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February 2011 VGCA Newsletter

The January meeting was cancelled due to ice and snow so there is no meeting or presentation report. Due to a communication error, no photos were included in the January 2011 newsletter, so this issue includes photos of the December 2010 meeting.

✳ **UPCOMING Meetings and Events:** For the **February Special Meeting** we will try again for the cancelled January program of a **Focused Show and Tell** with a theme that every attendee will be able to participate in – .22 firearms. That is .22, and not limited to .22 Rimfire. So if you have a BIG revolver in a wildcat cartridge made from necking a .50 BMG round to .22, bring it on since it is .22!

Notes from the Podium: I regretted having to cancel Jan meeting due to weather, so watch the weather for the February 24th Special Meeting. If we must cancel, check web page for the flashing cloud.

- The February meeting will follow the January agenda – **only no swap meet since the show is so close at hand**. We will have the focused show and tell featuring .22s – pistols and rifles. Bring out the good stuff to discuss with the group. **Come and enjoy pizza**. Although not an NFM Special Presentation meeting, it is just an idea to help members enjoy the meeting even more than usual.
- It is possible that we may have to start a little late. The NRA is having a hunter safety course that day and it should be over by 6, but just in case, if it goes over, remain outside in the hall. If you **MUST** go into the auditorium, please be considerate and quiet and do not disturb the meeting. I will have the pizza delivered at about 6:45 in case we have to start late, but we will cope. Come and have a good time – weather permitting of course.
- There is a special treat for you. If you were at the December meeting, you will recall Terrance Lamb's presentation. He will return this month, with he got the second Smith & Wesson to which he alluded. It is the consecutive serial number to the prized piece he had at that meeting. It should be interesting to hear what he has to say.
- We will know the **results of the recent election** and will announce the new Board of Directors. We need to talk about the show – and we need to sell tables – it is time to get the membership step up to the plate now.
- I am sad to report that Archie Mayer's wife Marie died on February 2. I tried to get out a flash message to you but I was not successful. I sent flowers on behalf of the club. She was 92 and was a very special lady just as was Archie.

Let's hope the weather cooperates, and I look forward to seeing you then. Addison Hurst, President

✳ ✳ ✳ INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT ✳ ✳ ✳

We are now in a very cold January, starting the months of winter where meetings are at risk of being cancelled for foul weather. Members are strongly encouraged to **check the VGCA Website (<http://www.vgca.org>) for Weather Alerts and Meeting Cancellations!** If the meeting is cancelled, there should be a flashing cloud with a notice when you open the page. Please inform members you know, especially those without Internet.

★ **Presentation Volunteers Needed:** We will need presenters for 2011 upcoming monthly meetings. Call **Addison Hurst** now to request your 2011. There are 6 meetings left and 2 members have already requested dates. Remember, you do not need to do it solo (grab a partner or friend) and it does not have to be a marathon. Short and direct works well; and it does not have to have slides. If you wish, there are members who will assist if you wish to use a PowerPoint presentation.

★ **2011 Elections for the VGCA Board of Directors:** By the time you receive this newsletter, deadline for receipt of returned ballots will have passed. There was a full slate of six (6) nominees running for the three (3) vacancies on the board. **Jim Burgess, Kelly Cook, Dave Litchfield, John Frietsch, Marc Gorelick, and Addison Wright** accepted nominations or ran for re-election. The results will be announced at the February Special Membership meeting. Thanks for your participation and let's work with the board members make 2011 a banner year for the Virginia Gun Collectors Association.

★ **Bad Email Alert:** Members should remember to notify VGCA when they change their e-mail addresses. We have been getting an increasing number of bounce-backs from bad member e-mail addresses. Additionally, some e-mails are being bounced saying that the account cannot accept e-mails with attachments. If you wish to get the newsletter and other important VGCA correspondence, you will need to put attachments beginning with VGCA on the safe list. We will be sending all newsletters with a new naming convention beginning with VGCA_e-News_Month-Year (numerical 02-2011), to allow easy identification.

Remember, dues for annual membership are due in January 2011 and are \$30.00 per year.

Membership dues are \$30.00 for Annual Memberships and \$150.00 for Life Memberships.

Get payments in now to avoid removal from VGCA roles.

***** Spring 2011 Virginia Gun Collectors Association Gun Show ***
(Prince William County Fairgrounds – March 26-27, 2011)**

The Spring 2011 VGCA Gun Show will be at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on **March 26-27, 2011**. Pass the word and remember that flyers for the fall show will be at this meeting so plan to spread a few around. Good places to ask to leave them are barbershops and other small businesses.

- ⊙ **Spring VGCA Gun Show Sales Tables:** *Calling all members!!!* The Association *still has tables remaining for the Spring VGCA Gun Show*. Members who wish to reserve a table for disposing of your unloved or duplicate firearms, accoutrements, collectable accessories, or other gun collecting related items, please contact Rick Nahas, ASAP. If you believe manning a sales table alone would be too demanding and not allow you time to hunt for deals or just talk to other members, get a partner and share the duties and have relief for your time around the show. Show tables cost \$60 each, so share the costs with a colleague.
- ⊙ **Spring VGCA Gun Show Display Tables:** The club will continue having FREE DISPLAY TABLES for members *on a space available basis* for the Spring show. This is a great opportunity to test the waters if you wanted to do a display table. Display tables may be limited, so contact **Rick Nahas** to get yours.
- ⊙ **CALL for VGCA Gun Show Volunteers:** We always need volunteers for the **Show Table Setup** and **Security** Teams, as well as some folks to help with the **Sign Detail** the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. Tell **John Frietsch, Dave Litchfield** or one of the Association Officers if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the two monthly meetings before the show. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs. Table set-up will be on Thursday, March 24, exact time TBA, but usually around 1PM, or whenever the tables arrive!
- ⊙ **Safety Team Volunteers:** If any member wishes to help out for an hour or so at the show, please call John Frietsch, Safety and Security Coordinator at 1-540-409-1271. The Spring dates are March 25th, (vendor set-up), with the show on the 26th and 27th. **Remember, volunteering for the Security, Safety, and Setup teams gets a free admission.**

We are conducting aggressive advertising and outreach. A lot of work by the faithful volunteers and coordinators for the various aspects of the show has been ongoing to ensure a full house of vendors, members and display tables. If you still wish to get a sales or display table (displays as available) let us know ASAP. Let's make it our best show yet.

VGCA December 2, 2010 Meeting Photos and Show and Tell



➔ **Jim Vaughan's**
US Model of
1855 Pistol
Carbine

← **Gary Sherrill**
presents one of
2 Russian
Izhevsk .22RF
Olympic
Target pistols
– named “Ivan” and “Boris.”



➤ **Marc Gorelick's** rare U.S. Navy cases line throwing gun complete with line weights, tools, and practice canister and .45 caliber blanks.

← **Lee Jorgenson** presented a US Model of 1898 Krag.



➤ **Swiss G1889 rifle** with presentation plaque converted to .22RF and K1911 length by a private gunsmith in Switzerland.



➔ **Terrance Lamb's** antique presentation Smith & Wesson revolver.



Upcoming Events and Shows

Words to the Wise: 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. Historical events and lectures, re-enactments, auctions (national, international, and local estate auctions) are all welcome. **Collector shows are highlighted in yellow.**

VIRGINIA 2011

- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ February 26-27, 2011 – Doswell, VA - Meadow Event Park - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ February 26-27, 2011 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ March 5-6, 2011 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ March 5-6, 2011 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- ☉ **March 26-27, 2011 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ☉ March 26-27, 2011 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☉ April 9-10, 2011 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ April 15, 16 & 17, 2011 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*

MARYLAND 2011

- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 – Upper Marlboro, MD - Show Place Arena – *Silverado Promotions*
- ☉ **March 19-20, 2011 – Baltimore (Timonium), MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – Maryland Arms Collectors Association, www.baltimoreshow.com**
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – *Silverado Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA 2011

- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 - Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ March 12-13, 2011 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ March 12-13, 2011 - Erie, PA - Bayfront Convention Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Harrisburg, PA - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ☉ **March 26-27, 2011 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association.**
- ☉ April 1, 2, & 3, 2011 - King of Prussia, PA - Valley Forge Convention Center - valleyforgegunshow.com
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Philadelphia, PA - National Guard Armory - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Poconos, PA - Split Rock Lodge - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ April 9-10, 2011 - Greencastle, PA - Mason Dixon Auto Auction - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ April 16-17, 2011 – Lebanon, PA - Lebanon Expo Center - *Eagle Arms*

NEW YORK 2011

- ☉ **February 26-27, 2011 – Freeport, NY - The Freeport Recreation Center - Long Island Antique Historical Arms Society. Contact: Dave Gruner (631) 722-3248, P.O. Box 41, Jamesport, NY 11947**

OHIO 2011

- ☉ **March 12-13, 2011 – Wilmington, OH – Roberts Centre - Ohio Gun Collectors Association. OGCA MEMBERS ONLY. <http://www.ogca.com/index.htm>**

OKLAHOMA 2011

- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 – Tulsa, OK - Expo Center-Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) - *Tulsa Arms Collectors Association.*
****MORE THAN 4,100 TABLES!****

“If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough.” - Albert Einstein

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