Gun owners here?

Posted by MichaelCraft - 30 Dec 2012 00:29

Hi All,

Any thoughts about what I have heard termed as firemageddon? More specifically, the tripling of prices, the crazy ban bill that Feinmann introduced, etc.? Did anyone participate in the buying frenzy? I am a life member of the NRA and obviously don't support the bill, I did NOT participate because I couldn't afford to and I have what I need. I lived through the last one in 93, but this one is crazy even compared to that one, and worse than the 2008 frenzy IMO. In addition to the many uncomfortably firm items in the bill (www.nraila.org/legislation/federal-legis...ew-gun-ban-bill.aspx), the lack of a grandfather clause in the new bill has me worried. I cannot leave anything "on the list" to an heir if I choose(or sell, to ANYONE), and this includes my highly valued (to me) M1 Garand that is a piece of US history :/. It instead gets confiscated by the govt without compensation

My hunting rifle is ALSO on the list , well one of them, the FNAR subMOA .308. I have a 30-06 Tikka T3 Hunter (fantastic bolt action for the $ IMO, free floated with Sako parts for half the price, paid $579 for mine new, and $80 for the 3x9-40 Nikon glass with BDC that is normally over $200) that I love as well, but I can't do 600 yds with it near as easily as with an FNAR with my Millet TRS-1 4x16-50 . I also cheat a bit with a laser range finder to for BDC, a Bushnell GForce ARC 1300, AWESOME little piece o gear. But then maybe I uncheat by only taking the few hundred yd shots that I KNOW I can take (i.e. make the shot and be safe and humane), only down hill (BDC harder, but safer as I know where the bullet is gonna end up regardless, although I haven't missed my mark yet, clean kills every time, they drop where they stand).

P.S. This is just my opinion, and I don't want to start any fights, so I tried to leave political commentary out of it, just curious of others thoughts and activities in the last weeks...

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Re: Gun owners here?

Posted by MichaelCraft - 01 Jan 2013 18:57

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cbwx34 wrote:

I do not have a Tilt. Wish I did. And yes Kershawguy is good... I probably bought his last car. Most of my knives are blems too.

LOL. I know I have given him a mortgage payment or two . Dave is a great guy too... he sent me a few extra blades in my last order for xmas presents, NICE blades, all new vs. blem, can't beat that. I emailed him and said he sent too much, and he said merry xmas, wasn't a mistake!

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Re: Gun owners here?

Posted by ApexGS - 01 Jan 2013 21:57

I didn't notice we had this thread going since I was so busy selling out almost my entire inventory of firearms and ammo in the past week or so. I try to stay out of the politics except when engaged against my will by family or friends, so I won't dive into any of that here. None the less I come adequately prepared to those "fights" and urge both sides of the debate to do their homework before drawing conclusions.

INCOMING WALL OF TEXT

What I thought might interest you folks more is a look behind the curtain at the dealer's end of things. I am a type 07 FFL, meaning a manufacturer and dealer who operates as a gunsmith. Much of my business is service oriented but I do regularly buy, sell and trade and attend estate sales/auctions at every opportunity. Along with local sales I utilize four major national wholesalers for special ordering guns for customers, the same guys any other stocking dealer or dedicated gun store would use.

There aren't a lot of constants in the gun world... but the election boom is one of them. Every election year the same thing happens: stock on potentially ban-able items empties and small time guys are left out in the cold for a few months. Fourth quarter is already when we clean house, since the gun enthusiast folks are buying gun-related gifts on top of people speculating politically. This time, due to the tragic events at Newtown and the immediate knee-jerk reactions, there simply was no time to recover from already depleted stock.

I'm sure some folks here remember 2008, but this is so far beyond 2008 it's unbelievable. I watched a major wholesaler sell 14,000 30-round Magpul PMAGs in less than 48 hours. That's just counting the black ones, they also sold out every color, 20 rounders, and window "maglevel" versions in the same period. Every magazine with a capacity above 10 rounds followed suit. Many of those buyers are hawking their mags for 4 to 5 times MSRP to capitalize on things but people are paying it so I can't blame them I guess. I spent over a week fielding several times my normal call volume just to tell people "no I don't have any AR-15s or AK type rifles and no I don't have any idea when I'll get any in". Any magazine-fed firearm that can take a mag over 10 rounds is gone with no ETA. I was told by one manufacturer they're looking at 10 to 12 weeks just to fill the election backorders, none the less the new ones. Here's just a small glimpse into my catalog from one source:

RRA LAR8 MID A4 308 16" 20RD
RSR #: RRA308A1239
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR8 STANDARD A4 308 20" 20RD
RSR #: RRA308A1288
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR8 PREDATOR HP 308 20" 20RD
RSR #: RRA308A1530
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA UPPER VARMINT 556NATO 20" FLAT
RSR #: RRAAR0550
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA UPPER UTE2 556NATO 16"MID-LENGTH
RSR #: RRAAR0874B
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR15 ELITE CAR 556NATO 16" 30RD
RSR #: RRAAR1225
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR15 ENTRY TAC 556NATO 16" 30RD
RSR #: RRAAR1251
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR15 ELITE COMP 556NATO 16" 30R
RSR #: RRAAR1270
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

RRA LAR15 PREDATOR 556NATO 20" BULL
RSR #: RRAAR1530
Availability: Allocated

Allocated

Current Order
VIEW ORDER
CLEAR ALL
ADD TO ORDER

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Re: Gun owners here?
Posted by MichaelCraft - 01 Jan 2013 22:11

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Wow, THAT was the kind of stuff I was interested in hearing, thanks for the extremely interesting post. I knew things were bad supply wise, but not that bad (i.e. I didn't know that post election purchase backorders hadn't been filled. Then again, I have a 6920 MOE on back order for 4 months now, along with about 10K rds of lake city from Brownells, Fed M193, M855, and the new Fed 5.7x28mm at least 3 months, some pre-election. I don't think I am gonna get those :/. Good thing I have 20K or so rounds from buying slickdeals since 08 (because of 93) along with mags (50?) and several firearms that were on the 93 list.

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Re: Gun owners here?
Posted by Billabong - 02 Jan 2013 02:24

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PhilipPasteur wrote:

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I think it's a shame more kids have to die before people listen or something changes.

Why we need to have this discussion here is a mystery.

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This is politics, nothing else!

Odd to see this thread is moderator approved.

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Re: Gun owners here?
Posted by leomitch - 02 Jan 2013 05:10

Not totally by this moderator and I don't think by the others either. It is a delicate matter and perhaps it is time for me to warn people to tread carefully. This is a contentious issue for which the solutions are unknown as yet. But here is not the place to thrash it out, because inevitably someone will get hot under the collar, especially since many of the members here are not from the USA where is a very hot issue...an international melee in this forum is a no-no.

I am not going to make the mistake of putting forward my views except one...I have a feeling this thread should be frozen, but I will seek other opinions for that, meanwhile, don't put your foot in it please. I'll be back.Tread carefully guys.

Leo

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Re: Gun owners here?
Posted by cbwx34 - 02 Jan 2013 10:17

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I intervened when I caught this thread yesterday. I think Mike understood, he policed one of his posts (of his own volition btw). Tom's post was a non-political look at how the industry is right now, which, as Mike indicated, was probably more along the lines of what he was looking for. If it continues down this path, I don't see an issue. But the personal/political aspects are best left out, (especially on gun control) or handled in a PM if you're really interested in what someone has to say.

If in doubt, leave it out.

Hope that's clear enough to everyone, if not, send me a PM if you have a question.

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Posted by Billabong - 02 Jan 2013 10:45

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Perhaps you can remove the political bits then?

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Re: Gun owners here?
Posted by DKamp - 02 Jan 2013 11:07

I almost don't want to post this because it will keep this thread at the top but I feel that this topic has nothing to do with knife sharpening or the WEPS. When I check WE website it is to find out more exciting things about knife sharpening not arguments over gun control. Though I feel that political discussions are great, they should not be discussed on a knife sharpening forum. It is apparent that people are already becoming upset and this forum should be supportive of all our excitement about sharpening. Just my opinion though.

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Re: Gun owners here?

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 02 Jan 2013 12:15

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DKamp wrote:

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Perhaps the above is why it was started in the OFF Topic section of the forum?? Of course, this would be the last place I would go to find ON Topic threads.

Just Saying...

I think that having the OFF topic threads mixed in with the recent posts and going to the top of the list when replied to..

AND the default web presentation being recent topics... may be an issue. Perhaps people just clicking on a recent topic don't even notice they are looking at something in the OT section.

Phil

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