

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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The lottery may be over, but the Summer has only just begun! See how we're spending it at the Owlkill - www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** September 26th at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

Autumn! *As is the wave swell to the seafarer, the roar of many engines to the motor-head, the chill in the air to the fan of the gridiron- so the fall brings deep and inexplicable resonance to the field sportsman. Try to analyze it- all your reasons wrapped up neatly. Hardly possible- too many elusive notions.*

But... *we are now breezing into that season, there may still be some hot days to come but we are watching the emergence of the 'golden time' of our year. Autumn officially arrives Friday September 22nd at 4:02 PM.*

-In a world where most of us work at jobs which are more and more about the great and wondrous machinations of our society, where food is in abundance in an ordered marketplace, we kid ourselves to think that all our trapesing the woods is simply for the meat, especially when considering the cost to gear up. The meat is a perk but the outdoors itself is our draw with all of its wondrous, breathtaking and indescribable fare.

-Many in our patterned world seem incredulous about our need for the quiet woods- though once tasted- they would, and do, change their minds.

Breathe deep the great woebegone fullness of autumn- our season.

The practical side of things demands our attention:

- **There will be a Work Day, Saturday, September 16th-at 8:30AM.** A Task List is being developed and materials are being gathered. Bring a rake, shovel, hammer and gloves; the last ingredient being your committed hands and good weather. I'm sure there will be some talk of our latest reloads, gear, big summer fish, skeet and target accomplishments or the upcoming hunt- all preferable to straightening up the garage or mowing the lawn, don't you think?

There is no large capital improvement this year but the maintenance of our physical plant as necessary. **The clubhouse will be in use that day for the DEC Hunters Safety Course** and so is off the list for the workday and is 'Verboten'. We will meet at 8:30 to give the DEC students a chance to settle in and will finish the remaining tasks probably by lunchtime or early afternoon.

We'll get to the clubhouse tasks some other time or pick them off one by one in coming days.

What's-up at the club:

- *Skeet, Silhouette and High Power Rifle shoots* are on the calendar and we have room for many more participants. Join in the spirited fun and learn the craft from the experienced practitioners. **See our fine website.**
- See website for DEC Hunter's courses statewide this fall. Click Education tab.

-JOIN OUR ARCHERS!!! Archers, get in touch with the new Chairman, Heath MacNeil.

-GET A CLUB SEW ON LOGO PATCH! \$3 each; buy at meetings or at skeet shoots. Contact me or 'Duke'.

-Our illustrious Editor Lance would like to publish some of your stories in the Newsletter. Get them in!

-THE LOTTERY: Tim Barry is seeking a Sales Manager to handle Lottery Ticket Sales and Distribution. Tim will still be involved. Talk with Tim and see how much can be done with a little bit of effort.

Please consider your part in the Lottery and contact Tim or me.

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, September 14th.

John D'Allaird

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Enjoy the autumn folks! The air is getting crisper, the deer are out and stretching their legs getting ready – so watch out drivers – their morning rush hour does overlap humans', after all. Be safe. Have you zeroed your hunting rifle and got your kit together? I've got to do so – swapped a couple of scopes around this past year. And a bench zero is not going to cut it at game-time. Especially wild game-time.

Have you got any good hunting or shooting tips for your fellow Owlkill members? Send them in, I'd love to publish them in the newsletter!

L. A. Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Last month's questions – and thanks to Rich Allen for his answer submissions! Last month's topics were World War II, hunting, and rock music! Here's the answers....

First question: World War II can be considered our last “total war,” where the industrial might of our country contributed along with almost all citizens. This included motorcycle manufacturers. Which of the following manufacturers did NOT produce motorcycles for the Allied forces – Harley Davidson, Victory, Indian, Royal Enfield, or Triumph?

(***) Bonus: The Harley Davidson 1942 XA had an interesting pedigree – what design did it ironically copy?

Victory motorcycles were introduced by the new owners of Indian Motorcycle (which originally went defunct in 1953), Polaris, in 1998. Polaris discontinued them in 2017 to focus on Indian. Suffice to say that Victory bikes were a little late for the war. The Harley 1942XA was based on the BMW motorcycles – particularly the drive shaft and Boxster engine, which the Germans used in the blitzkrieg and throughout the war.



Harleys and Thompsons circa WW2 – doesn't get more American

Second Question: What was the first shotgun chambered for the 3½ inch 12- gauge cartridge?

(***) Bonus: Who invented the shotgun choke?

The Mossberg 835 Ulti-Mag in 1988 – and your shoulder would look like you went 10 rounds with the champ after you put 10 rounds through it. As for the Shotgun Choke – thanks to Rich Allen who pointed out that the concept of the choke is credited to Jeremiah Smith circa 1827, but the first practical choke was invented by Henry Wellington Greener. Whoever did it, I'm sure the Owlkill “Skeet Mafia” thanks you!

Third Question: In OPERATION URGENT FURY, the United States' invasion of Panama in 1989, the deposed dictator, Manuel Noriega, hid in the Vatican embassy. United States troops blared music at extremely high volumes in an attempt (it turned out, successfully) to drive him out of the embassy. Name at least five songs on the playlist...!



Prison has GOT to be better than listening to some of that awful music, he must have thought

Here's some of the playlist from 1989's OPERATION "GIVE MANUEL NORIEGA A HUGE HEADACHE AND DRIVE HIM OUT OF THE EMBASSY WHERE HE SOUGHT REFUGE"

*Billy Idol – Flesh for Fantasy
Guns n' Roses – Welcome to the Jungle
The Doors – Strange Days
The Doors – People are Strange
The Doors – The End
Judas Priest – You've Got Another Thing Comin'
Paul Simon – 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover
The George Satellites – All Over But the Cryin'
U2 – All I Want is You
Billy Joel – Big Shot
Styx – Blue Collar Man
Bruce Springsteen – Born to Run
The George Satellites – Bring Down the Hammer
Tears for Fears – Change
The Busboys – Cleanin' Up the Town
David Bowie and Mick Jagger – Dancing in the Street
Kenny Loggins – Danger Zone
Oingo Boingo – Dead Man's Party
Boston – Don't Look Back
Blue Oyster Cult – Don't Fear the Reaper
Kix – Don't Close Your Eyes
Rick Dees – Eat My Shorts
Funkadelic – Electric Spanking of War Babies
Tom Petty – Feel a Whole Lot Better
White Lion – Little Fighter
Little Steven – Freedom
The Outlaws – Ghost Riders in the Sky
KC & The Sunshine Band – Give it Up
Paul Young – I'm Gonna Tear Your Playhouse Down
Bonham – Guilty
Van Halen – Hang 'Em High*

There's quite a bit more on the list, but I think you get the general idea...

All righty then, lets move on to this month's questions. And I think we'll confine it to wildlife, as we are moving into hunting season!

First question – does the color brown make me look fat? I often wonder if does think that. But when does a doe weigh the most? 2 years, 4 years, 6 years, or 8 years?



Question: Honey, does the color brown make me look fat?

Second question - what glands control the timing of the rut? Is it the tarsal, the pineal, the pituitary, or the pineal and the pituitary?

Third question – thinking about our national bird, the eagle. Ben Franklin, one our distinguished founding fathers, preferred another bird to be our national symbol. What was the bird?



Its not that Ben Franklin personally had anything against eagles, but...

Bonus question – it's hard to believe, but this bird nearly went extinct in 1930. Now there are 9 million in North and Central America and there are even seasons for hunting it. What is the bird?

Have fun, and see you next month!