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## May 2021 VGCA Newsletter

### President's Comments

Greetings VGCA Members,

As summer approaches we are getting better news on the COVID front. Looks like things will start to get back to normal beginning this in the next few months. My goal is to have in-person VGCA Membership meetings resume in the fall. One issue we are looking at is the possibility that the NRA will not be re-opening their facilities. As many of you know, they are under severe attack from the New York Attorney General. The NRA conference room is a great meeting place and hopefully we can continue there - possibly in September if all goes well.

Many of our members including myself attended the Ohio Gun Collectors Association (OGCA) meeting a few weeks ago. The meeting is a huge gun show and is very professionally run. It is probably one of the nicest shows I've been to in a long time in terms of quality of items and displays. It is a much larger version of our show. I know we all remarked how we would love to execute something of that "caliber" here in Virginia.

We are having our third virtual Membership meeting this month. This is a great way to keep in touch with the club and we've had some excellent presenters and topics. Please join us on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for the next VGCA virtual meeting. Details will be sent via Constant Contact by the time you receive this newsletter.

Finally, we would like to have the VGCA recruiting table back up and running at the June Chantilly gun show. I sincerely hope we return to normal quickly and are able to meet as a group soon.

*—Bernie Breighner, VGCA President*



## ★ April Presentation

VGCA Life and Charter Member Bill Vanderpool gave a presentation on **Guns of the FBI**. He is especially qualified to speak on the topic as he was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI was actually established in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation. It would not be designated the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) until 1935. Before J. Edgar Hoover took charge in 1924, firearms expertise in the Bureau was somewhat lacking. Formal firearms training was not initiated until 1928. At that time, guns used by agents were a mix of revolvers and semi-autos, both issued and privately owned, in a variety of calibers.

*Director J. Edgar Hoover's personal sidearm (right) was this bobbed hammer Colt.*

In the 1930s, Colt and Smith & Wesson revolvers chambered in .38 Special began to dominate. In the mid-late 1930s, the FBI purchased several S&W Registered Magnums (though these were not actually "registered") in .357 Magnum. These were followed in 1938 by the Colt Government Model 1911 in .38 Super Auto.



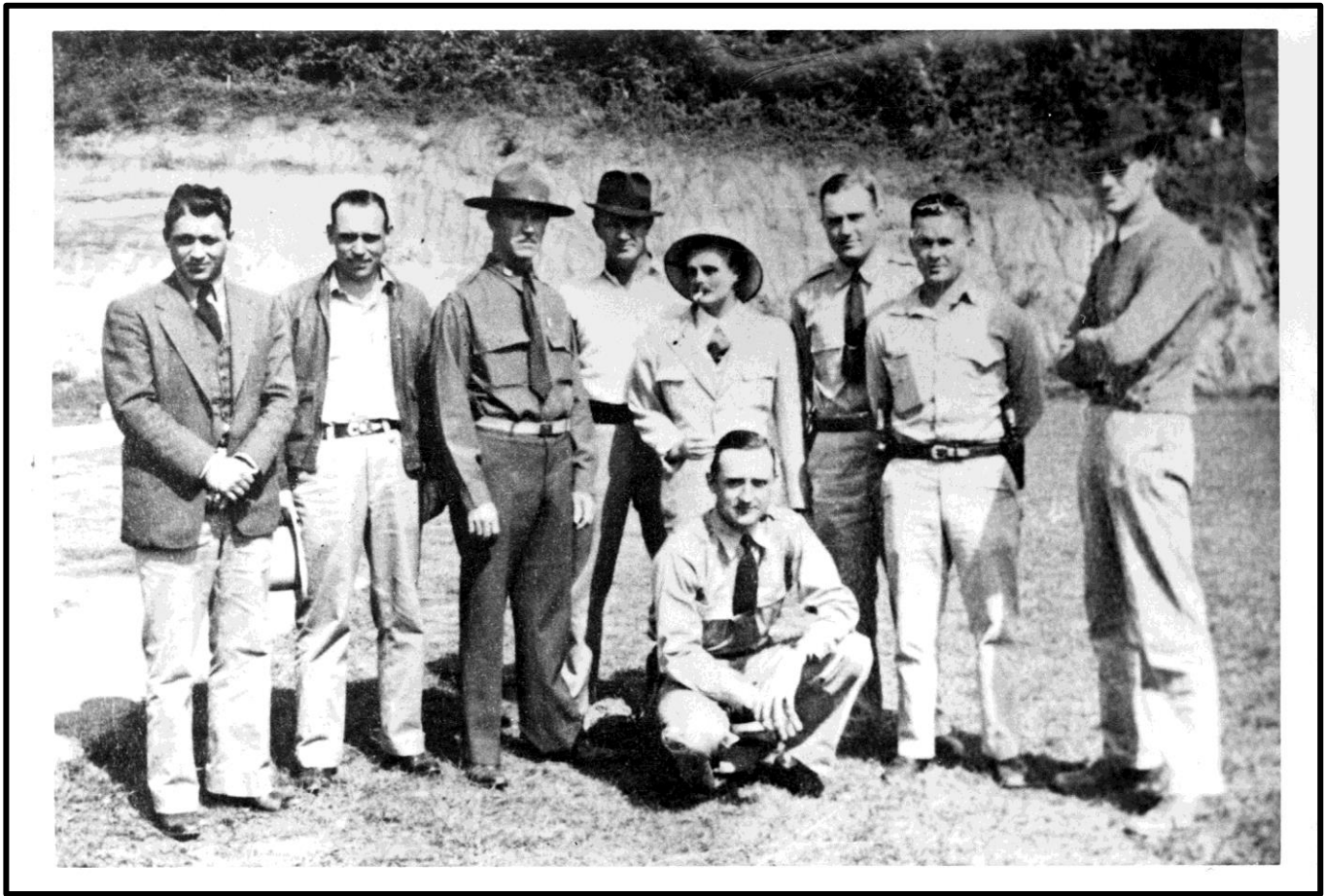
Hoover had initially filled the ranks of the Bureau with lawyers, accountants, and other college graduates. Many of these agents proved to be no match for the ruthless criminal gangs of the 1930s. Hiring practices shifted to bring on board a cadre of hard-scrabble experienced lawmen (most without college degrees). These men became known as the "The Ball Team."



Bureau firepower at the time expanded beyond handguns to include shotguns (the Remington semi-auto Model 11 and Remington pump action Model 31), rifles (Remington bolt action Model 30-S in .30/06 and Remington semi-automatic Model 81 in .30 Rem and .35 Rem), automatic rifles (the Colt Monitor – civilian version of the BAR – in .30/06), and sub-machine guns (the infamous Colt M1928 "Tommy Gun" in .45 ACP).

*The classic "Tommy Gun" sub-machine (at left) in standard FBI purple felt-lined case with four 20-round magazines, one 50-round drum, cleaning rod and spare parts kit.*

As training became more formalized, it moved to Quantico Marine Corps Base. The FBI has always enjoyed a good working relationship with the USMC Weapons Training Battalion there.



*This group photo of FBI agents, taken at Quantico in 1937, includes the famous gun fighter, Delf “Jelly” Bryce, far left, and Walter Walsh, second from right.*

Over the years, FBI weapons and training would be upgraded. For example, the earlier Remington shotguns would be exchanged for Remington pump action Model 870s and the last revolver adopted by the Bureau (in 1983) would be the S&W Model 13 in .357 Magnum.

The catalyst for the greatest change in FBI weapons and training was the “Miami Shoot-out” on April 11, 1986. This engagement between eight FBI agents and two men suspected of several bank and armored car robberies and murders resulted in two agents killed and five wounded, in addition to both suspects being killed. The repercussions from this firefight, where the “good guys” were seriously outgunned, would be felt throughout the entire American law enforcement community for years to come.

In the FBI, service revolvers were quickly replaced by S&W M459 pistols with a red insert front sight and fixed rear sight. In 1993, after extensive testing, these were replaced by S&W M1076. The M1076 was chambered in the powerful 10mm round, but the pistol proved to be heavy and not 100% reliable. The M1076 pistols were replaced by Sig P228, which in 1997 were in-turn replaced by the Glock 22 in .40 S&W. Today, the Bureau continues to use Glock pistols, though now in 9mm.

The Thompson sub-machinegun was dropped from FBI use in about the 1970s and was not immediately replaced. Eliminating sub-guns from the inventory proved premature, and in 1986 the Bureau adopted the Heckler & Koch MP5 in both full and semi-auto and chambered in both 9mm and 10mm.

Current should arms in the FBI are AR15s or similar variants. The FBI Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team uses select fire ARs, while agents generally use semi-automatic versions only.

The FBI was slow to adopt a dedicated sniper rifle. The first was the Remington pump action Model 760 carbine in .308 mounting a Bausch & Lomb scope. This somewhat unusual choice was selected because the action was similar to the Remington M870 service shotgun in use at the time. Also adopted was the Remington bolt action Model 700 in .223, though this caliber was later considered too light. In 1983, the Remington Model 700 in .308 and mounting a 10x USMC Unertl scopes was adopted. Today, the HS Precision rifle (made in Rapid City, SD) in .308 is the Bureau's standard.



Mr. Vanderpool provided a very interesting and informative presentation for the members present. I would like to close this brief summary by showing the sidearm carried during much of his law enforcement career - the engraved S&W Model 19 (*shown above*) was carried by Bill for 7 of his 11 years as a Florida investigator and then for 14 of his 20 years with the FBI, ultimately being replaced with a Sig 228.

Thank you sir for your service!

## ★ April Membership Business Meeting

VGCA President Bernie Breighner was unable to attend but provided the following inputs:

- We had a great Spring Gun Show in March with over 1500 people through the gate
  - o Using discounted and donated items (see details in last month's newsletter) we had a successful fund raiser which made over \$1000 for the VGCA
  - o A special thanks goes out to all of the show volunteers, without whom the show just could not happen
- We are looking for a new Membership Chairman. Please contact any officer if you would like more details or are interested in applying

Secretary Rob Becker noted that the March-April edition of the VGCA Newsletter went out on Monday. He also made a pitch for members to contribute articles, show-n-tell items, or reviews of gun shows, books, or museums for the newsletter. Please send any articles or photos to [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net).

Membership Chairperson Bill Chronister reported that the VGCA has 412 life members and 96 annual members, for a total of 508. We also have four applicants listed in the newsletter (all four are confirmed as members and are listed in the Membership Chairman's report on page 6.



★ **Next Membership Meeting: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Topic: M1 Rifle Photo Essay Vol 1 & 2 by Larry Babcock.** Since the NRA facilities remain closed to the public, we will conduct this meeting as a "webinar" similar to the February and April VGCA Membership Meetings. A link to access the webinar will be sent to your email account from the VGCA constant contact address approximately 7 days before. We look forward to "seeing" you then!



## GUNS OF DISTINCTION

### **KARL HAUPTMANN OF FERLACH O/U DRILLING**

*By Marc Gorelick*

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

Ferlach, Austria is renowned to the quality of its gunmakers and the hunting rifles made by Karl Hauptmann are among the best of the best. This exquisite drilling's 25-inch long rifle barrels are chambered in .30-06 and .22 Hornet, and the full-choked shotgun barrel is 16 gauge. Made in 1974, the drilling has a stepped engine-turned rib, Kersten crossbolt with additionally bolted lumps. The secured barrel selector on the tang has an integrated safety.



The bright action and side plates are hand engraved in an oak-leaf and scroll design. It has gold-washed double triggers with a single set trigger in front and a horn trigger guard with a finger rest. The beautiful well-grained walnut stock positively glows. It has a hog's back comb and Bavarian-style cheekpiece with double folds. The steeply angled pistol grip has a cravat and a horn cap with a blank silver oval. Both the stock and the three-part fore-end are distinguished by fine skip-line checkering.



The German claw mounted Zeiss Classic Diavari M 3-12x56 scope has an illuminated reticule 4Ai.



## ★ Publication Announcement

Larry Babcock, local author of the “**M1 Garand Photo Essay**,” has just published his “**M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II**”. While his first book, published in 2009, covers primarily the genealogy of manufactured rifle parts, Volume II covers: receiver variations, the M1-C and M1-D, accessory items as grenade launchers and slings, ordnance tools and gauges, enblock clips, cleaning items and bayonets for the M1 Garand. There is additional collector information for the first-time buyer as well as the advance collector. Larry sold several copies of his new book at our VGCA Gun Show last month. Best of all, Larry will be presenting this material at our May Membership meeting, which will be conducted via on-line webinar.

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# CZ BUYS COLT

*The end of an era or a new beginning?*

*By Marc Gorelick*



# CZ



Česká Zbrojovka Group SE (CZG), the parent company of the famous Czech gunmaker, CZ, has purchased Colt Holding Co., LLC, the parent company of Colt manufacturing. The purchase ends the 175-year history of Colt as an American-owned firearms manufacturer and starts a new chapter in Colt’s life as a subsidiary of an international corporation. Colt, an iconic name among American firearms manufacturers, was founded by Samuel Colt, who received his first revolver patent in 1836, and has been making guns in Connecticut since 1847. Throughout its history, Colt has been a dominant force in the US firearms industry and a leading influence in technology. Colt guns have equipped US armed forces, law enforcement and the public since the Mexican War and include some of the most famous guns in history, including the Model 1873 Single Action Army, the M1911 and 1911A1, and the M-16.

CZG has several firearms manufacturing and firearms related companies under its umbrella, including: CZ, CZ-USA, Brno Rifles, Dan Wesson Firearms, Spuhr (maker of optical mounts and gun accessories) and 4-M Systems (tactical gear). With the acquisition of Colt, CZG obtains significant production capacity in the United States and Canada and substantially expands its global customer base. CZG operates production facilities in the Czech Republic, other European countries and the US and employs about 1,650 people in the Europe and the US.





In 2002 Colt Defense was split off from Colt's Manufacturing Company. Colt Defense served the military, law enforcement and security markets while Colt's Manufacturing served the civilian market. The companies reunited in 2013. Colt struggled despite growth in the US firearms industry, and losing the US Army contract for 120,000 M-4 and M-4A1 carbines to FN Herstal in 2013 did not help. Colt filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in

June 2015 after failing to renegotiate payments to the owners of \$250 million in unsecured bonds. It exited bankruptcy in January 2016 after working out a compromise with bondholders, and worked to increase its civilian sector market share, which it had neglected under previous management.

CZ plans to pay \$220 million in cash and 1.1 million shares of its stock for Colt Holding Company LLC, with possible additional shares depending on Colt's future profitability. The combined company is expected to have over \$500 million in annual revenue and "presents a real small arms powerhouse," according to CZG's chairman Lubomír Kovařík in a company press release. The transaction is subject to approval by regulators and is expected to close in the second quarter ending June 30, 2021.



## ★ In Review ★

The “In Review” section to the newsletter includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the editor at [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net).

### GUN SHOW

## **GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR, ANTIQUE GUN & MILITARIA SHOW; “A CONDENSED BALTIMORE SHOW”**

*By Marc Gorelick*

The Gettysburg Civil War, Antique Gun and Militaria Show, held April 17 and 18, 2021 was a gun collector’s delight. After a long dry spell of COVID restrictions, the show was a breath of fresh spring air. Just one and a half hours from Northern Virginia, the show was well worth the drive.



The show, held in the Eisenhower All-Star Sports Complex on Emmitsburg Road (Business 15), was packed with firearms from the 15<sup>th</sup> century matchlock to World War 2, with an emphasis on the Civil War. There were also quite a few Revolutionary War era guns. The 50,000 square foot exposition hall held about 450 tables, many of which were coated with collectible firearms, accessories, accoutrements, swords and other weapons, uniforms, medals, and other militaria. Guns however, predominated by far, with well-known dealers coming from as far away as Texas. In fact, walking down the wide aisles was

almost like being a gun museum, with guns ranging from the well-known and common to the rare and esoteric.

Sales appeared to be brisk as dealers and collectors responded to the pent up demand. I recognized many advanced and knowledgeable collectors. Most of the dealers that I spoke to were pleased with show, one describing it as “a condensed Baltimore show.” It actually felt like the proportion of guns to other items was higher than at Baltimore. (The big MACA Baltimore show held in May at the Timonium Fairgrounds was cancelled due to COVID for 2020 and 2021 which contributed to the quality of dealers and the crowd at the Gettysburg.)

As usual, prices ranged from reasonable to high, but then much depended on the rarity and condition of the piece. And there were quite a few rare guns there, many in outstanding condition.

There were also a few educational displays. Mark Anniballi from Texas had a superb display of 114 different Civil War handguns. The display consisted of almost every handgun (and variation) used by both sides during the Civil War. All were in pristine condition and quite a few were documented to individuals who fought in the war. Other displays included one of Civil war cartridge boxes, and there were a surprising number of different issue boxes on both sides.





*Above and left, part of a display of 114 Civil War pistols. Many were extremely rare. All were in superlative condition.*

A large number of auction houses were in attendance from the usual well known ones such as Morphy and Cowans, to lesser known ones such as Skinner, Lewis & Grant, Bruneau, and Milestone Auctions.

Almost all were looking for consignments and quite a few had examples of items from upcoming auctions.

Steve Sylvia of the North South Trader Civil War Magazine promoted this show. This was the first time Sylvia put on a spring Civil War show in the Eisenhower Center and this debut appeared to be a success. The entrance fee was \$10 and when I arrived at a little after 10am on Saturday, parking lot A was full and parking lot B was filling up.



*Very rare complete double cased set of factory engraved Colt Root Model 7 revolvers (31 cal.) with ivory grips offered for a mere \$13,950.*

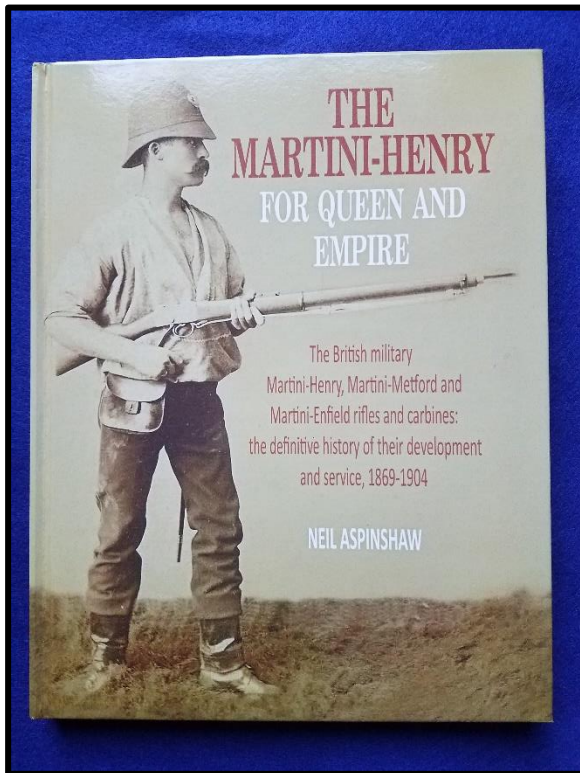
Due to COVID rules masks were required (although many people took them off inside) and the cafeteria was closed. Instead, there was a table set up inside where one could buy snacks and drinks. Lighting in the hall was excellent and the dealers who I spoke to were friendly and helpful. If there was one complaint it was that the men's lavatory was small, crowded and damp. Otherwise it was a great show for those interested in historical (old) stuff.

## BOOK

# THE MARTINI-HENRY – FOR QUEEN AND EMPIRE

Written by Neil Aspinshaw

Review by Rob Becker



Ian McCollum of **Forgotten Weapons** youtube fame did a review of this book several months ago, which prompted me to order a copy. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and thought I would share my impressions with you.

The full title of Neil Aspinshaw's book is ***THE MARTINI-HENRY – FOR QUEEN AND EMPIRE. The British military Martini-Henry, Martini-Metford, and Martini-Enfield rifles and carbines: the definitive history of their development and service, 1869-1904.*** The sub-title says it all! If “definitive” is defined as “exhaustively researched and verified” then this is indeed the definitive word on the subject! Mr. Aspinshaw has gone back to source documentation, to include quotes from military trials team reports (both Army and Royal Navy), correspondence between the manufacturers (government and contractors) and the British Secretary of State for War, period newspaper articles, and even statements from soldiers in the field. I cannot imagine a more comprehensive examination of period writings on the subject.

Aspinshaw covers the development, manufacturing, modifications, storage, and use the British Martinis. Very well illustrated with both period photographs and modern light-box close-ups, it describes and depicts the numerous markings found on these rifles and their meanings. The books 20 chapters cover topics ranging from **Trial by Fire: Military Assessment, 1869-70; Ironing out the faults of the Mark I rifle 1872-6; Making, Mending, and Sending; The Martini-Henry Mark II, 1875-94; For horsemen and the gunners: the Martini-Henry Carbines;** and **Forward in to battle...and beyond** (a particularly captivating description of the Martini-Henry in various battles); to the Mark III, the Mark IV, various experimental versions, ammunition (and even ammo crates), and bayonets. There is something for everyone here!

I highly recommend this book if you have any interest in British military small arms or 19<sup>th</sup> century small arms in general. It is available from multiple sources on-line for \$60-70 (check out [www.ima-usa.com](http://www.ima-usa.com)).



# ★ Show-n-Tell ★

**NOTE – If you would like to feature something new (or old) from your collection in a future VGCA newsletter, please send 1-4 photos, along with a description of the item to [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net). A Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet (below) lists the information we would like in order to adequately describe your prized possessions.**

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## VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Where acquired (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ When acquired (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**There were no Show-n-Tell items submitted this month.**

## ★ 2021 Presentation List ★

DATE	TOPIC	FORMAT	PRESENTER
27 May 2021	M-1 Garand Photo Essay Vol 1 and 2	Webinar	Larry Babcock
24 Jun 2021	SKS Carbines	Webinar	Rob Becker
July 2021	No Meeting due to Summer Recess		
26 Aug 2021	SR-25 Type Rifles	In Person?	Bernie Breighner
23 Sep 2021	Art Muskets of the Ottoman Empire	In Person?	Marc Gorelick
28 Oct 2021	Colt Walker Pistols	In Person?	Charlie Pate
November 2021	No Meeting due to our Fall Gun Show (6-7 Nov)		
December 2021	No Meeting scheduled unless NRA Facilities re-open		



## ★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: Gun Shows are in a state of flux as states re-impose restrictions on public gatherings. Members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were verified when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

### VIRGINIA – 2021

- ~~☞ Jun 5-6, 2021 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – SGK - CANCELLED~~
- ☞ Jun 5-6, 2021 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☞ Jun 12-13, 2021 - Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- ☞ Jun 18-20, 2021 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Jun 25-27, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Brook Run Shopping Center – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Jul 10-11, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Jul 17-18, 2021 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park – National Civil War and Antique Arms Show – *North South Trader’s Civil War Magazine*
- ☞ Jul 17-18, 2021 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Jul 17-18, 2021 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☞ Jul 23-25, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Aug 21-22, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Aug 21-22, 2021 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*

### MARYLAND – 2021

- ☞ Jul 10-11, 2021 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☞ Jul 17-18, 2021 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2021

- May 29-30, 2021 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *The Gun Guy*
- Jun 4-5, 2021 – Thompson, PA – Thompson Vol Fire Dept - *Jaeger Arms*
- Jun 5, 2021 - Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – Jefferson County Military Collectibles Show – *Jefferson County Historical Society*
- Jun 5-6, 2021 – Gettysburg, PA - All-Star Sports Complex – *Eagle Arms*
- Jun 11-13, 2021 – Phoenixville, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Jun 12-13, 2021 – Kittanning, PA – Pony Farm Trap & Gun Club – *Pony Farm T & G Club*
- Jun 12-13, 2021 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jun 12-13, 2021 – Promised Land, PA – Promised Land Vol Fire & Ambulance - *Jaeger Arms*
- Jun 19-20, 2021 – Allentown, PA – Parkview Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Jun 19-20, 2021 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Lancaster Muzzle Loading Rifle Association*
- Jun 19-20, 2021 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Jun 26-27, 2021 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 10-11, 2021 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, Inc.*
- Jul 10-11, 2021 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 - *Jaeger Arms*
- Aug 7-8, 2021 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Aug 14-15, 2021 - Lewis Run, PA – Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run Vol Fire Dept*
- Aug 21, 2021 – St Thomas, PA – St Thomas Twp Vol Fire – *Izaak Walton League of Franklin County*
- Aug 28-29, 2021 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Aug 28-29, 2021 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Twp Vol Fire Co. - *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 4-5, 2021 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall & Club - *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 10-12, 2021 – Long Pond, PA – Pocono Raceway – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- Sep 12, 2021 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*

## SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS - 2021

- Jul 17-18, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc* – featuring the Ruger Owners and Collectors Society
- Jul 21-25, 2021 – Louisville, KY – Kentucky Expo Center - *OVMS*– Show of Shows
- Sep 11-12, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc* – featuring the Ruger Owners and Collectors Society
- Oct 8-9, 2021 – West Point, KY – Knob Creek Gun Range – Largest Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show in US! - *KCR*

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## **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. 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 regards 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.



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](mailto: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.

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**FOR SALE:**

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

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

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

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**FOR SALE:**

★ 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.

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**FOR SALE:**

- ★ VGCA member Terry Philippy offered up this book as a tribute to his mother-in-law:  
- "The Army Air Corps: Branch Immaterial – A World War II Memoir"

\$16.80 (Amazon) or \$20.95 (Barnes & Noble)

Available on-line at Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Army-Air-Corps-Branch-Immaterial/dp/164416664X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=3I6NIEYEG74BB&dchild=1&keywords=branch+immaterial&qid=1592941069&sprefix=branch+imm%2Caps%2C156&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Army-Air-Corps-Branch-Immaterial/dp/164416664X/ref=sr_1_1?crd=3I6NIEYEG74BB&dchild=1&keywords=branch+immaterial&qid=1592941069&sprefix=branch+imm%2Caps%2C156&sr=8-1)

Also available from Barnes and Noble: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-army-air-corps-colonel-w-g-bonvouloir/1131936753?ean=9781644166642>

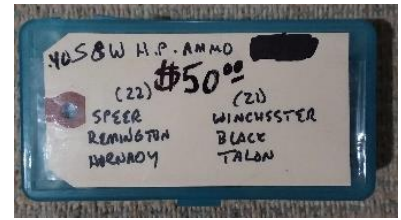
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**FOR SALE:**

- ★ **Werndl Model 1867.** Rifle with bayonet/scabbard and 50 cases of virgin .348 Winchester brass to make cartridges. \$1350



✪ **.40 S&W:** Winchester Black Talon (21 rounds), Speer/Remington/Hornady (22 rounds), mixed 43 rounds total, in an MTM plastic box. \$50.00



✪ **(4) Bandoliers of Danish .30-06 Ammo** in M1 Garand enblock Clips, 48 rounds per bandolier, manufactured in 1987. \$65.00 each. Photo at right shows crate the bandoliers came in. Only 4 bandoliers left!



✪ **Madsen Model 50 30-round 9mm Magazine.** \$75.00



✪ **7.62x25 Tokarev Ammo.** Eastern Bloc surplus spam can w/ 1224 rounds (dated 1984). \$600 (Note – recent online sales have the spam can priced at \$800 and up).

✪ **Remington 8mm Mauser Ammo.** 170 gr Core-Lokt. One box. \$25.00

✪ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 1/4" 450 grain DGX. \$100

Prices firm. Contact Jack for details at [looney.house@verizon.net](mailto:looney.house@verizon.net)



### **For Sale: A.E.G. M-14**

*Bought for photo shoot, never fired. With Charger, Battery, Magazine, Mag Loader, & Assorted pellets*

**\$150.00**

**Text name & phone number to 703-999-9458 with message "AEG M14" & I will call you back.**

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**FOR SALE:**

★ One brand new Box of 50 rounds of Winchester .357 Sig Ammo (125 Grain FMJ). Purchased recently at Green Top by mistake - paid \$50 and will take \$50 for it

If interested, call Joe at 571-278-3297.

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**WANT TO BUY:**

★ Member Joe Carson of Stafford, VA is looking to buy an Enfield No. 4 Mk I or No. 4 Mk I\* manufactured by Long Branch. He is looking for VG-Excellent condition rifle that he can use as a shooter. If you have one for sale, please contact Joe at [joe31968@yahoo.com](mailto:joe31968@yahoo.com)

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