

Not true, Troy Cashdollar 2001 Eclipse, Jim Dial 2001 Eclipse, JD Katzenmeier 2004 Kodiak each had the breech plug strip out of their CVA muzzleloaders.

cva's barrels in the past did not have a problem blowing up, they had a problem with breech plugs blowing OUT That's on the 1995-1996 models only.

Ask randy about the savage muzzleloaders that first came out with bad breech plugs and were blowing apart. Toby Bridges would know.

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heres what CVA sent me its long but good info

Gary,

Thanks for taking the time to write. The Kodiak Pro rifles have a Bergara Barrel that is manufactured in our factory in Bergara Spain (see www.bergarabarrels.com). Bergara Barrels is one of the fastest growing, and certainly one of the most technically advanced barrel making facilities in the world.

I am sure you are reading the "opinions" of Randy Wakeman. Randy is certainly a talented and persuasive writer. But unfortunately he is a little misguided. His online articles are packed with untruths, half-truths and misleading statements designed to turn shooters away from CVA products. I think if you go back and read these articles again with an open mind you will see that this guy is on some sort of vendetta and has really gone off the deep end in his hatred of our company. Why??? I don't know, I wish I did. O'Neil Williams, the host of the popular hunting and fishing show Outside with O'Neil Williams, recently forwarded a similar email to our company CEO. Attached is the response. I have sent it to you because this letter explains things pretty well. Please take the time to read it. If, after reading this letter, you still have doubts, please send me your telephone number and I will be happy give you a call. In the mean time I suggest that you do as all of the editors of the major gun magazines are doing....ignore him.

Many regards,

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heres the attachment

From: Dudley McGarity

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 9:28 AM

To: 'oneilloutside@mindspring.com'

Subject: RE: FW: Concerned CVA Hunterbolt owner

O'Neill:

Thank you for passing on your viewer's concerns about the most recent Randy Wakeman web blog. Unfortunately, we have received quite a few inquiries regarding the garbage that this guy posts on the internet. Randy Wakeman is from the Chicago area and apparently makes the bulk of his income performing magic tricks in Chicago bar rooms. From what we know, he has never made any substantial amount of money as a "journalist" - as is evidenced by the fact that, to my knowledge, no respectable gun magazine has ever published anything that he has written. Not surprising really, as these publications are very concerned about maintaining their integrity. This is obviously not a concern of Mr. Wakeman or some of the persons and/or companies that he is, from all appearances, associated with in his smear campaign against BPI and our CVA brand. I am sure, however, that he is a very good magician, as he is obviously very capable of deceiving people in to believing whatever he wants them to believe, as is evidenced by Greg's email to you. On a side note, you can actually see Mr. Wakeman on You Tube doing his magic tricks. It is really quite funny.

O'Neill, you have been working with us for a long time now, you have visited our factory, and you have shot our guns thousands of times, so I know that I am preaching to the choir on this. However, you may often have to address these types of emails, so I do want to make a few brief points about some of the things Mr. Wakeman says about CVA, BPI, and our manufacturer and owner, Dikar.

- **Test Firing** -- Mr. Wakeman denigrates us for not test firing every single muzzleloader that we produce. What he fails to mention is that no other major muzzleloading manufacturer test fires all of their guns either -- not T/C, not Knight, not Traditions. So, why does he not call all of them to task also? That is a good question, and one that I do not have an answer for. Are they paying him off? Who knows? Certainly, if Mr. Wakeman feels that all muzzleloaders should be test fired, this is a valid opinion, but

Proofing. To be more specific, Proof Firing completed muzzleloaders, not just sending 5 barrels a month to the Proof House.

singling out CVA alone as a "menace" is ridiculous and dishonest. As of now, industry standards and government regulations in the USA do not require, or even recommend, the proof firing of muzzleloaders prior to sale. In some other countries, such proof firing is required for any gun, center-fire or muzzleloader, to be sold. Any CVA gun (or T/C, or Knight, or Traditions) sold in these countries **would by law have to be proof fired** before it could be legally sold. Of course, being the master of illusion that he is, Mr. Wakeman does not mention this in his article. Instead, he states only that CVA guns are "illicit and illegal" in several foreign countries.

"we mention this" BUT DO NOT GIVE IT PROMINENT DISPLAY. In the 2009 catalog the recall information is on the next to last page, printed in standard black type. There is no mention of the CVA Recall in either the 2009 Electra or Accura manuals and the recall information is hidden on 2 buttons on CVA's homepage, not at all on the BPI homepage or other Dikar / BPI owned company web sites. The recall info used to appear as the # 1 FAQ on the CVA FAQ web page, now it is not there at all.

The phrases here "took full responsibility" and "worked with those persons in good faith" and "given", is that true if BPI / CVA / Dikar and D.C. 1980 drug the victims of the failed muzzleloaders through months and even years of court battles. Dikar, the Spanish manufacturer, and now owner of BPI / CVA, argued that they should have been dismissed from the cases because the various Courts did not have jurisdiction over them and that they only manufactured the guns, they didn't sell them. See the documents in the Haymaker, Neal, Embry and other cases where Dikar repeatedly waged this losing battle. Is that taking responsibility and working in good faith with the injured victims? Cases can, and do, settle before ever being filed and they can settle at any point after filing.

• CVA Voluntary Recall -- Yes, CVA did have a recall of one design of in-line gun that was made in 1995 and 1996 -- that's almost 15 years ago! This is no secret. In fact, the recall is still in effect and **we mention this in all of our catalogs and on our web page.** The necessity for this recall made for some very difficult times for our Company, and indeed for some people who were injured with these guns. **However, CVA took full responsibility at that time, and BPI (the current owner of the CVA brand) is continuing the efforts to find all 80,000 of these guns. So far, about 96% have been accounted for.** For those who were injured with these guns, CVA or BPI has **worked with those persons in good faith and given monetary settlements in the more serious cases.** Because we have taken responsibility for these guns, no case involving a recall gun has ever gone to trial.

"accounted for" Actually recovered? How many have actually been recovered?

• Other Gun Failures -- Mr. Wakeman makes mention of other (non-recall) CVA guns that have failed. Have there been such accidents? Yes, there have been, just as there have been with T/C guns, Knight guns, and Traditions guns. Muzzleloading can be a very dangerous activity, especially if proper safety precautions are not followed. And, for sure, CVA is more exposed to this kind of thing because we sell from two to ten times more guns than any other manufacturer. **We have seen guns fail due to being double loaded, loaded with smokeless powder, short started, shot with the barrel obstructed, etc., etc.,.** You name it, we have seen it. These types of accidents can, and do, happen with all brands of muzzleloaders, but, for some reason, Mr. Wakeman only writes about those that happen with a CVA. Only in one case am I aware of Mr. Wakeman writing about any accident involving a muzzleloader other than a CVA. The accident occurred with a Savage muzzleloader (and Mr. Wakeman just happens to be on Savage's payroll). Anyway, a famous muzzleloading expert and writer by the name of Toby Bridges had an accident with a Savage. Unlike his positions when a CVA gun is involved, Mr. Wakeman implied that Toby Bridges misused the gun -- which he possibly could have, but such latitude is never afforded to CVA by Mr. Wakeman.

"seen", but in an actual consumer caused failures, or in a test?

That's just three, O'Neill. I could go on and on, but I am not sure that your computer could handle the volume if I were to defend BPI/CVA against every false accusation that Mr. Wakeman has made against us. Why does he do it? Well, it could be that Savage

(a competitor of CVA) encourages him to defame us. Many of our competitors are very frustrated in their attempts to compete with CVA, as we have been the number one selling brand of muzzleloader for almost a decade now. I hope, however, that this is not true, as Savage is a very well respected company within our industry. However, that being said, I cannot understand why Savage, or its president, Ron Coburn, would associate themselves either directly or indirectly with this kind of trash. Another explanation could be that Mr. Wakeman is getting paid in some way by the lawyers that he recommends to persons who have had accidents with CVA guns. From all appearances, he is a "rainmaker" for this one particular law firm, so generating business for them by whipping up all of this stuff on the internet may well indeed be another source of income for this self proclaimed gun expert. Or, does he just carry out vendettas for this law firm? He seems pretty tight with them, and they are the only law firm that has ever taken BPI/Dikar/CVA to trial - a case that they **lost by unanimous verdict.**

The jury did not say that the 2004 CVA Kodiak was not defective, the verdict said that the Plaintiff did not prove his claim of the manufacturing defect. (This case is currently being appealed.) This is the same law firm that BPI / CVA / Dikar has settled 4 other cases with, and none of those cases involved recalled CVA's.

In the end, who knows what motivates Mr. Wakeman to pursue so voraciously his "internet terrorism" of our Company. O'Neill, you have been a great friend to CVA for many years. You and I both have shot these guns together. I started with the Company right about the time that the problem with the recall guns began. Since that time, I and my employees have worked very hard to rebuild the CVA brand, and we have done so, making it the number one muzzleloading brand in the USA. Over the past 14 years I have tested each model personally. I have shot our CVA guns thousands of times. Our employees and our families shoot them. You shoot them on TV. We sponsor shoots with consumers, Boy Scouts, Bass Pro, Cabela's, gun writers, etc., etc., -- and never, not even once, has a CVA gun failed in any of these activities.

Sorry to go on for so long, O'Neill, but this situation really bothers me. Not that I am all that mad, but more so just disappointed. Disappointed that anyone could stoop as low as Mr. Wakeman and his associates have done. It says a lot about the culture we live in today, doesn't it? I guess the internet has become the "National Enquirer" of the modern age -- a place where anyone can say anything about anyone, no matter how false or misleading, and then claim that it is all protected by "freedom of speech." The internet is indeed the refuge of last resort for Mr. Wakeman and his lot, unencumbered by editors, fact checkers, or any sense of journalistic integrity.

Best regards,

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Muzzle Loaders

I have an old CVA Kentucky. Old meaning about 23 years old. I also own several other flints and cappers. I have not had any problems with any of them at full charges, ball and mini's. I think most people today think muzzle loading is where you put a 209 in the breach with a little plastic thingy, that also contains solidified powder. Muzzle loading to me is cap or flint, powder, patch, ball and pack with a rod.

As for made outside of the states: If it is from Italy, Germany or CZ buy it with confidence. If it was made elsewhere, be cautious.

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