

# On Target

September 2024

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**Growing old** should have taken longer.

*Someone said, "Nothing rhymes with orange." I said, "No, it doesn't."*

*If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.*

**Range Officers (RO) needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the fewer times ROs need to attend, that simple.**



Have you some time to spare? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more the merrier and the lighter the load. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an RO.

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## Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

**A Reminder To All PFA Members And Visitors On Shoot Days.**

*Please leave your firearms safely secured in your vehicle until you have completed the booking-in process and are preparing for your detail.*

*Thank you for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day.*

### TRAVEL UPDATE (from Graeme T)

Part of our recent trip to the USA included a visit to Tombstone Arizona to see Boot Hill along with other sites and scenes from the good old Western Era. The bygone days of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday the cowboys and outlaws, spurs and horses who whinnied at the sniff of a gunfight all recreated in the dusty streets. The actual town is under Historical orders and refurbished as it was back in 1879 still with quite a few of the original buildings including the courthouse and a couple of saloons. Apart from the obvious tourist spots there is quite a bit to see from days gone by with bullet holes left in the ceiling of the Birdcage Theatre from the excited gun hands, and then to mosey on down to Big Nose Kate's for a couple of beers served by the saloon gals. Back to reality as I walked down the main Street with the bride and son in tow I bumped into the local sheriff and asked him about safety in his town the reply was "nothing happens around here cause every one carries". So, digest that for a second, it's legal to open carry which is why it has the lowest of any crime in the USA. Located in Arizona Cochise County. This is Trump Land and the nicest people you could hope to meet. "You all come back now u here". All the best until our next adventure. Graeme T

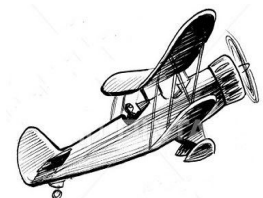


*Here Lies Lester More  
Four Slugs From A 44  
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No More*



### DON'T YOU JUST HATE IT WHEN THIS HAPPENS!

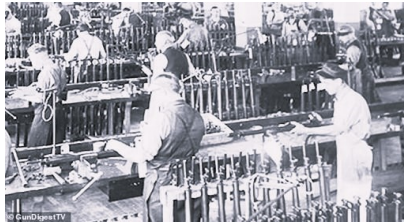
His request approved, the Fox News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'. The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.' 'Why?' asked the pilot. 'Because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,' he responded. 'And I need to get some close up shots.' The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is...you're **NOT** my flight instructor?'



Historic New York village that made weapons for 200 YEARS is 'losing its soul' as nation's oldest gun-maker Remington shuts massive firearms factory, leaving entire families jobless. (Story by Isabelle Stanley DailyMail.Com)



Over two centuries it became the village's biggest employer, producing millions of firearms. But now plant owner RemArms has announced it is leaving the town, as the mayor says 'it feels like we are losing our identity' Eliphalet Remington forged his first rifle barrel in the village of Ilion in 1816 and over the next two centuries, his business grew into a one million square feet factory with thousands of employees. But in December, the current Remington owners, RemArms, revealed it was moving operations to gun-friendly Georgia, and making 270 people redundant, from a population of just 7,600. Mayor John Stephens, said the village is set to lose \$1 million in revenue when the plant closes, while local businesses will also take a 'great financial hit' and that's on top of the emotional toll. Mayor Stephens, 57, said the plant is all he's 'ever known' and that there are generations of families who have worked there, sometimes six or even seven. Remington brought in close to \$1 million in utility bills and taxes to the village and its workers also brought custom to local businesses. In a letter to union officials in November, the current owners, RemArms, blamed 'production inefficiencies' for the plant closure, they cited the high cost of maintaining and insuring the one million square feet of space in multiple buildings, many dating back to World War I. RemArms added that Georgia offered an environment that better 'supports and welcomes the firearms industry.' New York Republican Congresswoman Elise Stefanik blamed the state's gun laws for the closure. In a statement, she said: 'New York Democrats' unconstitutional gun-grab policies have pushed significant businesses out of the state. A former employee, David Brewer, said 'I spent 34 years there and it is sad to see it go but the governor wants to make a name for herself for the do-gooders and not punish the criminals but punish the law-abiding citizens.' Announcing the move in 2021, company Officials criticized proposed state legislation they said would prohibit them from manufacturing certain weapons. The previous owners of Remington were forced to file for bankruptcy after the company was sued in the wake of the Sandy Hook school massacre when family members of victims and a survivor of the shooting filed a lawsuit against Remington in 2015 and settled in 2022 for \$73 million.



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RemArms took over ownership of the factory but the workforce has still dwindled from about 1,300 workers a decade ago to 270 now, in December they announced they would be closing the doors on **March 4th 2024**.

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***JOB AT PFA TO BE DONE (13 SEPT 2024)  
RING TERE OR TONY TO HELP. ALL WELCOME***

1. Weed spraying on our National Park boundary, with the mobile power sprayer. This involves some spraying and some driving of the tractor. Ongoing.
2. Painting the side of the top carpark wall facing the clubhouse to match the side facing the cars (green). This involves some climbing of ladders where we can't reach with extension rollers (half done)
3. Whipper snipping and weeding of special areas for new planting. This involves gardening skills, whipper snipping and spraying weeds. Ongoing.
4. Oiling of bridge handrail which has been replaced with merbau as the original timber was rotting.
5. Oiling of external window frames. Ongoing task. Requires a neat hand to make sure the oil doesn't leak or splashes onto the glass. Ongoing.
6. Painting of part of the internal ceiling of the clubhouse where we've experienced a rain leak.
7. We now have 100 star pickets to upgrade the existing electric fencing, and for more areas. These will need to be installed and the fence re-attached to the new posts.
8. Painting of the bulkheads in the registration area and the range area.
9. Laying the pavers out in the lower side passage area. Tidy up the area under the access bridge to assist with weed eradication/control
10. Clearing the overgrown grass at the bases of the trees that have had the cages removed, as well as clearing the overgrown grass where the cages are still in place. This is an ongoing task, but the difference it makes to the trees and their ability to thrive is amazing. Ongoing.
11. Clean the PFA sign at the black entrance gates.
12. Increase the heights and change over the cages where possible to bigger cages so the shrubs can put on some width. Ongoing.
13. Clean the veranda with the pressure sprayer due to our resident birds leaving their droppings everywhere.
14. Cleaning of the water pump filters – ongoing.
15. Maintenance on 25 metre and 50 metre targets where the field mice and mud wasps have built nests in them and stopped the rubber film from sealing the target faces – no shooting at these distances until repairs carried out.
16. Removing the mould from the spare 100 metre target faces so they can be painted and finished for spare targets when needed.
17. Placing sandstone rocks along the edges of the dam and recreation area and garden behind the 100 metre mound.
18. Drainage at 25 metre targets.
19. The 3 monthly inspection and maintenance of the 100 metre targets need to be done after the September shoot and before the October shoot (27/10/2024). If you want to know what goes on behind the targets come and help. **Contact Tony and/or Tere to arrange a time.**

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**RECYCLABLES OR REUSABLES?** I guess it doesn't really matter which it is as long as there's a way of extending the life and usefulness of "things".....

Our targets are a point in question, yes, they can go again (most of them) and continue on to a long life of use, with care and some work involved. We have been working on our spare" set of targets (actually, now our original set) that had been shot at a considerable number of times (had the stuffing shot out of them) which made them good candidates for repair. The procedure is now in place and given time and space they can be renewed in a relatively short period of time, the reason the initial batch



has taken so long was that it was all 40+ of them. In the future they will be rotated and refreshed in much smaller batch/numbers, taking much less time at each turnaround process. On the tri-monthly frame inspection, it is determined which ones are in need of repair, they are removed and swapped from the target frames and stacked ready for the next step.

**Firstly**, the sacrificial centre (its actually a square) if deemed to have reached its use by date, is cutout and replaced with a new centre which is glued in.



**Secondly** they are patched (some secret Goo), holes filled and then smoothed and set aside to dry and wait for the next step.

**Thirdly**, a sample target, to ensure correct size, is used as a template to cut a quantity of replacement target covers from the roll of fibreglass reinforced "wallpaper", generally 5 to 6 as space is limited. A good quantity of Glue is liberally painted on the targets, before the cut to size "wallpaper" is laid out on top, positioned to the edges and pressed all over to ensure a good contact. The now partly completed targets are set aside to dry for 24 to 48 hours.

The next stage is painting to achieve an all-over standard colour and coverage, nobody wants a blotchy target to look at, very confusing.



The painting is carried out by a member who has expertise, and it shows, once again in batches as they become ready and once done are stood up around the ground floor area to dry, now they are really looking good. We have a template that a very skilled member made which is laid on the now almost finished targets to allow the black lines (cross) to be applied and the black centre laid on.



**Job done.**

**Do I have to secure my receptacle (Gun Safe) to the premises? Yes.** If the receptacle used for storing the firearms weighs less than 150kg (when empty), the receptacle must be secured to the structure of the building. The receptacle should be secured by way of expanding anchor bolts (or similar) fixed internally through the base and/or back of the receptacle. The securing points should not be visible or accessible externally from the receptacle. When mounted onto brick, stone or concrete, it should be attached by at least four (4) masonry anchors 90mm in length and 10mm in diameter internally fitted through holes in the rear and/or base of the container, securing it to the floor and/or wall. The receptacle should be mounted flush with the floor and or wall.



When mounted onto main wall studs, it should be fitted flush against the wall and secured to the wall studs and or floor joists by four (4) galvanized hexagon head coach screws, not less than 65mm in length and 8mm in diameter. The receptacle should be mounted flush with the floor and/or wall. **What are the minimum standards for locking mechanisms?** The minimum standards for the locking mechanisms for a Level 1 receptacle are as follows: The door should be fitted with a three point locking mechanism (or similar) which secures the door to the receptacle at various points around the door to prevent unauthorised entry to the receptacle, OR The door should be fitted with a locking mechanism which is equivalent to or exceeds that of a three point locking mechanism, (e.g. a deadbolt or padlock) If the safe requires the fitting of an external lock (ie padlock), the lock must have a minimum body width of 40mm and a hardened steel shackle Any receptacle must be secure enough to prevent unauthorised entry. If police determine, upon inspection, that the receptacle is easily penetrated, due to the material used, or the type of lock, or the ease of using a crow bar or similar to jemmy open the door, or the positioning of the receptacle, police will not pass the inspection and will advise on the alterations required to make the receptacle compliant.

