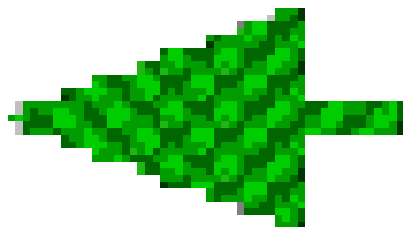
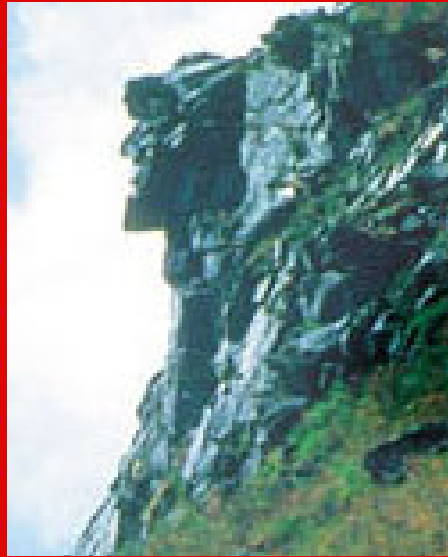


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A Few Good Cheap Knives

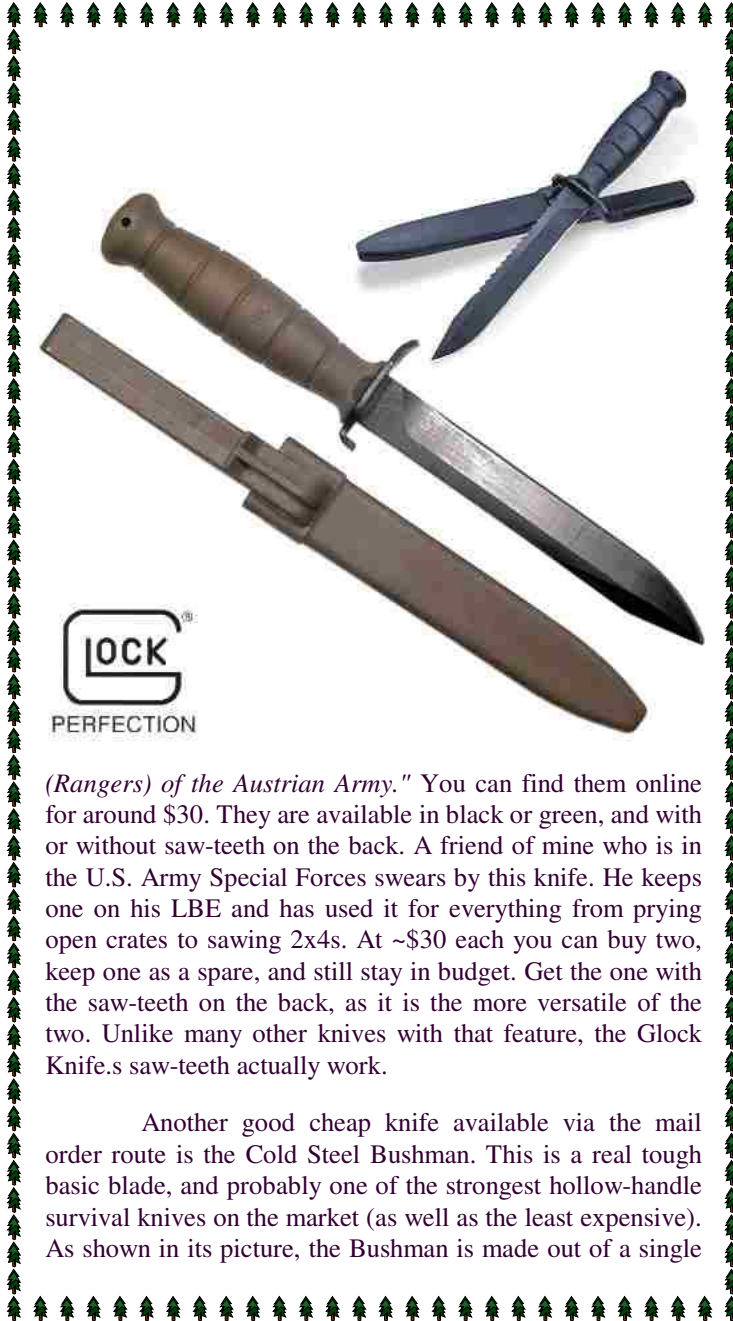
A good knife is one of the basic elemental tools of survival. I first started carrying a knife at age 8. It was one of those Boy Scout pocket knives that had a knife blade, bottle opener/screwdriver, awl, and can opener. It was so handy that a few years later I started carrying a Buck lock-blade, and one of the medium Wenger Swiss-Army knives. I remember back in high school that the Buck lock-blade was a status symbol among the "redneck" clique. The carrying of knives was technically against school regulations, but as long as you didn't brandish it, get into a knife fight, or stab someone the school generally turned a blind eye. If I recall correctly, they didn't even consider Swiss-Army pocketknives to be "knives". That was a little over 15 years ago however, and back then they didn't even care if you brought your rifle or shotgun into school to do some gunsmithing on it in shop class, as long as you gave the shop teacher advance notice. Kids are getting kicked out of school today for bringing in nail-clippers, and zip-lock bags of sugar for their breakfast cereal.

When I was in high school, I had a part-time job as an electronics technician at the local TV repair shop. (I started out as a clerk.) As a matter of course I kept in my backpack a pair of needle-nose vise-grips, diagonal cutters, a 6" adjustable wrench, and an allen wrench set. That was in addition to the Buck knife and Swiss-Army knife I carried on my person. I would have carried a TRS-80 Model 100 too if I could have afforded one back then. I think a student who carried that amount of hardware into school these days would be considered some sort of terrorist, and that shows how sad things are these days. Nowadays, it appears that most public school students are carbon copies of their sheeple parents. I feel that any parent who does not teach their child the essentials of handling firearms and knives is guilty of child abuse, and that any parent who does not at least try to get their child somewhat interested in science and technology to be lower

than a pedophile. But I digress.

They say that a good knife should cost about a day's wages. Assuming minimum wage (or a little more) in my home state of Connecticut, and an 8-hour day that should be around \$60. I'm picking minimum wage because I'm assuming a worst case scenario, or someone who is just starting out in survivalism on a limited budget, such as a student who does not wish to follow the stupidity of most of his or her peers. I first took a trip to the local Wal-Mart. I'm not recommending you buy anything from Wal-Mart unless you absolutely have to. Most of my experiences dealing with the sales-people in Wal-Mart have been negative, and many people I have talked to experience similar problems there. I personally find this incredible because one of Sam Walton's sons, and presumably an executive in the company, served in MACV-SOG during the Vietnam War. One would think that poor customer service would not be tolerated from such an individual. In many areas, it is unfortunate that Wal-Mart is the only option when it comes to supply procurement. My first choice would probably be the classic Buck Special for \$40. This particular knife has been around forever. The store I visited also had a number of fixed blade knives from Gerber and Schrade starting at \$20. While nothing particularly spectacular, they will get the job done in a pinch. The Winchester brand knives they offered were even cheaper than that, but they were of junk quality. One good thing about Wal-Mart is that they regularly put Sporting Goods merchandise on clearance. On one of the last clearance sales they had, they were off-loading some nice Kershaw sheath knives for under \$30. At one such sale, I picked up a nice 3-blade Schrade "Old Timer" pocket knife for \$12.

Going through the mail-order route, a good army/navy, or sporting goods store, there are a number of good quality knives that can be purchased for under \$60. The first is the Glock Field Knife; as shown in the picture. According to Glock's website at <http://www.glock.com/> "*Glock knives were developed in close cooperation with the special forces*



(Rangers) of the Austrian Army." You can find them online for around \$30. They are available in black or green, and with or without saw-teeth on the back. A friend of mine who is in the U.S. Army Special Forces swears by this knife. He keeps one on his LBE and has used it for everything from prying open crates to sawing 2x4s. At ~\$30 each you can buy two, keep one as a spare, and still stay in budget. Get the one with the saw-teeth on the back, as it is the more versatile of the two. Unlike many other knives with that feature, the Glock Knife.s saw-teeth actually work.

Another good cheap knife available via the mail order route is the Cold Steel Bushman. This is a real tough basic blade, and probably one of the strongest hollow-handle survival knives on the market (as well as the least expensive). As shown in its picture, the Bushman is made out of a single

piece of 2.5mm thick SK-5 high carbon steel. According to Cold Steel, the Bushman has withstood 2 tons of pressure at the blade/handle junction without failure. This is a simple, rugged knife that the carbon-steel aficionados will love. The hollow handle on the Bushman not only will hold survival supplies, but also allow you to attach various handle extensions to increase your reach and leverage. The Bushman is around \$20 at most mail order places. Cold Steel has always put out high quality products, and has recently lowered their prices on a number of their products.



Going over to folding knives, one of my personal daily-carry blades is a Spyderco Endura. I've been carrying it for so long that I can't even remember when I bought it. The Endura was inexpensive when it first came out. I believe it was in the \$35 range. It is now around \$55, so still within the budget. I have used this knife for everything from opening packages to removing a doormat from snow blower last winter. My Endura has the full-length serrated blade, but they are also available with a full plain edge, and half-plain/half-serrated. In addition to the original Endura with a fiberglass reinforced nylon handle, Spyderco now makes it with a stainless steel handle. Between my Spyderco Endura and Leatherman Tool, I am able to take care of most of the tasks in and around the house without having to go for the toolbox. I have purchased other folding knives since the Endura, but I always go back to carrying it. Leatherman Tools start at just



under \$40 for the original classic model, and that would be a worthwhile purchase within our knife budget as well. The Leatherman has just about replaced the Swiss-Army Knife as a daily-carry tool.

Those are just a few examples of good inexpensive knives that a survivalist working minimum wage could purchase for a day's wages. There are others out there as well. The Smith & Wesson knives made by Taylor Cutlery are inexpensive and a good value for the money. I recently examined a hawksbill blade "Cuttin. Horse" and an Extreme-Ops tanto folder that were of good quality and available for under \$40. You should also check local home improvement and sporting goods stores for clearance sales and "special purchase" items. The local Wal-Mart a couple towns over had Gerber "Sportsmans" Multi-Plier multi-tools for \$25. You can still walk into any decent Army/Navy store in the country and purchase a USMC Combat Knife or USAF Survival Knife made by Camillus or Ontario for under \$40. There are many different options available to the survivalist on a budget. I'm saving the best for last. Knife maker Wayne Goddard has written a book for people who want to **make** their own knives on a budget. The book is called **Wayne Goddards \$50 Knife Shop**; ISBN 0873419936. It lists for \$20, but you can find it for less than that on the Internet. The title pretty much explains it all. The book shows you how you can put together a shop to make knives for \$50. It is a collection of all sorts of hints and tricks from one of the world's foremost bladesmiths.

I hope this article has made you realize that you can equip to prepare yourself for unforeseen circumstances even on a very limited budget. If you are not in this situation, then

you should count your blessings. This country is continually becoming increasingly unstable as time goes on, and no one is immune from the downward spiral. Just recently two good friends of mine (both survivalists) were told that they were getting laid off. Fortunately, they both had decent-paying jobs and were able to further their survival preparations over the past few years. Many more Americans are going to feel the effects as the country continues to head for what appears to be another economic depression. Those with the foresight to realize what's going on and make the proper preparations will be those who will avoid the brunt of the mess.

Radio Shack PRO-83 Scanner



I recently acquired one of these scanners, and have been very pleased with it. It is a compact 200 channel handheld scanner with the following frequency ranges:

- 25-54MHz
- 50-54MHz
- 108-136.9875MHz
- 137-174 MHz
- 406-512MHz
- 806-956MHz (except for cellular)

While it is not a trunk tracker, nor APCO-25 capable, it is reasonably priced, and has a neat "Signal Stalker" function that enables you to detect and monitor nearby radio signals in its frequency coverage range, similar to the Optoelectronics near field receivers that cost hundreds of dollars more. It is also more sensitive than frequency counters used to sleuth out nearby signals, and will not immediately lock onto high power FM & TV broadcast signals. If you are looking for an inexpensive scanner and don't need digital or trunk-tracking capability, or want to see what signals are in your neighborhood then you might want to check out this unit. The PRO-83 is available at local Radio Shack stores. It retails for \$120 when not on sale. <http://www.radioshack.com/>



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E.A.S.T. History by Gary Larzazs

I want to thank all who have expressed an interest in E.A.S.T. Over the years I have used E.A.S.T. as a means to develop my interest in survivalism and network with others. I started E.A.S.T. in the early 1980's with 3 other friends that enjoyed 4X4 off-roading. After a few "close-calls" of being stranded we decided to do some pre-planning should we get stuck in the woods under less than ideal circumstances. One thing lead to another and we were pre-planning and practicing survival in other situations.

In the late 1980's we discovered a magazine called "American Survival Guide" which had a directory which allowed people with similar interests to contact each other. We answered ads and eventually put in our own ads in, met many fine people and welcomed them to train and have fun with us.

In the 1990's we became more aware of computers which helped to send out our own newsletters and also went "on-line". The late '90's the awareness of technology might create difficulties at the turn of the millenium. Leading up to Y2K we started special plans for possible disasters that could be related to a computer failure. Many people joined us with their similar concerns and others also formed similar groups that we advised and interacted with.

Y2K turned out to be a non-event and many of the people who joned lost interest or otherwise went seper-

ate ways and we've lost contact. I've made good friends that we have stayed in contact. We continued to stay in touch and informed on the issues. There are still plenty of lesser disasters, power failures, major storms, etc. that could disrupt our normal lives. Then, Sept. 11, 2001 happened, some of our old friends contacted me and we thought about becoming more of an active group again. But getting together for activities, matching each other's schedules, seemed a difficult task. Now with international tensions on the increase, I feel the desire to try to once again offer a forum for people interested in survivalism a chance to interact.

2004 EAST Meetings

Sat. 17 April 2004, 7 people came to try to throw knives. It was a beautiful, sunny, unseasonably warm day. Gary had obtained a foam archery target, thinking that knives would be no harder on the target than a broadhead, and certainly a lot slower. It was taped between 2 steel fence posts. The tape was cut a couple times and needed to be changed, duct tape may have worked better.

After the range was set up, we discussed some of the on-going projects, "Wake -Up New England" (more later), and Ranch Rescue. It was also decided to look into a EAST vendor space at New Hampshire Constitutional Studies Seminar 19 Sept. 2004. As this progresses there will be up-dates on the EAST message board.

We then reviewed the training video obtained from Shomer-Tec, " Russian Knife Throwing and Fighting Tactics", Gil Hibben's Knife Throwing Guide was also available. After watching the video, everyone tried a few knives and throwing techniques. Tried: Spear throw, Handle throw, and side throw (sort of like a frisbee throw). Tom F. also brought a couple throwing tomahawks.



Some of the various knives tried at the throwing: 12:00 o'clock position Navy Mark 1, 1:00 M-4 Bayonet, 3:00 Buck Ultra-light folder, 4:00 Al Mar Folder, 5:00 Stainless Dive Knife, 6:00 Pilot's Survival Knife, 7:00 Explorer Hunting Knife, 8:00 Kershaw Leek assisted opening folder, 9:00 M-7 Bayonet, 10:00 CKT Titanium Folder, and 11:00 Gil Hibben Corded Thrower

We took a break for lunch and discussed 2 future activities. "Scan Pease" 29 May which will setting up radio scanners and listening in on aircraft monitoring near Pease Airport near Portsmouth, NH. Pease was an active Air Force base but is now a civilian airport with Air National Guard also there. Scanner guide from Radio Shack lists tower frequency as 128.400 MHz. Trying to determine a good location to scan without causing a suspicion of setting up monitoring to close to the field. We will meet at the Newinton, NH mall off Rte. 4 at 10:00 A.M.

Summer EAST meeting will be 17 July 2004. We will set up a camp and also use night vision, compae lights, and other night activities. Due to the need to be familiar with



Top- This is the portable station, 2 VHF walkie - talkies, Bearcat 850 XLT scanner, various patch cables, mikes, adapters etc. Bottom - Gary L. operating the portable com satation.



each other, only "key" EAST members and specifically invited guests will be allowed to participate in the July meeting. After lunch more knife throwing and we took a little hike. Meeting broke up about 16:30

16 July 04... Terrorist acts widespread around country, attacks are making people afraid to go to stores, transportation affected too so not much is getting to stores anyway. Inflation and price gouging. EAST has decided to establish a retreat in Brimfield, MA.

16:00 A base is established.

19:30 Set up CB on peak (Page Hill) for 20:00 EAST survival 7 CB check in. nothing heard until 20:15. Then changed antenna and set up a simplex repeater.

21:00 - Midnight campfire all quiet.

17 July Midnight - 09:30 All quiet.

09:30 J.C. reports in and assigned "Camp" area. "Camp" area designated to be the forward area for ops. The operating area is about 800 yds. X 2000yds. part planted Christmas trees, woods, swamp, and field with trails. Area is pretty inaccessible except for crossing brook 1 bridge vehicles can pass another 50 yds. south a foot bridge.

09:30 - 11:45 "Camp" area set up with portable communications center. A Bearcat/Uniden 850XLT scanner was set up and freqs to be used for the exercise programmed in.

10:00 T.S. playing the role of a member who was active pre-Y2K showed up at the retreat without gear. Seems he lost interest in survivalism since Y2K was a non-event and sold most of his gear. Because he was ill equipped, he was not allowed to stay, he got very upset and threatening. He had to be escorted off the property.

10:10 M.L. tasked to set a colored paper plate on the road coming to the retreat. The color indicated what radio freq. to call on for further instructions.

11:45 - 12:30 Briefed personnel on walkie - talkie "sensor" to trip wire and a field exercise. This scanner is capable of scanning CB freq's and if a CB walkie - talkie is activated, the scanner will receive it. As there are 40



Left - Charlie 3 CB walkie - talkie that will transmit on CB ch. 3 if the trip wire is pulled.

Bottom - A clothes pin makes a very inexpensive switch. Wire wrapped each end, plastic insulator gets pulled, and the circuit is completed.



CB ch's you can have up to 40 sensors. This one was designated "Charlie 3".

12:30 - 14:00 Rotated personnel for lunch while others monitored "sensor" and became more familiar with radios at the Com's Post.

14:00 - 15:00 A battery powered passive infra-red (P.I.R.) sensor was one of the more successful although range was less than advertised (more later). This was designated "Charlie 36".

15:00 - 16:00 Back to "Camp" planning further action. Decided to contact other members to see how they were doing.

15:30 J.M. contacted via cellphone who agreed to come to assist.

16:00 J.C. tasked to go to Monson, MA to contact 2 members and determine status. Contact was made but these members were unable to assist at "Camp" and no assistance was needed. While J.C. was out, "Charlie 36" sounded. M.L. on alert doing short patrols and G.L. on "Camp". T.S. had returned, wearing a ghillie suit, was able to get within 200 yds. of camp, and hide himself. M.L., while patrolling heard a "suspicious sound" (turns out was a cough). G.L. left camp to back up M.L.. It was decided to do a "figure 8" search pattern. T.S. broke cover when he says he was afraid G.L. would step on him. T.S. was in position to observe and "shoot" G.L. several times as T.S. was less than 10 feet away. However, T.S. would have been "shot" by back up. T.S. was taken back to "Camp" as prisoner. M.L. was sent back out for security while G.L. guarded, interrogated, and monitored com's

1730 J.C. radioed returning to "Camp". While tuning radio, G.L. became distracted and T.S. was able to overpower and tie up G.L. He slipped away and was able to capture J.C. while in-comming.

18:30 J.M. arrived, teamed up with M.L. and carefully approached "Camp". They got the drop n T.S. and recaptured him. They "liberated" G.L. and J.C.

18:30 - 19:30 Ops. suspended for dinner break.

19:30 Scenario brief: M.L. to role play a "wandered" who

pulled off the main road to catch a nap. Two person team to check sensors and perimeter.

20:00 - 22:00 1st. sensor secured, walking through woods quietly avoiding dry sticks, and weapon/flashlight control. Spotted what appeared to be a pick up truck, "Camp" radioed and on alert. Team determined best approach. From the woods 1 team member covered from the passenger side, 2nd. member approached low to the rear. Quickly looked in the bed - clear. Went around to the cab, caught "wanderer by surprise and he surrendered Escorted to camp, interrogated, and allowed to spend the night under guard. Was allowed to leave in the morning minus 100 rounds of ammo bartered for breakfast. All in all a great time and learned a lot. Looking forward to similar practice.

16 Oct. met as planned with 3 members. Discussed recent happenings, such as trip to NH Constitutional Studies Day event. Also, a member, Ted S. is running a cable access TV show. The area is only Brimfield and Wales, MA airs Fri. evenings called "Scott Free" which discusses issues of interest to survivalists. We will try to continue to support it as able.

It was decided to buy a climbing tree stand. In addition to uses for hunting, it would be hand for setting up radio antennas in trees, establishing an observation platform, and more. Will keep group posted on this project.

Plans for next year. EAST targets the area of New England and NY, yet we have never done an activity in NY, VT, or RI. It was decided that we should plan an activity for one of those states next year. A vote was taken and decided that we would plan an activity in VT. Although nt specific planned dates, members present were interested in doing more practice/training in base camp activities, NBC, 1st. aid / medical.

1st. Aid and Related supplies For Sale

As a 1st. Aid and C.P.R. Instructor, many times students would ask where to get items as it might not readily be available at a local store. Many medical equipment suppliers wouldn't sell to individuals or had high minimum orders. I will try to stock many common items, otherwise, have a source to order. If an item is not listed e-mail and I will try to locate and provide a quote: Surviveast@msn.com . Shipping costs are \$.01 to \$25.00 -\$3.00 \$25.01 to 50.00 - \$4.00 \$50.01 to \$100.00 - \$5.00 \$100.00 to \$250.00 - \$6.00 over \$250 free unless otherwise noted. If planning to attend an EAST meeting try to order ahead of time and I can plan to deliver to meeting there will be no shipping. Mass. residents or sales made in Mass. 5% sales tax to be added. Payment should be by check or M.O. send to: Gary Larzazs P.O. Box 253 ThreeRivers, MA 01080. Please allow 4- 6 weeks for shipping.

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WILDFLOWER'S NOTES

FIRST WORD

Those, whom are prepared for the worst times, can always
hope for the best future. Those whom never been prepared
will probably die in suffering shock at what event happen to
occur. When it occurs, it shall be "goodbye grasshopper" for
many poor fools, forever. Those, whom can not ever under-
stand this warning of soon future times, shall never be true
survivors, but sheep willing to adopt any "final solution" to
restore "the good old days". True freedom is never tolerated
by people whom rule by fear and terror, and those whom
support such people truly never lived with a free spirit and an
open mind. Bury your weapons well against the times ahead.
Keep your buck knives sharp my fellow hippies.

REUSING REFILLED PRINTER CARTRIDGES

With my printer, in the past had refilled its cartridges for a few times before the damn things just clogged up dead. A real pain because a fresh cartridge would cost about \$30 apiece was limited to only 3 to 4 refills' sometimes lucky to last just one refill!

On a limited budget, printouts got limited especially printing out handbooks from various web-sites on the net. Even via a discount supply, a hundred dollars of ink cartridges can bite one's wallet, each month!

But now, using a few new methods discovered by "trial and error" experiments, been refilling same cartridge over 30 times now, figure at \$30 each if new, roughly a thousand dollars for \$90 of discount store ink refill kits.

It is real simple, first jet ink printers "spray ink" via electric charged ports on the bottom of the ink cartridge. Even when the printer is "off" there is still a power charge to those ports, which over time will dry the ink and clog those ports.

Solution: install a switch to shut off the printer power pack at the wall outlet. No power means no drying, clogging charge at those printer jetports.

Use refill ink that is formulated for jet ink printers. I use a farm vet supply syringe to refill the cartridge via the top hole, far easier to use that syringe than other suggested methods. Try not to draw up the bottom sludge from the inkbottle, as that sludge will clog a special micro filter within the cartridge (another reason for refill failure).

I refill my cartridge when it is one level above that level "you are running low on ink", avoiding the possible remaining ink from clogging that inner micro filter, or the jetports. After refilling and tape seal the top refill hole, the re-installed cartridge is run through the "new cartridge calibration cycle",

then the "clean heads cycle", and finally a few "test prints".
So far, over 30 times, going on to 40, 50, or more!

In a future issue, "how to clean and reuse" those old clogged
cartridges be another article.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Be it homemade alcohol, methane, hydrogen, or even bio-
diesel; do download wherever found, as the government
wants "to protect the public" because "homemade fuels are
dangerous". Under the guise of cracking down on "porn",
there are efforts underway to remove sites that contain infor-
mation on survival, explosives, homemade power and fuels,
and those "terrorist" newsletter sites. Yes, got to protect those
poor sheep so there is no rioting at the slaughter house ramp,
from those dangerous web-sites. You know any?

LAST WORD

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The Pine Tree Journal's Army/Navy Store List

When I was a kid, Army/Navy stores sold military surplus stuff. You could buy uniforms, web gear, backpacks, bayonets, hat, and all sorts of military collectibles such as World War II patches, Samurai swords, and German helmets. One store I used to frequent called The Militaria Mart had a neat lamp made out of a World War I helmet and a deactivated artillery shell. I remember the tag on it said that it was an experimental type of illuminating round that was rejected because the military didn't have long enough extension cords. I spent many a day visiting these places, spending my allowance, and looking through racks of uniforms for a set of Vietnam camouflage jungle fatigues (the predecessor to modern BDUs) in size extra small, short. I finally found a pair, and if my memory serves me correctly paid \$20 for the set at the time. This was before kid-sized camouflage clothing became as commonplace as it is now. A lot of my camping gear I used in the Boy Scouts was military surplus as it cost less than the "official BSA" stuff, and was more rugged.

There were a few Army/Navy stores in driving distance that I always tried to shanghai my parents and grandparents in taking me to. First on the list was Brian Benedict's store, The Militaria Mart in Brewster, NY and later in Carmel. This is actually the only place that is still open today in that area, albeit now as The Duffle Bag in Patterson, NY. Carmel was also home to Barnaby's Army/Navy that actually did more business in civilian sporting goods, but had a small military surplus section. Up in Pawling on Rt. 22 was Hawkeye's Military Surplus. Many travelers going to upstate NY knew it

as the place with the B-25 Bomber parked next to it. There was also Mid-Hudson Army/Navy in Wappingers Falls on Rt. 9 that had a big fuel tank (most people thought it was a bomb) outside. In Mamaroneck there was Lt. Pepper's. Those were the stores I visited regularly. There were others in Mt. Kisco, Peekskill, Bethel (CT), and New Milford (CT) that I checked out less frequently. There was also a military surplus dealer from Massachusetts that used to come down to the Dutchess County Fair in Rhinebeck once a year.

Military surplus type Army/Navy stores have gotten more rare in recent years as the government isn't surplus-ing out as much as it used to, and the rush of stuff that came from overseas in the late 1980s and early 1990s is slowing down. There are a number of mail order and Internet outlets where you can buy military surplus, but I prefer to support local businesses as much as possible. I also like to examine stuff before I make a purchase; going through bins of surplus gear looking for the one that's in the best shape. As a regular part of the Pine Tree Journal, we will be maintaining a list of military surplus dealers in the New England area (including upstate New York). This list is probably by no means complete, as at present it contains only stores I have personally visited, know to still exist, and deal primarily in military surplus gear (or new manufacture military equipment). If any readers know of military surplus stores in their area not on this list, please send an email to ticom@digivill.net and it will be added to the list.

Amherst Drop Zone
227 Russell St.
Hadley, MA 01035
413-585-5800

Army Barracks Inc
257 Main St.
Northampton, MA 01060
413-585-9330

Battle Zone



371 Boston Post Rd
Orange, CT 06477
203-795-8387

Bill's Military Surplus 🇺🇸

81 Whiting St.
Plainville, CT 06062
(860) 410-0700

The Duffle Bag 🇺🇸

21 Front St.
Patterson, NY 12563
845-878-7106

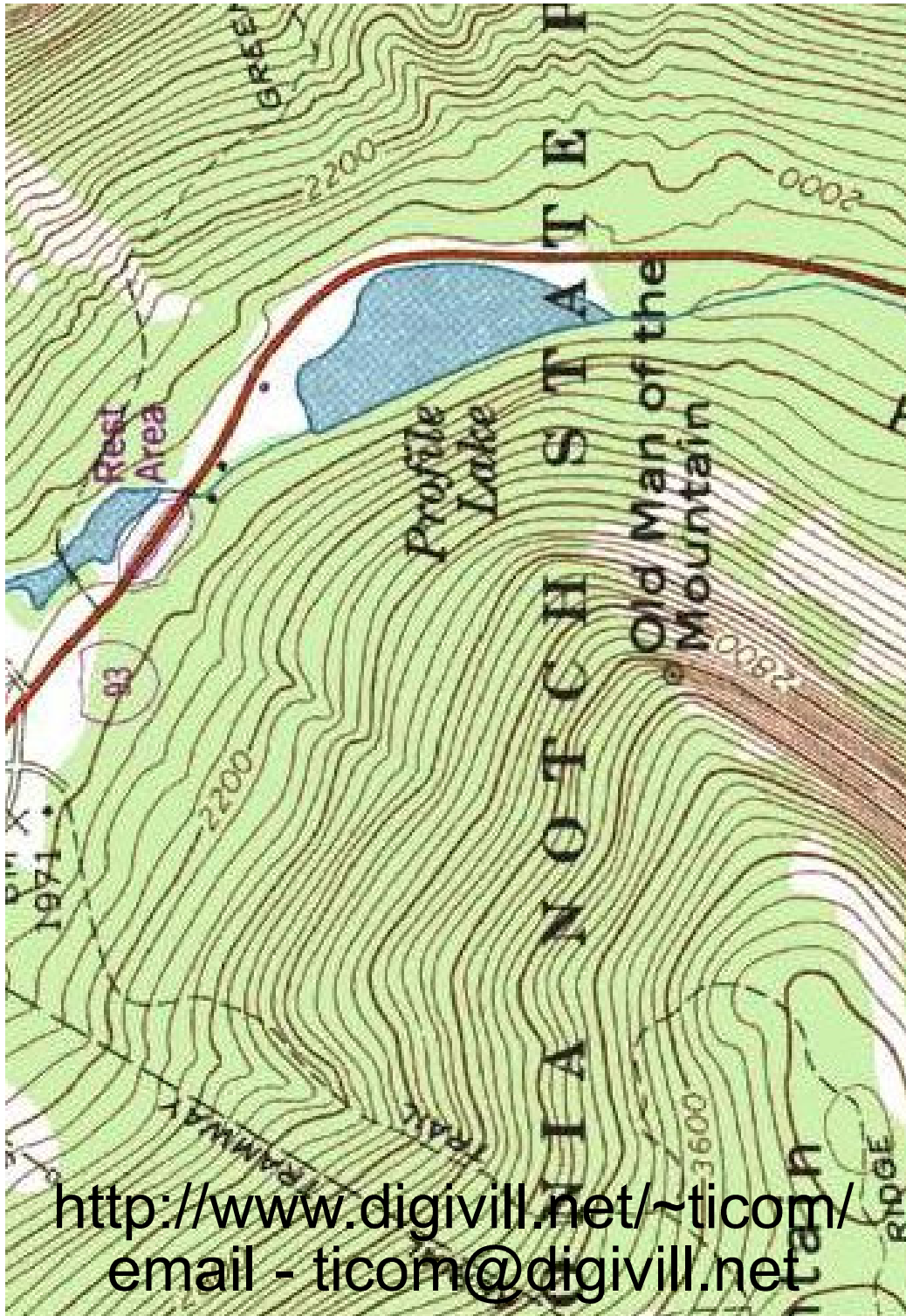
Jamrozys War Relics
State Highway 28
Arkville, NY 12406
845-586-2265

Joey's Army/Navy Store
20 Depot St.
Watertown, CT 06795
860-274-3278

Military Specialities
2543 Berlin Tpke.
Newington, CT 06111
860-666-4275

Thames Army Surplus 🇺🇸

221 Thames St
Groton, CT 06340
860-445-4902



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