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August 2023 VGCA Newsletter



President's Comments

To my Fellow VGCA members,

I hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer! After taking off the month of July, we will resume our membership meetings on Thursday, August 24th. Though I am still on the west coast and unable to attend in person, I leave the conduct of that meeting in Vice President George Dungan's most capable hands!

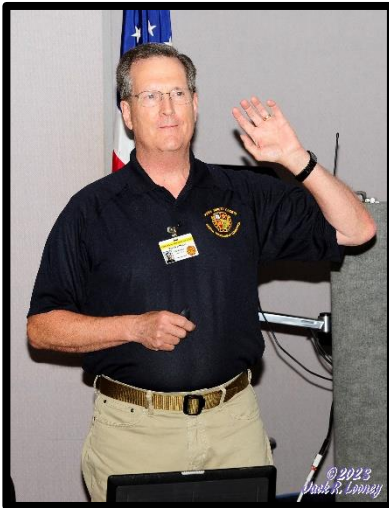
I want to thank everyone who voted in our recent election for VGCA Directors. It was a tight race between four very capable candidates. Congrats to Andrew Woodard, Matthew G., and Ian Wulf – it will be a privilege to serve with you in the coming years!

We will be ramping up our activities in the coming months. In addition to our on-going and highly effective recruiting table at the Chantilly Gun Shows, we will have our first-ever recruiting table at the Fredericksburg Gun Show in October. We will also have VGCA tee-shirts for sale and are getting additional details for the purchase of special Henry .22 lever action rifles to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of our founding. Details will be announced at future meetings and newsletters.

My best to all and I look forward to seeing you on my return,

Ed Costello, VGCA President

★ June Presentations: Public Safety Cadets



VGCA member and 44 year veteran of law enforcement Kent Jefferies (*at left*) gave some background information on a fairly new non-profit organization that provides firearms safety education, marksmanship, physical fitness, and law enforcement training to youth – the Public Safety Cadets (PSC). Founded in 2018, this organization caters to young men and women 14-20 years old that are interested in a career in law enforcement/public safety. The PSC is already available in 41 states and has over 3900 cadets and 1400 mentors (all volunteers).

Of interest to the VGCA is the PSC’s extensive marksmanship program. Their National Competition was recently held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and included over 700 participants and 800 mentors. For more information, check out www.publicsafetycadets.org

The Meeting of Titans in America: Kalashnikov, Stoner, and Two Firearms that Changed the World

The second presentation in June was actually a video put together by member James Anderson. In it, he interviews several VGCA members (Ed Costello, Addison Hurst, Gary Holderman, and Addison Wright) who were involved with the Mikhail Kalashnikov visits to the United States – including his May 1990 visit to meet Eugene Stoner and discuss their respective rifle designs. This meeting, arranged by Smithsonian Institute firearms expert Ed Ezell and partially funded by the VGCA, was documented by the Smithsonian in over 13 hours of interviews conducted over the course of several days at the NORVA Range. Mr. Anderson’s video, available on youtube, asked the panel of VGCA members for their remembrances and impressions of General Kalashnikovs’ visits.

The video is just over an hour in length and can be viewed at the following link (just cut-n-paste into your internet browser):

[The Meeting of Titans in America: Kalashnikov, Stoner, and Two Firearms that Changed the World](#)



★ Next Membership Meeting: August 24th

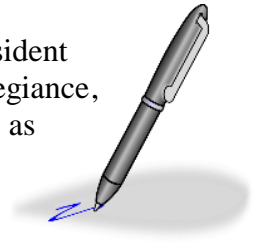
“Displays 101” by Rob Becker

Location: NRA HQ Conference Room

Our August VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the Conference Room at the NRA Headquarters. The room will open at 6 p.m. and, following some pizza and refreshments, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Don't miss it - hope to see you then!

★ June Meeting Notes

The VGCA meeting on June 22nd was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by VGCA Vice President George Dungan. Member Jim Burgess led those assembled through the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those members who are no longer with us as well as those military members that have fallen in the service of our country. This was followed by introduction of new members and guests. There were 48 members and guests present, as well as 15 more participating on-line via webinar.



George asked for a show of hands of those present who would be interested in purchasing a VGCA Polo Shirt, Tee-Shirt, or Cap. There was enough interest to support continuing to research prices on all three.

George also recognized one of the unsung VGCA heroes – Mr. Carl Warhurst. Carl has been quietly bringing an ice chest full of ice for the drinks at our membership meetings for the last 10-12 years. We thank you, sir!

Rick Nahas, our Gun Show Director, was out of town but provided the following info. There are only 20 tables available for our November Gun Show – which is a very low number with over 4 months to go! If you are interested in a sales or display table for November, please contact Rick as soon as possible.

George gave an update on our membership status. We have 422 life members and 117 annual members, for a total of 539. He noted that the renewal rate of annual members this year was higher than it has been for the last few years – a welcome change that speaks to our increased activities post-COVID quarantine.

Treasurer Shannon Zeigler gave a financial update. He noted that we will be looking for candidates for both treasurer and secretary next year, as the incumbents do not plan to run for re-election.

Speaking of elections, Rob Becker announced the results of the VGCA Director election. After a very close election between four well-qualified candidates, our three new directors will be: Andrew Woodard, Matthew G., and Ian Wulf. Congratulations, gentlemen!

COLT MODEL 1892 FAMILY OF ARMY REVOLVERS; WITH A CLOSE LOOK AT A MODEL 1894

By Marc Gorelick and Tim Prince

Photos by Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal (unless otherwise credited)



Colt Model 1894 Army revolver

In 1889 Colt revolutionized their revolver product line by introducing their first double action, swing-out cylinder revolver, the Model 1889 Navy Double Action Revolver. A number of countries such as France, England and Austria had fielded double action revolvers and the advantage of a handgun that could be rapidly fired by simply pulling the trigger, and used the new smaller smokeless cartridges, was not lost on ordnance officials.

Colt had manufactured double action revolvers before, starting with the Model 1877 “Lightning” and “Thunderer” in .38 and .41 calibers respectively, and a year later, the larger frame Model 1878 “Double Action Frontier” in .45 caliber. However, these and all other Colt large frame cartridge revolvers retained many of the features of the Model 1873 Single Action Army with its fixed cylinder and side loading gate to access the chambers of the cylinder for loading and unloading. While the design was very strong due to the solid frame and top strap, it was very slow to load and unload. Colt’s competition in the United States for large frame revolvers came primarily from Smith & Wesson, and to a much lesser extent Merwin, Hulbert & Company. While the Smith & Wesson top-break revolvers offered automatic extraction and quick reloading, they did not have the strength of the solid frame Colt designs. Thus customers had the choice of the stronger Colt design with slower loading and reloading, or a slightly weaker Smith & Wesson design that offered much faster loading and reloading.

Colt worked to develop a double action revolver with a swing out cylinder with simultaneous extraction. The design teams, first led by Colt employees William Mason and later by Carl Ebbets and Horace Lord developed the features that would eventually go into the New Model Army & Navy. At the same time as Colt was working on a new revolver double action revolver with a swing out cylinder and simultaneous

extraction, the U.S. Navy, in late 1887, asked Colt to design a pistol with those very features. Colt produced the Model 1889 New Navy Self Cocking Double Action Revolver for the Navy in .38 Long Colt, the first in Colt's line of New Army and Navy Double Action Revolvers. The US Navy was pleased with the design and purchased some 5,000 at \$12 each. Colt's main competitor Smith & Wesson did not come out with its Hand Ejector version of the solid frame, double action, swing-out cylinder revolver until 1896.



Unaltered Colt Model 1889 Navy Revolver serial number 627. Photo courtesy of Rock Island Auctions.

The Model 1889 changed everything, as the swing out cylinder and manual ejector system offered the reloading speed of the Smith & Wesson, but retained the solid frame design of the earlier Colts for strength. The revolver featured a counter-clockwise rotating cylinder, which was opened for loading and ejection by simply pulling back with a thumb on a latch on the left side of the frame. When the latch was pulled the cylinder could be easily pushed out sideways with a finger. Pushing back on an ejector rod activated a star extractor which ejected the empty fired cases. The revolver could then be quickly reloaded and the cylinder clicked back into place.

Although nearly all of the revolvers were eventually modified by Colt to include a more secure cylinder locking system, the revolvers performed well enough for the US Army to look at abandoning its 29 year old Single Action Army revolvers and adopt a modern, double action service revolver. The Army tested the Navy Colt against the Smith & Wesson Hammerless Safety Revolver and chose the Colt. The first model adopted by the Army was the Model 1892 New Army & Navy Revolver, and over the next decade thousands of the new double action revolvers would be acquired by the US military, with model designations of Models 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1903, several Navy models and the M-1905 US Marine Corps variant. The differences between the various models were almost impossible to observe from the exterior of the revolver, as the improvements centered on the lock work and cylinder locking system - cylinder redesign and the addition (in 1894) of trigger and hammer locks. The only significant external indications of differences were the addition of new patent dates on the barrel as improvements were incorporated, the model designation stamped in the butt of the revolver and the addition of a lanyard ring starting with the Army Model 1901 revolver.

All of the Army procured revolvers had the same basic features. They were double action revolvers with 6-shot swing-out cylinders and 6" tapered round barrels. The guns were blued and the military contract arms had oil finished walnut grips. While Colt offered the Model 1892 family of revolvers in .41 Long

Colt, .38 Long Colt and .32WCF to civilians, only the .38 Long Colt chambered revolvers were procured by the military.



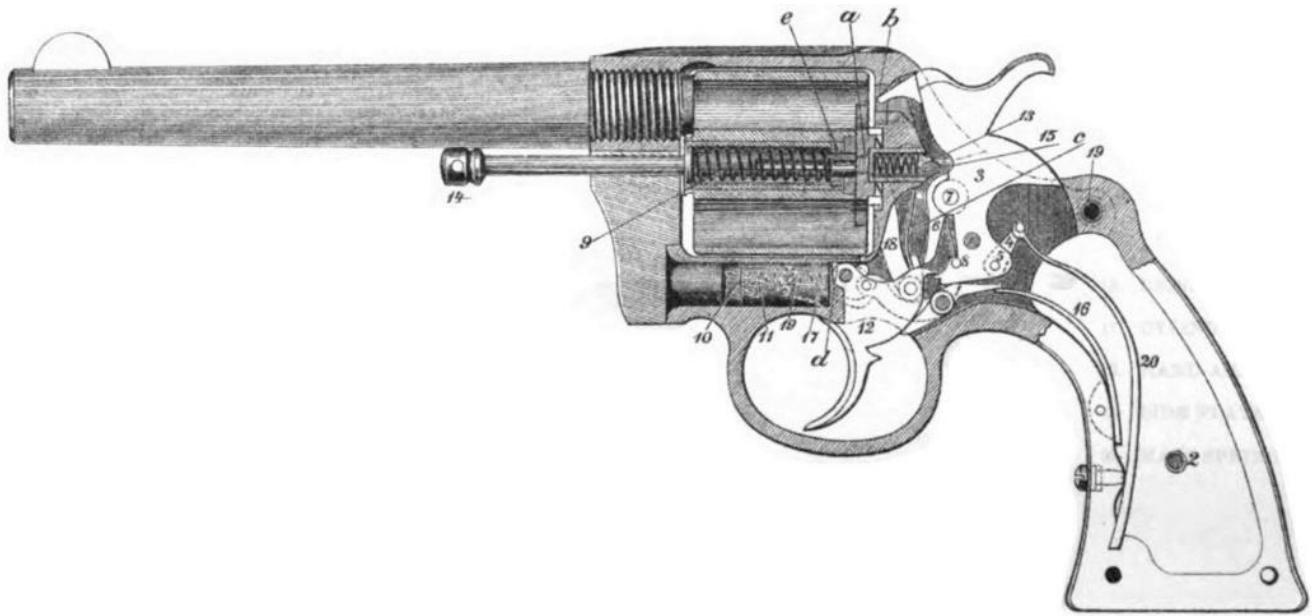
Colt Model 1894 Army revolver.



Colt Model 1894 Army revolver.

The .38 Long Colt was an inferior cartridge when compared to the other large frame revolver cartridges of the day. It fired a 150-grain round nosed lead bullet with a .361" diameter at about 770 feet/second, resulting in muzzle energy of about 200 foot/lbs. By contrast, the .45 Colt cartridge that the .38 Long Colt cartridge was replacing produced around 450 foot/lbs. of muzzle energy by firing a nominally 250 grain round nosed lead bullet at around 800 feet/second. That was more than twice the power of the new .38 Colt. The old .45 Colt had nearly identical ballistics as the .45ACP which would eventually become the standard US military handgun cartridge with the adoption of the M-1911 semi-automatic pistol. The .38 Long Colt was instrumental in the re-adoption of the large bore .45 caliber service handgun, due to numerous "failures to stop" in the field.

The Army's Model 1892 New Army & Navy family of revolvers were the standard handguns for the US military from 1892 through 1909, when the US military returned to a .45 handgun with the adoption of the double action Colt New Service Model 1909 revolver. The Model 1892 New Army & Navy Revolver series saw service in the Spanish American War of 1898, the Philippine Insurrection (the Philippine-American War) from 1899-1902, and numerous "small" military interventions in South and Central America, the Pacific (Samoa and Hawaii), China (including the Boxer Rebellion), Korea, Syria, Abyssinia and Morocco ("*Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead!*"). It was during the war in the Philippines that the stopping power of the .38 Long Colt was seriously questioned. A number of recorded instances exist where multiple hits with .38 Colt bullets failed to stop charging Filipino warriors. This became an even more serious problem during the Moro Rebellion in the Philippines, where raging Moro tribesmen, fortified with various natural herbs and intoxicants, were seemingly immune to numerous hits from the anemic cartridge. The result was the emergency re-issue of old Colt M-1873 Single Action Army revolvers, and the issue of the Colt Model 1902 "Alaskan," with their man-stopping .45 Colt cartridges.



Cross-section diagram of Colt Model 1892 Army Revolver as shown in official U.S. Army description. Annual Report of the Secretary of War for the Year 1893, Volume III Report of the Chief of Ordnance.

The major mechanical differences between the Model 1892 and the Model 1894 Army revolvers were mostly on the inside. Soon after the Model 1892 was issued the Army discovered a serious flaw. The revolver's hammer could be dropped when the cylinder was not fully swung home and locked into the frame. The Army and Colt introduced a design change that prevented the hammer from falling if the cylinder was not fully latched. The modifications added two new parts: a locking lever and a locking lever screw. Colt modified the frame by milling a vertical slot into the interior of the left side. The new locking lever screw attached the new locking lever in the newly milled slot. The screw protruded through the frame below the cylinder latch on the left side. Another interior change lengthened the mounting pin. The major visible exterior change was to the address marking on the top of the barrel – Colt added a March 5, 1895 patent date with the second contract for the Model 1894 Army starting with serial number 63000. Colt modified most of the 8,000 Model 1892s which they had already delivered to the Army to Model 1894 standard and over the next several years the Army entered into four contracts with Colt for 18,000 Model 1894 Army revolvers.

The Model 1894 Army revolver was succeeded by the Model 1896. This was essentially a Model 1894 with the only internal changes supposedly being in strengthened hand springs and bolt springs. The only real external change is in the butt markings.

The specifications for all the Colt Model 1892 series revolvers, including the Model 1894, are essentially the same. The gun weighs 2 pounds, 1 ounce and is 11.5 inches long. The 6 inch long barrel has 6 rifling grooves with one turn in 16 inches, and the bore is 0.363 inch. (Note: The bore diameter of the Model 1903 Army revolver was reduced to 0.358 inches to enable it to handle the more slightly powerful Smith & Wesson .38 Special cartridge.)

This example of a Colt Model 1894 New Army & Navy Revolver is in excellent condition and retains nearly all of its finish, showing only the most minor finish loss due to handling and light use. It shows just enough wear to know that it was issued, and did not spend its life in an armory never having seen the field at all. The trigger and hammer are niter blued, with the sides of the hammer polished bright. The bore is bright and shiny with very crisp and sharp rifling. The revolver is mechanically excellent and the action still functions perfectly. The cylinder rotates, times, indexes, and locks up exactly as it should. The cylinder swings free smoothly and the cylinder locking catch functions perfectly, releasing crisply and latching securely,



*The top of the revolver's 6" long barrel is clearly marked in two lines: **COLT'S PT F.A. MFG. CO. HARTFORD CT. U.S.A. / PATENTED AUG. 5, 1884 NOV. 6, 88. MAR. 5, 95.***



*The left side of the barrel is clearly marked with the caliber of the revolver, **COLT. D.A. 38.***



The cylinder release is marked **K** over the number **5846**, which is the last 4 digits of the serial number. The last four digits of the serial number also appear on the inside of the frame where it meets the crane, and on the crane itself. Both grips bear the pencil number **5846** on their interiors as well.



The upper left rear of the frame bears the initials of US Ordnance Sub-Inspector Rinaldo A. Carr and is crisply stamped **R.A.C.** Carr inspected a wide variety of US small arms, including Colt Model 1873 Single Action Army revolvers and Colt Model 1892 series revolvers, working in that capacity from 1889 to 1909. His inspection initials are also present on the rear of the cylinder.

Model 1894 revolvers have **P** proof marks stamped on the rear of the cylinder and the bottom of the barrel just forward of the frame.



*The bottom of revolver's butt is crisply marked in seven lines: **U.S. / ARMY / MODEL / 1894 / No / 105 / 846**. There is a **R.A.C.** stamp (for inspector Rinaldo A, Carr) on the bottom of the left grip. This revolver never went through the later upgrade of adding a lanyard ring to the bottom of the butt.*

The two-piece oiled walnut grips are solid and complete and free of any breaks, cracks, chips or repairs. They show some minor handling marks and light dings from service and use, but absolutely no abuse or damage. The bottom of the left grip panel also bears Carr's script **RAC** inspection cartouche. The left grip panel is marked with the acceptance date **1898** over the script **DMT** acceptance cartouche of Ordnance Department Captain Daniel M. Taylor.



Cartouches on Walnut Grips

When the .45 Colt, double action Colt Model 1909 New Service Revolver was officially adopted the Model 1892 family of handguns were relegated to secondary service, and with the adoption of the M1911 Pistol, they were eventually removed from service. However, the double action, .38 caliber revolver with the swing out cylinder was now entrenched enough in US military service that revolvers would continue to see issue and use on a limited, emergency and secondary basis. For example, at the beginning of World War 1 the shortage of modern handguns was so dire that about 25,000 Model 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1903, and 1905 revolvers were taken out of storage and issued as supplementary side arms to rear echelon troops in signal, supply, engineering, transportation and other service units. Many of these pistols were updated/modified Model 1894s. In January 1918, 25,000 New Army model National Guard revolvers were ordered into service and a number of the Model 1892 and Model 1894 revolvers were updated to Model 1901, 1903 and 1905 standard, including the addition of a lanyard ring. About 7,000 of these .revolvers were issued to the navy. All these .38 Long Colt revolvers in inventory were declared obsolete and discarded after the war.

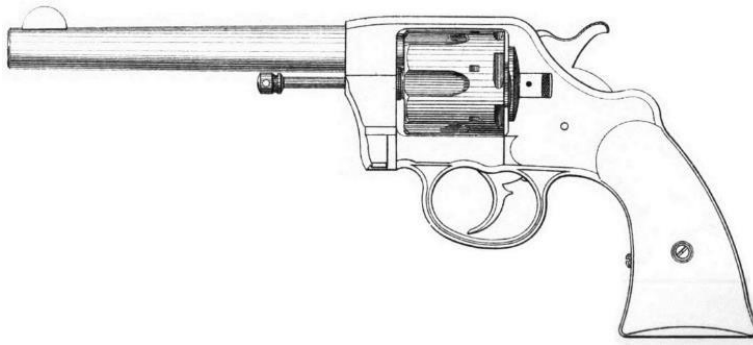


Members of Troop C, 9th US Cavalry at Camp Lawton, WA before being sent to the Philippines in 1900. The side arms are probably Colt Model 1892, 1894, 1895 or 1896 revolvers, Photo National Park Service.



*1898 Mills Cartridge Belt with the 1892 holster for the .38 caliber Colt Double Action Revolver.
Photos US Army*

Although the .38 Long Colt was supplanted by new, more powerful cartridges, the Colt New Army and Navy revolvers had revolutionized the way that the military looked at the service revolver.



Drawing of Colt Model 1892 Army Revolver as shown in official U.S. Army description. Annual Report of the Secretary of War for the Year 1893, Volume III Report of the Chief of Ordnance.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our New Directors!

It was a tight race between four well-qualified candidates. The next time you see them, please congratulate our new VGCA Directors:



Andrew Woodard
1st Term as Director



Matthew G.
2nd Term as Director



Ian Wulf
3rd Term as Director

Their term of service is from June 2023 to May 2025. If you are interested in taking an active role in running the VGCA, consider running for one of the officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) which will be coming up for election in May 2024 (less than a year away). If you have any questions, please contact one of our current offices or directors.

★ Membership Chairman's Report

Membership Chairman's Report August 2023 – Please welcome the following new member to the Virginia Gun Collectors Association.

- **David Palmer** of Rockville sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**

New Applications for Membership: Since the last Newsletter, there has been one new application for membership.

- **Ryhan Golden** of Manassas sponsored by **Frank Cooper**

Thanks to the applicant for their interest in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association and to their sponsor for promoting the Association and keeping the membership growing.

If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify any Officer, Director, or the Membership Chair. **George Dungan, Membership Chair** can be reached at george@ecominv.com or 571-243-6387.

Notice to New Member Sponsors: VGCA will be discontinuing hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters at a future date. *Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number* if at all possible. Without an email address new members will NOT receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Membership Numbers: There are currently 421 Life members and 118 Annual Members for a total of 539 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

Recruiting: Membership in the VGCA is a great way for people with an interest in the history, development, and use of firearms to broaden their knowledge and pass what they know on to others. It also offers the opportunity to network with individuals who have similar interests. To help facilitate new membership we have a membership table at every Chantilly gun show and also at our VGCA gun shows. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at one of these events please contact George Dungan at george@ecominv.com. Thank you to King VonSchilling, Frank Cooper, Sydney Rodda, Bruce Buchner, Keith Simmons, Dan Bescher, Joe Wagner, Greg Thompson, Dave Herbeck, Jim Burgess, Lou DiGaetano, Rick Hanson, Mick Jacob and all of the members who helped staff the VGCA table at the last Chantilly gun show.

George Dungan, Vice President and Membership Chair



We are looking for speakers/presenters at our membership meetings in 2024. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact one of the VGCA officers or directors.



CMP UPDATE

By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison

The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is **026160**.

CMP PREMIER SHOOTING EXPO AND MORE AT THE TALLADEGA MARKSMANSHIP PARK



The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) recently announced that it is sponsoring the first **CMP Premier Shooting Expo** at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The CMP bills this new event as not your typical trade show where consumers just look at products, but rather visitors will have the opportunity to test guns, ammunition, and accessories at the CMP's state of the art, technologically-advanced outdoor range at Talladega, Alabama. The CMP staff has put together a marksmanship business gathering that the CMP says will be the most exciting firearms industry event in the South. And the CMP states that visitors may be able to

purchase products from various vendors. For additional information about the Expo, visit the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/ranges/talladega-marksmanship-park/cmp-premier-shooting-expo/>.

The CMP's Talladega Marksmanship Park is located at 4387 TURNER MILL ROAD TALLADEGA, AL 35160. The 500-acre range facility is open to the public and has something for all types of firearms and firearm owners.

The CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park provides marksmen with a state-of-the-art facility where they can participate in the complete CMP experience, including firearm safety courses, clinics and a lineup of CMP Games and Match events.

The centerpiece of the park is a versatile high-power rifle range with 54 covered firing points and all-weather Kongsberg Target Systems electronically-scored targets at 200, 300, and 600 yards. The versatile target faces, made of a rubberized material, have the ability to be reused thousands of times – meaning no need to paste new faces between relays in the pits. In fact, there is no pit duty required at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, dramatically cutting down the time typically demanded by a single match.

The park also features a 100-yard rifle range with the same technology. Monitors on each firing point display shots on the firing line.

A 25 & 50-yard pistol range with turning targets and an unknown distance rifle range is also available to visitors. Additionally, the park has 15 action pistol bays that can accommodate a variety of competitions. Shotgunners will enjoy a 15-station sporting clays loop, trap field, 5 skeet fields and a 5 stand field. All of these features allow recreational users more productive time at our facility, and reward match competitors with a more efficient and relaxed experience.

While at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, visitors can enroll in classes, purchase firearms accessories, observe range activities via the closed circuit monitors, or just relax in the comfortable range clubhouse: The 13,000 square foot clubhouse features a check-in & reception area, two multimedia classrooms, spacious lounge areas and a CMP Pro Shop with firearms, accessories & ammunition sales.



The CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park offers Clinics each week to individuals. Clinics include:

- Basic Pistol Course
- Basic Rifle Class
- Basic Archery Course
- Introduction to Shotgun
- LEOSA Firearms Qualifications Course

CMP Master Instructors will conduct the training classes. The classes are structured toward teaching new shooters (both adults and youth alike), so no past firearm experience is required, though intermediate and advanced marksmen

are also welcome to participate. During the course, students will learn basic instruction and firing practices, competition skills and live range firing.

Equipment, including rifles or pistols and ammunition, will be provided. Personal equipment, such as a shooting jacket, sling, and glove, will be permitted during the course as well. Participants are required to wear hearing and eye protection.

For more information about the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park visit the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/ranges/talladega-marksmanship-park/#TalladegaClinics>. Additional information about the Talladega training classes can be found at: <https://thecmp.org/training-tech/rifle-and-pistol-training/>.



CMP 1911 SALES PROGRAM: Round 3 Announcement –
 The CMP continues to accept orders to purchase CMP 1911 Type Pistols. Details, guidelines for purchasing, order forms and pricing are on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/1911-information/>. All 1911 requests must be made through the mail – no 1911s will be available in CMP stores, and no in-store or drop-off orders will be accepted.

M1 GARAND RIFLE SALES



The CMP is currently accepting orders for Rack Grades at \$700 and Expert Grades at \$1150 and up. See the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/> for more information.



VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: **HERBERT SCHEIRING COMBINATION RIFLE**

By Marc Gorelick

Photos Courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria



Herbert Scheiring is one of the foremost gunmakers in Ferlach, Austria, a town that is home to some of the world's foremost custom gunmakers. Thus, he stands at or near the pinnacle of gunmakers. This custom combination rifle in 8x75RS & 6x50R calibers is representative of his work.



Made in 2005, the rifle uses Scheiring's patent tilting block break-action. It is 42.13 inches (107cm) long and weighs 8.6 pounds (3.9kg). The 24.8 inch (63cm) long barrels are surmounted with a quarter rib and folding rear sights. It has double set triggers and a manual cocking slide on the tang. In addition, a slide lever on the left hand side of the action allows the shooter to choose the barrel and caliber to be fired.



The stock is select burr walnut with a striking grain pattern. The stock has a pronounced pistol grip and the forend has a Deeley latch. Fine and delicate scroll and floral engraving cover the action, frame, sights, mounts, tang, triggerguard, Deeley latch, and underlever.



This princely custom rifle has a Swarovski Habicht Z6(i) 2,5-15x56 scope with swivel mounts. It was offered at auction by the house of Joh. Spingers Erben in Vienna, Austria and sold for the princely sum of more than \$57,400 (54,000 euros).

★ 2023 Presentation List ★

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
24 Aug 2023	Displays 101	Rob Becker
28 Sep 2023	Smith & Wesson Hand Ejectors	Dan Bescher
26 Oct 2023	Broomhandle Mauser Pistols	Ed Costello
	<i>No meeting in November due to our Gun Show</i>	
02 Dec 2023	Holiday Pot Luck & Annual Swap Meet	N/A

We are starting to fill in the presentation schedule for next year. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact Matthew G. at matthewofmclean@gmail.com or one of the VGCA officers or directors.

Did you know...?

By Allen Reid, VGCA Legislative Awareness

As most members will be aware, **Cabellas** has a Gun Library, where used firearms are sold. In many cases these firearms fall under the Curio and Relic category. However, Cabellas does not accept the C&R FFL for the purchase of these firearms. Buyers must go thru the normal firearm background check process as for a modern firearm. Therefore, if you are expecting to purchase a C&R firearm and have a quick and seamless process as with the majority of firearm/sporting stores in the state, you will be disappointed. Cabellas, I believe, follows a VA Code, introduced by the previous state government and which very few people or establishments follow, that to be C&R one of the criteria is that the ammunition for said firearm is no longer made or readily available in the US (*see actual language below – pertinent text highlighted in red*).

I have not found any equivalent regulation in the requirement for C&R in ATF or other federal regulations.

Members may want to contact their local representatives to request this code be repealed!

Code of Virginia

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"Curios or relics" means firearms that are of special interest to collectors by reason of some quality other than is associated with firearms intended for sporting use or as offensive or defensive weapons. To be recognized as curios or relics, firearms must fall within one of the following categories:

1. Firearms that were manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, ***which use rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade, but not including replicas thereof;***
2. Firearms that are certified by the curator of a municipal, state, or federal museum that exhibits firearms to be curios or relics of museum interest; and
3. Any other firearms that derive a substantial part of their monetary value from the fact that they are novel, rare, bizarre, or because of their association with some historical figure, period, or event. Proof of qualification of a particular firearm under this category may be established by evidence of present value and evidence that like firearms are not available except as collectors' items, or that the value of like firearms available in ordinary commercial channels is substantially less.



Update on Previously Reported VA Safe Law

By Allen Reid, VGCA Legislative Awareness

The law allowing for a \$300 tax credit for the purchase of a Gun Safe is now in effect. What was not immediately clear in the beginning was that to get the credit the Safe must be purchased from an FFL. This reduces the number of places where safes can be purchased (to receive the tax credit) to primarily the larger stores, e.g. Cabellas, Bass Pro Shop, Clark Brothers, Green Top, etc.

It is also apparent that the tax credit is not automatic and is linked in with the individual's tax summary relating to other taxes.

Recommend that if you require further information to please research the subject online.



HEADING TO VIRGINIA BEACH?

If you find yourself at Virginia Beach with some extra time this summer/fall, consider attending a meeting of the Hampton Roads Militaria Society (HRMS). The 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. To this end, they have guest speakers covering personal first hand experiences as diverse as US Glider operations, Italian WWII Submarine operations, the history of the German Iron Cross, the Resistance in WWII & being a POW of the Japanese. They also have member and guest presentations covering subjects ranging from the history of the US helmet, WWI Victory Medals, Japanese firearms, Samurai swords, USMC uniforms to US patches. They generally meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. Upcoming meetings (at 1329 Harpers Road in VA Beach) are:

Aug 1st from 6:00 to 8:00. The presentation will be a continuation of Jim Paschall's talks on World War I, specifically U.S. Navy operations and the last years of the naval war.

Sep (date TBD). The presentation will be on the facts about and history of the French 75MM field piece that was in the front of the Classic Firearms store but now is in Robert House's yard. By Doug McDougal. The gun in Robert's yard has a serial number of "4". Doug has its brother that is number "3".

Oct (date TBD). The presentation will be on Experiences in the Air Force, including in Iraq by Mark Hesse.

For more details, HRMS website is: [Hampton Roads Militaria Society \(classicfirearmsandechoesofglory.com\)](http://Hampton Roads Militaria Society (classicfirearmsandechoesofglory.com))



★ In Review ★

"In Review" 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.

GUN SHOW REVIEW: 50th ANNUAL CIVIL WAR COLLECTOR'S SHOW

Text and Photos by Marc Gorelick

If all you are interested in is ARs, AKs or other modern arms, then this show is not for you. However, if you are interested in historical arms of the 19th century and earlier, then this show is worth going to. There are a number of antique and Civil War shows in Gettysburg that are sponsored by different organizations. The 50th Annual Civil War Collector's Show that took place June 24-25 at the Eisenhower Center in Gettysburg, PA was sponsored by the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA). This show is better than some of the others in that it had enough old guns, swords, accessories and accoutrements on about 180 tables to keep antique gun collectors happy. Granted, there were no guns after 1900, but you can't have everything.



The amount of antique arms, their quality and historical significance made this show stand out. Walking the aisles was almost like visiting an arms museum, except that here, unlike in a museum, you can handle the pieces and buy them. There was plenty to choose from and the pieces ranged from the 1400's through the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and the up to the beginning of the 20th century. Naturally flintlocks and percussion guns predominated, but there were still enough metallic cartridge guns to keep people happy. The guns offered for sale on the tables included in their ranks some of the rarest firearms in history. There were numerous pieces that one usually only sees photos of in reference books. One vendor's table had two early 1873 Trapdoor carbines (all correct) as well as an extremely rare pill lock underhammer rifle and a Henry Deringer Model 1842 Boxlock pistol that was rifled (only 200 of them

were produced). Then walking the aisles I found a second Deringer M1842 rifled boxlock pistol on another table. One has to wonder at the odds of finding two such scarce pieces at a small show. One table had four Jenks Mule Ears, all in good to outstanding condition.



Despite its small size this show attracts some of the most prominent dealers of antique arms from all over the country. The nationally well-known antique weapons dealers at this show reads like a who's who of reputable antique arms dealers and included such luminaries as: Al Duquette from Texas, Larry Munther of New Jersey, Dave Taylor, of Ohio, Peter Albee from Massachusetts, Nick Apergis, Jason Kaplan of J&J Military Antiques now in Pennsylvania, and Vin Caponi from New York. And many of the table holders were private collectors.

The table holders were invariably friendly and willing to talk about the items on their tables, offer advice and bargain. There were also a number of book dealers with a large number of history books, mostly related to the Civil War, but there were enough firearms reference books to stock a gun reference library. And since it was a Civil War-related show, there was a multitude of historical Civil War related artifacts, photos, uniforms and documents.

Like all shows, prices ran the gamut from more than reasonable to high.



Extremely rare Barton H. Jenks breechloading shotgun, Patented Feb. 25, 1868

A number of auction houses, including Milestone, Morphy and Poulin, also had tables to promote their auctions and get consignments. There was also an appraisal table, but unlike the VGCA evaluation table, that one belonged to a professional appraiser.



A unique unsigned, .54 caliber under hammer, pill lock rifle. Cocking the hammer lowers the hidden trigger.



Rifled .54 caliber Henry Deringer M1842 Boxlock pistol. Only 200 of the rifled variant were made and there were two at the show.

The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA), which sponsors the annual show, is the oldest Civil War battlefield preservation organization in the nation, having been founded in 1959. The GBPA has purchased and donated several hundred acres of land to the Gettysburg National Military Park. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was an early member and active supporter, and Civil War historian Bruce Catton was a charter member. Today, the GBPA continues its mission to preserve our American heritage through land preservation & advocacy, living history programs, lectures, seminars, and site tours.

The show was held at the Eisenhower All Star Events Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road, just south of Gettysburg. The aisles were wide and there was no crowding. There was a food vendor inside the hall but the selection was limited. The men's restroom could have been better maintained. There was plenty

of free parking. One hiccup was a miscommunication about the opening times. The website stated that the show opened at 9:00AM, however when we arrived, there were signs that said the opening time was 10:00AM. Rather than have a bunch of irritated people standing around for an hour, they started selling tickets at 9:00 and let us in. But despite those small issues the show was well worth attending.



★ 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 could not attend the meeting 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): _____

JUNE SHOW-N-TELL



Member 1 brought in a very nice U.S. Model 1898 Rifle (*above*). Designed by Norwegians Ole Herman Johannes Krag and Erik Jørgensen in the 1880s, the side-loading, rotary magazine-fed bolt action Krag-Jørgensen was the smokeless powder repeater adopted by the United States to replace its woefully obsolete blackpowder single-shot M1873/M1884/M1888 “Trapdoor” family of rifles and carbines. Following a competition that saw the Krag-Jørgensen beat 52 other designs, it was initially adopted as the M1892 chambered in .30 U.S. (also known as the .30 Army or the .30/40 Krag). Several subsequent variants were adopted and built at the Springfield Armory, including carbines, cadet/”Philippine Constabulary” rifles, and trainers chambered in .22 LR. The last major variant was the M1898, which was produced from 1898 until 1904, when it was replaced by the Model 1903. Almost 500,000 Krag-Jørgensen of all types were produced for the United States. Similar models were adopted by Norway (in 6.5x55) and Denmark (in 8x58 Rimmed),

This example is very late production, with the inspector cartouche (*above right*) dated 1903. The inspector initials are J.S.A. (the inspector’s name associated with cartouche is currently unknown). It also features the newer 1901 rear sight, adjustable for windage.

Member 2 shared an AK buttstock signed by Kalashnikov and noted he has a video of General Kalashnikov visiting the “Tank Farm” and seeing a restored Russian T-34 tank with his name on it. Unfortunately, we did not get a picture of this Show-n-Tell item.

Member 3 brought his AK63 Hungarian underfolder (*at right*). The AK63 – known as the AMM in Hungarian service - was a variant of the Soviet AKM adopted by the Hungarian Army in 1977. Chambered in 7.62x39, the AK63 replaced the earlier AMD-65. It featured a modified heat shield and eliminated the easily broken forward vertical hand grip of its more expensive predecessor.

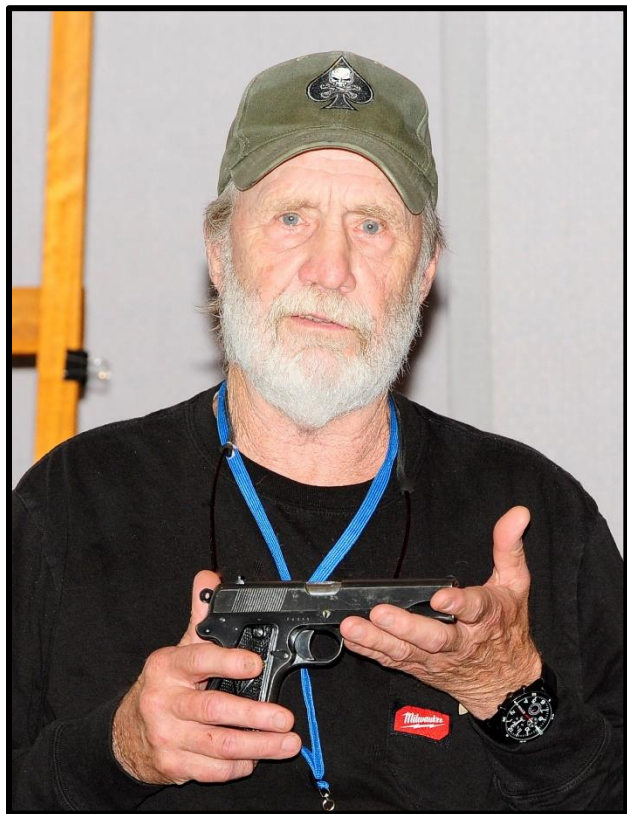
This example is a semi-automatic variant built on a James River Armory receiver from a Hungarian parts kit (with the requisite number of U.S.-made parts, of course) and features rather striking blond wood furniture. Member 3 noted how handy this variant is!



Member 4 shared his FN-49 made for the Argentine Navy (*at left*). In July 1953, Argentina placed an order with Fabrique Nationale in Belgium for 5,536 FN-49s for its navy. Initially chambered in 7.65x53, these rifles were modified in the late 1960s to fire 7.62x51 NATO and use 20 round detachable magazines instead of the original 10 round fixed mag. This was done after the Argentine Army adopted the FN-FAL in the same caliber.

Member 5 brought in a Polish Radom Vis wz 35 (*right*). Developed and produced in Poland before WWII, the Vis wz 35 is a single-action, semi-automatic pistol chambered in 9x19 (9mm Parabellum). The designation “Vis” is Latin for “Force” and wz is the abbreviation for wzór (which means “Model” in Polish), though it is frequently referred to simply as the “Radom.” Entering production at the Fabryka Broni factory in Radon, Poland in 1935, the Vis wz 35 resembles the Browning-designed Model 1911 in both form and function.

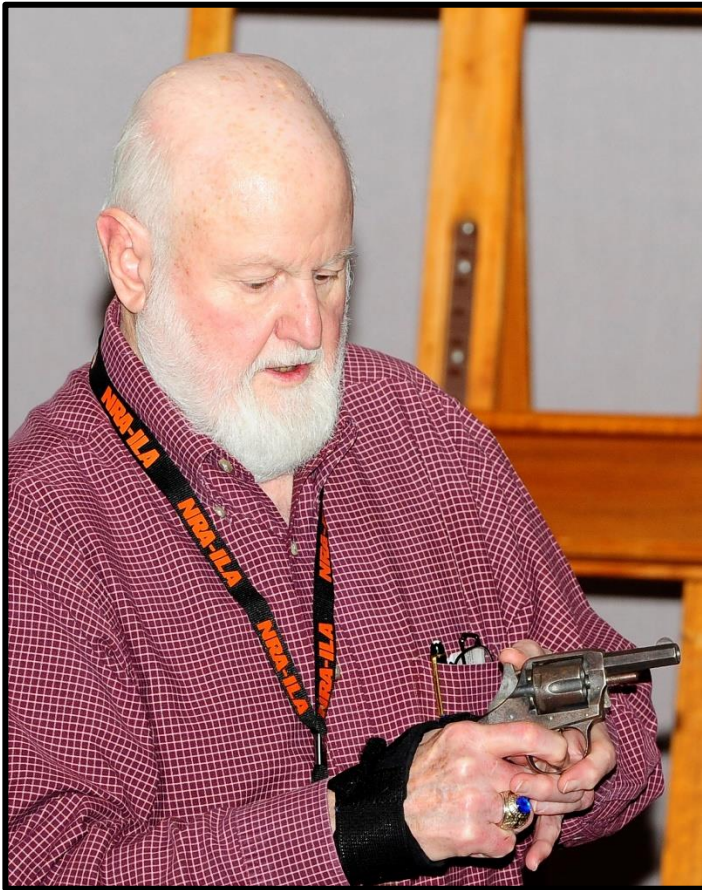
When Germany attacked and conquered Poland in 1939, production of the Vis 35 continued, using parts made prior to the German occupation. It was designated “9mm Pistolet 35(p)” in German service. As the war continued so did production, using new parts when the pre-war stocks were exhausted. Production continued until 1945, with approximately 360,000 being made. The example was made in 1941 and came in a holster dated December 18, 1944 (possible capture date?).



Member 6 shared his semi-automatic M3A1 Grease Gun (*at left*). Produced by Valkyrie Arms of Olympia, Washington, this model uses some GI parts but is semi-automatic only, fires from a closed bolt, has a 16.5 inch barrel, and a fixed shoulder stock. Like the original, it is chambered in .45 ACP and uses surplus M3 30-round magazines.

The original M3 was adopted by the U.S. Army in December 1942 as a cheaper alternative to the Thompson submachinegun. It utilized stamped, riveted, and spot/seam welded parts and was famous for its low (and controllable) cyclic rate. The M3A1 incorporated several

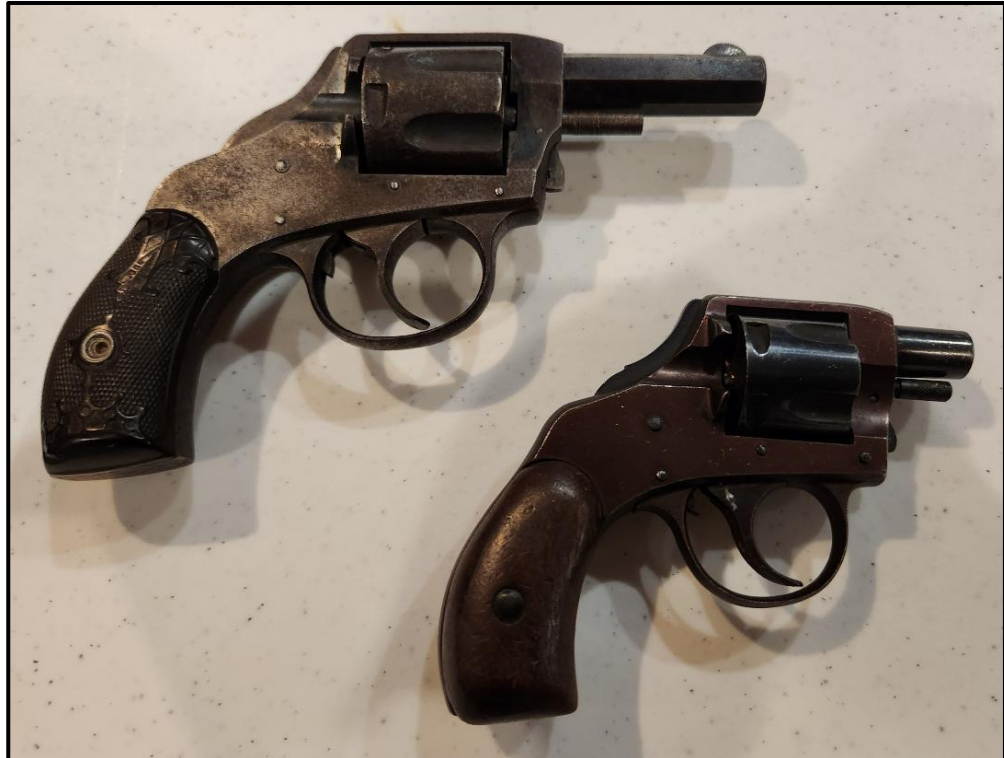
improvements, most notably replacing the complicated charging lever with a simple finger hole in the bolt. General Motors Guide Lamp Division produced 606,694 M3s and 82,281 M3A1s during WWII. Ithaca made another 33,227 M3A1s following the Korean War.



Member 7 brought in two revolvers - a Safety Hammer Double Action (DA) Harrington & Richardson and Vest Pocket H&R

The H&R Safety Action DA (*left and on the top below*) was manufactured from 1883 until 1940, with approximately 850,000 made during that time. A fairly common firearm, this particular example was allegedly confiscated by the FBI from a Mafiosi.

The H&R Vest Pocket Safety Hammer (*on the bottom below*) was made from 1884 through 1941. It features a 1 1/8 inch barrel sans front sight and was chambered in .22 rimfire or .32 Smith & Wesson Short. Though upwards of 1.5 million were produced, this is a scarce early model chambered in the latter caliber.





Member 8 shared several recent Tear Gas Guns and related accessory acquisitions.

The first item was a Federal Laboratories Model 201-Z 1½ inch (37mm) Tear Gas Launcher (*left*). On it is mounted a Smith & Wesson Cat. NO. 45 grenade launching cup (*below*) designed for launching larger tear gas grenades. This attachment dates from 1965-1984 period when the Bangor-Punta conglomerate owned S&W and wanted to expand its product line in law enforcement equipment. They purchased the Lake Erie Chemical Company and renamed it the Smith & Wesson Chemical Company, relabeling its products with the S&W brand.

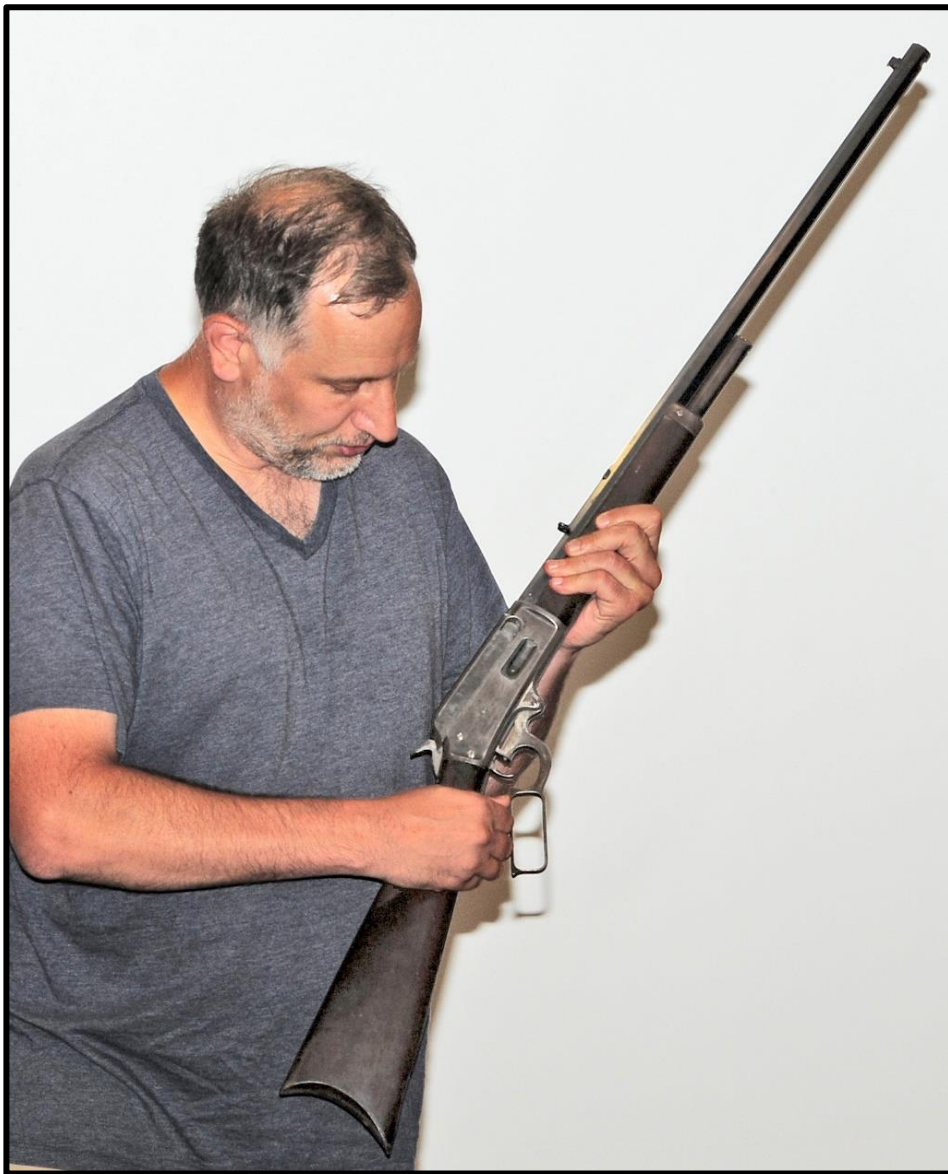


Member 8 also brought in a Defense Technologies 37mm Tear Gas Gun (*left*). When S&W got out of the tear gas business in 1987, they sold the assets of the S&W Chemical Company to Defense Technologies in Casper, Wyoming. The 37mm Tear Gas Gun continued to be made by Def-Tec on what is an S&W N-Frame.



Finally, Member 8 shared an inert 37mm Baton Shell. Designated the No. 252R, this round was manufactured by Federal Laboratories in 1986 and features a massive rubber slug (*disassembled at right*).

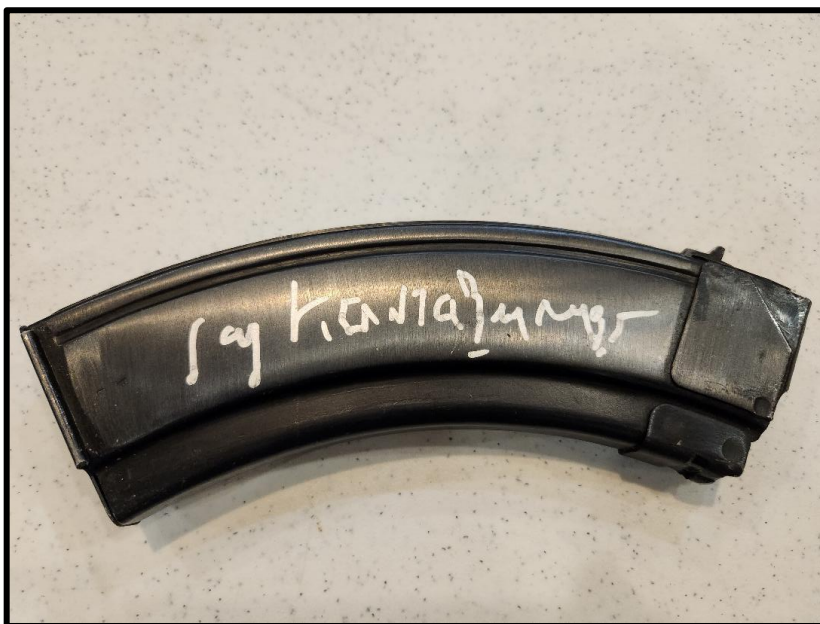
NOTE: While 37mm launchers are considered signaling devices and not firearms, their use is limited to firing flares and smoke. Firing any anti-personnel rounds – such as a rubber baton – requires the launcher to be registered as a destructive device.



Member 9 brought in a nice Marlin 1895 (*left*). The Model 1895 was the brainchild of Lewis L. Hepburn, a noted firearms designer/engineer and famed shooter. This big game lever action was built to handle the largest blackpowder rounds of its day and was intended to compete with the Winchester Model 1886. Though the M1895 had the advantage of a side ejection port instead of a top ejection port of the earlier Winchester design and thus utilized a stiffer/stronger action, it never could replace the Winchester. Marlin produced about 18,000 M1895s before production ended after 22 years.

This fine example was made in 1896 and features an octagonal barrel and crescent butt plate. Chambered in .45/70, at some point the original full-length magazine was cut back and Member 9 is looking at possibly having it restored.

Member 10 shared a Norinco Pre-Ban AK (left). Though Pre-Ban Norinco AKs are valuable in their own right, this particular is even more so. It is possibly the first AK in the U.S. that was signed by General Kalashnikov and has been specifically designated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (commonly referred to as the ATF) as a Curio and Relic!



Member 10 also brought in an AK-47 magazine signed by General Kalashnikov in the United States (*right*). This is actually an original Russian “slab-side” magazine – the very first magazine fielded with the AK-47 and prized by collectors today, even without the special signature!



Member 11 shared a rare firearm – a transferrable select fire Chinese Type 56 (*above*) and several accessories. The Type 56 was the primary Chinese service rifle from 1956 until 1997 and remains the most produced variant of the AK in the world (estimated 10,000,000 made). When this example was purchased 40 years ago, it was in poor condition and has been restored. With a machined receiver and lacking the attached underfolding bayonet, this is an early Type 56. Stamped markings on the receiver indicate it was made at Factory 66 (*right*), thought to be in the city of Bei’an in Heilongjiang province.



Member 11 also brought several AK magazines, including 10, 20, 30, and 40 rounders of various makes (*far left*), a 75-round Chinese drum (*in the rifle at top of page*), and an early model Russian AK-47 bayonet (*near left*).

CORRECTION: In the Show-n-Tell section of the June newsletter, I mistakenly described Member 1’s Mark II Snider as a “side-opening breechloader conversion of a muzzleloading rifle” when a more accurate description would be a “top opening, side-hinged breechloader conversion of a muzzleloading rifle”. My apologies for this inaccuracy. --*Editor*

★ 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.

VIRGINIA – 2023

- ⇒ Aug 26-27, 2023 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Sep 9-10, 2023 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Sep 16-17, 2023 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Sep 29-Oct 1, 2023 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 14-145, 2023 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center - *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 21-22, 2023 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- ⇒ Oct 28-29, 2023 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 28-29, 2023 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Nov 4-5, 2023 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairground – *VGCA - Our Show!*
- ⇒ Nov 18, 2023 – Doswell, VA - Meadow Event Park - 42nd Central Virginia Military Antique Show - *BulletAndShell.com and Central Virginia Civil War Collectors Association*

MARYLAND – 2023

- ⇒ Sep 2, 2023 – Parkville, MD – Baltimore County Game & Fish – *Baltimore County Game & Fish Protective Association*
- ⇒ Sep 9-10, 2023 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 23-24, 2023 – Crownsville, MD - Anne Arundel Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 23-24, 2023 – Ocean City, MD – Ocean City Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 7-8, 2023 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2023

- ⇒ Aug 19, 2023 – Greencastle, PA – Greencastle Sportsman's Assoc – *Izaak Walton League of Franklin County*
- ⇒ Aug 19-20, 2023 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Aug 19-20, 2023 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Aug 19-20, 2023 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E*
- ⇒ Aug 19-20, 2023 – Lewis Run, PA – Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run VFD*
- ⇒ Aug 26-27, 2023 – Treose, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Sep 2, 2023 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *Jefferson County Historical Society – Brookville Antique Arms and Indian Artifact Show*
- ⇒ Sep 2-3, 2023 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall & Club – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Sep 8-10, 2023 – Long Pond, PA – Pocono Raceway – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- ⇒ ~~Sep 9-10, 2023 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows* - CANCELLED~~
- ⇒ Sep 9-10, 2023 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Sep 10, 2023 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- ⇒ Sep 15-17, 2023 – York, PA – York Expo Center-York Fairgrounds – Max Show - *Ohio Valley Military Society*
- ⇒ Sep 16-17, 2023 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds – Antique Arms Show - *North South Trader's Civil War Magazine*
- ⇒ ~~Sep 16-17, 2023 – Pittsburgh, PA – David L. Lawrence Convention Center – *Eagle Shows* - CANCELLED~~

PENNSYLVANIA – 2023 (continued)

- Sep 16-17, 2023 – Slatington, PA – Slatington Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Sep 16-17, 2023 – Tobyhanna, PA – VFW Post 3448 – *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 23-24, 2023 – Blossburg, PA – Blossburg VFD – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- Sep 23-24, 2023 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction – *Central PA Antique Arms Association*
- Sep 23-24, 2023 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Sep 23-24, 2023 – West Middlesex, PA – Hidden Valley Sportsmen’s Club – *Hidden Valley Sportsmen’s Club*
- Sep 29-30, 2023 – York, PA – Wyndham Garden York - *Historic Arms Collector & Artisans*
- Sep 30-Oct 1, 2023 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- Sep 30-Oct 1, 2023 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Oct 7-8, 2023 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*
- Oct 13-15, 2023 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Oct 14-15, 2023 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Oct 14-15, 2023 – East Berlin, PA – East Berlin Fish & Game – *East Berlin Fish & Game*
- Oct 14-15, 2023 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 – *Jaeger Arms*
- Oct 14-15, 2023 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 20-22, 2023 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 28-29, 2023 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Oct 28-29, 2023 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*
- Oct 28-29, 2023 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2023

- Sep 3, 2023 – New Castle, DE – Nur Shrine Center – *DE Antiques Arms Collectors Assoc. Inc.*
- Sep 9-10, 2023 – Tulsa, OK – Tulsa Fairgrounds – *Oklahoma Gun Shows*
- Sep 16-17, 2023 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association* – Special Guests: Winchester Arms Collector Association and the German Gun Collectors Association

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 regards to items sold via the VGCA Newsletter. It is their duty and responsibility to ensure the quality and value of the transaction and that all such laws are followed at all times. Buy, sell, or trade at your own risk.

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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 to VGCA members. These include:

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

If interested, please contact Charlie at usarmsresearch@gmail.com

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.

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✪ **U.S. Aviator Survival Vest HMX-1.** HMX-1 is the USMC Quantico-based helicopter squadron that flies the President \$95.00



✪ **U.S. 1942-dated backpack/rucksack.** \$125.00



✪ **U.S. 1944-dated pick/mattock.** \$125.00



✪ **U.S. WWII M1A2 Gas Mask with original bag.** Mask dated 02-1944. \$35.00



✪ **Cold Steel Sanburu Spear.** Three sections – head/blade, shoe/butt spike, and double taper hardwood handle. \$65.00



✪ **WWII Shovel.** 100% functional. Marked “WOOD” with Korean War dated cover. \$80.00

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