, I completed a whole Spring worth of yard work in two weeks, so I have the rest of the Spring to goof around. A cruise we had planned for April 26th was of course canceled. We already booked another for the Fall. I put my new little tractor to work, spreading mulch and rock, chipping branches and doing other



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