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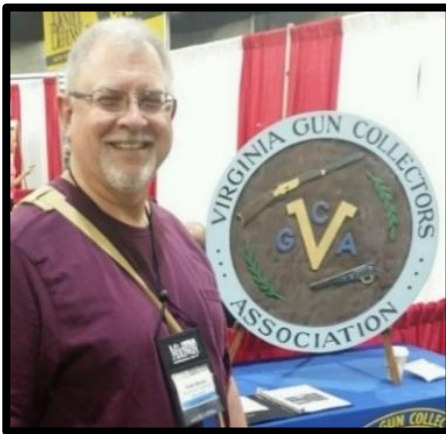
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May 2026 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I am happy to report that our field trip to the U.S. Army Ordnance Training Support Facility at Fort Lee was huge success. We saw so many interesting and rare tanks, artillery pieces, and small arms that I can't wait to go back. As for our next field trip, I am waiting on date options from the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee. Hopefully I will have more news by the time of our Membership Meeting this Thursday.

We have scheduled an additional Gun Show for June 6 & 7 at the Dale City VFW. With both the "Assault Firearms" and magazine bans set to go into effect in Virginia on July 1st, the VGCA Executive Committee felt it was prudent to schedule a show before that happened. We hope to see you there and remember – Bring a Buddy!

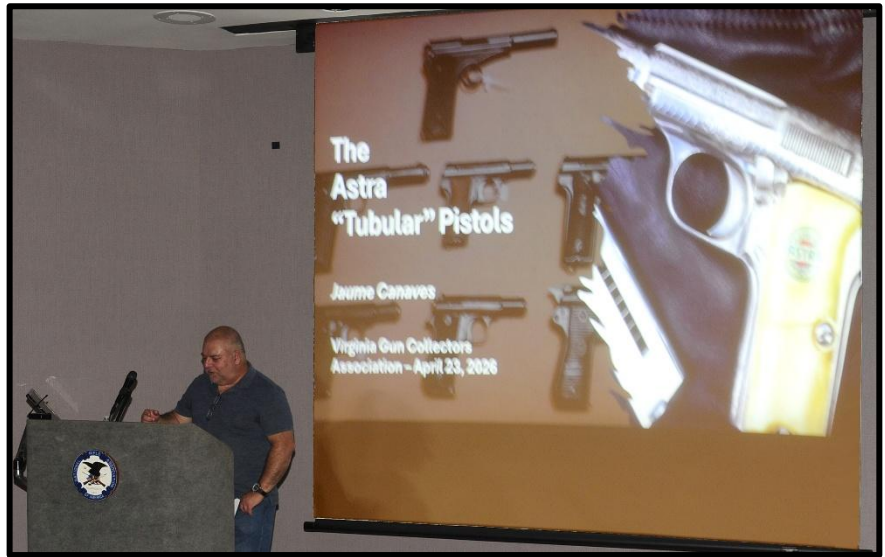
Finally, I want to appeal to our members to consider contributing to the VGCA in a more direct way. For example, ballots for officer elections will be distributed before the end of May, and while we have candidates for president, vice president, and two for treasurer, we don't have anyone willing to run for secretary. This is the first time since I've been a member that we have had an empty position in an election. Due to recent moves, we have two empty director positions on the board that need to be filled. We need someone to operate our AV equipment during membership meetings and I have been asking for assistance with the newsletter for over a year. VGCA relies entirely on volunteers to operate and right now we don't have enough - please consider helping out.

Rob Becker, VGCA President

★ April Presentation – The Astra ‘Tubular’ Pistols

Mr. Jaime Canaves has only been a member of the VGCA for a little over one year, but he is already recognized as our resident expert on Spanish firearms. During the April Membership Meeting he shared some of that expertise with us as he discussed the Astra Tubular Pistols.

Mr. Canaves traced the story of Astra back to 1908 when it was founded as Esperanza y Unceta by Juan Esperanza and Pedro Unceta. The company was renamed Unceta y Compania in 1925 and finally became Astra-Unceta y Compania S.A. in 1953. The initial factory was in Eibar before moving to Guernica in 1913. In 1914 the company adopted the Astra trade name and started assigning numerical designations to their handguns.



Spain had adopted the Bergmann Modelo 1908 chambered in 9mm Largo (9x23) but problems arose when it used in the field in North Africa. A new pistol, the Campo-Giro, was designed by Lieutenant Colonel Venancio López de Ceballos y Aguirre, 3rd Count of Campo-Giro. Also chambered in 9mm Largo, the Campo-Giro was adopted by the Spanish in 1913 and designated the M1913. The M1913 utilized an unusual delayed blowback operation and 1300 were produced for the Spanish Army and Navy. Improvements followed and a modified pistol was in Spain as the M1913-1916. Astra produced 13,625 M1913-1916s by the time production ended in 1919.

The Campo-Giro would be replaced in Spanish service by the M1921 (designated by Astra as the Modelo 400). This single action blowback pistol was chambered in 9mm Largo and .38 ACP. Mr. Canaves addressed a long-standing urban legend that the M1921 can shoot just about any caliber that will fit in the chamber. He offered the following information:

It is OK to shoot 9mm Largo, .38 ACP, 9mm Steyr, and 9mm Browning Long in the M1921.

The 9mm Parabellum, .380 ACP, and 9mm Glisenti cartridges will load and fire, but they put a lot of stress on the M1921 extractor and it will break sooner or later.

Do NOT shoot the .38 Super in the M1921.

Because the M1921 is a blowback pistol, the recoil spring is long and very strong, making reassembly difficult. He suggested using an empty .50 BMG to assist with compressing the recoil spring.

★ Next Membership Meeting: May 28th (Thursday) Presentation: “Colt Mk III J-Frames” by Jim Ashing Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium

Our May 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 and soft drinks for your dining pleasure! We hope you can make it!



★ 2026 Presentation & Event List

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
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 May Meeting from Home

As has been our recent practice, we will be broadcasting our May meeting via the free internet service JITS! 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 JITS! 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-may2026>

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: 1859162184#**

Click this link to see the dial in phone numbers for this meeting:
<https://meet.jit.si/static/dialInInfo.html?room=vgca-may2026>





★ April Meeting Notes

VGCA President Rob Becker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. President Emeritus Jim Burgess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. There were 35 VGCA members and guests present and 4 more participated via jit.si. New members and guests were introduced.

Rob (*at right*) reminded everyone that our first field trip of 2026 will be a tour of U.S. Army Ordnance Training Support Facility at Fort Lee, Virginia on Friday, May 1st. We will meet at the Fort Lee Visitor's Center so everyone without a military ID can get a visitor's pass, with our tour set up for 1:30. Our tour will include access to the Small Arms Room, which is normally closed to the public. A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending was provided.



In light of the recently signed anti-gun legislation which will go into effect on July 1st, the VGCA Executive Committee approved an additional VGCA 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. There is a sign-up list to volunteer for show security and to help man the membership table.

With the recent departure of Troy Blackwood to a new job in Texas, we need someone to volunteer to run our audio-visual equipment at membership meetings. Please contact any officer or director if you can help.

George Dungan noted that annual membership renewals were now overdue and to contact him if you have not already renewed.



The National Rifle Association's annual membership meetings have just concluded in Houston, Texas. Congratulations are due to Louis DiGaetano (*left*) who represented the VGCA with his display "500 Years of Beretta Firearms" and earned both the Best Educational Display trophy as well as a silver medallion for his Cuban contract Beretta M1 rifle. Very well done, sir!

A sign-up sheet was passed around looking for presentations and presenters for next year's VGCA membership meetings.

Rob also announced that elections for VGCA president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer would be held in May. Asked if there were any nominations from the floor, Bill Chronister nominated Rick Nahas for treasurer and Rick agreed to accept the nomination. We still need someone to run for secretary as Bruce Buchner is not seeking re-election.

Clayton Vieg provided an update on the latest news from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). They have begun to produce new M1 rifles, including reproduction gas trap variants. The CMP has also taken steps to speed up M1911 pistol sales.

Finally, Bryan Pelton announced that there were still a few VGCA t-shirts available at \$10 each.



★ 2026 NRA Annual Meeting Notes

By Lou DiGaetano

I just wanted to pass on a few notes from the recent National Rifle Association (NRA) Annual Meeting held April 16-19 in Houston, Texas. It was my privilege to represent the VGCA with a display celebrating 500 Years of Beretta Firearms. The display was roughly 60 Beretta pieces and covered military and civilian weapons, rifles, handguns as well as a sample of today's popular shotguns. Reflecting back, it would be safe to say that this display can be considered a great success as it won two awards, but the greatest satisfaction was the overwhelming response from all the visitors - so many visitors! There was a hugely positive reception for the display. Some people even confusing it as the official display by the Beretta company. Seriously!

A large part of the display was the handguns, starting with the third handgun Beretta ever made, all the way up to today's latest models (*shown at right*). Appreciating that the Beretta M9/92FS was such a dominate platform, not only in the US Military but around the globe, this display was heavily focused on the Beretta 90 series. I included a representation of



almost every model. Starting with the Model 92, and every model throughout the years until the very latest, the 92XI. With 16 different Beretta 90 series on hand, the display was able to present the original model and show the progression in evolution via a side-by-side comparison. This feature brought about endless conversations and so many talking points. In fact, one common trait the display focused on, was “how did the M9 come about?” This resulted in a nice discussion on the early designs of the Beretta 1934 and Walther P38, leading to the M1951 and then the several iterations of the 90 series which lead to the M9. Almost everyone who engaged in the display had either an M9 story or another example of carrying the 92FS. One piece that kept catching the eye of Beretta collectors was the Beretta 99.

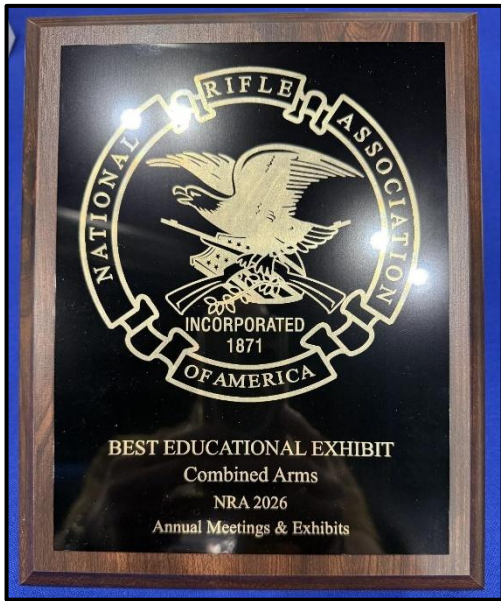
The Model 99 is a compact 92FS chambered in 7.65 and is single stack magazine designed for the Italian market, which at the time did not allow civilian ownership of handguns in military calibers. Serious Beretta collectors and fans had only heard of this model but had not seen one in person. Fortunately, this piece was acquired right before the show.



A number of military rifles, from the Carcano M91 to the Beretta ARX 100, generated a similar level of interest. However, the two Beretta M1s caught most of the attention, and one of those turned out to be the Star of the show. On display were Beretta M1s made for Denmark and Cuba. The display's goal was to educate how these M1s came about. During the post-WWII Lend Lease program in the early 1950's, the US Government lent the Danish Government M1 Garands, but as the Korean was escalated, it was decided to give Italy the means to fabricate the M1 Garand. Beretta Armi was given the old Winchester M1 tooling and in turn made new tooling for Beretta and the Breda Armi company. Both Breda and Beretta made about 10,000 units each for the Danes and also supplied the Italian military. Beretta won contracts to manufacture M1s for a few other countries to include Cuba. During the Batista government, 5,000 M1s were ordered, purchased, and delivered by Beretta, before the collapse of that government. Shortly after Castro assumed power, a loyal follower, Che Guevara, decided to export communist revolution beyond Latin America. Focusing on Africa, he led a group of fighters to the Congo in a mission that ultimately failed. Their retreat was swift and most gear, to include weapons, were abandoned. The Cuban contract M1 in the display eventually ended up in Ethiopia, where it sat in a warehouse for decades before finally being imported back to the states in 2022. Interestingly, Cuba still uses the M1 in a ceremonial role similar to its use today in the U.S. This Cuban M1 won an NRA Silver Star award for its historical significance (right).



A very special guest to the display was Carlo Beretta (with author, on left). He was very impressed and commented on the layout of the display. He even offered his assistance with completing the hard-to-find pieces for the collection. We were fortunate that he was able to spend about 30 minutes talking with us about Beretta.



Many visitors noticed the VGCA banner hanging over the display and expressed concern on the Virginia state laws that, at the time, were being proposed (some of which have since been signed into law). The attendees at Houston seemed fully aware of the anti-gun laws being discussed in Virginia and many expressed their sympathy.

As mentioned before, this display garnered two awards. The first was the Cuban contract M1 winning the NRA Silver Star award. The second award was the Best Educational Exhibit Award (*left*). This was in part due to constant engagement with many visitors and the explanation of the Cuban M1 history as well as the very popular M90 series and its development.

I would like to add a special thanks to all of the VGCA members who helped me along with his display. Stan Pryga, Pierre Karam, and Clayton Vieg helped out manning the booth and speaking with visitors. Huge thanks to Troy Blackwood for helping with the design of the display. Finally, the success of this Houston show is credited to Rick Nahas. His mentoring and guidance was absolutely the key factor and had a profound impact on the show. Thank you!

Overall, the 2026 NRA annual meeting was a great experience and a great opportunity for the club. Representing on the national level not only draws attention and support to the club, but it also distinguishes the VGCA as a professional collector's organization.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The NRA's Annual Meetings and Exhibits will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 23-25. If you are a member of the NRA, you should plan to attend!

★ Looking for an Audio-Visual POC

The VGCA needs your help! We are looking for a volunteer to set up and operate our Audio-Visual equipment during membership meetings. Responsibilities will include setting up the computer, camera, and microphone and establishing the jit.si link. Our former operator has moved to Texas and we need some assistance starting this month. Please contact one of the officers or directors if you can help.

★ Need Volunteers for the June Gun Show

Our next gun show will be June 6-7 at the Dale City VFW. If you would like to help with show security, please contact Al Reid at Reid_Allen@hotmail.com

If you would like to help man our membership table, please contact Bruce Buchner at buchnerb@cox.net

★ VGCA Tours U.S. Army Ordnance Collection

By Rob Becker

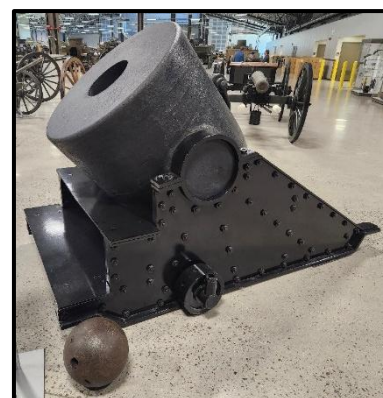
On Friday, May 1st, 18 members of the VGCA traveled to Fort Lee, Virginia for a tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Training Support Facility (TSF). This collection of U.S. and foreign tanks, artillery pieces, and small arms covers all eras of American military history from the revolutionary War to present day. These pieces used to be housed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds (Maryland), Redstone Arsenal (Alabama), Picatinny Arsenal (New Jersey), and Watervliet Arsenal (New York) until they were consolidated at Fort Lee following the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. This consolidation created a most impressive collection.



Group photo of the VGCA visit to U.S. Army Ordnance TSF (above). Missing is our dedicated photographer Jack Looney who was taking this picture!

Normally open to the public on just one Saturday a month, curator Adam Nowak graciously offered to open on Friday just for the VGCA. Not only that, but he also arranged to have the small arms room opened for us, something not done for the general public!

Where do I begin? The main hall contained some very rare and impressive pieces of ordnance. For example, there was a Model 1861 13-inch Seacoast Mortar (*right*). This civil war era mortar was cast at the Fort Pitt Foundry in Pittsburgh (note the spelling – the “h” was officially added to Pittsburgh in 1911), PA and weighs over 17,000 pounds! Powerful though cumbersome to move, one of these – nicknamed the “Dictator” - was mounted on a specially designed flatbed railcar and participated in the Union siege of Petersburg. Firing a 200-pound explosive mortar shell to a maximum range of almost 3 miles, these weapons were effective in countering Confederate artillery positions and 162 were produced for the Union between 1861 and 1864.





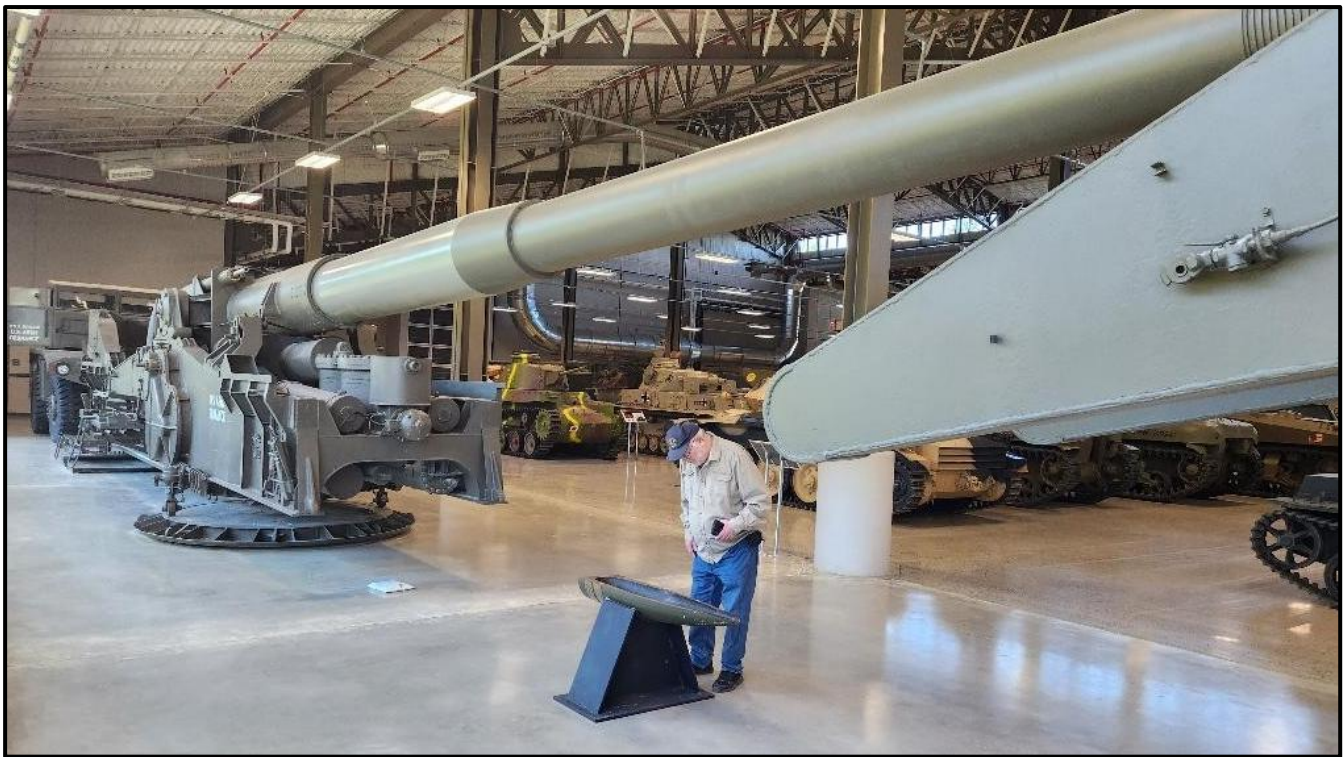
Another rare piece was the early Model 1918 Ford 3-Ton tank (*left*). This diminutive armored vehicle – a type that would later be called a “tankette” - was designed for a two-man crew (a driver and a machine-gunner) to engage enemy machine guns. It mounted a single M1917 .30 caliber machine gun (either a Marlin or a Browning), could cross broken terrain, go over barbed wire obstacles, and cross trenches. It was powered by two Ford Model-T engines, had a top speed was 8 mph and its 17-gallon gave it a range of 34 miles. A contract for 15,000 was awarded but only 15 were built before WWI ended and the contract was cancelled. This is one of only two survivors.

The German K5 railway gun “Leopold” (*right*) was a popular display. This is one of 25 K5 railway guns manufactured by Krupp before and during WWII. They featured an 11.1-inch bore with a barrel length of 71-feet. The K5 fired a shell weighing 536 pounds and had a range of approximately 40 miles. “Leopold” is one of two that were sent to Italy (the other was named “Robert”) in February 1944 to oppose the allied landings at Anzio, where it earned the nickname “Anzio Annie.” Both were partially destroyed by the Germans as they retreated from the area after expending their ammunition. Subsequently captured by American troops, “Leopold” was rebuilt using parts from Robert and sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds for testing. It is one of two surviving K5 cannons, with the other in a museum in northern France.





The WWII pieces were probably the most numerous in the main hall – certainly too numerous to recount in detail. They included the U.S. M5A1 Stuart light tank (*above left*) and the U.S. T8 90mm Anti-Tank gun (*above right*). Many of the VGCA members recalled seeing these items as outdoor displays at Aberdeen many years ago and were happy to note that they have been restored and are now preserved under cover and out of the elements.



Member Marc Gorelick examines a cut-away projectile for the M65 “Nuclear Cannon” (*above*). This U.S. very heavy artillery piece has a 280mm bore diameter and could fire a 550-pound projectile approximately 20 miles. The W-9 projectile had a 15-kiloton nuclear warhead. Twenty were built in the 1950s but they were soon rendered obsolete by advancing missile technology. The last M65 was retired in 1963. This example is serial number 1.

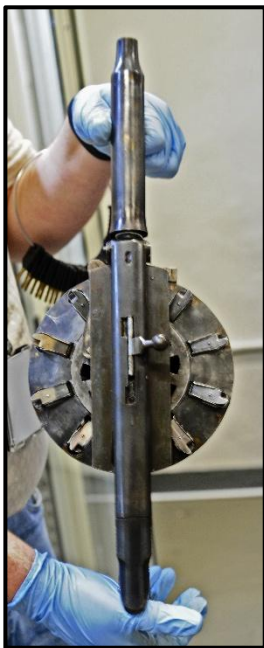
The highlight of our tour for most members was the chance to get inside the TSF’s Small Arms room. Not only did this room contain examples of many U.S. and foreign rifles, pistols, machine guns, anti-tank rifles, and the odd flare gun or two, but many of these items were prototypes or experimental variants.

TSF small arms Subject Matter Expert (SME) Mr. John “JT” Terwilliger graciously opened any cabinet in the room so we could get a closer look of any item that interested us. With dozens of items in the cabinets, he was kept busy for a long time! In no particular order, here are some of the highlights of what we saw.



In the category of “I didn’t know that even existed” was a Model 1869 Allin conversion trapdoor pistol in .50 caliber (*left*), shown being held by JT Terwilliger.

There was a cabinet with several development iterations of what ultimately ended up as the M1 “Garand” rifle. One of those was an early 10-round prototype chambered in .276 caliber (*right*). Note that it is serial number 18.



In the category of “Just Because We Can do Something Doesn’t Mean We Should” was a pistol designed to take ten M1911 magazines in a circular drum-like configuration (*above and at left*). It certainly looked impressive, if not entirely practical.

There was a T29, an experimental M3 “Grease gun” chambered in .30 Carbine (*right*). This is one of three prototypes built by the Guide Lamp Division of the General Motors Corporation in 1944. Testing revealed several problems, including excessive flash and report as well as function issues. Cyclic rate was approximately 1500 rounds per



minute! Development was discontinued in November 1944 following the selection of the select fire M2 carbine in September 1944.



Another rare gun on display was a Pedersen Rifle (left). This toggle-locked design was initially developed by John Pedersen (designer of the WWI Pedersen Device for converting M1903 rifles into semi-automatics firing a pistol cartridge) in the 1920s as a competitor to the John Garand design and was also chambered in .276 caliber.

Perhaps one of the more recognizable “weird and wacky” designs present was the German “Krummlauf” (literally

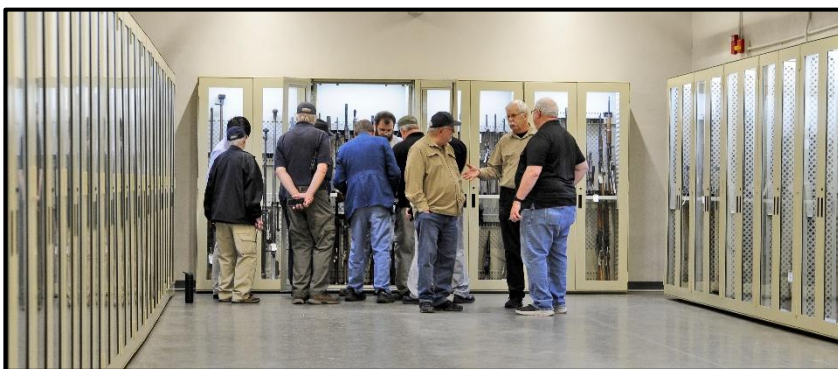
translates to “curved barrel”) attachment for the Sturmgewehr 44 (StG44). Designed for both infantry use to shoot around corners or over the top of a foxhole as well as for use in tanks to engage infantry at very close range, the Krummlauf came in variants with 30°, 45°, 60° and 90° bends. Not entirely successful (barrels wore out quickly – in just 300 rounds for 30° bend and 160 rounds for the 45° variant), only those with a 30° bend were produced and that was in small numbers. Shown here is the 90° version (right).



Cabinet after cabinet held rare treasures of military history that few have seen (example at left). Our members couldn't stop talking about what surrounded them (below) and I am afraid we kept the curators there after their duty day was supposed to be over. This article did not scratch the surface of what we saw!



It was an honor to visit the special collection at the Ordnance TFS and, if we did not wear out our welcome, I hope we can return in the future!



A sincere and heartfelt thanks goes out to Curators Adam Nowak and John Terwilliger for making this a truly unforgettable event!

★ VGCA Resumes Thursday Night Meetings

As spring advances and weekend demands increase for everyone, we have returned to having our membership Meetings on Thursday nights. 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. Hope to see you there!

★ Smith & Wesson Factory Tour

Our second field trip of the year is planned for the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee. We are waiting for confirmation of the exact date but have requested a tour sometime this fall (in September, October or November).



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As this is an out-of-state tour arranged by the VGCA, attendance is limited to VGCA members and their immediate family.

Look for details to be announced at our Membership Meetings and future newsletters. Directions on how to sign up will be published once the date has been confirmed.

★ 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 **403** posts with **1721** followers as of **24 May 2026**.

Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel

[@vgca-viriniaguncollectorsasso](#)

has **22** videos and **80** subscribers as of **24 May 2026**.

The VGCA Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/>

has **403** posts with **1843** followers as of **24 May 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:

09 Jun 2026 “Russian and Italian Helmets” by Tom Buck

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)

★ Officer Elections!

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.



WE WANT YOU!

★ 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 laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes....

Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.”

—
Thomas Jefferson

Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria),
1774-1776

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: JOSEF JUST SINGLE BARREL BREAK-ACTION STALKING RIFLE

BY Marc Gorelick

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

The town of Ferlach in southern Austria is renowned throughout the gunmaking, shooting and hunting universe as home to some of the best custom gunmakers in the world. And the name Josef Just stands among the top ranks of traditional Ferlach gunmakers. The name Just is one of the oldest of Ferlach gunsmiths, appearing in the first gunsmith directories. The company was founded in 1790 and owned and managed over 9 generations of the same family for 222 years until its closure in 2012. In the last years of its existence, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the company focused on producing exceptional quality custom weapons, reducing production to less than 20 custom weapons per year, but maintaining highest standards of quality, accuracy, precision, finish and artistic excellence. Simply put, Josef Just guns are artistic masterpieces in steel and wood and are sought after by the most discerning and wealthiest shooters. Lucky was the hunter who could boast that he owns a Josef Just.



Made in 1999, this single barrel, break open Just stalking rifle is an example of firearms elegance and pulchritude. Chambered in .243 Win, it has two extra conversion barrels, one in .222 Rem and the other in 8x57RS. The gun, with the .243 and .222 barrels, is 41 inches (104 cm) long and weighs 7.7 pounds (3.5 kilograms). The stock is 14.5 inches (36 cm) long. All three octagonal barrels are fluted with stepped, engine turned ribs and fixed front sights. The .243 and .222 caliber barrels are 24 inches (61 cm) long and the 8x557RS caliber barrel is 25.5 inches (65 cm) long with its own fore-end proportioned to the longer barrel.



The graceful and finely proportioned rifle has a bright, strongly flared, rounded bascule with additional hammerlock-like side plates, finely faceted fences, and a double barrel hook breech with doll's head. It has a manual safety/cocking slide on the upper tang, a gold-washed set trigger, and engraved rolled trigger guard. The select root burl half stock has a beautiful grain pattern, a Bavarian style cheek piece with

double fold, a Prince of Wales grip and rubber recoil pad. The fore-end has a Deeley latch, and Schnabel nose.



The rifle is exquisitely decorated with fine engraving on the side plates and action that effectively combines delicately engraved scenes of animals surrounded by Germanic style, deeply engraved arabesques and foliate ornaments. On the left side are scenes of roe deer and black grouse, with scenes of wild boar and capercaillie on the right side. The round action is extensively embellished with engraving on top and bottom, as are the manual safety/cocking slide and latch on the engraved upper tang. The barrel flanks, top of the engine turned ribs, lower tang and triggerguard are also engraved. Even the screw heads are covered with fine engraving. The German claw mounts that hold the scope have matching ensuite engraved rings.



There are three scopes - all Swarovski Habicht 1.5 - 6 x 42. Each barrel has its own scope that is matched to the barrel and cartridge for optimum performance. The entire ensemble – broken-down rifle, three barrels, scopes and accessories - comes in a custom leather covered oak case.



As can be expected, such an example of the gunmaker's is not cheap. Joh. Springer's Erben in Vienna, Austria sold it at their 39th Classic Auction in May 2023 for 28,000 euros, or about \$30,513 (depending on the exchange rate at the time).



Photo left – Two conversion barrels, .222 and 8x57RS. Photo right – the cased gun.

★ Membership Report – May 2026

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 our gun shows for free or participate in certain activities, please make sure that you are current.**

Recruiting: We still need volunteers to work our membership table at our upcoming VGCA gun show. If you can help out please contact Bruce Buchner via email at buchnerb@cox.net

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 were 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**.

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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's NRA Annual Meeting (AM) in Houston, TX was well worth the trip (if you ask me, anyway), and not just to see our award-winning Beretta exhibit (*courtesy of Louie DiGaetano*). I haven't seen official attendance figures yet, but in the last two years (Dallas – 2024; Atlanta – 2025), over 70,000+ attended each year.

As I noted last month, CMP had a booth at the AM which was quite popular. Certainly, the offer of receiving a 10% discount off the regular price of selected CMP firearms was a factor in that popularity. (*Individual cards, each bearing an individual discount code, were handed out to visitors at the booth.*) Samples of their newest products, including the (reclaimed) M1903A3 Springfield rifles and the new variations of the commercial (newly-manufactured) M1 Garands, were on display.

As you know by now, CMP is running out of certain firearms – mostly the supply of surplus U.S. military M1 Garand rifles that were not reclaimed from so-called "drill rifles". The last major acquisition of such rifles were the approx. 86,000 M1 rifles that were repatriated from the Philippines in 2017; before that was the cache of rifles formerly in the service of the Greek government (after being loaned to Greece by the U.S. government after WWII). CMP states they are working with the U.S. Army to identify additional sources of rifles (mostly, those loaned to friendly foreign nations that are no longer needed by those countries). Only time will tell whether additional surplus weapons will be found...

The supply is now low enough that remaining *unreclaimed* surplus rifles are mostly available only via the CMP auction program, which is conducted via GunBroker.com. However, some goodies may occasionally show up at the CMP's retail stores at Camp Perry, OH and Talladega Marksmanship Park (TMP) in Alabama. (*As previously reported, the CMP South Store in Anniston AL is currently closed while it awaits renovation.*)

It has been CMP's practice for many years to only offer for mail order those rifles for which they had accumulated a sufficient quantity to warrant offering

via mail order. In cases where they did not have a large quantity available, they have often chosen to place them on the racks at the stores. Visiting the stores may be the only way for you to obtain certain types of rifles from CMP. Of course, it also gives you the opportunity to handpick the rifle(s) you want.

COLLECTING INTEL (ON CMP, THAT IS...)

I know that it's a long way to Camp Perry (approx. 450 miles from NOVA) or Talladega (approx. 720 miles from NOVA) – why would you drive (or fly) all the way to either store when you have no idea what they actually might have in the way of possible treasures?

CMP operates / sponsors a bulletin board on the web known as “the Forums” (<https://forums.thecmp.org>) which has been around for well over 15+ years. Joining it is free, and it offers a wide variety of various categories with tens of thousands of posts by fellow collectors, shooters, and others interested in CMP.

For me, the categories [North Store](#) and [Talladega Marksmanship Program](#) often have very recent information on what both stores are currently stocking. For example, in the TMP category, a gentleman whose handle is “PH68” (Mr. Tom Taylor, retired USMC MSgt) regularly posts the daily stock report for the TMP store. (He lives in the Anniston area and is a regular visitor to TMP and also to the former Anniston store.) I met him when I visited the Anniston store in April 2025 – a nice man whose helpful and informative reports are read by CMP enthusiasts nationwide.

This is an excerpt from the TMP store report he filed for May 16, 2026:

RC receivers SA/WRA 12 (RC = reclaimed)

**SA/HRA .308 Expert 18/ .308 Expert RC 8/ Expert RC 24/ Special RG 1/
Expert 11/ 6 million SG RC 3/ RG RC 1 (SG = Service Grade; RG = Rack
Grade; Expert = Expert Grade)**

IHC .308 Expert 11/ Special RG 24

WRA Expert 1/ Special RG 3/ RC 2

CMP rifles 10/ .308 6 (not sure what these are)

M1C SG 9

1903A3 Expert RC 4

1917 SG 4/ FG 14

.22 Rifles – M12 12/ M82 12

As you will note, Mr. Taylor reported several categories of rifles (including M1Cs, M1917 Enfields, and .22 bolt-action rifles) that are currently not available for mail order. *(Please note that any such reports posted by Mr. Taylor and/or others are NOT official posts by the CMP; please don't hold any of these people responsible if you go down there and find they are sold out of given items, as many collectors read these reports also and may have hit the stores before you got a chance to do so.)*

One Last Thing...

After I returned from Houston last month, I used CMP's special 10% discount (for NRA meeting attendees) and ordered one of the new "gas trap" commercial M1 rifles. *(They will not be delivered until this summer, according to CMP.)*



Lastly, I ordered my third M1911A1 pistol from CMP (also with the 10% discount). CMP turned that order around very quickly and I received it a couple of weeks ago – a nice 1943 vintage service grade (Colt slide and frame). I'll bring it to a "show-&-tell" at my next opportunity.

...Go CMP!

★ 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!

FINAL SALUTE

IN PASSING: SYDNEY RODDA

By Marc Gorelick



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of long-time VGCA member Sydney Rodda of Culpepper, Virginia. Sydney was born on September 24, 1953, and passed away March 31, 2026, with his wife, Lois, by his side.

Sydney is survived by his wife, Lois, his daughter Martha Lewis, his son Ed Rodda, and his grandchildren, Heather Sherman, Cody Lewis, and Alexis Rodda. Sydney lived a life marked by kindness, warmth, volunteerism and service to others. He had wide interests demonstrated by his earning associate degrees in both parks and recreation and computer science. His life was dedicated to service; he was a chef for the local fire department and actively participated in his church.

A VGCA member since 2018, Sydney had a life-long love of firearms and was passionate about collecting and shooting. He was the proud owner of Syd's Ammo, LLC in Culpepper, VA, a full-service type 06 FFL ammunition manufacturer that produced over 100 different calibers. Besides his store in Culpepper, he often had tables at local shows.

Sydney's spirit of volunteerism is exemplified by his volunteering numerous times to help man the VGCA table at the Chantilly Gun Show. Health permitting, he was invariably there on Friday and sometimes Saturday and he often brought a firearm from his collection to display on the table to attract and educate prospective members. Sydney loved talking to fellow gun collectors and shooters and was a big help in recruiting new members into the club. When I was organizing the Membership Table, I knew that I could count on him and we spent many enjoyable hours together at the show.

★ 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!

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

Where acquired (optional): _____ When acquired (optional): _____

A message from your VGCA Photographer--

I ask those who bring items in for Show-and-Tell to PLEASE hold the item UP and in view of the audience so that they can be seen clearly, and so that I might be able to get a decent picture for the newsletter. PLEASE stand behind the tables and simply hold the item at chest or waist level, face forward, standstill, and give me a five or six seconds to grab a decent photograph of the Show-and-Tell item.

If you do not want your Show-and-Tell item to be shared with other VGCA members, just tell me in advance and I will not attempt to take a photo of it.

I do photography for the VGCA and its' members, not for myself, and not for any personal gain. Your assistance in documenting your items will be a great help. I spend an average of five hours editing the pictures for the newsletter and not having a clear view of the subject has been a great and constant frustration for me.

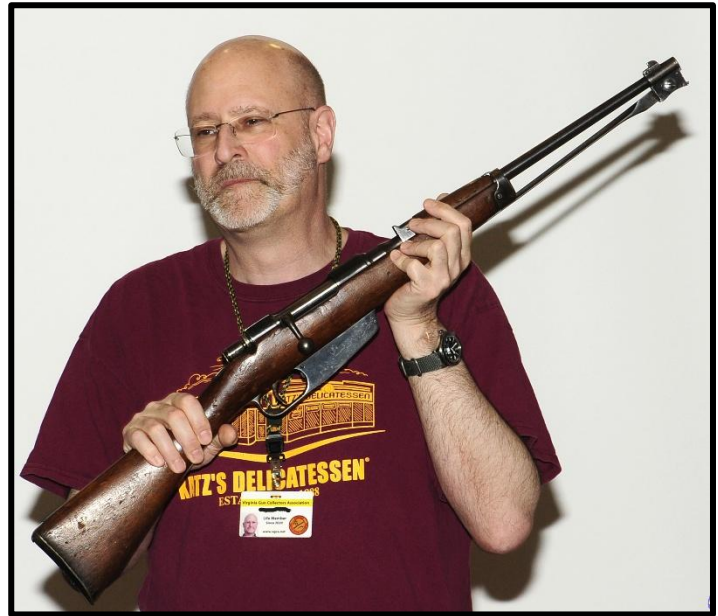
Your help will assist in making a better newsletter for all VGCA members. Thank you!

Jack Looney

April Show-n-Tell

Member 1 brought in two Carcano rifles, the first being a M1889/38 Moschetto Bolt action cavalry carbine (*right*). Initially chambered in in 7.35x51 and later 6.5x52, it was made by Gardone VT from 1938 to 1945. The 7.35mm version is very rare and this example has British (London) proof marks. It was likely captured from the Italians by British troops in North Africa during WWII.

Both this carbine and the one below were purchased at this year's Baltimore Antique Arms Show.



Member 1 also brought a Carcano M1891/38 T.S. Bolt action rifle made by Terni (*far left*). It is unusual as it was converted by Italy after the war from 7.35x51 to 8mm Mauser and sold to Egypt and Syria as "Training Rifles" It carries a 4UT

marking for the 4th Technical Unit, which is a very desirable marking for collectors. Some of these would later be captured by Israeli forces. It features the "S" stamp over the chamber denoting the conversion. Note the cut-out in the receiver to accommodate the longer 8mm cartridge (*detail above right*). This example also has a currently unidentified "FC" marking. If you know what this means, please contact one of the VGCA officers to pass the info along.



In light of new magazine restrictions that were recently signed into law in Virginia and will go into effect on 1 July 2026, Member 2 wanted to look at acquiring a family of handguns that shared magazines that would make it easy to stock up on now. He selected the following CZ products.

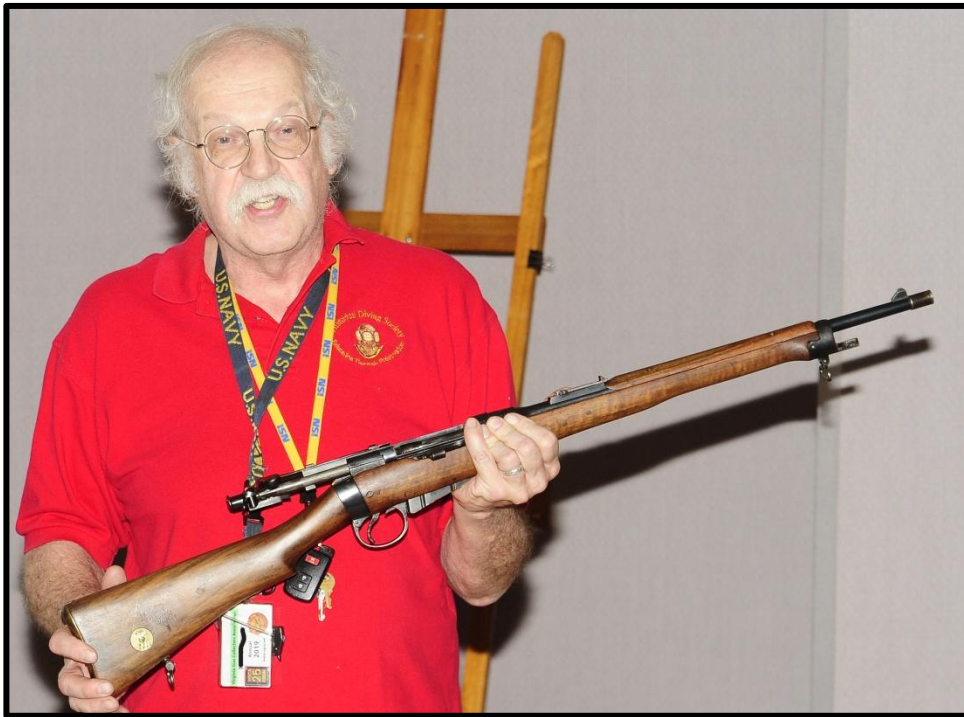
The first displayed a CZ P-10 C OR in 9mm Parabellum (*tan colored pistol at far left*). This is a new clone of the German Army P-13 pistol and comes with a threaded barrel. The P-10 is striker fired and in the words of Member 2, “Glock-ish” in design. It was produced this year.

Member 2 then shared his new CZ 75 Custom A-01 Compact Railed, also chambered in 9mm Parabellum (*the black pistol at near left*). It is single action/double action with CZ Custom

doing a full Frame compact with a tuned trigger. It uses the same CZ P-10 magazine.

Keeping with the Astra theme, though not one of the tubular models, Member 3 shared his Astra Model 2000 “Cub” (*right*). This diminutive pistol – note its size in the hand – is a blow back semi auto “Vest Pocket Pistol.” The Cub was chambered in both .22 Short and .25 ACP (6.35mm) and held either 7 rounds of .22 or 6 rounds of 25. Between 1954 and 1995 over 360,000 were produced with 140,00 being in .22 Short like this example. This Cub is stamped with a date code of “B1” which equates to 1956 manufacture. Member 3 purchased it in 2012 at the Richmond Showplace Gun Show.



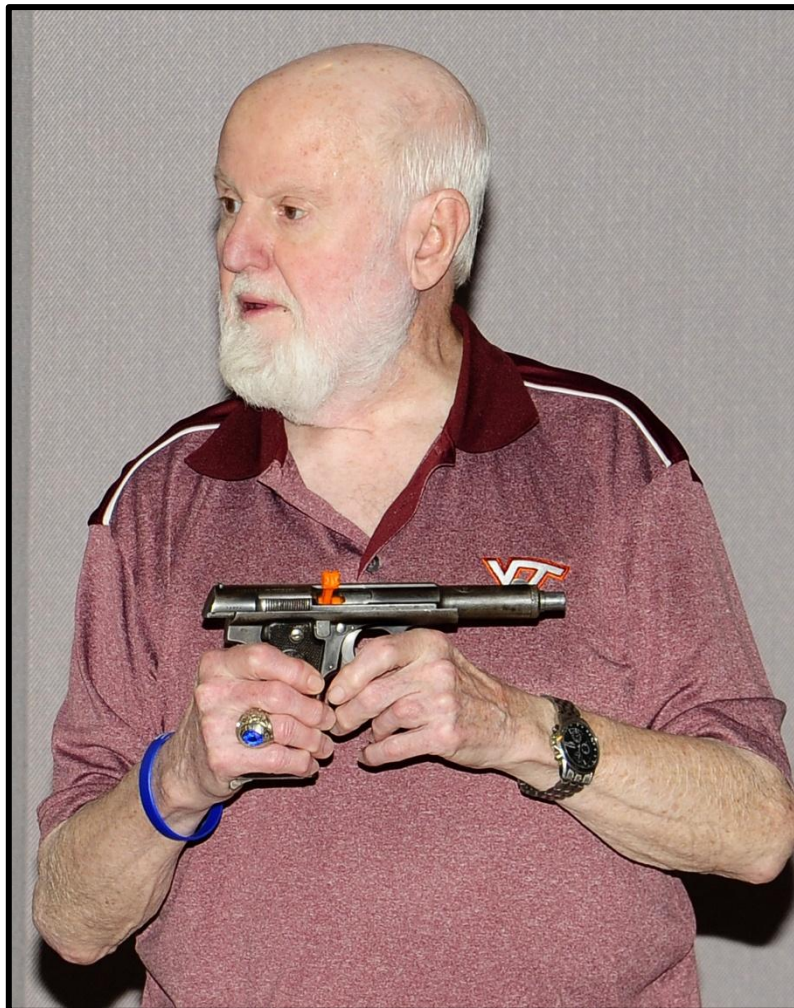


Member 4 shared a Lee Enfield Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) bolt action carbine (*at left*). Chambered in .303 British, these were made from 1896 to 1899 as Lee Enfield Cavalry Carbines Mk1. In 1904 10,000 were converted for use by the RIC by adding the ability to mount the pattern 1888 bayonet. Note the shorter 5-round magazine. This carbine was purchased in 1990 and was one of the last guns sold on eBay before they changed their firearms policy.

Member 5 brought in a Beretta Model 99 (*right*). Based on the Beretta Model 92 SB Compact, this compact semi auto pistol is chambered in 7.65mm Parabellum (.30 Luger) with its single stack magazine holding 8 rounds. Beretta designed the Model 99 for civilian sales in Italy and France, which at the time restricted civilians from owning handguns in military calibers. Between 1500 and 2000 were produced in between 1987 and 1988. The low production numbers is due to weak sales in their intended market. The Model 99 is very rare in the U.S. and many stateside collectors have never seen one. This example was recently imported and purchased on Gun Broker in April 2026.



In line with the night's presentation, Member 6 shared an Astra Model 1921 (*right*). The Model 1921 is semi-automatic pistol typically chambered in 9mm Largo (9x23). However, this example came with a barrel chambered in 9mm Parabellum (9x19). Astra produced 106,000 Model 1921s between 1921 and 1946. In addition to its non-standard caliber, this example is marked as having been issued to the Spanish Border Police, a unit that was disbanded following the Spanish Civil War. This pistol was purchased in 1999 from Marc Wolf, a Federal Firearms Dealer based in California that only sold to law enforcement officers.



★ 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

- 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, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- 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* - Rescheduled~~
- 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*
- Aug 8-9, 2026 – Wytheville, VA – Hitachi Energy Center (formerly Apex Event Center) - *Showmasters*
- Aug 22-23, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Aug 29-30, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Sep 4-7, 2026 – Hillsville, VA – Grove King VFW Post 1115 – *Grove King VFW*
- Sep 5-6, 2026 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Sep 12-13, 2026 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Sep 25-27, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2026

- 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

- May 23-24, 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*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026 (continued)

- 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 – Trevoise, PA – Radisson Philadelphia NE – *Eagle Shows*
- Aug 29-30, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- Sep 13, 2026 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Sep 19-20, 2026 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Sep 26-27, 2026 – Franklin, PA – Rocky Grove Fire Hall – *Rocky Grove VFD*
- Sep 26-27, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction Hall – *Central PA Antique Arms Association – Guns and Militaria from All Eras*
- Sep 26-27, 2026 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*

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.

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. Items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

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



Contact Steven Philippy at dhilliard54@duck.com or 703-927-9210.

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 LUCILLE.CERCONE@gmail.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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