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Today's presentation was by Michael Predika—Black Briar, Inc.



Black Briar is a firearms manufacturer that started business in 2013. Mr. Predika's presentation was a very detailed explanation of Black Briar's philosophy for producing quality firearms; and it included a similarly detailed description of the manufacturing process; the specific parts used; and the reasons for selection of those parts. There are many firearms knowledgeable members of our organization and the "wow!"; "amazing!"; "impressive!" comments that could be heard from those folks was an indication of their approval of Black Briar's quality of materials and resulting firearms. Those of us that are not firearm aficionados were able to get an indication of that satisfaction, but without a full (or partial) understanding of it all. Maybe a better description of those details would be in order, so lets go back to the beginning. Michael graduated from high school in 1996 and entered the military soon thereafter. He was a member of a United States Air Force Combat Rescue Group. He did that for four years before returning to Albuquerque. Mr. Predika then enrolled in ITT Tech where he graduated as double Valedictorian - of his Bachelor Degree class and his Associates Degree class. He was officially a very good, degreed Electrical Engineer. He next took his talents to a new job at the Department Of Energy. At D.O.E., he worked on the MILES weapon system. A first thought would be, "Why is an electrical engineer needed for a weapon system?" MILES is an acronym for Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System. It is used by US military, and other armed forces around the world, to simulate actual battle through the use of lasers and blank cartridges. Mike's job pertained to the laser transmitter portion of the project; but he was impressed with the firearms that were being simulated. That was a definite change from his previous 'uninterested' attitude toward guns. While growing up, Mike's experience with guns involved his fathers firearms, which, more often than not, required repair and were loud and their operation was sketchy. Nothing impressive, and actually somewhat worrisome. These new generation firearms, however, were something he would be interested in owning; or maybe even building a little better. Black Briar was formed "to provide the best products and service to our customers at the lowest prices possible". That is their stated mission, and their actual work is even more impressive than that. The company manufactures high quality firearms to meet customers' specific needs and preferences. Mr. Predika talked about the various components of a firearm and why the parts and combinations that Black Briar uses are superior to those of other manufacturers. And that is the part of the presentation where there was a splitting of intellectual understanding within the audience. The inexperienced folks heard that building an AR15 variant involves using quality triggers and sights and stocks. We even understood that coating some of those parts with NiB-x is a good thing. We just didn't understand why. The experienced men in the audience, however, understood when Michael spoke about single versus 2 stage triggers; 8 position collapsible stocks; reducing the coefficient of kinetic friction to .06; polymer sights; 16 inch barrels; honey comb type something and also something else; 12 inch Unitech hand guards; what caliber shell is good for accuracy within a 2 inch plate at 400 yards; angle and flow of gases escaping the barrel; exceeding mil-specs; and using between 5 1/2 and 8 pound triggers (both of those seemed pretty heavy to me). We blank-stare guys did understand that firearms (either rifle or pistol) using 50 cal ammunition, can penetrate the engine block of an oncoming vehicle; and we did understand that the "AR" in AR15 or AR17 does not stand for 'Assault Rifle'. It is the initials of Armalite Rifle company, the original manufacturer of those weapons. If you are interested in having a gun manufactured to your specs, like maybe the BBR15 (Black Briar's most recent variant of the AR15), you should contact Mike at 505-379-1140. He will figure out exactly what you want / need and present you with all the options so that you receive a very satisfactory custom made firearm. If you are in the blank-stare group, better study Guns 101 first; then baby steps from there. Much safer for everyone.

There will not be a meeting on May 30th. Memorial Day Holiday.

Business Leads:

None written down

Reciprocity:

None written down

There will not be a meeting on May 30th because of the Memorial Day Holiday.

- ◆ As noted by the blank spaces below, we could use some badge board greeters and some speakers. Most notably, we need someone to speak at the next (June 6th) meeting. We are always interested in hearing about a member company; and about the personal knowledge, experiences; and history of our members. There are some quite interesting stories and a vast amount of knowledge out there. Please tell us about yours.
- ◆ Our Summer Bash will be on Saturday, July 8th at the home of Phil Houser. The committee has formed; food sub-committee designated; and related tasks assigned. Still looking for a dependable member to be in charge of the weather, but everything else is coming together. More details, and updates, will be provided at the next few breakfast meetings. Members and spouse / significant other can attend for free. Guests are encouraged (fee for guests will be set at the next Committee meeting). If you have any questions, or want to assist in the setup and take down of the tents for the party, contact Committee Chairmen Pat Maloy or Dan Mowery.
- ◆ The EAGA annual Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot has been scheduled for September 22nd. More information and details as we get closer to the event day.
- ◆ The Trap Shoot Committee will have a raffle to raise funds for the event. The winner will take home a fine firearm. More info about the firearm in the next bulletin. Tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. TJ will begin the raffle in a few weeks, so start setting aside some of that Starbucks money now.

Badge Board Greeters

May 30th	No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
June 6th	Stan Byers—Milagro Media
June 13th	
June 20th	Scott Lardner—Rocky Mountain Stone
June 27th	
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	

Upcoming Speakers

May 30th	No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
June 6th	
June 13th	Paul Losey—Covenant Schools of America
June 20th	
June 27th	Damian Pascetti—Pascetti Steel
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	
July 18th	Soren Thomsen—Tema Furniture

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