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## January 2024 VGCA Newsletter



### President's Comments

Fellow members—

On December 2nd we wrapped up the VGCA year with an enjoyable end-of-year swap meet and pot-luck dinner at the NRA. I would like to thank all those who attended and contributed to such an impressive - and delicious - array of salads, side dishes and desserts. At the meeting we also made

a \$2,500 contribution to the NRA Museums. By providing both the large auditorium and smaller rooms for Board meetings, the NRA provides an invaluable service to our club.

The year ahead will be a challenging one: First, we have to get ready for our April 6-7 gun show at our new location at the VFW Post in Dale City. We need to support our new Show Manager Andrew Woodard by signing up for tables, distributing flyers and talking-up the show with our friends/families. Also, new on-line advertising and road sign strategies need to be developed and implemented – please help out if you can. Finally, no discussion of our gun shows can end without recognizing and praising the tremendous effort, hard work, and devotion that our outgoing show manager, Rick Nahas, has demonstrated for the last 21 years - that's right folks, 21 years! During this time there have been few empty tables and not one gun-related accident. Thanks Rick!

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on January 25th when I will be giving a presentation on Mauser Broomhandle pistols. Wish me luck!

*Ed Costello, VGCA President*

# ★ VGCA Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner



The VGCA held its annual Holiday Pot Luck and Swap Meet on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the NRA Headquarters. Though the turn-out was smaller than usual, there was plenty of good food (the dessert table, as always, was a big hit!) and great fellowship! Please enjoy these pictures of our members and their families enjoying themselves that evening.



# ★ Next Membership Meeting: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

## Presentation: Mauser C96 “Broomhandles” by Ed Costello

### Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium

Our January VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the basement auditorium of the NRA Headquarters. The room will open at 6 p.m. with pizza arriving shortly thereafter and the meeting starting at 7 p.m. We hope you can make it!



## ★ VGCA Tee Shirts

New VGCA Tee Shirts are now available for purchase. Tan colored and featuring the VGCA patch on the left breast, the VGCA logo on the right sleeve, and the Virginia state flag on the left, they are available in sizes from medium up to XXL. The cost is \$20 and they can be purchased at our membership meetings – but don’t wait – over a third have already been sold!

*Member Bryan Pelton (on left) was selling VGCA Tee Shirts at our November Gun Show while Bruce Buchner (on right) proudly wore his new shirt while manning the membership table.*

## ★ Reminder – VGCA Spring Show

Our next gun show will be held at the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) General Lewis B (Chesty) Puller Post 1503 at 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, Virginia 22193.** The dates are April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Table rental is only \$55 for a 6 ft. table. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Show Manager Andrew Woodard for an application.



## ★ Upcoming Officer Elections in 2024



With our officer elections scheduled for May, it is not too early to consider running for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer. If you would like to contribute more to the running of our organization, think about running for office. Contact one of current officers or directors if interested.

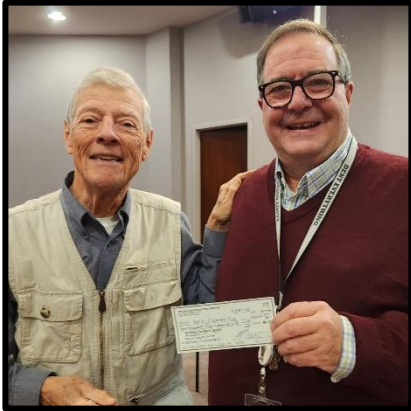
**WE WANT YOU!**



# ★ December Meeting Notes



Following the excellent Annual Holiday Pot Luck meal, the VGCA meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by VGCA President Ed Costello. Member Jim Burgess led those assembled through the Pledge of Allegiance. New members and guests were then introduced. There were 26 members and guests present.



The first order of business was our annual donation to the National Rifle Association (NRA). Accepting the \$2500 check earmarked for the National Firearms Museum from Ed Costello (far left) was museum curator Mr. Phil Shreier (near left). Phil gave an update on the museum, noting that while some business and administrative offices of the NRA will be moving to Texas in the future, the National Firearms Museum will not be among them. Phil added that the VGCA will always have a place to meet as long as he is in charge!

Member Bryan Pelton made a pitch for the VGCA Tee Shirts currently on sale. They are available in sizes medium through XXL and cost \$20 each. See additional information on page 3.

Marc Gorelick reminded everyone that voting for the VGCA 2023 Member of the Year would end at the conclusion of the evening's activities. The annual Member of the Year Award is a way for you, the VGCA membership, to publically recognize a member in good standing who selflessly went above and beyond for the club or for collecting. All VGCA members except elected Officers and Board members are eligible to receive the award. Results of the voting will be announced at the January Membership Meeting.

To give members interested in ordering the VGCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative Henry Rifle an idea of what the rifles will look like, member Dan Helm brought in his VGCA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary model (*at right*).

Note the GCA patch laser-engraved in the butt stock (far right). These lever action .22LR rifles will also have a special/unique serial number range. Cost will be approximately \$800 each with a minimum order of 10 total rifles. If more are ordered,



the price will come down. Interested members should contact Ian Wulf at [admin@capitalsupplycompany.com](mailto:admin@capitalsupplycompany.com). Orders will be pre-paid and delivered to VGCA FFL Dealers Rick Nahas and Ian Wulf when completed.

Treasurer Shannon Zeigler gave a quick update on our November Gun Show. Attendance over the weekend was approximately 750 people. Due to the substantial last-minute increase in building rental, we lost about \$1500-1700. This is why our spring gun show is moving to the Dale City VFW facility.



# "YOU'LL SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT" THE DAISY MANUFACTURING COMPANY

**By Mike Revesz, PAGCA**

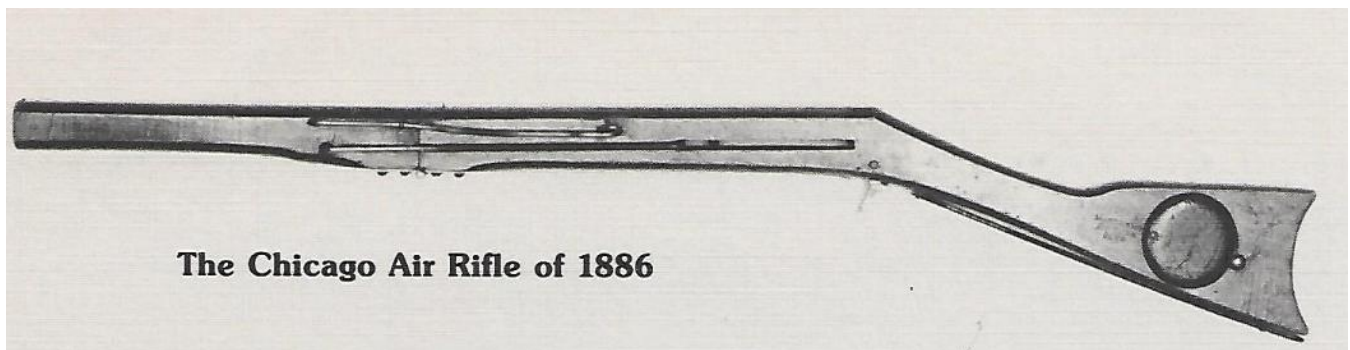
*Reprinted with permission from the January 2023 issue of the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association (PAGCA) Monthly Bugle*

The Daisy Manufacturing Company was started in 1882 by watchmaker and inventor Clarence Hamilton in Plymouth, Michigan, as the **Plymouth Iron Windmill Company**, for the manufacture of vaneless windmills that Hamilton invented in 1880. By the mid-1880s the business was struggling, as transporting the heavy steel windmills by wagons became Impractical. In January 1888 the company board met to consider closing the factory, but this motion to liquidate failed by a single vote.



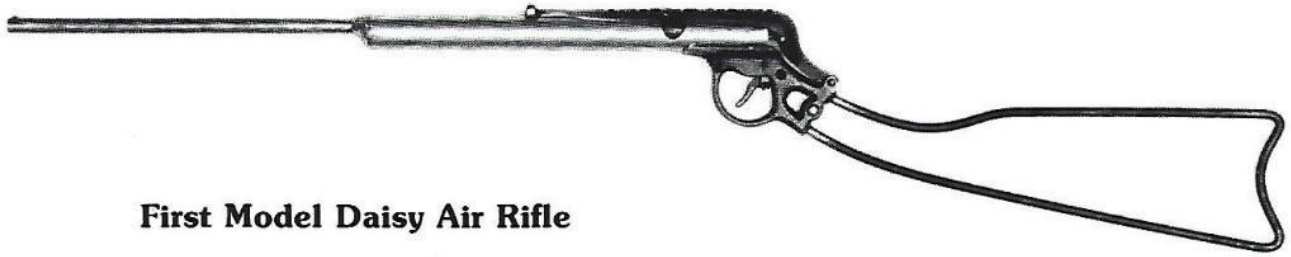
Around the corner from the windmill company, Hamilton also operated the **Plymouth Air Rifle Company**, to compete with the Markham Air Rifle Co. and their "Chicago" air rifle — a new type of wooden spring-powered air gun shooting BB-size round shot invented by Captain William F. Markham in 1886.

On March 6, 1888, Hamilton approached the windmill company board with an all-metal air gun design of his own and sought to use the windmill factory blast furnaces to mold and stamp the metal parts necessary to build his BB gun. General Manager Lewis Hough test fired the gun and exclaimed, "Boy, it's a daisy!", and the new gun was named the "Daisy BB Gun". The board of the Windmill Company then decided to offer the gun as a bundled premium item with every windmill purchased.



**The Chicago Air Rifle of 1886**

Markham responded to the metal "Daisy Air Rifle" by introducing their own metal "Chicago" (1888) and "King" (1890) model BB guns. However, Daisy's marketing strategy was much better and by 1900 a full 15% of their sales were being spent on posters and magazine space, with the net result making Daisy a household name. The Daisy BB Guns continued to outsell its competitors, and by 1895 sales and popularity had grown to the point that the Plymouth Company (Daisy) ceased the manufacture of windmills and began producing airguns exclusively. The board then changed the company name to **Daisy Manufacturing Company**.



**First Model Daisy Air Rifle**



*Daisy Air Rifle Co. 1948*



*Markham Air Rifle Co. about 1889*

The Markham Air Rifle Company was established in July 1886 in a small two-story factory in Plymouth, Michigan. While The Markham Chicago model was the first financially successful BB gun, the competition from Daisy caused Markham's founder to decide to exit the air rifle business and leave Plymouth in 1912. He sold his company to two Daisy executives who changed the name of the company to King Manufacturing Company. Daisy acquired King Manufacturing in 1931.

In 1901, Daisy introduced a 500-shot lever-action rifle (predating Markham's by nine years), and special guns were even built to shoot streams of water at Masonic initiations. Perhaps the most famous model was the Little Daisy, Model 20, which was made continuously with only three model changes between 1908 and 1937 and at times sold for less than fifty cents.

In 1958, the company moved the corporate offices and manufacturing facilities from Plymouth to Rogers, Arkansas. In 1993, Daisy was acquired by the private equity firm Charter Oak Partners. The Daisy Plymouth factory was demolished in 2005 and replaced with a condominium complex called Daisy Square.



*Daisy Red Ryder BB Gun Today*

Daisy is best known for their inexpensive youth BB guns, modeled after lever-action rifles. Perhaps the most famous of these is the **Red Ryder** model, which is still in production today, despite the fact that the



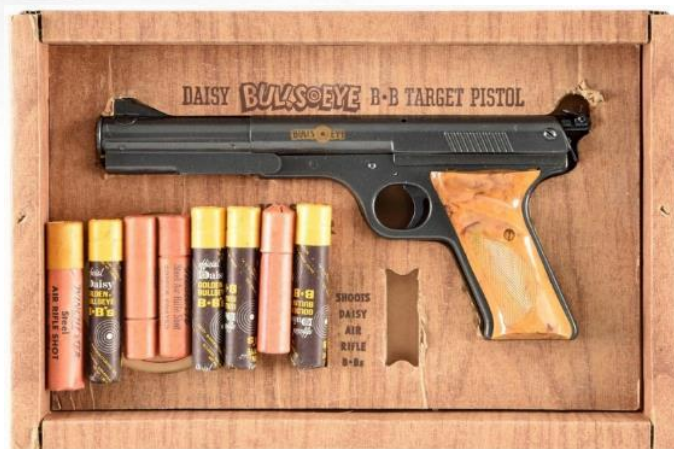
Red Ryder comic strip was canceled in 1963. These simple smoothbore, spring-air BB guns fire at low velocities, and are marketed to children ages 10 and over. During the Vietnam War Daisy BB guns were used in Quick Kill training for soldiers in basic training.

The **Red Ryder BB Gun** is a BB gun made by Daisy Outdoor Products and introduced in the spring of 1940 that resembles the Winchester rifle of Western movies. Named for the comic strip cowboy character Red Ryder (created in 1938, and who appeared in numerous films between 1940 and 1950, and on television in 1956), the BB gun is still in production, though the comic strip was cancelled in 1963.

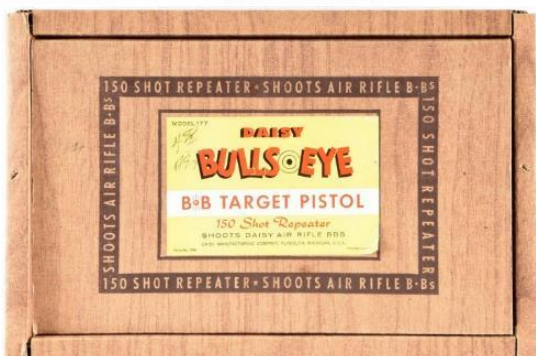
The Red Ryder BB Gun is a lever-action, spring piston air gun with a smooth bore barrel. Current production has a rear iron sight adjustable for elevation only and a post front sight. It uses a gravity feed magazine with a 650 BB capacity. It has an engraved wooden stock and a saddle ring with leather thong on the receiver's left side.



*Daisy No. 25 Pump Action Airgun circa 1950 with 18" blued steel round barrel with standard sights, etched pump action, and walnut board stock. Photo courtesy of Morphy Auctions.*



*Daisy Bulls Eye .177 Target Pistol with original box, circa 1950. Photos courtesy of Morphy Auctions.*



# DAISY BB GUNS GO TO WAR!

## The U.S. Army's Quick Kill Training Program

*By Marc Gorelick*



Many of those who served in the U.S. Army during and shortly after the Vietnam War will remember getting Quick Kill rifle training with a Daisy BB gun. Based on instinct-shooting or point shooting techniques developed by a Georgia trick shot named Bobby Lamar ("Lucky") McDaniel, the Quick Kill method was designed to improved proficiency in point or instinctive shooting by infantrymen in the close jungles of Vietnam where combat was often at ranges of 50 meters or less. It reinforced the concept of fast target acquisition and hitting the target quickly without traditional aiming. First tested in March 1966, the training program was officially approved in May 1967 and was ordered to be fully integrated into basic rifle marksmanship training by December 1967. While the program was active some 13,000 (or 33,000 depending on source) Daisy Model 95 lever action BB guns without sights were used.

According to Army training manual PRINCIPALS OF QUICK KILL, 23-71-1, Quick Kill training was *“developed and refined from the method recognized among civilians as INSTINCT SHOOTING. Basically, Quick Kill is doing what comes naturally. It is a distinct departure from most methods taught which tend toward mathematical precision. The key to the successful employment of this technique is simplicity. IT IS AS SIMPLE AS POINTING THE FINGER.”*

The shooter doesn't aim, track or lead. He looks at the target, not his gun or his sights and the gun becomes an extension of his eyes, so when he points his finger, his finger becomes an extension of his eyes. It facilitated hitting moving as well as stationary targets.



*Daisy Model 95 with no sights.*

Quick Kill training normally came after recruits were taught to clear, disassemble, maintain, reassemble, and function-check the service rifle, but before they were taught such marksmanship fundamentals as aimed fire - sight picture, trigger control, breath control and so on. There were three phases to Quick Kill training which usually took two days:

1. Firing with an air rifle with no sights. This was usually a block of three hours of instruction. Initially these were just Daisy BB guns stripped of sights. However, Army personnel were concerned that the recruits would have trouble transitioning from a sightless Daisy BB gun to the M-16s and M-14s used in actual combat, so BB guns were made with simulated M-14 and M-16 stocks. These were often of fiber molded resin which made the BB gun weigh close to the actual weapon. Modified BB guns had a pistol grip attached to the action lever and a straight butt stock, a triangular handguard, and faux plastic front sight and carry handle rear sight.



2. Live firing with the M-14 or M-16 service rifle with blanked-out or taped over sights. For the M14, a “training rib” was created that did this and provided a shotgun-like “sight picture.”
3. Firing with the service rifle, but not using the sights. Three distances were used: 15, 30 and 50 meters.

Tests showed that soldiers who first went through Quick Kill training and then went on to aimed fire training actually did better at long distance aimed shooting than those who didn’t have Quick Kill.



*Daisy Model 95 lever action BB gun in a mock up M-16 mock up stock. Photo courtesy of Rock Island Auctions.*



*Daisy Model 95 lever action BB gun in a mock up M-16 mock up stock. It is marked "SIXTH USA TNG DEV CEN/FT LEWIS WASH" on the left side. Photo courtesy of Rock Island Auctions.*

The Army chose air rifles for the first phase of the training because, they were cheap, economical to operate (BBs cost a miniscule fraction of .223 or 7.62mm ammunition), could be fired in limited areas with little danger, the BB serves as a tracer and can be seen in flight aiding training, and maintenance costs could be held to a minimum. Daisy Model 95s fit the bill. In the first phase the students began by firing at 3 ½ inch diameter metal disks thrown in the air slightly in front of the student and 6 ½ feet to 13 feet above the student's head. After an 80% hit rate is attained firing at these disks, the student was then presented with 2 ½ inch diameter disks. Once proficiency is attained with aerial targets, showing that the soldier has mastered the fundamentals, training moved on to stationary targets on the ground, first with the BB gun and then to the second phase using a service rifle with its front and rear sights taped over.

Although Quick Kill training was effective and by all reports saved U.S. soldiers’ lives in combat, sometime after the war the Army ended the Quick Kill training program. However, Daisy commercially sold sightless BB guns and target throwers for a number of years under the name *Quick Skill*, along with an instruction book that was a version of the aerial target portion of the Army’s Quick Kill course. Today, Army Quick Kill Daisy BB guns in mock service rifle stocks are very collectible. One sold at a Rock Island Auction in December 2011 for \$1,725. Rock Island sold another one in 2013 for \$2,185.

I recall that when I was doing my ROTC summer training in 1969 at Fort Riley, Kansas we were given truncated Quick Kill training using only the BB guns. I don’t remember the model of the BB gun but I do remember that the training was fun. At least it was a lot more fun than gas mask training with tear gas.



# ★ Membership Chairman's Report

## Membership Chairman's Report January 2024

**New Applications for Membership:** Since the last Newsletter, there has been one new application for membership.

- **William Dehglar** of Lorton sponsored by **Matthew G.**

Please welcome the following new members to our group:

- **Eckel Davis** of Spotsylvania sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Mark Gibson** of Alexandria sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Harold Hudson** of Alexandria sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Daniel Green** of Woodbridge sponsored by **William Hible**
- **Mike Piper** of Swoope sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Richard Shepard** of McLean sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Dominique Marie Notare** of Manassas Park sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Thomas Kuklish** of Manassas Park sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Walter Cate** of Falls Church sponsored by **Glen Ruh**
- **David Marvil** of Purcellville sponsored by **Jim Burgess**
- **Jackson Galyean** of Ashburn sponsored by **Bryan Pelton**
- **Elisabeth Rowan** of Reston sponsored by **Frank Cooper**
- **Thomas Macia** of Arlington sponsored by **Frank Cooper**
- **Chrisropher Ziedonis** of Fairfax sponsored by **Ian Wulf & Shannon Ziegler**
- **Russell Thomason** of Berryville sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Chuck Schafer** of Stafford sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our organization please invite them to a meeting or to our upcoming VGCA Gun Show.

**Notice to New Member Sponsors:** VGCA will be discontinuing hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters at a future date. *Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number* if at all possible and **make sure that your name is on the sponsorship form.** Without an email address new members will NOT receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

**Membership Numbers:** There are currently 427 Life members and 102 Annual Members for a total of 529 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

**Recruiting:** Membership in the VGCA is a great way for people with an interest in the history, development, and use of firearms to broaden their knowledge and pass what they know on to others. It also offers the opportunity to network with individuals who have similar interests. To help facilitate new membership we have a Membership Table at every Chantilly and Fredericksburg gun show and also at our VGCA gun shows. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at an upcoming show please contact George Dungan at [george@ecominv.com](mailto:george@ecominv.com) or Bruce Buchner at [buchnerb@cox.net](mailto:buchnerb@cox.net).

**The next Fredericksburg show is January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and the next Chantilly show is the following weekend, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Having good people manning our membership tables at these shows is very important as we will also be promoting our April VGCA gun show in addition to recruiting.**

**Membership Renewal:** All annual dues are due by the end of December. You can renew annually for \$30 or \$150 for life. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to either George Dungan or Bruce Buchner. If you are unsure of your membership status email [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) and I will let you know.

*George Dungan*, Vice President and Membership Chair

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## Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2023\_Oct)

VGCA, Inc., P.O. Box 2318, Merrifield, VA 22116-2318

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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 for CY 2024 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (Please - NO CASH or Money Orders). If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Interim Membership Chair** at [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) or call me at 571-243-6387.

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# CMP UPDATE

*By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison*

*The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.*

## **CMP SPORTER AIR RIFLE SALES**

Three-Position Air Rifle Shooting, is the largest and fastest-growing segment of junior shooting today. It uses a class of target air rifles called “sporter air rifles” that now constitute a special class of junior shooting competition that offers excellent opportunities for shooters. Sporter air rifles are characterized by their light weight (5-7 lbs.), relatively low cost, basic target features (adjustable sights, adjustable length stocks, adjustable sling attachments) and suitable accuracy (rifles must be capable of consistently shooting tens on standard competition targets).

*Sales are restricted to CMP affiliated clubs and members of CMP affiliated clubs. The VGCA is a CMP affiliated club. (You must provide a copy of your VGCA membership card or have a copy of your card on file with the CMP).*

Go to the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/sporter-air-rifles/> for details and ordering information.

## **CROSMAN CHALLENGER PCP**



The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) announced that CMP Affiliated Clubs can purchase the all-new Crosman Challenger PCP through the CMP’s delayed or direct payment programs. The Crosman Challenger PCP was redesigned with a new precision class style stock, swappable (right to left) side lever cocking handle, higher velocities, and much more. Outfitted with the Crosman Diopter Sight System, and an adjustable precision sight. All competition shooters new and old, can be proficient with the Challenger PCP. Price is \$650 each and \$625 if ordering 5 or more rifles. Shipping is free.

Features:

- .177 caliber, three-position, competition style pellet rifle
- Fully adjustable, precision synthetic stock with swappable sidelever cocking handle
- Floating, Lothar Walther match barrel
- Regulator for shot-to-shot consistency, two-stage match grade trigger with adjustable shoe
- 3000 PSI reservoir for 200+ more shots per fill and higher factory set velocities of 600 FPS

- Hooded front aperture sight and micro click adjustable diopter rear sight
- Meets requirements of National Standard three-position air rifle

### ***Daisy Model 599 10-Meter Competition Air Rifle***

The new Model 599 10-Meter Competition Air Rifle, a .177 caliber gun allows competitors to shoot the entire match without having to recharge. The price is \$595 or \$540 for six or more.



#### Features:

- Ambidextrous beechwood stock
- Vertical and length-of-pull adjustment
- Adjustable comb
- Trigger weight adjustable down to 1.5 lbs.
- Rotating trigger adjustment for perfect positioning right or left
- Removable power configurable cylinder
- Cold-hammer-forged BSA barrel
- Straight-pull T-handle
- Hooded front sight, diopter rear sight
- Integral 10.8 mm dovetail scope rail
- Sling rail
- Pressure gauge and quickfill

### ***Daisy Elite Pump Air Rifle***

#### Features:

- Synthetic stock
- Globe front sight
- Diopter rear sight
- Sling with attachment hardware

- Front aperture inserts and stock adjustment spacers.



The price from CMP is only \$210.

## **CMP AIR PISTOL SALES**

Sales are restricted to members of CMP affiliated clubs only (must provide membership card or have card on file). Go to the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/air-pistols/> for additional information.

### ***Air Venturi AV-46***



The Air Venturi AV-46M Match Air Pistol features Russian technology. Produced by well-known Russian barrel manufacturer, Alfa Precision, shooters can rest assured that both overall quality and accuracy is still at the heart of this match air pistol. With velocities up to 480 FPS and a light pumping effort of about 18 lbs., this is an excellent entry level match pistol with extreme accuracy capabilities for those new to 10-meter competition or looking for a good target airgun.

This air pistol has many of the features competitive shooters look for, including a fully-adjustable 2-stage trigger that adjusts for the length of the first and second stage pull, as well as pull weight and blade position. In addition, the airgun allows for dry-firing, so that users can practice their shooting skills such as breathing, grip, trigger control and follow-through without using up pellets or pumping the lever. The AV-46M includes high-quality target sights, with a rear sight that fully adjusts for windage and elevation, and a fixed front post sight. Additionally, the laminate grip offers an adjustable palm shelf that can also be completely removed if desired. The price is \$650 for a right standard and \$750 for a left standard.



## Alfa Proj Competition PCP Pistol, .177



The Air Arms Alfa precharged pneumatic (PCP) pistol is one of the few 10-meter guns with an ambidextrous grip that really works no matter which hand you use. And you get world-class accuracy at a fraction of the cost of other high end competition pistols. The CMP price is \$890.

Shipped by Pyramid Air so contact them for shipping and handling. Information on the CMP website.

### Alfa Proj Competition PCP Pistol Features:

- Precharged pneumatic
- Built-in regulator
- Air release device
- Ambidextrous
- Dry-fire mechanism
- Front sight adjusts to 3 widths
- Rear sight adjusts for elevation, windage & 2 widths
- Trigger adjustable for pull, position & travel; can be set for 2-stage or single-stage
- Trigger-pull set by the factory is 8 oz.
- Includes one removable 6-oz. weight
- Rail under barrel is 7" long for attachment of weight
- 11mm rail on top of barrel



## CMP FIREARMS INSURANCE NEWS

The CMP recently announced that it has partnered with Lockton Affinity Outdoor on insurance benefits for affiliated clubs (like VGCA) and members of those clubs. Through this partnership, both clubs and members of the CMP community can now have access to a range of affordable insurance to protect themselves and their gun collections.

Formed in 1987 as an affiliate of Lockton Companies, Lockton Affinity underwrites, distributes and services specialty insurance products that fall outside standard markets. According to the CMP and Lockton Affinity websites, Lockton Affinity Outdoor has more than 20 years of experience protecting \$300,000,000 worth of firearm property and 4,000+ firearm-related businesses,

There are four types of insurance available according the CMP and Lockton. The first is Firearms Insurance. Starting as low as \$50 per year depending on the value of your guns, the insurance provides fair market value for scheduled and unscheduled firearms, including antique and collectible firearms, as well as fair market value coverage for firearm accessories, such as scopes, rings, mounts, slings and sling swivels.

The second type of insurance is **Personal Firearm Liability Insurance which has four areas of coverage:** Hunting and Shooting Accident Liability, Accidental Discharge Coverage, Lost or Stolen Firearm Liability and Lawful Personal Defense.

The third type of insurance is Firearm Instructor Insurance for certified and credentialed firearm instructors, range safety officers, coaches and training counselors. The fourth type is Club Insurance.

For additional information, details about the policies, costs, and applications, go to the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/clubs/tailored-insurance-for-cmp-clubs-community/>. Click on “LEARN MORE” to go to the following website: <https://locktonaffinityoutdoor.com/cmp/#firearmsinsurance>.

*(DISCLAIMER: This is a CMP program, not a VGCA program. While VGCA is a CMP affiliated club it is not affiliated with Lockton Affinity. Any dealings with Lockton Affinity are the individual members’ responsibility.)*

## ★ VGCA Rings in the New Year with Another Recruiting Effort at the Chantilly Gun Show

VGCA members supported another weekend of recruiting during the “Nation’s Gun Show” at Chantilly, Virginia during December 29-31, 2023. Special thanks go out to Bruce Buchner for organizing the volunteers, including Dan Helm (*near right*) and Mick Jacobson (*far right*).



## ★ 2023-2024 Presentation List ★

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
25 Jan 2024	Broomhandle Mausers	Ed Costello
22 Feb 2024	The FN49	Carlos Davila
28 Mar 2024	The Beretta Model 1951	Troy Blackwood
	<i>No meeting in April 2024 due to our Gun Show</i>	
23 May 2024	TBD	

We are starting to fill in the presentation schedule for next year. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact Matthew G. at [matthewofmclean@gmail.com](mailto:matthewofmclean@gmail.com) or one of the VGCA officers or directors.

## HAMPTON ROADS MILITARY SOCIETY

The Hampton Roads Militaria Society (HRMS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist collectors and historians in the collection & preservation of militaria of all sorts and periods, preserve and honor our military past, and honor the veterans of all our conflicts. They generally meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. VGCA members are welcome. Upcoming meetings (at 1243 Bayne Drive in VA Beach) are:

**13 Feb 2024** - "The Evolution of the Rifle – Part 1" by Chris Betcher

**12 Mar 2024** – Topic TBD

For more details, HRMS website is: [Hampton Roads Militaria Society \(classicfirearmsandchoesofglory.com\)](http://HamptonRoadsMilitariaSociety(classicfirearmsandchoesofglory.com))

# VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: MASTER GUNSMITHS COOPERATIVE SxS DOUBLE RIFLE .404 JEFFERY

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*Photos courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria*



The gunmakers of Ferlach, Austria are rightly considered to be among the best. Their custom guns are sought after by the world's elite, including royalty, heads of state, captains of industry, and oligarchs. For generations, the gunsmith trade in Ferlach has been based on the cooperation of specialists: stock makers, fitters, gunsmiths, engravers and finishers. Although modern technology has its place, Ferlach gunsmiths today still make guns like they did 100 years ago - from walnut and pure iron, hand-made guns are milled, sawn, filed and forged down to the smallest detail according to historical tradition. The tradition of making weapons in Ferlach goes back to the 15th century, when gunsmiths from Belgium settled in Ferlach because of the iron ore deposits around the Hüttenberg. The cooperative of master gunsmiths in Ferlach, known as "Genossenschaft der Büchsenmachermeister" was founded in 1872. This organization also makes superb guns that are show pieces and works of art as well as being precision hunting instruments.



This side by side double rifle was produced by the cooperative. Made in 1964, and chambered in .404 Rigby, it is made for hunting large dangerous game in Africa. The 25.6 inch (65 cm) long chopper lump barrels are surmounted by an engine-turned rib that is inscribed in gold, "Genossenschaft der Büchsenmachermeister - Ferlach, Austria." The express sights have an additional folding leaf. It has an Anson & Deeley boxlock with sideplates, Kersten crossbolt, automatic ejectors, a sliding tang safety, and gold plated double triggers.



The French grey action and metal furniture is profusely engraved with scrolls and floral designs. There are gold inlaid dangerous game animals on the action sides and bottom. A gold charging elephant on the left side plate, a gold rhino on the right side plate and a cape buffalo on the bottom of the action.



The strikingly patterned select walnut stock has a hog's back comb, pistol grip, fine checkering, an oval cheekpiece, and a trap in the butt that holds three extra cartridges. The beavertail-fore-end has a Deeley latch and the gun has a German claw mounted Pecar Berlin 1.5-4x18 scope.



The .404 Jeffery rifle cartridge is designed for hunting large, dangerous game animals, such as the "Big Five" of Africa - elephant, rhino, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard. It was invented in 1905 by London

based gunmaker W.J. Jeffery & Co to duplicate the performance of the .450/400 Nitro Express 3-inch in bolt-action rifles. The .404 Jeffery fires a bullet of .422 inch diameter of either 300 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2,600 feet/sec and muzzle energy of 4,500 foot-pounds force or 400 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2,150 feet/sec and 4,100 foot-pounds force of energy.



The cartridge is very effective on large game and was popular with hunters and game wardens in Africa because of its good performance with manageable recoil. It saw significant use in both British and German colonies but by the 1960's it had all but disappeared from common firearm usage, partly as a result of the closing of the British ammunition giant Kynoch, which was the primary manufacturer of the .404 Jeffery and many other British big game cartridges. The cartridge has made a comeback with a resurgence in African hunting and the rifles suited for it. Several ammunition makers like Norma, Federal, and Hornady are manufacturing .404 Jeffery sporting ammunition

This product of the master gunsmiths' cooperative of Ferlach was recently offered at an auction by Joh. Springers Erben in Vienna, Austria with a starting price of \$8,500 (8,000 euros).



## ATTENTION!



We are seeking speakers and presenters for our membership meetings in 2024. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact any of the VGCA officers or directors.



# ★ Show-n-Tell ★

**NOTE: For anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell - please hold the item up so the members in attendance can see it. This will also help your photographer get a sharp picture and allow people who could not attend the meeting to see it clearly in the newsletter. We also ask that you provide a Fact Sheet (copies of the one below will be provided at the meeting) to assist the newsletter editor in accurately describing your item. Thank you!**

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## VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Action Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Production: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

Year this example was manufactured (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question(s) for members: \_\_\_\_\_

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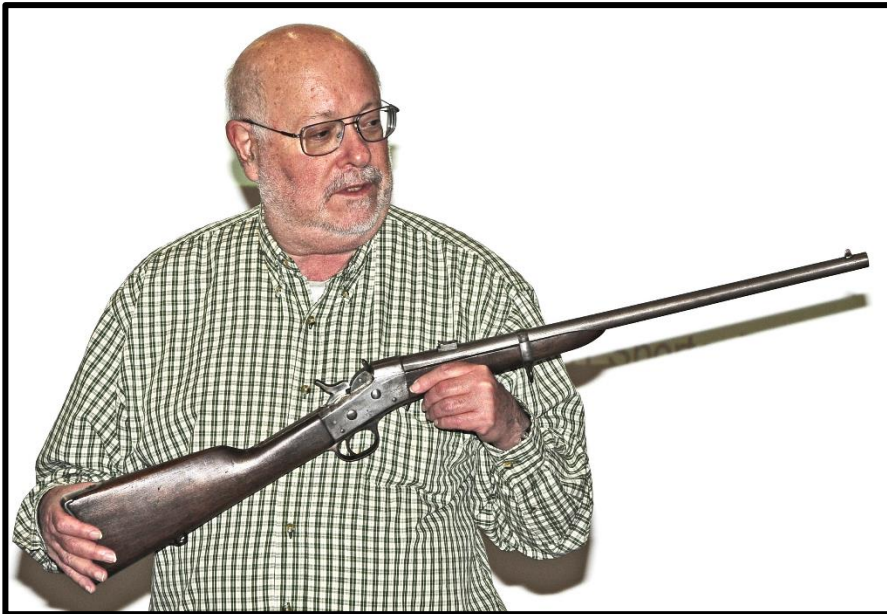
# OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL

As a reminder, we ran out of space in the November-December Issue of the VGCA Newsletter, so the Show-n-Tell items from our October Membership Meeting are being described here.

Member 1 (*below*) brought in a Colt SP1. As noted in the October presentation by Gary Latta and Ian Wulf, the SP1 was Colt's attempt to make a semi-automatic version of the then-new U.S. service rifle available to the public. This example was manufactured in approximately 1984 and Member 1 made a couple of small additions to make it more like the M16 he carried in the United States Air Force Security Forces. He did so by adding a plastic muzzle protector and brass deflector for left-handed shooters.







Member 2 (*above*) brought in a carbine he dubbed “the first U.S. Assault Weapon” - a Remington Model 1867. He makes this claim because it was short, light, and in a relatively small caliber (.50/45 centerfire), at least for the time. The U.S. Navy acquired 5,000 of these rolling block carbines in 1867-1868. An additional 95 were produced as a production overrun and were sold commercially. This model was the first new long gun purchased by the U.S. military after the American Civil War and was also the first significant sale of the rolling block action for Remington. Member 2 noted that it is very hard to find one of these carbines in decent shape and in its original configuration. Most saw heavy service in the Navy and tended to be “rode hard and put away wet.” The Navy disposed of them in 1879 and many were subsequently converted into pistols. 200 were rechambered to .50/70 and sold to the South Carolina militia.



This example features the government inspectors initials “FCW” (for Frank C. Warner) on both the stock (*above top*) and the frame (*above center*). Frequently counterfeited and faked due to their scarcity, one way to confirm an original’s authenticity is by the milled extractor at the bottom of the chamber and the concave groove of the breechblock (*details shown at left*).



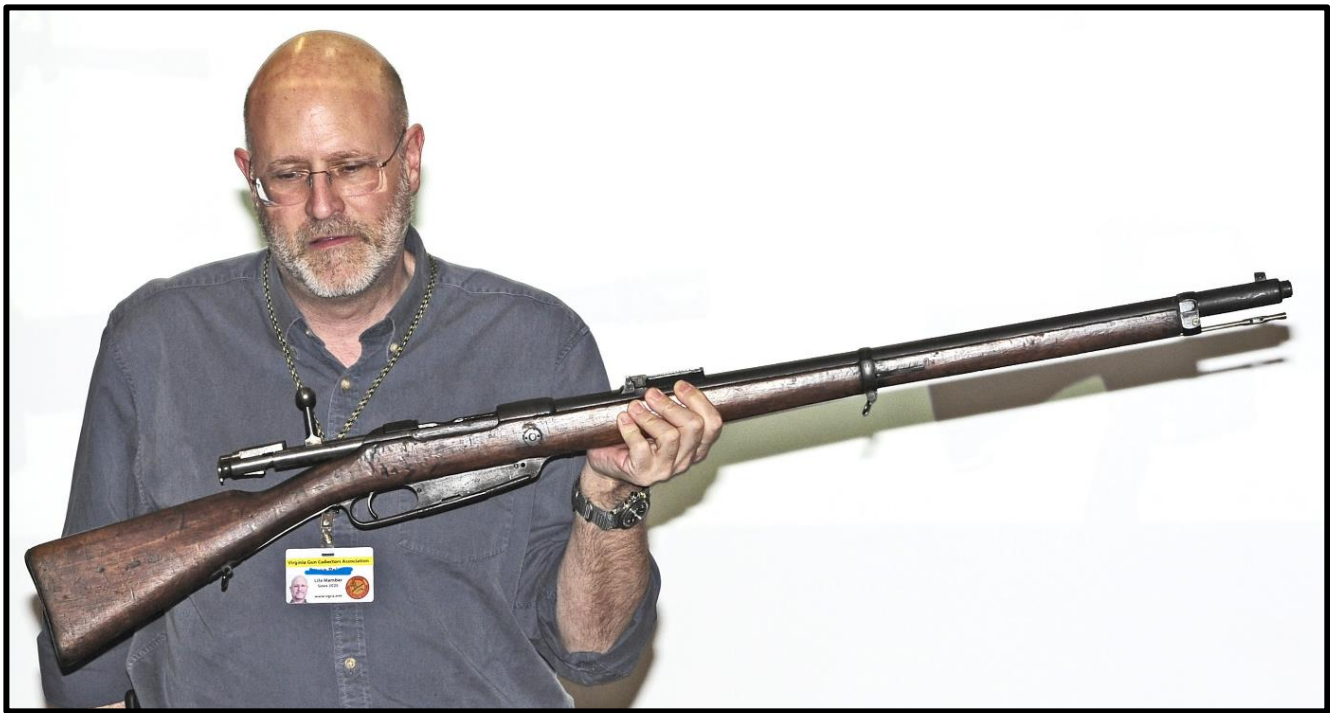
Member 3 shared an interesting French Chatellerault Fusil Gras Modele 1874 rifle (*left*). Approximately 400,000 Gras rifles were made between 1874 and 1886. This particular bolt action single-shot was originally manufactured in 1879 and chambered in 11x59 Rimmed (a black powder centerfire cartridge). It was later converted to .22 Rimfire for use as a military trainer, probably during World War I. The conversion consisted of modifying the bolt, replacing or sleeving the barrel, shortening the barrel by 4 ½ inches, and replacing the front and rear sights. These conversions are actually pretty rare – Member 3 picked up this example on gunbroker.com about 20 years ago.

Member 4 (*right*) brought in a Remington Model 1903A3 rifle. The M1903A3 features several changes to the original M1903 that were adopted in an effort to speed production and reduce cost during WWII. These changes include making multiple parts from stampings instead of milling/machining them, to include the nose cap, barrel band, butt plate, magazine follower, magazine floorplate and trigger guard, and even the stacking swivel and sling swivel. The M1903A3 also replaced the barrel-mounted rear sight with a receiver-mounted peep. Recently purchased at the



Civilian Marksmanship Store at Camp Perry, Ohio, this excellent example was originally manufactured in August 1943. It features a stock cartouche with the initials “FJA” (*at left*) for Frank J. Atwood, commander of the Rochester Ordnance District and the Army officer responsible for the inspection of all firearms produced in his district.





Member 5 shared a German Model 1888/05 rifle (*above*). Originally designated the Gewher 88 and also known as the Commission Rifle, the Model 1888 was the first military rifle to fire smokeless ammunition adopted by Germany. It was chambered for a 7.92mm cartridge that fired a .318 diameter bullet. The Model 1888 was manufactured in large numbers (approximately 2,800,000) at four federal German arsenals and four civilian factories. In 1905, the Model 1888 was updated and converted from a Mannlicher style magazine utilizing an en bloc clip to the Mauser style reloaded via stripper clips. At the same time, the barrel was modified to handle .323 diameter bullets of the newly adopted 7.92x57 S Patrone cartridge. These modified rifles were stamped with an “S” on the receiver (*detail at right*).



This particular example was manufactured by the Ludwig Lowe of Berlin in 1890 and subsequently transferred to Turkey, denoted by a crescent moon stamped on the receiver (*also at right*). The barrel band is unit marked “8 R 7 223” (*left*) which is believed to translate to the 8<sup>th</sup> Reserve Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Company, rack number 223.

Member 6 brought in a Tommy Built Tactical version of the Heckler & Koch G36C (*right*). Chambered in 5.56x45 NATO, this civilian-legal, semi-automatic adaptation of the standard issue German military rifle features a folding stock and a shell deflector. It also mounts a rare (and expensive) dual sighting system – with a red dot on top and a 3.5X magnification scope on the bottom. The mag release is a ambi paddle lever, similar to an AK, but the magazines can be “slammed home” – they do not have to be “rocked in.”



Member 7 (*left*) shared another of his semi-automatic versions of famous sub-machineguns – this time a PPS-43. Adopted by the Soviet Union during WWII as a cheaper and easier to manufacture sub-gun to replace the PPSH-41, the PPS-43 chambered in 7.62x25 Tokarev cartridge achieved that goal. It could be produced with 50% less man-hours and used 50% less raw steel compared to its predecessor.

Sometimes referred to as the best sub-gun of WWII, approximately 2,000,000 PPS-43s were produced during the war. They utilized a 35-round stick magazine, but not the cumbersome, expensive, hand-fitted, and not-100%-reliable 72-round drum magazine used by the PPSH-41.

This example was built with post-war Polish Radom PPS-43/52 parts, to include the wooden buttstock. It has a 16.5” barrel to avoid registration as a short barreled rifle (SBR). A pistol version without the buttstock and original length barrel is also available.





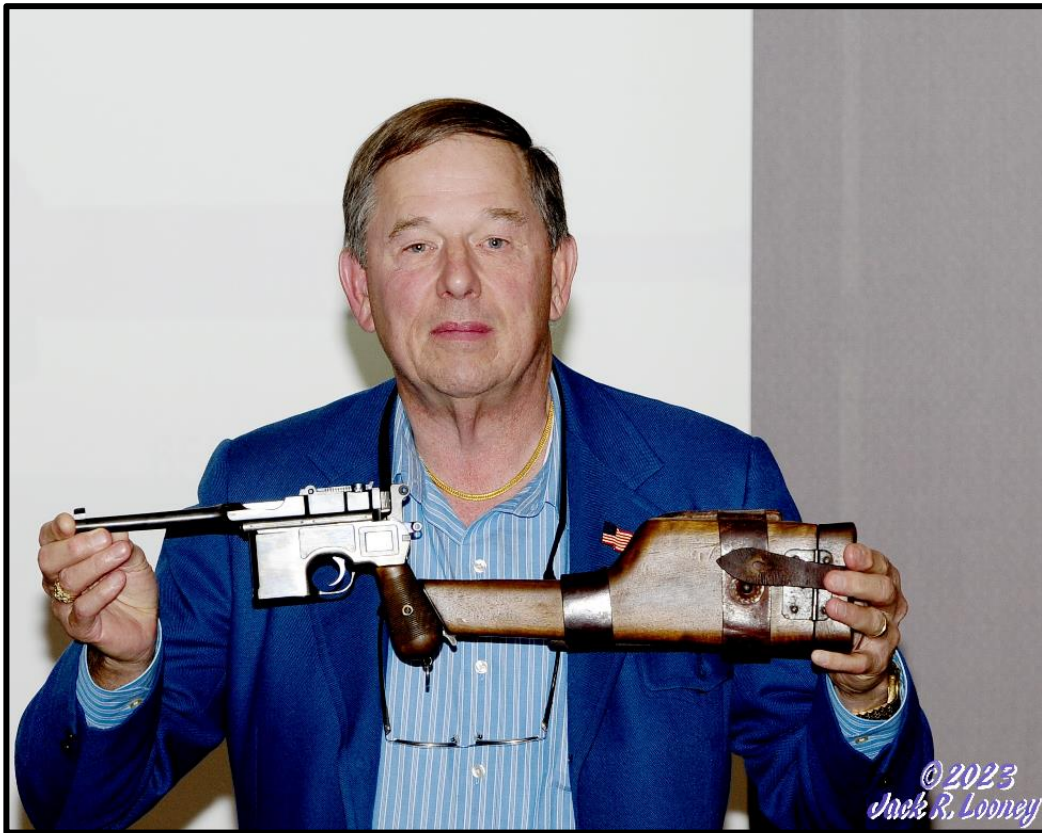
Member 7 also shared a mystery pistol (*above*) with no markings, possibly of European origin (based on the grip screws). It is an auto-ejecting single-shot chambered in .22 rimfire. Is it the result of a garage shop gunsmith? Or possibly a project for a gunsmith apprentice? If you have any knowledge of this design (*details shown at right*) or even an educated guess, please contact one of the officers so we can share your thoughts with Member 7.



Member 8 brought in a French MAS 36 (*left*). This bolt action rifle chambered in 7.5x54 was adopted by the French prior to WWII. It was initially intended to arm reserve/2<sup>nd</sup> tier troops, with the front line soldiers armed with semi-automatic rifles (what would ultimately be adopted as the MAS 44 and later MAS 49), however, the semi-auto was not ready by the time WWII started and thus the MAS 36 was the most modern small arm available to French forces. Approximately 1,100,000 MAS 36s were produced from 1937-1952.

This example was made at the Saint Etienne arsenal. It has an F-series serial number, placing its manufacture in 1939 or 1940, and a stock cartouche dated 1940. It has all early features and has not been through

an arsenal refurbishment. It has an “8 5” (or possibly an “8 S”) carved in the stock and is missing its stacking swivel. Could this be a vet bring-back from Vietnam?



Member 9 (*left and below*) shared not one, not two, but four Mauser C96 pistols!

The C96 proved to be the first commercially successful semi-automatic pistol in the world. Mauser would produce approximately 1,100,000 between 1896 and 1937 while an unknown number of unlicensed copies were made in Spain and China. Originally chambered in 7.63x25 Mauser cartridge,

some later models would be made in 9x19. With features such as a long 5.5” barrel, a 10-round box magazine in front of the trigger guard, a powerful cartridge (no pistol cartridge would exceed the velocity of the 7.63 Mauser until the .357 Magnum was introduced in 1935), and a detachable shoulder stock (*see above*) that usually doubled as its holster, the C96 was popular in both military and civilian circles for several decades.

As mentioned earlier, some C96s were produced in 9mm. 150,000 were ordered in that caliber and 137,000 were delivered to German military forces during WWI. They are distinctive by having a large “9” carved into the grip panels and painted red to denote the caliber. These are known as “Red 9s” (*at right*) to collectors.

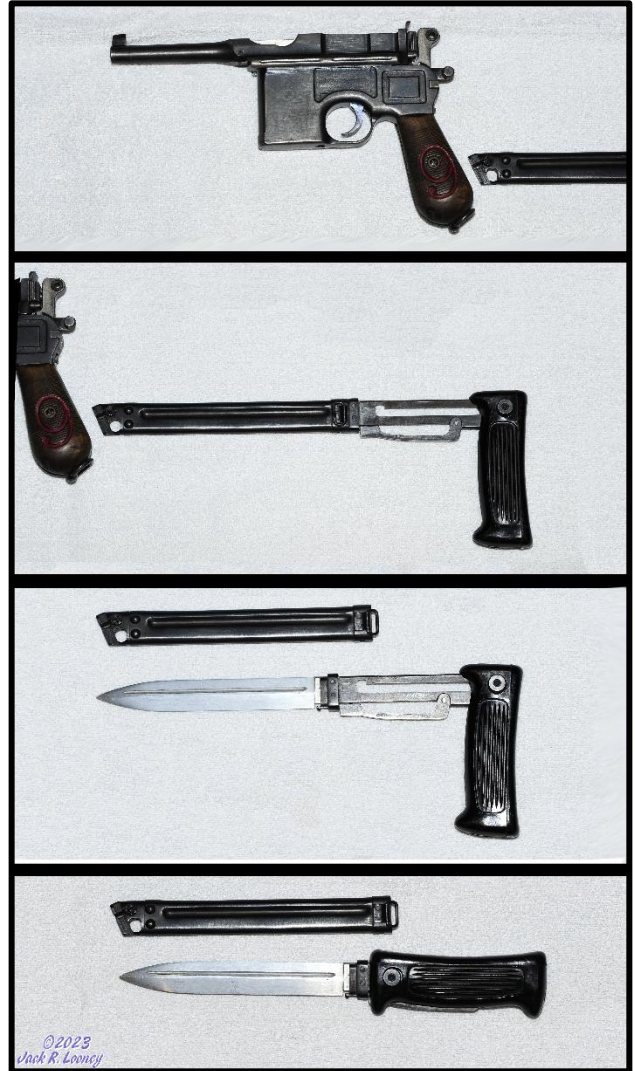






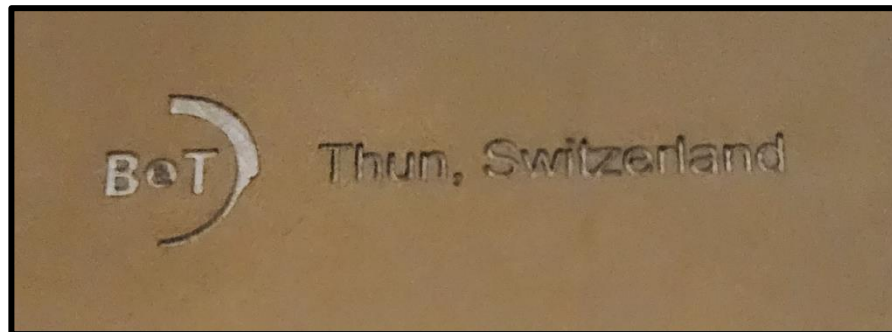
Member 9 also brought in an unusual accessory – a detachable shoulder stock that could be converted into a knife! Shown above mounted on a post-WWI “Bolo” model, this unique item is believed to have been produced in China for civilian (not military) sales. This particular pistol is a 9mm variant that was modified in 1920 for police use and features a shorter 4” barrel and fixed rear sight (vice the earlier graduated ladder sight).

For more information on this fascinating pistol, be sure to attend our January 2024 meeting when Mr. Ed Costello will give a presentation on the iconic C96.





Member 10 shared another pistol with the magazine located in front of trigger guard – the B&T KH9 “Covert” (*above*). Made in Switzerland, the semi-automatic, blow-back operated KH9 features a folding grip and magazine well for a more compact package. Chambered in 9x19 caliber and with a 20 or 25 round magazine, the KH9’s barrel has a tri-lug adaptor to easily mount a suppressor. The selector lever has three positions – Safe, Fire, and a Decocker. An interesting design, Member 10 noted that this pistol has a horrible double-action trigger pull and only 400 of these large and very expensive pistols were imported into the United States.





Member 11 brought in an Italian Model 1889 Bodeo revolver (*right*). This 6-shot single action/double action revolver is chambered in 10.4mm Italian and was adopted by the Royal Italian Army in 1891. It was produced in two major variants – the Tipo A without a trigger guard and with a folding trigger for enlisted troops and the Tipo B with a conventional trigger guard and trigger for officers. Approximately 20,000 of the latter were produced, The M1889 was Italy’s primary side arm until it began to be replaced by the Glisenti M1910 prior to WWI, though it would continue to serve through WWII and into the 1960s! Generally, these revolvers were not serial numbered.



This example is Tipo B manufactured by Toschi Castelli Brescia in 1912 (*see markings below left*). It is military proofed, but then was later stamped as being issued to the Monument and Museum Police in Palermo, Sicily (*markings on right side of frame, below right*).



# ★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: VGCA members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were confirmed when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

## VIRGINIA – 2024

- Jan 20-21, 2024 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Feb 2-4, 2024 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Feb 10-11, 2024 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Feb 17-18, 2024 - Doswell, VA - Meadow Event Park – *SGK*
- Feb 17-18, 2024 – Harrisonburg, PA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- Mar 9-10, 2024 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center – *SGK*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Mar 23-24, 2024 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Apr 6-7, 2024 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Apr 6-7, 2024 – Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (our show!)*
- Apr 19-21, 2024 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

## MARYLAND – 2024

- Jan 20-21, 2024 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Feb 3-4, 2024 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Feb 9-11, 2024 – Jarrettsville, MD – Jarrettsville Gardens - *Izaak Walton League, Harford Cnty*
- Feb 24-25, 2024 – Easton, MD – Easton Vol Fire Department – *Granite Lodge #177*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Crownsville, MD – Anne Arundel Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds – *Maryland Arms Collectors Association – the Baltimore Antique Arms Show*
- Apr 6-7, 2024 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Apr 13-14, 2024 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Apr 20-21, 2024 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2024

- Jan 20-21, 2024 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Jan 20-21, 2024 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Kittanning, PA – Kittanning Township Fire Dept - *Same*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Quarryville, PA – Southern Lancaster County Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Jan 27-28, 2024 – Trevose, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 3, 2024 – Hummelstown, PA – Hummelstown Field & Stream Assoc - *Same*
- Feb 3-4, 2024 – Benton, PA – Benton Fire Company - *Same*
- Feb 3-4, 2024 – Brodheadsville, PA – Signature Events Center – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- Feb 3-4, 2024 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 3-11, 2024 – Harrisburg, PA – Farm Show Complex – *NRA – Great American Outdoor Show*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2024 (continued)

- Feb 9-11, 2024 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 10-11, 2024 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Feb 17, 2024 – Kittanning, PA – Pony Farm Trap & Gun Club - *Same*
- Feb 17-18, 2024 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 17-18, 2024 – Hermitage, PA – Veterans of Foreign Wars – *Canon's Gun Room*
- Feb 24-25, 2024 – Allentown, PA - ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 24-25, 2024 – Ellwood City, PA – Wurtemberg-Perry Fire Hall – *W&P Twp Fire*
- Feb 24-25, 2024 – Kutztown, PA – Kutztown Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Feb 24-25, 2024 – Reeders, PA – Jackson Township Vol Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- Mar 2, 2024 – Wampum, PA – Chewton VFD Hall - *Ellwood Wampum Rod and Gun Club*
- Mar 2-3, 2024 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Mar 9-10, 2024 – East Berlin, PA – East Berlin Fish & Game – *Same*
- Mar 9-10, 2024 – Lander, PA – Lander Vol Fire Dept – *Same*
- Mar 9-10, 2024 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Lewis Run, PA – Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Same*
- Mar 16-17, 2024 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- Mar 17, 2024 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall - *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Mar 23-24, 2024 – Allentown, PA - ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 23-24, 2024 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction - *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association*
- Mar 23-24, 2024 – Harrisburg, PA – Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Mar 29-30, 2024 – East Greenville, PA – East Greenville Fire Hall - *Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors*
- Mar 30, 2024 – Harborcreek, PA – Gem City Gun Club - *Same*
- Mar 30, 2024 – Wampum, PA – Possum Hollow Sportsman's Club - *Same*
- Apr 5-7, 2024 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 6-7, 2024 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Apr 13-14, 2024 – Matamoras, PA – Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing – *Westchester Collectors Inc.*
- Apr 13-14, 2024 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 13-14, 2024 – Washington, PA – Washington PA County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Apr 20-21, 2024 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 27-28, 2024 - Kempton, PA – Kempton Community Center – *Jaeger Arms*
- Apr 27-28, 2024 – Lykes, PA – Liberty Hose Co. #2 - *Same*
- May 11-12, 2024 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*

## SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2024

- Jan 26-27, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV – Westgate Resort & Casino – *NRA National Gun Collectors Show*
- Feb 22-24, 2024 – Louisville, KY – Kentucky Expo Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society*
- Mar 9-10, 2024 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*
- May 4-5, 2024 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association – Annual Display Show*
- May 16-19, 2024 – Dallas, TX – NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits



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## FOR SALE:

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### FOR SALE:

✦ **FINNISH MOSIN-NAGANT** is authored by VGCA member Matt DiRisio and published by Wet Dog Publications. The list price is \$99.95. It is 584 pages long with over 1,500 color and black and white photographs.



For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:  
<https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant>.

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### FOR SALE:

✦ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has published his book **Guns of the FBI**. This book is available at GunDigest.com or can be purchased directly from Bill by calling 703-626-2975. He is more than happy to sign a copy for you. Cost is \$50.00.

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### FOR SALE:

✦ VGCA member Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices to VGCA members. These include:

- "U.S. Handguns of World War II" - \$45.00
- "The Smith & Wesson American Model" - \$55.00
- "U.S. Military Arms Inspector Marks" - \$45.00
- "The Colt Model 1860 Army Revolver" - \$60.00

If interested, please contact Charlie at [usarmsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:usarmsresearch@gmail.com)

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### FOR SALE:

✦ VGCA member Larry Babcock has published a companion piece to his earlier book **M1 Garand Photo Essay**. This second book, titled **M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II** covers all new material, to include the M1C and M1D sniper rifles as well as a myriad of M1 accessories. Best of all, both books are offered at a discount to VGCA members. Volume I is normally priced at \$69 and volume II lists for \$49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for \$60 and \$40 each respectively - or \$90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock set up near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show or order from him directly at [larrybab@comcast.net](mailto:larrybab@comcast.net) / or text to 703-856-2561.

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