



EASTERN PENN SUPPLY

Quality Products, Great Prices and a Couple Laughs

January 2016



By "Jammer" Don Conyngham

Opinions expressed in the Chatterbox are solely the responsibility of the author and do not reflect the opinions of the Management, Employees, or Owners of Eastern Penn Supply. If for any reason you feel the need for slings and arrows, please direct them at the face pictured above. Since healthy debate is always a good thing, you may e-mail Jammer at dconyngham@easternpenn.com

Chatterbox

Happy 2016 all! I hope your New Year's Resolutions involve engaging with real life more, electronic gadgets less, enjoying quality time with family and friends... I know we could all lose 25 pounds, quit smoking and drinking, and walk 2 miles a day. But if you do tackle these things together it will be less painful than struggling alone. Many hands ease any chore, but many loving hands can also create memories to keep us toasty in our winter years. Besides, family thinks you're terrific already!

More Law Enforcement anecdotes to grin over;
There appears to be a concerted and well organized attempt to discredit police on several major news channels lately. The most obvious evidence is non-stop coverage of anything a cop has done wrong and dead silence on anything and everything they do right. A good example is the many news updates on the Chicago officer who shot that poor teenager 16 times, compared to Sgt Volk of Madison County Sheriff's Dept. who grabbed a side view mirror of a tractor trailer going 30 MPH to leap aboard when the driver had passed out from a diabetic attack. Sgt Volk protected the driver and others nearby at significant risk of his own life and limb. Not a whisper in the news though. Recent polls indicate this organized effort to discredit all police isn't working though. On the question "Do you trust your Police?" 60%+ responded 'yes'... On the question "Do you trust our politicians?" only 13% responded 'yes'. This indictment of our political masters cut across all lines and parties; liberal or conservative, left or right. In fact more Americans trust lawyers (21%) than our politicians (13%). Are you really surprised? Politicians do so little to earn our trust, and so much to abuse it. One recent example was Chicago Police and Firefighters getting a 'less than cost of living' pay raise of only 2%. When they complained the Chicago Mayor stated that was "all the city budget could afford, and if they preferred to quit that was fine with him!" In that *same* damn budget he granted himself a 36% salary increase. Imho the boss has been asleep or absent far too long. We are all collectively the 'boss'... your finger the gun that can throw these bozos out on their rear ends; that job is ours.



Update from France; as our latest partner in the War on terror joins the team, their Elite "*Commandos d' Recherche d'Action Profondeur*" (Commandos of Important Research and Action) requested a new name... Seems the other elite Seal, Ranger, SAS, etc. teams laughed at their proud, bold armbands; "CRAP"!



Congrats Scranton, PA; the World's Record is yours!
Back on March 22nd, 2011 Scranton Police detained one Karin Mackaliunas at the scene of a one vehicle accident. A radio call indicated an open complaint of stealing towels from a Dunmore hotel. As she was being taken to booking an observant Scranton officer noticed she was shifting a *lot* in the rear seat, desperately trying to make herself 'comfy'. The cop decided to stop by the hospital for a full body cavity search of the perp by a female doctor first. The doctor discovered Ms Mackaliunas had turned her (I'm trying to be delicate here) womanhood into a bus storage locker. Doctors removed 54 full

bags of heroin, 31 empty bags, 8.5 Xanax pills, and \$51.22 from her womanhood. At the time there was some suggestion this may be a police bust record. It's now official; according to True Crime Report website, no one has *ever* been found with more inboard contraband. We surely hope Ms. Mackaliunas turns over a new leaf (like 'Eve'... get it?) and takes up a respectable job. Perhaps helping airport travelers pack an entire steamer trunk into a wee carry-on bag?

2015 was a breakthrough year on AI programming according to computer scientists. People with 'AI phobia' aka (Terminator Robots attacking humans) can relax a few more years. But these scientists can see a time when 50% of all current "human" jobs are eliminated. A time when computers can reprogram themselves faster and better than the humans who 'own' them. A time when their access code approval or denial is applied by the computer itself to users who makes enough errors. Today there is a common 3 password fail user lockout subroutine, but it is not far off when a computer evaluates a programmer's choices and changes allowing or denies it Will some future 'Skynet' ever actually take over and attack humans? Doubtful, advancing AI will do things for our grand-children we cannot dream of. I hope they don't get too dependant.



While the US Army will pay to move a family to a new base, it does not pay for live in girl/boyfriends. So when Tracy's 4 year old daughter found out her daddy was coming home from deployment in Afghanistan for this Christmas, but they didn't have enough money to go meet him, she busted into her piggy bank and went down to the bus station to buy tickets solo. A 4 year old! After she explained what she needed, it almost broke the old man's heart in the ticket window to tell her \$4.85 was not quite enough. But if she'd leave her phone number, he'd call her if 'the tickets went on sale'. After the little girl left, the ticket master printed the sad story and taped it up on his window. Apparently they grow big hearts in Iowa. Not only did almost everyone buying tickets chip in, but they told friends, who told more friends, and soon many locals stopped by to add to the growing Kitty. The ticket master had the pleasure of calling that soldier's daughter back to tell the 4 year old she had won the Christmas contest!! This consisted of 2 round trip bus tickets to Fort Bliss, and room and board for a week at the hotel just off base. I just love a happy ending.



What is the biggest difference between a civilian and a soldier?
When traveling on life's path, we all come to rough spots, where the road is washed out, the chance of a dangerous fall is high, civilians pray to God to fix their road. Servicemen and women pray to God for a shovel; so they can fix their own damn road. Bless them all, we'll chat with you February, and may you and yours have a Happy New Year!



CONTENTS

- Eddie Knows!2
- Tools3
- Plumbing4
- PVF4
- Electrical5
- Water Systems6
- HVAC6
- Birthdays7