

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

MAY 2016



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Monthly Meeting: The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Owlkill Rod & Gun Club will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL MEETING THIS MONTH!!!!



This month the Owlkill welcomes an old friend, Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin, who will be talking about Second Amendment issues, current initiatives in Albany including opposition to the NY-SAFE Act, as well as taking your questions! Lets make sure we have a good showing for the Assemblyman! Our meeting starts at 7:00pm, and following an abbreviated business meeting, Assemblyman McLaughlin will start at 7:30pm. Please attend! Your interest in events like this, as shown by attendance, directly impacts programming we have at the Club! Right now, we've got Senator Kathy Marchione scheduled for our July meeting. Its election year folks, and we know that information IS the ammunition by which we make informed choices as American voters!

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** May 31st at 7:00p.m.

President's Comments:

Bagged your turkey yet? I was working in my shop on a tight deadline on May 1st, entertaining no distractions, when I spotted a tom in my backyard, probably a six or seven inch brush enticing me just by being within shot range. A friend saw him too and asked if I had seen him. That bird knew somehow I didn't have time to do his temptation justice. *Next time he will not be that fortunate.*

Sans profound utterance this month, and with sincerest desire to adhere to brevity for time is short, the club's activities are budding commensurate to the local flora- which is finally greening up all about us. Almost as strange a year weather wise as in the political arena.

New interests spurring new events and work crews, new and not so new members making plans to use our facilities as a venue for further events and instruction!

The club is busy with the steady fare on all the ranges, new physical plant add-ons and sprucing up and maintaining the club facilities we already have. The steady forward momentum shows, from the new

parking and skeet awning/pavilion to the spruced up grounds and shooting events.

- Thanks to John Kapitan for starting the new Long Range Rifle Shoots- a devoted group of accuracy buffs from points far and wide. Just add a few thousandths inch to the diameter of the bullet per 10 shot group for the target's hole diameter at 200 yards makes them happy. Their rifles can cost as much as a car.

-Thanks to the Skeet Committee work crew for the nice job on the skeet awning.

-Thanks to the Grounds Committee (Charlie and his chainsaw) for the great 'clearing' going on at the back and east edges of the property.

-Hats off to all the busy members.

The main point here is there is no them and us around here, just us, and fortunately we have all we need to put the pieces together for a thriving club.

The next three weeks is the last push for **the 2016 Gear and Gun Lottery** which starts on June 1st!

LOTS OF TICKETS TO SELL YET. Great prizes!!!

There are still 4 club apparel parcels to be picked up. If you have not picked your up it will be at the May meeting. See Brett Seiler.

The Club lost a member to cancer last month. Bob Williams from Hoosick Falls enjoyed his club for many years, though being unable the past year or two to get here as he would have liked. The Williams family has sent a card to the club thanking us for the flower arrangement sent to Bob's Memorial Service. The card will be read and posted at the May 12th meeting.

As for brevity- finally- see you on the range!

John D'Allaird, President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Friends, I look forward to this week's meeting and the opportunity to listen to the man who I deem "least likely to be on the Governor's Christmas Card list," Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin. As one of the loudest voices of reason over the impotent emotionalism of the NY-SAFE Act, Steve has been a friend to sportsmen in the North Country since taking office. Please try to attend this Thursday's meeting, so that we can continue to justify bringing some of the high-profile friends of the Owlkill in to speak to the membership!

L. A. Wang, Editor

2016 OWLKILL LOTTERY!!!

The Lottery starts June 1st and it's near time for our sales crew to turn in their folders. We'll be collecting folders with unsold tickets, return slips and funds at the club on three dates:

- **Thursday May 12, 2016 starting at 6 PM and also following the regular meeting;**
- **Thursday May 26, 2016 from 6 - 8 PM;**
- **Tuesday May 31, 2016 from 5 - 7 PM.**

Tim Barry

TRIVIA

First of all, last month's question: Firearms are generally based on the principle of accelerating a projectile (a bullet) through the use of an explosive (gunpowder) to eventually project energy onto a target. However, let us talk about ways of projecting energy without the use of a projectile, and ways of accelerating a projectile without the use of an explosive. Here are four technologies currently being tested by the military which either eliminates the projectile or the explosive. See if you know what they do....



“Active Denial System” – Afghanistan, 2010

Answer: The Active Denial System projects energy at its target, using principles very similar to a microwave oven. It uses a different wavelength, only penetrating the topmost layers of skin, creating a feeling of intense heat, reaching a pain threshold within 3 seconds, with no test subjects able to stand it more than 5 seconds.



“Laser Avenger System”

Answer: An infrared laser system which has already been used to shoot down test Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (USAV).



“Personnel Halting and Stimulation Response” (PHASR) Rifle

Answer: While blinding lasers are banned under a 1995 treaty, this one is not, because it uses a laser to “dazzle,” only causing temporary blindness.



Electromagnetic Projector (aka “Rail Gun”)

Answer: Using electromagnetic current to accelerate a projectile, the rail gun, using no gunpowder or propellants, can accelerate a projectile to enormous speeds, far exceeding the muzzle velocity of current weaponry.

So, lets go to this month’s trivia question: See if you can identify these iconic Hollywood firearms -

Lets start at “Easy”:



OK? That one was easy. Here’s another “Easy.”



OK, lets move to “Medium”:



Another “Medium”:



And at last, here’s the “Double Diamond” slope:



See you next month!