

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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***What's happening at the Owlkill? Check out [www.owlkill.org](http://www.owlkill.org)***

**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** November 29<sup>th</sup> at **6:00p.m.**

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## **President's Comments:**

Where does the time go? We already find ourselves so quickly in the middle of hunting season this year: fall turkey season is past, small game is still on the menu as usual, goose and waterfowl still have field time yet and for bow, rifle, and muzzleloader deer seasons- consult your hunting laws and regulations book.

The clocks go back this weekend and we are on the cusp of winter- stoke the stove and/or crank the oil and get the snow tires on. The migrating eagles have been visible to those who look for them, saw three Wednesday morning Nov. 2nd. Also saw a big, well fed and gorgeous mama bear with two cubs ( $\approx 70 - 80$  pounds each, hard to tell weight with the quick view I had of the wee ones) in Keene NY on October 23rd.

All's well, even though time waits for no man.

I want to take this time to thank all those members who have put out a grand effort this year not only maintaining the club facility but upgrading and adding to it. IT SHOWS...

- \* in the new Skeet Pavilion and netting
- \* expanded rifle and pistol events/venues
- \* in the expansion and upkeep of the 200 yard range
- \* in the general upkeep of buildings, grounds and venues

Several neighbor's remarks (non-members) have been directed to me this year on how great and orderly our club looks. My response was and is that we members take pride in our club and put an effort into keeping it up and adding to it.

One member remarked recently that the club "... is starting to look like a country club." Neat and orderly is GOOD!

More upgrades are currently underway and in process and we all stand to reap the benefits of every calorie, BTU, dollar and drop of sweat put into it.

-Again, to all our Work Day crew, Committees and Chairs, our consistent work horses and the stealthy and anonymous deed-doer members who go beyond on their own time policing sites, welding dinged up and broken target plates, mending skeet-bird throwers and all general due diligences- A HEARTY THANK YOU.

WARNING!!! The following may be a partly distasteful and disturbing reminder...

The wrangling in the political scene this past year has been too much noise, making one more grateful for the land we grew up and live in, especially on the other three years of the election cycle.

Our founders had great insight into human nature in prescribing a minimal federation of the established States, a Federal Government, to provide for the common defense, guard our borders and to properly and minimally regulate interstate commerce and international trade. Our nation became an example of freedom, excellent philosophy of government and an engine for the world in trade and invention under this much deliberated premise- a stroke of genius by our forefathers. It was new in the world of nations.

May this election reinstate and reaffirm the promotion of our Nation's founding and its wonderful freedoms.

Let's be sure our vote is heard Nov. 8th and that we remain vigilant in holding all our officials to their oaths of office.

Be safe and enjoy your time in the woods. May it be fruitful and rewarding for your soul... and perhaps the freezer!

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



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Three things to mention this month, gang.

First of all VOTE. You want to see a system that is really broken? Don't participate. Anybody who complains that our democracy is broken and therefore they won't vote is creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. Democracy only works if you go to the polls and vote. Think one vote doesn't make a difference? It was a one vote difference that gave women the right to vote in this country. Think about that. Do your homework, and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Second of all HUNT. I actually went to a short seminar run by DEC as part of a municipal government workshop. Although you wouldn't know it, unfortunately, at my favorite hunting spot, there are a lot of

deer these days, and not a lot of hunters. Hunt, and encourage youngsters in their interest. I don't know why, but not as many young people are getting into the hobby. Once we fully divorce ourselves from the process by which we obtain food, what are we?

Lastly, VETERANS' DAY is this Friday. To all of my friends and comrades who have served at home or abroad, in war or in peace, thank you for your service.

L. A. Wang, Editor



## TRIVIA

First of all, last month's questions: Thanks, Rich Allen and Mark Mahoney. Rich – perfect score.

1. Name the first handgun made mostly from plastic.

*The H&K VP70 was the first polymer framed pistol, predating the Glock 17 by a dozen years.*

2. While the legal definition of “assault rifle” is a point of contention, this firearm can rightfully be called the first one.

*The StG 44 (Sturmgewehr 44 trans. “assault rifle 44”) was produced beginning in 1943 by the Germans, providing them a more compact magazine-fed firearm designed to engage at 300 meters or less with both semi and full automatic modes. It was particularly effective in Eastern Front urban combat. Interestingly, much like the AR-15 later, if not maintained properly it was prone to jamming. Like the ME-262 jet fighter and other German war innovations, it was fielded too late to make a difference in the outcome of the war.*

3. This flintlock shotgun was popular in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and had a flared muzzle.

*The “blunderbuss.”*

4. This self-loading pistol established the “parabellum” round as a world standard.

*The Luger pistol.*

5. What does the “AR” in “AR-15” stand for?

*Armalite Rifle.*

6. BONUS – In 1835, an assassination attempt was made against President Andrew Jackson with two derringers. Obviously it didn't work. What happened?

*The powder became damp in both derringers, causing ignition to fizzle and sputter out. Richard Lawrence, the unemployed house painter who attacked President Jackson, summarily got clubbed with a cane by an enraged 67-year old President.*



*Richard Lawrence pulls a one of two derringers on President Jackson. Seconds later, after a misfire, Lawrence would be on the wrong end of President Jackson's stout cane.*

This month's questions! I'll choose one from each of my topics in the editor's column –

#### ELECTION TRIVIA:



Music buffs, the hint is the picture to your left. The question is simply this – **who was the first person to run for and win the Vice Presidency of the United States?** For our first few elections, the Vice Presidency went to the person who got the second most votes for President. Could you imagine that today? As my younger cousin might say – “AWK-WARRRRD!”

#### HUNTING TRIVIA:

They say that “Nothing runs like a Deere!” Well, that may be so. But how fast can a deer run?

#### VETERAN TRIVIA:

Armistice Day, which later became Veterans Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919. When did Veterans Day officially become designated as a holiday which would always be observed on November 11<sup>th</sup>?



### **THE OWLKILL FALL LINE WILL BE ONLINE SOON!**

Fall – when thoughts turn to deer – and new gear! The next web catalog page of club apparel and accessories will be going hot on 11/13 or 11/14 for 13 days with delivery of products by mid-December – the perfect holiday gift for your hunter and shooter, or maybe you just want to show your Owlkill pride!

If you have input on the fall line come to the meeting Thursday and voice your ideas. We will discuss offerings at the meeting and have the web address for the page!



### **ANOTHER TURKEY SHOOT?**

Yep, its in the works! Stay tuned – it will be after holiday season! More to follow!



### **AND LASTLY, FROM THE VAULTS**

**How about an article from December 24, 1984's Sports Illustrated about skeet shooting – and which mentions the Owlkill Rod and Gun Club? I think the Duke sent me this a few years ago.**

**Follow this link....**

**<http://www.si.com/vault/1984/12/24/620546/being-good-at-skeet-puts-you-in-an-exclusive-club-not-a-snobby-one>**