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## August 2010 VGCA Newsletter

**Presentation for the June 24, 2010 Meeting:** In lieu of a formal speaker, the program for the June 24 meeting was an extended member Show and Tell devoted to "black rifles," AKs, SKSs, ARs, HKs, FN-FALs, M-14s, etc. any magazine fed semi-autos based upon a military arm. As hoped, it included both combat types, match types, and reduced power types (trainers or .22LR variants.) Details follow in the Show and tell Section.

➔ **Upcoming Presentation for the August 26 meeting:** The first of the **2010 NRA NFM-VGCA Special Presentation Series** will feature note Winchester expert and author **Edmund E. Lewis**, whose book "*The Story of the Winchester 1 of 1000 and 1 of 100 Rifles*" recounts stories and facts about these truly special edition Winchester rifles. This will be an interesting session, so get there early. As is traditional with the NFM-VGCA Series, refreshments and pizza WILL be served. Folks are encouraged to bring in their own Winchester lever guns for the evening's Show and Tell.

➔ **Upcoming Presentations:** The **September** meeting will feature VGCA Member **Sonny Laine** who will cover the 1851 Cadet rifles. The NRA will provide speakers for the **October** and **December** meetings. Future NFM topics will be announced at a later date.

➔ **Presentation Volunteers Needed:** We will need presenters for upcoming monthly meetings and it is not too early to think about 2011. Call **Addison Hurst** now for your choice of a 2011 date if you can be a presenter or know of someone else who would be willing. *Please verify that the person is willing and able.* ☺ Remember, you do not need to do it solo (grab a partner or friend) and it does not have to be a marathon. Short and direct works well; and it does not have to have slides. If you wish there are members who will assist if you wish to use a PowerPoint presentation.



**Special Event!!!** VGCA Member **Allan Cors**, **OPEN HOUSE 2010 at the Tank Farm:** Allan Cors, wishes to invite VGCA members to attend the Museum's Open House. You can view dozens of vintage and fully operational armored vehicles from World War I to the modern era. The event features vehicle demonstrations, military reenactments, a special activity zone for young children, and more. Attend **Day 1** from 10:00am to 4:00pm, on Saturday, August 21, 2010 **and/or Day 2:** 10:00am to 4:00pm, on Sunday, August 22,

2010. The location is again at Aden Field (aka the "Tank Farm"), in Nokesville, VA. (Address and directions will be provided upon registration to attend.) The event is free. Free parking is available onsite. The event is outdoors, so dress appropriately for the weather. Lawn chairs and picnic baskets are permitted. There is limited shade on the

property. All-American picnic food (hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, etc.) will be sold onsite. **RSVP: [You must pre-register online to attend this event.](#)** Go to <http://nmaw.org/registration/2010openhouse.php>, and fill out the online form at <http://www.thewartimemuseum.org/blog/nmaw-open-house-registration-form/>

### VGCA Meeting of June 24, 2010 Show and Tell



← Romanian AK-22 "trainer" in .22RF.

→ PRC manufactured AK-47 "look-alike" pellet rifle

↙ Czechoslovakian VZ-52 in the original 7.62X45 caliber. The second rifle is a French MAS Mdl 49/56.

↓ 1896 Mauser pistol with the large ring hammer.



**Business Meeting:** The meeting was held in the NRA cafeteria, due to a large event booked into the conference center. While not the normal venue with auditorium seating, this was a nice location for a smaller meeting. Issues discussed included a discussion about the logistics of the member proposed idea of a new show in Winchester, VA. **Dave Litchfield** briefed the membership present about the VGCA making a dedicated effort to have an Association display at the next NRA Annual Meetings. Exhibit Hall competition is fierce and displays must be of the highest caliber with accompanying research and historical significance. He has offered to assist with initial research on the proposal. Interested members should contact Dave if they wish to assist with this project. **John Morris** informed members of a new set of YouTube videos of the Thompson collectors group. Two new members were welcomed to the Association. Welcome aboard! Finally, the membership present discussed ongoing plans for the November VGCA Show. As of the date of the meeting, 30 tables remained unsold. This has since been reduced, but if you wish a sales table or want to take advantage of the free display tables, please contact **Rick Nahas**. Remember, display tables are limited. If you delay, you may be left out.

**Call for November VGCA Gun Show Volunteers:** We still need volunteers for the Security and Show Table Setup Teams, as well as some folks to help put out the signs the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. Tell **John Frietsch** or one of the Officers if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the monthly meeting. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs. If you are on the fence, there are still 3 meetings left before the show to sign up.

**Targeted Show and Tell on "Black Rifles:"** The show and tell started off with the **first member** showing an M70 Yugoslavian AK-47 with under folding stock. These are purported to be among the best made of the East Bloc AK variants. He also showed off a Romanian AK-22 "trainer" in .22RF. While supposedly not officially a training rifle, these .22LR rifles are made with many original AK-47 parts. This version was updated to a side-folding stock. He finished with another "trainer" a PRC manufactured AK-47 "look-alike" pellet rifle in .177 caliber. A **second member** showed two less common rifles from the 1950's, a Czechoslovakian VZ-52 in the original 7.62X45 caliber with a 10 round magazine. This rifle used an unusual gas system which surrounded the barrel to operate the action. With the increased influence of the USSR on the vassal states of Eastern Europe, many of these rifles were later converted into VZ-52/57 variants and chambered for the 7.62X39 round used in Soviet Bloc AK's and SKS rifles. The second rifle was the French MAS Mdl 49/56 in 7.5X54 French. These rifles used a direct gas impingement system with a tilting bolt. Due to the design, when hand loading for this rifle, hard military primers are recommended to avoid slam fires. A **third member** showed a real classic, an 1896 Mauser pistol with the large ring hammer. This pistol was privately imported from Zimbabwe (now Namibia) and had been from a Boer War shipment. While doing research on the pistol, it was discovered that the pistol is attributed to 2nd Lt. H.S. Gladstone of the British Army. A **fourth member** displayed his unique AK-47 rifle that was personally autographed by General Kalashnikov, the Russian inventor of the AK-47. This autographed rifle was specifically designated by the BATFE as a named Curio and Relic on the C&R list. He also showed a variation of its US Cold War opponent, a Colt AR-15a2 HBAR with matching Tasco rubber armored scope with integral rings. These were a limited run of rifles sold as police sniper rifles. A **fifth member** displayed his latest AR-15 build project, a carbine in >300 Whisper. He also showed and offered for sale his .50 caliber Lancaster School Pennsylvania Long Rifle made by James Ingram. This beautiful custom rifle was won in a drawing from the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association (NMLRA).

### Upcoming Events and Shows

**Words to the Wise:** 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. Historical events and lectures, re-enactments, auctions (national, international, and local estate auctions) are all welcome. **Collector shows are highlighted in yellow.**

### VIRGINIA 2010

- **August 15, 2010 – Broad Run, VA** - Chapman/Beverley Mill, 11:00am. to 4:00pm., Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. History of *Chapman's Mill* during the Civil War, which in 1860 was the largest industry in Prince William County. Visit [www.chapmansmill.org](http://www.chapmansmill.org)
- **August 21-22, 2010 – Roanoke, VA** - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- **August 21-22, 2010 – Richmond, VA** - Showplace - *National Civil War & Antique Arms Show* and *The National World War I & World War II Show*. (540) 672-4845, email [show@nscivilwar.com](mailto:show@nscivilwar.com)



- ⇒ **August 28, 2010 – Haymarket, VA** - Battle of Thoroughfare Gap, at Chapman's Mill. Camps 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., tours at 9 and 11am and 5:30pm \$5. Call 540-253-5888 or link to [www.chapmansmill.org](http://www.chapmansmill.org).
- ⇒ **August 28-29, 2010 - Fishersville, VA** - Augusta Expoland – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ **September 4-5, 2010 - Norfolk, VA** – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ **September 11-12, 2010 – Salem, VA** – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ **September 18-19, 2010 - Hampton, VA** - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ⇒ **September 25-26, 2010 - Fishersville, VA** - Augusta Expoland – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ **October 1, 2 & 3, 2010 - Chantilly, VA** - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- ⇒ **October 3, 2010 – Winchester, VA** – Fort Shenandoah - *North-South Skirmish Association's* live-fire national competition near Winchester. Spectators welcome. Free. For directions, link to [www.n-ssa.org](http://www.n-ssa.org).
- ⇒ **November 6-7, 2010 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**

### MARYLAND 2010

- ⇒ **September 11-12, 2010 - Frederick, MD - Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Dr. - Potomac Arms Collectors' Association**
- ⇒ **September 18-19, 2010 - Howard County, MD** - County Fairgrounds (I-70, Exit 80) – *Silverado Promotions*
- ⇒ **October 2-3, 2010 – Timonium, MD** - Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

### PENNSYLVANIA 2010

- ⇒ **August 14-15, 2010 - Monroeville, PA** - Convention Center - *Showmasters*
- ⇒ **August 21-22, 2010 – Allentown, PA** - PA Expo Center - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ **August 21–22, 2010 – Dillsburg, PA** - Monagan Township Fire - *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association*. Contact Bob Stahl (717) 766-5782, 118 North York Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019.
- ⇒ **August 28-29, 2010 – Philadelphia, PA** - (Center Oaks) Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ⇒ **September 11-12, 2010 - Harrisburg, PA** - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ⇒ **September 11-12, 2010 – Greensburg, PA** – Westmoreland Mall - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association*. Contact: Ed Threfall (412) 486-1129, Box 246, Glen Shaw, PA 15116. [gibs1@verizon.net](mailto:gibs1@verizon.net)
- ⇒ **September 17-19, 2010 - King of Prussia, PA** - Valley Forge Convention Center - [valleyforgegunshow.com](http://valleyforgegunshow.com)
- ⇒ **September 25-26, 2010 - Allentown, PA** - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ **October 16-17, 2010 - Allentown, PA** - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.

### NEW YORK

- ⇒ **September 18-19, 2010 - Syracuse, NY** - NYS Fairgrounds Expo Center - *New York State Arms Collectors Association*. Contact Sandy Ackerman Klinger (607) 748-1010, 346 Paul Street, Endicott, NY 13760. [sandynysac@yahoo.com](mailto:sandynysac@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ **September 25-26, 2010 – Freeport, NY** - The Freeport Recreation Center - *Long Island Antique Historical Arms Society*. Contact: Dave Gruner (631) 722-3248, P.O. Box 41, Jamesport, NY 11947.

### OHIO 2010

- ⇒ **September 11-12, 2010 – Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY**. For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.

### OKLAHOMA 2010

- ⇒ **November 13-14, 2010 – Tulsa, OK** - Expo Center-Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) - *Tulsa Arms Collectors Association*. **\*\*MORE THAN 3,900 TABLES!\*\***

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