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## June 2018 VGCA Newsletter

### President's Comments

Fellow VGCA Members,

I want to thank Ernie Lyles for his service to the VGCA as its President. Ernie has dedicated the last 15 years to various positions in the VCGA leadership. He has earned some rest and relaxation - Thank You Ernie! As the incoming President, I want to let everyone know that the club is overall great shape, thanks to the efforts of our members. I am very fortunate to inherit a strong Board of Directors and Club Officers. I am looking forward to the challenges and moving the VCGA forward in the coming years.

--Bernie Breighner, President

### ★ May Presentation

The topic at our May meeting was on the firearms manufacturer Heckler & Koch (H&K). Presented by Mr. Phil Groff, the original PowerPoint presentation was developed several years ago by Mr. Jim Schatz, a long-time H&K employee in Chantilly, VA. Jim was very involved in H&K military sales in the western hemisphere as well as U.S. Military/Federal Government sales.



*Our president introduces May's topic (right) and Phil Groff gives some background on the presentation's author*

The presentation described four phases of Heckler & Koch. They were:

Phase 1	1960s/1970s	Success of the Roller Lock
Phase 2	1980s	Hard Times
Phase 3	1990s	The Mauch Era
Phase 4	2000	Uncertain Times

Phase 1 – The 1960s and 70s saw much growth at H&K, with many talented designers and engineers coming on board. Sales were dominated by the G3 rifle. This select-fire, roller-lock (or more accurately, a roller-delayed blowback) design was chambered in 7.62x51 NATO. The G3 was hugely successful, developed into multiple variants, and ultimately deployed by over 80 nations.

Phase 2 – As described by Mr. Schatz, during the 1980s H&K leadership became somewhat complacent (perhaps even arrogant) and the corporation became bloated with over 2400 employees at 3 different locations. Significant assets were directed toward the G11 prototypes and caseless ammunition. The fact that to this day no military has yet fielded caseless ammo should tell you something about the success (or lack thereof) of this effort! Company fortunes were kept afloat by continued sales of the MP5, one of the most successful submachinegun designs of all time. Operating from the closed bolt position, the MP5 was another select fire, roller-delayed blowback design (similar in concept to the G3) and typically chambered in 9x19 caliber. The MP5, in one or another of its nearly 100 variants, has been adopted by over 40 nations and innumerable military, police, security, and intelligence organizations

Phase 3 – Termed “the Mauch Era,” it is named after Ernest Mauch, an H&K firearms designer. Mr. Mauch joined H&K in 1978 immediately after graduation from university. He eventually rose within H&K to become the Chief Designer and Technology Director. He assisted with several successful firearms designs. One of those designs is the HK416, which is reputed to be the weapon that U.S. Special Forces used to take down terrorist Osama bin Laden. During the 1990s, H&K downsized to a single production facility and got rid of some of their “non-core” diversified divisions (such as electronics and machine tools). A key new design during this period was the USP, also known as the “U.S. Pistol.” The United States Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) eventually ordered over 60,000 USPs in .40 S&W caliber. H&K modernized facilities and techniques and regained their reputation as an industry leader.



*This is one of the many fine examples of H&K weaponry available for VGCA members to check out during the May Membership Meeting. This one is an outstanding cased HK PSG-1 Sniper rifle!*

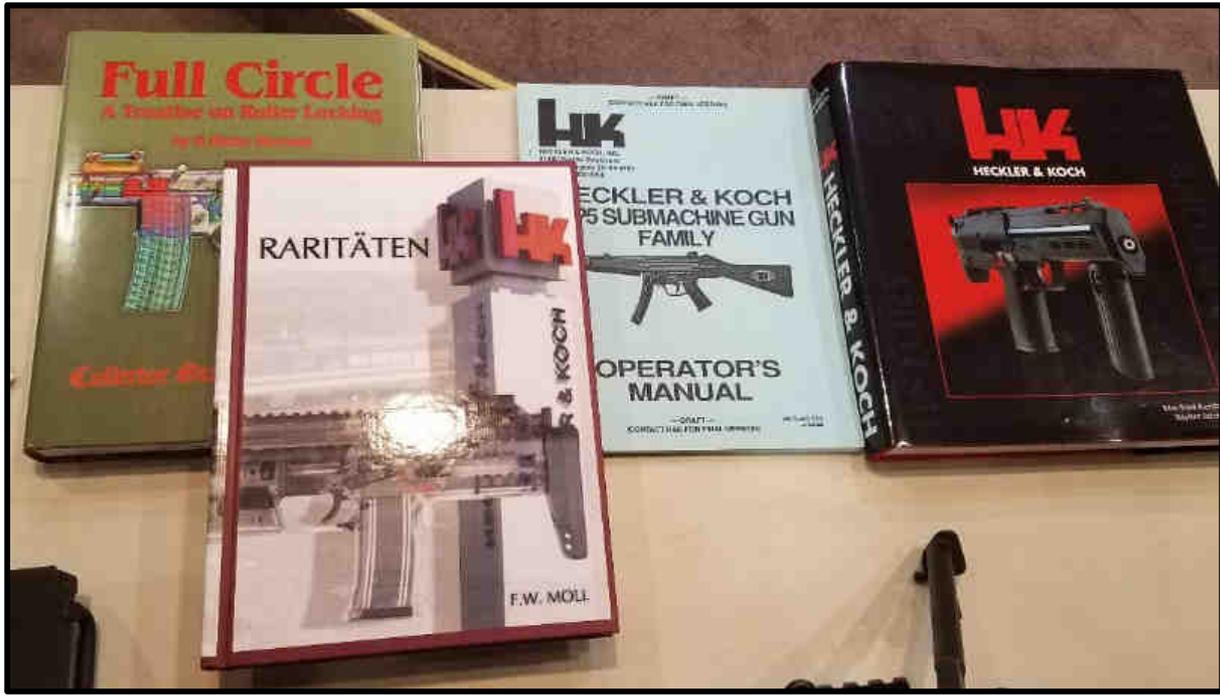


*Here is another example of H&K engineering excellence! This belt-fed, bipod-equipped piece of hardware is an HK 23e machine gun with conversion kits for the HK 11e and HK 21e*

Phase 4 – Characterized as “Uncertain Times,” the 2000s were marked by a leaner H&K. Down to a staff of just 600 employees, H&K continued to develop innovative weapons. One of the less successful efforts was the XM8 in 5.56x45 NATO. This lightweight assault rifle development of the G36 consumed nearly 50 million dollars and yielded few sales. H&K had hoped to successfully compete the XM8 in U.S. Army trials for a new standard infantry weapon, but this program was canceled in 2005. Slightly more successful was the AG-C/EGLM (Enhanced Grenade Launching Module) – a modern day single shot grenade launcher similar in concept to the old M79. It has been tested by the U.S. Army and U.S.M.C. as the M320. As attested by one of our members, the M320 was even combat tested in 2012 by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Contributing to H&Ks bottom line during this time were healthy sales of the HK416.

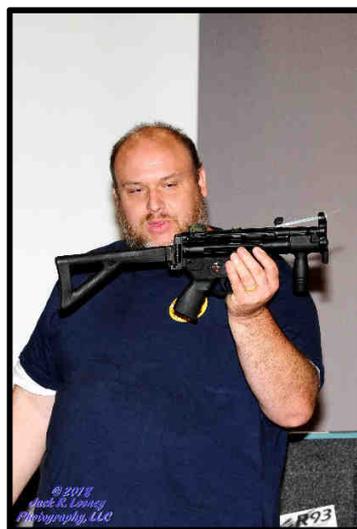


*Also present was this HK Mark 24 Mod 0 pistol with a Knights Armament (KAC) suppressor. Designed as a more compact version of the Mark 23 Mod 0, it utilized an HK USP 45 compact tactical pistol and a smaller suppressor that had a replaceable end cap with wipes (ensuring the smaller can was just as quiet). Made for military trials, the Mark 24 was never adopted/issued. Very few (~100-200) were produced and even fewer are in civilian hands!*



*The presentation on Heckler & Koch included an excellent selection of reference material!*

Phil gave a detailed and fascinating presentation on a company familiar to most of us - and most of us wish we owned an H&K if we don't have one already!



*HKs are definitely popular with several members of the VGCA! At left and center, Gary holds two of the three former police issued MP5s that he brought in (MP5SD, MP5A, and MP5K). Bernie shares his “Enhanced Grenade Launching Module,” known as the M320 in USA and USMC service.*

✪ **May Business:** President Ernie Lyles called the April meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jim Burgess led us through the pledge of allegiance. There were 52 VGCA members and guests in attendance. The guests were introduced to the membership.

Ernie reminded the membership that this was his last meeting as VGCA president. He thanked the VGCA officers and members of the Executive Committee for “making him look good” over the last two years (Editor’s note – you did that on your own, Ernie!). Ernie then introduced Bernie Breighner as the next President of the VGCA. Bernie will assume the office on June 1, 2018. The in-coming officers for 2018-2020 are:

<b>President</b>	<b>Bernie Breighner</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Wes Chappell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Shannon Zeigler</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rob Becker</b>

Rob Becker announced that the VGCA Polo Shirts previously offered for sale would be delivered at the June membership meeting.

Bill Chronister mentioned that he had ID badges for the new members that were listed in last newsletter.

Dave Litchfield gave an update from the National Rifle Association Annual Meetings at Dallas, Texas earlier in May. He summarized many of the displays in the exhibit hall and told the group that our very own Rick Nahas won one of the coveted Silver Medallions for his prototype S&W Aircrewman!

☛ **Upcoming June 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Our June presentation will be on “Simunitions” by Mr. Gary Latta. Social time begins at 6 p.m. (there will be pizza) with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

## ★ Other News! ★

☛ **Membership Chairman’s Report June 2018:** Please welcome our new Annual Member(s).

- **Mike Halpeny** of Reston, VA was sponsored by **Phil Hill**
- **Berlin Madison** of Washington, DC was sponsored by **Shannon Zeigler**
- **David Murphy** of Annandale, VA was sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **Chaim Smith** of Falls Church, VA was sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **Robert Willey** of Alexandria, VA was sponsored by **Gary Latta** and **Matt Gminski**

Gentlemen, welcome aboard and congratulations. Your Annual Membership ID card has been mailed to the home address you provided on your membership application. We hope to see you at the upcoming Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the NRA National Firearms Museum. We begin with a social session and refreshments (for a suggested \$5 donation), from 6:15 to 7:00.

**New Member Applications:** The VGCA received Membership Applications from the following individuals for your review. The applicant’s information and sponsor’s name is published below for the review of the VGCA membership. If there are any comments, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before July 26, 2017. Remember, we do not have a membership meeting in July.

- **Bronson Armstrong** of Marshall, VA is sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **Matthew DiRisio** of Marshall, VA is sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **Mike Mahoney** of Manassas, VA is sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **Johnny Ray McAlexander** of Montclair, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Michael G. Renaghan** of Herndon, VA is sponsored by **Chris Britton**
- **Craig Weston** of Mount Seton, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Jonathan Twiford** of Virginia Beach, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**

**IMPORTANT: Please keep your contact information and addresses current:** If you are not receiving newsletters or other VGCA mailings, or have changed either your USPS mailing address or your e-Mail address, please provide corrected information ASAP to Membership Chair, Bill Chronister at [vgca\\_membership@cox.net](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net) (note underscore between *vgca* and *membership*). For e-mail non-receipt, **FIRST CHECK** your SPAM folder or you Internet Service Provider (ISP) settings. While convenient, using work e-Mail addresses may affect your receipt of newsletters or ballots due to enhanced security and attachment restrictions often used in corporate or government enterprise systems. Thanks!!!

☛ Notice: VGCA encourages its members to sign up for the emailed newsletter. Due to mailing and printing costs, the hard copy mailed newsletter is limited to 4-6 B&W pages. By getting the email version you will receive a longer newsletter in color with photos of meetings; reviews of books, other shows, events or museums; and a schedule of upcoming shows and events. These excellent newsletters are sent in encrypted PDF format. It can be viewed on a PC or mobile device, or printed out. ~~ *Bill Chronister*, Membership Chair, [vgca\\_membership@cox.net](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net)



### ☛ VGCA Polo Shirts

For those of you who ordered a VGCA Polo Shirt, they will be available at the June Membership meeting (Thursday, 28 Jun 18).



## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAN THE VGCA PROMOTIONAL TABLE AT THE NEXT C&E CHANTILLY GUN SHOW***

Volunteers are needed to man the VGCA table during the July 27-29 show at the Dulles Expo Center. Volunteers usually support the table for only one day. A significant benefit of volunteering is that volunteers get a vendor badge for the days they are there. This gives free entry into the show – an important consideration since the admission price was recently increased to \$16 for one day. Volunteers get to spend time among fellow gun collectors and shooters. You talk about the club, its activities (including our show), and the many benefits of membership (talking points provided). There is also time to walk around the show and spend money. Contact Board member Marc Gorelick at (703) 517-8924 (or any Board member) if you are interested in taking advantage of this amazing opportunity.



# CMP UPDATE

*Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison*

Next month will be the Camp Perry National Matches. The National Pistol and Rifle Matches have been held continuously at Camp Perry, Ohio since 1907. The event has grown into a festival of marksmanship excellence and competition with well over 6,000 annual visitors. Participants range from beginners to some of the world's top shooters.

Smallbore competitions have been slotted into the National Match schedule July 16-22 and all smallbore matches will be on Rodriguez Range under a covered firing line. Finals will be held at Petrarca Range using CMP's electronic target system. For a complete schedule of events, registration to participate and the 2018 Rulebook visit the CMP website at: <http://thecmp.org>.

Those who have been to Camp Perry before will notice some changes if you go this year. Camp Perry has been getting a face lift and upgrade. Some of the projects include:

- Improving the 300 and 600 yard shooting berms and 10 foot shooting platform on Rodriguez Range. CMP targets at Petrarca Range use the Kongsberg Target Systems (KTS) of Norway. KTS uses acoustics to accurately determine shot and instantly display it on monitors at the firing line.
- The old lakeside cottages, located by the beach, are being replaced by new modern cottages that sleep eight. The new cottages will be available to rent year-round at pricing that is more affordable than surrounding area hotels.
- The Hough Theater is getting a \$1.3 million upgrade.
- Demolition of the old Prisoner of War huts is continuing and should be completed this year. During World War 2, Camp Perry was used as a POW camp for German and Italian prisoners.



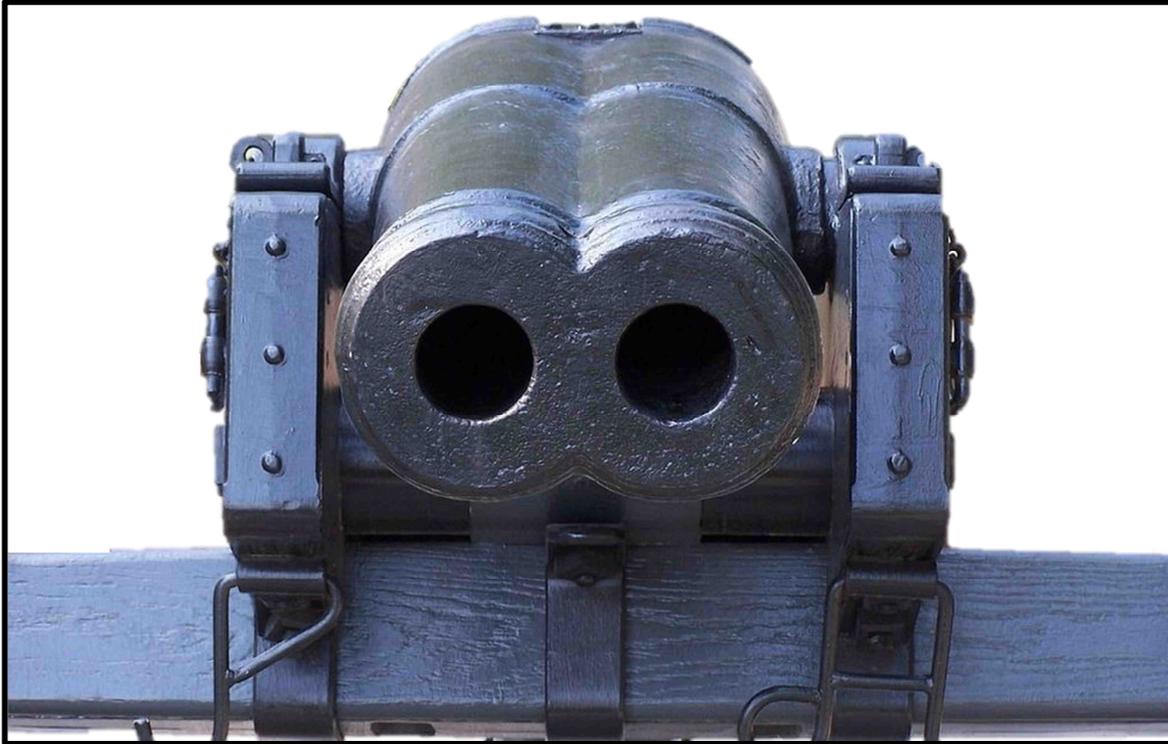
For those thinking of visiting the CMP North Store at Camp Perry during the National Matches, the store will be closed July 1-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-24, and August 9-11. Normal store hours are 8:30am – 4:00pm but you should call to confirm – (419) 635-2141, ext. 615/617. The store is located at 2500 Davey Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. For more information and directions go the website: [http://thecmp.org/cmp\\_sales/cmp-stores/north-store/](http://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/cmp-stores/north-store/).



# THE DOUBLE BARRELED CANNON

*By Marc Gorelick, VGCA*

Sitting in front of City Hall in Athens, Georgia is a unique piece of American ordnance – a double barreled cannon. It is one of the innovative weapons that both sides came up with during the Civil War.



The double barreled cannon was the brainchild of John Gilleland, a private in the Mitchel Thunderbolts, a home guard unit for men too old for active duty in the Confederate Army. Gilleland, a dentist, and mechanic in civilian life, designed the gun and raised the \$350 needed to fund its manufacture by a subscription fund. It was made in the spring of 1862. Gilleland's idea was for the cannon to fire mostly chain shot against infantry. Each 3 inch barrel would fire a six pound cannon ball. The balls were connected by roughly ten feet of chain. The divergence of the bores was supposed to ensure that the shot would extend to the full length of the chain as it sped towards the target, hopefully mowing down the ranks of enemy soldiers.

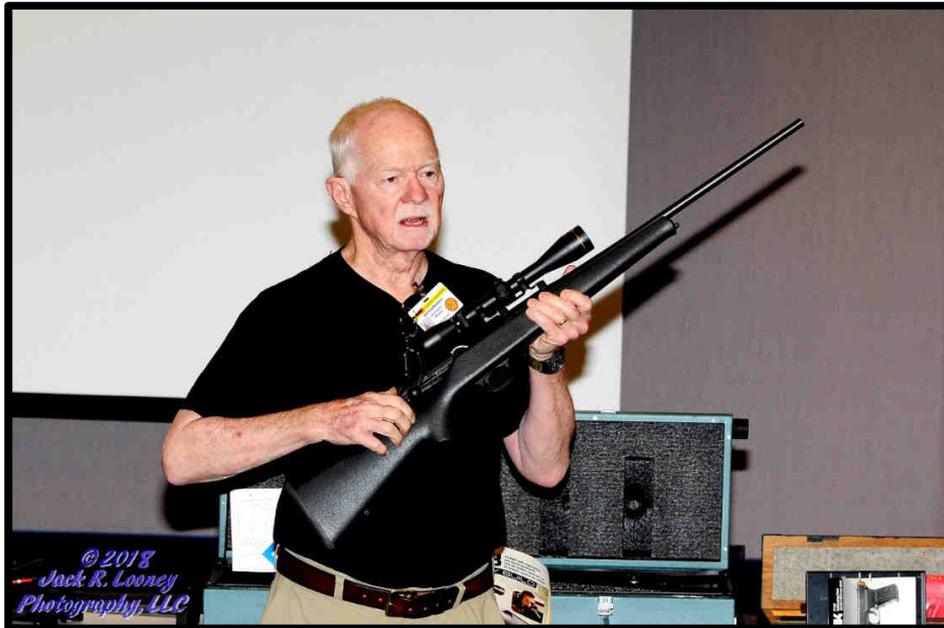
The cannon barrels are about 13 inches wide and 4 feet 8 ½ inches long. The two, three-inch barrels were cast in one piece and have a three degree divergence. It is also equipped with three touch holes - one for each barrel and one that would fire both barrels at the same time.

Unfortunately, it did not work as planned when Gilliland tested it. The two barrels did not fire simultaneously which caused the load to take a wild erratic course across the field and breaking the chain that connected the two cannon balls. Gilliland's invention tore up a lot of crops and countryside, destroyed the chimney of a cabin and killed a cow. But the balls and chain did not go anywhere near the target. Despite the poor performance, Gilliland declared the test a success and the cannon was sent to the Confederate arsenal in Augusta, Georgia, for further testing. The arsenal tested it and determined that it was not suitable for adoption due to unpredictable rates of powder burn and barrel friction which led to unpredictable performance.



Gilliland's double barreled cannon went back to Athens where it was placed in front of the town hall to be used as a signal gun in case of a Union attack. According to many reports it was never fired in anger. However, according to other reports, on August 2, 1864 it was hauled out of town by the home guard to the hills by Barber Creek to meet approaching Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. George Stoneman. Gilliland's cannon was supposedly positioned on a ridge along other artillery and both barrels were loaded with canister. The outnumbered home guard units opened fire with their artillery, including the double barreled cannon forcing the Union troops to withdraw. After a few more minor skirmishes the double barrel cannon was moved back into town. Today it sits in front of the Athens City Hall at the corner of Hancock and College Avenues.

## ★ May 2018 Show-n-Tell ★



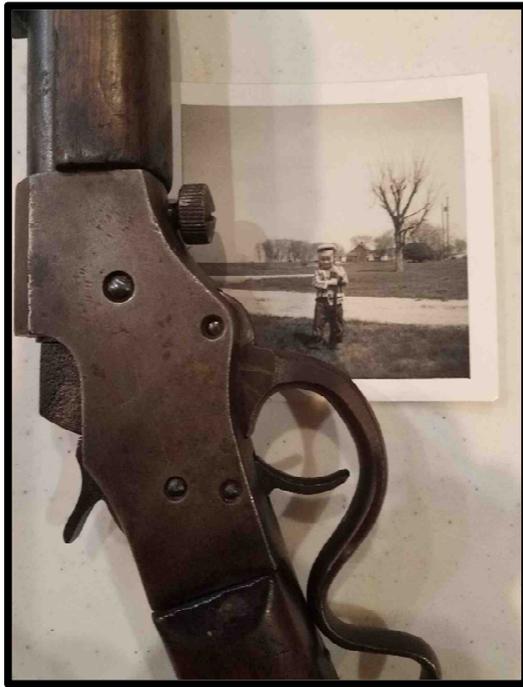
Member 1 presented an R93 Blaser Rifle (*above*). This straight-pull action features the ability to quickly change the barrel to new calibers – and a bolt handle that can even be swapped from side to side to accommodate both left-handed and right-handed shooters. The safety is unique in that it relieves the tension on the firing pin spring when on safe. The Blaser is known for its accuracy and outstanding factory trigger. This particular rifle started out as a dealers sample in .308 Winchester, to which was later added barrels in .243 Winchester and .22/250 Remington. Each barrel comes with a unique magazine designed for its specific cartridge.



Member 2 (*left*) shared his “Collection in a box.” The small box contained three old pistols purchased in 1980 from Herman’s Sporting Goods in the Springfield Mall. They consisted of:

1. A black powder single shot “Boot Pistol” in .44 caliber (*upper left*)
2. A 1870’s era Revolver with ivory grips in .22 Short (*center*)
3. A “Velodog” Hammerless Revolver in either 5.5mm or 5.6mm centerfire (close to .22WMR) (*upper right*)

Member 2’s total outlay for this instant collection in 1980? Only \$150!



Member 3 brought in his Great Grandfather's single shot Stevens Takedown Rifle in .22LR. This "swinging block" Stevens was originally purchased in approximately 1915. Above left, the rifle is shown together with a picture of Member 3's father holding this same gun in 1960 – at the age of 3 years old! This is truly a priceless family heirloom!

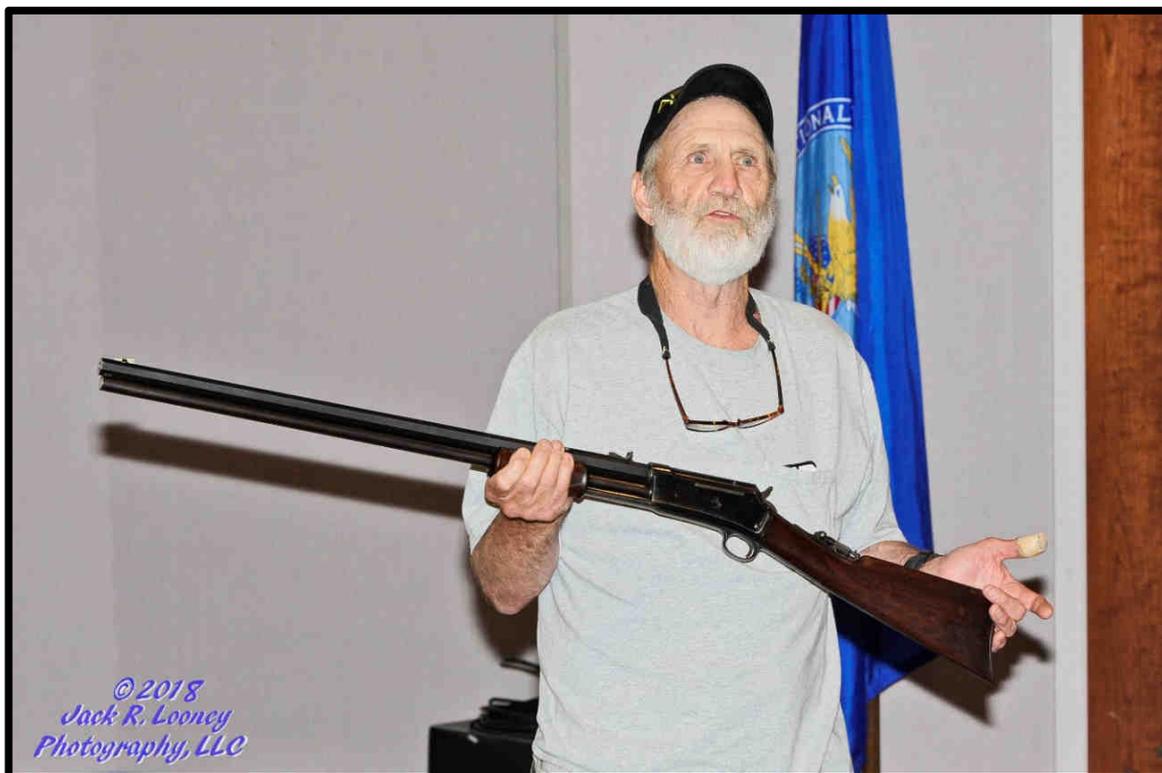


Member 3 also brought in an IWI Galil Ace (*above*). This semi-automatic example was made in Israel on a Micro-Galil receiver and is chambered in 5.56x45 NATO. It has a folding stock, accessory rails, and a last round bolt hold open feature. The Galil, typically chambered in 7.62x39 Russian, has proven popular in replacing AK/AKM-47s in countries with large stocks of that ammunition.

Member 4 (at *right*) brought in something that, although it looks like a Makarov PM pistol, is chambered in 9x18 like a Makarov pistol, utilizes a blowback action like a Makarov, and uses magazines that look like Makarov magazines – is **not** a Makarov! It is, however, chrome plated, completely devoid of any manufacturer markings or proofs, and has a non-standard rear sight.

What is it?

This is apparently a Pakistani copy of a Makarov! Is it handmade like “Khyber-pass specials”? We just don’t know!



Member 5 (*above*) shared an absolutely magnificent large frame pump action Colt Lightning (it was so nice that I thought it was a modern reproduction at first!). The large frame model was only produced from 1886 to 1896 with a total production of somewhere between 4,500 and 6,500. This particular rifle is chambered in .40/60/260 and was made in 1894.



Continuing the theme started by Member 4 that things are not always as they appear, Member 6 (*above*) presented an M1 Garand. Not a typical one-of-millions-made-during-WWII-for-U.S.-troops Garand, but rather, one of only 38,001 that were provided to England via Lend-Lease between March 1941 and June 1942. These rifles are known as “British Garands” and are highly sought after, because they generally remain as manufactured, not having gone through the often multiple refurbishments/rebuilds associated with U.S. issued rifles. The “British Garands” were shipped overseas with bayonets, slings, and cleaning kits. However, frequently these accessories were not compatible with British gear and replacements were made. For example, the leather U.S. M1907 sling was replaced by a standard Enfield sling. In British service, to avoid confusion with the standard .303 ammunition, the M1s had a two-inch red band painted around front forward handguard with the caliber stenciled in black (either .30 or .300, with and without the decimal point). The painted did not adhere well to the oiled walnut stocks and was often deliberately removed by their new owners after the rifles were imported back to the United States. The excellent condition of most “British Garands” is due to the fact that when they arrived in England, the immediate threat of a German invasion had passed and because they used “non-standard” ammunition, most were placed into storage and never issued to troops. They remained in storage until they were exported to the U.S. in 1961. Prior to export, in accordance with English law (the Gun Barrel Proof Act), all the “British Garands” had to be “proofed” and marked accordingly. It is interesting to note that in the 1960s these rifles were often denigrated by early collectors because they had been “defaced” by these addition proof marks. In contrast, “British Garands” today command a bit of a premium!

This particular example was made at Springfield Armory prior to the U.S. entry into WWII. Its barrel is dated November 1941 and it remains unaltered, with all late 1941 features. Member 6 was very happy to acquire it two years ago!



Member 7 (*left*) shared an unusual and scarce H&K pistol. This is a P7 K3 in .22LR. The P7 K3 is a “squeeze-cocker” similar to the P7 (PSP, M8, and M13) chambered in 9x19, but is scaled down to 4/5 the size of its larger and more frequently encountered stable-mates. While rare enough by itself, this example also comes with even more rare HK conversion kits in .32 ACP and .380 ACP! These conversion kits were acquired from Germany through the help of Jim Schatz, the author of tonight’s presentation!

Member 7 also brought in a sub-caliber conversion kit for a G1/FAL rifle (*below*). This kit, with barrel insert, replacement bolt, and magazines, will convert a standard G1/FAL from 7.62x51 NATO caliber to .22LR. Such kits are popular for training new recruits without prior firearms experience by significantly reducing noise and recoil. An added benefit is the reduced cost of .22LR ammunition as well!





Member 8 shared a unique conversion of an H&K P9S Target Model. This pistol was originally chambered in 9x19 (9mm Parabellum) and was shown as a full kit in the original box. Member 8 had a custom 6.5” barrel made for it in .30 Luger. Why go to all the effort for an interesting but somewhat obscure chambering? His explanation was priceless – “because .30 Luger is a bottlenecked pistol cartridge and bottlenecked pistol cartridges are cool!”

## ★ In Review ★

“In Review” is a relatively new section to the newsletter (started in August 2016) and includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the newsletter editor at [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net).

### Museum

## *A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM:* **MUSEUM OF THE FUR TRADE**

*By Marc Gorelick, VGCA*



*Photo – Museum of the Fur Trade*

The Museum of the Fur Trade is hardly known on the east coast, yet it chronicles, celebrates and informs the public about an important chapter in American history. This museum is dedicated to preserving the rich history of the North American fur trade. Located three miles east of Chadron, Nebraska, on Route 20, the museum stands on the site of James Bordeaux’s trading post which was established for the American Fur Company in 1837. The post operated until 1876. It was shut down when U.S. soldiers confiscated ammunition being sold to the Indians.

The museum opened adjacent to the site in 1949. The old trading post site was excavated in 1955 and reconstructed a year later. The trading post was basically a sod and wood hut buried in the ground. The museum is in a long, one-story building, and has plans to expand over the next few years. The galleries trace the fur trade from the arctic to the American Southwest, from the earliest colonial days to modern times. Exhibits trace the everyday lives of British, French, Spanish and American traders, voyageurs, mountain men, buffalo hunters, and plains and woodland Indians. The well-lighted exhibits cover clothing and textiles, trade goods, firearms, gun accessories and hand weapons, ornaments, food and provisions, and tools and utensils. Quite a few items are ascribed to famous people.



*Hawken Rifle made by the Hawken Brothers of St. Louis. Photo – Museum of the Fur Trade*

Guns make up a large part of the museum collection. Many are of historical significance. The personal firearms of such famous Americans as John Kinzie, Kit Carson, Tecumseh, and Young Man Afraid of His Horses are on exhibition. While being able to view the guns of the fur traders and trappers is more than satisfying, a special part of the museum's collection is firearms made exclusively for sale to Indians, or "Trade Guns." It is the largest and most comprehensive collection of these rare firearms in existence with over 300 North West trade guns manufactured between 1640 and 1911 in England, Belgium, and the United States on display. The exhibit includes the earliest known intact trade gun, made in the Netherlands before 1650. The guns are displayed so they can be viewed from several angles.



*First American-made Northwest Gun by Henry Deringer of Philadelphia, 1816. Photo – Museum of the Fur Trade*



*Part of the collection of trade guns in the Steerman Firearms Hall. Photo – Museum of the Fur Trade*

The importance of these weapons in American history cannot be overstated. The natives of North America were sophisticated, intelligent customers. They recognized the advantages of firearms over spears and bows and arrows and by 1620 firearms were flowing to the Indians despite governmental

disapproval. Guns became an integral part of the trader's outfit by the late 17th century. Influenced by Dutch designs, English gunmakers in the early 18th century began placing a fancy brass plate shaped like a sea serpent or snake opposite the lock on guns intended for the Indian trade and a standard pattern of trade gun had emerged by 1750. The typical trade gun was a light, dependable weapon for hunting and war that featured a large iron guard, a brass serpent or snake-shaped side plate, and a thin, smooth-bored barrel that could be loaded with either shot or round ball. They were called North West guns by fur traders because large numbers were shipped to the Great Lakes, the "Northwest" of that time. The same pattern with minor variations was manufactured for the fur trade until 1900.



Side plate of Pritchett trade gun, 1819, supplied to the North West Company. Photo – Museum of the Fur Trade

The museum exhibits include an extensive collection of hand weapons and firearms accessories and accoutrements, including unopened cans of black powder from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century that were found in abandoned posts. Weapons on display include dag blades which could be used as knives or spears, bell axes, pipe tomahawks (symbolizing both peace and war), and buffalo knives. Included in the collection are powder horns, many with ornamental carvings. Also on display are different kinds of ball and shot that bore names indicating the kind of quarry each was used for - various sizes of shot were known as swan, goose, duck, pigeon, and even beaver.

Next to the museum is the reconstructed Bordeaux trading post and the Indian Garden. Because Indian agriculture helped provision the trading posts and transport crews, the museum maintains a botanical exhibit of authentic growing Indian crops. The varieties in the garden are the same ones grown for centuries by Indians of the Missouri Valley and now are all but extinct. Packets of seeds of these crops are offered for sale in the museum's shop.

The Museum of the Fur Trade is located at 6321 US-20, Chadron, NE 69337, three miles east of Chadron in the northwest corner of Nebraska, where Red Cloud, Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull and other Sioux lived. The museum is on the route to Yellowstone and the Black Hills are 60 miles north. It is open May 1 through October 31 from 8 to 5 every day. Admission is \$5 for adults (18 and over) and children are free. Off-season visits are by appointment. The museum can be contacted at (308) 432-3843, or e-mail [museum@furtrade.org](mailto:museum@furtrade.org). You can visit the museum website at <http://www.furtrade.org/>.

## ★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules by gun show promoters or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to verify before driving to a show. These dates have been published as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

### VIRGINIA - 2018

- Jun 22-23, 2018 – Standardsville, VA – Greene County Fairgrounds – *GCF Outdoor Show*
- Jun 30 - Jul 1, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – *SGK*
- Jul 7-8, 2018 – Richmond, VA – Old Kmart on Midlothian - *Showmasters*
- Jul 14-15, 2018 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jul 21-22, 2018 – Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- Jul 21-22, 2018 – Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E*
- Jul 27-29, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Aug 18-19, 2018 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Aug 25-26, 2018 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Sep 1-2, 2018 – Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *Showmasters*
- Sep 8-9, 2018 – Doswell, VA – Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park – *SGK*
- Sep 8-9, 2018 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Sep 22-23, 2018 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Sep 28-30, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 3-7, 2018 – Winchester, VA – Fort Shenandoah (Sutler Row) – *138<sup>th</sup> National Skirmish by the North-South Skirmish Association*

NOTE: The next Dale City VFW show is not scheduled until October.

### MARYLAND - 2018

- July 14-15, 2018 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Silverado Gun Shows*
- Sep 8-9, 2018 - West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Silverado Gun Shows*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *TheGunShows.com*

### PENNSYLVANIA - 2018

- Jun 23-24, 2018 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds-Memorial Hall - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jun 30 – Jul 1, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Econolodge Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Jun 30 – Jul 1, 2018 – Thompson, PA – Thompson Volunteer Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- Jul 7-8, 2018 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW 2540 - *Jaeger Arms*
- Jul 14-15, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Jul 20-21, 2018 – Gettysburg, PA – G'burg Fire Dept – *hallowedgroundmilitaria@gmail.com*
- Jul 20-21, 2018 – Hamlin, PA – Hamlin Bingo Hall - *Jaeger Arms*
- Jul 21-22, 2018 – Philadelphia, PA – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 27-29, 2018 – Kempton, PA - *Dixons Muzzleloading Shop, 9952 Kunkels Mill Rd - The 36th Annual Gunmakers' Fair.* This is a fair with world class craftsman of custom long rifles and accessories in an area steeped in the history of the Pennsylvania Long rifle. Includes demonstrations, lectures, judging, and displays.

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2018 (continued)

- **Jul 28-29, 2018 – Scranton, PA** – Ice Box Arena - *Jaeger Arms*
- **Aug 4-5, 2018 – Delta, PA** – Delta Peach Bottom Club – *Delta Peach Bottom Fish & Game Association*
- **Aug 4-5, 2018 - Oaks, PA** – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- **Aug 18, 2018 – St. Thomas, PA** – St. Thomas VFD – *Izaak Walton League of Franklin County*
- **Aug 18-19, 2018 – Harrisburg, PA** – PA Farm Show Complex - *C&E*
- **Aug 18-19, 2018 – Leesport, PA** – Farmers Market – *Thegunshows.com*
- **Aug 25-26, 2018 – Monroeville, PA** – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Aug 25-26, 2018 – Wind Gap, PA** – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- **Sep 19-23, 2018 – Monroeville, PA** – Monroeville Convention Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society (The MAX Show)*

## **SPECIAL NOTE – 2018**

- **Jul 14-15, 2018 – Wilmington, OH** – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector's Association (Featuring Ruger Owners and Collectors Society & The American Thompson Collectors Association)*
- **Sep 8-9, 2018 – Wilmington, OH** – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector's Association (Featuring the Winchester Arms Collectors Association)*
- **Oct 12-14, 2018 – West Point, KY** – Knob Creek Gun Range – *Fall Machine Gun Shoot & Military Gun Show*

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### **FOR SALE:**

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### **WANT-TO-SELL:**

- ☛ Nothing listed this month

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### **WANT-TO-BUY:**

- ☛ Member Kim Walton is interested in buying Newton and Meeker rifles. If you have one to sell, please contact him at (210)-602-0506 or [copo6970@yahoo.com](mailto:copo6970@yahoo.com)

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