

The Best of Gunsite Gossip 2

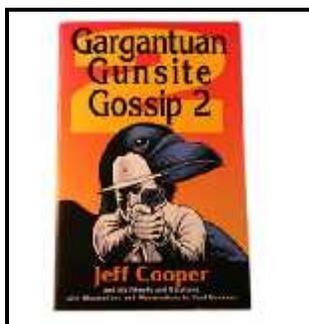
(1990, 1991, 1992, & 1993)

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TSK! WHAT THEY
TEACH IN THE SCHOOLS
THESE DAYS...

1990

VOLUME 10



AND THE UNIVERSITIES
ARE EVEN WORSE.



FORTUNATELY, I
ATTENDED AN
INSTITUTION OF
HIGHER LEARNING.

Jeff Cooper's second newsletter is in Gargantuan Gunsite Gossip 2 and this paper covers some examples of his pithy snips for the years 1990 – 1993. Few will have this book in their libraries but now at least you will have a flavor of his work in yours.

1990

* The oath of office to the United States reads as follows: "I solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Foreign *and* domestic. If a politician actively seeks to abrogate or abolish any portion of the Bill of Rights, he must be considered **a domestic enemy of the Constitution**. Even if you have never taken the oath, you ought to take that proposition very seriously (p. 34).

* We get the following from J.G. Barr Sr. of Rosemead, California.

"Want to burn the flag? Okay. Just first wrap it around your head" (p. 37).

* To stop the drug problem we must eliminate the demand and then there will be no supply (p. 40).

* Bumper sticker: "Stop drunk driving – ban semi-automatic transmissions!" (p. 41).

* All good sportsmen eventually go to Africa. If not in this life, then as a reward of merit in the next (p. 53).

* "No greater wrong can ever be done than to put a good man at the mercy of a bad, while telling him not to defend himself or his fellows; in no way can the success of evil be made surer or quicker" (p. 54).

* It should be obvious to all by now that the hoplophobe hates us shooters because he is afraid *and we are not*. This is psychologically intolerable for him, and trying to alleviate the situation by reasoned argument is futile (p. 59).

* "If the rifleman is to be retained at all, in the composition of the armies of the future it will be only by virtue of the fact that he can and will, conscientiously and ably, deliver an accurate and effective, fire upon single, individual targets" (p. 68). From: Captain H.W. McBride, *A Rifleman Went to War*, 1935.

* This fresh from Moscow: The taxi driver, when asked what effect the increasing instability of the Evil Empire was having upon the citizens of Russia, replied "The optimists are learning English. The pessimists are learning Chinese. And the realists are learning marksmanship" (p. 69).

We note what appears to us to be a dangerous policy among the various counterterror teams throughout the world, and especially in Europe, to wear facemasks in action. **For us a facemask has always been a kill signal**. Any man who appears in our presence armed and covering up his face is in extreme danger, and we would think that would be true generally throughout the world. Why should a good guy want to cover up his face? Bad show! (p. 80).

* Remember the first rule of gunfighting, which is “Have a gun.” Remember the proper mindset, “When someone offers you lethal violence, hand it back to him in spades” (p. 76).

* **“Men who are willing to die for a cause are even more willing to kill for it”** (p. 77). Dave Jolley, GA.

“An armed man is a citizen.”

“An unarmed man is a subject.”

Amen!

(p. 83).

* “No person will be enlisted who cannot when firing at the distance of 200 yards, at a rest, put ten consecutive shots in a target, the average distance not to exceed five inches from the center of the bull’s eye to the center of the ball” (p. 86).

“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight; nothing he cares more about than his own personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertion of better men than himself” (p. 88).

John Stuart Mill

* An “activist” is an ignoramus who has nothing better to do (p. 90). The Guru

* We would like to remind those in charge of procurement in American law enforcement at this time that *a good revolver is always better than a bad automatic pistol*” (p. 94).

* One family member recently mentioned this to a friend of his who was doing her dissertation at the **University of Oklahoma**. She replied that if she even breathed that she was aware of the Second Amendment of the Constitution, her doctoral degree would be placed in immediate jeopardy (p. 98).

* After working with several dozen series 80 1911s, we have concluded that the firing pin block incorporated in this action is a distinct hazard to life and limb. The device can be peened into a condition (after a certain amount of practice) that will lock the firing pin positively out of action. This can cause an irremediable misfire in action, which in turn could cause the death of the shooter. If you have one, take it out (p. 100).

1991

*“And though you be done to death, what then?
If you battled the best you could:
If you played your part in the world of men,
Why, the Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he’s slow or spry,
It isn’t the fact that you ‘re dead that counts,
But only, how did you die?”*

Sir Edmund Vance Cooke

* *Registration equals confiscation* – eventually. Don’t ever forget that (p. 119).

* We all know this, but we persist in electing people to office who do not know this. We get the government we deserve (p. 119).

* “Never do your enemy a minor injury” (p. 123). Nicolo Machiavelli

* “New York City: America’s Socialist paradise and the perfect example of what you get with ‘gun control’” (p. 126).

* In that connection, the Israelis started putting girls up forward in combat units, but they found out that this was so destructive to morale that they abandoned the practice. No matter what the mood of the times may be, the boys just do not like to see girls get shot. It destroys their efficiency – and efficiency is the only thing that matters in combat (p. 131).

* *“If a thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed”* (p. 140). Exodus, 22:2-3.

* Old codgers are more crotchety than young whippersnappers because they have been exasperated over a longer period (p. 155). The Guru

* A couple of correspondents have taken us to task for our rejection of face masks by decent people. The point seems to be that SWAT patrols have taken to using them, and that they are therefore not automatically a target designator. **We are inclined to hold to our first position that a man wearing a face mask and carrying a gun should be shot first and investigated later.** The suggestion is that a man whose face may be recognized by the creeps of the world may be marked for assassination. There may be something in that, but it makes more sense in a slave society, where the private citizen is never armed, than in a free society, in which he very well may be (p. 163).

* “The vice of capitalism is its unequal sharing of blessings. The virtue of socialism is its equal sharing of misery” (p. 165). Winston Churchill

* “Only a dead fish floats with the current” (p. 176). Anon

God is coming, and boy is He mad! (p. 178).

* Now is the best time – the time of turning leaves, of berries on the bushes, of the solidly comforting jar of the butt into the shoulder, of the sparkle in the air. Now, people who have not fired hunting rifles all summer long are heading to the range to check that zero one more time. Now is the time when the bird dogs can find that life indeed begins. Now is the time we can wash and put away our flimsies for the year, and don some real clothes. Now is the time of “brown October ale.” Who could ask for anything more? (p. 179).

* We are just back from the Nation’s capital, where guns are outlawed and only outlaws have guns. Now how can that be? (p. 184).

* Department of Congressional Genius:
“A Zebra cannot change his spots” (p. 201). Senator Al Gore

1992

* How often have you heard the blockheaded proposition of the hoplophobe that “A gun’s only purpose is to put a bullet through something.” The proper response to this is “And the only purpose of scalpel is to cut somebody open.”

* “The *only* guarantee of political liberty is *indeed* an armed citizenry, which includes all the people, and cannot be coerced either by criminals, factions, the constabulary, or its own elected leadership. Promises can be broken. Legal pronouncements can be set impregnable bastion of human freedom.”
Jeff Cooper

* As long as the viewers-with-alarm are so concerned with *isms* – racism, sexism, botulism, etc. – we would like to borrow from Mencken and anathematize *hyphenism*. This nation was not intended as refuge for *hyphenated* Americans. Anyone who thinks of himself as a half-breed American – Mexican-American, African-American, Asian-American, etc. – does not understand what this country is about. We are all just *Americans*, and let him who would rather be something else go eat sand crabs. (– my hi lite)

* “In other states the right of the people to bear arms is protected by the constitution. In Texas the constitution is protected by the people who bear arms.”

Lynn Ashby via Curt Rich

* And friend Curt, who saw a good deal of shooting in Vietnam, and is now a purveyor of fine automobiles, is required by his job to attend auto shows. He opines: “Combat is preferable to an auto show. The hours are better, the food is better, combat is occasionally exciting, and when someone has threatened you in a combat situation, you can kill him.”

* ...we learn that the National Broadcasting Company, in the person of its president, Michael Gardner, has declared war upon us and come out directly for the repeal of the Second Amendment. In a way this is good, because it shows that our enemies are beginning to drop the attempt to evade the Second Amendment and now intend to abolish it. These people in the communications establishment up there in the Northeast derive all their ideas from each other, like worms in a glass jar. They are completely out of touch with the vast majority of the American people, but they do not realize it, since the only people they talk to are each other. They may discover, as they press down the path to disaster, that they have indeed, “awakened a sleeping giant.” May it be so!

* Now that everybody in the Los Angeles basin is properly armed, it would seem time to dispose of once and for all these people who would legally disarm the American people. The answer to street crime can never be either legislation or policemen. It is, on the contrary, the indignation of an armed populace. Now is the time to turn the private citizen loose on the goblins. The results might be a little messy, but they would be conclusive, as has been proved again and again over the millennia of recorded history.

*** Having now met both the buffalo and the lion, nose-to-nose in lethal confrontation, we reflect upon our own subjective appreciation of the characteristics of the two beasts. The buffalo is probably more likely to get you if all goes wrong, and this is due mainly to his unbelievable resistance to gunfire. The lion, on the other hand, is more frightening, even though he does not take nearly as much killing, because of his speed and his attitude. The lion is the quintessential carnivore – *Ngonyama* – “the one who eats meat” – and his countenance expresses this most forcefully. The buffalo is a deadly ox. The lion is a deadly cat. As Ross Seyfried once told us, “A charging buffalo is frightening, but a charging lion is terrifying.” A proper rifle, properly used, will stop either of them, but proper use depends upon the coolness of the shooter, and we think this is tried a bit more severely in the case of the lion. But comparisons are always invidious. Both beasts are magnificent antagonists, and each deserves his own place of honor.**

*** In days of yore, we always admired the toast before going into the thorn after dangerous game, “Here’s to blood on your shoes!”
After our recent go-round with the lion, we may substitute for that, “Here’s to teeth in your telescope!”**

*** A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against the government.”**

Edward Abbey

So now Rush Limbaugh is the remaining beacon in the darkness. Up to now, the Left Liberals do not seem to have the wit to fight back against his satire. Perhaps they do not even recognize it for what it is, but as far as we can tell from our little ivory tower in Arizona, Rush Limbaugh is now the most popular man in the United States.

1993

* “If God does not smite Washington, DC, and San Francisco, he owes Sodom and Gomorrah an Apology” (p. 304).

Via Matt Egloff

* “Don’t hit at all if it is honorably possible to avoid hitting, *but never hit SOFT!*” (p. 314).

Theodore Roosevelt

* The modern definition of ‘racist’ is someone who is winning an argument with a liberal” (p. 317).

Peter Brimelow

* It has been pointed out to us that the proper number to consider in the event of violent aggression is “911” – if you are the rabbit people. Others will do better to place their faith in the number “1911” (p. 320).

To our considerable delight, we now learn that our book, *To Ride, Shoot Straight, and Speak the Truth* has been banned in Australia. The banning of a book is the ultimate tribute to a superior literary effort. In connection with which, we should mention that this work is now scheduled for its third printing (p. 320).

* When the flag flies, you concentrate on the front sight, and a surprise break, and you will come out smelling like a rose (p. 340).

* Please feel free to paraphrase and disseminate anything that you may read in this paper. I am a teacher, not a salesman, and it is my pleasure to see my teachings spread far and wide.

“Die Gedanken sind frei!” (The thoughts are free!) (p. 362).

* “Death comes with a crawl, or it comes with a pounce, but whether he’s slow or spry, it’s not the fact that you’re dead that counts, but only how did you die?” (p. 370).

* A roadside billboard in Central California now proclaims, **“Remember Weaver and Waco. You may be next!”** (p. 381).

* The federal agent who shot Vicki Waver in the face, deliberately, while she was unarmed and holding her child is named **LON HORIUCHI**. Remember that name. He is still walking around loose. That man must eventually pay for his crime, here or here-after. **LON HORIUCHI**.

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