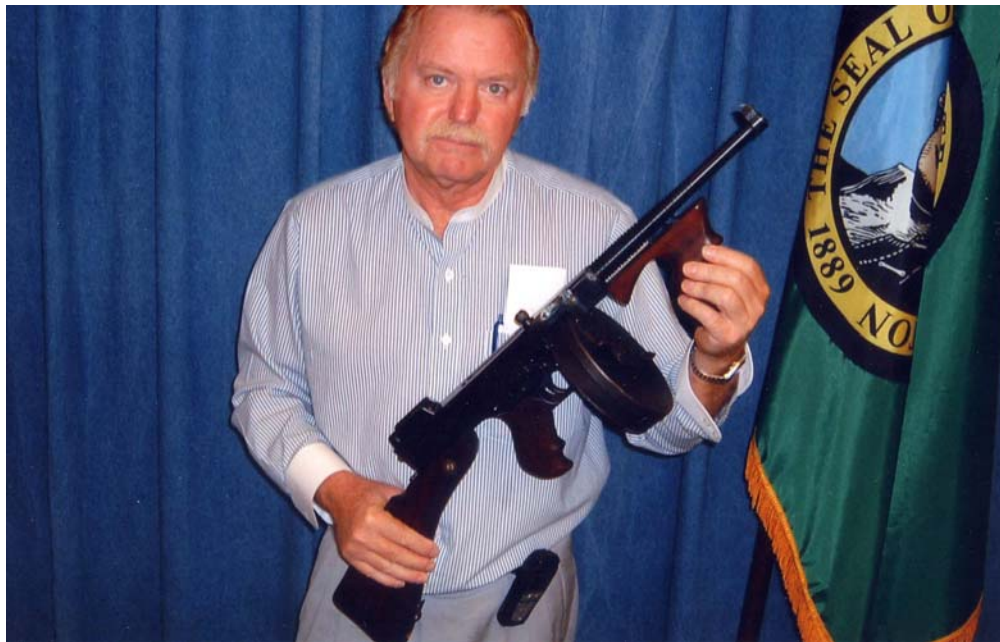


# Gordon Herigstad Goes Museum Hopping for TSMGs

Our intrepid west coast reporter, Gordon Herigstad, has visited two museums so far this year--one in Seattle and the other in New York City. I have taken Gordon's notes reformatted them for the web pages. (Interesting coincidence: both Gordon and his fellow Colt aficionado, Jim, share the same license plate number 1921A.)

## Seattle Police Museum

Gordon got to meet the museum's curator and prime mover--James Ritter who is also a Seattle Police Department officer. It's a wonderful museum and very well laid out. Now for the Thompson.



Here's Gordon with a beautiful Colt (S/N 1299)



The same Colt in the hands of Officer Judy Thomson



An original Colt L Drum (S/N 530)



Ah, the beautiful Colt bluing (I'd like to know who scratched the "7012" on the upper)



Stay tuned for the ugly picture

The Seattle Police Department has or has had five TSMGs. One has not worked well for several years (Gordon noticed a broken "backbone" on the thin '21 actuator) so it was donated to the museum.

The bad news is the museum is a private entity not affiliated with the police department, so a method to transfer the TSMG to the private entity was made (I wish they'd called Gordon first).

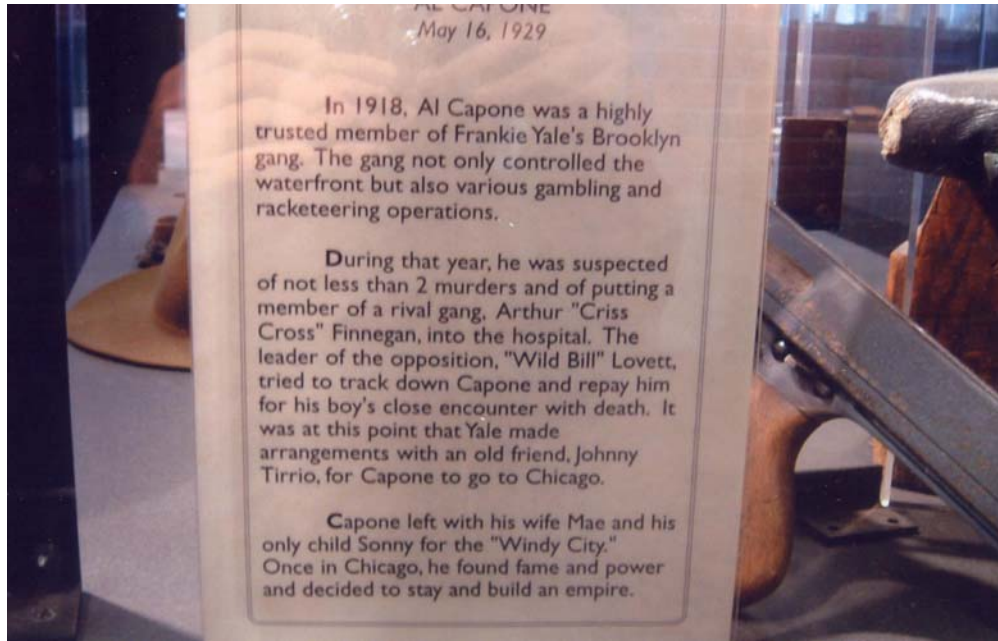


Alas, what a sad ending for such a beautiful TSMG (notice the broken actuator "backbone")

Gordon, we feel your pain!

## New York City Police Museum

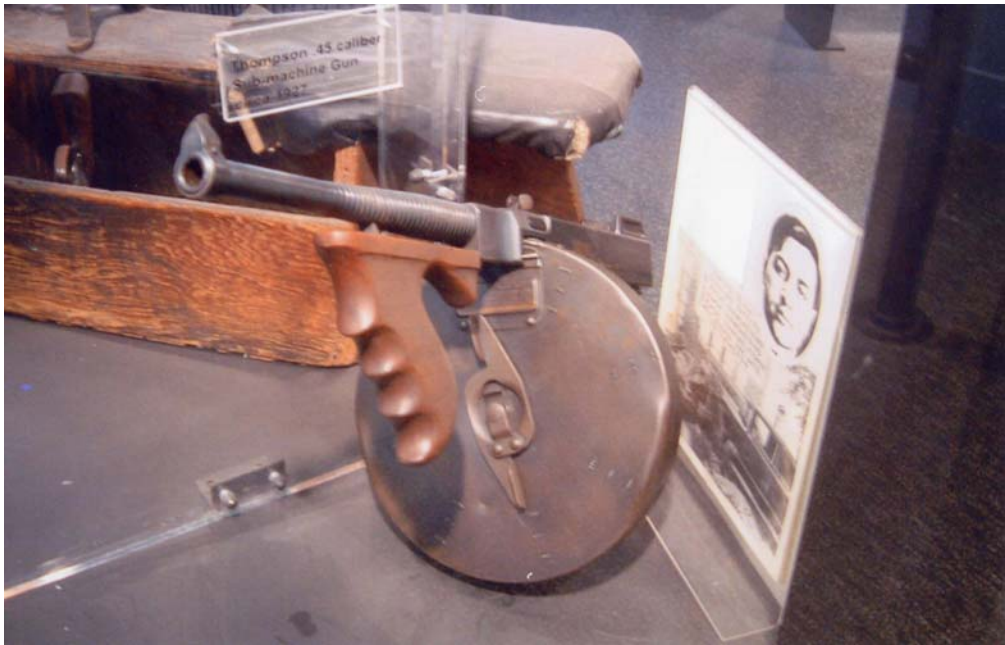
Gordon experienced another heartbreaker in New York City. Again a nicely laid out museum. The curator is Michael Cronin, who is believed to be a retired NYPD officer. This TSMG has some folklore attached to it, but no proof to support the folklore--no smoking gun so to speak! Sorry 'bout that.

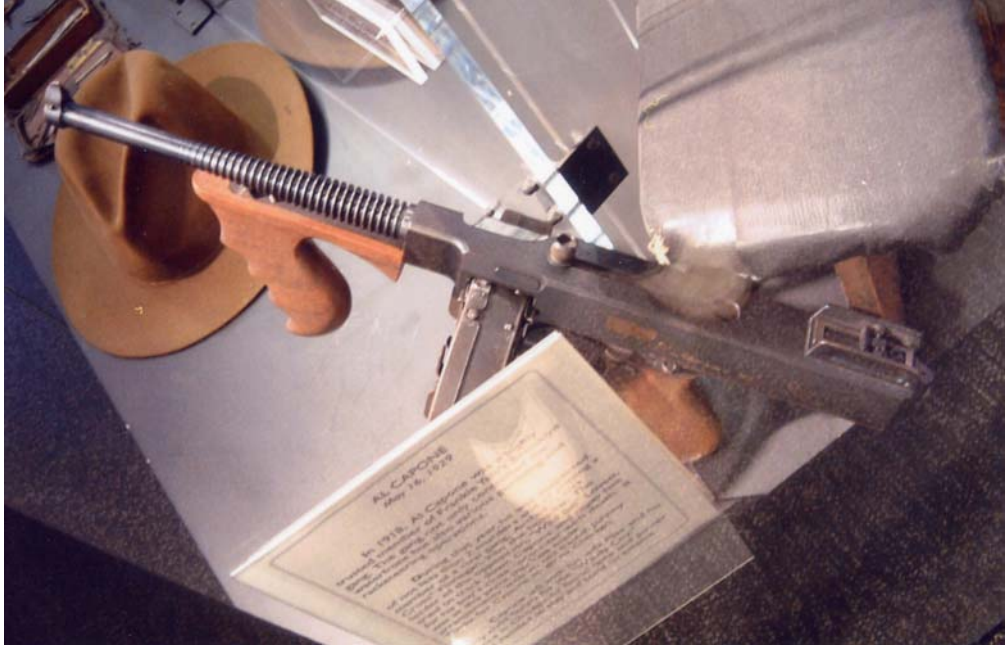


Yes, that is rust you see on that venerable Colt.

Gordon being a TSMG authority and researcher, not to mention the gentleman he is, offered to research the TSMG's history (requiring removal of the barrel) and to remove that ugly rust. Despite Gordon's generous offer, Mr. Cronin did not make himself available to Gordon that day nor did he return any of Gordon's calls. In desperation, Gordon left a letter for Mr. Cronin at the front desk. Gordon detailed in his letter how he could solve the folklore mystery of the gun, and he even had the proper tools for removing the barrel. Also, he would remove the rust and turn the TSMG into a true museum piece. A few days later, Gordon received a phone call from one of Mr. Cronin's assistants stating Mr. Cronin would allow neither the barrel nor the rust to be removed. The mystery of this TSMG's association with the Frankie Yale murder will remain unresolved.

Alas, how can anyone let such a piece of history rot away!





**AL CAPONE**  
May 16, 1899

In 1935, Al Capone was  
found guilty of federal tax  
evasion and sentenced to  
30 months in prison.

During his time in  
prison, Capone was  
found to be a member of  
the Italian-American  
Society, a group of  
organized crime figures  
who were active in  
Chicago and other  
major cities.

Capone was released  
from prison in 1937  
and lived in Florida  
until his death in 1947.