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October 2021 VGCA Newsletter

President's Comments

Greetings VGCA Members,

It was great to see many of you at our in-person membership meeting in September. It was our first in-person VGCA meeting in a year and a half. We had a celebratory barbecue & a great meeting. Thanks to all that attended!

Our next in-person meeting will be at the same location at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on October 21st. The theme of this meeting is pre-ban assault rifles. Please bring your pre-89 or pre-94 assault rifle for a group show-and-tell. I think there will be some very interesting firearms to view and learn about.

We will have VGCA elections in November. We will be taking nominations from the floor at the October meeting for anyone interested in running. We may not need election ballots if we only have one person running for each office. Please see George Dungan if you are interested.

Our VGCA fall gun show is rapidly approaching. Rick Nahas has been working diligently along with George to get all 145 tables sold (a new set-up arrangement for this show). The last update from Rick is that we have five tables open. Please let him know if you're interested in a table. We will also have on site CCW training from member TJ Parmele, who will be offering CCW training in the building we use for monthly meetings. It should be a great show!

The board is looking into having a VGCA Christmas party. We are researching several restaurants and getting estimates for cost. I think it'll great to get everyone together to celebrate the holidays and the VGCA.

This is my last "President's Comments." I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with this great organization and its members. The VGCA has the highest membership in its history and financially we are sound. I want to thank all of the officers and board members that made this happen. I will continue to be a life member and will see many of you at venues in the future. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the VGCA - being your president has been a pleasure and honor and look I forward to seeing everyone soon.

—*Bernie Breighner*, VGCA President



★ September Presentation

OTTOMAN ÇAKMAKLI TUFEKS

By Marc Gorelick



One of the first references to Ottoman use of firearms refers to the use of matchlock arquebuses (tufek) by the Janissary Corps from 1394 to 1465. Elite units of the Ottoman armies were first equipped with matchlock arquebuses. The arquebus and later the musket (also called tufek or tufeng) soon became a standard weapon in the Ottoman army. Arquebusiers served in Sultan Murad II's campaign in the 1440s when he crossed Bosphorus straits and Ottoman arquebusiers were instrumental in defeating John Hunyadi's Hungarian/crusader army at the second battle of Kosovo in 1448. Ottomans also made use of "Wagon Fortresses," which they copied from the Hussites, placing arquebusiers in the protective wagons. Sultan Mehmed II used his arquebusiers in conjunction with artillery to destroy a Turcoman army at the battle of Bashkent in 1473. And in 1514 an Ottoman army of 12,000 soldiers armed with arquebuses devastated a much larger Mameluke army.

*Fig 1. Ottoman musketeer (tufekci) with a musket (tufek).
Water color by anonymous Greek artist, 1809.*



Fig 2. Rather plain çakmakli tufek musket. Photo courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria



When the flintlock musket replaced the older arquebus, the Ottomans used a variation of the Mediterranean style miquelet lock. The Ottoman gunmakers adopted the conventional Spanish patilla style miquelet lock in its basic form, but with an extra feature in the form of a fastening bridge between the cock screw and the frizzen screw (Figure 3). This bridge decreased torsion on the cock axis while providing additional space for decoration.

Fig 3. Ottoman miquelet lock. Photo Swedish Royal Armory

These miquelet lock muskets are known as cakmakli tufek. The Tufek illustrated in Figure 2 is far from the most ornate but it is a typical Ottoman style of the 18th and 19th century. Manufactured around 1800, it has a 43.3 inch (110 cm) long, smooth bore, fluted barrel. The .63 caliber barrel is made of octagonal Damascus twist and tapers to the muzzle. The breech is decorated with scroll engraving. It has a small miquelet style flintlock and a button trigger without a trigger guard. The grained walnut full stock is inlaid with intarsia of bone and mother of pearl and it has three silver barrel bands. The ramrod is iron. This cakmakli tufek was offered at auction by the well-known house of Joh. Springer's Erben in Vienna, Austria with a starting price of \$1,772 (1,500 euros).

Many of the tufeks that exist today are of the richly decorated type that belonged to high ranking Ottoman officers and nobles, or the Sultan's bodyguard. They often reside in museums or in the private collections of advanced collectors. That they have survived through the ages is a testament to their being true works of art.



Fig. 4. Ivory mounted cakmakli tufek rifle. Photo courtesy of Royal Armouries.

The second example of a cakmakli tufek (Figures 4 and 5) is held in the Royal Armouries in Leeds, UK. It is more of a work of decorative art and is said to be indicative of the type used by the sultan's bodyguard. This ivory mounted tufek with its miquelet style lock dates from between 1700 to 1799 and is rifled. The octagonal barrel flares slightly towards the muzzle. It has a hinged European type sight at the breech instead of the usual Turkish standing rear sight. The .59 caliber barrel's rifling has six grooves and lands and it is held to the stock with 8 silver bands. There are also silver bands inlaid into the barrel at the breech and muzzle. The stock is entirely covered with ivory, profusely inset with brass studs that have their heads incised and partially filled with colored wax or resin. The stock is also ornamented with coral beads and silver plates ornamented with silver filigree. The butt is decorated with two rows of prominent round-headed silver studs. The iron miquelet type lock has some silver inlay on the back of the frizzen, on the top-jaw of the cock and on the underside of the mainspring. This tufek also has a button trigger with no trigger guard. It is 43.6 inches (110.7cm) in overall length with a 31.8 inch (80.7cm) long barrel.



Fig. 5. Ivory mounted cakmakli tufek. Close up of the ornate decoration. Photo courtesy of Royal Armouries

The next three cakmakli tufeks are held in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and are also luxuriously decorated. The first of these similar to the one in figures 4 and 5 as it is also mounted in ivory and was possibly used by the Ottoman Imperial Guard. (See figures 6 - 9.) Dating from the late 18th century this rifle is composed of steel, wood, ivory, copper alloys, mother-of-pearl, gold, silver, and glass paste. It is a traditional cakmakli tufek design with a Turkish miquelet lock, button trigger with no trigger guard, straight-sided hexagonal butt stock and cannon muzzle at the end of a Damascus barrel that is held with several barrel bands.



Fig 6. Ornately decorated cakmakli tufek. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

This tufek rifle is .48 caliber (12mm). It is 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (154.31 cm) long with a 47 inch (119.4 cm) long barrel and weighs 10 lbs. 12 ounces. It is ornately engraved and the metal parts are gold washed or are copiously covered with gold inlay. The lock is inscribed with the name of Muhammad Ayyubi and the barrel has a Turkish test mark.



Fig 7. Ornately decorated cakmakli tufek. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Fig 8. Ornately decorated cakmakli tufek. Note the inlaid gold designs on the barrel, chamber and top jaw of the cock. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Fig 9. Close view of the miquelet lock. Note the inlaid gold decoration on the lock and barrel, engraved gold washed metal and the ivory covered stock decorated with round wheels with mother-of-pearl inserts. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

The second tufek from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's collection (see Figures 10 - 12) most probably belonged to Cezayirli Hasan Pasha, grand admiral of the Ottoman navy from 1770 to 1790. At least his name is inscribed on the gold damascened barrel. It was made in 1784-85 and the materials that went into it are steel, wood, bone, copper alloy, and gold. While not as ornate as the preceding two guns, it is still a quality piece that is richly decorated.



Fig 10. Tufek of Cezayirli Hasan Pasha. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Hasan Pasha's gun has the typical features of the Turkish tufek – long Damascus barrel with a cannon muzzle that is held to the full stick by several barrel bands, Turkish style miquelet lock, straight sided butt stock, button trigger without a trigger guard, sharp cliff or ridge behind the lock, and rich decoration. The smoothbore Damascus barrel is .80 caliber (20mm). The gun is 46 ½ inches (118.0 cm) long with a 33 ½ inch long barrel and weighs 7 lbs. 11 ounces.



Fig 11. Tufek of Cezayirli Hasan Pasha. Note the gold inlays on the butt, cock and the barrel. Note the engraved gold barrel band. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Fig 12. Close view of the lock of Cezayirli Hasan Pasha's tufek. Note the inlaid gold on the lock and top of the barrel. Note the engraved gold barrel band. The screw knob above the jaws of the cock is of typical Ottoman configuration. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

The third Ottoman gun from the Metropolitan Museum's collection illustrated here (See figures 13 - 17.) is a late example of a traditional Turkish cakmakli tufek, distinguished by a miquelet lock, a hexagonal butt, a ball trigger without a trigger-guard, and a long barrel held by numerous bands. The .60 caliber (15mm) rifled barrel is probably Iranian and dates from 1738-39, almost a century before the Ottoman lock, which dates from 1824-25. A poem is inlaid in gold script on the barrel praising the gun's accuracy in the service of Islam. The dark wood stock and decoration are also Turkish. The gun is exquisitely decorated with gold, silver and copper alloy. Beautiful guns of this type usually would have been

reserved for hunting and target shooting. This striking rifle is 61 5/8 inches (156.5 cm) long with a 47 3/8 inch (120.4 cm) long octagonal Damascus barrel. It weighs 11 lbs. 3 ounces.



Fig 13. Ottoman cakmakli tufek w silver decoration. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Fig 14. Ottoman cakmakli tufek w silver decoration. Note the delicate silver filigree on the buttstock and around the miquelet lock which is decorated with gold inlay. Note the silver barrel band. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Fig 15. Close view of the engraved silver filigree decoration and the gold inlay on the lock. Note the button trigger. There is also gold inlay script and décor on the octagonal Damascus barrel. Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Fig 16. Top view of silver tufek showing engraved silver filigree around hexagonal butt, silver engraved silver decoration to rear of lock, gold inlay on lock and barrel and engraved silver barrel band. Note sling on left side. Photo courtesy of Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Fig 17. Close view of top of octagonal Damascus barrel showing gold inlay inscription and an engraved silver barrel band. Photo courtesy of Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The cakmakli tufek was a work of art as well as a deadly weapon and in its dual nature it possibly represented the pinnacle of Ottoman arms during the 16th to early 19th centuries. The early Ottoman Empire of the 15th to early 17th centuries was even with, or even ahead of Western Europe in adopting firearms technology. The Ottomans established a large regular standing professional army paid by salary rather than booty in the 14th century while Europe still relied on part-time feudal levies and mercenaries. The early Turkish artillery was second to none, as evidenced by their destruction of the walls of Constantinople in 1453. However, by the 18th and 19th centuries the Ottoman military technology had lagged far behind the west. During the second half of the 19th century the Ottomans made an effort to re-equip their army, one of the largest on earth, with a variety of modern western guns, including the Snider, Peabody, Martini-Henry and even the Winchester (used to good effect at the siege of Plevna during the Russo Turkish War of 1877-78 even though the Turks lost). Turkey adopted the M1887 Mauser in 1887 and afterwards purchased large numbers of different model Mausers. The Ottoman munitions industry had become relatively insignificant and Turkey relied on imports from its German allies. Yet the ornately decorated Ottoman tufeks still recall the glory days when Ottoman armies conquered much of the Middle East and Eastern Europe, and pounded on the gates of Western Europe.



Fig 18. Janissary with a tufek. Watercolor by Claes Ralamb,

Swedish Ambassador to Turkey 1657-1658.

★ September Membership Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by VGCA President Bernie Breighner (*standing, at right*) at 7:01 p.m. with 36 people present at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Due to technical difficulties (which we have since sorted out) we were unable to broadcast this presentation via “Webinar” but hope to be able to



simulcast in the future. Member Jim Burgess led those assembled through the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of those VGCA members we have lost since our last in-person meeting.

Those assembled gave a round of applause to Bernie for organizing and cooking our pre-meeting feast!

Bernie continued with the following comments:

- Our next VGCA Membership Meeting (28 Oct 2021) will also be in-person and at the Prince William County (PWC) Fairgrounds at the Conference Building (same location as tonight – at the small building located on the left immediately past the entrance gate)
 - o Park in the grassy area on the right (same as parking during our Gun Shows)
 - o Come early share pizza and refreshments!
- Hope to return to the NRA facilities after the New Year
- Provided a quick financial update (Treasurer Shannon Zeigler is out-of-town)
 - o VGCA remains in good shape financially with roughly the same cash reserves we had last year
 - o Though our income was reduced over the last year-and-a-half, our expenses have also been lower than usual

George Dungan announced the candidates for the upcoming VGCA elections

- Having postponed elections in May 2020 and May 2021 due to COVID, we will now have elections for all VGCA officers and all three directors this fall
- Officers
 - o President: Ed Costello
 - o Vice President: Rick Nahas
 - o Treasurer: Shannon Zeigler (incumbent)
 - o Secretary: Rob Becker (incumbent)
- Directors
 - o Marc Gorelick (incumbent)
 - o Ian Wulf (incumbent)

- Matthew Gminski (volunteered at the meeting)
- We will take nominations from the floor at the October Membership Meeting
- If there are no accepted nominations from the floor and there continues to be only one candidate per position, per our By-laws there is no need for a ballot and all positions are elected by acclamation

November Gun Show Report

- We will utilize a new 145-table layout in the main Prince William County Fairgrounds exhibit hall (our pre-COVID layout was 165 tables and our recent COVID “social distancing” layout has been 125 tables)
- The club will rent the Fairgrounds Conference Building (the same one we met in for September) and member TJ Parmele will conduct multiple Concealed Carry classes there

Membership Chairperson Bill Chronister provided the following update

- 124 Annual Members + 412 Life Members = 536 total members
- Looking for someone to replace Bill as Membership Chairperson by the end of this November (Membership Chairman is an appointed position). If interested, please contact Bill at Vgca_membership@cox.net

VGCA Website

- We are looking to update and upgrade our web page
 - Originally built over 20 years ago, it uses old code and is extremely cumbersome to keep current
 - In addition to updating the website, we are looking to hire a Website Manager
 - Stay tuned for more news on this subject

George Dungan added a Legislative Update

- Virginia Elections will be on 2 November 2021
- We will be electing a new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, etc.
- NRA Ratings for the candidates are:
 - Governor – Terry McAuliffe – F
 - Governor – Glenn Youngkin – ?
 - Lt Governor – Hala Ayala – F
 - Lt Governor – Winsome Sears – A (Qualified – based on questionnaire)
 - Attorney General – Mark Herring - F
 - Attorney General – Jason Miyares - A

Bernie noted that our next Membership Meeting (on 28 October 2021) will involve members bringing in their favorite Pre-Ban rifles (FN/FALs, AR-15s, Chinese AKs, etc.)

Secretary Rob Becker is always looking for members to contribute firearm-related articles, reviews of gun shows, books, or museums, and especially show-n-tell items for the newsletter

- Please send any articles or photos to rpebecker@verizon.net



★ **Next Membership Meeting: October 28th, 7 p.m. Topic: Pre-Ban Assault Rifles.** Members are asked to bring their favorite Pre-1989 import-ban assault rifles to present to the group. We will also be taking nominations from the floor for candidates to run for any of our officer or director positions (election to be held in November). Since the NRA facilities remain closed to the public, we will meet at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Please park in the grass (same parking area as for our gun shows) and proceed to the Conference Building on the left just past the entrance gate. There will be a social hour with pizza and beverages starting at 6:00 p.m. This will be just our second in-person meeting since Feb 2020 and we look forward to seeing you!



★ **Upcoming VGCA Elections: November 2021**

As mentioned in the last two VGCA Newsletters, the COVID-19 pandemic for the last 18 months or so prevented in-person VGCA Membership meetings, which in-turn effected our ability to conduct elections. According to the VGCA By-Laws, we must have an opportunity to take nominations “from the floor.” Without the ability to do so, the VGCA Executive Committee decided to postpone our officer elections from last year, and with a quarantine still effect, the director elections earlier this year. All sitting officers and directors agreed to remain in place until we are able to hold elections.



WE WANT YOU!

With the intent to begin in-person membership meetings starting in September, the VGCA Executive Committee has decided to conduct elections for all positions in November. This will allow for nominations “from the floor” at the October membership meeting.

The four newly elected officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) will serve from December 2021 until May 2024. The three newly elected directors will serve from December 2021 until May 2023. This will get us back on our By-Laws directed cycle of officer elections in even-numbered years and director elections in odd years.

Many of our current officers and directors are looking to step down. We need motivated and energetic members to run for all positions, but particularly president, vice president, and director.

If interested in running for any of these offices, please contact George Dungan at george@eccominv.com NLT this month’s Membership Meeting.



★ Membership Chairman's Report – October 2021:

Membership Chairman's Report October 2021 – There were no new members for October.

→→→ **NOTICE:** I am stepping down as VGCA Membership Chair in at the end of October 2021. George Dungan has agreed to serve as the interim Membership Chair until a new Chairman is appointed. **VGCA needs a new Membership Chair.** All the records are up to date. If you are interested please contact any Officer or Board member ASAP. If you have any questions as to what is expected, give me a call or email me at the email address and/or phone number listed above.

Recent new members will receive their Annual Membership IDs before the November Gun Show.

New Applications for Membership: VGCA received one application for Membership at the October Nations Gun Show at the Chantilly Expo Center.

- **Gregory Hylinski** of Haymarket, VA was sponsored by **George Dungan**.

If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before November 15, 2021. For questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at vgca_membership@cox.net or call me at 703-204-0138. As I will not be at the October Membership Meeting or the November Gun Show, you may contact **George Dungan** at george@ecominv.com or (571) 243-6387

Membership Numbers: There are now currently 412 Life members, and 124 Annual Members, for a total of 536 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

VGCA Officers and Directors Elections: To ensure you receive your election ballots for the upcoming election, make sure we have your current email and mailing address. If you know a member who has moved, please let them know. If you know a member who has passed, please notify the Membership Chair.

VGCA will be discontinuing hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters at a future date. Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number if at all possible. Without an email address new members will NOT receive any newsletters, VGCA announcements, or election ballots.

Annual Membership extensions: The VGCA Executive Committee extended all 2020 Annual Memberships until December 31, 2021. All Annual Members have been sent their 2021 Validation Stickers that are good until 12/31/2021. Please watch future newsletters for 2022 dues and Life Membership upgrade payment information.

Bill Chronister, Membership Chair



★ **Accepting Donations!** The VGCA Raffle at our March Gun Show was a big success, netting the VGCA almost \$1000. If interesting in donating something firearms-related (ammo, cleaning supplies, bayonets, books, etc.) for the November Raffle, please contact Bernie Breighner at bfbkac@gmail.com



★ **Volunteers Needed!**

Show Security - We need your help! VGCA needs security volunteers for our fall Gun Show to be held on 6-7 Nov 2021. Please consider volunteering for one or more 2-Hour or 4-Hour shifts, especially afternoon/late shifts. If interested, contact Frank Cambria at 703-937-7670 or ftcambria@yahoo.com

Show Set-Up - In addition to show security, we need 8 or more volunteers for show set-up. Set-up is on Friday, 5 Nov 2021 (time TBD) and lasts until all the tables are in place (generally about 1-2 hours). If you can help, please contact Andrew Woodard at ajw055570@aol.com

★ **ATTENTION MEMBERS: Have you authored a book/magazine article, or published research on Firearms, Gun Collecting, History, or related subjects?**

The VGCA is fortunate to have a diverse membership with a large amount of expertise, experience, and knowledge! If you are - or know any member who is - a published author or researcher, please know that the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc. wants to feature your works on the VGCA website, at gun shows, in the VGCA newsletters (see the FOR SALE section of this newsletter), and/or at VGCA meetings. We also invite you to consider giving a presentation on your works at one of our meetings. If you have any questions or wish to be included, please direct any information, including titles, publishing information, or contact information to: Bill Chronister, Membership Chairman at vgca_membership@cox.net or at home on 703-204-0138.

SMITH & WESSON TO LEAVE ANTI-GUN MASSACHUSETTS AND MOVE TO GUN FRIENDLY TENNESSEE

By Marc Gorelick



Smith & Wesson, one of America's oldest gun manufacturers, has been in Massachusetts for 168 years. However, it recently announced that it finalized plans to leave Springfield, Massachusetts, and relocate to Maryville, Tennessee, in 2023, citing Tennessee's "unwavering support of the Second Amendment" and proposed anti-gun legislation in Massachusetts. Newly proposed legislation in Massachusetts would, if enacted, prohibit the company from manufacturing semi-automatic weapons in the state.

S&W President and CEO Mark Smith said, "These bills would prevent Smith & Wesson from manufacturing firearms that are legal in almost every state in America and that are safely used by tens of millions of law-abiding citizens every day exercising their Constitutional 2nd Amendment rights, protecting themselves and their families, and enjoying the shooting sports."

Smith called the legislation in question "arbitrary and damaging" and noted that the potentially banned products made up over 60% of the company's revenue in 2020. He further stated that even if the legislation is ultimately defeated, the prospect of continued anti-gun legislation in the state made it imprudent to stay.

The company's decision to move to Maryville rested on key factors such as "support for the 2nd amendment," Tennessee's "business friendly environment," as well as "cost of living and affordability" for employees. S&W expects to spend \$125 million on the relocation and said that as many as 750 jobs will be moved from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Missouri to Tennessee by summer 2023.

Earlier this year, Troy Industries, cited the "changing climate" for the gun industry in Massachusetts, announced that is relocating its headquarters and manufacturing operations from West Springfield, Mass. to Clarksville, Tennessee. Troy is one of America's largest suppliers of OEM small arms accessories and weapon upgrades and supplies firearms to military, law enforcement and civilians. Other firearms manufacturers, such as Smith & Wesson, Colt, HK, and Sturm, Ruger & Company incorporate TROY components into their products.





CMP UPDATE

By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison

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

CMP M-1 GARAND GRADING CRITERIA



M-1 Garand rifles sold by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) are authentic U.S. Government rifles that have been inspected, headspaced, repaired if necessary and test fired for function. Rifles are shipped with a safety manual, one eight-round clip, chamber safety flag and a CMP certificate of authenticity. Rifles of all grades are packed for shipment purely by “luck of the draw” and all Garands, except for plugged drill rifles are shipped in a hard case. The CMP has designated several condition

grades help determine price. Below is a guide to the CMP grades.

RACK GRADE: (Fair)

Most Rack Grade rifles have been refinished or rebuilt at least once while in military service and will likely have some parts from several manufacturers. Rifle wear will be exhibited by worn and mixed colors of the finish; there may be some minor pitting on the metal parts; wood will be basically sound but may be well used with minor hairline cracks, poor fit, and many dings, scratches and gouges; wood may not match in color, type of wood or condition. These rifles may have some foreign parts and wood may be walnut, birch, beech or other variety. Rifles do not have import marks. Bores will be generally good with only minor imperfections; the barrel crown may be nicked, and the muzzle may gauge more than “3” on muzzle gauge. The Throat Erosion will gauge more than “5.” The overall appearance and condition of the rack grade will generally be rougher than any other grade. Manufacturer selection only guarantees the receiver was produced by the manufacturer listed. The barrel and the other parts may have been produced by other manufacturers.

FIELD GRADE: (Fair to Good)

Most Field Grade rifles have been refinished or rebuilt at least once while in military service and will likely have some parts from other manufacturers. They will be in fair to good condition, similar to rack grade but in a little better condition. Rifle wear will be exhibited by worn and mixed colors of the finish; may have pitting on the metal parts; wood will be basically sound but may be well used with minor hairline cracks, and many dings, scratches and gouges; wood may not match in color, type of wood or condition. These rifles may have some foreign parts and wood may be walnut, birch, beech or other variety. Wood may also be new hackberry with no holes drilled for the cleaning kit. Rifles do not have import marks. Bores will be generally good with only minor imperfections; the barrel crown may be nicked, and the muzzle may gauge a “3” on muzzle gauge. The Throat Erosion will gauge less than “5;” well within US Army standards. Do not expect rifles in mint condition in this grade.

SERVICE GRADE: (Good to Very Good)

Service Grade rifles show less wear and better appearance than Field or Rack Grades. Rifle wear will be exhibited by worn and mixed colors of the parkerized finish and they may have pitting on the metal parts. Wood will be either walnut, birch, beech or other variety and will be basically sound but may have minor hairline cracks, dings, scratches and gouges. The wood may not match in color or type of wood. The wood may also be new production but may be used and show signs of wear on Service Grade rifles. Bores will be generally good with only minor imperfections. The barrel crown may be nicked, but the muzzle will gauge “3” or less and the throat erosion will gauge less than “5.”

CMP SPECIAL: (Excellent)

This is a new CMP grade of M1 Garand. This rifle consists of a new production stock and handguard set with a CMP cartouche, a new production barrel and new web sling. The receiver and most other parts will be refinished USGI, but some parts may be new manufacture. The receiver may be pitted.

CORRECT GRADE: (Very Good to Excellent)

Correct Grade Rifles are similar to the Service Grade (see above), but will show less wear and use. Correct Grade rifles will have all correct parts for the date of manufacture with 80% or better overall original metal finish. The stock and handguards will be of walnut and correct for the rifle but will have some dings, dents, scratches and marring of the wood finish. Stocks will have the appropriate original inspector’s cartouche. The rifle bore will be very good with no significant defects and with a throat erosion of less than “4” and a muzzle wear of “2” or less. This grade is rare and is only available occasionally in limited quantities. Because of the scarcity of these rifles, they will only be sold on the CMP auction site at cmpauction.thecmp.org.

COLLECTOR GRADE: (Excellent)

Collector Grade Rifles show almost no wear or use and have 95% or better overall original metal finish. Rifle bores are excellent with throat erosion under “3” and muzzle wear of “2” or less. Collector Grade rifles have all original parts as they came from the manufacturer. The wood will have a few handling marks and minor dings and scratches and the stocks will have the appropriate inspector’s cartouche. Data sheets prepared by CMP armorers are included in the butt trap of each Collector Grade Rifle. They have had little or no use. These rifles are available in limited quantities and are only occasionally available. Because of the scarcity of these rifles, they will only be sold on the CMP auction site at cmpauction.thecmp.org.

M-1 GARAND DRILL RIFLES:

These plugged drill rifles fits the general description of Rack Grade but they are non-functioning and were often used for drill by schools and veterans organizations. They were made non-operational by having the gas cylinder lock screw welded to the lock and gas cylinder, the barrel has been drilled, plugged and welded at chamber mouth. In addition, the barrel is welded to the receiver and the firing pin hole is welded closed on bolt face. Rifle will have worn and mixed colors of the finish; there may be some pitting on the metal parts; wood will be basically sound but may be well used with minor hairline cracks, poor fit, and many dings, scratches and gouges; wood may not match in color, type of wood or condition and may be walnut, birch, beech or other variety. The CMP is currently selling them for \$400 each.

For further information about CMP M-1 Garand rifle sales and service visit the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand>.

GUNS OF DISTINCTION

COLT NATIONAL MATCH, MK IV SERIES 70 GOLD CUP "INTERNATIONAL SHOOTERS EDITION"

By Marc Gorelick

Photographs courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria

The Colt National Match was one of several variants of the .45 caliber Colt Model 1911A1 that were specifically designed for target and match shooting. It was first introduced in 1932 for the national Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Production was halted during the Second World War but started again after the war as civilian target shooting gained in popularity. Colt manufactured the model under the name Gold Cup National Match. In 1970, Colt introduced the Series 70 and then the Series 80 in 1983. The rare Gold Cup "International Shooters Edition" is recognized as a National Match, Series 70. It is believed that only 200 of these fine guns were produced.



Colt National Match Mk IV Series 70 Gold Cup International Shooters Edition. Note inlaid gold scroll and ribbon design. Photo Joh. Springer, Vienna Austria.

The commemorative example pictured (S/N 70N94398) here came up for auction in June 2020 at Joh. Springers Erben in Vienna Austria. It was in new condition and showed little to no wear. It has checkered hard rubber Pachmayr wrap-around grips with gold "Rampant Colt" medallions. The rear sight is adjustable for windage and elevation. The triggerguard and hammer spur are also checkered and the

trigger is adjustable. The steel frame and slide are in factory blued finish and the slide is heavily decorated on both sides with ornate gold inlaid scrolls. The inlaid design on the left side of the slide has a ribbon in front of two globes with the words, “INTERNATIONAL SHOOTERS EDITION” over “COLT GOLD CUP .45 CAL. HARTFORD, CT.” The inlaid design on the right side of the slide has a shooter holding a pistol, a “Rampant Colt” and a gold cup in the curved of the gold scroll work.



Colt National Match Mk IV Series 70 Gold Cup International Shooters Edition. Note inlaid gold scroll design. Photo Joh. Springer, Vienna Austria.



Close-ups of gold inlaid design on left side of slide (above) and right side (below).

Photos Joh. Springer, Vienna Austria



This example was manufactured in 1982, near the end of the Series 70 production run. At the Springer auction on June 4, 2020, the starting price was \$965 (800 euros) and it sold for \$2,050 (1,700 euros).

★ VGCA Recruiting Continues at Chantilly!



Photo above (from left to right) George Dungan, Ed Costello (VGCA Member with adjacent sales tables), and Joe Roberts

After serving for several weeks as a processing center and temporary housing for newly arrived Afghan refugees, the Dulles Expo Center once again became the venue for the Showmasters Gun Show on 1-3 October 2021. And with the return of our largest local gun show came the return of the VGCA recruiting table.

Led by member George Dungan (filling in for Marc Gorelick), VGCA volunteers manned the table all three days and shared the news of the VGCA with show patrons. A very special thanks goes out to the following volunteers:

Friday
Bill Chronister & Allen Rupper

Saturday
William Melancon, Al Reid, Bruce Buchner, & Ernie Lyles

Sunday
Joe Roberts, King Von Schilling, & Chris Britton

The next Chantilly Gun Show is scheduled for 19-21 November and once again we are soliciting volunteers for the VGCA Membership Table. This is an opportunity to spend a few hours with fellow gun collecting enthusiasts, meet new people, help the club, get into a big show *for free* and possibly find something to fill that hole in your collection. Volunteers are need for all three days – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If interested in helping, please contact George Dungan to volunteer at george@ecominv.com or call (571) 243-6387.



VGCA ANNUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The **VGCA Member of the Year Award** recognizes the member who the membership believes has done the most during the past year for the club and/or gun collecting. The annual **Member of the Year Award** is a way for you, the membership, to publically recognizing a member in good standing who selflessly went above and beyond for the club or for collecting during 2021. (*There was no Member of the Year Award for 2020 because of the Covid pandemic.*) All VGCA members except sitting Board members are eligible to receive the award.

All members who attend the October and December meetings will have an opportunity to vote for the person of their choice. A ballot box and slips of paper will be available. Just write in the name of the member you think should get the award and the reason you think he or she should get it (what he or she has done in 2021). No preselected list of names will be presented for voting – this is your choice from start to finish.

After the votes have been counted the person being recognized will be announced at the January 2022 meeting and presented with his/her award.

Reasons for being selected include, but are not limited to:

- Volunteering for set-up or security, or other duties before or during the shows
- Volunteering other services to the VGCA, such as setting up trips or administering club programs
- Giving presentations at meetings
- Promoting the VGCA or gun collecting as a whole, (such as at the VGCA table at Chantilly)
- Putting on displays not just at our shows but other shows to enhance collecting
- Writing articles to further collecting
- Recruiting new members to the VGCA

Remember – Only those members in good standing who attend the October and December meetings will have the opportunity to nominate and vote for the **Member of the Year Award** for 2021. So come to the meetings and vote for your choice.

★ In Review ★

The “In Review” section to the newsletter includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the editor at rpebecker@verizon.net.

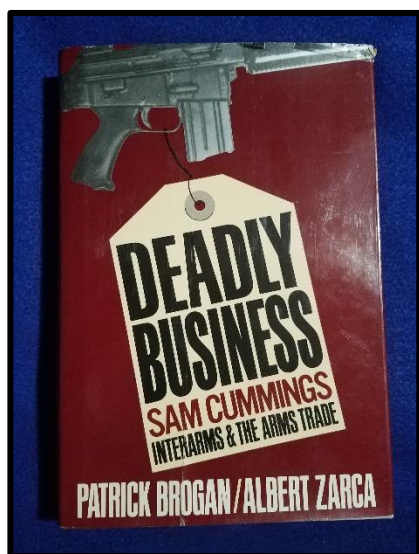
BOOK

DEADLY BUSINESS

Sam Cummings, Interarms, and the Arms Trade

Written by Patrick Brogan and Albert Zarca

Review by Rob Becker



Many members of the VGCA collect martial arms, the more modern of which are generically referred to as “milsurp” (military surplus). Most of the Pre-Cold War arms in our collections came in to the United States during the 1960s, the “Golden Age” of milsurp imports. And those guns came in primarily through the efforts of one man – Sam Cummings – and his company – Interarms. This book, published in 1983 and long out-of-print, is the story of that man and his company.

Sam Cummings was the right man, at the right place, at the right time. He was a collector first, long before he started buying government inventories of obsolete weapons, so he had a good idea what would appeal to American collectors. Cummings would end up dealing in massive quantities of guns (hundreds of thousands of guns and millions or rounds of ammunition) and as the larger nations disposed of their bolt action rifles to upgrade to semi-automatics, and later from semi-autos to select fire weapons, Cummings was there to buy their discards. Governments were quite willing to deal with him, as frequently they were spending money to get rid of their old weapons (for example, England was paying to have Enfields dumped into the North Sea). Soon, smaller countries came to Interarms to upgrade their militaries with these cast-off weapons and Cummings was selling to both hunters/shooters/collectors in the U.S. and to nations around the world. In this way, he was a successor to Francis Bannerman and once stated he had enough inventory to arm the equivalent of 40 U.S. divisions!

This book covers Cummings early years (yes, he did work briefly for the CIA) through the beginnings and rapid growth of Interarms. The authors both interviewed Cummings himself as well as had access to his records. They describes him as a shrewd businessman – for example, he bought every arm a country was willing to sell. Though he knew he would lose some money on some poor quality/inoperative pieces, he prevented competition by not giving competitors anything to buy. Another example of his business acumen - Interarms was headquartered in Alexandria, VA – a previously little-used port and the only non-union port on the east coast. He purchased relatively inexpensive warehouses and docks there to keep storage and transshipment expenses low, especially when compared to New York, Boston, or Baltimore.

The authors (Brogan is English and Zarca is French) occasionally give voice to their anti-gun/anti-arms trade beliefs, but are fair to their treatment of Cummings. As noted, this book is out-of-print but is available from several sources in the used book market on-line. At the time I wrote this review, there were no less than nine copies available starting at \$54.00. If you collect milsurp (and even if you don't), this is a must-read and would be a very worthwhile addition to your book shelf.



★ Show-n-Tell ★

NOTE – NOTE: Anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell, please hold them up so the members can see it. This will also help your Volunteer Photographer get a decent photograph of the special item you brought to show, and people who could not attend the meeting can see it clearly in the newsletter. Thank you!



VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

Where acquired (optional): _____ When acquired (optional): _____



President Bernie Breighner opened Show-n-Tell with an article from the Metro section of the June 17th edition of the *Washington Post*. It featured former VGCA President Jim Burgess (*circled below*) at his “day job” at the Manassas National Battlefield Park as he assisted with the initial steps to restore two naval howitzers that may actually have fought – and been captured by Confederate forces - at the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861. Nicely done, Jim!



JAH CHIKWENDU/THE WASHINGTON POST

A high-caliber homecoming

Two cannons thought possibly to be from Battle of Bull Run heading to Manassas battlefield

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

The two bronze guns had been given to Army Capt. A. Van Horn Ellis, of Company I, and with a battle brewing outside Manassas, he and his men had to get them from the Washington Navy Yard to the battlefield 30 miles away.

They were elegant Navy artillery pieces, with an anchor insignia likely stamped on the barrel. But they weighed 1,200 pounds each, had three wheels and were not designed to be pulled by horses.

So over several days in the oppressive summer heat of 1861, the men of the 71st New York State Militia dragged them by hand across the rugged Virginia countryside to the Battle of Bull Run on July 21.

There, in the chaos of the Civil War's first

From left, Brandon S. Bies, Andrew Bentley and Jim Burgess, all with the Manassas National Battlefield Park, help disassemble one of the two howitzer cannons on Friday. The guns may have been abandoned by a retreating Union Army during the Civil War's first battle in July 1861, though historians say it's unlikely that they are the same ones.

major battle, the guns were lost to the enemy.

On a rainy day last week, in a National Park Service maintenance garage in Manassas, experts used an engine hoist to lift the bronze gun barrels of two newly acquired Navy artillery pieces from their wrought-iron carriages to prepare for restoration.

They, too, were elegant. Both had an anchor insignia stamped on the barrel. And one bore the legend, "12 Pdr Boat Howitzer 1856" and "U.S.N.Y. Washington."

They had sat outside the old Fairfax County Courthouse since about 1904, until they, and a memorial to a Confederate officer, were removed in November by order of the county supervisors.

Now the Park Service is wondering if they might be the same guns Ellis used, returned to

SEE RETROPOLIS ON B2



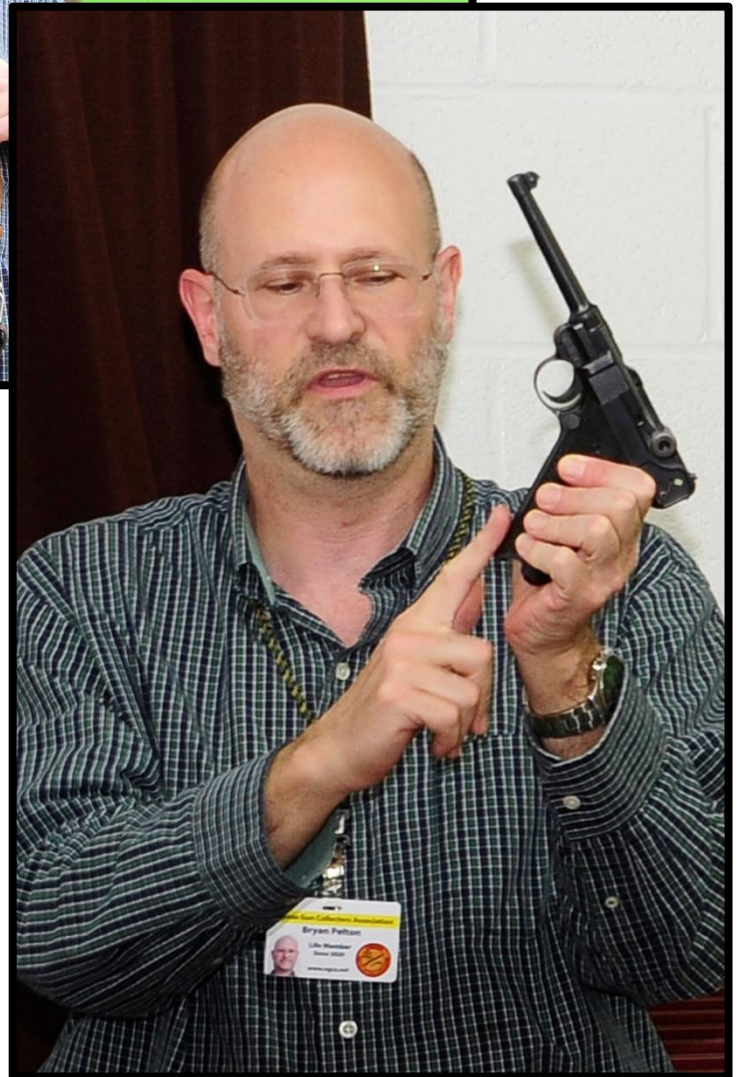
For our first actual Show-n-Tell firearm since February of last year, Member 1 shared a very nice example of a Fabrique Nationale (FN) Model 1924/30 Short Rifle (*above*). This rifle is the FN version of the classic Mauser K98 and was manufactured for Venezuelan Army. Chambered in 7x57 Mauser, the receivers and bolts of these rifles were left “in the white” (*clearly visible at right*) and had the crest of Venezuela stamped on top of the receiver ring. FN shipped 30,000 rifles to Venezuela between 1936 and 1940.

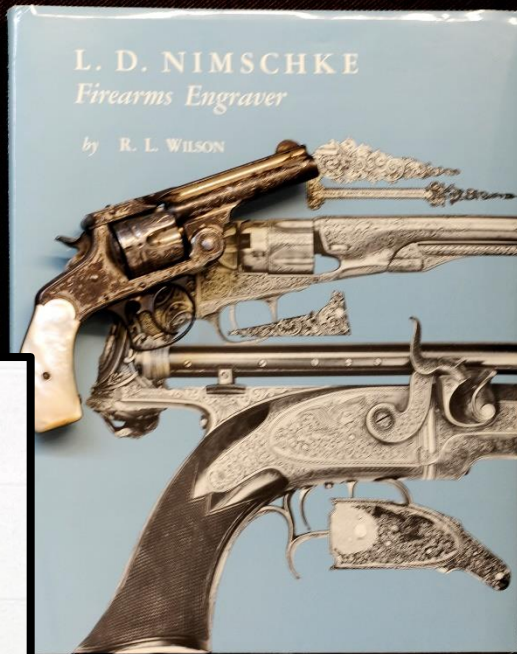
An additional 10,000 rifles and an unknown number of carbines were ordered from FN post-war, but these were quickly replaced in service by the purchase of the semi-automatic FN-49, also chambered in 7x57. This example is believed to be from the pre-war order.



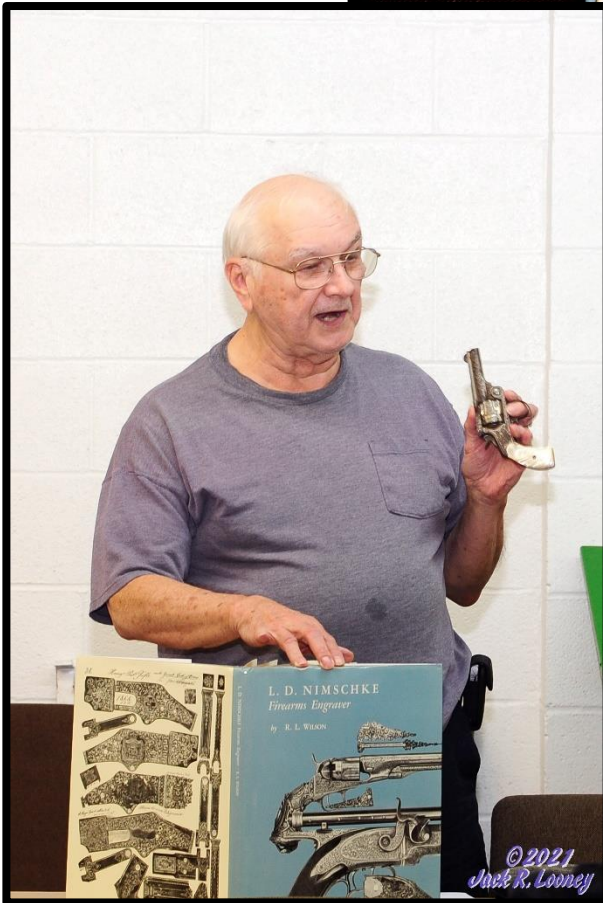
Member 1 also shared a M1906/29 Luger. Made at Waffenfabrik Bern for the Swiss military, this was the last model of military issued Luger. The M1906/29 incorporated several manufacturing expediciencies to reduce cost – among them eliminating the knurling on the toggle, cheaper plastic grips, and straight front strap with no machined “hump” at the bottom (*pointed out at right*). Chambered in 7.65x21 Parabellum, 27,931 M1906/29s were produced from 1933 to 1947.

This example was made in 1945 and came with a holster (complete with the Swiss soldiers name on the inside flap – *see above*) and spare magazine.





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Member 2 brought in a Smith and Wesson .38 Double Action 2nd Model (at left). Over half a million .38 DAs were produced by S&W in five models from 1880 to 1911. About 115,000 of the 2nd Model were made from 1880-1884. What makes this particular revolver special is that it is engraved in the Nimschke style, if not by him then by one of his students (see book above and below).



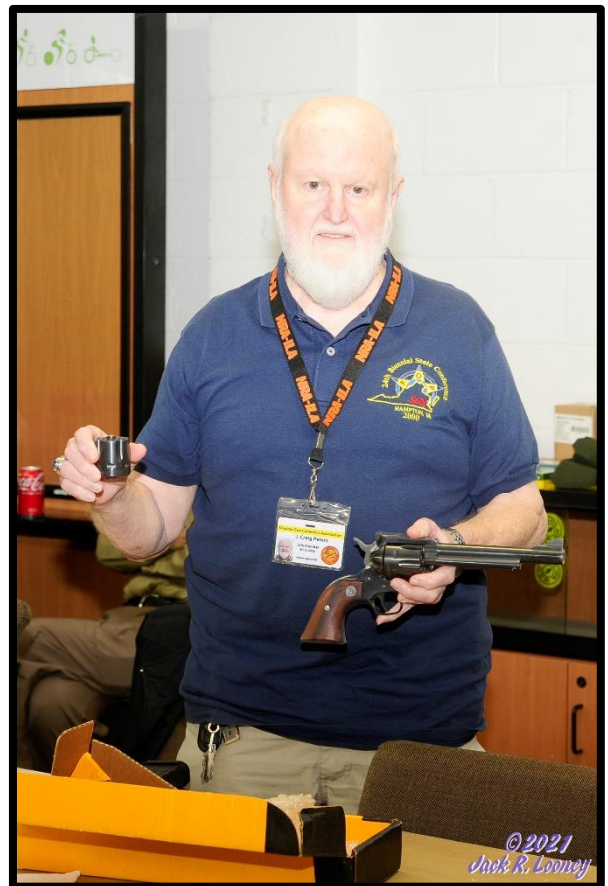
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This example (*above and below*), manufactured in 1882, is chambered in .38 S&W and features a 3 ¼ inch barrel. It was one of a batch of 100 revolvers shipped to M.W. Robinson, a retailer who had it engraved and added the pearl grips and nickel plating to increase his profits. Member 2 has sought a Nimschke engraved firearm for a long time, but they are typically very expensive. This one, purchased from a farm in Luray, Virginia, is in pretty rough condition, but with engraving that makes it special.



Member 3 brought a Ruger Blackhawk Single Action Revolver (*at right*). It has called a “Buckeye Special,” has a 6 ½ inch barrel and cylinders in .38/40 and 10mm Auto. It is one of a special run of 5,000 “Buckeye Specials” made for Buckeye Sports in Ohio. Member 3 had picked it up on the day of our meeting!



Member 4 shared his Pedersoli reproduction Model 1840 Lorenze muzzleloading rifle (*at left*). The original M1840 Lorenze served in the army of the Austrian Empire from 1855-1867, and was the third most common rifle used during the American Civil War, being purchased in large numbers by both the Union and Confederacy. This Italian made example features a beautiful walnut stock, much nicer than beech commonly used on the originals!

★ 2021 Presentation List ★

| DATE | TOPIC | FORMAT | PRESENTER |
|---------------|--|-----------|---|
| 28 Oct 2021 | Pre-1989 Assault Weapons | In-Person | Members bring in their Pre-Ban guns to share |
| November 2021 | No Meeting due to our Fall Gun Show (6-7 Nov) | | |
| December 2021 | Possible Meeting – Details will be provided at 28 Oct Membership Meeting | | |

★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: Members are strongly encouraged to *verify shows before driving to an event*. These dates were verified when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

VIRGINIA – 2021-2022

- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center - SGK
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *VGCA Fall Show*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Chesapeake, VA – Chesapeake Convention Center – SGK
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- Nov 19-21, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Nov 27-28, 2021 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center - SGK
- Dec 4-5, 2021 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo - *Showmasters*
- Dec 11-12, 2021 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center - SGK
- Dec 18-19, 2021 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park - SGK
- Dec 18-19, 2021 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Dec 31, 2021-Jan 2, 2022 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2021

- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Easton, MD – Talbot County Community Center – *Eastern Shores Collectors*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Dec 11-12, 2021 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2021

- Oct 22-23, 2021 – Shipperville, PA – Oak Grove Events Building – *Brimstone Arms*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Meadville, PA – East Mead Vol Fire Company – *2nd Amendment Patriots*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Blossburg, PA – Blossburg Vol Fire Dep – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *The Gun Guy*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2021 (continued)

- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Thompson, PA – Thompson Vol Fire Dep – *Jaeger Arms*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Titusville, PA – Chapmanville Firehall – *Chapmanville Fire Company*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Altoona, PA – Blair County Convention Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Kittanning, PA – Pony Farm Trap & Gun – *Pony Farm Trap & Gun Club*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Twp Vol Fire Co. - *Jaeger Arms*
- Nov 14, 2021 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Nov 20-21, 2021 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Dec 4-5, 2021 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, Inc.*
- Dec 4-5, 2021 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Dec 4-5, 2021 – Muncy, PA – Lycoming Mall – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- Dec 11-12, 2021 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Dec 17-19, 2021 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Dec 18-19, 2021 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall & Club - *Jaeger Arms*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2021-2022

- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Tulsa, OK – Tulsa Fairgrounds - *Wanenmacher's Tulsa Arms Show*
- Nov 20-21, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc*
- Mar 19-20, 2022 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds – *Maryland Arms Collector Association*

FOR SALE:

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA. 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. I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Unless other arrangements are made, items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

FOR SALE:

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

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

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

FOR SALE:

✪ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has recently 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 Larry Babcock recently 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 / 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

✪ French wooden cased copy of 4th Model Colt 22 Rimfire Short Lord Derringer made by Butler. Side pivoting Thuer action, single shot, 2.5" black chromed bbl., gold plating, walnut grips, unfired. EC. \$295

✪ Classic Winchester Model 12 20-gauge pump action shotgun. Rare 30" full choked barrel, tight action, safe queen, excellent bore, bluing and wood, 1946 production. \$1195

✪ Smith and Wesson: The original centerfire 38 caliber (.38 S&W) handgun from 1876-1877. BABY RUSSIAN 5-shot, spur trigger w/ excellent bore and rare 4 inch barrel and block letter grips. All matching numbers, nicely nickel plated, with authenticating S&W letter. \$1795

✪ 2-50 round boxes of S&W 44 Special Federal HiPower 200 grain semi-wadcutter hollow points. \$120 per box.

✪ 20 round box 44 Remington Magnum 210 grain semi-jacketed hollow points. \$45.

✪ 20 round box of 7.62x39 FMJ military surplus \$18.

If interested, contact John at 571-308-4978

FOR SALE:

Trapdoor Carabines for Sale

✪ RARE! Model 1873 "Custer Range" Carbine (#39873). Very Good-Fine. All correct and original, visible cartouche. Detailed write-up available on request. Serious inquiries only. \$6000 FIRM.

✪ RARE! Very Early Model 1877 Carbine (#76826). Very Good-Fine, All correct and original, visible cartouche. Original rod and ruptured shell extractor in butt. Detailed write-up on request. Serious inquiries only. \$5500 FIRM.

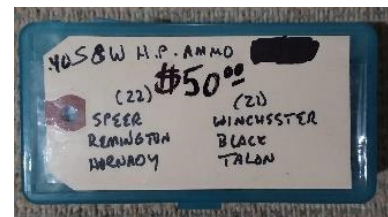
Contact John - Cell: 703 281-2478; Email: alphahotel62@hotmail.com

FOR SALE:

★ **5.56x45 NATO SS109 Ammo.** General Dynamics 62grain FMJ.
Box of 250 rounds for \$160.00



★ **.40 S&W:** Winchester Black Talon (21 rounds),
peer/Remington/Hornady (22 rounds), mixed 43 rounds total, in an
MTM plastic box. \$50.00



★ **7.62x25 Tokarev Ammo.** Eastern Bloc surplus spam can w/ 1224 rounds (dated 1984). \$600
(Note – recent online sales have the spam can priced at \$800 and up).

★ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 ¼” 450 grain DGX, 20 round box, very limited
production. \$125.00

Prices firm. Contact Jack for details at looney.house@verizon.net



For Sale: A.E.G. M-14

*Bought for photo shoot, never fired. With Charger,
Battery. Magazine, Mag Loader, & Assorted pellets*

\$150.00

Text name & phone number to 703-999-9458
with message "AEG M14" & I will call you back.

FOR SALE:

★ Russian, German, and U.S. surplus rifle ammunition – various calibers and amounts available.
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