

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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Please note our new website address: www.owlkillrod-gunclub.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24th** at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

Hello Everyone,

I don't have a lot to ramble on about this month. The first thing I would like to touch on is the increased range traffic this time of year. Normally throughout the year you can stop in to the ranges and have them all to yourself. With deer season on the horizon comes a steady increase in the number of people sighting in their rifles especially on the Rifle range so please keep that in the back of your mind. For those that only use the range a couple times a year to sight in your deer rifles maybe just give a quick glance at the Range Safety Rules to familiarize yourself with everything again. Its very easy to get complacent or just forget something and remember, there are no small accidents on a gun range.

While we are on the topic of the range we are finally moving forward on the 200 yard range. The equipment will be brought there soon and we will be breaking ground to raise the backer for the insurance company. So for those of you that are like me and like to do a little distance shooting we are hoping to have everything back up and operating in the near future.

The last thing I would like to talk about is our Fall work day. We will be having a club work day coming up soon and anyone that can attend we would love to have your help. Normally it is always the same bunch of guys that attend these work days and it would be great to get some new faces to come and lend a hand. These work days are a way to get to know your fellow club members and make some new friends while also making the facility that much nicer. We have some bigger projects like putting new siding on the clubhouse and redoing the bathroom down to smaller projects that anyone could help with. Please just consider lending a hand if you have time.

Bret Seiler

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Wow – I was contacted recently about putting something on the calendar that was just a few months away, and it was for 2020. Can you believe 2020 is in the short range calendar already? Hard to believe, but we're that close to New Year's. But before we get to that point, a lot to get through – turkey and deer seasons, to start with... So let's get focused, confirm our zeroes, and get ready for some time in the woods. Be safe, be accurate, and be ready!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... the topics were deep sea fishing, military helicopter rescues, and shotguns.

Deep sea fishing for two points – the largest Bluefin tuna ever caught weighed just shy of 1,500 pounds! It was caught where some of the largest tuna in the world can be found. Where was it?

Some of the largest tuna in the world can be found, and caught if you're good, off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada.

Military helicopter rescues for three points: Military helicopters have been saving lives for over half a century. The words Medevac and Dustoff are words that inspire confidence among American fighting forces. Many are familiar with the work of early helicopter pilots in Korea. But the first rescue by helicopter took place before Korea. When and where was the first military helicopter rescue?

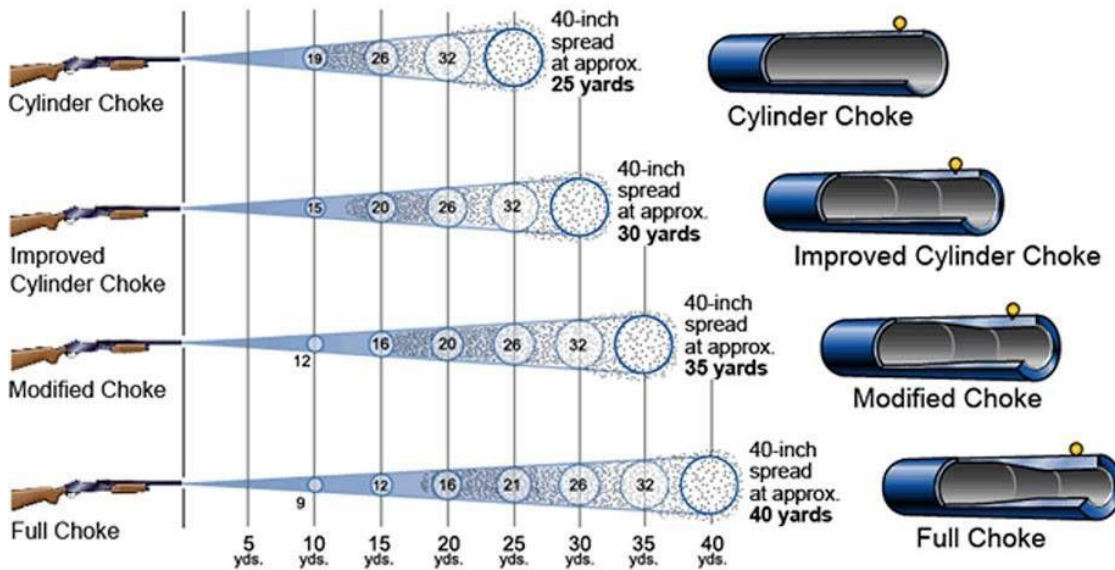
1st Lieutenant Carter Harman rescued three wounded British soldiers out of a jungle clearing 100 miles behind Japanese lines in April 1944.



1st Lieutenant Carter Harman of the 1st Air Commando Group, in the China-Burma-India theater in World War II was one of a handful of qualified helicopter pilots in the service in 1944, and the only one in theater.

Lastly, shotguns for one point. A shotgun typically (with the exception of sabot rounds) is designed to disperse the pellets (“shot”) inside the shell over a certain area in a certain pattern. The distribution of the shot can be altered using a particular device. What is the device?

The device is called a “choke.” And because a picture is worth a thousand words....



Now then, on to this month’s questions!

Since we’re coming up on hunting season, lets throw out some questions about surviving in the woods:

1. For two points – surviving in the woods... there are many forms of edible plant life. If you don’t have an identification guide, what color berries should you generally avoid eating?



Should I eat it? Guess I should have packed that identification guide!

2. For one point – survival rifle... Armalite is most famous for being one of the initial manufacturers of the AR-10, predecessor to the AR-15. They also made a survival rifle for pilots. What was its model, caliber, and unique feature?



North Vietnamese SA-2 ground to air missile – as the North Vietnamese acquired more of these from the Soviet Union, it challenged the Americans’ ability to develop countermeasures. Technology was constantly in flux in order for each side to try and gain an edge.

- For three points – This rescue operation was the “largest, longest, and most complex search and rescue” operation during the Vietnam War. Five aircraft and 11 airmen were lost during the rescue attempt, and another two captured. Although rescue eventually succeeded, it resulted in new techniques and equipment for Combat Search and Rescue.



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In case you wanted a reminder.... Coming soon!

