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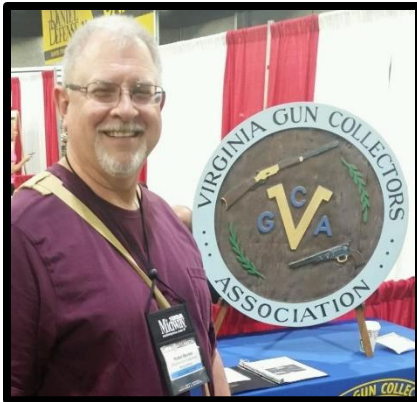
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## July-August 2024 VGCA Newsletter



### **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Greetings fellow members—

I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer and is ready to hit the road running! It is my sincere pleasure to announce that we have several exciting events coming up in the next couple of months.

First – we have selected dates for not just one, but two VGCA-sponsored tours this year! The first will be to Knight's Armament and the Institute of Military Technology (Titusville, FL) on 1-2 November and the second tour will be to National Museum of the Marine Corps (Triangle, VA) on 16 November. Details and instructions on how to sign up will be announced at our membership meetings and will also posted on our website.

Next – a reminder that our fall gun show will be held at the Dale City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1503 on 19-20 October. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with security and manning our membership table. Please contact Al Reid and Bruce Buchner if you would like to help!

Finally - our August Membership meeting promises to be another good one, with member Carlos Davila continuing his series on the guns from Fabrique Nationale with a presentation on the FAL. I hope you can make it there in person – and if you can't be there on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, remember, you can sign up via Webinar and watch the presentation from your computer either in real time that night or later at your leisure. Cheers!

***Rob Becker, VGCA President***

## ★ June Presentation – The Schmidt-Rubin Rifle and Ammunition



VGCA member Tor Johnson (*above*) graciously shared his knowledge of the Schmidt-Rubin family of rifles and associated ammunition at the June VGCA Membership Meeting. The story of Swiss military cartridge rifles goes back to the Vetterli, a bolt action, tube-magazine rifle that served as the primary infantry weapon of Switzerland from 1869-1889. It was chambered in the .41 Swiss, a black powder rimfire cartridge that actually measured 10.4x38mm. Typical of military calibers of the era, it was rendered obsolete by the invention of smokeless powder in 1884. Small arms ammunition development continued with the creation of jacketed bullets designed to better handle the increased velocities generated by smokeless powder. Seeing the handwriting on the wall, Swiss military authorities began looking for a new military cartridge and a new rifle design to chamber it in the mid-1880s. Lieutenant Colonel Eduard Rubin, a Swiss mechanical engineer who had developed a Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) bullet in 1882, came up with several bottlenecked, rimless centerfire designs in various calibers between 7mm and 8mm. Simultaneously with Rubin's work, Colonel Rudolf Schmidt was designing a new rifle that would ultimately become the Model 1889. A straight-pull design similar in operation to the later U.S. Model 1895 Lee or the Canadian Ross, the Model 1889 featured a 12-round box magazine with a cut-off and a bolt handle made from plastic. The caliber selected was the 7.5x53.5mm using semi-smokeless powder launching a 211 grain paper-patched, copper-coated, soft iron core round nose bullet to about double the range of the .41 Swiss. This was designated the Gewehr Patrone 90 (GP90). The new rifle and ammunition combination became known as the Schmidt-Rubin.

In 1896 both the rifle and cartridge were improved and the Model 1896 rifle and carbine were fielded. One of the improvements to the rifle was moving the bolt locking lugs from the middle of the bolt to the front. Model 1889 rifles were similarly upgraded and designated the Model 1889/96. This was followed in the next year by the Model 1897 Cadet Rifle, a short single-shot rifle that fired a reduced power

cartridge. The cadet rifle was interesting in that its rear sight had two separate scales – the left side was graduated for the standard GP90 ammunition while the right side was graduated for the less powerful cadet ammo (designed 7.5mm Kadettenpatrone).

The next major development was adoption of a new standard round using a completely smokeless powder charge and a 174 grain spitzer boattail bullet. A new rifle, the Model 1911, was adopted to handle this new round, designated the GP11. To prevent the more powerful ammo from being fired in the older and unmodified rifles, the case was lengthened and became the 7.5x55mm. Most Model 1896 rifles were upgraded, with differences including a new barrel, a new rear sight regulated for the new ammo, and an added pistol grip to the stock. These upgraded rifles were designated the Model 1896/11. New-built Model 1911s included both infantry rifles (the Gewehr 1911 or G11) and carbines (the Karabiner 1911 or K11).

The last major Schmidt-Rubin variant was the Karabiner 31 (K31). It served as the standard Swiss infantry rifle for three decades starting in 1933. The action/receiver was shortened, allowing the 6-round magazine to be placed immediately in front of the trigger guard. Because of the shorter action, a longer barrel was fitted that resulted in the same overall length as the K11 (*see the comparison between the K31 and K11 at right*). The K31 bolt knobs were made from metal, replacing the easily chipped/cracked plastic knobs on the earlier variants.



Tor’s presentation included a review of the markings on the Schmidt-Rubins, the Nicaraguan/Israeli contract, the ZFK 55 sniper, .22 rimfire conversions, and associated bayonets and other accessories. This was another superb presentation enjoyed by all present, and if you see Tor at one of our shows or meetings, please be sure to thank him!



## ★ Upcoming Tours

The VGCA is pleased to announce that we have arranged a tour of Knight’s Armament and the Institute of Military Technology Museum in Titusville, Florida, tentatively scheduled for 1-2 November, 2024. In addition, we will visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, Virginia, tentatively scheduled for 16 November 2024. More details, including confirmation of dates and sign-up rosters, will be provided at our membership meetings, starting in August.



# Annual NRA Membership Meetings 2024 Wrap Up

By Troy Blackwood



VGCA display on Evolution of the Italian Military Centerfire Pistol (*above*)

“Grazie fouce per it tue fenys aggie par ever insegnoto tonte cose nuo” - Carlo Beretta.

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, it's “It's not the destination, it's the journey”. We knew going into this show we would have tough competition. We had been warned by fellow club members to expect the Ohio Gun Collectors Association to probably sweep the awards. Despite this, we were able to garner the National Firearms Museum's award for "the Spirit of the Game". While we may have had secret hopes for a silver medallion or even the award for Best Combined Arms Display, Lou and I are both pretty excited about even winning a single award! While that may not seem like a lot to some, being 26 years old, experiencing my first national competition, and winning anything felt pretty good to me! The 153rd annual NRA Membership Meetings in Dallas, Texas had 16 total clubs competing, and according to the NRA leadership one of their best turnouts. Our humble 10x10 booth had to compete with the museum quality displays from the aforementioned Ohio Gun Collectors Association, the Polish Hunting and Shooting Collectors Club, Smith and Wesson Collectors Association, and many other distinguished clubs. As stated by several club members, it's not often our club travels west of

the Mississippi River for these events. Lou and I would like to thank the VGCA for sponsoring our travel to this NRA convention.

As previously stated, this was Lou's and my first trade show in the industry and we were both very excited. Due to traveling with almost 30 rare and unique handguns, we decided flying wasn't an option so we rented a car and drove down. During this trip we were even able to make a pit stop at Bud's gun shop outside of Knoxville Tennessee. Lou and I both almost purchased Beretta pistols at Bud's - go figure. Before the show started, we also got to make a stop at the Beretta Gallery in Dallas. I got to hold a 110,000-dollar shotgun and a 12,000 dollar Beretta 92. We got a grand tour of the place to say the least. Thursday morning was set up day. The complex in Dallas is massive, we spent at least a good 20 minutes driving around to find our loading dock. The display went up quickly and smoothly. Friday morning we were up early as judging began at 7:30. I nominated three pieces from our display for the Silver Medallion - my naval contract C96 Mauser, my Chamelot-Bodeo conversion revolver, and my Beretta 1932. None of these pieces would win recognition, but again, at least for me, this was about the journey not the destination. Our mission was to promote gun collecting for the club and I think we accomplished that very well. Our display would see us getting contact information from a big time Hollywood armorer for the movie industry as he wants to pick our brains about some Italian pieces. Friday saw several people asking to buy the binder that had a paragraph about each piece. A notable group that wanted to purchase the binder was two guys that work with the Canadian Mounties up in Canada. They talked about photographing our collection for their reference library. This personally inspired me to work towards my pipe dream of writing a book on Italian pistols.



Back to the show - we met Brad Taylor, who helped write JB Wood's book on Beretta pistols. In talking with Brad, he could see the passion that we had for Italian military pistols. Through Brad we were able to meet Carlo Beretta (son in the Beretta family and next in line to take over the company) on Saturday. Carlo spent the better part of an hour with us Saturday morning as we brought out all of the pieces on display for him to look over. Carlo took several photos with us and signed some of our books. It was a great experience, and he was extremely kind and

listened patiently to what we had to say. Carlo personally stated how excited he was to see people with such passion for their work. We got introduced to several more big time Beretta employees throughout the weekend and they even talked about bringing us out to a trade show or two in two years to show off our collection for them on the 500th anniversary of their company.



The NRA show had many great vendor booths. We were next to Sig Sauer's massive display (*at left*) where Lou and I both got to handle the US Army's newest weapons. I stopped by PTR to see their

PTR M41 model, a personal favorite of mine. I also held a new PSA Krink in 5.56. I managed to keep myself from ordering a Manurhin MR73 from Beretta (I really want one!). As some people know, most of the guns I buy can't be found in a catalog, so naturally I stopped by Navy Arms and got some info on their latest imports. I also helped James River Armory make three sales on their BM-59's over the weekend!

The Maryland arms collector's association took first place with their display on US Military Presentation Arms. It was an incredible display well deserving of the award.

All and all, for me at least, this NRA Annual Membership meeting was far more about the journey. It was made much more fun by spending time (and having great food) with friends and VGCA members, talking about guns and collecting. Lou and I would like to end this by personally thanking the VGCA for sponsoring us to Dallas. We had a great time. I want to thank Rick Nahas for being our guide to all things NRA and for loaning us a tablecloth and bulletin board. I would also like to thank Marc Gorelick for the VGCA sign and support on how to navigate the show. I wish to thank Ed Castillo and George Dungan for pushing me to do this.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Lou DiGaetano for all his hard work, the planning, organizing, providing firearms, and keeping me organized and on schedule and above all else, being such a good friend.



*Above - Left: Carlo Beretta, Middle Left Stan Pryga, Middle right: Louie DiGaetano, Right: Troy Blackwood*



*At right - Left picture (from left to right): Carlo Beretta, Louie DiGaetano, Troy Blackwood*





# ★ June Meeting Notes

VGCA President Rob Becker called the June membership meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jim Burgess led us through the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our fallen veterans. New members and guests were introduced. There were 51 members and guests in attendance and an additional 8 participated via webinar.

Our next gun show will be on 19-20 October. Show Director Andrew Woodard missed this meeting (he had some weak excuse about getting married – seriously though, congrats Andrew!). Lastest update, as of 19 August, is that there are approximately 14-19 tables available.



Members were reminded that there would not be a membership meeting in July.

Troy Blackwood was introduced as newest director, appointed to fill the remainder of Andrew Woodard’s term as Andrew volunteered to become our new Show Director. A brief biography of Troy is on page 7 of this newsletter. Members were reminded that elections for all three director positions would be held in May of next year.

President Rob Becker (*left*) gave a brief rundown of the VGCA Goals that were recently approved by the officers and directors (details below) before introducing Tor Johnson as the night’s speaker.



## ★ VGCA GOALS

The Executive Committee recently reviewed, discussed, adjusted, and approved the following goals for the VGCA. Presented at the June Membership Meeting, President Rob Becker noted that it was his intent to have a brief “State of the Organization” update each January to evaluate how well we did in meeting these goals.

### **Grow Membership by approximately 7% per Year**

**2024 – 535 Total Members**

**2025 – 575 Total Members**

**2033 (VGCA’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – 1000 Total Members**

### **Conduct two VGCA-Sponsored Tours per Year (one local and one out-of-state)**

**2024 – Knight’s Armament / Institute of Military Technology (1-2 Nov) and National Museum of the Marine Corps (16 Nov)**

**2025 – Smith & Wesson Factory (TBD) and Virginia Museum of the Civil War (TBD)**

### **Expand Social Media Presence**

**Facebook / Instagram / Reddit**

### **Maintain Up-to-date and Relevant Web Site**





# ★ N-SSA 150<sup>th</sup> National Skirmish

*By Rob Becker*



The North-South Skirmish Association has reached a significant milestone and will host their 150<sup>th</sup> National Skirmish on the first weekend in October (2-6 Oct).

I have included the schedule for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (*see below*). I have it on good authority that former VGCA President Jim Burgess will be competing in the Carbine Company Match in the morning and I am looking forward to seeing (and hearing – you may want to bring hearing protection) the artillery matches in the afternoon.

- 7:30-10:00 Tenderfoot Individual Matches – revolver range (targets, air rifles & safety glasses issued). These matches are for skirmish family members still too young to heft a musket
- 8:30-12:00 Carbine Company Match
- 1:00-5:00 Artillery Matches
- 7:30-9:00 Twilight Cannon Demonstration

Between the vendors on Sutler’s Row and proximity to Taylor’s & Company Firearms in Winchester, I think there will be more than enough activity to keep me entertained. Anyone interested in joining me?

For more details and a complete schedule, go to: [North South Skirmish Association \(n-ssa.org\)](http://n-ssa.org)



## ★ VGCA Tee Shirts

New VGCA Tee Shirts are now available for purchase. Tan colored and featuring the VGCA patch on the left breast, the VGCA logo on the right sleeve, and the Virginia state flag on the left, they are available in sizes from medium up to XL. The cost is \$20 and they can be purchased at our membership meetings – but don’t wait – there are only about 20 left!

*Member Bryan Pelton (on left) was selling VGCA Tee Shirts at our November Gun Show while Bruce Buchner (on right) proudly wore his new shirt while manning the membership table.*



## ★ Do you love history and firearms ...

like being organized, have a decent command of the English language, possess fair computer skills, and can dedicate a few hours each month to the VGCA? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker will continue as our editor through the end of this year but is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on, please contact any officers or members of the VGCA Executive Committee.



# ★ Words Matter: Arms and Democracy

*By Al Reid, VGCA Legislative Affairs*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to The US Constitution was ratified on Dec 15, 1791.

It is logical that the Founding Fathers used the English meaning for “Arms” based on the available dictionaries of the time.

“Noah Webster (1758 – 1843), was a lexicographer and a language reformer, in 1806, Noah Webster published his first dictionary, *A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*. Then in 1807 he began working on an even more comprehensive edition, and in 1828 this was published as *An American Dictionary of the English Language*.” He lived through the time of the Revolution and the ratification of the Constitution. Here’s how his authoritative dictionary **defined that key word**:

*‘ARMS, noun plural [Latin arma.]*

1. *Weapons of offense, or armor for defense and protection of the body.*

2. *War; hostility. Arms and the man I sing. To be in arms to be in a state of hostility, or in a military life. To arms is a phrase which denotes a taking arms for war or hostility; particularly, a summoning to war. To take arms is to arm for attack or defense. Bred to arms denotes that a person has been educated to the profession of a soldier.*

3. *The ensigns armorial of a family; consisting of figures and colors borne in shields, banners, etc., as marks of dignity and distinction, and descending from father to son.*

4. *In law, arms are anything which a man takes in his hand in anger, to strike or assault another...*

*Fire arms are such as may be charged with powder, as cannon, muskets, mortars, etc.*

*A stand of arms consists of a musket, bayonet, cartridge-box and belt, with a sword. But for common soldiers a sword is not necessary...*

As Continental Congress Delegate **Tench Coxe asserted**:

“Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man gainst his own bosom. Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American.... [T]he unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people.” (Tench Coxe, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, Feb. 20, 1788.)

A book titled, ‘Jefferson’s Manual’ which was printed by the authority, and the order, of the US Senate in 1828. The book is basically Robert’s Rule of Order of the day and was given to all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives for reference. Here, the 2nd has one comma. One must know that this is the correct version because the U.S. Senate of the day, only 39 years after the ratification of the Bill of Rights, had it printed, and everyone knew at the time that it must be printed correctly.”

**Note** an important synopsis on the index page that, in a rational world, would put an end to the false argument that prompted the need for the *Heller* case and the entire “the Second Amendment was only intended for the Militia” lie):

**“Rights of the Citizen declared to be– to keep and bear arms.”**

The history of the Second Amendment indicates that its purposes were to secure to each individual the right to keep and bear arms so that he could protect his absolute individual rights as well as carry out his obligation to assist in the common defense. It is evident that the framers of the Constitution did not intend to limit the right to keep and bear arms to a formal military body or organized militia, but intended to provide for an "unorganized" armed citizenry prepared to assist in the common defense against a foreign invader or a domestic tyrant. This concept of an unorganized, armed citizenry clearly recognized the right, and moreover the duty, to keep and bear arms in an individual capacity.

The amendment was written for a specific purpose, not for a specific caliber, nor for a specific action of rifle. It was written for the responsibility of the American citizenry to defend the freedom of our country, against both our current enemies and future enemies, both foreign and domestic. The present munitions situation in our world requires an equal standing for these threats. Were we allowed only muskets to defend ourselves against terrorist attacks, as those who would say that that was the intention of the amendment, we would be seriously outgunned!

### **Democracy:**

It is interesting to note that the word "democracy" does not appear in the US Constitution, and yet it is mentioned daily in political and media dialogue, and by both sides of the political spectrum. Yet the USA is a Constitutional Republic. When have you last heard this term being used in any dialogue and if not, why not? There is one reason that elected officials continue to espouse Democracy, POWER. If the word is used commonly by elected officials it will, in time, become the norm and the populace will soon forget what they have given up!

In layman's terms the difference between a democracy and a Constitutional Republic is simple:

In a democracy the people vote in their representatives who are then free to make whatever laws they want under the pretense that you voted for me therefore you support anything they do! Many of these laws then infringe upon or reduce the rights of the individual.

In a Constitutional Republic the people vote in their representative who can make laws, however the Constitution basically tells these representatives what they can and can't do especially in regard to the individual's rights.

It is plain that The Founding Fathers had no time for Democracy, believing that in time Democracy would be used to either subjugate or enslave the people.

On exiting the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was asked by a passerby whether the new constitution would provide a monarchy or a republic, Franklin replied "a republic – if you can keep it." Food for thought!

## ★ 2024-2025 Presentation List ★

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
22 Aug 2024	The FN FAL	Carlos Davila
26 Sep 2024	The History of the Finnish Mosin-Nagant	Matt DiRisio
24 Oct 2024	Assault Rifles 101: Birth of the Kalashnikov AK-47	Bryan Pelton
	<i>No meeting in November due to our Fall Gun Show / Tours / Thanksgiving</i>	
TBD Dec 2024	Annual Holiday Pot Luck & Swap Meet – no presentation	
23 Jan 2025	The Winchester Winder Musket	Rob Becker

If you have any presentation suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself in 2025 – please contact Matthew G. at [matthewofmclean@gmail.com](mailto:matthewofmclean@gmail.com) or one of the VGCA officers or directors.

# VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: JOSEPH HAMERL FLINTLOCK RIFLE

*By Marc Gorelick*

*Photographs courtesy of Joh. Springer, Vienna Austria*

Joseph Hamerl (1678 to 1738), originally from Wolfratshausen in Bavaria, became a master maker in the Vienna gunsmith guild and Imperial “gun loader” in Vienna in 1710. He also made guns for the courts of Bavaria, Lorraine, and the prince of Lichtenstein. Hamerl made this sporting rifle for Franz Joseph I, the 8th Prince of Liechtenstein (1726–1781) who accompanied his uncle Joseph Wenzel, the 7th Prince, in a campaign in Northern Italy, fighting as field commander at the Battle of Piacenza. The battle was a victory for the Holy Roman Empire, of which Lichtenstein was then a part.



This exquisite rifle is 34.7 inches (88cm) long with a 20.5 inches (52cm) long blued, slightly swamped octagonal barrel. The top of the barrel has the maker’s name “JOSEPH HAMERL IN WIENN” inlaid with silver. There is wire inlaid scroll on the breech. There is a dovetailed brass front sight and the iron rear sight has a folding leaf. The flintlock has a flat carved lockplate and rocaille shaped hammer with scroll engraving. The lockplate is delicately engraved with hunting scene of two huntsmen, one with a hound and the other fending off a wild boar with a pike.



The short full stock has light rocaille carving and gilt brass furniture. The sliding patch box lid's brass is engraved with hunting scenes depicting a huntsman shooting a stag. The butt stock has a squared cheekpiece and the wooden triggerguard with finial is strengthened with brass. It has a single set trigger and the wooden ramrod has brass tip.



*Close up of the lockplate. Note the engraved scenes of the huntsmen.*



*There is a manor house (said to be Lichtenstein Castle) engraved on the counter lockplate.*



*On the wrist is a brass escutcheon engraved with the coat of arms of the Princes of Liechtenstein and a male bust engraved on the buttplate.*



*Top of the barrel with engraved tang, silver inlaid scrollwork around the breech, and silver inlaid maker's name "JOSEPH HAMERL IN WIENN."*

This ornately decorated rifle was offered at an auction by Joh. Springer's Erben in Vienna and sold for \$7,138 (6,000 euros). Hamerl made a number of different types of guns for the noble elite, including an air rifle with a butt stock reservoir and pseudo flintlock.

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## HAMPTON ROADS MILITARY SOCIETY

The Hampton Roads Militaria Society (HRMS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist collectors and historians in the collection & preservation of militaria of all sorts and periods, preserve and honor our military past, and honor the veterans of all our conflicts. They generally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. The HRMS is a sister organization to the VGCA and VGCA members are welcome to participate as guests in their meetings and tours. Upcoming meetings (at Rescue Squad No. 8 at 1243 Bayne Drive in VA Beach) are:

- 13 Aug 2024** "U.S. land battles and notable, mostly American, officers and men, starting in June 1918 (Belleau Wood, Marne defense)" by Jim Paschall
- 10 Sep 2024** "The operation of the Machine Gun in World War II" by Doug McDougal
- 08 Oct 2024** "Executive Outcomes, a private military company (PMC) founded in South Africa in 1989" by Chris Galosi

# ★ Membership Chairman's Report – July-August

**New applications for membership:** Since the last newsletter there have been 7 applications for membership:

- **Mike Lee** of Alexandria sponsored by Bruce Buchner
- **Pete Hoefler** of Saint Leonard sponsored by Rob Becker
- **Bill Cunningham** of Silver Spring sponsored by Kevin Showman
- **Glenn Davis** of Pasadena sponsored by Bruce Buchner
- **Michael Faucette** of Arlington sponsored by Bruce Buchner
- **Marius Vassiliou** of Fairfax sponsored by Bruce Buchner
- **Michael Williams** of Springfield sponsored by Tor Johnson

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our organization, please invite them to a meeting or to our upcoming VGCA Gun Show. **If you sponsor a candidate, either at one of our membership tables or elsewhere, please make sure that you fill in and sign the Sponsor page.**

**Notice to New Member Sponsors:** VGCA has discontinued hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters. *Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number* if at all possible and **make sure that your name is on the sponsorship form.** Without an email address new members will NOT receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

**Membership Numbers:** There are currently 435 Life members and 80 Annual Members for a total of 515 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 and Fredericksburg gun show and also at our VGCA gun shows. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at an upcoming show, please contact George Dungan at [george@ecominv.com](mailto:george@ecominv.com) or Bruce Buchner at [buchnerb@cox.net](mailto:buchnerb@cox.net).

A big Thank You to the members who worked the membership table at the last Chantilly gun show. You all presented a very positive and professional image of our organization. The next Chantilly show is September 27th, 28th, and 29th and we need volunteers to work our membership table. Please contact Bruce Buchner at [buchnerb@cox.net](mailto:buchnerb@cox.net) to get on the schedule.

**Membership Renewal:** I have gone through the roster and deleted all names that are not current on dues. **If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting in to the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please get current on your dues.** You can renew annually for \$30 or \$150 for life. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to either George Dungan or Bruce Buchner. If you are unsure of your membership status email [george@ecominv.com](mailto:george@ecominv.com) and I will let you know.

*George Dungan*, Vice President and Membership Chair



**Annual Membership Renewals:** Annual Membership renewals of \$30.00 are due by January 1, 2024. You may upgrade to Life Membership for \$150 (only \$120 over the cost of renewing your annual membership, plus no more annual dues requests). Failure to renew by the January Membership meeting may result in your being dropped as a *member in good standing*. **Members dropped for non-payment of dues will have to go through the new member process to re-join the Association.**

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a Check for \$30 (please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed membership renewal form above to the address on the form. VGCA will also accept payments in person (CHECK or EXACT CHANGE preferred – I have NO CASH for change) with a completed renewal form. If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Interim Membership Chair** at [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) or call me at 571-243-6387.

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## **Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2023\_Oct)**

**VGCA, Inc., P.O. Box 328, Manassas, VA 20108**

Please complete and return this renewal form with your payment. Indicate Annual, Life or that you do not wish to renew your membership by checking the appropriate box below.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 for CY 2024 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (Please - NO CASH or Money Orders). If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Interim Membership Chair** at [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) or call me at 571-243-6387.

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# CMP UPDATE

*By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison*

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

## CMP KRAG-JORGENSEN RIFLE SALES



The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) announced the release of a limited supply of Krag-Jorgensen rifles. These rifles will be available in 3 variants, distinguished by physical characteristics. The condition of all variants is best described as “Fair”, and all have been minimally inspected for completeness and general serviceability. Inventory on these rifles is expected to cap at approximately 800 units across all variants and orders will be processed on a first come-first served basis. The CMP will provide notice via email, social media channels, website and forums when it receives more order requests than it has available rifles.

The three variants are:

- **RKRAGX** – These rifles have a 30” barrel. They may have pitting or an uneven finish, often with little or no original finish remaining. The stocks may exhibit cracks, dents and gouges. The rifles may have dark and pitted bores. These rifles have been checked with a field gauge and function fired. The CMP price is \$1,350.
- **RKRAGXCHR** - Rifles will be finished in chrome or have a non-traditional finish, indicating that some may have been used as parade rifles. The stocks may be painted, stained or unfinished. The bores may be dark or pitted. Many rifles will have damaged front sights. These rifles have been checked with a field gauge and function fired. The price is \$1,200.
- **RKRAGXSHORT** – These rifles have had barrels cut to a shorter length but are NOT carbines. The finish on these rifles will generally be worn and show pitting and may have a chrome or other non-traditional finish. The barrels may be dark and pitted with variations in the muzzle crown and front sight. Some may have '03 style front sights. These rifles have been checked with a field gauge and function fired. These rifles may have a chrome finish. The price is \$1,200.

Additional details, including rifle descriptions, ordering information and purchase eligibility requirements can be found on the CMP Krag-Jorgensen Rifle Sales web page at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/krag-jorgensen-rifles/>.

## **SALES of NAVY M1 GARANDS IN 7.62mm**



The CMP is currently offering 7.62mm NATO versions of the M1 Garand. Customers must fill out the CMP MOD-1 / MOD-0 Disclaimer Affidavit and submit it with their order. For more information on the US Navy 7.62 NATO version of the M1 Garand rifles, please visit <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/#7.62NATOM1Garand>. Ordering information may be viewed at [https://thecmp.org/cmp\\_sales/ordering-information/](https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/).

## **EXPERT GRADE M1 GARAND RIFLE SALES**

The CMP currently has a selection of Expert Grade M1 Garand Rifles available for mail orders, including .308 rifles. Once they're sold out, we will not accept any more orders. View details on the Expert Grand M1 Garand Rifles at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/#expert-grade-m1-garand>. Ordering information may be viewed at [https://thecmp.org/cmp\\_sales/ordering-information/](https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/).

## **CMP AMMUNITION (and other) SALES**

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has a robust ammunition sales program through its eStore for affiliated clubs and members of affiliated clubs. Some of the ammunition for sale is described below. According to the CMP, these are limited quantity items and will either not be restocked when sold out or will be restocked but it is not known when. Unlike CMP surplus firearm sales, shipping and handling is not free. Go to the CMP eStore website at <https://shop.thecmp.org/product/Ammo/4S45M1911-200> for more information and to order ammunition from the CMP.



### **.45 Caliber M1911 200 Round Box - \$150**

Item is packaged and sold in 200 round boxes. This ammo was produced by Winchester Military Ammunition (WMA) & Western Cartridge Company (WCC) and is non-corrosive, in reloadable brass cases. At 230 grain, expect a muzzle velocity of around 830 feet per second. Featuring high quality Winchester components, this ammunition delivers outstanding reliability. This ammunition is loaded with a 230 grain full metal jacket bullet which is known for its positive functioning and exceptional accuracy. On impact this bullet does not

expand and is ideal for target shooting. This is a limited quantity item and will not be restocked.

**Creedmoor Sports .223 Match Tipped Premium XTC 77gr 200rds - \$274.95**

\$17.15 Shipping & Handling. New Starline brass. The 200 rounds are in four 50-round boxes. This item has a limited quantity. It will be restocked once it is sold out. However, the restocking date is dependent on the manufacturer and is unknown at this time.

**Creedmoor Sports .223 77 gr Core XTC 200rds/case - \$204.95**

\$17.15 Shipping & handling. Product has limited quantity. Item will be restocked once sold out. The restocking date is dependent on the item's manufacture and is unknown at this time.

**Creedmoor 9mm Luger Match Grade Ammo, HP 115 Grain. 250 rds per case - \$164.00**

\$17.15 S&H. In Starline brass. Product has limited quantity. Item will be restocked once sold out. The restocking date is dependent on its manufacture and is unknown at this time.

**Remington and Winchester .22 Caliber Surplus Ammunition, 500 rounds per brick - \$40/brick**

Limit 2 per customer/per year. Caliber .22 LR Ball, 40 gr lead round nose. Standard Velocity. 500 rounds per brick. Mixed manufacturer - Winchester or Remington. The manufacturer is not guaranteed. The Army ordered the ammunition for use in pistols, but it is safe to fire in pistol or rifle. This product has limited quantity and will not be restocked once sold out. Free shipping does not apply to surplus ammunition.

**Federal Blazer .40 S&W, 165 gr FMJ 1000 rounds/case - \$451.95 per case**

\$32.15 Shipping & Handling. Brass casing. There is only a limited quantity of this product. This item will be restocked once sold out. However, the restocking date is dependent on the manufacture of the ammunition and is unknown at this time.



**SURPLUS M1 GARAND STOCKS - \$35 each**

The CMP eStore also has surplus M1 Garand stocks for sale. Most of these stocks have been refinished or repaired several times while in military service and will have cosmetic blemishes. Stock wear will be exhibited by worn and mixed colors of the finish; stocks may or may not have metal; there may be rust, pitting, dirt, or grease on metal parts; wood will be basically sound but may be well used with minor hairline cracks, poor fit, many dings, scratches and gouges. The overall

appearance and condition of the stock will generally be rough. These stocks are sold as is with no returns or exchanges. Go to the CMP eStore website at <https://shop.thecmp.org/> for more information.



# ★ 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 to see it clearly in the newsletter. We also ask that you provide a Fact Sheet (copies of the one below will be provided at the meeting) to assist the newsletter editor in accurately describing your item. Thank you!**

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## VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A message from your VGCA Photographer--

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

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

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

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

*Jack Looney*

# JUNE SHOW-N-TELL

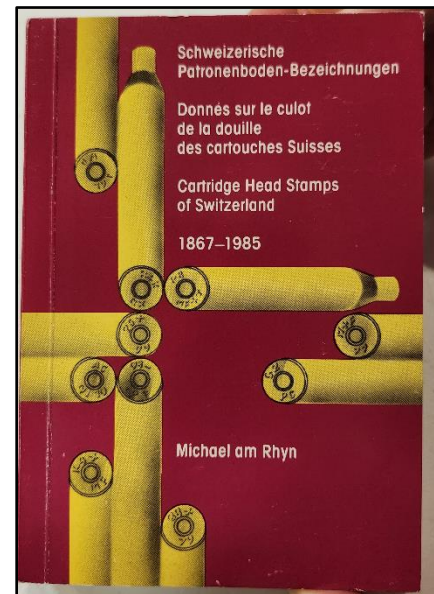
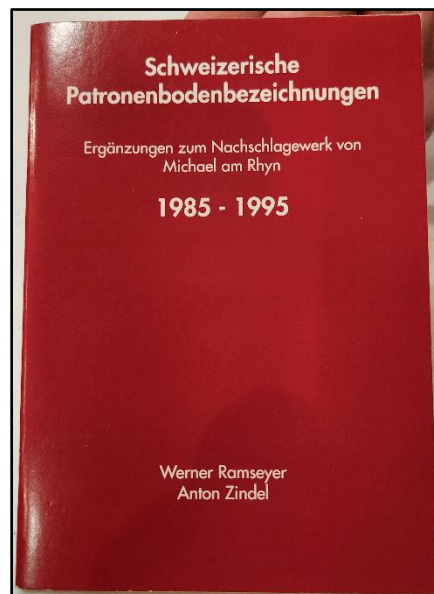


Member 1 brought in a rare and beautiful rifle, a Swiss Versuchsgewehr 1908 (Test Rifle 1908) (*left*). This rifle was used as a testbed for both the development of the GP-11 7.5x55 Gewehrpatronen as well as serving as a developmental prototype for features adopted in the Schmidt-Rubin IG1911 rifles and also the IG1896/11 rifles converted from the earlier Model 1896 rifles.

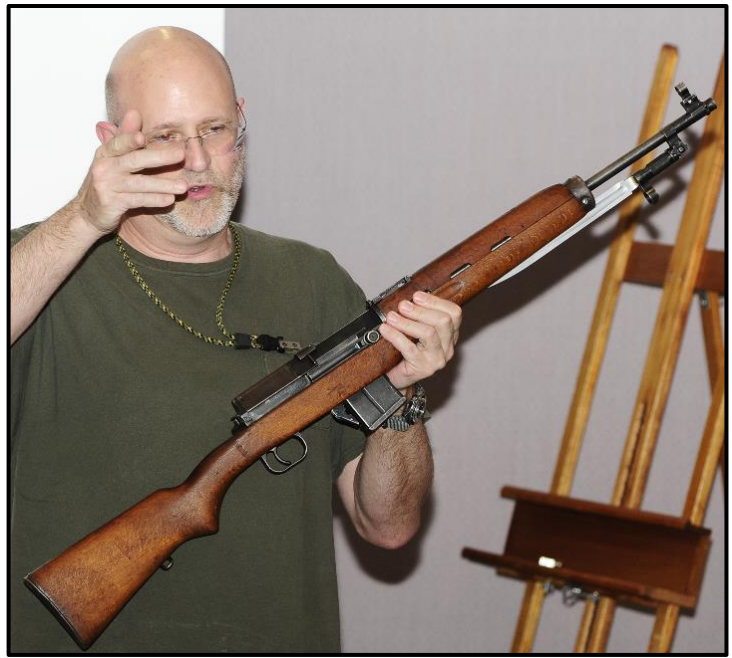
Waffenfabrik Bern produced just 900 examples. They served to test different rifling twist rates for the 1911 series of rifles and GP-11 ammunition. This twist rate testing continued into early IG1911 and IG1896/11 rifles.

The 900 test rifles (order approved in January 1909) were made in two different barrel twists – those being 230mm (1 in 9”) and 270mm (normal 1 in 10.63”). This rifle shows the barrel stamp indicating the latter barrel twist "7,5 - 270".

Member 1 also shared two books on Swiss cartridges (*below left and right*).



Member 2 (*right*) had a scarce Egyptian Rasheed semi-auto carbine in 7.62x39mm. It is a scaled down version of the Egyptian Hakim rifle. The Hakim Rifle is a gas operated [semi-automatic rifle](#) chambered in 8mm Mauser. It was originally designed by Sweden and produced as the [Ag m/42](#) for the Swedish military. The tooling and design were later sold to Egypt. About 8000 Rasheed carbines were produced, roughly equivalent in size and purpose (but not function) to the Russian SKS. Produced at Factory 54 in Egypt from 1966 to 1968, this example was made in in the last year of production. Interestingly this example is stamped “Made in U.A.R.” when the United Arab Republic was actually dissolved in 1961. He bought it through this year through a popular on-line firearms auction site.



Member 2 (*above*) also shared a Swiss Schmidt Rubin K-31 straight pull rifle in 7.5x55mm. K-31s were produced from 1931 to 1958 and this one was made by Waffen-Fabrik Bern in 1957. It has the blond beech stock of later production K31s – earlier K31s had a walnut stock. It also features a military 300 meter diopter competition sight (*inset*) and is in excellent condition. It had a soldier tag under the butt plate identifying the Swiss soldier to whom it was issued. It was purchased at the Chantilly gun show two years ago.



Member 3 displayed a Mauser C-96 Broomhandle (*left*) that is chambered in 7.63 Mauser. He acquired this semi-automatic pistol in 1987.



Member 3 also brought a James River Armory Beretta Italian BM-59 battle rifle (*at right*). It is semi-automatic and chambered in 7.62/51 NATO. The receiver is marked 2024 and was acquired in 2024.



The third item Member 3 shared was an M-1 Garand (*at left*). This semi-automatic WWII American classic is chambered in .30/06. This particular example was manufactured by Winchester in September of 1942. Member 3 acquired it in 2013 from via the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).





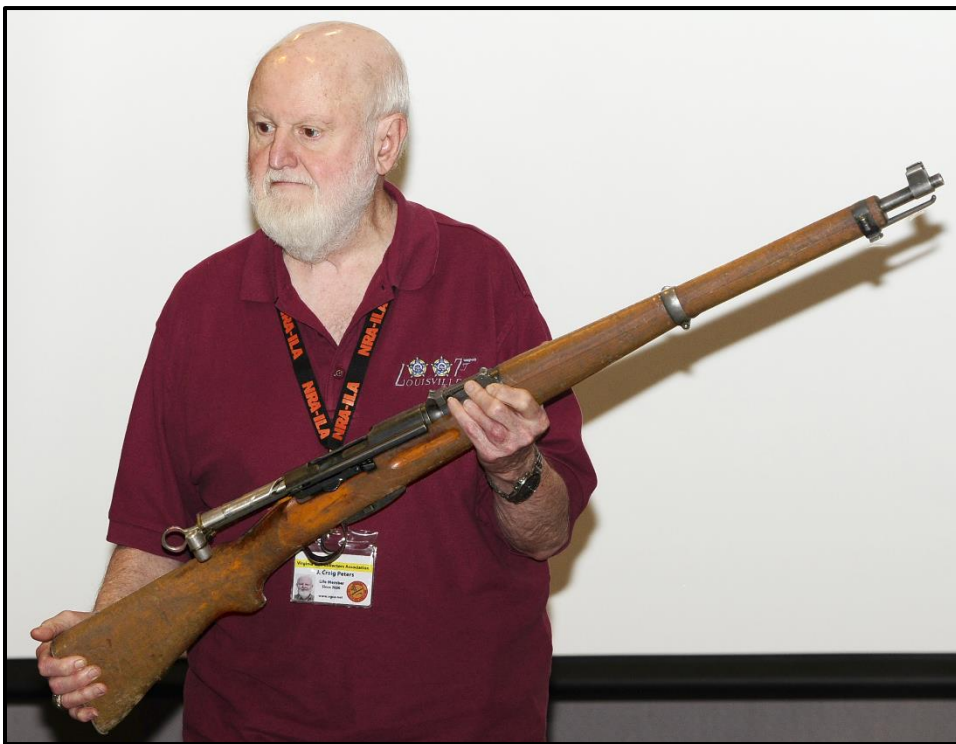
Member 4 displayed a Swiss Schmidt-Rubin model 1889 rifle (*above*). The Model 1889 was the first in the series of Schmidt–Rubin rifles that served as the primary infantry weapon in Switzerland from 1889 to 1958. The Model 1889 held 12 rounds of [GP90 7.5×53.5mm](#). Production began in 1891 and continued until until 1896. Member 4 purchased this nice example (note the sling and brass muzzle cover) from Edelweiss Arms in 2023.



Member 5 brought in a Swiss Schmidt Rubin K-31 straight pull rifle (*above*) with a Pioneer “sawback” bayonet (*below*). This was not one of the many Swiss K-31s imported to the U.S. about 20 years ago – Member 5 acquired this example in Frankfurt Germany in 1976.



Member 6 presented a Beretta AR-70 semi-automatic rifle (*right*). It is in 5.56x45 caliber and features a long stroke piston action. This was Italy's first 5.56 rifle and the concept was originally developed by a joint venture between SIG and Beretta. Eventually that fell apart, and Beretta moved on to produce the AR-70 and SIG developed the SIG550. The AR-70 uses a proprietary magazine similar to a Stoner magazine and was produced from 1970 to 1990. Member 6 purchased this example this year.



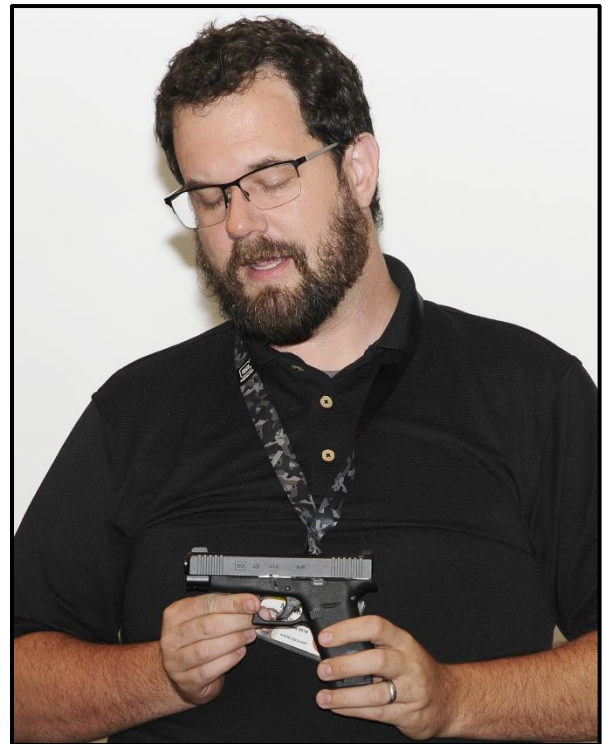
Member 7 (J. Craig Peters) shared another Swiss Schmidt Rubin K-31 straight pull short rifle in 7.5x55mm. This was the final version of the Schmidt Rubin and was produced from 1931-1958. His weapon has a matching bolt, receiver and magazine and was acquired in 2001.



Member 8 brought in both a Ruger Mark I (*left*) and a Mark II (*right*) pistol in .22 caliber. Ruger has produced its .22 pistols from 1947 to the present and has made over million. The Mark II pistol is a standard one but the Mark I is unmarked and has no slide release. The consensus was this is an early Mark I. It was acquired at our VGCA show in 2023.



Member 9 (*right*) showed a Glock 48 in 9mm equipped with an aftermarket Shield Arms 15 round magazine and Trijicon night sights. He purchased it through Capital Supply Co. in June of this year.



## ★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: VGCA members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were confirmed when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed. Shows highlighted in **yellow** are shows with a collector focus.

### VIRGINIA – 2024

- ⇒ Aug 24-25, 2024 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Sep 7-8, 2024 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Sep 14-15, 2024 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Sep 27-29, 2024 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 12-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Fairgrounds (**new location!**) – *SGK*
- ⇒ **Oct 19-20, 2024 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW Post #1503 – VGCA (OUR SHOW!)**
- ⇒ Oct 19-20, 2024 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center - *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 19-20, 2024 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*

### MARYLAND – 2024

- ⇒ Aug 24-25, 2024 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 7-8, 2024 – Easton, MD – Easton Vol Fire Dept – *Granite Lodge #177*
- ⇒ Sep 14-15, 2024 – West Friendship, MD – Howard Cnty Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 21-22, 2024 – Crownsville, MD – Anne Arundel Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 21-22, 2024 – Ocean City, MD – Ocean City Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 5-6, 2024 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

### PENNSYLVANIA – 2024

- ⇒ Aug 24-25, 2024 – Trevoise, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Sep 7-8, 2024 – Cresco, PA – Barrett Admin Recreation Complex – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- ⇒ ~~Sep 14-15, 2024 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows* - CANCELLED~~
- ⇒ Sep 14-15, 2024 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Sep 14-15, 2024 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Sep 14-15, 2024 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VTW245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Sep 15, 2024 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1*
- ⇒ Sep 21-22, 2024 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Sep 21-22, 2024 – Washington, PA – Washington PA County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- ⇒ Sep 28-29, 2024 – Allentown, PA - ParkView Inn & Conference Center - *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ **Sep 28-29, 2024 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction Hall – *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association***
- ⇒ Sep 28-29, 2024 – West Middlesex, PA – Hidden Valley Sportsmen’s Club – *Hidden Valley Sportsmen’s Club*
- ⇒ Oct 5-6, 2024 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Oct 5-6, 2024 – New Providence, PA – Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen’s Association Clubhouse – *SLCFSA*
- ⇒ Oct 5-6, 2024 – Tobyhanna, PA – VFW Post #3448 – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 12-13, 2024 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 12-13, 2024 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- ⇒ Oct 12-13, 2024 – Franklin, PA – Rocky Grove Fire Hall – *Rocky Grove Vol. Fire Dept*
- ⇒ Oct 18-20, 2024 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2024 (continued)

- **Oct 19-20, 2024 – Allentown, PA** – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Oct 19-20, 2024 – East Berlin, PA** – 1808 Fish and Game Rd – *East Berlin Fish & Game Assoc.*
- **Oct 26-27, 2024 – York, PA** – York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

## SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2024

- **Sep 19-22, 2024 – York, PA** – York Expo Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society – MAX Show*
- **Sep 21-22, 2024 - Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association* – Winchester Arms Collectors Association and German Gun Collectors Association
- **Oct 2-6, 2024 – Winchester, VA** - Fort Shenandoah (480 Chalybeate Springs Rd) – *North-South Skirmish Association* – this the N-SSA's 150<sup>th</sup> National Match and the Sutler's Row will be full of vendors with antique and reproduction firearms and accessories
- **Nov 9-10, 2024 – Tulsa, OK** – Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher* – World's Largest Gun Show – 4200+ tables!

**NOTE: OGCA Gun Shows are not open to the public – they are restricted to members and invited guests only. That said, several VGCA members are also members of the OGCA and can sponsor you if you are interested in attending.**

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## **FOR SALE:**

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA 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.

If you would like to list an item (or items) in the VGCA Newsletter, please send your description, price, and contact information to [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net). I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

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### **FOR SALE:**

★ **FINNISH MOSIN-NAGANT** is authored by VGCA member Matt DiRisio and published by Wet Dog Publications. The list price is \$99.95. It is 584 pages long with over 1,500 color and black and white photographs.

For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:

<https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant>.

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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.

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### FOR SALE:

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

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

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

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### FOR SALE:

✪ 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](mailto:larrybab@comcast.net) / or text to 703-856-2561.

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### WANT TO BUY:

- ✪ Browning lever action Gold Medallion, short action, blue or silver.

Also: Browning lever action with pistol grip and take down. Prefer .308 but any considered. Call King at 703 576-7016, if no answer leave name and number with brief description.

Thank you, King von Schilling

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### WANT TO BUY:

✪ Seeking a Bagnold Sun Compass, used during WWII by British desert troops. It was mounted on their vehicles. Must be complete and in working order. Contact Jack via email to [looney.house@verizon.net](mailto:looney.house@verizon.net) or text to 703-999-9458.



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