

# Bombs Away!



I enjoy where I live. It's a modest but inviting home situated atop an elevated plain overlooking the rolling hills of a conservation area (unusual to find in the normally flat landscape of Florida). The rolling hills are to my east which give me some spectacular sunrises. There's a wooded area to the north so it gives the illusion of solitude within the confines of a middle class community. It could be darn near perfect... if it wasn't for the howitzers and machine gun fire.

I should explain. On the other side of that wooded area is a large plot of land owned by an antique center. On their property, along with the antiques and flea markets they operate, they feature various events of interest to a select crowd. This weekend it was the WWII arms and ammunition show. At eight this morning we were greeted by a barrage of incoming fire that would put Patton to shame.

And that isn't the only event that features assault weapons. They hold an annual Civil War reenactment of the fictitious battle of Townsend's Plantation. And I learned something... 19th

century cannon fire is every bit as loud as the 20th century guns of WWII.

But just when I have gotten used to the firepower, from those rolling hills comes the unmistakable war chants of an Indian tribe. That would mean it's time for the Thundering Spirit Family Pow Wow. Those chants last all day for three days. Or so it would seem.

Most of the other events that are scattered throughout the years aren't as audibly invasive – The Steampunk Show, the Cars and Guitars Swap meet, the RV and Antique Cars Show. There's a certain charm to these events and it is nice to see people share their interests. I only wish they could do it a few dozen decibels lower.

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