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## June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Another meeting that had a slow start but turned out to be quite busy towards the end. The letter 'O' was always going to be a bit of a problem but I think we were all amazed at how many displays came out and how varied they were, although 'oil' was a popular choice.

Oil bottles, about 30 examples of plastic bottles from different manufacturers including: Australia, England, Canada, New Zealand, America, South Africa and Israel. All identified by the owner.

Olympia 12ga hammer shotgun and a Ortgies model 1 .22 cal rifle.

Odd ball bayonets, a half table of some unusual shapes and sizes.

Odd extraction systems, James Thomas revolver, Merwin & Hulbert revolver and the Stanly Bulldog. All with relevant information.

Oil Bottles, brass and steel a nice selection with many other cleaning accessories.

Oil Jars, a nice collection of jars and containers from yesteryear.

Oil cans, about 30 odd with some other lubricating accessories all set out on a old oil skin coat.

Owned by Richard, a German machine pistol with relevant information also a model MP40 machine pistol.

Soviet Naval caps with some information sheets.

Officers caps, a wonderful collection from all corners of the globe.

Open sights, a long tom target rifle with a outstanding selection of accessories.

Officers caps and insignia, once again from all corners of the world and covering the WWI and WWII period.

Ordnance, German 21cm heavy mortar shell.

Oerlikon developed cartridges, a number of different calibre cannon cartridges all by Oerlikon.

Odds and ends, a collection of spare parts and tools for Lee Enfield .303 rifles.

Orange Free State, a Martini Henry and model 1895 Mauser rifle both with the South African Boer war markings. Over and under plains type rifle dated 1860 by J.Ogden N.Y.

Officers pistols, one by C Maybury and a pair by Vergnes A Marseille, France.

Owned by Dom, Russian officers belt including ammo pouch, pistol holster and document bag, all dated 1943-44 the bag included many booklets etc.

Original old posters of U.S origin.

Owned by Roger, a complete case of hand grenades with all there bases and fuses, in very good condition .



Soviet Naval caps



Lee Metford and Lee Enfield oil bottles



Orlikon developed cartridges

## Presidents Report

Another month has gone by and winter seems to be upon us with a vengeance. But it could be worse, I had a call from a South Island member who had knee deep snow outside his gun room. Last month I couldn't make the first part of the meeting, so Alwyn did the honors and drew the winners of the monthly displays. By the time I arrived the meeting was well under way and once again, we had tables loaded with great items, keep it up guys, it makes coming to meetings a pleasure. Well its that time of year again, only two weeks till the Wellington Annual Auction and if you haven't got your catalogue you better sing out. Once again we need everyone's help to make this a success so if you can spare a couple of hours over the weekend please give Alwyn or myself a call. We do however have our usual branch meeting before then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

See you all there. Steve



German machine pistols



Odd ball bayonets



Officers belt

## Editors Report

Greetings to all A&HAA members. Rex is again having a nice bit of R&R this time in New York. We have received a couple of emails from him and I have included them here for you to read. He seems to be having a great time and is due to return just in time for the auction.

There has not been a lot of news to write up this issue but we do have our auction on the second week of July so get those wallets and cheque books ready! Do remember that there is still a meeting on the first Sunday (2nd July) at the usual time.

**Cheers Glenn**

Hi Greetings from NY Sunday here today and a real scorcher. Nicky took us out for brunch today then a visit to the MET. Saw a beautiful Colt 3rd Model Dragoon 44cal on display, mint with gold inlay Bill thought it would be worth \$60k I reckon it would be more like \$6m. Strangely it was only acquired by the MET in 1995 if I remember correctly.

We then progressed down town and looked in a few places and staggered home buggered from the heat at about 5pm. Not sure of the temp today but well over 30c, we have had beautifully weather all the way, haven't got out of shirt sleeves since hitting US. NY is a very busy place, Nicky's apartment overlooks the Hudson river and the docks. Yesterday morning we saw three great big cruise liners pull in and by dark they were out again. Earlier in the week two others pulled in and had turned around again by evening.

Kind regards,  
Rex

Hi everybody

Still enjoying NY but it's a very big place and difficult to get a lot done in a day. Not so hot today only 90 with lower humidity, yesterday was a real scorcher, perspiring from head to toe all day. Down in the underground is always much hotter, then you go into these buildings that have the AC cranked up and you freeze your bum off. Everything in this country seems to be huge, a medium coffee is more than either of us are used to drinking and meals are ridiculously large, no wonder half the population is overweight. There is a very good supermarket just where we get out of the train two blocks from Nick's apartment and Robin has been blown away by the choice. It's not cheap but top quality and always crowded. They have about 30 check outs, you make one queue line and then they have people directing you to a particular checkout as they become free.

The only hardware shop I have located so far was a miserable little outfit with a street frontage of about 15ft and everything jammed inside and nothing of any quality but by comparison the kitchen ware you can buy in the many home stores is just mind boggling. Even say electric cake mixers there would be at least 30 different makes and models to choose from in any one shop. Found one sports shop today but they mainly stocked sports clothing and few of those fancy watch timers for athletes. As for gun shops I have completely given away any hope of finding anything in that line.

Nicky took me into the Steinway building the other day, it was the original factory for making Steinway pianos and after signing in we were finally permitted to go into their showrooms where they had new pianos from hugely expensive grands to cheaper uprights. Even the cheap ones were expensive and I noted on the back of one of the cheaper uprights "Made in Korea" They had the old woodwork tools and workbench on display as well as the frames of the various size grands and the mechanisms. They were all beautifully made. Interestingly the showroom was not a place you could just walk into, we had to go to reception and apply to enter and then were ushered about.

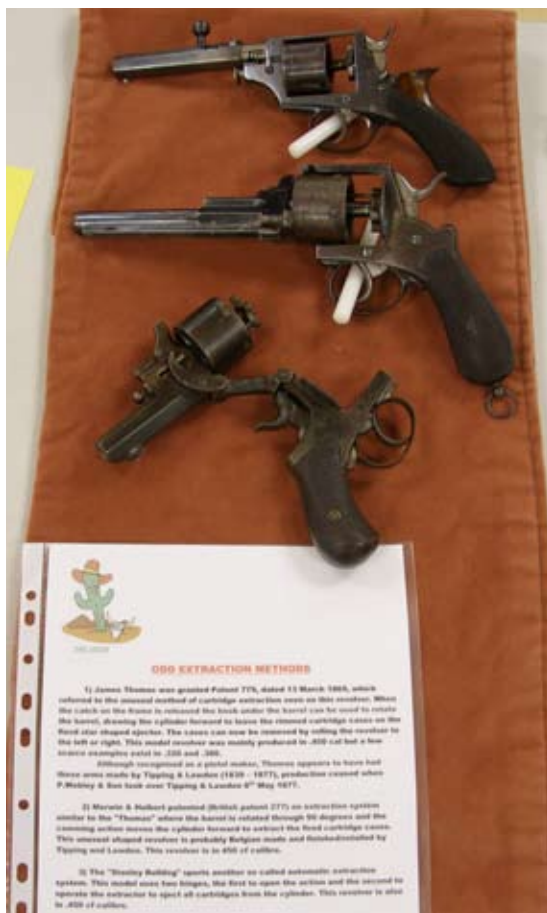
Went and had a look at ground zero today, a huge area and a big hole down about 4 floors that we could see but it was difficult to tell whether they are still excavating or have started rebuilding. We couldn't find any viewing platform and the only views we could get were through mesh and that punched steel plate, hopeless for taking photos.

Every other person you see seems to wander around with white iPod earphones stuck in their ears, the market penetration here must be tremendous. The number of accessories for sale for iPods has to be seen to be believed. Apple have a big shop here that we visited, quite a revolutionary outfit with all of their products on display and an army of sales assistants. The shop is below ground and has glass roof, glass lift and glass stairway, really quite something to see.

Everyone carries a cellphone here and interestingly you never see anyone texting, they are always talking. I think the reason is that it so cheap and the plans they get allow for a huge number of minutes.

One of the big hotels in Columbus Circle that we walk by to go to and from the underground has vehicle entrance and exit ways controlled by staff but as well as that they have big steel bollards that telescope up from ground level to prevent vehicles entering or leaving without authority. We could use the same thing in NZ to thwart those boy racers that gas up and scream out of service stations without paying.

Rex



Odd extraction systems

## Le Bomb 500lb!

To those of you that have read the Wellington Catalogue you might have noticed a photo of a 500lb practice bomb with a young fella perched on it, like something from Dr Strangelove. This is an interesting item, and believe me does weigh 500lb, it has generated a lot of interest, some perhaps, from an unwelcome source. I received a call, recently from someone claiming to be high up at Ohakea air base, basically saying that we had THEIR bomb and he wanted it back, (our catalogue gets to high places) now this probably didn't get the desired response from me, he then tried to tell me it was probably "live", and that all the grenades in the auction could be as well, and how he was sick of the Bomb squad call outs to grenades and is going to stop trademe selling all forms of grenades (another story). He then decided that perhaps examination by his experts would be sufficient, of course at their base, after I had explained (for the tenth time) that they weren't taking it away, he asked if they could visit and do their examination. A few days and more calls later, two burly military types arrived, minus their robot (I was looking forward to that bit) by this time I had mentioned the name of Wellington branches own airforce ammo tech and everything became very friendly. Within a couple of minutes the bomb was in bits and declared inert and I was told to take my fingers out of my ears and put the coffee on. Since then they made the offer of the airforce refurbishing this item for the successful purchaser, so all's well that ends well. While swapping stories with these guys it does seem that the odd live grenade turns up from time to time, so the moral of this story (and yep there is one) perhaps you should check that old grenade sitting in the corner of your gun room, it might be live!

Steve



Officers pistol by Maybury

## WELLINGTON BRANCH AUCTION July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

**Please can everybody make an effort to help out! The same people seem to do the same jobs every year, for the most part they are happy to do it, but a little help from us all will mean we can enjoy the event without too much stress. If you are not sure what to do or how you can help please talk to: Steve, Alwyn or Glenn**



Oil bottles on a Oil skin



Officers caps from around the globe

**Remember to check your Firearms Licence expiry date**

### Coming Events

Branch meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Branch Auction July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
Christchurch Militaria Show July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
Canterbury Branch auction Sept 16<sup>th</sup>  
Auckland Arms Fair Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup>  
NZAHAA general meeting Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

### Next Meeting

The letter 'P' so put the thinking cap on!  
Our prize number scheme seems to be very popular, but you must be in to win!

Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the usual venue,  
Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone.  
Display setup from 12.30pm and meeting at 1.00pm  
Display theme is letter 'P'. Please arrive on time if you wish to set up a display as tables are always in demand.