



VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOC., INC.

WWW.VGCA.ORG



Est. 1983 (A Non-Profit Organization)

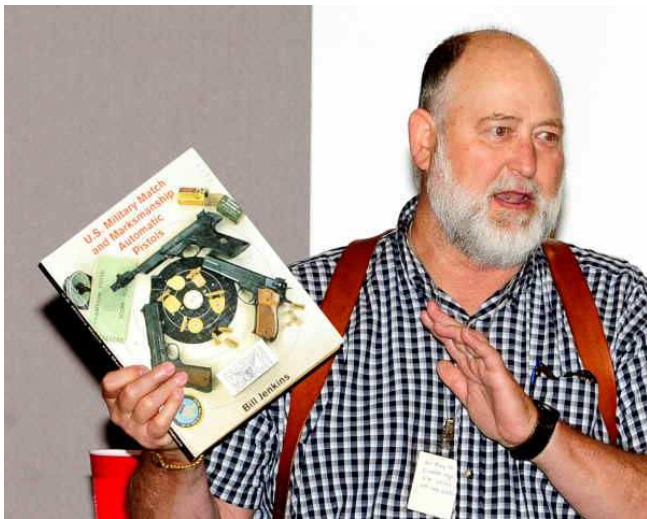
NRA Affiliate Number G 8162

President and Founder (Emeritus) Ed Johnson Home: 703-368-6560

Officers:

President	W. Addison Hurst	Office/Home: 540-882-3543	a.hurst@rstarmail.com
Vice President	Ernie Lyles	Home: 540-659-6566	pris.ernie@verizon.net
Recording Secretary	Bill Chronister	Home: 703-204-0138	wchronister@cox.net
Treasurer	Ed Costello	Home: 703 241-7915	edwardcostello@comcast.net
Board of Directors:	Jim Burgess	Home: 703-754-7800	jim_burgess@NPS.gov
	Kelly Cook	Home: 703-393-9840	kellycook9840@msn.com
	Dave Litchfield	Home: 703-794-8724	litchfd@comcast.net
Show/Reservations Manager	Rick Nahas	Office: 703-361-7409	jet53sw@aol.com
Counsel to the Board	Emory Hackman, Esq.	Office: 703-288-2941	emory1biz@verizon.net
Show Security/Safety	John Frietsch	Cell: 540-409-1271	johnfrietsch@peoplepc.com
	David Litchfield	Home: 540-888-4584	litchfd@comcast.net
Webmaster	Larry Hunt	Home: 703-794-8724	ldhunt@idsscan.com
Accountant to the Board	Charlie Rathell C.P.A.	Office: 703-368-2887	charles@rathellbard.com
Newsletter Editor	Bill Chronister	Office: 1-800-559-6956	VGCAnews@cox.net
Membership	Larry Hare	Home: 703-204-0138	jasperandi@yahoo.com
		Home: 703-339-8636	

June 2010 VGCA e-Newsletter



Presentation for the May 27, 2010 Meeting: The evening's presentation was ably handled by Kelly Cook who delivered a talk on *High Standards from 1932 to 1950*. For those who have been to the VGCA Gun Shows, Kelly has often displayed his many classic Colt or High Standard pistols, winning awards for what often appear to be unfired examples of classic field and target pistols complete with boxes and accessories. This was a good opportunity to see those same pistols up close and personal. Kelly began with a short history of the founders and engineers at what later became High Standard Manufacturing Company. Started by former employees of Marlin and other local Connecticut firearms manufacturers, they brought out the first High Standard pistol, the Model B. This was later updated to the Model B, Second Model in August 1929. Kelly progressed through the virtual

alphabet of models that followed. By using his extensive collection as the examples, he progressed through the original Model HB without a safety, the light barreled HA, the HB medium barrel, the HD medium barrel without safety, and the HE bull barrel. He went into the military and martially marked models, the B martially marked, the HD military, a post WW2 model for the civilian market with a medium barrel and hammer and safety. He covered the various takedown systems for changing the barrels, and also discussed and showed the Model G, a .380 blowback operated field gun. He also showed some semi-custom and one-off pistols including a rare .22 Short model for Olympic rapid-fire that used curved "banana" magazines for feeding the small rounds. He finished with a question and answer session and also had a number of highly recommended books to enhance your expertise on these great American pistols. Thanks for the presentation and forgive if any of the Models or letters are mixed up in the above.

➔ **Upcoming Presentation for the June 24 meeting:** The program for the June 24 meeting will not have a formal presentation, but will be an expanded member Show and Tell devoted to "black rifles," AKs, SKSs, ARs, HKs, FN-FALs, M-14s, etc. any magazine fed semi-autos based upon a military arm. We will try to set it up so presenters tell a little about the guns history such as rifle type or use and country of production. You can include both combat types, match types, and reduced power types (trainers or .22LR variants.) It should be an unusual show and tell.

We still need presenters for one monthly meeting in 2010 and it is not too early to think about 2011. Call **Addison Hurst** for the 2010 date if you can be a presenter or know of someone else who would be willing. Please verify that the person is willing and able. Remember, you do not need to do it solo (grab a partner or friend) and it does not have to be a marathon. Short and direct works well; it does not have to have slides. If you wish there are members who will assist if you wish to use a PowerPoint presentation. The NRA will provide speakers for three meetings – August, October, and December for the 2010 VGCA-National Firearms Museum Special Speaker Series. Topics will be announced at a later date.

☆☆☆ Results of the VGCA Board of Directors Election ☆☆☆

The election for new Directors to fill the remainder of the terms until January 2011 has concluded. This was a strong slate of candidates and showed increased member interest in the operation of the Association. Great thanks to all who stepped up. The following results were announced at the May 27th membership meeting: **Jim Burgess**, **Kelly Cook**, and **Dave Litchfield** have been elected to fill the vacancies on the Board. The total number of ballots mailed to members was 362. Ballots received up to, and including the day of the meeting were counted. Three ballots were returned as deceased or undeliverable. We had 169 ballots returned for a membership voting rate of 47%, which is actually a bit light since a return postage prepaid envelope was provided to return the ballots. Four others were invalid as they voted for more than 3 candidates, leaving 162 valid ballots cast. The ballot also included a Special Election Question to determine the level of membership support for exploring a VGCA Show in the Winchester area. In the poll, 104 members or **64% voted Yes**, 46 members or **28% voted No**, and 12 members or **8% left it blank for No Opinion**. The new board will conduct research for a new VGCA show in Winchester. While it is still very early, and sufficient lead time would be required for working out the logistics, please consider volunteering to help produce a VGCA show in Winchester (set-up, take down, security, safety, show committee, etc.) and/or reserve tables (sales or display) at this location. To be economically viable, the show **must have tables sold**, solid attendance with people buying, and **membership volunteer support** for success.

→ Last call!! Dues for annual membership were due in January 2010 and are \$30.00 per year.

Membership dues are \$30.00 for Annual membership, and \$150.00 for Life. As announced in the last 2 newsletters, removal from VGCA roles started after the May meeting.

→ **Membership Applications:** Anyone with any blank applications that state dues amounts **other** than \$150 for Life Membership, or \$30/yr for Annual membership should DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY. These amounts for membership dues have been in effect for several years now, and we are still getting applications with dues that were in effect over six years ago. Please purge these obsolete forms from your stashes. Membership applications with incorrect or missing dues, will be returned to members or their sponsors and will not be acted upon until the correct amount of membership fees are included. A new Membership Application will be forthcoming.

Business Meeting: Association President **Addison Hurst** started the evening with some announcements asking for presentation volunteers. He also asked that attendees take the last of the Fall VGCA Gun Show flyers for distribution. The results of the recent election were covered (see above). Addison also notified the members present that he had received an expression of interest from a person who wanted to make a contribution to the 4-H Trigger Time Trap for the shotgunning class. Addison provided an update on the NRA Annual Meetings in Charlotte, NC. There followed an update on the VGCA sponsored display by Al Edge on muzzleloading rifles and craftsmanship. **Rick Nahas** give a detailed accounting of the Exhibitor's Hall displays by the sporting arms and related industries, but specifically focused on the Collectors exhibits area and the extremely high quality of the displays. This is an avenue which VGCA would receive recognition and exposure, but the level of displays is incredibly high and the judging is extensive. A number of members expressed interest in exploring and planning for a future VGCA participation in the Exhibitor's Hall at future NRA Annual Meetings. A few photos of the Al Edge display will follow.

Show and Tell: The evening's show and tell was kicked off by **John Morris** who displayed a rare *Davey Crockett* 37mm spotter casing. This round was used to allow round spotting and ranging for the XM77 Nuclear Cannon, a cannon designed to fire tactical nuclear rounds. **Ed Costello** contributed to the High Standard theme with his nice military 1911A1-style grip High Standard Trophy target pistol made in the East Hartford era. **Ernie Lyles** brought a trio of High Standards – a Model 1925 Hartford Arms pistol, a Supermatic Tournament 102 that was US martially

marked, and a Supermatic Citation 103 made from 1960-1963. **Another member**, sticking with the High Standard theme, went the wheel gun route with his 9-shot High Standard .22 revolver. He also showed an old percussion shotgun made from parts from an 1853 Enfield. This piece was a low cost post US Civil War conversion. Switching to the old world and different power, **Larry Hare** explained his rare in the US, Swiss Hammerli airgun conversion for the Swiss K31 military rifle. This airgun, a small spring piston piece with side cocking replaced the original K31 bolt shot 4.5mm lead round balls. Its cocking knobs were located in the same position as the K31 bolt. **Bob Hart** showed a pre-High Standard Fiala single shot repeating pistol that was factory cut for a shoulder stock. This pistol was also sold under the Shaul and Columbia brands. **Jim Burgess** showed his High Standard and a representative target showing the accuracy of these pistols. Also shown was a SIG Sauer 556 Classic, a US-made rifle similar in looks to the Swiss SIG SG551 rifle, and a SIG Sauer 522 Classic, a .22RF clone of the 556, both with Swiss army green furniture.

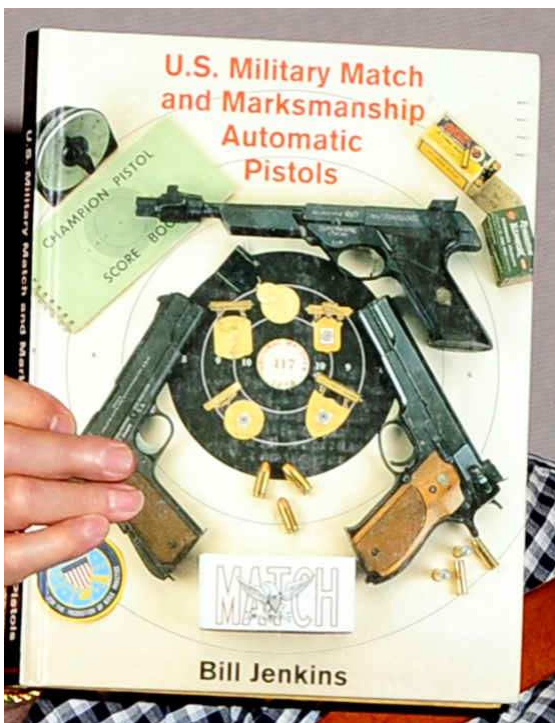
May 27, 2010 Meeting of the VGCA and the NRA Annual Meetings



Kelly Cooks shows a brace of early pistols.



Special "banana" magazines for .22 Short Olympic event



Left: One good resource for the High Standard collector. Kelly mentioned a number of others.



Right: The Hammerli airgun "trainer" replaces the bolt in a Swiss K31 rifle. It shoots 4.5mm lead balls.

May 27, 2010 Meeting of the VGCA and the NRA Annual Meetings (continued)



Top: The partially finished display of Al Edge sponsored by the Virginia Gun Collectors Association. Bottom: Close-up of the fine detail and finish on a Pennsylvania Long Rifle and matching powder horn built by Gunmaker Al Edge.

Upcoming Events and Shows

Words to the Wise: There are sometimes changes in schedules by gun show promoters or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to verify before driving to a show. Historical events and lectures, re-enactments, auctions (national, international, and local estate auctions) are all welcome. **Collector shows are highlighted in yellow.**

VIRGINIA 2010

- **June 20, 2010 – Manassas, VA** - Manassas National Battlefield Park - Living history, artillery demonstrations. 1 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339 or www.nps.gov/mana.
- **June 26-27, 2010 – Fredericksburg, VA** - Tours, “*Focus on Chancellorsville*”, west of Fredericksburg on Route 3. Themed tours and presentations all week-end. Free. Call 540-373-6122 or see www.nps.gov/frsp.
- **June 27, 2010 – Brandy Station, VA** - Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station - Lecture, “*It Started in Prince William County - JEB Stuart’s Controversial Ride to Gettysburg.*” 2p.m. Free. Call 540-727-7718 or www.brandystationfoundation.com.
- **July 10-11, 2010 – Richmond, VA** – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- **July 17-18, 2010 – Salem, VA** – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- **July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010 - Chantilly, VA** - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- **August 7-8, 2010 - Dale City, VA** - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- **August 7-8, 2010 - Richmond, VA** - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- **August 21-22, 2010 – Roanoke, VA** - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- **August 21-22, 2010 – Richmond, VA** - Showplace - *National Civil War & Antique Arms Show* and *The National World War I & World War II Show*. Stephen W. Sylvia, show Chairman (540) 672-4845, email show@nstcivilwar.com
- **August 28-29, 2010 - Fishersville, VA** - Augusta Expoland – *Showmasters*
- **September 4-5, 2010 - Norfolk, VA** – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*

MARYLAND 2010

- **June 19-20, 2010 – Timonium, MD** - Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- **June 26, 2010 – Baltimore, MD** - Baltimore’s Inner Harbor - Living history, “Ship’s Company”, life in the Civil War navy at the USS Constellation. 10a.m.- 4p.m. Free with admission. Call 410-539-1797 or link to www.historicships.org.
- **July 10-11, 2010 - Frederick, MD** - Frederick Fairgrounds – *Silverado Promotions*
- **July 17-18, 2010 – Upper Marlboro, MD** - Show Place Arena – *Silverado Promotions*
- **September 11-12, 2010 - Frederick, MD** - Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Dr. - *Potomac Arms Collectors’ Association*

PENNSYLVANIA 2010

- **June 19, 2010 – Gettysburg, PA** - Gettysburg National Park - *Gettysburg Festival Brass Band Concert*. Daytime concerts at the Visitor Center / evening performances at the Pennsylvania Memorial. Free. Call 717-334-1124 or link to www.nps.gov/gett.
- **June 25-27, 2010 – Gettysburg, PA** – Eisenhower Inn Complex, Steinwehr Ave off Rt. 15 – *Gettysburg Civil War Show*
- **June 26-27, 2010 – York, PA** – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- **July 3-4, 2010 - Allentown, PA** - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- **July 10-11, 2010 - Allentown, PA** - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.
- **August 14-15, 2010 - Monroeville, PA** - Convention Center - *Showmasters*
- **August 21-22, 2010 – Allentown, PA** - PA Expo Center - *Appalachian Promotions*
- **August 21–22, 2010 – Dillsburg, PA** - Monagan Township Fire - *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association*. Contact Bob Stahl (717) 766-5782, 118 North York Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019.
- **August 28-29, 2010 – Philadelphia, PA** - (Center Oaks) Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- **September 11-12, 2010 - Harrisburg, PA** - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- **September 11-12, 2010 – Greensburg, PA** – Westmoreland Mall - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association*. Contact: Ed Threfall (412) 486-1129, Box 246, Glen Shaw, PA 15116. gibs1@verizon.net

NEW YORK

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

OHIO 2010

- **July 17-18, 2010 – Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY**. For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.
- **September 11-12, 2010 – Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY**. For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.

**“Two of the gravest general dangers to survival are the desire for comfort and a passive outlook.”
– U.S. Army Ranger Handbook**

Address for any Newsletter related matters or submissions is VGCANews@cox.net. Feel free to email items for inclusion in the newsletter. For changes of address or non-receipt of the newsletter, either via email or the mailed hard-copy, please contact Larry Hare at the numbers on page one.

V/R, Bill Chronister, Secretary/Editor