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March-April 2023 VGCA Newsletter



President's Comments

To my Fellow VGCA members:

By every measure, our March Gun show was a huge success! We had the highest turnout and ticket sales in several years, with some 1000+ customers for the weekend. I believe that much of the success of the Show was a result of the emphasis the VGCA Board has given to on-line alerts and advertising. Special recognition and thanks are in order for the many volunteers -

including show room set-up led by Andrew Woodard and security organized by Frank Cambria - who helped make the Show a great event for us all. The education displays were also tremendous and have set our gun show apart from the many others in the area. I would be remiss if I did not also thank our displayers and Jim Burgess for organizing the display judging.

Our April meeting will be Thursday the 27th in the NRA Headquarters Conference Room, where we will hear the "History of the AR" presented by Bernie Breighner. See you there!

Ed Costello, VGCA President

P.S. Just as this newsletter was going final, we got the great news that Marc Gorelick, representing the VGCA with a display at the NRA Annual Membership meetings in Indianapolis, received an NRA Silver Medal for one of his Jenks Mule Ear Carbines. We will definitely have more details in the May Newsletter!

★ February Presentation: **The High Power by Fabrique Nationale**

Member Carlos Davila gave a presentation on the High Power pistol by Fabrique Nationale (better known by its abbreviation “FN”). Carlos opened with a brief history of John Browning and his relationship/association with FN.

John Moses Browning, by almost any measure the most brilliant firearms designer/inventor in history, began his association with FN in 1897 when he negotiated several firearms licenses with the Belgian firm to allow them to

manufacture some of his designs. When Winchester – a company which had enjoyed a long and successful partnership with Browning – balked at paying Browning a royalty fee per gun instead of the usual single fee for the patent when presented with a new semi-automatic shotgun design, Browning took the design of what would ultimately become the Browning Auto-5 to FN. FN agreed to Browning terms and would manufacture the Auto-5 for nearly a century!

John Browning died on November 26, 1926, in Liege, Belgium, literally while working on his next pistol design – the future High Power (also known as the Hi-Power, BHP (for Browning Hi-Power) and the HP35 (based on 1936, the year the design was finalized)). Design work on the new pistol was taken over by FN small arms designer Dieudonné Joseph Saive, then working as Mr. Browning’s assistant. The pistol they were working since 1922 on was intended to meet the French Army’s requirements for a new service sidearm. One of those requirements was for a large capacity (15-rounds) magazine, which necessitated an unusual-for-the-time double-stack magazine design. While double-stacks had been used in sub-machineguns, their use in handguns at the time was quite rare. The final design could carry 13+1 (13 in the magazine plus one in the chamber) 9mm Parabellum rounds. This capacity would result in the design being called the “Grand Rendement” (translated as “High Yield”), “Grande Puissance” in French, and “High Power” in English.

The High Power was a short recoil, tilting barrel, design that would be chambered in 7.65x21 Parabellum, 9x19 Parabellum, and much later, the .40 S&W. Though the design did not win the contract for the new French sidearm, it did enter production in 1935 for the Belgian military. Ultimately, over 1.5 million examples would be produced over the next 82 years, most by FN but also licensed and unlicensed copies were made in Argentina, Hungary, India, Bulgaria, and Israel. The High Power has the distinction of



being the only handgun simultaneously produced by both sides during the WWII – by the Germans at the captured Belgian FN factory and by the Canadian firm Inglis (using blueprints that escaped right before the German occupation) for the allies. The High Power is still the official sidearm of both Canadian and Australian forces.



Mr. Davila (*at right*) has serious credentials regarding FN firearms. He was the FN area sales manager for North and South America, Spain, and Portugal during the 1980s. At the time, FN owned Browning, Beretta, and 30 other companies. Between 1977 and 1981, there were contracts with Bolivia, Argentina, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil, Chile, Portugal, and Mexico.

The next time you see him, be sure to thank Carlos for a superb presentation!

★ Next Membership Meeting: April 27th

“History of the AR” by Bernie Breighner

Location: NRA HQ Conference Room

Our April VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the Conference Room at the NRA Headquarters. The room will open at 6 p.m. and, following some pizza and refreshments, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Bring your unusual, rare, or collectable ARs for Show-n-Tell. Hope to see you then!



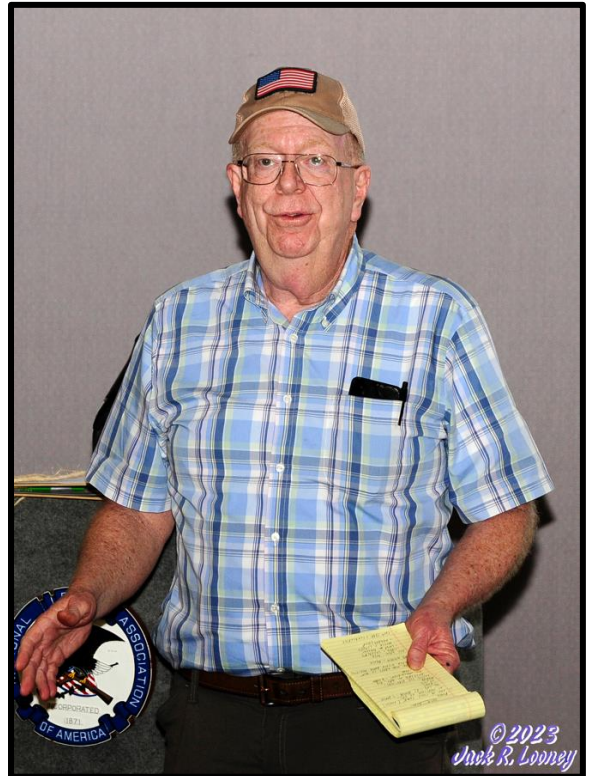
WE WANT YOU!

Elections for our three VGCA Director positions will be held in May 2023. If you are interested in helping to guide the Virginia Gun Collectors Association into the future and would like to run for a Director position, or if you just have questions, please contact the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Matthew) at matthewofmclean@gmail.com

★ February Meeting Notes



The February 23rd VGCA meeting was called to order by VGCA Vice President George Dungan (*at right*). He made the following announcements:



- We are starting a 50/50 Raffle as a fund raiser during this spring's Gun Show with half of the proceeds going to the winner and the other half going to the VGCA. Tickets sales start tonight
- Elections for the three Board of Director positions will be held this May. At least one of our current Directors is not running for re-election. If you are interested in running, please contact one of the current officers or directors or Matthew G. (Nominating Committee Chairman)
- As a reminder, our Executive Committee Meetings are open to the membership. They occur in the months we have membership meetings, on the Tuesday 16 days before our scheduled membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the NRA facilities. If you are interested in possibly running for office, you are encouraged to attend to see what is involved in running the VGCA
- Announced that we are looking for a volunteer to organize a VGCA trip to the American Armoured Foundation Tank Museum at Danville, Virginia and other future trips and tours
- 2023 is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association. To commemorate this milestone, we are trying to gauge the interest in commissioning Henry Repeating Arms to make a special run of "Yellowboy" lever action rifles with our logo. Please let one of the VGCA officers or directors know if you are interested in reserving one of these unique rifles

Show Manager Rick Nahas announced that we have tables available for our March 25-26 Spring Gun Show. Be sure to come to the show - and bring a friend!

Finally, VGCA Director Matthew G announced he is still looking for two speakers/presenters for our membership meetings this year (June and September), as well as for any meeting in 2024. If you want to share some of your firearms knowledge and expertise, please contact him at: matthewofmclean@gmail.com.



★ Membership Chairman's Report

Membership Chairman's Report April 2023 – Please welcome the following new member to the Virginia Gun Collectors Association.

- **Robert Beich** of Haymarket sponsored by **Jimmy Stoner** and **Jim Burgess**
- **Gary Hoover** of Chantilly sponsored by **Joe Roberts**
- **Lillard Hudson** of Woodbridge sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Thomas Kanavarus** of Brambleton sponsored by **Ian Wulf**

New Applications for Membership: Since the last Newsletter, there have been fourteen new applications for membership.

- **Pierre Karam** of Ashburn sponsored by **Stanley Pryga** and **Carlos Davila**
- **Ed Strazzini** of Deltaville sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **Michael Valentine** of Fairfax Station sponsored by **Charlie Tamez**
- **Paul Aucoin** of Reva sponsored by **Ian Wulf**
- **Cody Johnson** of Chesapeake sponsored by **Jonathan Twiford**
- **Robert Candido** of Alexandria sponsored by **George Dungan**
- **Efrain Perez** of Woodbridge sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
- **David Wolff** of Oakton sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Rick Ramsey** of Haymarket sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Daniel Bescher** of Onancock sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Glen Ruh** of Alexandria sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Jock McKay** of Alexandria sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Gary Viands** of Rileyville sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Frank Gutierrez** of Sterling sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Peter Kalis** of Falls Church sponsored by **Keith Simmons**

Thanks to the applicants for their interest in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association and to their sponsors for promoting the Association and keeping the membership growing.

If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify any Officer, Director, or the Membership Chair. **George Dungan, Membership Chair** can be reached at george@eccominv.com or 571-243-6387.

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. Without an email address new members will NOT receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Membership Numbers: There are currently 421 Life members and 100 Annual Members for a total of 521 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 gun show and also at our VGCA gun shows. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at one of these events please contact George Dungan at

george@ecominv.com. A big thank you to Bruce Buchner and Keith Simmons for working the membership table at our VGCA gun show.

Membership Renewals: If you haven't renewed yet for 2023 there is still time. You may either renew annually or upgrade to life membership. The form below can be used for mail in renewals or you can renew in person with George Dungan at a VGCA meeting or the Chantilly gun show. If you are unsure about your membership status email george@ecominv.com and I will let you know.

George Dungan, Vice President and Membership Chair

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Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2022_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.

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 for CY 2022 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@ecominv.com or call me at **571-243-6387**.

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Spring Brings Another Successful Gun Show at the PWC Fairgrounds!

By Rob Becker, VGCA Secretary

In Northern Virginia, the month of March typically marks the end of winter, an anticipation for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C., and the VGCA's Spring Gun Show. This year would witness exceptional examples of all three!

As VGCA President Ed Costello mentioned in his comments on page 1, we had a great turn-out at this year's spring show. This reversed a fairly long trend of declining attendance, not only at our show but most gun shows across the region. Most of our vendors reported good sales – especially on Saturday when the cooler weather may have kept people from working outside on their yards!

As has been noted previously, these shows don't just happen out of thin air. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of many VGCA volunteers to execute an event like this – starting with the unceasing efforts of long-standing Gun Show Manager, Mr. Rick Nahas. No sooner does one show end and he is working diligently to rent tables for the next show. Thank you, Rick!

Speaking of tables, those do not come with the fairgrounds building and we must rent them separately. Led by Show Set-Up Director, Mr. Andrew Woodard, a small team of volunteers quickly take several stacks of folded tables and chairs and set them up throughout the hall, properly labeled so vendors know where to go. The next time you see them, please thank the following individuals for shouldering this burden:

Troy Blackwood	Wes Chappell	Louie DiGaetano	Dave Murphy
Bruce Buckner	Ed Costello	George Dungan	Allen Reid
Jim Burgess	Chris DeFrancisci	Marc Gorelick	Tim Ward

Next on the list of folks who deserve a lot of thanks are our security volunteers. Three days and two nights of show security was managed by Mr. Frank Cambria and consisted of the following volunteers:

Rick Cox	Fernando Enriquez	Kent Jeffries	Craig Roberts
Al Crosby	Doug Garrett	Sgt Plaughter	Jim Stoner
Louie DiGaetano	Dan Helm	Allen Reid	Rich Valenti

Overnight Security on both Friday and Saturday nights was provided by Jack Looney

One of the items that sets our show apart from any others in the region is our free Evaluation Table. Show attendees are allowed to bring as many firearms as they wish to be examined and evaluated at no charge. Many times, learning about “that ol’ gun they found in grandpa’s closet” is the only reason that some people even attend our show. Aably examined by VGCA members Jim Burgess and Gary Holderman, about two dozen firearms crossed the Evaluation Table over the weekend, including a Model 1895 Winchester-Lee Navy Rifle, a Model 1861 Remington percussion revolver, a French flintlock pistol, a Colt Model 1911, and a nice German Drilling!

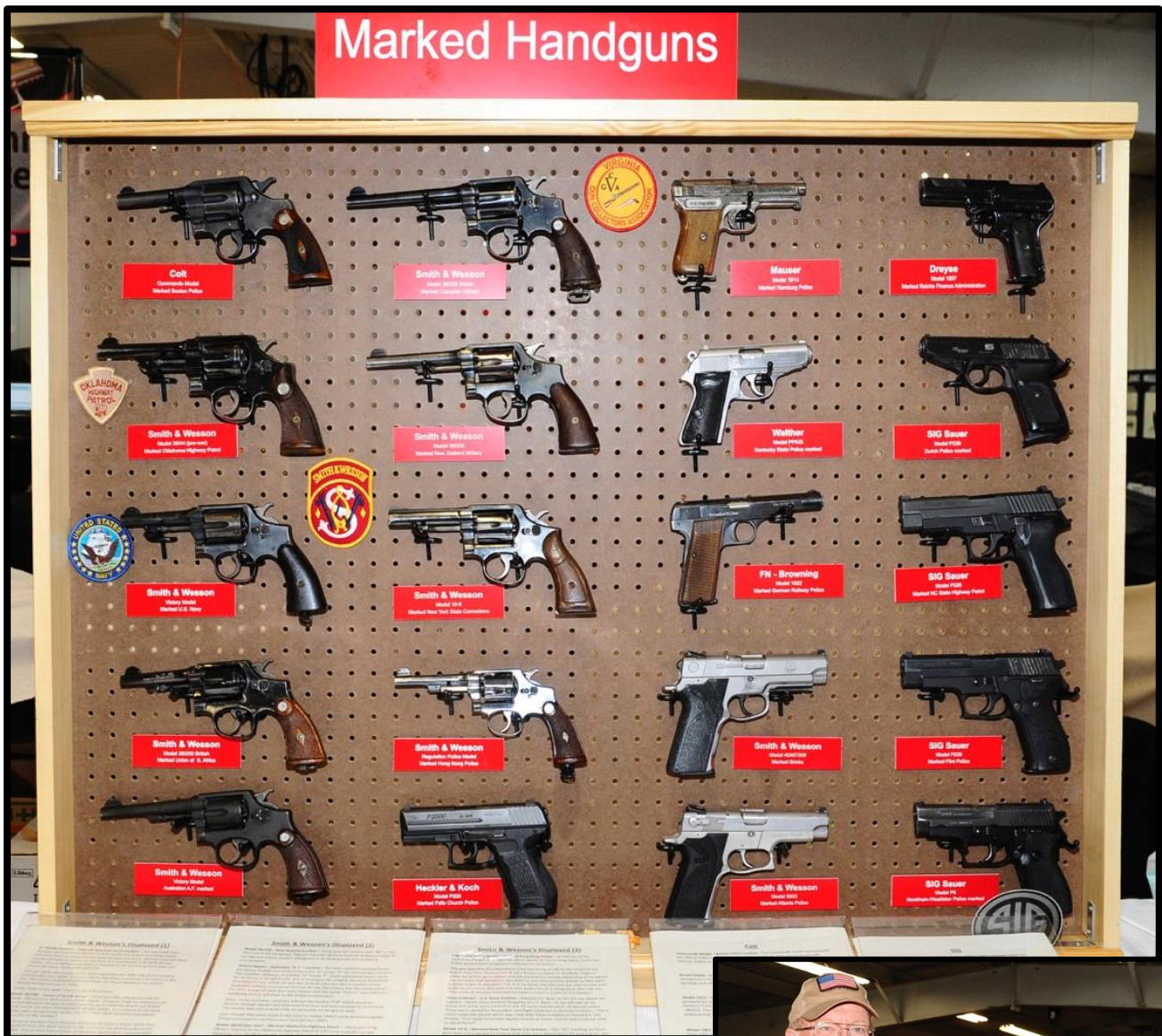
The other thing that sets our shows apart are the superb firearms educational displays put together by our members. While there were only three judged displays at the spring show, they made up in quality what they lacked in quantity. In addition to the monetary awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, the VGCA Officer and Directors voted to authorize ribbons for two new awards at this show – the best antique firearm displayed and the best military firearm displayed. Once again, a big “thank you!” goes out to Jim Burgess for organizing the display judging and tabulating the judges’ scores. The results were:

- 1st Place “U.S. Navy Jenks Mule Ear Carbines and Rifles” by Marc Gorelick
- 2nd Place “Marked Handguns” by George Dungan
- 3rd Place “Italian Military Weapons” by Louie DiGaetano & Troy Blackwood



Marc Gorelick’s excellent display (*above*) on the U.S. Navy Jenks “Mule Ear” Carbines and Rifles garnered a well-deserved 1st Place prize! This display featured several rare examples of the early side hammer guns, and would go on to represent the VGCA at the National Rifle Association Annual Meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana April 13-16, 2023. You will read more about this display and the recognition it received at the NRAAM in the May newsletter.

Marc (*above right*) receives his prize money from VGCA President Ed Costello. He also received a ribbon for **Best Antique Firearm** for his Merrill breech-loading conversion of the Jenks Carbine (1 of 240). Well done sir!



George Dungan's display of **Marked Handguns** (above) featured an impressive number of interesting revolvers and pistols with markings from various police and military organizations. Spanning over 100 years, these handguns were made by Colt, Smith & Wesson, Heckler & Koch, Sig, Browning, Walther, and even Dreyse. Among them were a Danish M/49 (Sig P210) made for the Haerens Tekniske Korps (Army Technical Corps), an H&K P2000 with Falls Church Police markings, and a S&W Victory Model made for the U.S. Navy during WWII.

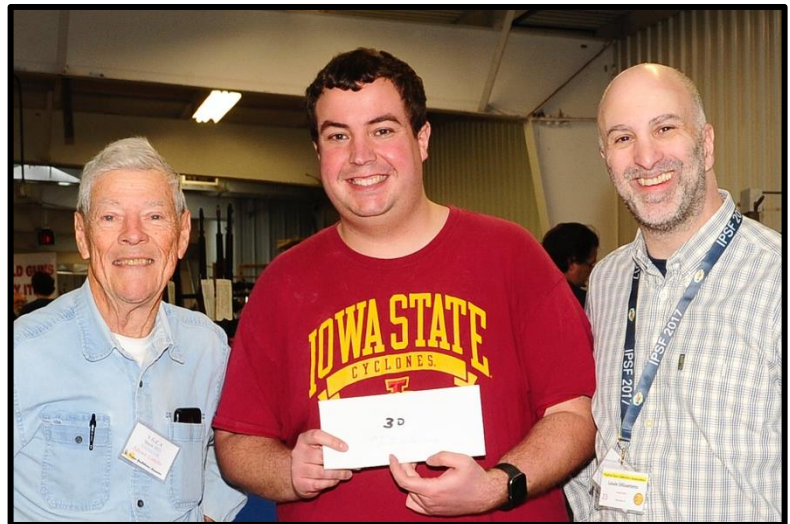
George (at left, on the left) also received an award for **Best Military Firearm** for his Smith & Wesson 2nd Model .44 Russian Revolver purchased by the Imperial Japanese Army. Congratulations sir!





Members Troy Blackwood and Louie DiGaetano combined their assets to put together an impressive two table display of **Italian Military Weapons** (above). From 19th Century folding trigger revolvers to Cold War rifles, this display covered the gamut of Italian small arms and earned an award for 3rd Place in the judging. Good job, gentlemen!

Troy Blackwood (at right, in the center) and Louie DiGaetano (at right, on the right) receive their 3rd place prize from VGCA President Ed Costello (on the left).



Jim Burgess put together a non-judged display (i.e. a display that repeats a topic done previously and is not judged for a prize) showing some of the black powder arms used in the North-South Skirmishers meets (left).

As a reminder, the money we get from show attendees at our two gun shows each year gives us our annual operating funds. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to next show on

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Jack Looney for his great photographs of the displays!

New Virginia Gun Laws Go Into Effect on July 1st

Update by Allen Reid, VGCA Legislative Affair

Several pro-2A Laws were signed into effect by the Virginia Governor during the latest session. The laws will come into effect as of Jul 1, 2023. Probably the most interesting for club members is HB 2387. **HB 2387**, would allow gun owners to write off up to \$300 a year on their state taxes when they buy “firearm safety devices,” including gun safes, lock boxes and cases.

"Taxpayer shall be allowed only one credit under this section per taxable year. The taxpayer shall submit purchase receipts with the income tax return to verify the amount of purchase price paid for the firearm safety device or firearm safety devices," the bill states:

A gun safe with a selling price of \$1,500 or less. For purposes of this subdivision, "gun safe" means a safe or vault that is (i) commercially available, (ii) secured with a digital or dial combination locking mechanism or biometric locking mechanism, and (iii) designed for the storage of a firearm or of ammunition for use in a firearm. "Gun safe" does not include a glass-faced cabinet. Any discount, coupon, or other credit offered by the retailer or a vendor of the retailer to reduce the final price to the customer shall be taken into account in determining the selling price for purposes of this exemption.

The nonrefundable credit can be claimed on state tax returns starting in the 2024 tax season and extending to 2028. It can only be applied to eligible equipment purchases from federally licensed firearm dealers. The credit cannot be applied to the costs of purchasing a firearm itself. The total amount of tax credits allowable under the new law is capped at \$5 million per year. According to the legislation, the credit will be granted on a “first-come, first-served basis.”

The following laws were also signed by the Governor during this session. **Warning: These laws will not go into effect until July 1, 2023**

- Switchblades will be legal to be concealed, such as in your pocket or in a toolbox, etc. Do NOT carry a concealed knife (switchblade or not) that has a stiletto-type blade with one or two sharp edges that continuously narrows down to a sharp tip for stabbing and is not designed for cutting.
- CHP holder information in the Virginia State Police records will now be protected from dissemination except to law enforcement for a criminal investigation or prosecution of an individual who is a CHP holder. No “fishing expeditions” by any law enforcement agency.
- United States Concealed Carry Association classes will be accepted as proper training for those applying for a CHP.
- For those with a religious exemption from having a photograph on their state-issued ID, they can purchase a gun at a gun show and the Virginia State Police will run the background check with the non-photo ID.





CMP UPDATE

CMP Material provided by Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison

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

CMP Surplus Ammunition purchase is open to all qualified individuals!

The Civilian Marksmanship Program has acquired a supply of surplus ammunition. Beginning April 11, 2023, qualified individuals will be able to purchase surplus .30/06 in 400 round cans; .30 Carbine in 240 round boxes; and .22 in a 500-round brick. Those wishing to purchase can use the CMP Universal Order Form on the CMP website at https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/ to place their order. Customers must have a current CMP affiliated club membership (the VGCA is a CMP affiliated club) and proof of citizenship.

CMP has set a limit of 1 can for the .30/06 ammunition, 2 boxes of .30 Carbine, and 2 bricks of .22 per person. Orders will be processed in a first-come, first-served sequence. Ammunition will be available via E-Store and mail order. The Ohio store will have an allocated amount of each caliber available for customers to purchase. The ammunition will ship from Anniston and not physically available in the Ohio store. Anniston and Talladega will also have allocated amounts available for store customers to purchase and will be physically available in the store.

Additionally, certain quantities of the ammunition will be reserved for competitors to buy at CMP events and for multiple years. For example, later this year ammunition will be for sale for registered and qualifying competitors at the Eastern Games, CMP Bianchi Cup, the Talladega 600, the National Matches and the New England Games. Competitors will fill out order forms at these events and the ammunition will be shipped from Anniston AL.

*Item # 4S3006LCM2-400 (Limit one can per customer)
\$392 per can plus \$21 S&H (AK & HI S&H is \$102)*

*Item # 4S30CARB-240 (Limit 2 boxes per customer)
\$108 per box plus \$12.95 S&H (AK & HI S&H is \$74)*

*Item # 4S22PISTOL-500 (Limit 2 bricks per customer.)
\$40 per brick plus \$12.95 S&H (AK & HI S&H is \$68.95)*

Shipping prices are per item* Surplus Ammo **DOES NOT qualify for free shipping.*

As a reminder, commercial ammunition sales are currently available on the **CMP E-Store** to qualified individuals. Register for an account or browse the CMP E-Store. Customers are encouraged to sign up for CMP Sales updates to receive email notifications at <https://thecmp.org/news-media/emailarchives/email-signup/>. Any specific questions regarding the surplus ammunition can be directed to CMP Customer Service at custserve@thecmp.org.

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: CHARLES DE GAULLE'S LEBEAU-COURALLY SIDE BY SIDE SHOTGUN

By Marc Gorelick



In 1939, Charles, Count of Flanders and Prince of Belgium, (*photo left*) the brother of Belgium's King Leopold III, commissioned the Liège arms manufacturer Auguste Lebeau-Courally, to manufacture two custom shotguns intended as gifts. Only a few months later, Belgium was under attack by German troops who conquered and occupied the country. The flourishing Belgian arms industry in and around Liège had to devote itself to other tasks than the manufacture of luxury weapons and the royal Belgian's gift had to wait. Charles joined the resistance and spent the war undetected on a farm in Spa. A few hard years later, Belgium experienced the last German offensive in the Ardennes. The provisional government installed Charles as Prince Regent in 1944, and his gift was finally completed by Lebeau-



Courally: a pair of fine sidelock double barreled shotguns for the French General Charles de Gaulle. The shotguns were masterpieces of craftsmanship and the one illustrated here, serial number 43041, is number 2 of the pair that were given to the French general. De Gaulle (*photo right*) in fact used the shotguns to stalk the feathered and furred inhabitants of France in his meager spare time.



Photo courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria

Although it is far from the more ornately decorated guns produced by Lebeau-Courally, this 12 gauge SxS sidelock shotgun, a gift of royalty, was owned and used by the President of France. It has two 28.4 inch (72cm) long demiblock barrels with a concave rib, third tumbler, and ¼ and ¾ chokes. It has a bright

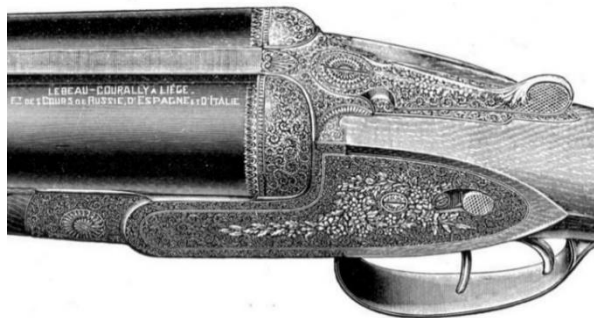
breech, a non-automatic sliding tang safety with gold inlaid "S", double triggers with blued tangs, and gas release slots at butt plate. It has a striking grained stock with drops, a straight diamond shaped grip, fine Scottish checkering and the fore-end has an Anson push-rod. The borders of the white side plates are decorated with restrained floral engraving and sparse mid-arch arabesques. Other metal parts also have engraved ornamentation. The gun is signed "Capece" on the trigger guard, from Belgian master engraver Rocco Capece. There is an inset golden medallion with model name "The Standard Pigeon Gun" and an engraved dove, and a golden stock monogram plate. The shotgun comes with the original manufacturer's canvas covered case with trade label and manufacturer's certificate. It was offered at a March 2022 auction by Joh. Springers Erben of Vienna, Austria with a starting price of 10,000 euros.



Photos above and below courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria



Liege has been the gun manufacturing center of Belgium since the 16th century. During the 19th century, the number of firearms manufacturers in Liège increased steadily. From 36 in 1816 they grew to 97 in 1856 and to 177 in 1884. One of the smaller gunmakers was August Lebeau, who established his workshop in 1865, offering revolvers and high quality hunting arms. After Lebeau died in 1896, Ferdinand Courally, of St. Etienne, France, took over the firm and changed the name to Lebeau-Courally. Courally was not just a gunmaker but also an excellent promoter and he took aim at producing fine quality custom weapons for the royalty and nobility of Europe. He was successful and featured them as his customers in his catalogues and advertisements. This produced more sales. The firm of Lebeau-Courally became Royal Warrant Holder of the royal courts of Russia, Italy and Spain. *(The engraving on*



the left is from one of his catalogues. The printing on the barrel says that the company is of the courts of "RUSSIE, D'ESPAGNE, ET D'ITALIE.") Courally retired and sold the company in 1919 and although it has gone through a number of different owners, Lebeau-Courally has always produced high quality rifles and shotguns. Today Lebeau-Courally offers fine custom firearms made in Liege, as well as a wide range of fine Swiss-made watches.



HENRY .45-70 SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

By Marc Gorelick

Henry Repeating Arms recently discovered a safety issue affecting certain model **H010G** series lever action .45-70 Gov't rifles manufactured during the period from December 14, 2022, through January 11, 2023. Henry is voluntarily initiating a recall to protect the safety of its customers. **Your firearm is not subject to this recall if you obtained your rifle before December 2022**



To prevent the possibility of death or serious personal injury, you should immediately stop using all Henry Repeating Arms lever action .45-70 rifles and not load or fire them until determining whether the rifle is subject to this recall.

The models affected by this recall are: **H010G, H010GAW, H010GAWP, H010GCC, H010X, and H024-4570.**

Under certain conditions, it is possible that some of these rifles may unintentionally discharge without the trigger being pulled if the hammer is released or dropped from the cocked position. Henry has identified the cause of the issue as firing pins that may not meet specifications and is replacing the firing pin to correct it.

For more information and to determine whether your specific Henry lever action .45-70 is subject to this recall, go to the Henry website at <https://www.henryusa.com/recall>. Enter the serial number of your rifle in the box at the bottom of the page, ensuring you've entered the correct letters and numbers, then click on the "LOOK UP" button. If your firearm is not affected, no further action is needed. If your firearm is affected, continue filling out the form to submit a recall service request. Once approved, you will receive a prepaid return shipping label and further instructions. After your firearm is serviced with a replacement firing pin, Henry Repeating Arms will send a \$50 eGift card for HenryPride.com.

The last time Henry issued a recall notice was in July 2020. That was a combination recall and free upgrade for **H015** models of single shot rifles and shotguns.

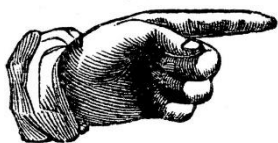


Under certain conditions, it is possible that some of these rifles and shotguns may discharge without the trigger being pulled if the hammer is partially cocked and released. Henry identified the cause of the issue, and will correct it by replacing various components of the fire control system.

Henry Repeating Arms also implemented a complimentary upgrade for all firearms affected by this safety recall. This upgrade involves a replacement of the trigger guard, hammer, and hammer spring. This design change to improve and reduce the trigger pull has already been incorporated into all **H015** rifle and shotgun models manufactured in 2020, and will be made to your rifle or shotgun free of charge.



To find out if your firearms are affected by the recall, and to obtain additional information and instructions, go to the Henry website at <https://www.henryusa.com/h015-recall/>.



We are looking for speakers/presenters at our membership meetings in 2023 and currently have two open dates (June and September). If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact one of the VGCA officers or directors.

MEMBER'S RIFLE DISPLAYED AT NRA ANNUAL MEETINGS RECEIVES AWARD

As this newsletter was being finalized, we received the very good news that one of the Jenks Carbines that Marc Gorelick had displayed at the NRA Annual Meetings in Indianapolis, IN had been awarded a silver medallion (*at right*). This is an incredible honor and acknowledges the exceptional significance of this firearm. Look for more details on Marc's display, this carbine in particular, and the award in the May VGCA Newsletter.



★ Show-n-Tell ★

NOTE – NOTE: Anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell, please hold them up so the members can see it. This will also help your Volunteer Photographer get a decent photograph of the special item you brought to show, and people who could not attend the meeting can see it clearly in the newsletter. Thank you!

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

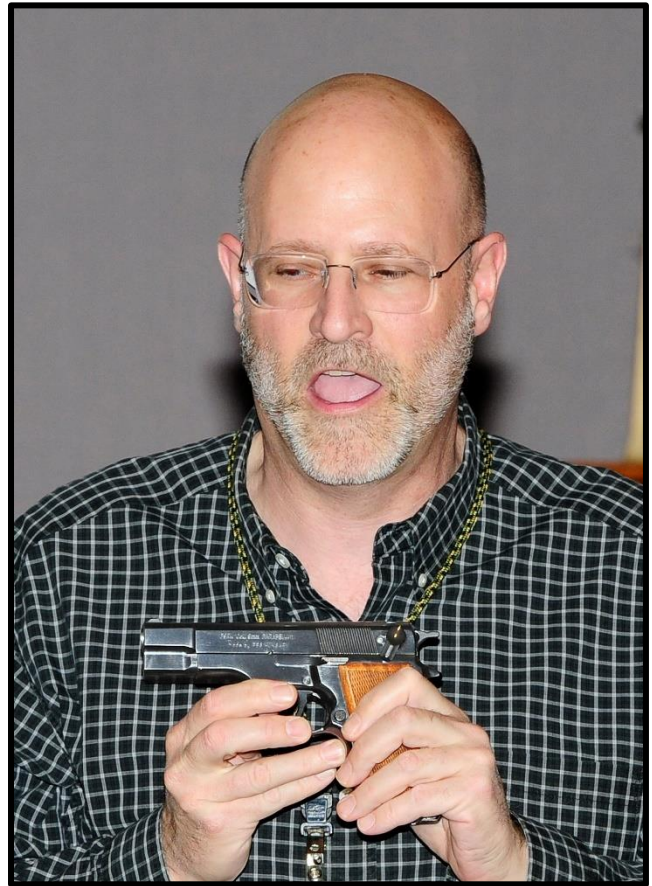
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FEBRUARY SHOW-N-TELL

Member 1 brought in a Hungarian P9RK pistol (*right*) manufactured by FEG in Hungary. The FEG Company of Hungary made excellent unlicensed copies of the famous Browning High Power in 9x19 Parabellum. It also made a modified version for those preferring a Double Action firearm. The P9RK is the compact version of the longer and higher capacity P9R. While it's referred to as a "Double Action Browning High Power," it's more akin to a cross between the Browning and the Smith & Wesson Model 59. It has a Decocker mounted on the left side of the slide, and a magazine capacity of 14 rounds (it can also take standard 13 round Browning High Power magazines). The P9R was adopted by the Hungarian police in 1993, and was later adopted by the Hungarian military as the P9RC. This pistol was also made under contract by FEG for Mauser as the Model 90DA. These are marked with the Mauser Banner on the slide, and were proffed by Mauser. It was also marketed in the U.S. under the name MBK-9HP. Member 1 acquired this example from Sports Authority in Fairfax, VA in 1994.



Member 1 also shared a Swedish 1896 Mauser infantry long rifle (*left*). With an overall length of 50 inches and 28.5-inch barrel, this Mauser design had a 5 round capacity and is chambered in 6.5x55 Swede. Made in 1921 at the Carl Gustav factory, it features a decocking piece on back of the bolt to slowly let the firing pin forward. The M1896 was eventually replaced in 1938 by the M1938 short rifle. Many existing M1896s were shortened to the new military standard and redesignated the M96/38.

Member 2 brought in Inglis manufactured WWII Chinese contract Mark 1* Hi Power (*at right*) with shoulder stock/holster. It is important to note that the BATFE has listed an explicit exemption for this combination (pistol and original period stock) as a Curio & Relic – therefore, it is NOT a short barreled rifle, nor is it regulated under the National Firearms Act (NFA).



Member 3 shared his 1991-made rather handsome 2-Tone Hi-Power (*left*). A prior owner had this example tricked out with a Tru-Glo front sight and had the magazine disconnect removed (so it will fire without a magazine in it). It has also has had a trigger job and features a skeleton hammer.



Member 4 brought a reproduction Germanic flintlock Jaeger rifle (*above*), representative of early pre-Revolution German Gunmakers in Pennsylvania (circa 1740-1760).

Background: The Germanic Jaeger was a short-barreled (22-32") heavy-caliber hunting rifle from the area that is now Germany. The design was adapted for military and used by the Hessian regiments allied to the British in the Revolution, which in turn inspired the British Model of 1776 rifle. It was an essential element and early predecessor to the uniquely American rifles known as Pennsylvania or later as Kentucky Rifles or longrifles.

In 1741 Count Nicolaus Zinzendorf traveled to Pennsylvania, where the Moravians founded Bethlehem. The town grew rapidly from only 131 settlers in 1741 to more than 1,200 Moravians in Bethlehem and the surrounding region by 1753. Other distinctively Moravian communities followed, including Christiansbrunn (Christians Spring) in Pennsylvania. Christians Spring was where the Moravians established a communal industrial center that included a group of Moravian gunsmiths from the area of Suhl and Saxony. These highly-skilled gunsmiths later became a source for militia rifles and gunsmithing that supported the Colonials during the American Revolution. As the Eastern frontier moved west, the gunsmiths followed the demand and the later rifles became longer and used a lighter caliber to enhance range and also reduce the amount of lead used for the balls.

This example is iron-mounted with a curly maple stock. The barrel is .58 caliber, swamped (which means externally tapered down from breech to about 2/3rds of the way the muzzle, then flares again from that point to the muzzle), and uses round bottomed rifling. The early Germanic lock is fired by a double set trigger that must be set to be cocked. German Jaegers were primarily owned by wealthy nobility and landowners in Europe, and as such many were ornately engraved and inlaid, often using horn, brass, or silver nosepieces. As representative of a working man's rifle in America, this piece lacks a patch box and nosepiece, and already shows the lengthening of the barrel to 33". This example was made in 2021.

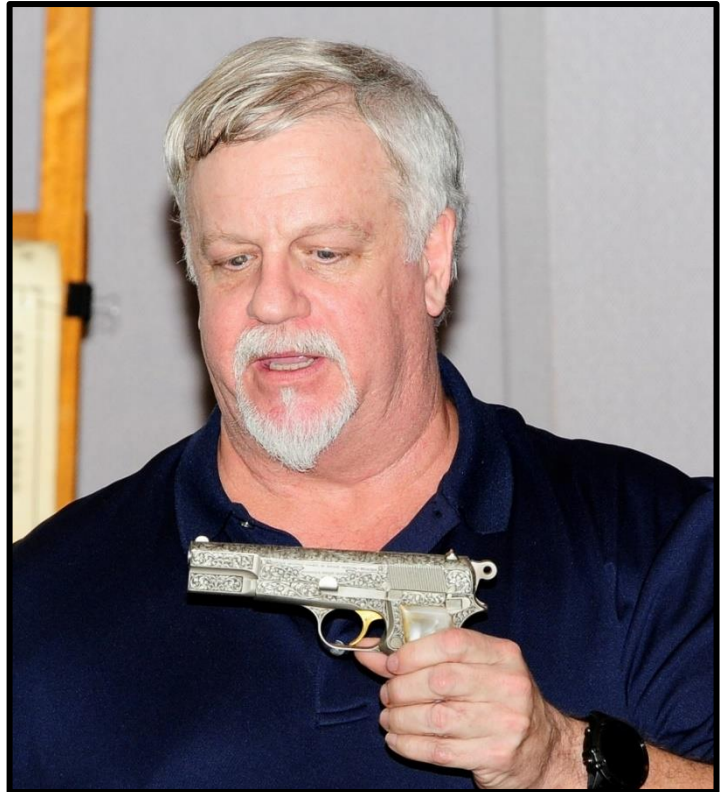


Member 5 shared two Hi-Powers. The first was his 1982 production Hi-Power with a high polish nickel plated finish (*at left*).

Member 5's second Hi-Power (*below*) was actually a SA35 – a new Springfield Armory Hi-Power clone. This example was picked up new from Town Police Supply at a Richmond gun show.



Member 6 (*right*) brought in a beautifully engraved Renaissance Hi-Power (commemorating the “renaissance of the High Power pistol”), complete with a leather and velvet case. It features Mother of Pearl grips and a gold-plated trigger. Member 6 acquired this exceptional piece at Potomac Arms in Alexandria during their going out of business sale in September 2006, paying \$750. Well done, sir!



Member 7 shared his M1904 Portuguese Mauser rifle (*left*). Designed by Portuguese Army Infantry Officer José Alberto Vergueiro, the M1904 is also called the Mauser–Vergueiro in honor of its designer. Chambered in 6.5x58 Vergueiro and manufactured by DWM in Berlin, many were subsequently converted to 8mm Mauser during 1937–1939 after that caliber was adopted as the Portuguese

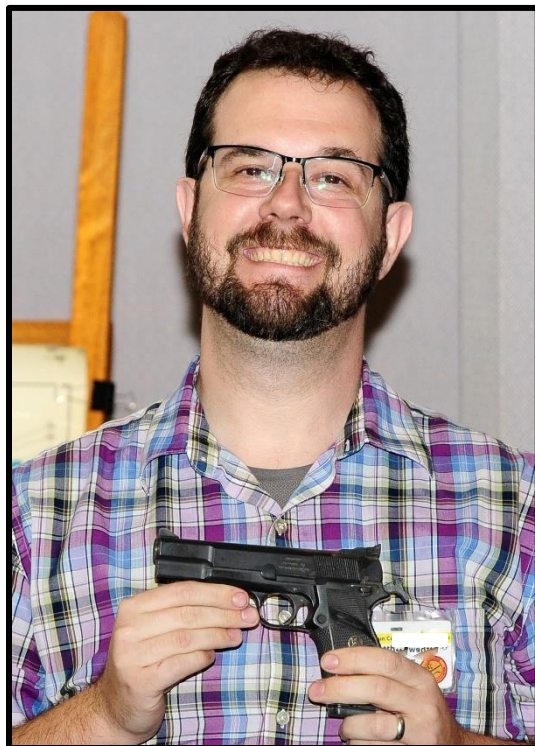
standard. The M1904/39 introduced a tangent rear sight, a somewhat chunky front sight, and center leg to reinforce the stock. This example has all matching serial numbers!

Member 8 brought in a Trailblazer LifeCard pistol (*right*). This .22LR single shot folds up to look like a cell phone or other small device (*see below*). It features a tip-up single shot barrel with pull-back striker. The trigger is exposed only when gun is opened into the firing position. It is only ½ inch thick and weighs a mere 7 ounces!

It is a regular title-1 firearm, NOT an Any Other Weapon (AOW) as it can be easily recognized as a gun when in the open position and ready for firing.



Image of Trailblazer Lifecard (*above*) taken from trailblazerfirearms.com/lifecard-gun/

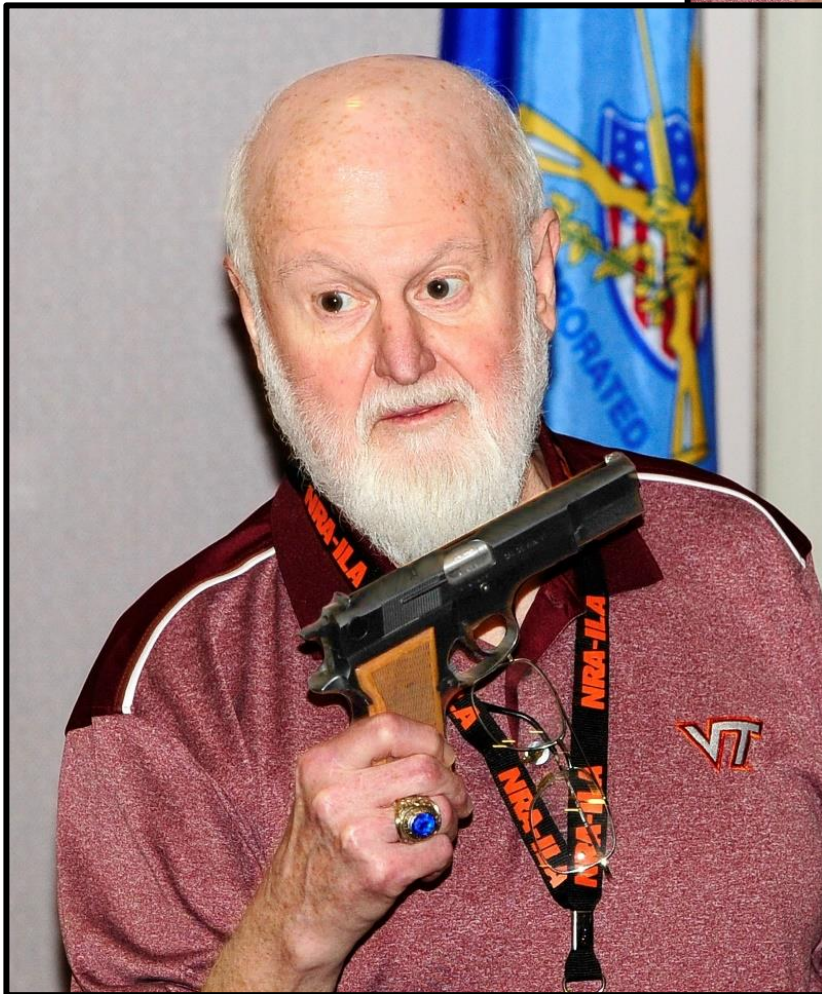
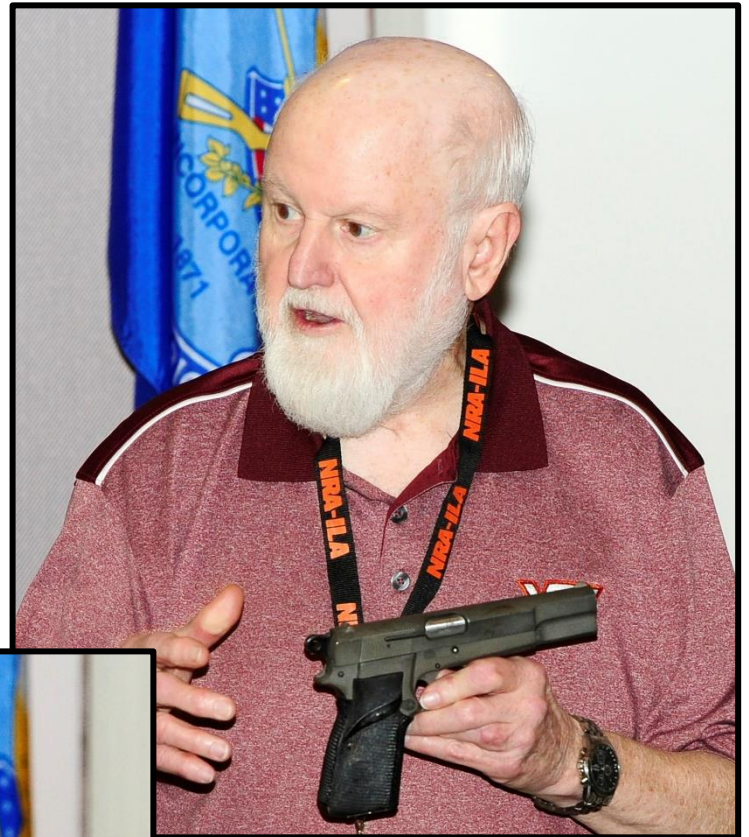


Member 9 shared his Argentine HP, circa 1980 (*graciously held by Member 8 at left*). This example has been modified with adjustable rear sight, white front sight, and Pachmayer grips.

Member 9 also brought in two HP holsters (*right*) – the one the right appears to British and the one on the left is Canadian with provenance to an Army Special Forces soldier who used it to carry his Hi-Power in Vietnam.



Member 10 shared two Hi-Powers. The first is a Browning P35 made in 1969 (*at right*). It has a parkerized finish (not a standard finish for the Browning) and has factory rubber grips. Member 10 purchased this pistol in 1998 for \$270.



The second “Hi-Power” was a Hungarian P9R manufactured by Fegyver es Gazkeszulekgyar (FEG). This double action/single action was imported into the United States in fairly large numbers from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s. There were three models in the series:

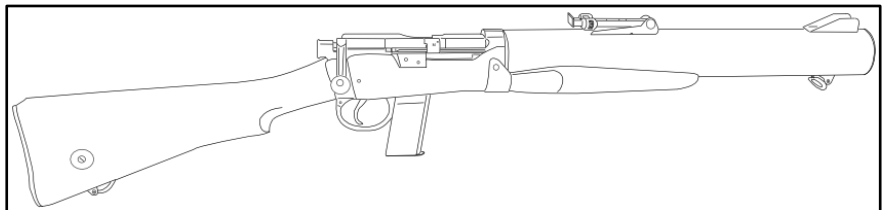
- The P9R, a full-size model (*at left*)
- The P9RK, a short model with a finger-grip style front trigger guard
- The P9RA, a lightweight, aluminum-framed version which was imported in relatively small numbers

This example came to Member 10 as a Christmas gift in 1992.



During WWII, British Commandos contracted for a small number of heavily modified Lee-Enfield Mk III* rifles. Using modified Thompson SMG barrels chambered in .45 ACP and utilizing M1911 pistol magazines, these bolt action carbines with an integral suppressor were named “De Lisle Carbines” after its inventor, William Godfray de Lisle. Highly effective, approximately 147 were produced during the war and they are reputed to have been involved in the assassination of at least two senior German officers during Operation Jedburgh in 1944. Member 11 (a relatively new member and attending his first meeting) shared his custom Lee-Enfield conversion (*above*). Purchased as a receiver only, it was upgraded with a caliber conversion kit from Rhineland Arms and uses a Dead Air muzzle device for mounting a suppressor. While not a direct reproduction, it is his “poor man's De Lisle carbine.”

Line drawing of actual De Lisle Carbine (*right*) by Evers - self made (inkscape), CC BY-SA 2.0,



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Member 12 shared a different FN product, this one an FN SCAR 20S308 with Surefire military contract suppressor. Member 12 bought this after the NRA Annual Meetings in Indianapolis, IN in 2019 using a Brownell's 20% off coupon. This rifle mounts a Leupold scope and has a Geissele trigger installed.

Member 13 (*right*) brought in two Canadian Inglis Hi-Powers made in 1942-1944. One is in very nice condition with an original stock. The other one has a



replacement stock with it that has a bit of an odd angle to it (*left*) – compare this one to the stock shown on page 19. I am not sure you can get a meaningful cheek weld on this stock!



**The
COMBO**
PISTOL-CARBINE

The handsome semi-automatic pistol is the ten-shot .22 L.R. Model L. Accurate, well made, and particularly reliable, it is of the safest and most modern design, provided with thumb and magazine safeties and a half cock position on the exposed hammer. With its barrel removed, the Model L action fits the 18" precision rifled barrel of the walnut stocked carbine assembly.

The Combo is a ten shot semi-automatic pistol-carbine weighing 4½ pounds with open sights. The receiver is grooved for conventional scope mounts or the 4 power scope shown. The scope, (Model 4XC) is designed especially for the Combo. It fits perfectly and is instantly detachable.

With the pistol barrel in your pocket and the Combo assembled, you have a hunting-plinking .22 carbine. With the carbine stock and barrel strapped to your pack, you have a rugged and accurate side arm to holster.

You are invited to try a Combo, borrow one, or preferably buy one. The whole kit and caboodle costs only \$64.95. The scope costs \$11.50 more.

GunsInternational.com

Member 14 brought in a Unique Model L, a .22LR combination pistol and rifle (*above*). The Unique L was manufactured by French company Manufacture d' Armes des Pyrénées Françaises (MAPF) and was imported into the U.S. by Feather Industries import (in Washington DC) in the 1960s. Roughly based on Spanish Ruby design, the Model L came with a 3-inch pistol barrel and an 18-inch rifle barrel. To convert from pistol to rifle, the pistol barrel is removed (*as shown in inset above*) and the frame is inserted into the rifle receiver. There is even a small compartment in the rifle butt stock to store the pistol barrel. Member 14 noted that the 10-round magazine is a pain to load.

The period advertisement (*above*) was found online at GunsInternational.com



Member 15 shared his Argentine Army Hi-Power (*above*) that had been produced in Argentina under license from FN. Argentine Hi-Powers were manufactured by Direccion General Fabricaciones Militaries (FM) at their arms factory, Fabrica Armas Portatiles Domingo F. Matheu in Rosario, under license from 1969-1989 (and possibly surreptitiously after the license expired as well). They are identifiable by the proof mark on the right side of the trigger guard. This example came with an unusual holster.



★ 2023 Presentation List ★

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
27 Apr 2023	History of the AR	Bernie Breighner
25 May 2023	Guns of the Fenians	Ken Smith-Christmas
22 Jun 2022	TBD	TBD

NOTE: We do not meet in July due to Summer Vacation

We are finalizing the presentation schedule for 2023 (still have June and September open) and are starting to work on the 2024 schedule. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact one of the VGCA officers or directors.

★ 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 – 2023

- Apr 21-23, 2023 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Apr 29-30, 2023 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- May 6-7, 2023 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center – *SGK*
- May 12-13, 2023 – Fredericksburg, VA – Eagles Aerie, 21 Cool Spring Road – *NVRHA* – 50th Anniversary Civil War Show
- Jun 16-18, 2023 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Jul 15-16, 2023 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jul 15-16, 2023 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park – *North-South Trader's Civil War Magazine* – National Civil War and Antique Arms Show
- Jul 15-16, 2023 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Jul 21-23, 2023 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2023

- Apr 22-23, 2023 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- May 6-7, 2023 – Easton, MD - Easton Volunteer Fire Department – *Granite Lodge #177*
- Jul 8-9, 2023 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 15-16, 2023 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2023

- Apr 22-23, 2023 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 22-23, 2023 – Centre Hall, PA – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds – *Outdoor Sportsman Club*
- Apr 29-30, 2023 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- May 7-8, 2023 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2023 (continued)

- **May 12, 2023 – Portland, PA** – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- **May 12-14, 2023 – Allentown, PA** – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **May 20-21, 2023 – Tobyhanna, PA** – VFW Post 3448 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Jun 2-4, 2023 – Long Pond, PA** – Pocono Raceway – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- **Jun 3, 2023 – Brookville, PA** – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *Jefferson County Historical Society – Jefferson County Military Collectibles Show*
- **Jun 3-4, 2023 – Sellersville, PA** – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall & Club – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Jun 9-11, 2023 – Oaks, PA** – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- **Jun 17-18, 2023 – Washington, PA** – Washington PA County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- **Jun 24-25, 2023 – Allentown, PA** – ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- **Jun 24-25, 2023 – York, PA** – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Jul 1-2, 2023 – Reeders, PA** – Jackson Township Vol Fire Co – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Jul 7-9, 2023 – Allentown, PA** – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Jul 15-16, 2023 – Wind Gap, PA** – Plainfield Township Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2023

- **Apr 29-30, 2023 – Medina, OH** – Medina County Community Center – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*
- **May 7, 2023 – New Castle, DE** – Nur Shrine Center – *DE Antiques Arms Collectors Assoc. Inc.*
- **May 20-21, 2023 - Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association - Annual Display Show – Special Guests: High Standard Collectors Association*
- **Jul 2, 2023 – New Castle, DE** – Nur Shrine Center – *DE Antiques Arms Collectors Assoc. Inc.*

FOR SALE:

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If you would like to list an item (or items) in the VGCA Newsletter, please send your description, price, and contact information to rpebecker@verizon.net. I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Unless other arrangements are made, items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

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

FOR SALE:

✪ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has recently 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.

FOR SALE:

✪ VGCA member Larry Babcock recently 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 / or text to 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

- ✪ U.S. Aviator Survival Vest HMX-1. \$85.00



- ✪ U.S. 1942-dated backpack/rucksack with 1944-dated pick/mattox. \$295.00



- ✪ U.S. WWII M1A2 Gas Mask with original bag. Mask dated 02-1944. \$45.00



☛ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 ¼" 450 grain DGX, 20 round box, very limited production. \$125.00

☛ **Cold Steel Sanburu Spear.** Three sections – head/blade, shoe/butt spike, and double taper hardwood handle. \$65.00

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