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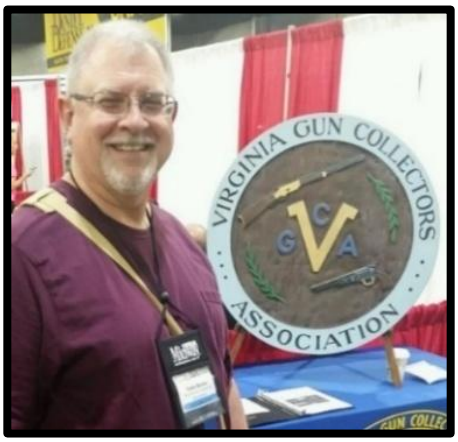
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April 2026 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Last month I wrote that the best part of being the VGCA President is being able to share good news. This month I have more good news to share!

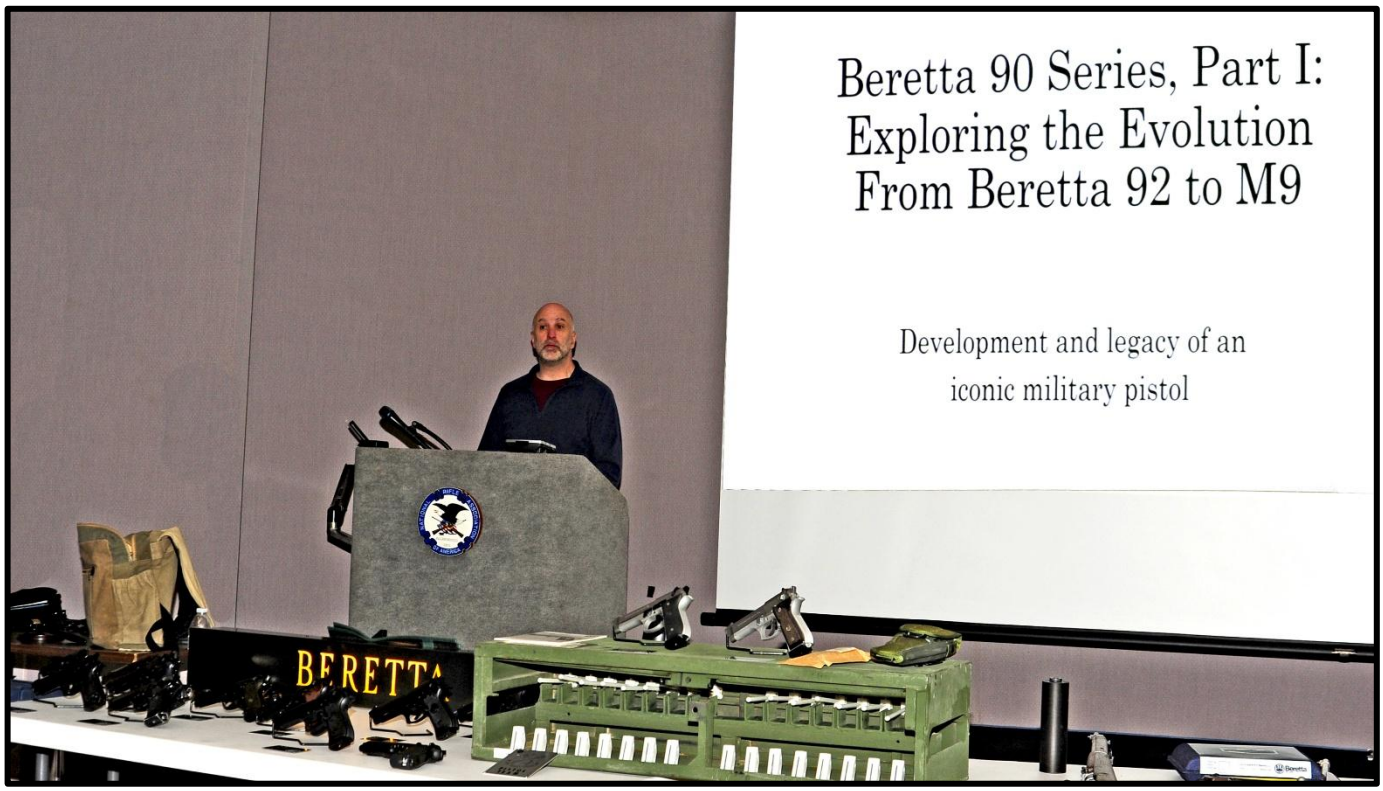
First – congratulations to Louie DiGaetano, who represented the VGCA at the NRA Annual Meetings, which were held last week in Houston, Texas. Louie's display covering ***500 Years of Beretta Firearms*** garnered the award for best educational display. Not only that, but his Cuban contract Beretta also M1 rifle won one of the highly coveted NRA Silver Medallions. A maximum of 10 can be awarded at the annual meetings and each one is medallion is numbered and recorded. Very well done, sir!

Next – our first field trip on 2026 will be to the U.S. Army Ordnance Training Center at Fort Lee, Virginia on May 1st. There are still openings available so be sure to sign up at our April Membership Meeting if you are interested in participating.

Not everything this month is good news, however. Our Virginia Governor has seen fit to sign several gun control bills into law, most of which will go into effect on July 1st. We will have articles in future newsletters describing the impacts this legislation will have on law abiding gun owners – unfortunately, these impacts are not insignificant.

***Rob Becker*, VGCA President**

✪ March Presentation – Beretta 90 Series, Part I: Exploring the Evolution From Beretta 92 to M9



VGCA Director and noted Beretta collector Louie DiGaetano (*above*) shared his knowledge of the Beretta Model 90 series in the first of at least two presentations on the topic. Louie started the story of the M90 series by noting the M92 was designed by Carlo Beretta in 1976. The design was influenced by the earlier Beretta Models 1923, 1934, and 1951 as well as the Walther P38. It utilizes a swinging locking block design similar to the M1951. The M92 was chambered in 9x19 Parabellum and its double-stack magazine held 15 rounds. Production started in May 1976 and the last M92 was made in February 1983.

Beretta won an early contract from the Brazilian military for the M92. Brazilian law requires their weapons be manufactured in country. As a result, Beretta opened a factory in Brazil that would produce approximately 40,000 M92s. In the late 1970s, Italian police agencies were interested in the M92 but asked Beretta to change the safety from the frame (where it blocked the sear) to the slide (where it blocked the firing pin). The slide-mounted safety also allowed it to function as a de-cocker. This change resulted in a new model, the M92S, which was adopted by several Italian police and security agencies. The "S" stands for "Sicurezza" which means "security". The M92S would be produced from 1978 to 1982.

In 1979, the United States Department of Defense (DoD) initiated the Joint Service Small Arms Program (JSSAP) with the U.S. Air Force as lead service. The USAF was selected as lead because at the time they were looking to replace **28** different weapons! Requested changes to the Beretta M92 included moving

the magazine release button behind the trigger guard on the left side of the frame. This model was designated the M92S1 and the civilian version was the M92SB. A compact version with a shortened frame and magazine that held 13 rounds was designated the M92SBC. In a very controversial decision, Beretta won the JSSAP trials.

The DoD began a second round of handgun testing in 1981, this time led by the U.S. Army. This time the program was called the Personnel Defense Weapon (PDW) and four companies submitted entries – Beretta, Sig, Heckler & Koch, and Smith & Wesson. None of those submissions met the requirements. In 1982, DoD released a new set of requirements and a new set of trials began in 1984. This time, seven companies (Colt, FN, HK, Sig, S&W, Steyr, and Walther) submitted candidates. Only the Sig 226 and the Beretta M92SB-F (which incorporated a new matte finish, a serrated front to the trigger guard, and a grooved trigger) met all of the requirements and the Beretta was selected as the winner. On January 14, 1985, the U.S. Army announced that the Beretta M92SB-F would be the new standard sidearm and be designated the M9.

A commercial and police version of the M9 was designated the M92FS. One difference between the government and the civilian versions was that the M9 sights had two white dots (one on the front sight and one below the notch of the rear sight) while the M92FS sights had three white dots (one on the front sight and one on either side of the rear sight notch). The other difference was the M9 utilized Allen screws to hold on its grip panels while the M92FS used flathead screws.



The adoption of the M9 led to police and military agencies around the world adopting the Beretta. Between 1986 and 2022, Beretta delivered over 830,000 M9s to the DoD while at the same time more than 1000 police agencies in the U.S. also adopted the M92FS.

Interest in this topic was evident by the more than 20 minutes of questions and answers that followed his presentation! Louie (*at right showing the progression from the M92 to the M92FS*) concluded his presentation by noting that Part II would take place at the October membership Meeting and would cover the M9 through the M9XI.

✪ Next Membership Meeting: Thursday, Apr 23rd

Presentation: "Spanish 'Tubular' Pistols–Astra & Clones" by Jaume Canaves

Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium



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Our April VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the basement auditorium of the NRA Headquarters. We will start with a social hour at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. As usual, we will have pizza for your dining pleasure! We hope you can make it!

✪ 2026 Presentation & Event List

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
23 Apr 2026	Spanish 'Tubular' Pistols – Astra & Clones	Jaume Canaves
28 May 2026	Colt Mk III J-Frames	Jim Ashing
25 Jun 2026	Suhl Weapons/German Hunting Guns and Laws	Clayton Vieg
23 Jul 2026	Expanded Show-n-Tell – Theme "Guns I paid too much for"	
27 Aug 2026	Guns in Video Games and Media	Peter Kalis

If you have any presentation suggestions or would like to make a presentation yourself in 2027 (all meeting dates in 2026 are already covered) – please contact Chris Britton or any officer or director.

✪ How to watch the April Meeting from Home

As has been our recent practice, we will be broadcasting our April meeting via the free internet service JITSI. You can join via your phone through the app or via your browser on the computer. Neither requires an account. All you need to join a JITSI meeting is a link, like the one below. Simply click the link.

Click the following link to join the meeting: https://meet.jit.si/vgca-april2026

You will be asked to enter your name. You can enter your actual name or use a pseudonym. It will then prompt you to allow access to camera and microphone, which you also do not need to gain access to the meeting. Then click "Join" – it is as simple as that!

Just want to dial in on your phone? Dial-in: +1.512.647.1431 PIN: 1159016647#

Click this link to see the dial in phone numbers for this meeting:
https://meet.jit.si/static/dialInInfo.html?room=vgca-april2026



✪ March Meeting Notes

VGCA President Rob Becker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. VGCA President Emeritus Ed Costello led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who have fallen defending our country. There were 44 VGCA members and guests present and 6 more participated via jit.si. New members and guests were introduced.

Rob announced that our Spring Gun Show on Feb 28th and Mar 1st was very successful, with 771 attendees over the weekend event. This number beat the Spring 2025 show by over 100 and the Fall 2025 by about 200 AND exceeded our goal of 750. This increase is probably due to multiple factors, including the anti-gun bills being proposed and debated in Richmond, increased advertising on the VFW electronic billboard, and our "Bring a buddy" campaign. One area for improvement is we need more educational displays as there was only one judged display at the Spring Show. For more details, see the article in the VGCA February-March Newsletter.

Rob also announced that this was the last gun show to be organized by our Show Director Andrew Woodard. Andrew has executed all five of our gun shows since we left our previous venue and each has been better than the one before. Andrew received a well-deserved round of applause from those present!

Due to the impending anti-gun legislation that, if approved, will go into effect on July 1st, the VGCA Executive Committee voted to have an additional gun show in June. That show will be on the weekend of June 6th and 7th and tables are already sold out! Louie DiGaetano is our new Show Director - please contact him if you would like to be put on a waiting list for a table.

Rob noted that our first field trip of 2026 will be a tour of U.S. Army Ordnance Training Support Facility at Fort Lee, Virginia. The OTSF contains much of the collection of equipment, both U.S. and foreign, that was formerly on display at Aberdeen Proving Grounds before the Ordnance Department relocated to Fort Lee. Our tour is set up for 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1st and will include a visit to the Small Arms Room, which is normally closed to the public. A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending will be available at both the March and April Membership Meetings.

Elections for VGCA President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held in May. Officers serve a 2-year term with elections held in even-numbered years. Not all incumbents are running for re-election (at a minimum, there will be an opening at secretary), so please let any of the current officers or directors know if you are interested in running. We will also ask for nominations from the floor at the April Membership Meeting.

Finally, it was announced that we will return to Thursday night meetings on April 23rd. The current scheduling plan is to have Saturday afternoon meetings in the winter (December through March) when there are fewer weekend demands on most people's time and to have Thursday meetings the rest of the year. Approximately the same number of members have been attending the Saturday meetings as attend the Thursday meetings, but many of the individuals are different as they cannot attend Thursday meeting due to work/school or live too far away. This two-day system allows the greatest number of members the opportunity to participate.

✪ VGCA Resumes Thursday Night Meetings

As spring advances and weekend demands increase for everyone, we will return to having our membership Meetings on Thursday nights, starting on April 23rd. The long-term plan is to have Saturday afternoon meetings during the winter months (December through March), with Thursday evening meetings for the rest of the year.

✪ Field Trip to Fort Lee, Virginia

Our first field trip of the year will be to the Army Ordnance Training Support Facility (TSF), Fort Lee, Virginia on Friday, May 1st. The U.S. Army Ordnance TSF houses collections from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Redstone Arsenal, Picatinny Arsenal, and Watervliet Arsenal. These collections were moved and consolidated as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 decisions. This tour has been arranged outside of the normal public availability and should include a tour of their Small Arms Room, which normally has restricted access.

To sign up, please send an email to **rpebecker@verizon.net** and include your name, phone number, and email address. A sign-up sheet will also be available at our April Membership Meeting. Details on when and where to meet, as well as what identification to bring to get on post will be provided to those who sign up.

✪ Looking for Carpool to Cartridge Show

VGCA Member Jack Looney is looking for someone to carpool with to the Pennsylvania Cartridge Collectors Show in Reinholds, PA on Aug 14-15, 2026 (either day). If interested, contact Jack via email to **looney.house@verizon.net** or text to 703-999-9458.

✪ 3rd VGCA Gun Show Added this Year

In light of the potential new restrictions on firearms ownership in Virginia to be enacted by this, the VGCA Executive Committee voted to add a 3rd gun show this year to occur before July 1st. Though many of these proposed laws did not make it to the Governor to sign this year, the Executive Committee decided to press ahead with this 3rd show. Based on the availability of the VFW to host us and deconflicting with the Manassas gun shows, this show has been scheduled for **6-7 June 2026**. As of now, all tables have already been rented. Hope to see you there and remember – **Bring a Buddy!**

✪ VGCA Social Media Accounts ✪

Our Instagram account
@vaguncollectors
has 402 posts with 1708 followers as of 14 Apr 2026.
Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel
@vgca-virginiaguncollectorsasso
has 22 videos and 78 subscribers as of 14 Apr 2026.

The VGCA Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/
has 402 posts with 1838 followers as of 14 Apr 2026.

✪ 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 2nd Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. The HRMS is a sister organization to the VGCA and VGCA members are welcome to participate as guests in their meetings and tours. Upcoming meetings (at Rescue Squad No. 8 at 1243 Bayne Drive in VA Beach) are:

12 May 2026 **"Russian and Italian Helmets"** by Tom Buck

09 Jun 2026 **"World War I: The Hundred Days Offense, Part 1"** by Jim Paschall

14 Jul 2026 **"Military Medicine: Infection and Penicillin"** by Chris Galosi

11 Aug 2026 **"How I Acquired a Mountain Cannon"** by Doug McDougal

08 Sep 2026 **"Lee Enfield Rifles"** by Paul Bracy (tentative)

✪ We need your help with our Newsletter!

Do you love history and firearms, are reasonably organized, have a decent command of the English language, possess fair computer skills, and can dedicate a few hours each month to the VGCA? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker will continue as our editor through the early 2026 issue but is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on – in whole or in part - please contact any of the officers or directors.

"The Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press, or the rights of conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms."

- Samuel Adams, 1788,
Debates of the Massachusetts Convention



So much learning takes place at the "after party" of our Membership Meetings! This photo, taken after our March meeting, shows a typical crowd sharing their questions, knowledge, and expertise with the presenter and the show-n-tell contributors.

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION:

ERICH VERATSCHNIG O/U SIDELOCK .458 AFRICAN BIG GAME RIFLE

By Marc Gorelick
Photographs by Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria

Although he is not well known in the United States, Erich Veratschnig was one of the leading gunmakers in Ferlach, Austria, a town noted for being home to some of the best custom gunmakers in the world. Sought after by the wealthy, custom Veratschnig firearms were noted for their excellent workmanship, attention to detail, precision and reliability. Made in 1987, this big game rifle is representative of the quality and artistic excellence of Veratschnig's products.



Chambered in .458 Winchester Magnum, this over/under, sidelock rifle was built to take large, often dangerous, game. The 24.02 inch (61 cm) long thermostable barrels are surmounted by an engine-turned quarter rib. There is a fixed rear sight with additional gold inscribed hinged rear sights calibrated for 100, 200 and 300 meters. It has a notched breech with additional locked barrel hooks for added strength, sidelocks with springs on the back, and sear bars. The single trigger is gold washed and the trigger guard has a finger hook and empty monogram plate for the lucky owner's crest or initials.



Engraving is a key element of today's Ferlach sporting guns and this Veratschnig is no exception. The bright action is engraved in the deep relief German style that is popular with many of the Ferlach gunsmith's German and Austrian clients. Appropriately enough for a gun built to take African game, the engraving consists of African animal scenes surrounded by classic foliage patterns and gold thread borders. On the left side is a scene of lions attacking wildebeest, and on the right side is a scene of three elephants. There is a golden crown with 5 points on the case back, gold inlay decoration on the chambers and gold inlay borders on the latch for opening the action. Inlaid gold designs decorate the bottom of the triggerguard.



The elaborately grained walnut stock has a horn extension, and thick rubber butt to mitigate the heavy recoil. It has fine hand checkering with fleur-de-lis, a pistol grip with an engraved steel cap, and a Monte Carlo cheek piece. The forearm has an engraved Deeley latch.



The rifle has a Schmidt & Bender "Safari" scope, 1.25 - 4 x 21 with an aiming spike reticle. It is mounted on the gun using Eramatic swivel (swing) mounts.

This rifle was designed for big game, much like the .458 Winchester Magnum cartridge that it is chambered for. The .458 is suitable for very thick-skinned game like elephant with bullet weights up to 500 grs, while the lighter bullets are also suitable for African predators. The rifle was offered at Joh. Springers Erben 36th Classic Auction in May 2022 and was sold for about $10,875 (10,000 euros) hammer price.

✪ Membership Report – April 2026

Please welcome the following new members:

Tim Frank of Silver Spring
William Olson of Vienna
William Yaglou of Fairfax
Chris Woodbridge of Fredericksburg
Orville Keller of Warrenton
William Gahrmann of Herndon
John Rudd of Sterling
Julian Wool of Alexandria
Julian Schmidt of Woodbridge
Darrel Lowery of Ashburn
Joseph Ripley of Haymarket
Charles Downes of Chantilly
Linus Downes of Centreville
Dennis Welsh of Warrenton

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. **If you sponsor a candidate, either at one of our membership tables or elsewhere, please make sure that you fill in and sign the Sponsor page.**

Notice to New Member Sponsors: Please ensure your prospective applicants provide a legible email address and telephone contact number if possible. Also, please make sure your name is clearly written on the sponsorship form. Without a valid email address, new members will not receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Membership Numbers: There are currently 474 Life members and 65 Annual members for a total of 539 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc. **If your dues are not current for 2026 your name has been removed from our annual members list and you will not be able to get in to our gun shows for free or participate in certain activities, please make sure that you are current.**

Recruiting: Thank you to the volunteers who worked at our membership table at our VGCA gun show. Your efforts help to spread the word about our great organization.

Membership Renewal: Dues for 2026 are now past due. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting into the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please update your dues payment. You can renew annually for $40 or $250 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 and I will let you know.

George Dungan, Vice President and Membership Chair

Annual Membership Renewals: Annual Membership renewals of $40.00 are due by January 1, 2025. You may upgrade to Life Membership for $250 Failure to renew by the January Membership meeting may result in your being dropped as a *member in good standing*. **Members dropped for non-payment of dues will have to go through the new member process to re-join the Association.**

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a check (please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed membership renewal form above to the address on the form. VGCA will also accept payments in person (CHECK or EXACT CHANGE preferred – I have NO CASH for change) with a completed renewal form. If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Interim Membership Chair** at ***george@eccominv.com*** or call me at **571-243-6387**.

Please detach and return with your payment

Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2025_Oct)

VGCA, Inc., P.O. Box 328, Manassas, VA 20108

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: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Enclosed is a check for $40.00 for CY 2026 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
☐ I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for $250.00.
☐ 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*** or call me at **571-243-6387**.

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CMP UPDATE

By Clayton Vieg, CMP Liaison
The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.

LATEST CMP NEWS…
Last month I reported that the reclaimed M1903 Springfield bolt-action rifles were coming out soon. Last Monday, the announcement arrived in my inbox. From CMP's official announcement:

> *"The 1903A3 Reclaimed Rifle has been professionally assembled, inspected and function fired. Online orders will be filled by "Luck of the Draw" for manufacturer or serial number and sold as is with no refunds or exchanges."*



- 1903A3 Reclaimed Rifle featuring a commercial barrel and CMP-exclusive Minelli stock *(NOTE: Receivers may have original finish or new parkerized finish; it appears that "C" stocks are being fitted at this time)*
- RMA3EXPERTRC receiver has undergone "Dual Field Magnetic Particle Inspection" to ASTM 1444E standards (same process used for CMP Reclaimed Garand receivers)
- Assembled with a blend of USGI and commercial parts, all meeting Service Grade or higher criteria

Current price: $1050 + $35 S&H
(Current CMP purchase limit – 12 surplus rifles per calendar year (including receivers/barreled receivers))

Granted, no real collector value here (except perhaps for the USGI receiver), but if you already have a 03 that you would like to keep in good shape (i.e., by not shooting a lot of ammo through it), this will make an ideal shooter rifle. Of course, it would qualify as an "issue" rifle at CMP-sanctioned match events (e.g., the annual CMP Games at Camp Perry). For more information or to order, please go to:
https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1903-m1903a3-rifle-information/

One Last Thing…

GOING TO HOUSTON…

By the time this newsletter is published, the 2026 NRA Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas will have already occurred. I'm writing this the night before I fly to Houston to attend the meeting. There are many reasons to go to the Annual Meeting - among them, to visit VGCA's display - but this year, CMP will have a booth at the Annual Meeting *(I don't recall ever seeing a CMP booth at the most recent Annual Meetings, and I've attended almost all of them since 2018).* It seems that CMP will have a few surprises there, including some "NRA Show Specials"…they will offer a 10% discount on selected rifles and M1911 pistols by picking up a special code at the booth, which can then be used through April 24th via the new online ordering procedure – no firearms will actually be sold or delivered at the Annual Meeting.

On display will be three (3) newly-built replicas of the classic M1 Garand that have not been previously offered before by CMP:

A replica of the M1D sniper rifle, using a reproduction M84 scope…



A replica of the T26 experimental short Garand, also known as the "Tanker Garand", with an 18-inch barrel…



And finally, a replica of the original "gas trap" Garand, with a newly-manufactured gas trap kit by Faxon Firearms (which is also supplying many of the barrels now used by CMP in their refurbishing program).



All of these replicas use the new "M1 Garand by CMP" as their basis, meaning the receivers are newly-manufactured for CMP (instead of using reclaimed receivers). Prices for the above replica rifles are as follows:

- **CMP M1D with Scope** – $2,850 (+ $35 S&H)
- **CMP Tanker** – $2,650 (+ $35 S&H)
- **Gas Trap** – $2,650 (+ $35 S&H)

Again, not true collector rifles, but they offer a chance to get a functional M1 Garand in configurations that are essentially unavailable to most collectors (e.g., the "Tanker" and "gas trap" variants).

Please note that since these rifles, unlike the rifles using reclaimed or "original" (surplus) receivers, use newly-manufactured receivers, they must be shipped to an FFL dealer BEFORE you can take delivery. Per CMP, deliveries are supposed to begin this summer.

I am not aware of any purchase limits at this time regarding these replica rifles, but it is quite possible there will be significant demand for them at first. (There are no limits at this time on the M1 Garand by CMP rifles.) As of now, they are not yet displayed on the CMP Sales & Services page, but I expect they will be in the near future.

I expect to report further on what I see (saw) at the Annual Meeting in our next issue.

…**Go CMP!**

✪ Upcoming Officer Elections This May



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.

STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A Virginia Legislative Update by Alan Reid

The Virginia governor recently has signed numerous Anti-Gun Bills into law. Several others, in a last-minute ploy, were sent back to the legislature with recommendations for changes. Virtually none of the proposed changes were for the benefit of law-abiding citizens. As these Bills would have become law even if the Governor didn't sign them by the cut-off date, this is a ploy to keep them in play until after the referendum vote on redistricting is done in order to reduce the amount of "No" votes. The Governor is apparently counting on the notorious malaise of gun owners when it comes to voting for their rights. These Bills will be discussed/voted on in the next Legislative session starting on April 22nd. Funny, that is the day *after* the referendum voting is complete.

Things are not going that well for our new Governor. She has just received one of the worst approval ratings for a modern Virginia Governor. Worse than any of the last eight Governors. A pretty dismal performance all-in-all. She has also been formally warned by the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) that should most of these bills come into law, Virginia will be formally sued by the DOJ for breaching the U.S. Constitution (2nd Amendment). Interestingly, these Laws are also a flagrant breach of the VA Constitution. For a self-professed MODERATE and "supporter of the 2nd Amendment", the above is not a great look. Hopefully, if the DOJ words transpire into Action, organizations like the NRA, VCDL, etc. who have also proposed legal challenges will have a much greater chance of success.

Before going into the actual laws that have been signed and those up for review - a word of caution. Everybody rejoiced when the Suppressor Bill (banning) was thrown out. Has it been kept by proxy though? Here is what is classed as an "Assault Weapon":

As passed by the General Assembly, the looming semi-auto ban (HB217/SB749) defines "assault firearm" in several ways. There is a feature test where centerfire rifles and pistols are "assault firearms" when they are capable of accepting a detachable magazine and have, in the case of rifles one offending feature (pistol grip, threaded barrel, etc.), and in the case of pistols, two offending features (threaded barrel, barrel shroud, etc.). The definition also includes "A semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol with a fixed magazine capacity in excess of 15 rounds."

This definition is one of the Governor proposed changes.

The wording of the definition leaves grounds for many firearms to be classed as an "assault firearm". Your modern precision bolt action rifle with a pistol grip and threaded barrel could potentially become an "assault weapon". If you have any weapons that have one or more of the offending criteria, and are planning to buy a suppressor, it might be smart to buy the threaded barrel or any other requirements sooner rather than later.

The following Bills have been signed by the Governor and will go into effect in VA on July 1st

SB496/HB110 places further restrictions on the ability for a law-abiding individual to keep a firearm in their vehicle for self-defense.

SB323/HB40 ends the centuries-old practice of individuals building lawful firearms for personal use without government interference by prohibiting the manufacture of firearms without serial numbers. Transfer and *possession* of an unserialized or plastic firearm would be prohibited. This legislation would also penalize individuals who lawfully purchased unfinished frames and receivers before the bill's effective date.

SB115 jeopardizes concealed carry permit reciprocity with other states.

SB27/HB21 creates sweeping new standards of "responsible conduct" for members of the firearm industry, including manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. The bill requires these businesses to establish and implement vague and subjective "reasonable controls" over the manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and marketing of firearm-related products. Further, it establishes a broad civil cause of action, allowing the Attorney General, local government attorneys, or private individuals to sue firearm businesses for injunctions, damages, and costs. This is a direct attack on the firearm industry and are designed to regulate the industry out of existence through litigation—despite longstanding federal protections.

SB272/HB626 limits who can carry firearms at public institutions of higher learning.

HB916 expands the curriculum requirements for Virginia concealed carry permit classes, and eliminates National Rifle Association & United States Concealed Carry Association courses from the code regarding Concealed Handgun Permit guidelines.

The following Bills have been sent back to the Legislature with changes recommended by the Governor:

HB 217, prohibits the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, and purchase of an "assault firearm" on or after July 1, 2026. "Assault firearms" possessed before July 1, 2026, are grandfathered and may be possessed, carried, and transported. Handguns now must have two of the cosmetic features to be considered an "assault firearm," not including the removable magazine. Long guns only need one of the cosmetic features. Maximum magazine capacity is 15 rounds. Magazines that hold more than 15 rounds and were made before July 1, 2026, are grandfathered and can be possessed, transported, and carried, but not sold or purchased. The Governor recommends making any semi-automatic, centerfire rifle or pistol with a magazine that has a capacity of more than 15 rounds an assault firearm.

HB 1524, prohibits the carry of certain loaded semi-automatic rifles, handguns, and shotguns on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public in the Commonwealth. There is no exemption for CHP holders. Governor recommends not allowing any rifle or handgun with a magazine that holds more

than 15 rounds to be carried in public; and recommends removing the exemptions for off-duty or retired law enforcement and licensed security guards.

HB 871, requires all firearms in a home, that are not being carried on a person, to be unloaded and placed in a locked container if there is a minor in the home or if there is a prohibited person in the home. A gun may only be stored loaded if it is in a safe that has either a combination lock, a coded lock, or a biometric lock. Violation is Class 4 misdemeanor. Gun dealers must post signage about the law and there is also a provision to educate the public on firearm storage. Governor recommends any locking device that renders the firearm incapable of being fired be allowed, too; ammunition does not have to be stored in any particular manner; the penalty be increased from a Class 4 to a Class 2 misdemeanor.

HB 229, or SB 173, prohibits firearms, or knives with a blade longer than 3.5 inches, in facilities that provide mental health services or developmental services, including hospitals, emergency departments, or emergency medical care facilities, if they offer such services. Governor recommends removing exemptions for someone with written authorization from the hospital, armed security officers, and someone brought into a hospital as part of an emergency custody order or involuntary detention order.

HB 101, eliminates the requirement that a concealed handgun permit be requested in writing, allowing for other methods of applying for a permit. Governor recommends using "in writing or electronically" wording.

HB 1015, prohibits a person convicted of a misdemeanor assault and battery hate crime from being able to possess firearms.

HB 702, creates a "Firearm Give-Back or Buy-Back Program." The sole purpose is for local law enforcement, to collect and destroy any firearms that are voluntarily turned in, with exceptions for antiques or "historically significant firearms." Governor recommends changing the term, "buy back" to "sell back."

HB 909, expands the prohibition on the carry of firearms from 40 feet to 100 feet outside of a polling place or outside a building where the local electoral board is meeting. Governor recommends clarifying that the restriction is only when the building or part thereof is being used as an additional registration site.

HB 1525, prohibits 18, 19, and 20-year-olds from purchasing a handgun or "assault firearm" anywhere in the Commonwealth. Governor recommends this bill reinstate Universal Background Checks as soon as it becomes effective, possibly on April 23, 2026.

After going through all the above one can hope that it doesn't get any worse!

OR CAN IT?

✪ 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 cannot 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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March Show-n-Tell

Member 1 brought in three Beretta-related items for Show-n-Tell. The first was a sporterized M1941 Carcano carbine made by Beretta (*below*). It came as part of a group trade that included an L.C. Smith shotgun which was the gun Member 1 was really interested in. Chambered in 6.5mm Carcano, it has been heavily modified with the folding bayonet removed and all metal parts nickel-plated. Even though the stock has been refinished it still has traces of the Italian military stock cartouche.



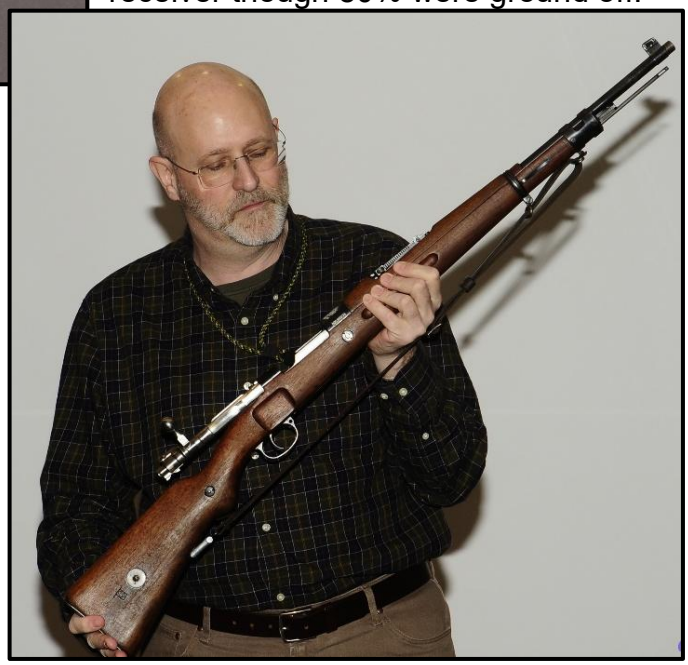


In addition to the WWII carbine, Member 1 brought in a Beretta Model 92F (*right*). This is one of the M92F's made at the Beretta Maryland factory before production switched to the M9 for the U.S. military. It is a double-action pistol chambered in 9mm Parabellum. This example is New in Box and is unfired. It came with two 20-round magazines and was purchased in approximately 1981 or 1982.

Finally, Member 1 shared a Beretta M92SB Compact (*not pictured*). Also a double-action 9mm pistol, the M92 Compact is essentially a slightly smaller version of the M92 intended for concealed carry. The magazines hold 13 rounds.



Member 2 brought in two Czech-made service rifles. The first is a Vz24 made for Guatemala (*left*). The Vz24 is a large ring (refers to the receiver diameter) action that is essentially a copy of the German G98. The key difference with the fairly small Guatemalan contract – only 4,000 rifles – is that it is chambered in 7mm Mauser (7x57) instead of the standard 8mm Mauser (7.9x57). This example retains the Guatemalan crest stamped on the receiver though 80% were ground off.



Member 2 also brought in an M1908/34 rifle (*right*). Similar to the bent-bolt handled K98, the M1908/34 was made for Brazil and was also chambered in 7mm Mauser. Approximately 100,000 rifles were produced for this contract. They are not to be confused with the later M08/34 which were produced in Brazil at Ijuba and chambered in .30/06.

Both of these rifles were purchased at the most recent Baltimore Antique Arms Show.



Member 3 shared a professional image of his Japanese Type 99 Machinegun (*left*) taken by fellow VGCA member Francis Torres. You may recall that Francis took pictures of several firearms before our 2024 Holiday Potluck Dinner and shared these photos on both our social media as well as his own Instagram account "Cinematic Arms".

Member 4 shared two of his Berettas with us. The first was a Beretta M9A3 with a Surefire laser (*right, top*). The M9A3 was a development of the M9 to compete for the most recent U.S. military sidearm contract. It features DA/SA with decocker (not combined decocker/safety), Vertec grip panels, which provide a slimmer grip, a longer 5.1 inch barrel threaded for a suppressor, a beveled mag well for faster reloads, a three-slot Picatinny rail, and is available in multiple finishes.

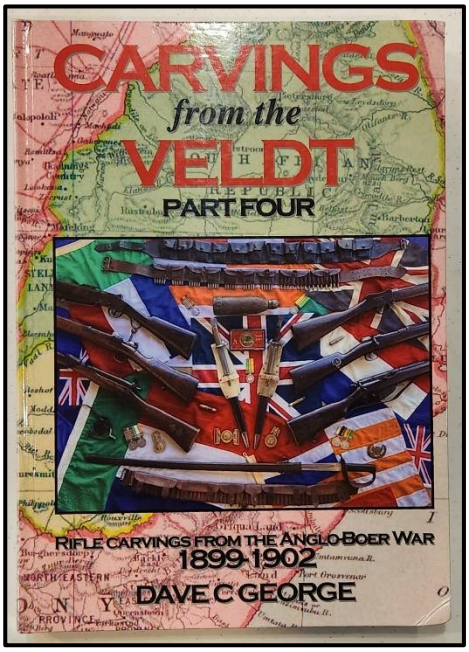


Member 4's second pistol is a little Beretta 3032 Tomcat (*right, bottom*). This blow-back pocket pistol chambered in .32 ACP is noteworthy for its tip up barrel, which allows the shooter to load a round in the chamber without having to rack the slide – an important consideration in a self-defense handgun for some weaker/elderly shooters. Produced since 1996, it was offered with a threaded barrel 2.9 inch barrel starting in 2020 and this example mounted a Dead Air suppressor.



Member 5 shared his CETME-L (*left*). The original CETME-L was designed in the 1990s and features a roller-locked bolt. Note that the bolt lock/release button is on the sight base. Chambered in 5.56x45 NATO, it can use NAT-standard Stanag magazines, though metal ones only (Magpul polymer mags won't fit). Its weight (~7.5 ibs) makes it very comfortable to shoot. This example is semi-automatic built by MarColMar Firearms.





Member 6 brought in a Lee-Enfield Mark I, aka the "Long Lee" (*above left*). At first glance, this example appears to be civilian sporterized hunting rifle, but in fact it was captured from the British during the Boer War and modified to better suit the Boer-style of guerrilla warfare. The forearm was shortened and the nose cap and bayonet lug discarded to make it lighter, though it retains its volley sights. While British soldiers kept any captured Boer M1895 Mausers as souvenirs, any recaptured Mark Is that had been modified were generally destroyed, so this rifle may have remained in the hands of its captor after the war. That Boer Burger, J. H. Van der Merwe, carved his name in the stock. This rifle is featured in the book ***Carvings from the Veldt, Part 4*** by Dave George (*above right*).



Member 7 displayed his 3-D printed 9mm suppressor (*left*). Since January 1st of this year, the Federal Government no longer requires a $200 tax for suppressors and Short Barreled Rifles, though registration to comply with the Gun Control Act of 1934 is still required. Member 7 registered the serial number of this suppressor before printing it. Total cost in parts - $22! This suppressor took 27 hours to print, was annealed in an oven for 5 hours, and then soaked in water for 2 days. It is rated for fully automatic fire and should last at least 2000 rounds. If and when it does break/wear out, it can be destroyed and either de-registered or a new one printed with the same serial number.

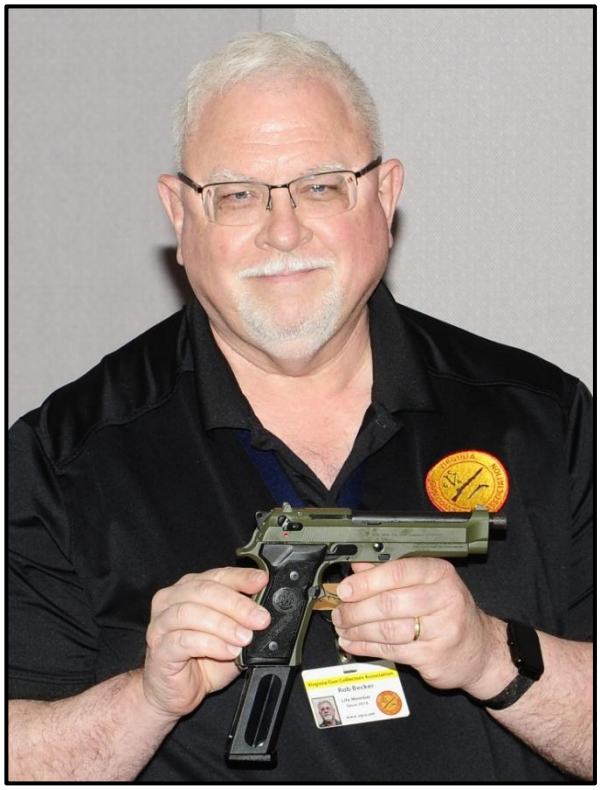
Member 7 also brought in a Carcano M91 converted to 8mm Mauser (*right*). FNA Brescia converted ~4500 carbines to the larger caliber for the German military in 1944. Barrels were rebored from the original 6.5mm Carcano caliber and bolt handles were bent at the same time. About half of those converted continued to use enbloc clips (a complicated conversion) while the other half used a box magazine and stripper clips (an expensive conversion). This example was acquired at this year's Baltimore Antique Arms Show in Timonium, Maryland.





Member 8 shared a fairly scarce Baretta accessory – a .22 Long Rifle conversion kit for the Beretta M96 and M92 pistols (*left and below*). This kit came with the barrel and slide, a magazine, and a magazine loading tool.

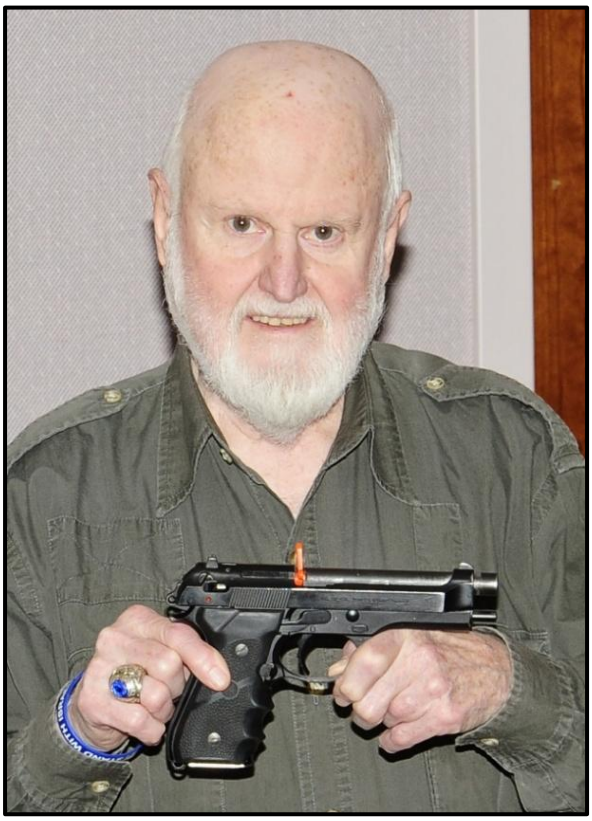




Member 9 brought in one of the newest Baretta M92 variants – an M92FS ODG (*at left*). Introduced last summer, the M92FS ODG features an Olive Drab Green Cerakote finish, a threaded barrel in ½ x 28 for a suppressor, a reversible magazine release button, and a flared magazine well. It shipped with two 18-round mags, which, it was noted, will not be available for new purchase in Virginia after July 1st. His example is shown with a Beretta 30-round magazine (which will also be verboten for new sales in Virginia after July 1st).

Member 9 shared that one of the surplus dealer at the Chantilly/Manassas gun shows always has a box full of U.S. surplus M9 15-round magazines for $10 each. Though dirty, these mags have cleaned up nicely and have all been fully functional in this M92. Though most of these surplus mags are manufactured by Check-Mate and Airtronic Services, you may get lucky and an original "PB" marked Beretta magazine in the box.

Member 10 brought in a Beretta M92F (*below right*) in 9mm Parabellum and a Beretta M92D "Centurian" (*below*) in .40 S&W. The M92F is a former Police service weapon purchased by Member 10 in 2001. The slightly smaller (note the shorter slide and barrel) Centurian is double action only (DAO) and was made available for officer purchases starting in September 1996. This example was bought by Member 10 in 2009. Police departments required the DAO M92D to have a trigger pull that duplicated the Smith & Wesson Model 66 or the Ruger Security Six revolvers double action trigger pulls. Both of these former law enforcement handguns have rubber grips and now depleted night sights.



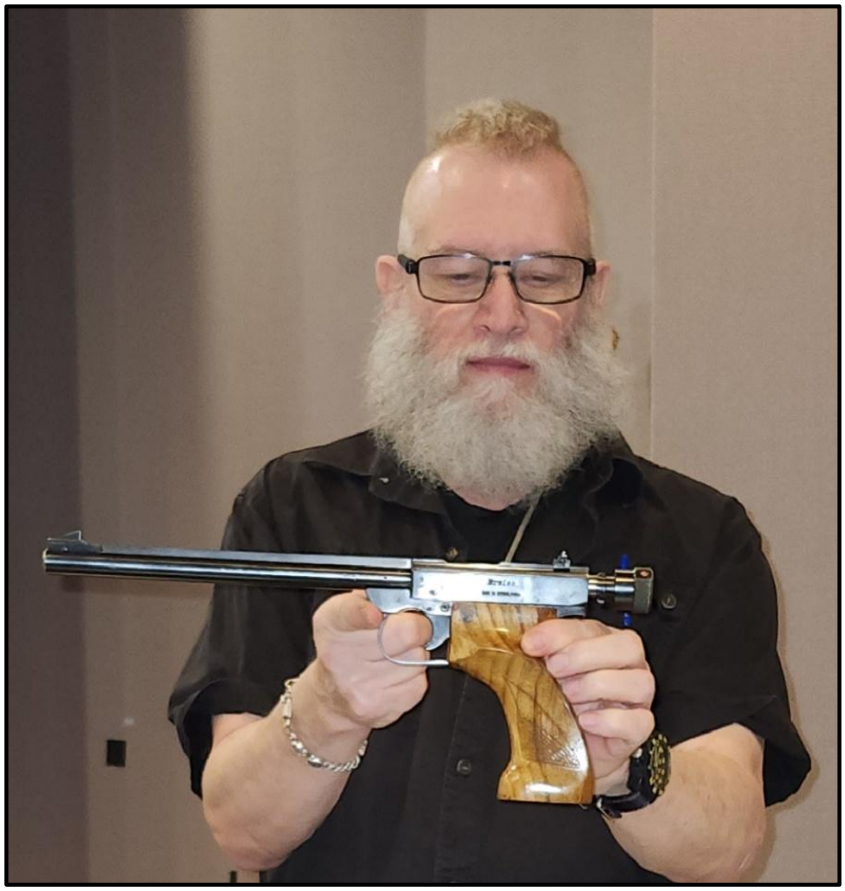


Member 11 shared two handguns. The first was a Colt Diamondback (*right*). Introduced in 1966 and remaining in production for 22 years, this Colt snake was available in either .22LR or .38 Special, both as six-shooters. This example is in .22 LR and has a 6-inch barrel. It was made in 1991. As there is so much more steel in the cylinder chambered for .22 than the cylinder for a .38 Special, the .22s were about 2 ½ ounces heavier than their larger caliber brothers. This example has been reblued with a beautiful "old school" finish!



Member 11's second pistol was a Smith & Wesson Model 52-1 (*below*). Designed as a competition pistol, the M52 was chambered in .38 Special and designed to feed wadcutter style bullets for Bullseye competitions. The original M52 featured the same trigger design as the S&W M39 and had a set screw that could be set for either single action or double action. The M52-1 was introduced in 1963 and featured a new single action trigger design, described by Member 11 as "beautiful". It remained in production until 1970, when it was replaced by the M52-2. All M52 variants had a single stack 5-round magazine.





Member 12 shared a unique Drulov target pistol (*left*). This single shot bolt action pistol is chambered in .22 Rimfire and has a 9-inch barrel with precision target sights. It was manufactured in Czechoslovakia. Formed in 1948, Drulov was known for making simple, accurate, and relatively inexpensive .22 target pistols in the 1960s and 1970s. Member 12 noted that a previous owner painted the sights white for greater visibility and that the targets fit his hand perfectly!

✪ Did you know: That the CMP South Store is Closed?

As of 13 Feb 2026, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) South Store at 1470 Sentinel Drive in Anniston, Alabama Store is CLOSED. All merchandise has been transferred to the store at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park (TMP). The TMP store hours are Wednesday – Sunday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

But don't despair - a bigger Anniston store is on the horizon—stay tuned for more details!

✪ 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. Shows highlighted in yellow are shows with a collector focus.

VIRGINIA – 2026

- **Apr 25-26, 2026 – Fishersville, VA** – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- **Apr 25-26, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **May 2-3, 2026 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- **May 8-10, 2026 – Manassas, VA** – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- **May 9-10, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **May 15-16, 2026 – Fairfax, VA** – Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 – *Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association (Sales of firearms made after 1892 prohibited)*
- **May 16-17, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA –** Fraternal Order of Eagles – *SGK*
- **May 16-17, 2026 – Wytheville, VA –** Hitachi Energy Center (formerly Apex Event Center) - *Showmasters*
- **May 22-25, 2026 – Hillsville, VA –** Grove King VFW Post 1115 – *Grove King VFW*
- **May 23-24, 2026 – Woodstock, VA** – Shenandoah County Fairgrounds – *Bear Run Firearms*
- **May 30-31, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Jun 6-7, 2025 – Dale City, VA** – Dale City VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (Our Show!)*
- **Jun 12-14, 2026 – Manassas, VA** – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- **Jun 20-21, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Jun 20-21, 2025 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- **Jun 27-28, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Jul 11-12, 2026 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- **Jul 17-19, 2026 – Manassas, VA** – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- **Jul 18-19, 2025 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- **Jul 18-19, 2026 – Doswell, VA –** Meadow Event Park – *National Civil War and Antique Arms Show*
- **Aug 1-2, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*

MARYLAND – 2026

- **Apr 25-26, 2026 – Timonium, MD** – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **May 9-10, 2026 – Crownsville, MD –** Anne Arundel Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Jul 11-12, 2026 – Timonium, MD** – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Jul 18-19, 2026 – Frederick, MD –** Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Sep 12-13, 2026 – West Friendship, MD –** Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026

- **Apr 25, 2026 – East Butler, PA –** 200 Grant Avenue – *Butler City Hunting & Fishing Club*
- **Apr 25-26, 2026 – Allentown, PA -** Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- **Apr 25-26, 2026 – Union City, PA –** Union City Vol. Fire Dept. – *Randy Peterson*
- **May 2-3, 2026 – Morgantown, PA –** Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- **May 9-10, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- ~~**May 16-17, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA** – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*~~ - **CANCELLED**
- **May 16-17, 2026 – Allentown, PA -** Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- **May 16-17, 2026 – Washington, PA –** Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026 (continued)

- **May 17, 2026 – Portland, PA –** William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- **May 23, 2026 – Sellersville, PA –** Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **May 23-24, 2026 – Wind Gap, PA –** Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co – *Douglas R. Garloff, LLC*
- **Jun 5-7, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- ~~**Jun 13-14, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA** – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows* - **CANCELLED**~~
- ~~**Jun 20-21, 2026 – Monroeville, PA** – Monroeville Conv Ctr – *Showmasters* - **CANCELLED**~~
- **Jun 27-28, 2026 – Allentown, PA -** Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- **Jun 27-28, 2026 – York, PA –** York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Jul 4-5, 2026 – Reeders, PA –** Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Jul 11-12, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Jul 19 , 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA –** Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- **Aug 1-2, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA –** Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- **Aug 7-9, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- **Aug 15-16, 2026 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Conv Ctr – *Showmasters*
- ~~**Aug 22-23, 2026 – Trevose, PA** – Radisson Philadelphia NE – *Eagle Shows* –~~ **CANCELLED**
- **Aug 29-30, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2026

- **May 23-24, 2026 – Greenville, SC –** Greenville Convention Center - *SCACA*
- **May 30-31, 2026 – Columbus, OH –** Kasich Hall, Ohio State Expo Cntr – *OGCA Display Show* – Hosting Remington Society of America
- **Jun 5-6, 2026 – Williamsport, PA –** Warrior Run Area Fire Dept Social Hall - *International Ammunition Association – Williamsport Area Cartridge Show*
- **Jun 20-21, 2026 – Oklahoma City, OK –** Oklahoma State Fairgrounds – *Heartland Militaria Show LLC* - Largest Military & Old West Collectible show West of the Mississippi – 600+ tables
- **Jul 17-18, 2026 – Lansing, MI –** Royal Scot Golf and Bowl - *International Ammunition Association – Great Lakes Cartridge Show*
- **Aug 8-9, 2026 – Hamilton, OH –** Spooky Nook at Champion Mill – *OGCA* – Hosting Rugers Owners Collectors Society
- **Aug 14-15, 2026 – Reinholds, PA –** Reinholds Fire Company Banquet Hall – *International Ammunition Association - Pennsylvania Cartridge Collectors Show*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Wellington, OH –** Ross Expo Center, Lorain County Fairgrounds – *OGCA* – Hosting Winchester Arms Collectors Association
- **Oct 1-4, 2026 – Noblesville, IN –** Embassy Suites by Hilton Conference Center – *Colt Collectors Association Show and Auction*
- **Oct 17-18, 2026 – Statesville, NC –** Statesville Civic Center - *NCGCA*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Tulsa, OK –** Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher* – World's Largest Gun Show – 4200+ tables!

NOTE: OGCA Gun Shows are not open to the public – they are restricted to members and invited guests only. Several VGCA members are also members of OGCA and can sponsor you if you are interested in attending.

FOR SALE:

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA and is intended for listing firearms and firearm related items. The VGCA, its officers, and directors are not responsible for any listings made in any VGCA Newsletter. We are not responsible for the accuracy (condition, value, etc.) of any listings. All buyers, traders, and sellers agree to comply with all local, state, federal, and international laws in regard to items sold via the VGCA Newsletter. It is their duty and responsibility to ensure the quality and value of the transaction and that all such laws are followed at all times. Buy, sell, or trade at your own risk.

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VGCA Logo Available at Lands' End



Here's how to order your apparel:

1. Go to the VGCA store on Lands' End business: ***https://business.landsend.com/store/vgca***
   a. It must be the URL shown above. **Do not** go to the regular Lands' End website. It will not show our logo options.
2. Above the photo on the home page click on "Men" or "Women"
3. On the drop-down menu select what you are interested in. For example, Men>Activewear >Tops gives you 19 different styles and fabrics of men's shirts. When you have selected an item click on it and select your color, size and quantity. Then on the lower right-hand corner of the screen click on the blue "Apply Logos" button.
4. On the next screen click on the VGCA logo to choose it and it will open the "select a Location" menu showing where you can have the VGCA logo embroidered. Choose a location and then scroll down to the "Apply Logo" button in the lower right corner and click it. It will return you to your garment page.
5. If you are satisfied with your garment, color, size and logo location click on the "Add to Bag" button in the lower right corner.
6. Then you can then go to checkout or continue shopping. When you checkout it will show an additional $8.95 for embroidery.

   If you have any questions, you can reach Bruce Buchner at 703-339-8212 or ***Buchnerb@cox.net***

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.

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.

FOR SALE:

✪ VGCA member Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices for 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:

✪ 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*** / or text to 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

✪ Lefever Arms "Nitro Special". 12-gauge with 2 ¾ inch chambers, 28-inch barrels choked Full and Modified. $950

Contact Jack via email to ***looney.house@verizon.net*** or text to 703-999-9458.



FOR SALE:

✪ 1968 Winchester Model 70 chambered in .270 Winchester. Excellent condition. Accepting offers.



✪ Four boxes of Freedom Munitions 10mm X-DEF 200gr List price is $29.65 each - Asking $25 each



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WANT TO BUY:

✪ Browning lever action Gold Medallion, short action, blue or silver.
Also: Browning lever action with pistol grip and take down. Prefer .308 but any considered.
Call King at (703) 576-7016, if there is no answer leave name and number with a brief description.
Thank you, King von Schilling

WANT TO BUY:



✪ Seeking a Bagnold Sun Compass, used during WWII by British desert troops. It was mounted on their vehicles. Must be complete and in working order. Contact Jack via email to ***looney.house@verizon.net***
or text to (703) 999-9458.

WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA Life Member and Federal Firearms License dealer Colonel Ed Cercone, USMC, is seeking to enhance his collection and is looking for the following firearms in pristine condition and preferably with correct box. Ed can be reached at ***Lkcercone@aol.com*** or at (703) 323-6358. Mirror finish pieces are most desired.

S&W Model 56 KTX - 38
S&W Model 73
S&W Model 59 Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 39-2 Alloy 7.65 mm
S&W Model 39 Steel Frame
S&W Model 39 Alloy Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 66 Combat 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W Model 66 No Dash 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W 386 SCS Airweight
Beretta Model 1934 (7.65) With High Polish Finish or Italian Air Force Production or
Model 1935 possibly with a high polish finish in 7.65

WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA member Kenan Torrans is on the hunt for an original and unaltered World War I Winchester Model 97 trench shotgun (not the riot gun or a riot gun modified to a trench gun configuration, and not a WW II version). If you have one you are willing to part with, please contact Kenan at: ***kenantorrans@aol.com***

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