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Colonel's Corner

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GREETINGS AMERICAN RIFLEMEN:

Wow-look at all that has happened in the past 30-40 days. It's almost stunning. Massachusetts-giving up on their Democrats??? Maybe even the dullest folks are catching on but I wonder if it will continue. My guess is that it will. The constant flood of government fiat money is delaying the inevitable. Eventually-the piper will want to be paid. China is in Bubble Mode but they'll never admit it. I ask, who will buy our worthless Treasuries if they're in the commode also? What a mess.

This past week, I spoke to a long time gold and silver gent named Bill Torodor. He is one of the oldest hands at Investment Rarities Inc [IRI] in Minneapolis, MN. He called and asked if I wanted to buy some gold and silver. I keep telling him I'm buying guns and ammo and haven't anything left. I asked him if it would be OK to give out his email address for those who wish to consult along those lines. He agreed, so here is his horsepower-btorodor@investmenrarities.com. IRI-has been around for 40+ years. You can't say the same for most of the bullion houses though as most crash in 2-5 years and take millions of investor dollars with them. The best I can tell you is, I've checked their pricing structure and I find it very fair. We are having a drop off in gold and silver pricing currently, so this may be a good time to get after it.

IBA has had 3 gun shows over the past 3 weeks-WOW. The places are packed and folks are buying a lot of gear. Guns-yes, but mostly they are buying add-on's like slings, bipods, scopes, mounts, and more ammo. Large quantities of premium ammunition aren't available. It surely is

invigorating to stand at the table all day and talk with folks getting ready for exactly what, I do not know-but they are arming up for some reason. What a great country-in the free states, we can buy anything and in any quantity we want.

IBA has been taking AR-15 parts to the shows and we have been very surprised at the amount we sell, and folks are clamoring for more. The best I can make out is that their primary defense weapon is an AR15 variant and they want extra parts, 'just in case'. Some poor folks have bought parts off the web and have been very disappointed. The parts are no name and trashy looking-re-parked junk-not sure, but I am sure that I wouldn't bet my life on them. My recommendation is that you buy known parts from a known company and put them away for a rainy day. As old Mr Hatton used to say-'they don't eat nothing'. We'll post a minimum parts list we feel is required on our website soon so you will be able to make a determination what you might need. Some real old guys out there are still armed with M1A's-they sure are old but I'll bet the scum avoid that area of the universe for pillaging! [C-26-I'm talking about you]. IBA is loading all the AR-15 repair parts on the website as this is written. Shop around but we'll have it also.

Rocky's new book is coming along nicely- 12 chapters and counting. The current crop of Moslems are giving him good reason to adequately describe their 'peaceful' religion. If you believe the peaceful intent-quit reading this and UN-subscribe to this newsletter and distance yourself beyond my artillery fan.

The Shot Show came and went-I was spared again this year. Mixing it up with sales and marketing folks isn't my forte'. We had our scouts out though, and the report is still being written BUT, it appears there is nothing really new. I do think Remington's new ACR [M16/AR15 type carbine] will be very popular and it is a new gun from the ground up. Your chances of getting one will be slim-and if you do, plan on spending about \$2 grand. I suggest that you stick to your trusty M4; buy some parts, more ammo and get some range practice in.

Look up the APPLESEED shooting program and plan to attend one of their inspirational shooting seminars that features BASIC MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING. That's right-something I thought was gone forever unless you were a 'Perry' shooter. Wow-you can show up with your AK or your el cheapo Marlin .22 rifle. The Appleseeds have a coach training program that is no nonsense. You have to be knowledgeable and tested Instructor or you don't get to wear the Instructor's hat and teach new shooters. Check it out-we put a link on our website [click on TRAINING] so it will be easy to find. Last year the APPLESEEDs trained 10,000 new shooters. This year they are aiming for 20,000. I think they might make it because of the grass roots support and the KISS principles. [keep it simple stupid].

In addition to the new AR15 parts section on the IBA website, we will soon have information on a new re-finishing service available for your old war horses. Basically we will offer an inspection, repair, and re-parkerization service for all, US GI, 03's, 03A3's, M1 Garands, M1 Carbines and Remington M700's. As if we don't have enough to do-isn't the point. The crux of the matter is-very few companies are doing this type of work, probably due to the fact that anyone who knows how, is retired or dead. I intend on teaching the younger guys here at IBA how to do this, so the skills aren't lost and a real service can still be offered to American Patriots for their ancient battle rifles. Working on these old warhorses is like working on a 60's automobile-lots of steel and rather simple. I expect a lot of phone calls and we'll do our best answer the questions. Later this year we plan to offer re-barreling services for the M1 Garands, utilizing original USGI contour barrels so that the rifles can be shot in the John C. Garand Matches around the country.

Winter is the time to get weapons fixed-shooting season is around the corner and I plan to shoot High Power again on the Remington Rifle Team so maybe I'll see you on the ranges. Keep your powder dry.

Semper Fi,
Norm Chandler Sr
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Upcoming Events

Chantilly Gun Show February 12th-14th in Chantilly, Virginia ([Click Here](#) for Details)
Charlotte Gun Show February 20th-21st in Charlotte, North Carolina ([Click Here](#) for Details)

February Special



Iron Brigade Armory has a limited supply of Precision Shooting Magazines and Accurate Rifle magazines. These magazines are collectibles as the dates are Out of Print. This month only when you buy three you will receive one free. Please be sure to put all four magazines in your shopping cart and your total will be adjusted during processing. You will receive an email notifying you of your new total.

Limit 3 Specials per customer please.

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Dear IBA Customers,

At IBA we have started off to another wonderful year. We have already attended 3 gun shows where we were able to see many of our valued customers. We hope to see many more of you at the upcoming shows. The two shows that we plan to attend in February are listed above. We are looking forward to seeing you there. We are also busy listing many new products on our website daily. We are constantly striving to bring you the products that you need and want for your rifle. We hope that your year is getting off to a good start. Thank you again to all of our Law

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