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★ VGCA Important Announcement!

Our first meeting of the year has been moved to January 21st due to a conflict at the NRA. We hope to see you all there. The presentation will be by Tor Johnson on Twentieth Century Spanish Firearms.

★ VGCA Meeting of December 10, 2015: Our annual potluck dinner went off great with plenty of food to go around. This year we were treated to two Honey Baked Hams. We had a full quorum of the club and were able to finally vote on the new by-laws, they passed unanimously. In addition, we had a new member join the club, Bryan Pelton, sponsored by Carlos Davila.

★ Request for 2016 Speakers: We still need a few more speakers for the 2016 calendar year. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge and passion for collecting guns. As was mentioned in the President's comments the Executive Committee has approved memorandums of \$50 for members and \$100 for non-members who give qualifying presentations starting with January 2016. Presentations need not be elaborate and may be put on by a group of people if you desire. Please contact any board member if you would like to present for the upcoming year. Contact information can be found on our website.

Acting President's Comments

If you missed the December meeting you missed a fantastic feast. A good time was had by all and no one went away hungry thanks to everyone who brought in food. Best of all we had a quorum of members in attendance allowing us to conduct business. The revised Bylaws were unanimously approved and are now in effect. I appreciate all the time and hard work that our Bylaws Committee, headed by Bill Chronister, put into this project and, hopefully, the newly adopted Bylaws will withstand the test of time.

Given that we are now operating under the new Bylaws, the election of officers will now be held in May. That means you will have to tolerate me as your Acting President for several more months. I will need to appoint a Nominating Committee (volunteers welcome) in February and they will report back in April at which time we will take additional nominations from the floor. If there are no contested positions the new Bylaws allow us to save money and not mail ballots. The new officers will take office effective immediately in May.

Our March gun show is sneaking up on us and it's time to start spreading the word through our flyers which have proven to be an effective advertising tool. Be sure to pick some up at our next meeting and distribute them at your favorite locations. It is still not clear how President Obama's unilateral actions to close the so-called "gun show loophole" will impact our exhibitors and when such action will take effect. We are monitoring this situation

closely. Two of our Board members were “moles” at the President’s Town Hall meeting staged by CNN at George Mason University on January 7. Find out what they learned at the January meeting.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, our January meeting will come a week early this month since there was a conflict in obtaining use of the NRA Auditorium on the 4th Thursday. We will be back to our normal schedule next month. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 21. If we must cancel the meeting due to bad weather and road conditions, look for such notice on the website.

-Jim Burgess

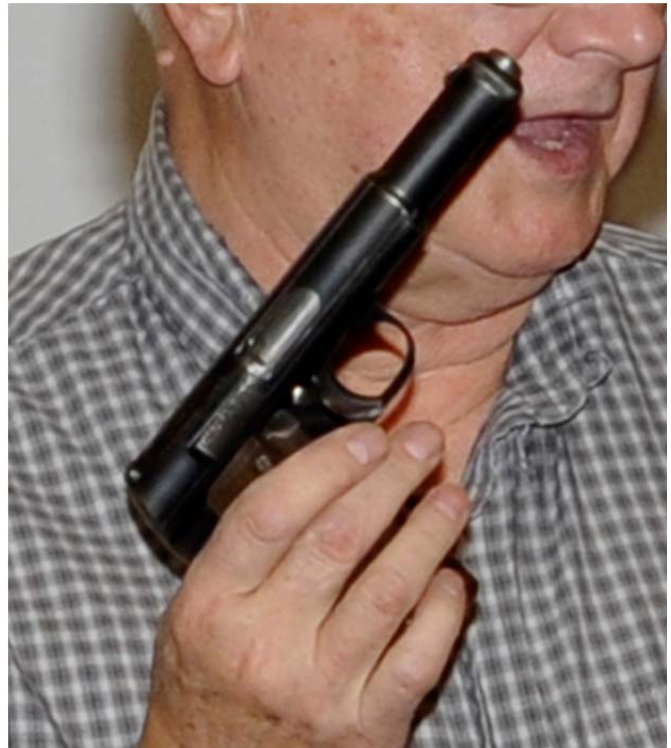
Other News!

★ **In Memorium for Jack Bokinski:** Long-time VGCA member John “Jack” Bokinsky passed away on December 17, 2015. Jack was born in Windber, PA on May 17, 1941 and is survived by his wife Doris, six children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who continue to honor cherish and celebrate his life and accomplishments. A service was held for him on January 9, 2016. Jack is remembered for his love of nature, wildlife and American history. A prominent member of the VGCA, he was an avid gun collector and big-game hunter in North America and Africa. Jack was respected by all who knew him. He was not judgmental, was quick to lend a hand and was always willing to share his vast firearms knowledge and expertise. A true patriot and gentleman whose credibility was above reproach, he was a man of integrity, honor and legendary honesty. He will be missed by his friends in the VGCA, his family and friends.

★ **Continued Call of Articles for the Website:** We are making a call for articles for the website. They must be about guns or gun collecting not shooting sports or hunting. No political articles will be used. Articles may be about modern or antique firearms and may be historical and/or technical in nature. Detailed guidelines will be available on the website. Please fact check and proofread your own work. All articles may be submitted to Marc or Richard at web@vgca.net. Official Guidelines for articles may be found on the education page of the VGCA site.

Show and Tell





Upcoming Events and Shows

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules by gun show promoters or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to verify before driving to a show. These dates have been published as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA 2015

- January 16-17, 2016 – Hampton, VA – Convention Center – *SGK*
- January 23-24, 2016 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- February 12-14, 2016 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *The Nation's Gun Show*
- February 20-21, 2016 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- March 5-3, 2016 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Convention Center – *SGK*
- **March 12-13, 2016 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *V.G.C.A Show***
- March 19-20, 2016 – Hampton, VA – Convention Center – *SGK*

MARYLAND 2015

- **January 16-17, 2016 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Timonium***
- January 23-24, 2016 – Frederick, MD – Annapolis National Guard Armory – *Silverado Gun Show*

PENNSYLVANIA 2015

- January 16-17, 2016 - Carlisle, PA – Carlisle Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- January 30-31, 2016 - Gettysburg, PA – All Star Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*

The e-mail address for any Newsletter related matters or a submission is Newsletter@vgca.net. Feel free to email items for inclusion in the newsletter. For changes of address or non-receipt of the newsletter, either via email or the mailed hard-copy, please contact Larry Hare. v/r Richard Pripeton, VGCA Newsletter Editor

Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL-2016)
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VGCA annual membership requires yearly renewal and payment of \$30.00. Life membership is still only \$150.00. If you have paid your 2015 dues, you may upgrade to life membership during the 2016 dues cycle for \$150 (only \$120 over the cost of annual membership.) Please complete and return this renewal form with your payment. Indicate Annual, Life or that you do not wish to renew your membership by checking the appropriate box below.

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

- Enclosed is \$30.00 for CY 2016 VGCA annual membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life membership in VGCA. Enclosed is \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership rolls.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (NO CASH PLEASE). If you have any questions contact Larry Hare, Membership Chair at (540) 946-2050 or by email at LaurenceHare@gmail.com.