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October 2018 VGCA Newsletter

President's Comments

To VGCA Members

I am happy to announce that the tables for our Fall Gun Show Nov 3rd and 4th are **SOLD OUT!** Thanks to the hard work of our Show Director, Rick Nahas, and many other members, we have filled the building. *An outstanding effort!* Our fall VGCA Gun Show will include 10+ displays of various firearms from vintage to current and promises to be a very successful event. Please spread the word on the upcoming show to friends and co-workers and I hope to see you there.

VGCA has also been busy revamping our Social Media efforts for the upcoming show. You should be receiving event updates vis Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This is great way to attract new members and get the word out. VGCA is also expanding its membership. Year-to-date we have added over 70 new members. Having a presence at the Chantilly Gun Show has proven to be an effective way to promote the club and recruit new members.

Lastly, the Board has approved the 2019 VGCA Budget. It has taken a lot of hard work to work through the numbers and get everything accounted for. Our mission continues to be supporting the shooting community, collectors and the NRA. That being said, we have forecasted a slight shortfall for 2019. If we can increase the attendance at the fall show, it will go a long way to decreasing the 2019 budget gap. The Board is looking at other revenue generating activities, but our Gun Shows are our prime source of revenue. Please help get the word out for the November show!

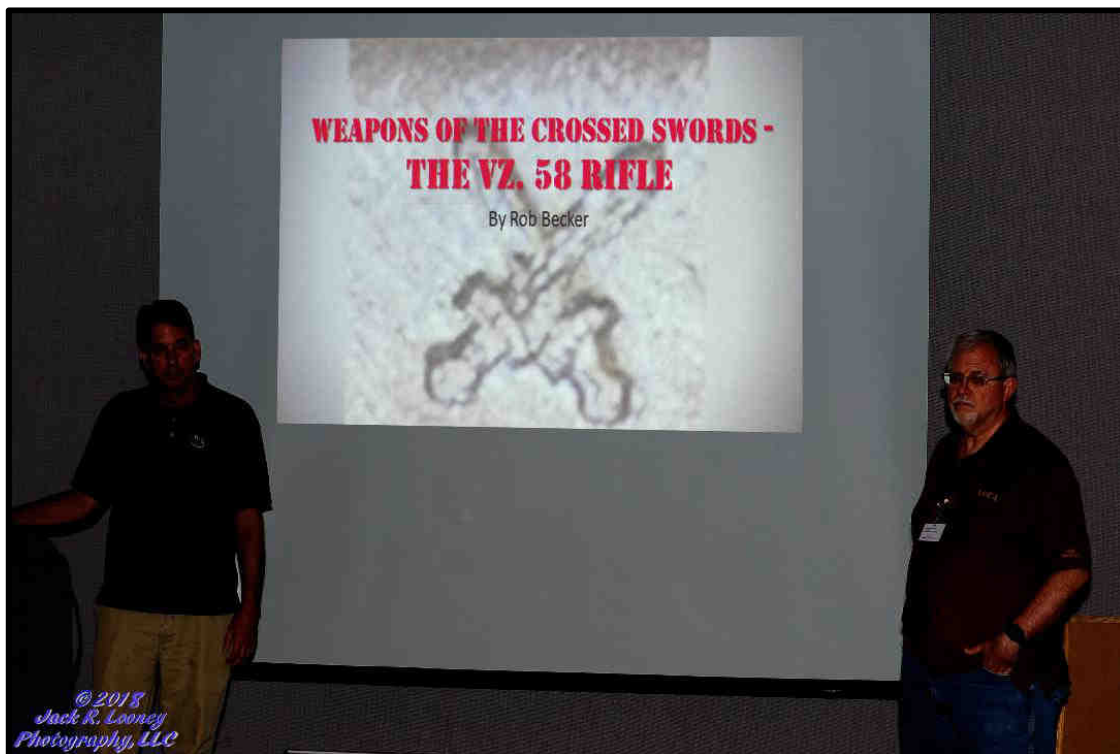
--*Bernie Breighner*, VGCA President

🔗 September "Presentation"

Our September presentation was on the Czechoslovakian vz.58 Assault Rifle by member Rob Becker.

He opened with a brief background on the history of Czechoslovakia and that region's tradition for manufacturing fine weapons. It was this tradition and a well-established arms industry that persuaded the Soviet Union to allow Czechoslovakia some "flexibility" in their small arms design. As a member of the Warsaw Pact from 1955 until it was dissolved in 1989, Czechoslovakia was required to use standard

eastern bloc military calibers but, unique among the members of the Warsaw Pact, was granted the leeway to design and field its own weapons.



President Bernie Breighner introduces member Rob Becker (above) as the September speaker

While other communist countries were fielding the semi-automatic SKS carbine, the Czechoslovakian military deployed its own vz.52 carbine (vz. is short for vzor, which translates as “model” or “year”). When those countries traded in their SKSs for the AK-47 assault rifle, the Czechs fielded the topic of this presentation - the vz.58.

The vz.58 was designed to replace the vz.52, its successor the vz.52/57, and also the Sa.24 and Sa.26 sub-machineguns (similar to how our own M14 was to replace the M1 Rifle, the M1 Carbine, the M1918 Browning Automatic Rifle, and the M3 “Grease gun” SMG). Development started in 1951 by three separate and competing design teams. One team included a young engineer named Jiri Cermak who had been involved in the development of the vz.52 carbine. Indeed, early prototypes used the same barrel as the vz.52 and were chambered in the same Czech 7.62x45 caliber. Initial designs utilized an open bolt, as Czech military authorities were concerned about heat retention in the barrel from sustained automatic fire and the resulting possibility of rounds “cooking off.” However, accuracy of the open bolt prototypes did not meet the military requirements (which was 3.94” at 100 meters when fired on semi-automatic) and later designs moved to a closed bolt system. Early prototypes also had two triggers located one above the other – one for semi-automatic fire and the second for fully automatic.

In 1955, the Soviet military directed all Warsaw Pact nations to standardize on the same calibers/ammunition. Czech prototypes were re-engineered for the Russian 7.62x39 M43 round. In 1956, the Cermak design was designated the 7.62 Samopal vz. 56 (7.62mm Sub-machinegun Model 1956) and was nicknamed “the broom.” Two years later, it was accepted into service as the vz.58.

The final design was a select fire assault rifle with a gas-operated falling breechblock action. It had a single trigger and a single selector lever with positions for safe, semi-automatic, and automatic fire. It employed a 30-round detachable magazine (similar in shape to but NOT interchangeable with an AK-47 mag) and on automatic had a rate of fire of approximately 800 rounds per minute.

There were three variants of the vz.58:

- Vz. 58 P (“Pechotni” or “Infantry”) with fixed stock
- Vz. 58 V (“Vysadkovy” or “Airborne”) with folding stock
- Vz. 58 Pi (“Pechotni s infracervenym zamerovacem” or “Infantry with infrared sight”) with a dovetail rail on the left side of the receiver for the infrared night sight (designated NSP2 sight), detachable folding bipod and large conical flash hider



There are three variants of the vz.58 - the fixed stock infantry rifle vz.58 P (top left), the side folding stock paratrooper rifle (bottom left), and the infrared night sight-equipped vz.58 Pi (right)



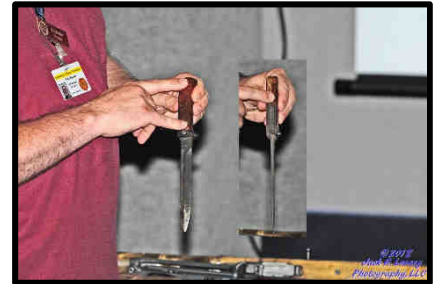
Rob explains the selector lever on his semi-automatic vz.58 V. Note the permanently attached muzzle device to ensure that the original military barrel is over 16 inches long, as required by the NFA.

Approximately 920,000 vz.58s were produced from 1958 until production ended in 1984. All were manufactured by ZB in Brno, Czechoslovakia and were stamped with the then-secret factory code of “she”. The vz.58 has one big advantage over its more famous Soviet cousin. As seen in the table below, the vz.58 is nearly identical to both the milled receiver AK-47 and the stamped sheet metal receiver AKM in all areas except one – weight. The vz.58 is over 1.25 pounds lighter than the AK-47!

	Vz. 58 P	AK-47	AKM
Overall Length:	33.3"	35"	34.6"
Barrel Length:	15.4"	16.3"	16.3"
Sight Radius:	13.9"	14.9"	14.9"
Weight:	6.42 lbs	7.7 lbs	6.83 lbs
Effective Range:	350 meters	350 meters	350 meters



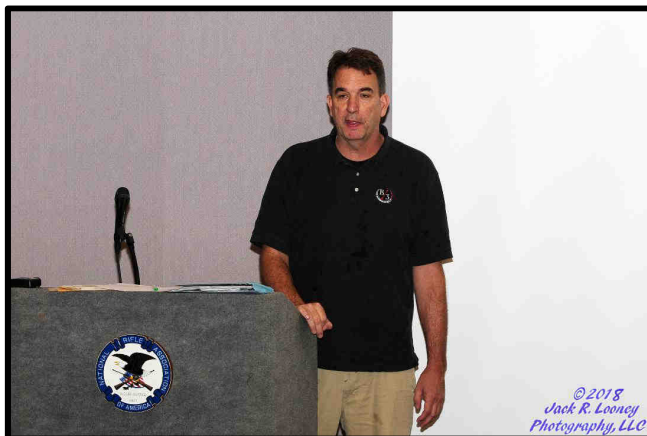
Rob briefly described vz.58 accessories, such as magazine pouches (*at left*), cleaning kits, blank firing adapters, and bayonets. He held up several bayonets (*at right*), pointing out that there are more variants of vz.58 bayonets than there are variants of the rifle itself!



Rob concluded his presentation with some observations of the vz.58, emphasizing the lightweight design. He also noted that vz.58 parts kits were among the last to be imported with original barrels. Because these barrels are just over 15 inches long (but less than the U.S. required minimum of 16 inches), care must be taken if building a rifle using the original barrel. As such, a permanent muzzle brake/flash hider must be attached OR the build must be registered under the provisions of the National Firearms Act as a Short Barrel Rifle. Finally, though it looks similar, the 30-round magazine is not interchangeable with an AK47 magazine.

The vz.58 served as the primary Czech shoulder-fired weapon for over 50 years. It also served in the military or police forces of no less than 17 other nations.

★ **September Business:** President Bernie Breighner called the August meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Jim Burgess led us through the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in honor of Dominic (Tom) Casciano Jr. who had passed away on September 9th. There were 51 VGCA members and guests in attendance (the heavy rain that day may have kept a few people away). The guests were introduced to the membership.



Bernie Breighner (*at left*) announced that IAW Article VII, Paragraph H of the VGCA By-Laws, the Executive Committee has appointed member Gary Latta to fill the Director position that was made vacant when Bernie was elected to the office of VGCA President this summer. Welcome aboard Gary!

Bernie also announced that after extensive review and discussion, the Executive Committee had approved the VGCA 2019 budget at its last meeting.

Rick Nahas gave the membership a show update. As of September, we still have approximately 40 available tables for our November 3-4 gun show. Please contact Rick if you are interested in reserving either a sales or a display table. Remember, anyone displaying for the first time is eligible for a \$100 stipend to help defray the costs of generating the display. UPDATE – show tables are now sold out! Please contact Rick if you are interested in getting on the waiting list.

Speaking of the November Gun Show, security director Steve Gomes announced that he is looking for security volunteers – especially for Sunday, November 4th. Please contact him or any other member of the VGCA Executive Committee if interested in volunteering.

Jim Burgess announced that tonight was the last chance to order a custom-made Table Covers with the VGCA logo – perfect for sales or display tables! Price is down to approximately \$99 each and the order will be placed in time to ensure delivery before our November show (see the notice in this newsletter).

🌟 **Upcoming October 25th Meeting:** Our October presentation will be on Finnish Mosin-Nagant rifles by Matt DiRisio. Social time begins at 6 p.m. (there will be pizza) with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

🌟 Other News! 🌟

🌟 **Membership Chairman's Report October 2018:**

Please welcome our new Annual Member(s).

- **Nicholas Guevremont** of Washington, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Richard Valenzi** of Manassas, VA was sponsored by **Dave Litchfield**
- **Stephen R. Vaughn** of Winchester, VA was sponsored by **Dave Litchfield**

Gentlemen, welcome aboard and congratulations! I will have your IDs at the upcoming meeting. If you cannot make it, your ID card will be mailed to your home address on your membership application after the meeting. We hope to see you on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00pm at the NRA National Firearms Museum. We begin with a social session and refreshments (for a suggested \$5 donation) from 6:15-7:00.

New Member Applications: The VGCA received Membership Application(s) from the following individual(s) for your review. The applicant's information and sponsor's name is published below for the review of the VGCA membership. If there are any comments or questions, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before the November 23, 2018.

- **Brendan J. Baker** of Falls Church, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Matthew Rohring** of Falls Church, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Maron L. Gebron** of Riverview, FL is sponsored by **David Litchfield** and **Greg Thompson**
- **Tom Galloway** of Fairfax Station, VA is sponsored by **George Dungan**

IMPORTANT: Please keep your contact information and addresses current: If you are not receiving newsletters or other VGCA mailings, or have changed either your USPS mailing address or your e-Mail address, please provide corrected information ASAP to Membership Chair, Bill Chronister at vgca_membership@cox.net (note underscore between *vgca* and *membership*). Thanks!!! Please do not unsubscribe from the VGCA emails. If you unsubscribe, you will not get ANY mailings including election ballots.

🌟 **Notice:** VGCA encourages its members to sign up for the emailed newsletter. The hard copy mailed newsletter is limited to 4-6 B&W pages. By getting the email version you will receive a longer newsletter with color photos of meetings; reviews of books, other shows, events or museums; and a schedule of upcoming shows and events. These excellent newsletters are sent in encrypted PDF format. It can be viewed on a PC or mobile device, or printed out. ~ ~ *Bill Chronister, Membership Chair,*
vgca_membership@cox.net

🌟 **Special Advance Annual Membership Notice:** We are now in the 4th quarter of the VGCA Annual Membership year. Annual Membership renewal dues of \$30.00 will be due by January 1, 2019. If you are in good standing, you may upgrade to Life Membership during the 2019 dues cycle for \$150 (only \$120 over the cost of renewing your annual membership, plus no more annual dues requests).

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a Check for \$30 (please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed membership renewal form above to the address on the form. I will also accept payments in person (by CHECK only – NO CASH) with a completed renewal form. If members have questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at vgca_membership@cox.net or call me at 703-204-0138.

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Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL#1-2019)
William Chronister, P.O. Box 2318, Merrifield, VA 22116-2318

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: _____
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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 for CY 2018 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (Please - NO CASH or Money Orders). If you have any questions contact William Chronister, Membership Chair at (703) 204-0138 or by e-mail at vgca_membership@cox.net.



🌟 VGCA Polo Shirts

For those of you who ordered a VGCA Polo Shirt, they will be available at the October Membership meeting (Thursday, 25 Oct 18) and at our show (Saturday and Sunday, 3-4 Nov 18). Please try to be there to pick up your shirt.



★ *Thanks to those Members who Staffed our Promotional Table at the Chantilly Gun Show!*

A special thanks goes out to those VGCA members who volunteered to “man” our table at the last Chantilly Gun Show (28-30 Sep 18). They are:

Jim Frigiola, George Dungan, & Phil Hill (Friday)

Monty Hand, Allan Rupp, Chris Britton, Phil Hill, & Kasev Sundar (Saturday)

Joe Roberts & George Dungan (Sunday)

My apologies if we left off any names

The Chantilly VGCA table has been almost solely responsible for doubling our new annual members this year - and that simply would not happen without the support of our volunteers. Remember, volunteering to staff this table means you get in to the Chantilly show as an exhibitor **for free** – no small consideration now that the show entrance fee is \$16.00 per day! All you have to do is give a couple of your time to tell folks about the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, what we do, and the benefits of membership.

Please contact Marc Gorelick or any other VGCA officer or director if you are interested in volunteering at future shows. The next Chantilly Gun Show will be 16-18 Nov 18.



SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YOUR VGCA NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Volunteers are needed for **Table set-up** on Friday November 2 at 10AM. Sign up at a meeting or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at jet53sw@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for **Security** on Friday during dealer setup in the afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday (March 23-25) during the show. Sign up at a meeting or contact Stephen Gomes at redleg.gomes@gmail.com or (571) 643-8403.

A smoothly running, safe, profitable and enjoyable show depends on YOU!

VGCA ANNUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Last year the Board of Directors has established an annual award to recognize 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 the membership to publically recognizing a member in good standing who selflessly went above and beyond for the club or for collecting during 2017. 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 2017). 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 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
- 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 2018. So come to the meetings and vote for your choice.

TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE! YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Marc Gorelick, VGCA



All American citizens have the duty to exercise their right to vote and determine who will represent them. For those who believe in preserving our rights, in particular the 2nd Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms, the upcoming election on November 6 is particularly important. You will have to take the time to vote if you want to see your 2nd Amendment rights preserved. Preserving your liberty costs only a little time and effort on your part. If you don't vote you are letting someone else determine your future and rights. Whether it is a local, state or federal election, it is up to each and every one of us to help preserve the

Constitution and our rights and freedoms. Every vote counts. If you don't vote, and those who would attack the Constitution and take away your rights get into office, then you have only yourself to blame.



Member 2 started by asking the members if anyone recognized the cards he was holding (*above left*). They are gallery targets from carnivals and arcades, printed on special card-stock type paper! The targets were an appropriate lead-in to his three gallery rifles. The first was a semi-automatic Winchester Model 74 “Gallery Special” (*above right*). Introduced in 1939, it featured a special loading port for a tube magazine in the stock and a shell deflector. When production ended in 1952 for the .22 Short version and 1955 for ones chambered in .22LR, over 400,000 of these rifles had been sold.



Member 2 also shared a Winchester Model 62A pump action Gallery Rifle (*above left*). The 62A replaced the Winchester Model 62 in 1940 and incorporated an improved breech bolt mechanism. The 62A also featured a longer (8 inch) wooden forearm to operate the slide action. Though not marked as such, the last Gallery Rifle presented by Member 2 (*above right*) was an earlier Winchester Model 62. It has the shorter 5 ¾ inch forearm and this particular example has been rebarreled – not an uncommon occurrence given the number of rounds these guns fired. Like most gallery guns, these three rifles were all chambered in .22 Short.



Member 3 proudly shared his Swiss Schmidt-Rubin Model 1911 Rifle (*above*). This straight-pull action featured a stronger action than the original Model 1889 Rifle version, allowing the use of the more powerful Gewehrpatrone 11 (GP11) cartridge, also known as the 7.5x55 Swiss. Manufactured from 1911 until 1921, the Model 1911s were known for their fine craftsmanship and exceptional accuracy. This example was made in 1917. Member 3 confessed that he has been looking for a M1911 for quite a while and he may not have exercised his best negotiating skills in its purchase!



Member 4 brought a Model 56– a .22LR bolt action trainer made for Yugoslavia. Not much is known about these trainers, other than there was a rather limited production run in the mid-1950s and that they were made at Kragujevac, Serbia. The M56 (*above*) is a single-shot with a medium weight barrel. There was also a M57 (a repeater with target sights) and the M58 (with heavy weight barrel, target sights and a target stock).



Member 5 presented his recently acquired Winchester Model 1885 rifle (*above*). Designed by the then 23-year old John Moses Browning in 1878, this single shot was the first of his designs purchased by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company in what would become a two-decades-long relationship between this gifted designer and the legendary firearms manufacturer. A falling block design, the Model 1885 had a reputation for outstanding strength and accuracy. Almost 140,000 were produced between 1885 and 1920 in two main versions – a “Low Wall” for less powerful calibers and a “High Wall.” The Model 1885 came along at the perfect time, just when the United States and other countries were becoming enamored with long-range rifle matches. No less authority than Ned Roberts (inventor of the .257 Roberts cartridge) called the Model 1885 “the most reliable, strongest, and altogether best single shot rifle ever produced.” This beautiful example, chambered in .32/40, was a special order target rifle manufactured in 1892.



Member 6 shared a trifecta of firearms – a handgun, a shotgun, and a rifle! The first is a Smith & Wesson Victory model revolver (*above left*) in .38 Special. This S&W revolver was a continuation of the S&W Military & Police revolver line that dates back to 1899 and is still in production today as the S&W Model 10. Victory models were made between 1942 and 1944 and are identified by the letter “V” as a prefix to the serial number (though the “V” may be missing from early production). Victory models were also supplied to our allies in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. These Lend-Lease pistols were chambered in .38/200 (.38 S&W) to be in common with standard commonwealth Enfield and Webley handguns. This example was made in 1942 for the U.S. Navy and was procured on Member 6’s Curio and Relic Federal Firearms License. What makes this impressive is – Member 6 lives within Washington D.C. city limits and must deal with its restrictive laws on firearms ownership!

Member 6 also presented a Remington Model 870 pump action Shotgun chambered in 12 Gauge (*above right*). First made in 1950, the Model 870 is still production today. Amazing is the fact that over 11,000,000 have been made in that time - it is by far the best-selling shotgun in history!



Finally, Member 6 shared his Remington 700 BDL (*above*) in .300 Winchester Magnum. This example was made in 1963 and is a very early example (Model 700 production began in 1962). The bolt action Model 700 replaced Remington Models 721, 722, and 725. The BDL designation stands for “Better Deluxe” and was meant to be a “step-up” from the more economical ADL version. This particular rifle has recently been topped with an exceptional optic – a Zeiss Conquest 6-24x scope – and should be a fine long-range shooter!

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!



★ In Review ★

The “In Review” section to the newsletter was initiated in August 2016 and includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the newsletter editor at rpebecker@verizon.net.

Museum

A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM: THE SWEDISH MARINMUSEUM IN KARLSKRONA

Marc Gorelick, VGCA



Photo - Marinmuseum

The Swedish Marinmuseum (Navy Museum) is a maritime museum located on Stumholmen Island, in Karlskrona, Sweden. Karlskrona was, and still is, a major Swedish naval establishment. The Marinmuseum is Sweden's national naval museum, dedicated to the preservation of the country's naval history. The Marinmuseum is one of Sweden's oldest museums. It was established in 1752 when King Adolf Frederick began the collection and documentation of naval objects in what was called the Model Room. He also ordered the preservation of ship models and shipbuilding machinery. The model chamber held a number of ship models and constructional models, built to test different technical solutions and ship structures. Today these fascinating and extremely detailed models form the heart of the Marinmuseum together with the galleon figureheads in the museum's famous Figurehead Hall, and one of the world's finest collections of decommissioned navy warships.



Some museum ships – Minesweeper Bremon, Vastervik missile FAC, training ship Jarramas. Photo by author.

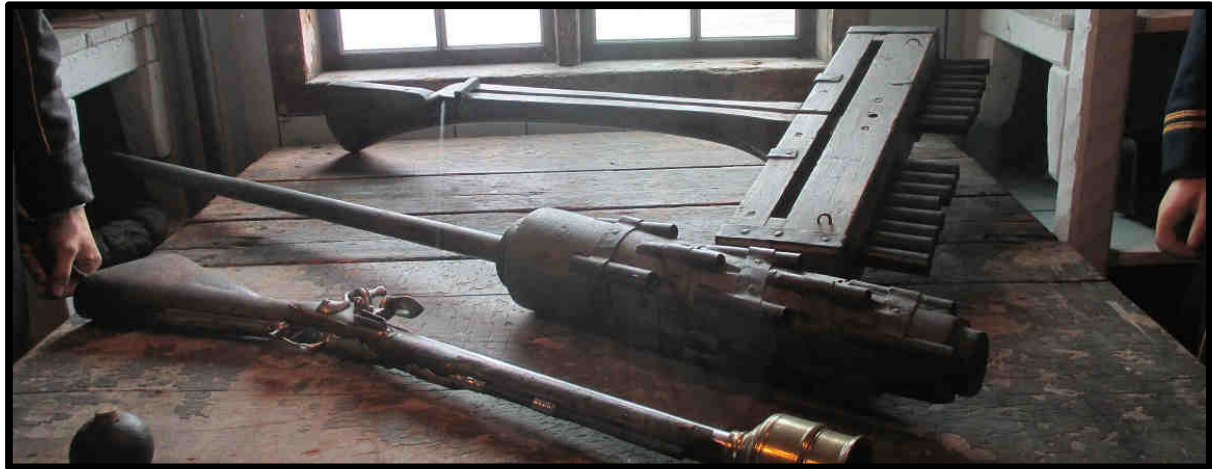
The Marinmuseum's archives include 4,000 drawings and maps, mostly relating to the Sweden's naval history, photographs, paintings, models, and documents relating to shipbuilding strategies, battle tactics, and life on board ships of the Baltic Sea. Exhibits include life-size dioramas, including an 18th century gun deck in action, objects and equipment from ships, one of the best collections of figureheads in the world, weapons and ordnance, and decommissioned warships including missile fast attack craft and submarines. The Marinmuseum is arguably, one of the finest naval museums in the world, covering everything from the earliest days through Sweden's many wars for supremacy in the Baltic, through World War 2's armed neutrality through the Cold War.



Part of small arms exhibit. Photo - Marinmuseum

Although small arms are not the primary focus of the Marinmuseum, the "Arsenal" exhibition has a comprehensive collection of small arms used by the Swedish navy throughout its history. Starting with matchlocks, the guns include all the wheellocks, flintlocks, percussion and cartridge pistols, muskets and rifles used by the Swedish navy, with an emphasis on weapons of the 17th through 19th centuries. The displays are exceptionally organized and well-lit, and the guns and signage are easy to see. There are also extensive displays of naval swords, cutlasses,

pikes, axes and other weapons. There are displays of accessories and accoutrements. These include a display of gun locks. In addition to weapons there was an artillery model chamber. Drawings were made here and new models of weapons were tested in practice.



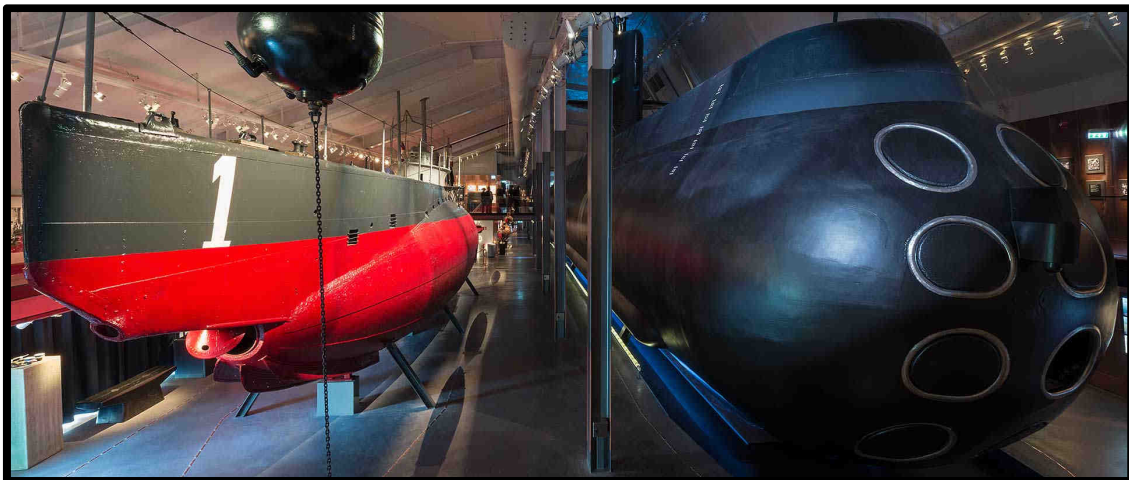
Early experimental weapons, including what appears to be a flamethrower. Photo – author.



The ordnance displays cover the earliest naval artillery to the latest, including genuine ships' armoring systems, turrets and rangefinders. Some of the smaller, possibly anti-personnel, cannon from the 16th and 17th that are on display are strange and one can suppose that they were better in theory than practice. They include a two-barrelled gun.

Early ships' anti-personnel cannon. Photo - author.

The large Submarine Hall, which covers 114 years of the Swedish navy's submarine fleet is a "must see." Opened in June, 2014, in this section of the museum visitors can board the recently decommissioned Swedish submarine HMS *Neptun*, a Näcken-class attack sub and feel, smell, listen to and get a real sense of life on board, from everyday routines to being at battle stations. Next to the high-tech *Neptun* is the Swedish fleet's first submarine – the *Hajen* (Shark) from 1904. Visitors can also board and clamber around the several Swedish warships tied up at the museum's docks.



The huge Submarine Hall with the Hajen (left) and Neptun (right). Photo – Marinmuseum.

One of the unsung highlights of the museum is the all-you-can-eat restaurant that offers traditional Swedish regional delicacies at a reasonable price, including herring, potato and meat dumplings, potato pancakes, fried pork and fika. The restaurant is a favorite with locals and is well worth including in your lunch plans.



The Marinmuseum is open daily from May through September, and from Tuesday through Sunday, October through April. It is just a short walk from the center of Karlskrona. If you arrive by car you can park at the commercial harbor, less than five minutes' walk from the museum. Additional information is available on the museum's website: <https://www.marinmuseum.se/en>.

Bofors 57mm Mk1 automatic naval cannon - Marimuseum

★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: 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*. These dates have been published as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA - 2018

- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center - *SGK*
- Oct 27-28, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – *SGK*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *VGCA (our fall show!)*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds - *C&E*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Winchester, VA – Body Renew Fitness & Family Sports Center – *SGK*
- Nov 10-11, 2018 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Nov 16-18, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Nov 17-18, 2018 - Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show – MKShows*
- Nov 24-25, 2018 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Dec 1-2, 2018 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- Dec 1-2, 2018 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- Dec 8-9, 2018 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center - *Showmasters*
- Dec 8-9, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – *SGK*
- Dec 15-16, 2018 – Doswell, VA – Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park - *SGK*
- Dec 22-23, 2018 – Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E*
- Dec 28-30, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND - 2018

- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *TheGunShows.com*
- Nov 2-4, 2018 – Forest Hill, MD – Jarrettsville VFD Post #8672 – *Jarrettsville VFD*
- Nov 10-11, 2018 – Easton, MD – Talbot County Community Center – *Eastern Shore Arms Collectors Annual Show*
- Nov 10-11, 2018 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Silverado Gun Shows*

PENNSYLVANIA - 2018

- Oct 20-21, 2018 - Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Carlisle, PA – Expo Center - *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Thompson, PA – Thompson VFD - *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Oct 20-21, 2018 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds - *SLCFSA*
- Oct 27-28, 2018 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Center – *Autumn Gettysburg Civil War, Antique Gun, and Militaria Show*
- Oct 27-28, 2018 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 27-28, 2018 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds-Memorial Hall - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Oct 27-28, 2018 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 - *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Hamlin, PA – Hamlin Fire & Rescue - *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Kittanning, PA – Pony Farm Trap & Gun Club – *Bill Hawk*
- Nov 3-4, 2018 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center - *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 10-11, 2018 – Leesport, PA - Farmers Market – *Thegunshows.com*
- Nov 10-11, 2018 – Split Rock, PA – 100 Mossywood Rd, Lake Harmony - *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 17-18, 2018 – Hermitage, PA – Hickory Post VFW – *L & R Sporting Events*
- Nov 17-18, 2018 – Morgantown, PA - Morgantown Center - *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 17-18, 2018 – Scranton, PA – Icebox Arena - *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Nov 24-25, 2018 – Philadelphia, PA – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Nov 24-25, 2018 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Township VFD - *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Dec 1-2, 2018 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Dec 8-9, 2018 – Harborcreek, PA – 7275 Buffalo Road - *L & R Sporting Events*
- Dec 8-9, 2018 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Dec 14-16, 2018 - Phoenixville, PA (Oaks) – Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Dec 22-23, 2018 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds-Memorial Hall - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Dec 29-30, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Econo Lodge Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*

SPECIAL NOTE – 2018

- Nov 17-18, 2018 – Wilmington, OH – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector's Association (Annual OGCA meeting and Director Election)*

FOR SALE:

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AUCTION:

✪ An auction for the contents of Ed Johnson's (founding President of the VGCA) Western Saloon and Library will be held on Oct 27, 2018. Hampton House Auctions of Hampton, Virginia will conduct this auction. It is listed on their website as "The Wild, Wild West Estate Auction." Preview is available on October 25th and 26th. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. on the 27th and the auction begins at 9:00.

Early members of the VGCA have many fond memories of Ed's basement saloon as it was filled with old west memorabilia - art, artifacts, Winchester signs, tools, saddles, gun belts, movie props, etc. This auction will also include part of Ed's huge gun library. Bids may be placed in person, on-line, or via phone. See their website (hamptonhouseauctions.com) for details.

FOR SALE:

✪ The L. C. Smith Collectors Association will conduct its 4th Annual Raffle on Apr 27, 2019. They are raffling a 1935 L. C. Smith .410 Gauge Field Grade with 26" barrels. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. If interested, please contact VGCA member John Babey at 571-308-4978 or jrbzn13@aol.com

WANT-TO-BUY:

✪ Member Kim Walton is interested in buying Newton and Meeker rifles. If you have one to sell; please contact him at (210)-602-0506 or copo6970@yahoo.com

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