VGCA Gun Show Displays – Summer 2026



There were three educational displays at the show (though only two were judged). Taking first place was the "Soviet Mosin Nagants of the Great Patriotic War" (*above*). This display consisted of four Mosin Nagants, all produced during WWII, and included a Model 91/30 rifle, a 91/30 PU sniper rifle, a Model 38 carbine, and a Model 44 carbine. This display also featured several Soviet Army tools and accessories for the Mosin Nagant family. In addition to winning $300 as the first-place display, the Model 44 was awarded "Best Military Firearm" among the displays. It is the lower carbine (with the bolt open) mounted on the back board.

The 4-H Trigger Time shooting club's display titled "Competition Air Pistols" (*shown at top of the next page with six members of the trigger time team*). It included numerous examples of their precision air pistols used in competitions at the regional, state, and even national level. It earned a well-deserved Second Place in the judging and the 4H-ers received $200 in prize money!



Finally, Shannon Zeigler shared an excellent display on the Armalite AR-180 (*at left and next page*). His display featured five examples and included the major manufacturers. Also included original accessories including manuals, magazines, and optics. Shannon chose not to have his display judged, otherwise it surely would have garnered a major prize!





One of Shannon's AR-180 shown disassembled in detail (*right*).