



# VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOC., INC.

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## February 2015 VGCA e-Newsletter



★ **First Meeting of the Year:** On January 22<sup>nd</sup> the club hosted our own Emory Hackman who presented on the topic of Gun Trusts. This was a complex topic well handled by our club lawyer in a well laid out presentation with open questions and answers from the crowd. Due to the nature of this topic I will not attempt to convey the details of the presentation here for fear of providing misinformation. If you have questions on this subject I suggest you contact a lawyer whose a specialist in this field such as our resident attorney and presenter.

★ **The Election of VGCA Directors for the 2015-2017 Term.** At our January meeting we had a 4<sup>th</sup> nomination for our 3 openings on the Board of Directors coming up. It's fantastic to have 4 nominations for the positions and to see that there are so many members who are willing to serve this fine organization. The nominees are Marc Gorelick (incumbent), Rick Nahas, Rob Becker, and T.J. Parmele.

★ **Business Meeting of January 22, 2015:** We started off the meeting in the usual fashion with the pledge led by Jim Burgess, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen comrades. New members were brought in by Larry Hare including, Carol and Bill Troy, sponsored by Dave Litchfield. Dave then made a call for members to sign up to help with our upcoming March show which still needs more members for Security and Set-up. Chris Britton, who was not in attendance, was thanked with a certificate from the club for arranging a most spectacular trip to the FN Facility. After this Dave made a continued call for a sign manager and informed the membership that due to changes with his family and personal situation he will be stepping down as president of the club. Doug Wicklund from the National Firearms Museum who will be our February speaker made comments to the club. Shannon followed up this with a treasurers report informing the membership that we are in a good financial situation. Rick Nahas, who was late to the meeting due to work reasons then provided a report that we were down to 18 unsold tables for the show.



★ **Current Speaker List for 2015:** What follows is our current sign up for speakers for the 2015 calendar year.

- **February 26:** Doug Wicklund: The Finest in Firepower
- **April 23:** Bob Hart (European Single Shot Target Pistols)
- **May 28:** Jim Burgess: Civil War Guns/Bayonets
- **June 25:** Rob Becker - SKS Family of Rifles
- **August 27:** Bill Troy (President Thompson Collectors Association)
- **September 24:** Marc Gorelick
- **October 22:** Steve Westbrook: American Hammer Shotguns of 1880s-90s
- **December 3:** Holiday Pot Luck Dinner/Show & Tell/Swap Meet

## Acting President's Comments

Dear Members,

I never expected to be heading this organization but Dave Litchfield turned over the gavel to me at the end of the last meeting and I have accepted the responsibility to finish out his term. Only in America can someone with no ambition for leadership still rise to the top. Is this a great country or what? Dave will be devoting more time to family matters but he will remain active in VGCA as our new Social Chairman and for the present he will continue to coordinate the road signs for our show. We owe him a debt of gratitude for all he has done for VGCA and I deeply appreciate all the materials he has heaped upon me to guide me as President.

We have an outstanding program scheduled for our February 26 meeting. Doug Wicklund, Senior Curator at the National Firearms Museum, will be showcasing some treasures from the museum representing "The Finest in Firepower." We also plan to make a special presentation to the NFM. The VGCA Board approved the purchase of a Colt percussion revolver that the museum had set its sights on and you will not want to miss this new acquisition for the museum. Given the weather lately, if the meeting must be canceled due to anticipated hazardous travel conditions, check the website ([www.VGCA.net](http://www.VGCA.net)) on Thursday for any such notice.

Election ballots have been mailed out and should have been received by now. I hope everyone will take the time to vote and return their ballots before the deadline. There are four excellent candidates running for three Director positions. It is a tough choice but we need to hear the voice of the membership to keep this boat afloat.

Finally, our March 28-29 show is fast approaching. This year VGCA members in good standing regain the benefit of free admission to the show but we also hope they will support the show in some way. As always we need volunteers to help with set-up on Friday (starting at 10 a.m.), security, road signs, not to mention judging displays.

We also need help distributing show flyers to local gun shops, sporting goods stores, shooting ranges, and anywhere else they might be seen by potential gun buyers. Flyers will be available at the meeting and there will be sign-up sheets circulating for volunteers. Last I heard there are still a few tables available and display tables are still free for members. Think about displaying some of your collection. It doesn't have to be sophisticated or involve a multitude of firearms but anything that helps to educate the public sets our show above all the others in the neighborhood in terms of quality.

I've rambled enough but I hope to use this forum for such announcements and avoid my being long winded at meetings so everyone can enjoy the pizza, the program, show and tell, and still get home at a timely hour. Hope to see you there!

Jim Burgess

★ **Treasures Report:** We are in good financial standing. Key expenses for the month of February were approved by the Board of Directors to acquire the Colt Kittredge marked pistol on behalf of the National Firearms Museum as well as the money spent to execute the Board Of Director's election. I am happy to provide a more detailed report in person or answer any specific questions regarding our finances.

Shannon Zeigler, Treasurer.

## Other News!

★ **March Show Call for Volunteers:** If you're interested in working Security at the next show in March WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS especially if we want to grow our



show and provide more for you all. Please contact Kent Jefferies at [KAJefferies@aol.com](mailto:KAJefferies@aol.com) and remember that working on the Security or Setup teams gets you one free admission to the gun show for the weekend. If you're interested in volunteering in other ways please contact Rick Nahas whose contact information is provided above. In addition,

## GUNSHOW FREE ADMISSION REMINDER

Current V.G.C.A. members (in good standing with valid badge) get free admission to the VGCA Gun Show starting in the March 2015 Gun Show. This is ONLY applicable during normal show hours. Those desiring free admission must present a valid V.G.C.A. ID at a ticket booth to get a special ticket.

Starting with the March 2015 show there will be free admission for children 12 yrs. old and younger (when accompanied by an adult) and to uniformed law enforcement officers. This codifies previous policies.



## DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION!

If you have been to any VGCA Gun Show, you've seen the beautiful and informative educational displays that our members have set up.

*Did you know that ....*

- ❖ Displayers are awarded trophies and cash prizes up to \$300 for their displays.
- ❖ Display tables are free for VGCA members in good standing.
- ❖ Displayers are permitted to enter the show early on Friday afternoon to set up their displays.
- ❖ Displaying often helps improve and expand your collection by showing others what you are interested in. It helps you meet others who are interested in the same type guns.

The VGCA is first and foremost a club for gun collectors. The displays put on by our members greatly enhance the mission and prestige of our organization, foster interest in gun collecting, educate the public, and solidify your reputation as a knowledgeable collector and expert. Please consider displaying your collection, or part of it, at our gun shows. Displays have ranged in size from one to many guns. And two or more members can collaborate on a display.

*See the show flyer for a table application or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at (571) 215-8761 or [jet53sw@aol.com](mailto:jet53sw@aol.com). For more information about display rules go to the VGCA website at [www.vgca.net](http://www.vgca.net), click on Gun Show information, then click on Show Rules link.*



♣ **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](mailto:web@vgca.net). Official Guidelines for articles may be found on the education page of the VGCA site.

## Show and Tell!



January's show and tell featured a number of fantastic firearms. The **Member 1** presented a Harrington & Richardson Springfield Trapdoor "Officers Model" rifle in 45-70. These were finely made reproductions of a historical US service arm. The H&R reproductions were produced from 1971 to 1985. Approximate numbers produced was about 10000. **Member 2** presented a recent acquisition, a Swiss Private Series K31 rifle complete with some



uncommon target sights. The **Member 3** brought in his Remington Model 51 pocket pistol in .380acp. It was in unusually fine condition and featured numerous safety mechanisms, including a magazine safety, grip safety, and a manual safety. **Member 4** showed a recent addition to his collection, specifically a Lee Enfield No.4 in .303 manufacture by the Canadian Long Branch



facility. It also was fitted with Parker Hale target sights. **Member 5** is showing a S&W Model 1917 service revolver in .45acp. pistol and some similar ones were



issued to the West German police immediately after WWII, until the Germans restored their firearm manufacturing capability. **Member 6** presented his Jenks Navy "mule ear" .54 cal. carbine produced in 1841 to 1846. These carbines were manufactured by both NP Ames and, later, by E. Remington and son. Marc's example was made by NP Ames. The Ames variations did not have the Maynard tape primer mechanisms.



## 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

- ☞ March 7-8, 2015 - Fredericksburg, VA - Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center - *SGK Show*
- ☞ March 21-22, 2015 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK Show*
- ☞ **March 28-29, 2015 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds - Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ☞ March 28-29, 2015 - Richmond, VA - Richmond Raceway - *Showmasters*
- ☞ April 4-5, 2015 - Norfolk, VA - Norfolk Scope - *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☞ April 11-12, 2015 - Winchester, VA - Winchester Sportsplex and Indoor Events Center - *SGK Show*
- ☞ April 24-26, 2015 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *Nation's Gun Show*

### MARYLAND 2015

- ☞ March 15, 2015 - Marriottsville, MD - Associated Gun Clubs - *MD Thompson Collectors*
- ☞ **March 21-22, 2015 - Baltimore (Timonium), MD - Timonium Fairgrounds - Maryland Arms Collector**
- ☞ April 18-19, 2015 - La Plata, MD - LaPlata Charles County Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*



**PENNSYLVANIA 2015**

- ☉ February 28-1, 2015 - Easton, PA – Easton Plainfield Township Social Hall – *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ March 14-15, 2015- Carlisle, PA – Carlisle Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ March 21-22, 2015 - Harrisburg, PA - PA Farm Complex - *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☉ March 27-29, 2015 - Philadelphia, PA – Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ May 9-10, 2015 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware*

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**Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL-2015)  
Larry Hare, P.O. Box 102, Afton, VA 22920-0102**

VGCA annual membership requires yearly renewal and payment of \$30.00. Life membership is still only \$150.00. If you have paid your 2014 dues, you may upgrade to life membership during the 2015 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 boxbelow.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is \$30.00 for CY 2015 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](mailto:LaurenceHare@gmail.com).