

Florida Frontiersmen Early History 1972-1986 Seminar
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The Florida Frontiersmen have been a part of my life since 1983. I served as president, secretary, secretary/treasurer and secretary. Cherri and I were the Booshways in 1994, "Year of the Bear." Roger Arrowwood appointed me as Club Historian when he was club president.

My collection of Florida Frontiersmen artifacts as well as those from the Manatee Long Rifles and Leighton Barker date back to 1984. My earlier records were lost with Lee Betz when he moved out of state. Fortunately, Lee in corroboration with many others like Barbara Cosgrove, Les Coates researched the Florida Frontiersmen's and other muzzle-loading clubs in Florida particularly west central Florida's history. Lee's paper is called "**A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 - 1990.**" Also, I want to recognize Linda Holly for donating copies of her early Florida Frontiersmen Alafia River Rendezvous collection.

Additional Archives Recently Attained

At this year's Alafia River Rendezvous Tamera Beisler called for me to come up to the Registration Gate for a surprise, and it was. Barbara Vienup Bryant Cosgrove Sims who the older members knew as Barbara Cosgrove was there, and presented me a box containing the original Alafia River Long Rifle's records, scrapbook, pictures, and some Florida Frontiersmen records and pictures.

Then Greg & Glynda Fulbright came over to my house with a box of pictures and records loaning them to me to help prepare this presentation.

Scope of this seminar

For those reading this paper from the seminar, I retained the grammar and punctuation errors of the original writers so the reader might get a flavor for the newsletters. My inserts are shown enclosed with brackets.

This seminar spans the early years of the Florida Frontiersmen Club from its beginning in 1972 to the arrival at the Peace River Range in 1986. It will take the older members back to when they brought a little black powder, shooting club out of St. Petersburg, and together by working very hard and following a vision, made it the best black powder club in the Country.

More importantly I want to take the newer Florida Frontiersmen back to all those many years ago, and let them know through the Club's records the membership's perseverance; their foresight; and most of all, their hard work that it took to give us what we have today.

Early Florida Frontiersmen who are still members.

Bob Merada, St. Pete, 1979
Charlie Chapman, St. Pete, 1981
Dave Sipes, St. Pete, 1981
Joe Barkman, (His dad a year or more before) St. Pete, 1982
Ron Clark, St. Pete 1983
Mike Kelley, (from the Alafia River Long Rifles) Tampa 1984
Jack McDonald, Valrico, October 1985
Bob Moore, St. Pete, November 1986

Founding of the Florida Frontiersmen

St. Petersburg 1972-July 1984

“The Alafia River Long Rifles were shooting in Pasco County off SR 52 [Hudson], but many of the shooters were from South Pinellas County so in 1972 a group of members of the Alafia group met at Howard Johnson’s in Brandon [Tampa on Hillsborough] and considered forming another black powder club in Pinellas County. The group organized and pondered a name for the newly formed club. Joanna Markey piped up with Florida Frontiersmen of St. Petersburg which brought acceptance by all present.”¹

“Vienup organized the Florida Frontiersmen to [so] he could have another place to shoot... [He] was elected President and served two one-year terms from 1972 through 1974. After Vienup got the club going he withdrew from in [it] but saw to it that officers were elected that he thought would carry on his ideas and way of thinking.”^{2 3}

“The Frontiersmen started shooting in a field between the two police ranges in St. Petersburg [referred to as a bomb range] and did so for one year. They then shot on the St. Petersburg Police Pistol range and continued to do so until July of 1984 when the range was closed.”^{4 5}

There were 22 Florida Frontiersmen memberships plus spouses listed for August 1978. ⁶

Lee Betz elected President at the June 1984 election took over as its President on July 1, 1984, the day that the Police Pistol Range officials sent out a notice that they were closing.

Charley Knight, a major property owner in Hillsborough County, hearing of the loss of the Alafia River Long Rifle shooting site, offered the Alafia folks the use of his property off

End Notes

¹ (Betz, Interview with Clint Oak on August 27, 1988)

² (Betz, A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 – 1990)

³ (Barbara Vienup)

⁴ (Betz, A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 – 1990)

⁵ (Betz, Interview with Clint Oak on August 27, 1988)

⁶ (Florida Frontiersmen)

Keysville Road in Keysville, Lee Betz, then President of the Alafia Long Rifles, declined the offer based on his concerns about the survival of the group as a club. Through Clint Oak, the Frontiersmen contacted Mr. Knight in hopes that he would offer the use of the property to the Florida Frontiersmen, Mr. Knight did offer the use of his property to the Frontiersmen. Mr. Knight suggested that the name of the rendezvous remain the same and that it be scheduled on the same dates used by the Alafia River Long Rifles.

The Florida Frontiersmen had eighteen members, \$27.55 in the treasury and were paper punchers with no rendezvous experience. Only a few of the eighteen members had been to a rendezvous. In addition to these handicaps, they also had no place to shoot.⁷

The Florida Frontiersmen shot in St. Petersburg for 12 years.

Valrico FOP Range August 1984 – November 1985

Lee Betz incorporated the Frontiersmen and changed the name to the Florida Frontiersmen, Inc. [The Florida Corporation papers were originally the Alafia River Long Rifles']. He also enrolled them as a chartered club of the National Muzzle Loading Association and purchased liability insurance. This was to give the Club an insurance policy to protect the Club because the membership was going to sponsor the Alafia River Rendezvous.⁸

January 1985 Alafia River Rendezvous

The Florida Frontiersmen's Alafia River Rendezvous in January 1985 held at Charley Knight's property near Keysville on the Alafia River. There were 40 traders, 132 camps, and 30 visitor's cars [we charge by the car].⁹

John Brabham was Booshway and his Clint Oak was his assistant. We called it the 1st Alafia River Rendezvous & Pow-Wow.

June 10, 1985 Year-end Primitive Blanket Shoot

Dues went from \$9 to \$10 for singles and \$12 to \$14 for family. The ABC scoring classification was changed from determination method to a near equal division of shooters. This was done to better balance the number of shooters in each classification so no class would have an overbalance of shooters. At the time of this new classification, there were a total of 33 shooters, 11 in each class.

Lee Betz wrote, " There was a hotly contested election of Officers, a tough fight, here's the winners,; President – Lee Betz, still much beloved; VP & RO [Vice President & Range Officer] – J Brabham, getting better but still mean; Secretary – Ron Clark, learning to write;

⁷ (Betz, A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 – 1990)

⁸ (Betz, A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 – 1990)

⁹ (Betz, January 1986 letter)

Treasurer – Bob Merada, where did the money go? The membership list had 38 families listed.¹⁰

July 7, 1985

A motion was made, seconded and passed allowing black powder revolvers to compete in our Monthly Pistol Shoot. The rule allowed for single shot loading, only one cylinder can be loaded at any time.

At the July shoot of the original Florida Frontiersmen that are still club members were Joe Barkman and Dave Sipes, A class and Charlie Chapman and Ron Clark B class.¹¹

September 7 1985

A motion was made to change the Dean Peterson Primitive Shoot date from March to December... “December is when we have our Turkey Shoot so we’ll combine the Dean Peterson activities with the Turkey Shoot... The activity will also include a cook out with family invited (might be fun).”^{12 13}

October 7 1985

We had 29 shooters including a number of guests. Three new members signed up. Jack McDonald (Valrico), James Daughtry (Brandon), and John Linton (St. Pete).

Lee published a projected expense report totally \$1900.24 minus the yearly insurance money hoping that we get enough out of the rendezvous to pay it [\$245]. He wrote, “The actual contribution of each member each Month is \$3.00 plus one twelfth of the yearly dues money, that average to about 0.92 If all members shoot and pay every Month we receive \$47.04 per member per year. \$1900.24 divided by \$47.04 indicates that we need 40.40 members to break even. We have 28 members; on this basis we’re loosing \$48.61 per Month.

We need more members, less awards, fund raising project or what ever, Bob’s [Merada] little raffle each month won’t do it. The Pistol shooters are costing us more than they put into the pot because there are so few of them, we need more dollars from them, we’re only getting about 7 per month, that will produce \$70. 00 per year, the awards total is \$72.84, a few shooters there would really help.

We’re running the Club as if it were a government but with no option to tax as we see fit, we need to talk about this a little more.”

“Since the club has no rules and regulations, it is legal to support both the barrel and butt of the rifle when bench shooting.?????”

¹⁰ (Betz, June 1985 Newsletter)

¹¹ (Betz, July 1985 Newsletter)

¹³ (Betz, Sep & Oct 1985)

“John Brabham’s idea to credit those that work on the Rendezvous with something going toward the camping fees seems like a great idea. Last year every one of he club members paid wether(sic) they worked or not, yet we all seemed to notice a lot of Freebees...”

“Rendezvous Chairmen!!!!!!!!!! Start thinking about how much labor your going to need on the Rendezvous Weekend and how your [sic] going to schedule them. Telling the Booshway at 9 am Sat. that you don’t have the help to do so and so is going to go over like a lead balloon. If your (sic) in charge, your (sic) in charge.”¹⁴

November 6, 1985

“LAST MINUTE NEWS ----- The FOP Range, our Range, will be closed forever on Nov. 30. JR the Range Master, is trying to relocate us another temporarily. I’ve called Charley Knight hoping to use his property if necessary. No news yet!!!

The Florida Frontiersmen shot at the FOP Range for 15 months.

Big Tree Florida Frontiersmen Range December 1985-June 1986

November 26th

The weekend of Dec. 1st is not available at Charley Knights property, we can however use the range on December 7th & 8th. The shoot will be on the 8th. On the 7th we’ll unload the storage warehouse and transport the items to the renvezvous (sic) site, call John Brabham at [xxx-xxxx] for details, we’ll need a lot of help.”¹⁵

On December 1st.

“Charlie Chapman and I [Lee Betz] visited with Steve Davis and walked out a piece of property that he and his family owns. We may be offered the use of it as a Club Shooting site. It’s in Dover, just West of I-4, and about 15 miles North of the intersection of I-4 and 275. It’s near McIntosh Road, about 30 miles from my house in Dunedin. It’s a beautiful area, high ground with trees and plenty of room to shoot. It would be available for our use once a Month from Friday night thru Sunday. We expect to hear something firm on this in the near future as we’re trying to get something set-up for January. I pause while awaiting additional information.

December 2, 1985

“This is the third Club Newsletter that’s been started since the last shoot and at this point in time I don’t know if it will be mailed or go into the s--- can as the others have. At the last Shoot the rumor was that the FOP Range might be closed in the near future and that we may not be able to Shoot there in December. J.R., the Range Officer, said that regardless of what happened they would have a place for us to Shoot in December as promised. I immediately called Charly Knight and explained our problem and asked if we could use his property for our December activities. I asked for any weekend, the 1st., the 8th, or anytime. He said he’d get back to me that night, he didn’t. I called his office every day for a week and a half. Finally his Secretary called and said the property could not be used on the 1st. as it

¹⁴ (Betz, Sep & Oct 1985)

¹⁵ (Betz, November 1985 Newsletter)

was a Holiday weekend but said nothing about other weekends. I then started calling again but again no response. I then called Clint Oak and asked him to ask on our behalf as he was going to the Buffalo Shoot on the property and could we meet eye ball to eye ball. He did and called me on the 28th. of November indicating that it would be available for our use on the 7th. and 8th. Clint called back on the 30th. and said that their was a change and that we could not use it. SCREWED UP -???? Your're right. I have Buffalo meat along with Chicken, Jeff Bonian has Baked Beans for 50 ready to be served, plus al the work others have done in the way of planning and purchasing. we were supposed to finish-up our quarter, do the Dean Peterson thing, have our annual Turkey Shoot and our first Family Cook-out. Needless to say, there are apologies due to many and I do offer mine to all involved. As the foregoing indicates, this has been a comedy of foul-ups and problems of communication.

December 11th.

GAD SOOKS!!!!

The Gods may have smiled upon us, we just received word that we can use the Davis' property....

Many problems remain which will require attention before we can fire a shot. Back Stops will be a major problem, we'll need about 10 dump trucks of full to produce a back stop about 5 foot high. I'm sure they don't give fill away, my guess is that it would cost in the range of \$600 to \$700 dollars. If anyone knows of a fill source in a price range we could afford, let me know. ... If we can't get a Shoot in January, perhaps we can get together and at least do our Cook-out and do some preliminary Rendezvous planning.

The two Rendezvous work weekends are scheduled for the 11th. and 12th., also the 18th. and 19th. of January, we can gain access to the site on Friday nights. WE have a "TON" of work to do, we're looking for a "pitch-in" from all the Club Members. This is our opportunity to generate the funds to get our new club range off the ground.¹⁶

January 5,1986

Had the cookout (Buffalo Roast) with our families and everyone got to meet the property owners the Davis'. This was the first time that the Club was making it a family event, and since we had the property we started bringing our tents and camping on the property.

1986 Alafia River Rendezvous

The 1986 Booshway and staff were Booshway, John Brabham; Assistant Booshway, Clint Oak; Scribe and Treasurer, Lee Betz; Traders Row, Charlie Chapman; Shooting, Jeff Bonnian and Bill Royal; Grounds Keeper, Don London; Publicity, Ron Clark; and Front Gate, K.W. Franks.¹⁷

Lee reported that the rendezvous had 163 camps (14 modern and 26 primitive). We had a net profit \$997.71. Lee suggested we might go from a three day rendezvous to a full week

¹⁶ (Betz, December 1985 Newsletter)

¹⁷ (Betz, July 1985 Newsletter)

so we can increase our profits. A clean up weekend was scheduled, plus work weekends at the new range to build and install shooting frames, etc.¹⁸

February 11, 1986

Fred Ladd motioned that Club dues be raised from \$10 to \$12 for single, and \$14 to \$16 for family per year. Also, a one time special \$10 for all existing members, and \$25 for new members assessment fee was added. These funds were” to be used for site work at the new range.” Jeff Bonnian seconded it. It passed by voice without decent.¹⁹

March 1986

March was the first shoot on the new range. This was the first time in months that the Florida Frontiersmen did not have a scheduled work weekend. [Barbara Vienup Bryant Cosgrove Sims donated \$150 to the Club] ²⁰

In March, Lee had Ron Clark, Secretary, send out about 40 invitations to all the Florida Frontiersmen members, and a special separate invitation to perspective members asking them to our new range to shoot. Many of these perspective members were former Alafia River Long Rifle members.

The March newsletter contained the first generated report, the monthly scores, was done on a computer. It was an Apple IIe computer with a dot matrix printer done at Honeywell. The newsletter other wise was still done on a typewriter, and different sections were physically cut and pasted together to make a master copy.²¹

The property that we were shooting on was not the Davises, but belong to Peter Walker of Tampa, FL. This property was described “...”as the Big Tree Nursery on Gallagher Road....”²²

At the March shoot on the property we called “The Big Tree,” we had our fist club campout. “ We had 5 camp sites on Friday night and 10 camp sites on Saturday night, amounts will grow as folks begin to realize how lovely the area is.”

Lee writes that Les Coates is busy putting together a history of the Club.

He also wrote that, “Copies of a near final draft of our constitution were offered to the general membership at the April meeting.”

Then he wrote, “Can you handle even more fun??? Let’s have a contest for the design of a Club Flag, we could display it a Rendezvous, other shoots, Friendship and so on.”

¹⁸ (Betz, January 1986 Newsletter)

¹⁹ (Betz, February 1986 Newsletter)

²⁰ (Betz, March 1986 Newsletter)

²¹ (Clark, 1986 Invitation Letters)

²² (Walker)

Lee also started designing a 120 foot long covered range. He was looking for “volunteers to build a few picnic tables for the range.”

He wrote that the office for President, Secretary/Treasurer for one year, Vice President and Range Officer, Second Vice President and Range Officer (grounds keeper), and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for two years.

In the same newsletter the secretary Ron Clark wrote, “president Betz reported about the current status of the range, and possible options on other property as the need arises.”

Alafia River Long Rifle former members Les Jacobson, Steve Metcalf, Barry Bohnet, Bob Belle, Mike Belle, Gene Kozmiuk and Francis Sansoucie shot as our guests. Ron sent out another invitation.²³

May 1986

Lee wrote in the May newsletter, “The first is good news. We have the “Big Tree” range at least a year. The efforts of the Davis’s on our behalf produced this agreement.”

We had 33 shooters and 4 new members. Les Jacobson [new member from the Alafia River Long Rifles] donated loading benches, and cross sticks.

It was reported that Fred Ladd and Les Coats were continuing to work on the Constitution and By-Laws putting the inputs from the membership with hopes of having it adopted at the June meeting.

The nominees for the “Rendezvous Committee” were Booshway, Charlie Chapman; Assistant Booshway, Clyde London; Scribe and Purser, Lee Betz; Publicity and Advertising, Ron Clark; Chief Dog Soldier, Dave Sipes; Gate Keeper, Fred Ladd; Range Officers, Jeff Bonnain and Bill Royall with Francis SanSoucie as adviser; Activities and Event, Jon Houglum; Traders and Concessioners, Leighton Baker; and First Aid ?

Though we were now shooting on Saturday as well as Sunday, with the Annual Meeting was still scheduled for Sunday. A year-end picnic was planned for Saturday, and primitive dress was encouraged.

In the Secretary’s portion of the May newsletter, Ron wrote that Lee had sent his portion of the newsletter from Morton Plant Hospital. More invitations were sent out for the Annual Shoot in June. We were expecting about 60 people for the picnic.

New members Dr. Jim Long and son Jim from the Alafia Club joined.

A flyer went out for the 3rd Annual 1886 Spring Buffalo Shoot at Charlie Knight’s for May16-18. Leighton Baker had been running it, but now the Florida Frontiersmen were starting

²³ (Betz and Clark, April 1986 Newsletter)

sponsor it. Co-Booshways for this event were Charlie Chapman and Jon Houglum. This even was open to "All cartridge black powder rifles and muzzle snuffers."²⁴

Charley Chapman recalled his conversation with Wayne Bass and contact was made with Mr. Bass by Jon Houglum and Elizabeth Denehy (Leather Betty). The Frontiersmen were offered the use of 200 acres on the Peace River in Wauchula [Bowling Green], Florida. Mr. Bass assured the Frontiersmen of longevity on the property and work was immediately started.²⁵

June 1986

The June newsletter was the first one that was published entirely on a computer. Ron called it "The Frontier Report." The headline read, "Extra! New Range Found!" The first paragraph read, "We lost our range...." Lee wrote, "It seems I have BAD news to report and very little good news...Pete Walker [said] we may no longer use the "Big Tree" property unless we can provide the \$1 million in public liability insurance. The best price I have been able to come up with or the \$500,000 additional to our existing insurance is \$2,800.00. Needless to say, we don't have the funds. So we are out!"

However in Lee's report he also wrote, "Jon Houglum has a lead on a site which sounds great. It's on a river, wooded, and secluded. The owner is anxious to have us use the property minimum time on the land."

The fourth draft of the constitution was presented to the members and was unanimously accepted. Bob Weiland motioned to have five targets per match instead of four. Doc Long seconded it. It passed 18 to 8. Weiland also made a motion to move the meeting to Saturday instead of Sunday. Houglum seconded the motion with the majority passing it.

The yearly Treasurer's Report showed the Club having \$1,323.34 out of this 1,036.33 was put in a rendezvous escrow account leaving \$287.01 to run the club.

The final tweaks to the Constitution and Bylaws included the addition of black powder cartridge shells [because of now sponsoring the Buffalo Shoots], changing Second Vice President/Assistant Range Officer (Grounds Keeper) to Second Vice President and Property Manager, changed all references of firearms to guns, shooting time from 9 am to 8 am, and some additional minor changes.²⁶

We shot at the Big Tree Range from March 9, 1986 – June 1986 for four months.

Lee wrote a separate letter to Wayne Bass owner of part of the Peace Range property, and focal person, to recapture all the phone and verbal conversations and agreements. Besides the usual insurance and lawyer items also included was to "remove and replace the barbed

²⁴ (Betz and Clark, May 1986 Newsletter)

²⁵ (Betz, A HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FRONTIERSMEN and ORGANIZED BLACK POWDER SHOOTING In WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA 1948 – 1990)

²⁶ (Clark, June 1986 Newsletter)

wire along the North fence (labor only). Lee estimated that we would lose 20 to 30% of the membership due to the distance that many would need to travel.²⁷

Lee wrote a letter to the membership after the June Newsletter was sent out telling them about the Peace River Range, the work that would need to be done, and the hope for a shoot there on the weekend of July 12 and 13. He also told them that it was a long drive from Pinellas County to the land near Bowling Green in Hardee County. He wrote, "No action can be taken without membership approval, a ballot is prepared for your use, please indicate your vote and return it within 48 hours."²⁸

The Florida Frontiersmen were at Big Tree in Dover, FL for seven months.

Peace River Range

Peace River Range July 21, 1986

The first shoot at the Peace River Range was held on July 19-20 with Lee Betz firing the first shot. There were 30 shooters with a couple of new members. More shooting changes were voted on and approved. The first Florida Frontiersmen's Hog and Deer Hunt in Green Swamp was being planned²⁹

The September Florida Frontier Report (newsletter) headline read, "WORK WEEKEND COMING!" This was in preparation for the first club challenge shoot with the Manatee Long Rifles that would be held at the November shoot. Jack McDonald became a member again.³⁰

The club now had 46 memberships by October.³¹

Summary

Our Club started using the newsletter to communicate to its membership rather than send out the monthly scores. It helped keep us together as we moved from site to site sometimes with a very short notice. The newsletter also told humorous stories each month that kept the membership interested.

Our Club became more than a Sunday morning shooting club. The shooters were traveling further from their homes, and the new ranges starting at Big Tree gave them an opportunity to camp. Now not only were the shooters coming, but also their families to camp and have cookouts together. We were becoming a strong family organization. And after sharing the ranges both in St. Petersburg and Valrico, an aversion to ever having to share a range with modern firearms.

²⁷ (Betz, Letter Lee Betz to Wayne Bass)

²⁸ (Betz, Dear Member of Good Standing)

²⁹ (Clark, The Frontier Report July/Aug 1986)

³⁰ (Clark, The Frontier Report Sept 1986)

³¹ (Clark, The Frontier Report Oct 1986)

Our Club learned that to have a future, we had to become fiscally and conservatively responsible. No longer did we empty our coffers for our year-end shoot in June. We had to save for our future. We started looking at what our monthly expenses were each month to shoot and what were our breakeven numbers, how to bring in more money to offset some of our shortcoming and most of all our unexpected expenses. We also looked for other opportunities to help us grow both financially and culturally. We were offered the Alafia River Rendezvous and though we didn't have any experience we took it on and grew it into one of the biggest rendezvous and a close second to the nationally run Eastern. We also took on the 1880s Buffalo Shoot. This was not an annual event but a quarterly one. We were doing all of this while at the same time finding and building new ranges!

The Florida Frontiersmen work hard, and play hard. We take great pride in saying that we are a working club. We have a higher ratio of working to nonworking members than any club. As is written in our preamble "...[we] band together to preserve the skills of our first settlers, pioneers, and mountain men in their use of muzzle loading firearms and the equipment and accouterments that accompanied such use. We shall endeavor to promote and maintain high standards of safety, sportsmanship, and good fellowship, together with historical appreciation of the era and equipment."

The next seminar will take us through the wonderful Peace River years, and the sudden loss of that property. We will once again wonder from range to range, and travel endless miles in search of property that we could call our own. Compounded with this, we lose the Charley Knight property. You will travel with the membership as it is constantly on the road through out the months, and years shooting at different ranges, and where there weren't any berms pushing them up and building backstops. Plus we were doing the same with rendezvous sites. If you have any artifacts that you wish to contribute, let me know.

Notes:

Quotes about history

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "A page of history is worth a volume of logic."

Spain's philosopher, essayist, poet and novelist George Santayana's "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"



“Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it.
Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by
helplessly while everyone else repeats it.”

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