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CHAPTER GREENHOUSE READY FOR SPRING PLANTING

The cover photo is a graphic of our Chapters native flower propagation greenhouse. The greenhouse is Firewood-heated through the winter and is now ready for spring planting of Indiana native grass and flower starts.

This will be the 1st harvest of native grass and flower starts propagated in partnership with our neighbor, Acres Land Trust. Acres members have been collecting native plant seeds and these will be started and

nurtured by Zack until ready for planting. When ready, they will be shared by the two organizations. The flowers across the front of the Chapter House will all be native and will have small placards carrying the name of each plant.

The chapter has a color digital catalog of Indiana native plants available for emailed to anyone. Send your request via email to jaybutler1940@gmail.com.

THINGS THAT I WON'T WRITE ABOUT

Your editor has several topics cutting to encourage new that I will not include in the FW Chapter NEWS. Among them are firearms commonly called assault weapons. Another is climate warming. finally politics in general. There may be one or two more if I were to ponder a bit.

Izaak Walton is a group of people that has banded together over the past hundred years as champions for the preservation of the nation's soil, water, air and wildlife, and while not in our credo, also "Sports Shooting" might be added. In each of these we stand united and under this great umbrella, there is room for many variations in this stance. For example, the ages as well. span between the Ikes in favor of "Old Forest" with no harvesting and the Ike hunters in favor of "New Growth Forest" with controlled clear

growth necessary for game birds to thrive, can be broad and sometimes quite vocal.

On Wednesday, February 7th, the President gave his State of the Union address. In preparation for this, on January 18-24, the Pew Research Center, a respected nonparti- strengthening the economy san American think tank took should be the number one a statistical public opinion poll of 5,152 Americans asking them to prioritize twenty- excellent or good. Aside one topics as to their importance to them as an individual. These 5,000 plus individuals were made up of about equal portions of Democrats and Republicans as well as representation by geographic and race percent-

I found the placement of some of these twenty-one topics of interest to me, not because I am for or against any of them, but because

how they fit under the umbrella that we call The Izaak Walton League and the positions that we take.

The Pew study found that the economy was the most important item of concern, with statistically, more than 75% of Americans saying priority this year and under 21% saying the economy was from the economy, Pew found none of the other twenty topics surveyed standing out to them. From an Izaak Walton perspective, I found some of those twenty -one, very enlightening in my understanding of what the American individual is thinking, whether in the aggregate or by partisan vote.

What might this mean to IWLA? Well, for starters, with three-quarters of

America thinking that the economy is in trouble, this could translate into outdoor recreation or shooting sports America's thinking, these had the suffering a setback in the coming year, translating into a reduction in membership. This is because they are the environment and dealing with discretionary family activities by definition rather than essential.... Thus we may see a reduction in membership in the coming year.

Also, recognizing that Energy and Climate Warming are two areas of increasing priority to Izaak Walton as heard at our 2022 convention and as measured by the number of articles on these topics in Outdoor America, I scanned the list to see where these topics placed within the conscious thinking of the American public.

Pew found that Energy placed over half way down the American threshold of importance, placing 11th with 57% of Democrats and 48% of republicans with a little over 50% in the aggregate thinking this is in any way urgent.

warming were even further down the list of importance. I found that in largest gaps between Republicans and Democrat thinking on protecting global climate change.

Protecting the environment was fourteenth in the list of twenty-one, with 44% overall feeling that the environment should be an urgent item to address. Viewed by partisan perspective, 66% of Democrats and only 20% of the Republicans see this as important. I will admit that seeing only 20% of the Republicans viewing the environment as important in the grand scheme of things was a severe shock to me.

Climate Warming didn't place well on the American publics importance scale either, being seventeenth on the list and with just 37% seeing this as an urgent matter. The partisan count was the Republicans with 13% and 59% of the Democrats seeing this as an important consideration on the grand scale of things. With a span of 46% difference in political opinion on this, it doesn't speak well for developing a ground swell of support for this subject.

Back to the question of whether or not I should consider these topics fair game for discussion as editor of our NEWS magazine. I find myself no closer to revising my position of not writing on them, as this is like a duck gliding across the water, and the viewer not being aware of the turbulence being created under the surface.

Wait, I just realized that I have violated one of my guiding principals as your Managing Editor.

Doggone it!

- The Managing Editor

Further, the environment and climate

MORE ON "FOREVER CHEMICAL" CONTAMIMATION OF OUR WATERSHEDS

Our local chapter has published several articles, the most recent entitled: MICHIGAN AND WISCONCIN ISSUE A "DO NOT EAT" WARNING ON DEER. The technical name of this chemical family is "Polyfluoroalkyl," so the more easily pronounced name is the acronym PFAS, pronounced as "P-Fas." PFAS are commonly called "the Forever Chemicals" due to their resistance to breaking down over time.

Since those earlier articles were pub-

lished in this magazine, several states have issued a "Do Not Eat" advisory on deer and fish in their state, due to high levels of PFAS. Michigan and their neighboring state, Wisconsin, both have found high concentrations of PFAS in wild game in areas of their state and both have released advisories that high levels of PFAS have been detected in their fish and wildlife populations.

ronment? PFAS, are extremely re-

sistant to breaking down over time, and are readily soluble in water, allowing them to spread far from the source once they have entered the nation's waters.

A news release on PFAS from Ann Arbor, MI dated January 31, 2023 partially reads: "The settlement reached by Attorney General Dana Nessel and Asahi Kasei Plastics is a How are PFAS introduced into the envi- great step forward for people and wildlife."

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Also in the news, 3M has announced that they will be phasing out PFAS from all of their manufacturing processes. This came on the heels of the U.S. environmental regulators August designation of chemicals used in cookware, carpet, and fire-fighting foam, as hazardous substances under the Superfund law.

Currently, there are over 2,000 known sites spread across 49 states that have been identified as high risk for potentially dangerous levels of PFAS. Also as many as 1,500 municipal drinking water systems may be contaminated with PFOA, one of the most common PFAS compounds and at present, few municipal water systems even check for PFAS, nor is there a Federal Standard for PFAS.

Some of the most common sources of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are factories, airports, and some military bases. PFAS are also included in certain products, materials and packaging, as well as being released as a byproduct of commercial production. Over time, they can leave facilities and accumulate in the air, dust, the soil, and ultimately into our nation's water sheds.



Chapter on March 15th at 7:00PM For Euchre!

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For the safety of our Members & Guest, the Range Rules of the Rifle & Pistol Range allow our members to host a maximum of two guests per visit and as host, they are the responsibility of their sponsor while they are on the Range?

Further, the sponsoring host is to be with their guest shooters when they are on the firing line and not on a different shooting station.

This makes you responsible for your guests actions while on our range.





UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

- March 8 FW Chapter Board Meeting March 15 Chapter Euchre Night
- March 18 3D Archery Shoot (Open to Public)
- March 26 ATA Registered Shoot (Open to Public)
- April 1 Chapter Fish Fry (Open to Public)

- April 8 Spring RSO Gathering
- April 12 Chapter Board Meeting
- April 15 3D Archery Shoot (Open to Public)
- April 22 Small Bore Rifle Competition (Open to Public)
- April 22 R&P Range Closed in AM

April 30

- April 29 FW Chapter Board Meeting
 - ATA Registered Shoot (Open to Public)

I TRIED IT

By Patrick J. White

Back in 1941, Forjas Taurus, Soa Leopoldo, Brazil produced its first revolver (Model 38101SO) and in 1953 they started exporting revolvers to the U.S. market. Then in 1962, the parent company of Smith & Wesson purchased 87% of Taurus. But in 1973, Taurus senior management bought out those owners and ties with Smith & Wesson ended. However, they continued to manufacture revolvers.

Since then, the company has been on its own, even purchasing Rossi in 1995. In 1988 they created a subsidiary known as Taurus USA. But during the entire time they still created revolvers. So, if you're a revolver fan, you probably know the name Taurus.

I only became aware of Taurus when they introduced the TX22 semi-automatic .22Ir pistol in 2019, and like most, I got caught up in their marketing hype at SHOT Show 2019 resulting in my purchase of my first Taurus firearm. It was, and is, reliable, accurate and trouble-free, and it was very in-expensive as compared to other semi-automatic handguns. I was a proud TX22 owner.

Since 1988, Taurus products were built in Miami, Florida but

in 2019 they moved to Bainbridge, Georgia with an entirely new engineering and design team. This dynamic group of young visionaries started designing new and cool .221r pistols. After the TX22 came the incredible TX22 Competition which I also purchased. The Taurus name was quickly becoming well known in semi-automatic circles and their brand flourished especially with Steel-Plate competition shooters.

The 2023 SHOT Show introduced their newest .22Ir semi-automatic pistol, the Taurus TX22 Compact, and in my opinion, it's one of the most unique designs I've ever encountered. It's smaller than the current TX22 weighing in at just 16.2oz. The slide features numerous lightning-cuts to reduce weight so a red-dot can be mounted in front of the rear sight. That's right, it designed for a red dot sight.

It comes with two (2) 13-round magazines as compared to with sixteen-round capacity. However, the action and trigsame. Simply put, it's a down-sized version of the original modifications. the original TX22 ger system remain the TX22 with some very cool visual

I mounted a Holosun 507K because its footprint is designed for that type of micro red-dot, and the fit is seamless. The only down-side is the slide-release is on the left side only, but the safety latch graces both sides. I say this because I'm left-handed and it's a minor drawback. But it still fits my hand like an expensive leather glove.

It also features a ½"x28 threaded barrel so you can attach a silencer if you want to look even cooler, but paying \$200 for a tax stamp and waiting for months to receive government approval isn't my cup of tea. I tested mine with both CCI Standard and CCI Mini-Mag and both versions cycled smoothly. However, I didn't test any low speed subsonic rounds so I can't attest to its ability to cycle cleanly.

Breakdown and cleaning are like its big brother, but I recommend reading the manual to become familiar with any other unique features that may have changed with this new compact model.

Overall, this is a great new compact .22Ir semi-automatic from Taurus. Their new design team is now leading the way in futuristic innovation and style. It's MSRP is \$399.95 but should retail for \$330-350 in most retail stores. I tried it and I like it. Thanks to Taurususa: Photo by https:// www.taurususa.com/

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Organizational Meeting At FW Chapter March 5th 9-noon Email Allie at allykurtz@icloud.com

ATA TRAP SHOOTS

MARCH 26TH APRIL 30TH MAY 28TH JUNE 25TH SEPT 24TH

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THE FORT WAYNE CHAPTER WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN MARCH

1.Phillip & Nikki Vaughan 2.Matthew & Laura Meek 3.Alan Whisler







Tell us your thoughts about our *"FW Chapter NEWS"* or any other Chapter related topic.

Email: jaybutler1940@gmail.com

Jay Butler Managing Editor Quite an interesting interview with Ev Baker. I'm continually amazed at the wealth of knowledge and expertise of our FW chapter. It's become my favorite part of the newsletter, a little history on our treasured members.

D.W. FW—Indiana

Thanks for sending the newest issue of the IWLA newsletter. You do a very nice job with it. Congrats to Bremen Butler, too. She must be your granddaughter. Very talented, obviously!

T. Berg Executive Director—Hoosier Outdoor Writers Indiana

Chapter should be very proud of this young lady, and you as her grandfather.

This was another super newsletter, I really enjoy reading them. Have a great day

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

PATRICK J. WHITE, Major USAF Retired

Several years ago, our Rifle and Pistol Range was what some called "The Wild West" because it was somewhat primitive and mostly uncontrolled. Anyone could come out and shoot at just about anything. I was told that one time an old piano was placed downrange, and it was a target for many shooters. Back then, safety wasn't on the radar. But that was then.

It all changed when a nearby farmer accused our Chapter of allowing stray rounds to hit his chicken coop. That accusation resulted in the range being closed for a lengthy period while it was totally re-built with multiple sand-filled overhead barriers placed on both the rifle and pistol sides. After re-construction, extensive safety procedures were instituted including creation of a volunteer cadre of trained safety officers which exist even today. A complete and extensive Standard Operating Procedures manual was drafted, and numerous training classes were conducted to get volunteers NRA Certified as Range Safety Officers (RSO). Today the number nears forty (40) men and women. Thereafter, the range was safe, secure and life returned to normal.

That was until a few weeks ago when our Caretaker discovered numerous empty rifle and pistol casings on the trap range behind the Chapter's clubhouse. That was something we hoped would never occur, but it did. An immediate investigation was begun, and additional safety protocols have been put in place to mitigate the situation in the future.

A new 2'X3' sign has been approved and is being erected as you clear the tree line approaching the clubhouse. This sign warns that anyone who fires a unauthorized rifle or pistol in that area will be subject to Chapter Bylaws which include legal charges and expulsion from Izaak Walton nationwide. We are also reviewing additional specialized high-tech security cameras for the Chapter, and if feasible, they will be installed. The Board of Directors takes this matter very seriously and will utilize every option available to ensure an incident like this never occurs again.

Safety is our #1 responsibility on Chapter's grounds and that mandate will be fully enforced thanks to modern technology and the vigilance of our members. So, if you see something, say something. Be watchful of the area around our Chapter and report anything that seems suspicious or out of place.

This is your Chapter, and the only way to ensure its longevity is to obey the rules and regulations established by your Board and report activity that is a blatant violation of our safety rules and regulations. But to all, be advised, electronic eyes may be watching and recording your activities.

President—Fort Wayne Chapter Izaak Walton League of America

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APOLLO RECOLLECTIONS BY E.E. BAKER, MEMBER OF FORT WAYNE CHAPTER-IWLA

Ev Baker, one of our members was an integral part of the Apollo Space Program and has agreed to share some of his reminiscences with us. We jumped at this unique opportunity to share a 1st person history of one of the defining moments in history.

Ev's story will be carried as a serial, over several issues of the FW Chapter NEWS.

These reminiscences are sometimes connected, and at other times stand alone as a memory. They are told, just as Ev remembered them and jotted them down for this article. As such, they give insight to a time that most of us remember based on TV coverage. Ev remembers because he lived them.

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E. E. Baker

INSTALLMENT 2 : APPOLO RECOLLECTIONS By E.E. Baker

An elevator ride with Dr. Debus and Dr. Von Braun

Someone has to be at the control panel in the firing room any time the rocket is on the pad. It is often there for 3 to 8 weeks. We worked 12-hour shifts, 7 days a week. After a while my stomach got so confused that I just ate breakfast at each break. The cafeteria is in the same building as the firing rooms, just on a different level. Another engineer relieved me at the panel and I went to get breakfast. I got on the elevator with two other people. I was bone tired. I did not notice who they were but from behind me I realized they were speaking to each other in German. I thought - here I am working this hard and I am sharing the elevator with what must be a couple grad students practicing their German on each other. I turned with the idea of giving them my best stink-eye and discovered it was Dr. Wernher Von Braun and Dr. Debus.

Dr. Debus was the top NASA official here at the Florida launch complex. Dr. Von Braun headed up the NASA operation in Huntsville (Huntsville is where the first stage S1-C was built and evaluated). Von Braun is considered father of Saturn V. He was the leading proponent and architect of the moon landing plan. They both were key scientists at the Peenemunde (V2) rocket center in Germany during WWII. I decided that if they want to speak German, I would not bother them. In looking back, I missed an opportunity to get autographs. Oh well, they probably would have said no.

Line printer

Long hours are spent sitting in front of the control panel in the firing room. Late at night there is very little happening. I killed the boredom once or twice just by turning the power switch (CONSOLE ON/OFF) on the water system control panel off and on a few times. You see, the IBM guy was in charge of the DEE line printer. I would only do this if I saw him

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nodding off. The line printer records the switch number and status any time it changes, for most switches on all the control panels in the firing room. If a switch starts "toggling" unexpectedly the IBM guy can temporally disable that signal. It can waste a lot of paper if not caught in time. Printer paper is about two feet wide and there are three layers with carbon backing. When I flipped the switch several times, the line printer shot a column of paper nearly to the ceiling, while making a lot of noise. Of course the IBM guy had no idea what's happening until he noticed that all the switch status changes were caused by the IW (Industrial Water) system in my area. I don't remember what the payback was.



CAMERAS NOT ALLOWED



Cameras and photography by non-official people was strictly forbidden. But, they had an open house and invited family members to attend. The spouses got to see what all these hours of hard work were all about. For this event cameras were allowed. Pictures with my wife are from that open house.

This is a photo of me at open house at pad A – pad B in background.

This photo is of the "Water control panel" in firing room. The CONSOLE ON/OFF Is upper left. This photo is from an official source.

Down range clearance.

There is a simple toggle switch on the lower left of the water system control panel. It starts and stops a 1000 horse power electric motor in the pad water pit. This motor/pump provides extra pressure for the swing arm mist cooling on the LUT and also for the engine deluge. The motor uses three phases of 4160-volt power. Early on it was decided that the operator in the firing room (call sign CWCP) had to get permission from the Boeing Test Conductor (call sign C1TC) before it could be turned on.



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The reason for this was that the startup current was such that the power on the Cape (including the Air Force pads) would droop 3 to 5% at turn on. If another pad was at a critical stage in its launch sequence, they might call CUTOFF to give them time to determine the cause of the glitch. The Boeing TC would check to see that no one would be affected. The Boeing TC reports to the NASA launch director (call sign CLTC). In addition, I would be in contact with personnel in the water pit when turning this beast on.



These two photos show the Firing Room.

The Mud Dauber Wasp incident

Once when I turned on the booster pump the mechanical techs in the water pit frantically told me to turn it off. They said a lot of smoke came out. Upon investigation, it turned out to be from a common, but large mud dauber nest.

A Dirty trick is played

Another time an electrical tech was inside the approximately 5X5X4 foot main contactor 3 phases 4160 volt enclosure. These contactors apply and remove power to the pump motor. He was already nervous being that close to this level of voltage and power. Standard procedure is to turn off the substation power to motor contact enclosure. That breaker/switches would be chained and locked off. The worker (at risk) would have the key to the lock. Regardless, a mechanical tech went behind the enclosure and hit it with a sledgehammer. The electrical tech came flying out. Not happy at all. As I recall, he refused to go back in.



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We Called This Tank "the Bomb!"

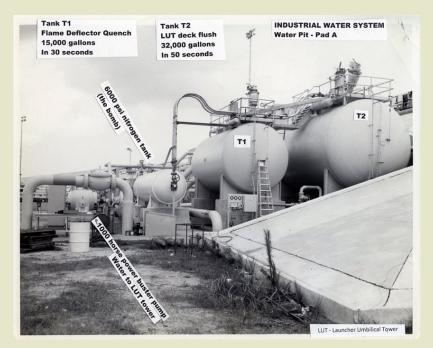


Photo to left is from an official source.

The 1000 horsepower booster pump motor is toward the left just above the white 55-gallon drum.

The smaller tank near the middle is what we lovingly call the bomb.

It is a 475 cubic feet volume, 6000 pounds per square inch nitrogen tank.

Next larger (to the right) is a 25,000-gallon water tank (flame deflector quench).

The largest tank to the right is a 35,000-gallon water tank (LUT deck flush)

Both water tanks discharge in less than a minute at launch.



My wife in front of the 6000psi nitrogen tank in the water pit of LC39 pad A.

Behind the nitrogen tank are the two water tanks that discharge in less than a minute after Saturn V engine ignition.

This concludes the 2nd installment of Ev Baker's Memoir: APOLLO RECOLLECTIONS.

In the April 2023 issue of "the FW Chapter NEWS, we will learn more of Ev's memories of his moments in history. The contents of the memoir, including photos, graphics, and text are used by permission of Eve Baker, member of the FW Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America and the memoir is based on his personal experiences.

DID YOU KNOW... "We Are Not Just A Sports Shooting Chapter!"

Your Chapter Board of Directors starts each board meeting with this pledge: *"To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it. I pledge myself as a member of the laak Walton League of America."*

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Please list any changes from your previous membership (type, address, names, etc.)_____

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Senior	\$50.00	\$6.00	\$34.00	\$90.00	38%	\$40.00*
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