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By COL (Ret.) Grey D. Berrier II

A Few Flintlock Fundamentals for Functional Firing on the Range or in the Field

When I have the opportunity to meet regular readers of my outdoor column, one subject they frequently ask to pick my brain about is flintlock rifles. They either want to get started in shooting a flintlock rifle to take advantage of PA's late flintlock season or they already have a flintlock rifle and want to know how to make it shoot more consistently (it is frustrating to have either a flash in the pan when the main charge fails to ignite or not get your priming charge to ignite when your flint strikes the steel frizzen). Now, I'm no expert, but I can share several tips I've learned from experience over the years that make my Lyman Deerstalker .50 cal. flintlock rifle consistently go "boom" when I pull the trigger. I have to admit, I'm no purist who does everything the same way our ancestors did in 1775, but I am a practical flintlock rifle shooter who incorporates a few modern twists to insure consistent ignition and confident shooting.

Here are a series of flintlock tips you may want to incorporate in your shooting in no particular order:

1. Feed your flintlock rifle true black powder (unless you have a special rifle, like a Traditions PA Pellet). True black powder (Goex, Swiss, Schuetzen) has an ignition temp. of 500°F, which is significantly lower than any black powder substitute (Pyrodex, 777, American Pioneer) which ignite around 750°F. That 250° difference in ignition temp. makes a remarkable difference. True black powder can be hard to find in sporting goods stores. I pick mine up from owners Curt and Kelly at Morris Muzzleloading in Grove City.
2. Black powder comes in various granular sizes. 4Fg (FFFFg) is the finest granulation, roughly the size of black pepper and it is typically used in the pan. 3Fg (FFFg) is a little coarser granulation and is most commonly used as a propelling charge in flintlock's .50 cal. or smaller in diameter. 3Fg can also be used in the pan, if you are getting quality sparks from your flint and frizzen. The coarsest granulation for flintlocks is 2Fg (FFg) and is used as a propelling charge in flintlocks .50cal. or larger. Most flintlock rifles used by PA hunters are .50 cal., so there is an option to go with 2Fg or 3Fg down the barrel.
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consistently to the same mark on your ramrod, but don't aggressively beat it down and compress the gunpowder to the point where you deny it oxygen. Probably, the best tip I can give you for a quicker, consistent ignition requires an illustration. Imagine a Chapstick cap. If I laid it on the table with the top up and poured water on it, the water would only hit the surface area at the top of the cap. However, if I turned it over, it would become a little cylinder and when I poured water on it, the water would contact the entire surface area on the inside of cap, which is exponentially more than just the cap's top. Remember, it's the hot gas from the priming charge in your pan that goes through the vent hole to ignite the propelling charge, well before any flame makes it through the vent hole. After loading your propelling charge and before you load your priming charge in your pan, insert a vent pick, small Allen wrench, or a straightened-out paper clip through the vent to create a column completely through the propelling charge. This exponentially increased surface area for the hot gas to strike the propelling charge noticeably decreases the split seconds between pulling the trigger and the flintlock going "boom". I've had others think I was firing an in-line or percussion cap rifle on the range because of the instantaneous ignition, when it was a flintlock rifle with the vent picked.

4. Unless I need to make an immediate coup de grace on a downed animal, I take a few minutes when hunting or on the range to clean the barrel of my flintlock after every shot. I carry a cleaned-out 5-Hour Energy bottle filled with Windex. After every shot, I wet a patch with Windex and swab my barrel. When it comes back out, I flip the dirty Windex patch over and swab the barrel again with the Windex patch. Then I do it again with both sides of a dry patch. This gets rid of fowling on the lands (the high points of the rifling), permitting me to shoot up to 25-rounds between cleanings. I've watched others who didn't clean their barrels between shots, beat on their ramrods after 3 or 4 rounds to seat a patched roundball.

5. I carry a second cleaned-out 5-Hour Energy Bottle filled with rubbing alcohol. After every shot (except a coup de grace), I clean the face of my flint and frizzen. You would be amazed by how much gunpowder residue comes off your flint on an alcohol dampened patch, which could impede sparks on your next shot.

There is no mystery to a flintlock, it is practical wisdom and attention to detail that make it consistently fire. In January 2026, I'll share a few more tips I've learned.

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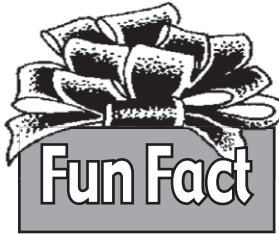


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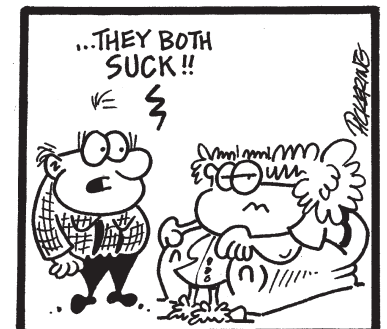
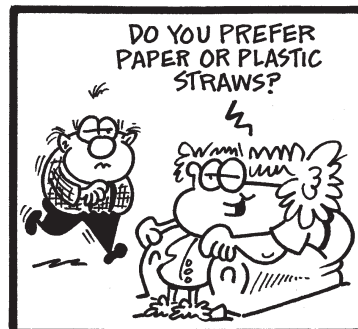
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- Thought for the Day: "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."

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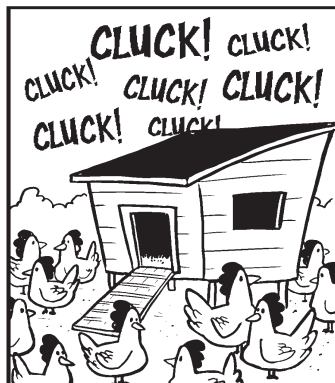
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What was missing at Jesus' birth did show up at His death. As Jesus led His disciples into Jerusalem, He told Peter and John to prepare for their Passover meal. They should follow a pitcher-carrying man to his home and ask the owner for the katalyma—the guest room where Christ and His disciples could eat the Last Supper (22:10-12). There, in borrowed space, Jesus instituted what is now called Communion, which foreshadowed His looming crucifixion (vv. 17-20).

We love home, but if we travel with the Spirit of Jesus, even a guest room can be a place of communion with Him. By Mike Wittmer

REFLECT and PRAY

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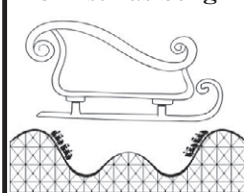
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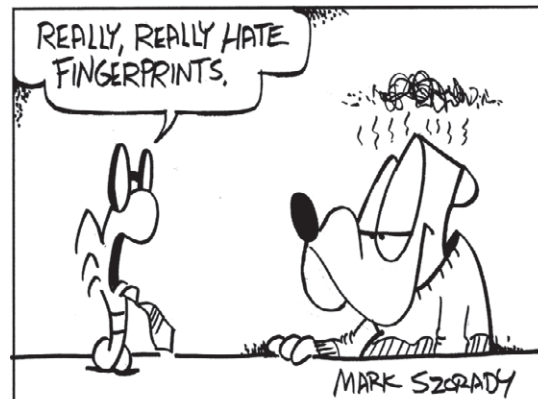
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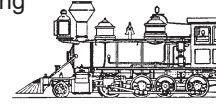
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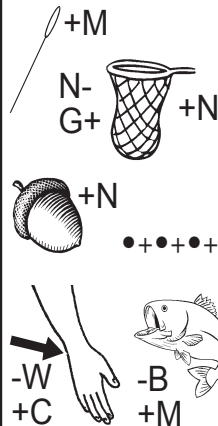
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| 1. Kilt or a-line | ___ K ___ | Blouse or tee | ___ H ___ |
| 2. Eight musical notes | ___ V ___ | Fuel rating | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Self-serve meal | ___ T ___ | Shock absorber | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Customer | ___ R ___ | General George | ___ T ___ |
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| 6. Stay behind | ___ M ___ | Recollect | ___ T ___ |
| 7. Handmade blanket | ___ T ___ | Feather | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Splinter | ___ L ___ | Shake from the cold | ___ H ___ |
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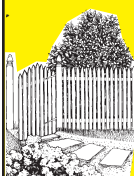
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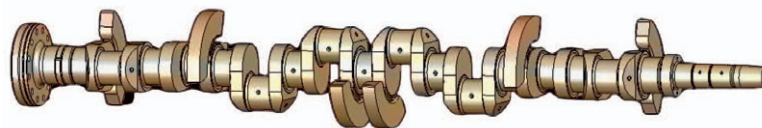
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by Wilson Casey

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3. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron
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Yule Goat: The Yule Goat is a Christmas tradition in Sweden. The goat is believed to be an invisible spirit that ensures that Yule preparations are done correctly. A popular theory connects the goat to the Norse god Thor, who rode a chariot pulled by two goats.

Krampus: While many people celebrate the benevolence of Santa Claus, some celebrate a much grumpier alter-ego of sort. Krampus is a man-goat, half-demon monster who punishes misbehaving children at Christmastime, says Britannica. He is the evil companion of St. Nicholas, and is believed to have originated in Germany. His name comes from the German word "krampen," which means, "claw."

Christmas chicken: Christmas Eve is a popular romantic occasion for couples and families in Japan. In addition to gift-giving and a romance, many people choose to feast on a meal of KFC fried chicken and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Plenty of unique touches set Christmastime celebrations apart across the globe. TF25C432

Roller-skating to Mass: In the city of Caracas, Venezuela, it's customary for Christmas Eve celebrants to roller skate to early morning Mass. Known as "Misa de Aguinaldo," these special church services take place on the days leading up to Christmas, with the most festive held on December 24. On this day, the streets of Caracas are closed to automobiles, enabling revelers to cheerfully skate to church.

Mumming: In Newfoundland, Canada, celebrants known as mummers dress in elaborate disguises featuring mismatched clothing and whimsical accessories. The mummers obscure their identities and visit neighbors' homes during the 12 days of Christmas, performing songs, skits or dances while others attempt to guess their identities.

Las Posadas: In some Hispanic regions, including Mexico, participants reenact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem through vibrant processions. They travel from house to house, singing traditional songs and requesting shelter only to be turned away until they reach a final home or church that will symbolically welcome them in.

Spiderweb decorations: Individuals in Ukraine decorate their Christmas trees with artificial spider webs. This tradition is inspired by a tale of a poor widow and her children who didn't have money for tree ornaments. Upon waking up on Christmas morning, they found their tree covered in sparkling, glimmering spider webs that resembled tinsel. A spider had spun the beautiful display as thanks for finding shelter and warmth in the family's humble abode. Today's spider webs symbolize unexpected blessings and gratitude.

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