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29 December 2010, 20:19

Terminal Bullet Performance

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Hey Sam,

Might as well have a full spread from 1,950 up - shouldn't be too difficult to make that happen. The only other realistic problem might be having enough target media.

As far as the Verney-Carron 600NE double - I haven't had any recent updates on progress but last I was told, February-March 2011.

NRA Lifer; DSC Lifer; SCI member; DRSS; AR member since November 9 2003

STILL waiting for my Taksdale double or a refund

Don't Save the best for last, the smile for later or the "Thanks" for tomorrow

someoldguy

29 December 2010, 23:21

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I am sure they will shear even down at impacts of 1200 fps or so. I tested some .458s down to 900 fps impact before they did not shear. With that weight behind them, these .620s will most likely shear at 1000 fps or even slower. Of course, the blades would not have much velocity behind them at that slow impact velocity. 1900 fps muzzle, with 25 yd impact and 50 yd impact would bring it down to as low as maybe 1700 fps impact velocity and they will shear at that.

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Thats great those bullets will shear at so low a velocity, they sure are better than a standard soft point!

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Well, I think there is an impact on the issues at hand from this thread. I certainly did not expect that when I started it just around 13 months ago. In 13 months we have traveled a long road of discovery, and some of the things we have discovered have been of great consequence. I can tell you now, it has changed what I take to the field now, and in the future. It has changed my entire outlook on our common, premium bullets! They now seem--"Old Hat" to me! Somewhat, "Antiquated" I would say, compared to what we are seeing with the NonCons. Exactly why I just moved some of those off my shelves to make room for new NonCons, and the fact I doubt I will ever go to the field again with one of them. About the only Conventional Premium that I will remotely consider in the future is some of the North Fork bullets that I am working on in .500 and .474 caliber for the B&M cartridges. Other than those, conventionals are out the door with me. And of course, matched with that BBW #13 solid! WOW, what a combo, and I have to say, where do we go from there?????

I don't know? I think we have reached a pinnacle. I mean, were can one go with the solids, we have really done everything that I know of we can do with a solid, several good designs, North Fork and CEB BBW #13s coming out as good as it gets, we know all the factors involved that a solid needs to be successful, we have identified those, so what is left to do in that arena? I can't see any other nose profile work needed.

NonCons, as for lab testing we are nearly exhausting that, we know what makes copper and brass NonCons work, with both modes of operations, shear and move away from center, shear and stay inside the wound cavity! There is some work left to do here, but we are needed more field work now with these, and that is what we will see and need in the future, more field operations with these, and 2011 is going to be a big year for the NonCons, as far as we are concerned here. But where to from that point? I can't see things getting any better than our current NonCons--oh a little tweaking and playing around here and there, but nothing of GREAT consequence that we don't already have or know.

Other than some very special requests, I can't see myself doing much test work with any conventionals in the near future! We have done most everything in every viable caliber that can be done and needs to be done. I can't see myself doing any test work at all on other solids in the near future. About the only new solids I am going to be testing are some of the new .474s from North Fork designed for the new 475 B&M and 475 B&M Super Shorts, and new CEB BBW #13s in some of the other B&M cartridges, 50 Super Short, 475 Super Short, maybe a 9.3 and 475 B&M as well, along with some noncons to match from both North Fork and CEB. I can't see wasting a lot of time and energy on hardly any conventionals from this point out.

There will be some specialty bullets to work with, like Capos pointy .500 if we can get something moving with that in the near future. I still like playing with a "Lion Bullet", that will still do in a pinch for buffalo! Some of these sorts of things.

Overall I think a good bit of our Lab Test work is going to be slowing down now. We have achieved a great deal, all of us working together, and while the "Fat Lady has Not Finished Singing" it appears she might be on her last Chorus?

Michael

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I can well understand that. Solids seem to be predictable in their performance, which I suppose is a good thing! Your tests have shown repeatedly that flatnose bullets with a meplat of 65% of caliber, or slightly more, win the penetration race virtually every time. Of course, except for that pesky 320-grain Woodleigh in 9.3. A number of you have also reported this kind of performance in the field, which is where it all counts. So I would think that the chapter on solids has been written!

Glenn

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31 December 2010, 02:01

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That's because we don't know what new questions to ask.

The current explanations, as manifested in the solids and noncon design, answer all our current questions.

Further advances will come when there are new questions which the current explanations don't answer.

That usually occurs from observations of what we are calling field trials.

So, those of us who are going to be using the bullets in the field need to be careful observers.

Did the bullet do specifically what was expected? 🤖

416Tanzan

31 December 2010, 05:03

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Acutally, some of us still like to have specialty bullets, aka Capoward's "pointy thing".

I am very happy that Barnes has officially announced that in January 2011 they will make available a 350 grain Tipped TSX in .416". It should have a decent, hunting BC. (My guess would be .400-.450 but they haven't said anything about the BC.)

That should make a wonderful all-purpose antelope bullet, while still more than adequate for buffalo up close. By antelope, I mean hartebeesties, eland, roan, and friends, at anywhere from 200-400 yards.

So there are needs for specialty bullets for those who like to be able to drop alerted animals across some open stretches when a good rest is available for an accurate rifle. Closer shots are great, and common, but I like to be prepared for long, too. It's part of the training and requires extra practice and more shooting, 🏹 .

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I sent Don the bill and he sent it back to me "denied" with his own bill for bandwidth.

🤖

capoward

31 December 2010, 06:52

It's true that not much is left to accomplish in design work; my pointy .500 caliber bullet, your lion bullet, and identifying the proper hole diameter/depth ratio for the HB bullets. Of course these will require lab and T-Rex testing followed by field testing which still hasn't been accomplished for all calibers of the CEB BBW #13 FN and HP bullets...though I don't believe that every caliber requires full field testing to know that they'll work properly.

Jim 🤖
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Cross L

31 December 2010, 08:17

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SSR

Exactly! Except I think he was in Colorado ...



Macifej **31 December 2010, 09:10**

Doubt Jim Bridger ever saw one of these ...

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Cross L **31 December 2010, 09:20**

if he had he would have loved it. Those old boys idea of back-up on griz and buffalo was a hunting knife-----and they hoped their powder was dry. Tougher than me for damn sure

Macifej **31 December 2010, 09:26**

Max is a pretty tough cat himself. I wouldn't have been where he was shootin' & guttin' elk or on his last gig in Iraqistanigan gettin' shot at.



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SSR

Lot's of talk about pointy, higher BCs for longer range, and more versatility of our big bore rifles! 1 Rifle does it all! I agree, that has always been my philosophy, to a point. Yes, I like close and dirty, plain simple fact is, I control things the closer they are, I am a better shot at 25 yds than I am at 100, and I am much faster at 25 than I am 100. So I like being within my zone! I have little interest in longer ranges, but does not mean I have not and do not do, with my rifles. I took a 416 Rem to Tanzania in 2005 as my light rifle for antelope, zebra, leopard and what have you, using a 340 Woodleigh at 2550 fps. It worked good, and I shot some antelope out to 300 yds with success. I have used various 458s out to 200 yds and so forth. Don't like to, but have.

Now there are good designs in place for most of the cartridges we use. We can do a NonCon pointy, but depends on the mode of operation of how expensive they start to get--and is it worth it. We can get by with a pointy brass NonCon in various calibers, little more cost than the standard CEB BBW #13 HP, as there are some extra steps involved. This brass bullet will shear, but it will be within wound cavity, like the prototypes that Sam made. Nothing wrong with this mode of operation, and it is devastating. We can add some extra work and get the 6 shearing blades as well, but our expenses just went up a good bit, as that is extra work as well. How good that will shear and move from center??? I don't know? Let's look at some things, and see if it is worth the effort or not?

I can get close BCs most of the time, as I record impact velocity when doing terminals. May or may not be exact, and this is from velocity with the B&Ms as well. Yes, some have bigger cartridges and more velocity, and that will assist in range. But to compare apples I will use what I have with the B&Ms to compare.

Lets start with 416, lets look at a 350 Barnes TSX at 2450 fps. I used the Barnes BC for this one at .345.

RSI SHOOTING LAB - EXTERIOR BALLISTICS - 12/31/10 9:10:32 AM

CALIBER: 416 B&M
MUZZLE VELOCITY: 2450 fps
BULLET WEIGHT: 350 gr.
BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT: 0.345
SIGHT HT.: 1.5 in.
ZEROED AT: 50 Yds.

INCLINE ANGLE: 0 deg.
WIND: 0 mph
TARGET SPEED: from 3 O'clock at 10 mph
ATMOSPHERE: Keyboard Entry
65° F./50 ft./29.48 in. HG/58% R.H.
'G1' STANDARD FLAT BASE

Range Yards	Vel. fps	Energy ft. lbs.	Drop inches	Path inches	Defl. inches	Time Sec.	Lead inches
0	2450	4665	0.00	-1.50	0.00	0.000	0.0
25	2389	4435	0.18	-0.06	0.00	0.031	-5.5
50	2329	4214	0.75	1.00	0.00	0.063	-11.1
75	2269	4002	1.71	1.66	0.00	0.095	-16.8
100	2211	3798	3.10	1.90	0.00	0.129	-22.7
125	2153	3602	4.93	1.69	0.00	0.163	-28.7
150	2096	3414	7.23	1.01	0.00	0.199	-35.0
175	2040	3234	10.03	-0.16	0.00	0.235	-41.3
200	1985	3061	13.34	-1.85	0.00	0.272	-47.9
225	1931	2897	17.21	-4.09	0.00	0.310	-54.6
250	1877	2739	21.66	-6.92	0.00	0.350	-61.6

VITAL ZONE = 3.8 IN. POINT BLANK RANGE = 200.6 yds.
 TRAJECTORY CROSSES LINE OF SIGHT AT 26.2 & 172.2 yds.
 PATH IS 1.9 IN. OVER LINE OF SIGHT AT 102.1 yds.

Then lets look at the 325 CEB BBW #13 HP at 2543 fps, BC calculated at .290.

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BULLET WEIGHT: 325 gr. CEB
BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT: 0.290
SIGHT HT.: 1.5 in.
ZEROED AT: 50 Yds.

INCLINE ANGLE: 0 deg.
WIND: 0 mph
TARGET SPEED: from 3 O'clock at 10 mph
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25	2469	4398	0.17	-0.07	0.00	0.030	-5.3
50	2396	4142	0.70	1.00	0.00	0.061	-10.7
75	2324	3898	1.61	1.69	0.00	0.093	-16.3
100	2254	3665	2.91	1.98	0.00	0.125	-22.1
125	2184	3443	4.65	1.85	0.00	0.159	-28.0
150	2116	3231	6.84	1.26	0.00	0.194	-34.1
175	2049	3030	9.52	0.18	0.00	0.230	-40.5
200	1983	2839	12.71	-1.42	0.00	0.267	-47.0
225	1919	2658	16.46	-3.56	0.00	0.306	-53.8
250	1856	2486	20.80	-6.30	0.00	0.345	-60.8

VITAL ZONE = 4 IN. POINT BLANK RANGE = 207.5 yds.
 TRAJECTORY CROSSES LINE OF SIGHT AT 26.4 & 178.3 yds.
 PATH IS 2 IN. OVER LINE OF SIGHT AT 106.6 yds.

Normally I sight all my big bores in at 1 inch high at 50 yds--or close--if it comes in good at 3/4 high I am happy as well and leave it. But, these all are 1 inch high so all is equal.

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OK...so the 325gr CEB BBW #13 HP are running a calculated .290 BC... Hum...

I have a couple of comments here.

1st: I can definitely attest to the accuracy of the 350gr Barnes TSX as well as the 300gr Barnes TSX out of the .416 B&M cartridge/rifle combination out to 325yds. In fact it was my shooting the .416 B&M with multiple spitzer (or semi-spitzer) bullets in Oregon at 325yds that started my brain churning for a .500 caliber monometal spitzer that I could use out to 325yds against non-DG critters on the West Coast.

2nd: I did also shoot the 330gr SST/Lehigh HP at 325yds and there was a noticeable difference in the trajectory - identified by the amount of "hold over" required for hitting the target. I notice today from the Lehigh website that it has a calculated .310 BC...though I thought it originally was about .188 BC calculated.

If the CEB BBW #13 HP truly runs .290 BC then it would be no issue within 250yds and not much after that out to 325yds. Perhaps I need to rethink the .500 caliber spitzer if this is the case. Maybe nothing more than a polymer nose insert in the current CEB BBW #13 HP in order to up the BC slightly for the extra distance...perhaps the insert would also force the nose to separate at lower velocities/longer distances as well. Definitely something to think about.

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Actually, the Barnes 350 with a BC of .345 is not yet a 'pointy thing', it needed some work to function as a flat antelope bullet. I'm guessing that the blue-tip version will have a BC of around .425.

I like to use a 2" high at 100 yards, and I particularly look at the 300 yard drop, which is the point at which bullets in the 2600-2800 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting 2600-2800 end_of_the_skype_highlighting begin_of_the_skype_highlighting 2600-2800 end_of_the_skype_highlighting fps range start to require accurate distance evaluation to stay on target.

wt. 350 grain, BC .425, vel. 2800fps

dist traj. vel energy

000 -1.5 2800 6092

025 -0.2 2748 5867

050 0.8 2696 5648

075 1.6 2645 5436

100 2.0 2595 5231

125 2.1 2545 5031

150 1.9 2495 4838

175 1.3 2446 4650

200 0.3 2398 4468

207 0.0 2385 4418

225 -1.0 2350 4292

250 -2.7 2303 4121

275 -4.8 2256 3955

300 -7.4 2210 3795

325 -10.4 2164 3640

350 -13.9 2119 3490

375 -17.8 2075 3344

400 -22.3 2031 3204

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dist traj. vel energy

000 -1.5 2800 5658

025 -0.2 2724 5352

050 0.9 2649 5061

075 1.6 2575 4783

100 2.0 2502 4517

125 2.1 2430 4262

150 1.8 2360 4019

175 1.1 2291 3786

200 -0.1 2223 3565

225 -1.6 2156 3353

250 -3.6 2090 3151

275 -6.1 2025 2959

300 -9.2 1962 2777

325 -12.8 1900 2604

350 -17.0 1839 2440

375 -21.9 1779 2285

400 -27.4 1726 2138

Is the difference huge? No.

Is it significant? Yes.

Just by shaping a little plastic, pointy thing on the end of a bullet, a person can save almost a 2" extra drop at 300 yards 5" at 400 yards, and just as importantly, the velocities stay up over 2000 fps for better

shearing. It is part of the search for the best bullets possible.

So is it worthwhile? It depends on the hunter.

I would guess that 5-10% of my shots are over 250 yards, and maybe another 15-20% in the 200-250 range, where distances can already be deceiving. While I am happy to do most of my shooting at 75-150 yards, I personally like to be able to reach out to 300 yards without worrying about trajectory and impact velocity.

Of course, if I go down to 2600 fps (like with a 416 Ruger in 20" barrel) I would give up a wee bit of distance, but I can live with that. It's not that much of a percentage of the hunting that will be effected, and a good BC helps to smooth out the difference between 2800 and 2600.

Anyway, I would recommend working out the optimal shearing designs first, as is being done.

And I wouldn't worry about 'pointy things' in true big bores.

But after the 416 comes up for testing, I would like to see a pointy plastic thing fit to the nose of the finished product.

Can I hunt confidently with a load that drops 9, 10, or 12 inches at 300 yards? Of course. No problem. I can even hunt with Woodleigh 300 grain roundnose softs in 338 with a 14" drop (equals the old Barnes 300 RN softs). The animals I shot with those were all under 100 yards, that I remember, and those bullets were very effective in-close, back in the day. Impressively dumped animals.

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Cross L

01 January 2011, 03:12

And to you and yours--

peace on earth to men of good will

Sean S Russell

boom stick

01 January 2011, 06:13

Happy new year to every one of you terminally good friends 😊🍷🍷🍷

[577 BME 3"500 KILL ALL 358 GREMLIN 404-375](#)

we band of 45-70ers (Founder)

Single Shot Shooters Society S.S.S.S. (Founder)

DWright

01 January 2011, 06:32

Yup happy 2011 to ya all!

Will be setting on top of a snowy mountain by about 6 a.m. with a rifle in my hands. Now, which rifle will it be. . . . ?

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capoward

01 January 2011, 07:10

A very Happy New Year to all of you TBP participants and lurkers!!

Dennis your choices are simple...if you're staying on top it's your 300 WinMag otherwise it's your .375 Ruger!!! Tis very simple no.

Jim 🍷

"Life's hard; it's harder if you're stupid"

John Wayne

someoldguy

01 January 2011, 08:47

quote:

I sent Don the bill and he sent it back to me "denied" with his own bill for bandwidth.

Big Grin

Wow, now that's a tough customer!

I never thought of using "Denied." Maybe I could tell that to my local bank when they send me a monthly bill for my car payment. Of course, they'd probably write back saying, "Tell 'Denied' to the repo man when he comes for your Audi. He only moonlights as a repo man because his main job is as a police officer!"

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I've got a germ of an idea that might turn out to be either a brain storm or a brain fart. I'm not sure which one yet. I'll have to sleep on it.

Until then...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MICHAEL AND THE GANG!!!!

Let's make 2011 the Year of the Big Bore!!!

Glenn

416Tanzan

02 January 2011, 00:23

For DWright

How does your 375 Ruger handle? Do you have the 20" barrel model?

I've been thinking of ordering a 416 Ruger Alaskan the next time I'm in the US long enough to get one and prepare the loads for it.

(1 week to ship, 10 day Calif legal-wait, then 1-2 weeks load development= 1 month minimum. The laws are getting crazy for the good guys.)

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"A well-rounded hunting battery might include:

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capoward

02 January 2011, 04:04

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I think you'll be very happy with the 20" barrel with the 416 Ruger Alaskan. If you don't like the Hogue stock you can pick up an older "boat paddle" synthetic stock or the newer standard synthetic stock for very little money plus either will make the rifle slightly lighter and much trimmer than the Hogue stock.

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02 January 2011, 10:27

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Thanks, Capo, the rifle looks nice. I'll probably be happy with the Hogue stock, too. The whole package is priced around \$850, after the governor and successor take their cut. With a true 2-power Nikon Monarch 2-8, and \$400 of brass and dies and bullets, one is on the field, sighted-in, and hunting. \$1500 total.

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Some like the Hogue stock, some don't...it appears to be a "personal" thing. Hot weather in Africa's pretty much the same as in the USA...light clothing vis-à-vis cold weather clothing would be minimum of 1/2" to perhaps 1" difference in LOP. Black synthetic spacers are available in 1/4" and 1/2" thickness so it's fairly easy to lengthen the LOP on the synthetic stock...but matching the rubbery feel of the Hogue stock may be an issue.

Jim
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John Wayne

2RECON

02 January 2011, 14:14

TO ALL OF YOU...HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

@michael458,

send you message about the status of the QL-Up-Date. Keep ya informed.

Best
2RECON

someoldguy

02 January 2011, 17:07

I just have noticed this from page 100

quote:

someoldguy--Special Award for Contributions above and beyond!

Thanks, Michael. 😊

Glenn

DWright

02 January 2011, 20:05

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I like it a lot. I do not like the factory open sights on the thing however, so I took them off.

I smoothed up the action a bit with some Brownells compound, so the bolt is butter smooth now and feeds like corn thru a Goose.

I hate the Hogue eraser stock, so installed the little plastic one from Brownells, and a Limbsaver pad.

If I had bigger, meaner, live targets that got all upset when I shot them, I would get one of the .416s for sure.

My 17" barrel is about perfect for the tight brush I hunt with it and the 300 gr. Hornady's I shoot. But if I was shooting those little tiny 270 grain 'rat' bullets, I would want an extra 3" of barrel to keep from blowing snot bubbles every time I touched one off! Man are they loud! Good luck!

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someoldguy

03 January 2011, 01:43

quote:

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Michael, did you ever try the .476 Westley Richard bullets that someone mentioned? No problem if you didn't, I was just curious.

Glenn

capoward

03 January 2011, 04:48

Sounds like you had fun Dennis.

Jim 🍷

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michael458

03 January 2011, 15:21

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No, I really don't care much about putting an effort into the Capsticks. Rifles are so much bigger than the B&M rifles that I know for a fact I will never take them out to the field, so I won't waste time messing with them. If I ever do I would not waste time, effort, money with inferior bullets that are available and might work, I would have CEB make a run of either .476 or .477 #13s. But I don't see that in my future right now.

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michael458

04 January 2011, 00:34

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Michael

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capoward

04 January 2011, 06:32

Michael,

Which day do you leave for Dallas?

Wife still isn't sure if she can go because of other obligations. If she does go then we can't leave until Saturday so we'll miss the DSC show, if I'm driving solo I'll be leaving Wednesday and weather permitting will be there for Friday's show. 😊

Jim

Jim 🤔

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DWright

04 January 2011, 08:33

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Originally posted by michael458:

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Michael

Good deal Michael! I'm getting 1,760 FPS with my 300 gr. LBT WFN hardcast. Fun little rifle.
But. . . what is "In the day" thing. . . ?

This is 'the day'! Every day. . . . 😊

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michael458

04 January 2011, 14:35

Jim

Flying in Thursday.

Big D

Way ahead of me on the 45 Colt. I was a little disappointed in the way it hit things! I suppose at the time I expected too much.

HEH

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