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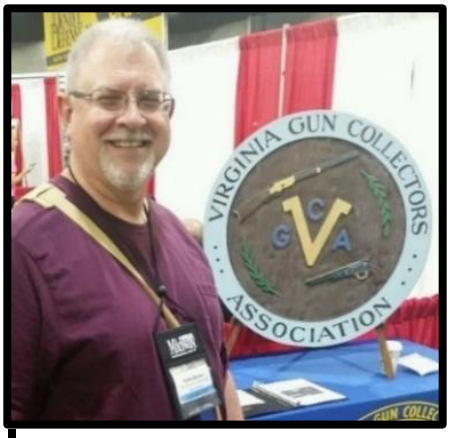
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September 2026 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It is ramping up to be a busy fall for the VGCA! We are on track for our second field trip of 2026 – this one to the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee. It is scheduled for Friday, October 16th. Participation is limited to 20 people and there are only three spots still available, so if you are interested in participating please let me know as soon as possible. A sign-up sheet will also be passed out one last time at our September Membership Meeting.

Don't forget our fall gun show (November 7th & 8th) is rapidly approaching. Great news – sales tables are sold out and we have a wait list! If you are interested in helping with security, please contact Al Reid (reid_allen@hotmail.com).

As you know, the VGCA operates entirely through the volunteer assistance of our members. Right now, we have four significant vacancies that need filled. These are: Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Social Media Coordinator, and IT Director. Please think about helping in one of these areas. If you have questions, please contact any of our officers or directors via email or at one of our membership meetings.

Speaking of which, our next meeting will be this Thursday, September 24th. We will have three "mini-presentations" covering **Waffenmuseum Suhl** by Clayton Vieg, **the Japanese Type 89 "Knee Mortar"** by Shannon Zeigler, and **the Japanese Type 100 Grenade Launcher** by yours truly. I hope to see you there!

***Rob Becker*, VGCA President**

✪ August Presentation: "Guns in Video Games and Media"



Though he has frequently shared Show-n-Tell items with us, this was member Pete Kalis' first feature presentation – and an excellent, thought-provoking one it was! I will explain the "thought-provoking" element later in this summary.

On the topic of Guns in "Video Games and Media", Pete (*at left*) opened by providing background information on himself. He started gaming in the 1990s and currently has a collection of about 150 console video games. His favorite type of game (and a genre extremely popular nation-wide) is First Person Shooter – aka FPS. Pete's gun collecting started in 2012. He concentrates on modern firearms, with an emphasis on those he has "used" in FPS games. Pete is also a man with a passion for photography - you also may recall that he photographed the guns of several members for posting on social media prior to our Holiday Potluck two years ago.

Pete described the beginnings of video games, going back to the Arcade Era (*right*) of roughly 1962 until 1989 that may seem familiar to many of us.

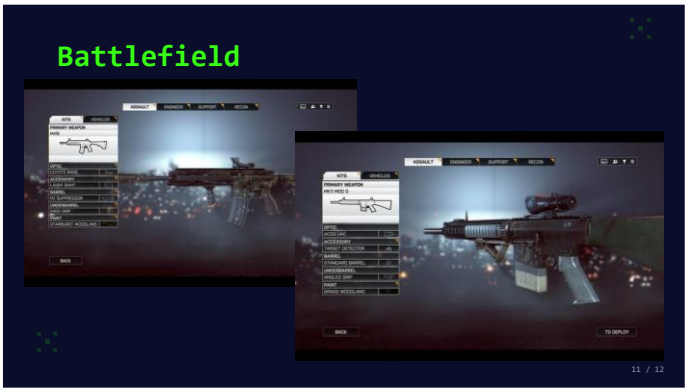


Next came the FPS "revolution" from 1992 until 1998. This era is dominated by games such as Wolfenstein 3D, Doom, and Half Life. These games introduced 3D combat, the deathmatch, and blended narrative/story lines that all combined to make FPS gaming a cultural phenomenon.

The next major development was consoles and online play. Games such as Counter-strike, Halo, and Call of Duty introduced team play and tactical cooperation. Next would come tournaments and significant cash prizes. Gaming became a multi-billion dollar industry (*at right*)!



Pete explained that there is a constant progression to ever more enhanced realism in these games. Depictions of firearms - both real and fictional - became ever more accurate in both appearance and performance (*see screen captures below*). The current generation of games includes PUBG, Fortnite, and Valorant, as well as continued development of earlier games like Halo and Call of Duty and all are pushing for increased realism.





So, what is so thought provoking about a booming gaming industry – and why should gun collectors care? Pete noted that video games are going to/already have influenced future collectors and what they are interested in collecting. It is not just "kids" playing these games, it is also adults. Adults with income to support their hobbies. Adults who are used to customizing their "firearms" in video games with not only accessories but also with different finishes and are looking to do the same with actual firearms. While many of us came to firearm collecting via an introduction to guns from hunting or military service, those avenues are declining as the number of Americans (as a percentage of the overall population) participating in those activities/callings decline. Many of the next generation of collectors will come from the ranks of gamers wanting to own what they used in "Call of Duty" or "Escape from Tarkov".



That is exactly what happened to Pete (*right*) and he is not alone!

Please thank Pete for an outstanding presentation the next time you see him. Job well done, sir!

✪ Next Membership Meeting: September 24th

Presentation: Three "Mini-Presentations"

Waffenmuseum Suhl	**Clayton Vieg**
Japanese Type 89 "Knee Mortar"	**Shannon Zeigler**
Japanese Type 100 Grenade Launcher	**Rob Becker**

Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium

Our September VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the basement auditorium of the NRA Headquarters. We will start with a social hour at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. As usual, we will have pizza and soft drinks for your dining pleasure! We hope you can make it!

✪ VGCA Member Sighted at MAX Show

During the most recent Ohio Valley Military Society (OVMS) MAX Show in York, Pennsylvania, VGCA Member Ted Bullock (*standing, at right*) was seen manning his sales table. Note the tablecloth that proudly advertises his VGCA membership!



The OVMS MAX takes place annually in mid-September. Previously held near Pittsburgh, the MAX moved to York in 2020 and now is much closer to those of us living in northern Virginia. It is a "must go" for anyone interested in militaria/MILSURP firearms.

✪ Social Hour Costs Increasing

An important part of our monthly Membership Meetings is the Social Hour we have beforehand. Like everything else these days, the costs of the pizza and soft drinks we serve have increased. Our requested donation of $5 has started to fall far short of the cost, to the tune of $100 to $120 each month. Starting at the September Membership Meeting, we are asking everyone to increase their donation to $8 for dinner (still a bargain!). Thanks in advance for your understanding and help.

THE MAHARAJA OF JODHPUR'S CHARLES LANCASTER 8-BORE RIFLE

By Marc Gorelick

Photos courtesy of Morphy Auctions, Denver, PA, unless otherwise credited.

Charles Lancaster & Co., of London, made this superb custom percussion rifle for Takht Singh, the Maharaja of Jodhpur in 1857. Built to take large and dangerous game, it epitomizes the quality that went into Charles Lancaster firearms, especially those guns destined for the wealthy pinnacle of society who were able and willing to pay for the best.



The gunmaking firm of Charles Lancaster was established in the early 1800's. The company's founder, Charles Lancaster, started as a barrel maker for the famous gunmaker Joseph Manton. In 1811, he decided to go into business for himself, and opened his own firm in Drury Lane in London, from where he was able to supply high quality barrels to much of the London gun trade, including his former employer and other famous gunmakers, such as James Purdey. After a while Lancaster outgrew his shop and moved to New Bond Street where, in 1826, he began making complete guns under his own name.

Charles died in 1847 and the business went to his oldest son, Charles William Lancaster (1820-1878), who was joined in 1855 by his younger brother, Alfred Lancaster (1826-1890). Alfred left the business just 4 years later in 1859 to start his own company, A. Lancaster Gun & Rifle Manufacturer. His business was located on South Audley Street, close to where Purdey would eventually set up shop. This was a prestigious address, indicating that he was as much a successful gunmaker as his elder brother. Although they owned separate businesses both brothers worked together on numerous patents, which related as much to guns and rifles as they did to the projectiles they fired. Charles William's own 1850 patent for the "Oval Bore" rifling system was arguably the most well-known of the Lancaster designs. Many hunting rifles were produced on the oval bore system. Furthermore, the company received British government support and funding that ultimately resulted in oval bore cannon being adopted and used against the Russians during the Crimean War, and the Lancaster Carbine being adopted as the principle firearm of the Royal Engineers.

Charles William would also create, or certainly vastly improve, the design of the modern center fire cartridge and the design of modern extractor and ejector mechanisms. Like his father before him, he gave permission for rival gunmakers to use his gun and rifle barrel designs and allowed them to put their own names to his work. After Charles William died in 1878, his own apprentice, gunsmith Henry A. A. Thorn, acquired the business. Charles William's brother Alfred died in 1890 and, after a few years where A. Lancaster guns were manufactured by the famous firm of W.J. Jeffery, Thorn acquired this business as well, reuniting the two brothers' brands under the name Charles Lancaster & Co.



Charles Lancaster Trade Label. Private collection.

The era beginning with the elder Charles Lancaster, his sons and then Henry Thorn saw the creation and production of numerous models of guns and rifles that became synonymous with the Lancaster name. The company became famous for its Baker patent "Twelve-Twenty" shotgun, its Beesley patent back-action "Wrist-breaker", its 4-barrelled shotgun and its 2-barrelled and 4-barrelled Howdah pistols. These large tiger-stopping pistols were extensively used by big and dangerous game hunters. Even though they were not standard Army issue, they were also the favored side arm of many British military officers throughout the Empire due to their reliability and stopping power. Along with these famous models, this era saw numerous other firearms developments, many of which were well ahead of their time.



Lancaster 4-barrel Howdah pistol.

(NOTE: For more information about the Lancaster Howdah Pistols read the article in the March-April 2021 VGCA Newsletter, pages10-15, about a Lancaster 4-barrel Howdah Pistol that belonged to a Lt. Colonel in the Royal Artillery. END NOTE.)

Throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, Lancaster built guns and rifles for many notable clients including King Edward VII, Prince Albert, Denys Finch Hatton, (noted for his role in Karen Blixen's autobiography "Out of Africa") and a number of foreign and Indian royalty and nobility. One of Charles Lancaster's most famous clients was the American trick shooter Annie Oakley. Oakley formed a strong bond with the company in 1887 after Charles William watched her shooting at a tournament and determined that her lack of gun fit was affecting her performance. Charles William was able to immediately put this right by building her a gun with a very specific set of measurements that she would adopt for all of her guns, including a number of new ones produced by Lancaster. Oakley later returned to Britain where she was a guest instructor for women at Lancaster's shooting grounds.



One of Charles Lancaster's royal Indian clients, and the owner of this rifle, was Maharaja **Takht Singh** (1819–1873). He was born in Ahmednagar (Himmatnagar), the second son of Maharaja Karan Singh of Ahmednagar. Tahkt Singh had little prospect of ascending the throne, yet after the death of his elder brother, Maharaja Prithvi Singh in 1839, he became the regent of the whole state. He served as regent until the birth of his brother's son, Yuvraj Balwant Singh, who was proclaimed ruler at his birth. Takht Singh became the new ruler's regent until the infant's untimely (or convenient) death in September 1841. Takht Singh then became the Maharaja of Ahmednagar. *(HISTORICAL NOTE: Ahmednagar (later named Himmatnagar) was a small princely Sikh-ruled state in Idar State in what is today Gujarat. It was sometimes confused with the medieval Muslim Ahmednagar Sultanate located in the northwestern Deccan, between the sultanates of Gujarat and Bijapur. The Ahmednagar Sultanate was ruled by the Muslim Nizam Shahi dynasty and lasted from 1490 to 1636 when it was finally conquered by the Moghul Empire which itself lasted until 1759. END NOTE.)*

Portrait of Maharaja Takht Singh. - Umaid Bhawan Palace & Meherangarh Fort Museum

Two years later, in 1843, the Rathore Maharaja Man Singh of Jodhpur in Rajasthan died. Because he was a member of the Rathore Dynasty through his grandfather, Takht Singh was able to claim the throne of Jodhpur with the help of Man Singh's widows and the agreement of the British East India Company (EIC). However, British authorities required him to give up the throne of Ahmednagar, which he did. He became Maharaja of Jodhpur on October 29, 1843 and repaid the East India Company for its assistance by remaining loyal to the British (like many Rajasthan rulers) during the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857. Takht Singh was considered an outsider and not well liked by his local nobles. He depended on the British to keep him in power and actively supported the EIC by sending Jodhpur troops to help the British suppress the rebellion. However, during the Mutiny his nobles and his own British officered Jodhpur Legion revolted against him and the British, but he and the British were able to crush the rebellion. As a reward for his loyalty, the British bestowed a Sanad of Adoption on him in 1862. *(HISTORICAL NOTE: A Sanad of Adoption was a deed granted to the rulers of native princely states in British India confirming them in their ruling positions in return for their allegiance to the British Raj. END NOTE.)*

Takht Singh is remembered not for his wise and insightful rule, but for his obvious love of the arts, particularly paintings in which he features in various forms of leisure. He was known for his hospitality and for the "excellence of his wine" and had a reputation for being a womanizer and had 30 wives with numerous offspring. He died at Jodhpur on February 13, 1873 and was succeeded as Maharaja of Jodhpur by his eldest son Jaswant Singh II, while his third son, Pratap Singh would become the Maharaja of Idar.

Tahkt Singh's Charles Lancaster rifle is a masterpiece of the gunmaker's art and skill. The material, decoration, fit and finish are impeccable and what one would expect of a top quality gun made by one of London's premier gunmakers. Whether it was purchased by the Maharaja or his agents, or was a gift from the British is immaterial. In either case it was a royal gun fit for royalty.

The gun is strikingly decorated with gilded gold metal against the dark wood of the stock. The half stock has a single retaining key feeding through an engraved and gold washed escutcheon to hold the barrel, a horn forearm tip, a beaded cheekpiece and an English style straight wrist. Both the wrist and the fore-end have fine point pattern checkering with mullered borders. The serial number, **2922**, is in the barrel channel, on the bottom flat of the barrel and on the lower tang. *(NOTE: Per Hallowell & Company's Illustrated Firearms Dictionary a mullered border is a style of boundary line at the edge of a checkered area on a gun stock. It is made by using a convex cutting tool which is slightly larger than the normal pointed checkering tool used for the body of the pattern and creates a smooth rounded groove in the wood. It is typical of better English guns and fine custom English-style American guns. END NOTE.)*





Practically all the gun's metal furniture is gold washed and it retains the vast majority of its gilding. The gold washed percussion lock and hammer are decorated with engraved acanthus scrollwork and the front of the lock is signed "**C. Lancaster / London.**" The top tang is decorated with tightly packed engraved scrollwork with shell motifs and floral elements. The rifle has a back-sliding English style stalking safety and recoil shield. The spurred gold washed trigger guard is further embellished with engraved acanthus scrollwork en-suite with a large engraved gilt pineapple finial before it and a finely checkered gilded spur, or grip, behind it to match the checkering on the wrist. The gold washed patchbox cover is engraved with floral borders and acanthus scrollwork and the gold washed checkered buttplate has a long spearpoint heel finial that is also decorated with engraved acanthus scrollwork.









The rifle has a massive 31 ½ inch long octagonal 8-bore barrel (.84 inch or 21.4mm caliber) with a dovetailed three leaf rear sight, one standing leaf and two folding leaves, marked for 80, 150, and 200 yards, respectively, and a bead front sight on a finely stippled top flat,. The barrel is in excellent condition, retaining virtually all of its original browning with some scattered handling marks. The bore is also in excellent condition with strong rifling. The offset flat on the barrel's right side is engraved **"CHARLES LANCASTER. 151 NEW BOND ST LONDON, REGISTERED, APRIL 19TH 1848."** The case colored hooked patent breech has a deeply impressed "**CHARLES LANCASTER LONDON**" poincon, and with an inlaid gold band at its rear, a platinum blowout, and is serial numbered on the hook. *(NOTE: A poincon is an official hallmark or stamp put on gold, silver, platinum or other precious metal articles to show its purity, quality and origin. END NOTE.)*

Left – The Charles Lancaster poincon and inlaid gold band at the breech.

The ramrod has a covered threaded jag on the reverse and feeds into the half stock through a gold washed reinforced mouth. The ramrod is retained by a pair of browned steel ferrules (or pipes) on a half-length rib. The second pipe is mounted with an eye, or ring, for s sling.











Like almost all high-end custom guns of the period, this Charles Lancaster rifle is housed in a wooden case. The inside of the lid has an original Charles Lancaster trade label. The interior is lined in midnight blue with ivory pulls over the compartments which house the detached barrel and various accessories. The accessories comprise, a three piece cleaning rod with an additional threaded head, a loading mallet, a patch cutter, a bullet mold, a sprue cutter, a hardwood striker pot with additional patches, spare springs of various types, a mainspring vise, a mop, a jag, a brush, and a wire brush, and a powder measure. Each partition cover is numbered to the gun on the inside of the cover.



This magnificent example of a London gunmaker's art was featured by Morphy Auctions, Denver, PA, in its December 16-18, 2025 Firearms and Militaria Auction. It was estimated at between $30,000 and $50,000.

NOTE: VGCA members in good standing are always welcome to attend our Executive Committee meetings. We meet at the NRA Facilities on the Tuesday evening 2 weeks before every membership meeting.

✪ 2026-2027 Presentation & Event List

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
24 Sep 2026	Mini-presentations (each ~15-20 minutes long)	
	Waffenmuseum Suhl	Clayton Vieg
	Japanese Type 89 "Knee Mortar"	Shannon Zeigler
	Japanese Type 100 Grenade Launcher	Rob Becker
16 Oct 2026	Field Trip to Smith & Wesson Factory, Maryville, Tennessee	
22 Oct 2026	Beretta 92 – Part II	Lou DiGaetano
7-8 Nov 2026	VGCA Fall Gun Show	
Nov 2026	No Meeting due to Fall Gun Show & Thanksgiving Holiday	
12 Dec 2026 (Sat)	Holiday Potluck & Annual Swap Meet – No Presentation	
23 Jan 2027 (Sat)	The AR180	Shannon Zeigler
27 Feb 2027 (Sat)	Italian Bren Machinegun	Lou DiGaetano

If you have any presentation suggestions or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact Chris Britton or any officer or director.

✪ Watch the September Meeting from Home

As has been our recent practice, we will be broadcasting our June meeting via the free internet service JITSI. You can join via your phone through the app or via your browser on the computer. Neither requires an account. All you need to join a JITSI meeting is a link, like the one below. Simply click the link.

Click the following link to join the meeting: https://meet.jit.si/vgca-september2026

You will be asked to enter your name. You can enter your actual name or use a pseudonym. It will then prompt you to allow access to camera and microphone, which you also do not need to gain access to the meeting. Then click "Join" – it is as simple as that!

Just want to dial in on your phone? **Dial-in: +1-512-647-1431 PIN: 61806370#**

Click this link to see the dial in phone numbers for this meeting:
https://meet.jit.si/static/dialInInfo.html?room=vgca-september2026

✪ We Need help with the VGCA Newsletter!

Would you like to do more to support the VGCA? Are you interested in helping out from the comfort of your own home? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker is continuing as our editor but after 10 years is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on – in whole or perhaps just a single feature or area each month (like summarizing the monthly presentation or writing museum/book/gun show reviews) - please contact any of the officers or directors.



✪ August Meeting Notes

The VGCA August Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rob Becker. VGCA Secretary Robert Beigh led the 39 members and guests present in the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, 4 members participated on-line via Jit.si. New members and guests were introduced.

Rob introduced our new Vice President – Mr. Wes Chappell. Per our By-Laws, Wes was elected by the VGCA Executive Committee to complete the term of office left vacant by George Dungan's passing. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations, Wes!

Rob reminded our members that we have a confirmed date for our tour of the Smith & Wesson factory. Our tour is set for Friday, October 16th at Maryville, Tennessee. Our group is limited to 20 people altogether (S&W rule) and they must be VGCA members or their immediate family (VGCA rule). The plan is to travel on Thursday, tour the S&W facility on Friday morning, and then visit local gun shops/Smoky Mountain Knife Works for the rest of the day. There is also a gun show in Church Hill, TN that same weekend for those returning to Virginia on either Saturday or Sunday. There has been a proposal to rent a 15-passenger van to split travel costs and drive time and we will gauge participant interest in doing so when we get closer to the actual date. A sign-up sheet was passed around. UPDATE: There are currently only three openings available for this tour.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the following areas: **IT/Audio-Visual Equipment Manager** for our membership meetings, **Social Media Coordinator**, and most importantly, **Membership Chairman** to replace George. If you are interested in assisting in any of these areas, please contact any VGCA officer or director.

The July Enhanced Show-n-Tell meeting was a popular success. Rob described the background behind this meeting – as it was only the second time we have met in July. Before last year, we never met in July in order to accommodate members on summer vacation. Last year, as an experiment, we had a meeting but without a feature presentation. Instead, we picked a theme and had an expanded Show-n-Tell with attendees bringing in an item (or items) from their collection to match the theme. The experiment was a success and we repeated it this year. Members voted on several proposed themes for next July's meeting. UPDATE: The voting narrowed down the ten proposed themes to just three:

My First Gun
The Oldest Gun I Own
Guns of WWI

Those present at the September meeting will vote on these three and select which one will be the theme for our July 2027 Show-n-Tell meeting.

Preparations are under way at the Dulles Town Center to create an event venue. The Nation's Gun Show, promoted by Showmasters, is scheduled to have a gun show there on October 30th through November 1st. We will keep you posted on any updates.

Director Chris Britton asked for volunteers to give presentations at our 2027 membership meetings.

Finally, there was a plug to join Gun Owners of America (GOA) to be covered as a plaintiff in recent pro-Second Amendment court rulings.

✪ Smith & Wesson Factory Tour

Our second field trip of the year is planned for the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee. We have a confirmed date of Friday, October 16, 2026. S&W can manage a total of 20 people, divided into two groups of 10 each with our tours starting at 10:00 and 10:30 in the morning. As this is an out-of-state tour arranged by the VGCA, attendance is limited to VGCA members and their immediate family.

A sign-up list was passed around at our July Membership Meeting and we currently have 17 people signed up to participate. The sign-up list will continue to be available at the September meeting. If you cannot sign up in person, please contact Rob Becker at rpebecker@verizon.net. Make the subject/title of your email "S&W Tour".

We will publish additional S&W rules for the visit in future newsletters.

✪ VGCA Social Media Accounts ✪

Our Instagram account
@vaguncollectors
has 405 posts with 1717 followers as of 22 September 2026.
Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel
@vgca-virginiaguncollectorsasso
has 22 videos and 82 subscribers as of 22 September 2026.

The VGCA Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/
has 405 posts with 1846 followers as of 22 September 2026.

✪ Hampton Roads Military Society

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

13 Oct 2026 **"Lee Enfield Rifles"** by Paul Bracy

9 Nov 2026 **"An Army Career 1952-1988"** by Nelson Voke

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION:
MANURHIN MR32 MATCH REVOLVER

By Marc Gorelick

Since it was founded in the early 1920's in Alsace, France, the name of Manurhin has been synonymous with high quality, very accurate French revolvers. Once an independent gunmaker, the company was acquired by Chapuis-Armes, another French firearms company, in 1998. And Chapuis-Armes has continued the Manurhin tradition of producing high quality revolvers.



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

Based on Manurhin's accurate and rugged MR73 revolver, the Manurhin MR38 Match and MR32 Match are match revolvers that have been refined for use in professional matches and competition. The revolvers' long sight line with fully adjustable sights, perfect balance with a heavy barrel and options for either a single or double action trigger make it an extremely effective match gun. The MR38 Match is in .38 Special and the MR32 Match is in .32 S&W Long.

The MR32 Match, like other Manurhin MR73 series revolvers, features a triple adjustable trigger with an overtravel screw built into the trigger, and a hammer force adjustment screw and a hammer spring weight-adjustment screw built into the frame. This high level of adjustability allows for the shooter to dial in the trigger to the precise pull needed for maximum control and accuracy.

The frame and cylinder of the MR32 Match are machined from forged, ordnance-certified steel billets, and the chamber finish is produced by an impact process resulting in remarkably glass-smooth chamber walls that ensure extreme hardness and long service life. The cold hammer-forged barrel allows for long life, enhanced durability, and world-class accuracy. Cold hammer-forging processes provide the highest level of repeatability and consistency and are the standard for Manurhin revolvers. In addition, all assembling, fitting, and adjusting of the MR38 Match and MR32 Match is done entirely by hand by master gunsmiths. This process includes deburring, polishing and assembling the mechanical parts.

Finally, every Manurhin MR32 is test fired an average of 24 times before it leaves the factory. Every chamber is proof fired and function testing is conducted by Manurhin master gunsmiths, with special attention given to trigger pull weight, adjustment range, timing and lock up in both single and double action. All revolvers are tested for accuracy and MR32 Match revolvers are shipped with a factory test target showing a grouping of 6 shots within a 20mm (0.8 inch) circle at 25 meters.



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

Manurhin MR32 Match revolvers are 10.87 inches (276mm) long, with 6 inch ((152mm) long barrels and weigh 38 ounces (1,080 grams). The MR32 Match pictured above features wooden anatomical grips for a sure and steady hold. Their deep blue finish, high quality and consistently superb accuracy and performance ensure that the MR32 Match is made for the connoisseurs among target shooters. The MR32 Match's price often reflects that, costing from $2,000 to $4,000 in the U.S.



MR32 Match with factory grips. Photo – Chapuis-Armes / Manurhin

✪ Membership Report – September 2026

Please welcome the following new members into the ranks of the VGCA:

Jeffrey Weaver of Athen, Tennessee sponsored by **Chris Britton**

Guy Gawrych of North Fort Myers, Florida sponsored by **Bryan Pelton**

Since the last newsletter we have had the following persons apply for membership:

Frederick Belen of Oak Hill, Virginia sponsored by **Chris Britton**

David Sullivan of Vienna, Virginia sponsored by **Rob Becker**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our organization, please invite them to a meeting or to one of 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 Prospective New Members: If you have applied for membership in the last two months and do not see your name above or have not received your membership package, please be patient. Our Membership Chairman passed away unexpectantly in July and it may be a few weeks until we recover the membership paperwork from his estate. Please contact any officer or director if you have any questions or concerns.

Notice to New Member Sponsors: Please ensure your prospective applicants provide a legible email address and telephone contact number if possible. Also, please make sure your name is clearly written on the sponsorship form. Without a valid email address, new members will not receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Recruiting: Thank you to all our members who have worked at our recruiting table at Chantilly and Manassas over the past several years. It appears that the Nations Gun Show will return on the weekend of 30 October – 1 November and we will once again your support. Please contact Bruce Buchner buchnerb@cox.net if you are interested in helping out. We will also have a recruiting/membership table at our VGCA show on 7-8 November and will need volunteers for that weekend as well.

Annual Membership Renewals: Dues for 2026 are now well past due. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting into the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please update your dues payment. You can renew annually for $40 or $250 for life. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to Robert Beich ontarget8@aol.com.

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a check (please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed membership renewal form above to the address on the form. VGCA will also accept payments in person (CHECK or EXACT CHANGE preferred – we have NO CASH for change) with a completed renewal form.

Please detach and return with your payment

Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2025_Oct)

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

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

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for $40.00 for CY 2026 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- ☐ I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for $250.00.
- ☐ Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

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CMP UPDATE

By Clayton Vieg, CMP Liaison
The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.

CURRENT CMP FIREARMS AVAILABLE BY MAIL ORDER *(Click here for more information) (data current as of 09/20/2026)*

- M1 Garand *(Reclaimed Receiver)* Expert Grade .30-06 and .308 calibers $1150 + $35 S&H
- M1 Garand Receivers *(Reclaimed)* – Grade A $325.00 + $15 S&H; Grade B $275.00 + $15 S&H *(click here for grade descriptions and important information)*
- M1 Garand Barreled Receivers *(Reclaimed)* – .30-06 and .308 calibers – $500.00 + $20 S&H *(click here for important information)*
- M1 Garand Custom Shop Special .30-06 and .308 calibers $1650 + $35 S&H *(NOTE: Click here for important information)*
- M1903A3 Springfield *(Reclaimed Receiver)* Expert Grade .30-06 caliber $1050 + $35 S&H
- M1917 Enfield (service and field grades; also chromed parade rifles) – the North and TMP stores currently have them in stock *(not available via mail order) (NOTE: Click here for more information)*
- M1 Garand *(Commercial version) (New)* .30-06 and .308 calibers $1900 + $40 S&H *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- M1911/A1 Pistols - .45 ACP – Rack Grade: $1100; Field Grade: $1200; Service Grade: $1300 *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- Tisas (commercial) (new) M1911A1 Pistols - .45 ACP – **SALE $399.00** *(reg $429.99)* + free shipping *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- .22 Surplus Rifles – click here for current stock/availability

Additional rifles MAY be available at the CMP retail stores (Camp Perry and TMP). Check the CMP Forums or the individual stores for current stock

information. Annual limit of 12 surplus rifles (including reclaimed receivers) per customer; lifetime limit of 4 M1911 pistols (will change in January 2027); no limit on commercial firearms. Most remaining "legacy" (non-reclaimed) rifles are being sold via the CMP Auction site on GunBroker.com – click here for more information.)

Current surplus ammunition - *(click here for current availability and important information)*

LATEST CMP NEWS…

This will be (unfortunately) a short update this month, but only because there aren't any significant updates from CMP right now. Of course, there has been a dizzying amount of good news the last few months involving CMP, such as the upcoming release of M14s; the availability of reclaimed ex-drill rifles (M1s and M1903A3s); updates on the forthcoming release of pump shotguns; and so on.

The North Store is back to its normal operations at Camp Perry, OH – open Thursday thru Saturday, 8:30 am – 4 pm. The store at Talladega (TMP) is open Wednesday thru Sunday, 8 am – 4 pm. Finally, the CMP 1911 sales outlet is open on the second Friday of each month, from 8 am – 2 pm. Upcoming dates are:

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

As previously reported, please note that CMP still requires the pistol to be shipped from Anniston, AL to an FFL dealer in your state of residence, even if you go there in person to hand-pick the pistol, and even if you have an FFL yourself. Please use the CMP 1911 contact form if you need further information on these procedures.

One Last Thing…

Don't forget to check out the CMP Forums site regularly to find out additional information and happenings involving CMP, as reported many different individual CMP fans and customers.

….**Go CMP!**

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✪ Show-n-Tell ✪

NOTE: For anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell - please hold the item up so the members in attendance can see it. This will also help your photographer get a sharp picture and allow people who cannot attend the meeting to see it clearly in the newsletter. We also ask that you provide a Fact Sheet (copies of the one below will be provided at the meeting) to assist the newsletter editor in accurately describing your item. Thank you!

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✪ August Show-n-Tell ✪





Member 1 brought in an Italian Over/Under 12-gauge shotgun (*above*). Made in 1972 by Fausti and imported by Ithaca, this impressive firearm comes in a custom travel case (*at left*) that also includes four additional barrel insets. This gun was previously owned by the famous radio show personality "Greaseman". An early shock jock, the Greaseman (aka Doug Tracht) broadcast for over three decades, starting in the mid-1970s. Member 1 indicated that this gun was maybe fired/used once but would not be fired as long as he owns it.

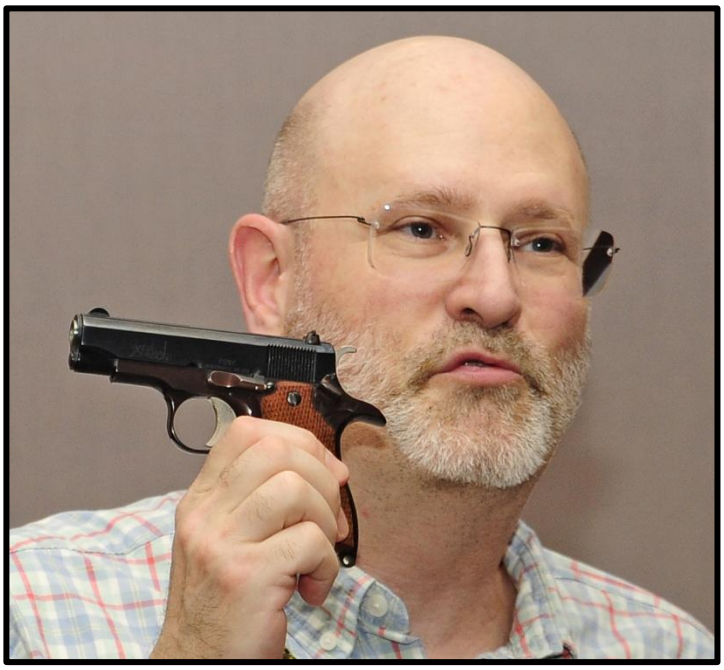


Member 2 shared two modern replicas of the infamous FG-42 made by the Smith Manufacturing Group (SMG). These rifles are semi-automatic reproductions of the Type 1 (*at right rear with replica optic*) and Type 2 (*at right front*) FG-42 made for the German Luftwaffe airborne troops during WWII. Like the originals, both firearms are chambered in 8mm Mauser (7.9x57). They are comprised of all machined parts (including the receivers) and were made to order via a checklist filled out by the customer on how to custom build each gun. The guns operate on a roller delayed blow back system. These guns had a long order completion timeframe, having been ordered in 2019 and delivered in 2023. Both firearms of are high quality and well balanced, and like the originals, came with bayonets from French MAS-36 rifles.



Member 3 brought in a Winchester Model 1897 pump action shotgun (*left*). Designed by John M. Browning with an external hammer and tube magazine, the Model 1897 was popular with the U.S. military, law enforcement officers, and hunters. In production from 1897 until 1957, over one million were made.

This example is in 12-gauge and was made in 1905. It had its barrel shortened by 4-inches at some point in its history but is otherwise in nice condition. Member 3 purchased this scattergun at the Baltimore Antique Arms Show and stated that he "got a good deal on it."



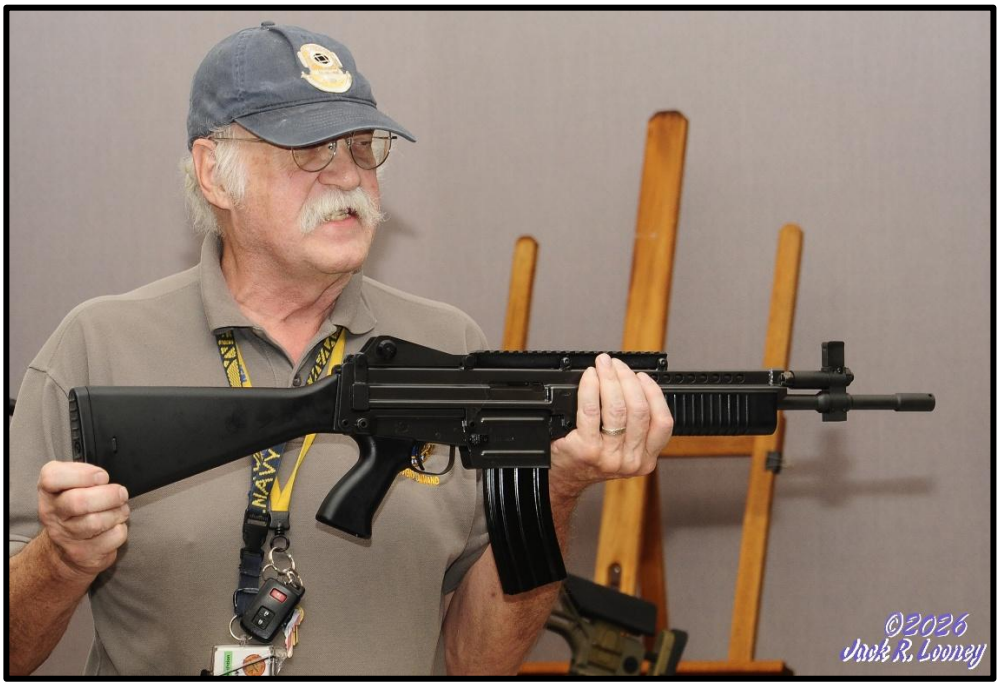
Member 4 brought in two firearms to share with the group. The first was an Iver Johnson X300 Pony chambered in .380 ACP (*left*). This gun was produced between 1978 and 1992 and is a copy of the Astra DK FI Model D, and Colt Pony. With its locked breech design (most .380 ACP pistols are simple blow-back), the X300 resembles a miniature Model 1911 and is considered by many as the most accurate .380 pistol ever made. This example came with the original box, paperwork and cleaning rod. Word to the wise – there are different magazines for early and late production X300s and the mags are not interchangeable!



Member 4 noted that he never expected to ever own the next rifle he brought in – a British Lee Enfield No. 1 Mark V Trials Rifle (*right*). 20,000 of this bolt action chambered in .303 British were made between 1922 and 1924, with most surviving specimens showing evidence of hard use. As a British Trials rifle, the No.1 Mark V was an attempt to improve on the venerable No.1 Mark III Short Magazine Lee Enfield (SMLE) by moving the rear sight back over the receiver, making it an aperture rear sight, and re-introducing the magazine cut-off lever. After trials, most of these Mark V's were sent to India, Ireland and Greece. Given its near perfect condition, this specimen is speculated to have been sent to the British National Rifle Association at Bisley for evaluation. This pristine specimen was made in 1924 and recently purchased at Cabela's.

Member 5 brought in an AR-180 rifle (*right*), described as Eugene Stoner's final design. Chambered in 5.56 NATO, the AR-180 is the semi-automatic version of the AR-18 and uses a short-stroke gas-piston system (unlike the direct gas impingement system of Stoner's AR-15 design). This example has a folding stock and was reportedly the final model fitted with this particular charging-handle design. Manufactured by Sterling Armaments Company in England, the firearm was purchased at Cabela's in 2016.





Member 6 shared an M96 Expeditionary Rifle Carbine (*left*). Manufactured by Robinson Armament Company, the M96 is operated by a long stroke gas piston with a rotating bolt and is chambered in .223 (5.56x45mm NATO). The feeding system is via a STANAG (NATO Standardization Agreement) M16 magazine. Its significance is that the M96 carbine was designed along the lines of the Stoner 63 Weapons Platform used by Navy Seals and Marines in Vietnam. M96 receivers are stamped in Stainless Steel and the system is designed to be user configured as a carbine or rifle, top fed or belt fed weapon. It was reliable but its design made it expensive to produce. The barrel is parkerized chromoly steel and stocks are molded plastic with an option for a folding stock. The buttstock is one part of the M96 that is interchangeable with the Stoner 63. This firearm was in production between 1999 and 2005 with a total production of only about 3500.



Member 7 brought in a German Gewehr 98 rifle (*left*). It was made in 1918 at the Waffenfabrik Mauser Manufacturing plant in Oberdorf Germany. This rifle was the standard German infantry rifle and is chambered in 8mm Mauser (7.9x57). The G98 was recently featured in the remake of the famous movie "All Quiet on the Western Front". This example is still in its original configuration to include the "roller coaster" rear sight and makings. Member 7 also shared a German WWI Iron Cross 2nd Class (*right*).





Member 8 brought in a Model 180/160 Auto Mag (*left*). This 1960's Prototype .357 AMP Pistol is serial number 002. The gun was designed for cartridges up to the .44 Magnum and was made popular during the 1983 movie "Sudden Impact". This very large and robust pistol utilizes a short recoil and rotating bolt and was the most powerful semi-automatic handgun in the world at the time. The original factory only operated a few months before Auto Mag went bankrupt in 1972. A total of only 9000 were produced by Auto Mag and various follow-on companies.

Member 8 also brought in a realistic replica of a Model 180 Auto Mag (*sorry, no photo available*) in .44 AMP that is a functional blow-back blank-firing non-firearm that operated with brass cartridges. This replica dates to the mid 1980's and filled a niche of providing guns from popular movies for people who didn't want to (or couldn't) own an actual firearms.

Member 9 brought in three items. The first was a Lee Enfield (LE) No.4 Mark I (*right*). This example was made by Birmingham Small Arms Company (BSA) in 1942 and represents a fine specimen of the standard infantry rifle used by the British Army during WWII. Chambered in .303 British, the No.4 LE bolt action rifle was manufactured from 1941 through the 1950s with a estimated total production of approximately 4 million. Member 9 brought this rifle to this Show-n-Tell as it represents the member's favorite in most WWII First Person Shooter (FPS) Games, noting that in many games, there are gameplay balance systems that cause bolt action rifles to have higher damage stats than semi-autos. The Lee Enfield gets this bump while having twice the capacity (10 Rounds) of its competitors (K98, 1903, etc.). Member 9 purchased this rifle from CS Arms at a VGCA gun show in 2018.



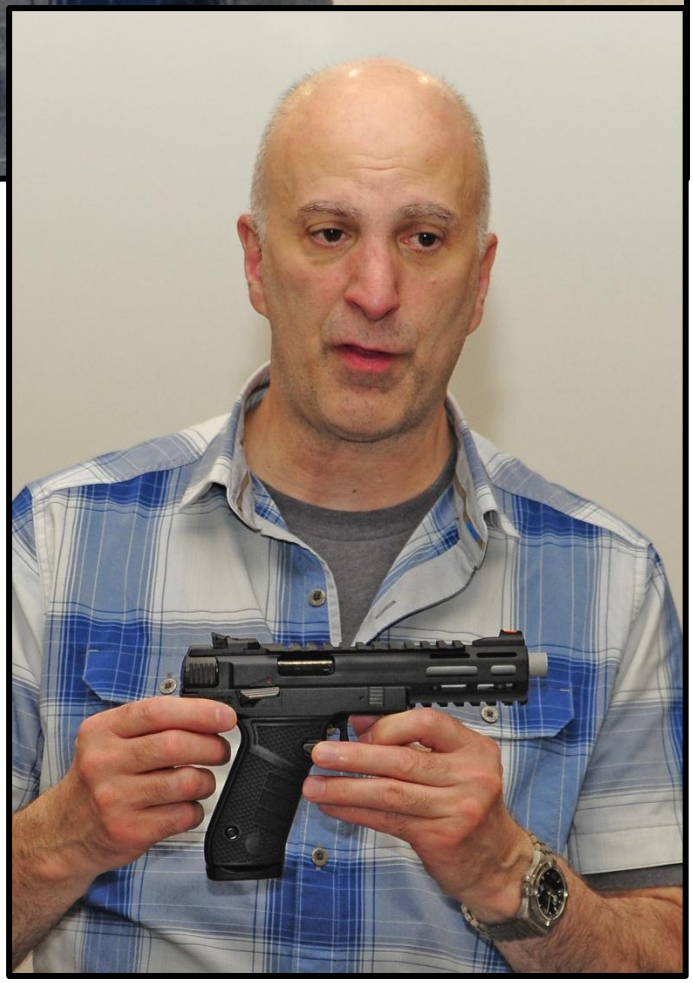


Member 9 also shared an antique lock (*left*) recently purchased at a Paris flea market. It is either a European lock made in the 16th century or a Moraccan copy made in the 18th century!

Finally, member 9 shared a VGCA Belt Buckle (*right*) that he found at an antique store.







Member 10 brought in two pistols for Show-n-Tell, the first being a Commemorative Sig Sauer Model M17 (*above*). This is a collector piece commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Army. This firearm chambered in 9mm Parabellum (9x19) is one of only 250 produced.

Member 10 also shared a Beretta B.22 Jaguar Target Pistol (*right*). Chambered in .22LR, this rimfire is a new catalog item for Beretta in 2026. It is both well-made and surprisingly heavy for a .22 caliber target pistol.



Member 11 brought in a newly purchased suppressor (*above*) acquired at the Stafford, Virginia Gun Show. As a result of a recent Federal Court ruling that removed suppressors and short-barreled rifles and shotguns from registration under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934, some venders are now selling these items via just the ATF Form 4473. The suppressor is shown fitted to an AR style pistol platform. This reduction in restrictions on citizens with standing – such as being a member in Gun Owners of America - generated much discussion during the meeting. While the ATF has yet issued direct guidance, this is a big win for gun-owning Americans.

✪ Upcoming Events and Shows ✪

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

VIRGINIA – 2026-2027

- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA –** Fredericksburg Fair Grounds – *SGK*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA –** Fraternal Order of Eagles – *SGK*
- **Oct 30-Nov 1, 2026 – Sterling, VA** – Dulles Town Center – *Showmasters* – ***Nation's Gun Show!***
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – Harrisonburg, VA –** Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Dale City, VA –** VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (Our Fall Gun Show!)*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Fishersville, VA** – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Dec 19-20, 2026 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- **Jan 2-3, 2027 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- **Jan 8-10, 2027 – Sterling, VA** – Dulles Town Center Expo Center– *Showmasters*
- **Jan 30-31, 2027 – Fishersville, VA** – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2026

- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Timonium, MD** – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Oct 9-11, 2026 – Bel Air, MD –** American Legion Harford Post 39 – *American Legion Post 39*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Crownsville, MD –** Anne Arundel Fairgrounds– *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Easton, MD –** Talbot County Community Center– *Shore Shot Promotions*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Frederick, MD –** Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – West Friendship, MD –** Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026

- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – East Berlin, PA –** East Berlin Fish & Game – *East Berlin F&G Assoc.*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Franklin, PA –** Rocky Grove Fire Hall – *Rocky Grove VFD*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA –** Redding Auction Hall – *Central PA Antique Arms Association – Guns and Militaria from All Eras*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Lewis Run, PA –** Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run VFD*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Sellersville, PA –** Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – West Middlesex, PA –** Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club – *HVSC*
- **Sep 27, 2026 – Baden, PA –** Ambridge District Sportsman Club – *ADSA*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Conneaut Lake, PA –** Conneaut Lake Sportsmans Assoc – *Glenn Favorite*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Lake Harmony, PA –** Split Rock Resort – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Pleasantville, PA –** Pleasantville Vol Fire Dept – *Randy Peterson*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Washington, PA –** Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- ~~**Oct 10-11, 2026 – Williamsport, PA** – Liberty Arena – *Eastern Gun Expo*~~ - **CANCELLED**
- **Oct 16-18, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026-2027 (continued)

- **Oct 18, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA –** Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Matamoras, PA –** Best Western, Hunt's Landing – *Westchester Collectors Inc*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Reeders, PA –** Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Oct 30-31, 2026 – Shippenville, PA –** Oak Grove Events Building – *Allegheny Log Homes*
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA –** Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – York, PA –** York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Quarryville, PA** – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Sellersville, PA –** Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Hermitage, PA –** Hickory VFW 6166 – *Wyatt Canon's Gun Room*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Lebanon, PA –** Lebanon Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 15, 2026 – Portland, PA –** William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- **Nov 21-22, 2026 – Allentown, PA -** Parkview Inn - *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA –** Allstar Events Complex - *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Dec 12-13, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- **Dec 13, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA –** Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- **Dec 18-20, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Jan 16-17, 2027 – Matamoras, PA –** Best Western, Hunt's Landing – *Westchester Collectors Inc*
- **Jan 16-17, 2027 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Jan 30-31, 2027 – Quarryville, PA** – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Lancaster Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (70th Annual Gun Show)*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2026-2027

- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Wellington, OH –** Ross Expo Center, Lorain County Fairgrounds – *OGCA* – Hosting Winchester Arms Collectors Association
- **Oct 1-4, 2026 – Noblesville, IN –** Embassy Suites by Hilton Conference Center – *Colt Collectors Association Show and Auction*
- **Oct 17-18, 2026 – Statesville, NC –** Statesville Civic Center - *NCGCA*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Rock Hill, SC –** Rock Hill Sports & Events Center - *SCACA*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Columbia, SC –** Jamil Temple - *SCACA*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Tulsa, OK –** Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher* – **World's Largest Gun Show** – 4200+ tables!
- **Nov 21-22, 2026** – Ladson, SC – Exchange Park - *SCACA*
- **Nov 21-22, 2026 – Hamilton, OH –** Spooky Nook at Champion Mill – *OGCA*
- **Dec 12-13, 2026 – Columbia, SC** – SC State Fairgrounds – *SCACA*
- **Dec 19-20, 2026 – Greenville, SC** – 1 Exposition Drive - *SCACA*
- **Feb 13-14, 2027 – Columbus, OH –** Kasich Hall, Ohio State Expo Center – *OGCA*

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

FOR SALE:

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA and is intended for listing firearms and firearm related items. The VGCA, its officers, and directors are not responsible for any listings made in any VGCA Newsletter. We are not responsible for the accuracy (condition, value, etc.) of any listings. All buyers, traders, and sellers agree to comply with all local, state, federal, and international laws in regard to items sold via the VGCA Newsletter. It is their duty and responsibility to ensure the quality and value of the transaction and that all such laws are followed at all times. Buy, sell, or trade at your own risk.

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

VGCA Logo Available at Lands' End



Here's how to order your apparel:

1. Go to the VGCA store on Lands' End business: ***https://business.landsend.com/store/vgca***
   a. It must be the URL shown above. **Do not** go to the regular Lands' End website. It will not show our logo options.
2. Above the photo on the home page click on "Men" or "Women"
3. On the drop-down menu select what you are interested in. For example, Men>Activewear >Tops gives you 19 different styles and fabrics of men's shirts. When you have selected an item click on it and select your color, size and quantity. Then on the lower right-hand corner of the screen click on the blue "Apply Logos" button.
4. On the next screen click on the VGCA logo to choose it and it will open the "select a Location" menu showing where you can have the VGCA logo embroidered. Choose a location and then scroll down to the "Apply Logo" button in the lower right corner and click it. It will return you to your garment page.
5. If you are satisfied with your garment, color, size and logo location click on the "Add to Bag" button in the lower right corner.
6. Then you can then go to checkout or continue shopping. When you checkout it will show an additional $8.95 for embroidery.

   If you have any questions, you can reach Bruce Buchner at 703-339-8212 or ***Buchnerb@cox.net***

FOR SALE:

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

For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:
https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant.

FOR SALE:

✪ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has published his book **Guns of the FBI**. This book is available at GunDigest.com or can be purchased directly from Bill by calling 703-626-2975. He is more than happy to sign a copy for you. Cost is $50.00.

FOR SALE:

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

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

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

FOR SALE:

✪ VGCA member Larry Babcock has published a companion piece to his earlier book **M1 Garand Photo Essay**. This second book, titled **M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II** covers all new material, to include the M1C and M1D sniper rifles as well as a myriad of M1 accessories. Best of all, both books are offered at a discount to VGCA members. Volume I is normally priced at $69 and volume II lists for $49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for $60 and $40 each respectively - or $90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock set up near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show or order from him directly at ***larrybab@comcast.net*** / or text to 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

✪ Lefever Arms "Nitro Special". 12-gauge with 2 ¾ inch chambers, 28-inch barrels choked Full and Modified. $950

Contact Jack via email to ***looney.house@verizon.net*** or text to 703-999-9458.



FOR SALE:

✪ 1968 Winchester Model 70 chambered in .270 Winchester. Excellent condition. Accepting offers.



✪ Four boxes of Freedom Munitions 10mm X-DEF 200gr List price is $29.65 each - Asking $25 each

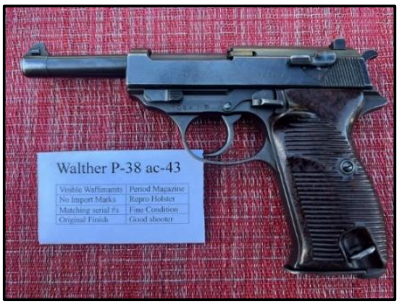


Contact Steven Philippy at ***dhhilliard54@duck.com*** or 703-927-9210.

FOR SALE:

✪ Walther P.38 - ac-43 in Fine to Excellent condition. Early 1943 "ac" Walther manufacture - fully functional with all matching with original finish; sharp lettering, numerals and design on metal; unmarred original grips and fine bore. Comes with high-quality repro late war P.38 holster. Don't miss this chance to own a pristine mid-war Walther P.38! C&R OK. Price: $1,950







✪ 1/35th Scale Armor Model Kits - unbuilt - new in box condition. My collection includes several hundred model kits from industry leading manufacturers such as Tamiya, Italeri, Dragon, DML, AFV Club, Academy. Collection includes older vintage kits from the 70s-80s and newer highly engineered kits from the 90's onward. If you enjoy building or collecting 1/35 scale armor models, chances are I have the kit(s) you may want at a great price.

If interested, please contact Robert Beich at ***ontarget8@aol.com*** or 571-421-6849 (Cell).

WANT TO BUY:

✪ Browning lever action Gold Medallion, short action, blue or silver.
Also: Browning lever action with pistol grip and take down. Prefer .308 but any considered.
Call King at (703) 576-7016, if there is no answer leave name and number with a brief description.
Thank you, King von Schilling

WANT TO BUY:

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



WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA Life Member and Federal Firearms License dealer Colonel Ed Cercone, USMC, is seeking to enhance his collection and is looking for the following firearms in pristine condition and preferably with correct box. Ed can be reached at ***lucille.cercone@gmail.com*** or at (703) 323-6358. Mirror finish pieces are most desired.

S&W Model 56 KTX - 38
S&W Model 73
S&W Model 59 Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 39-2 Alloy 7.65 mm
S&W Model 39 Steel Frame

S&W Model 39 Alloy Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 66 Combat 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W Model 66 No Dash 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W 386 SCS Airweight
Beretta Model 1934 (7.65) With High Polish Finish or Italian Air Force Production or Model 1935 possibly with a high polish finish in 7.65

WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA member Kenan Torrans is on the hunt for an original and unaltered World War I Winchester Model 97 trench shotgun (not the riot gun or a riot gun modified to a trench gun configuration, and not a WW II version). If you have one you are willing to part with, please contact Kenan at: ***kenantorrans@aol.com***

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Article I, Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution states:

That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.