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Meeting and Event Calendar

All programs and events start at **7:00 PM** at the NRA Auditorium (except the shows and the picnic)

April 22 Latin American Mauser Rifles presented by Carlos Davila Pizza instead of sandwiches (for a change of pace)	May 27 NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced. Gary Holderman will lead a Show & Tell discussion on .44 Magnums Drag out all the artillery for that show and tell !
June 12 (Saturday) Picnic for VGCA members at the NORVA range at Star Tannery VA	July No meeting due to vacations
Aug. 26 NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced.	Sept.25-26 (Saturday & Sunday) Fall Gun Show at Hugo's.
Oct. 28 NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced.	Dec. 2 Swap meet or mini gun show. (Combined Nov. and Dec. meetings)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MAKE SURE ALL THE ARMS YOU BRING IN ARE CHECKED AND TIED BEFORE YOU PRESENT THEM FOR SHOW AND TELL. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU BRING IN—TIE IT. IT SHOWS YOUR INTENT TO BE SAFE. IT IS THE UNCHECKED GUN THAT KILLS OR HURTS SOMEONE. IF YOU NEED TO CLIP THE TIE TO DEMONSTRATE A FUNCTION---FINE--- CLIP IT IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE SO THEY WILL KNOW YOU MADE THE ARM SAFE. TIES AND CLIPPERS WILL BE THERE. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS. WE ARE TRYING TO PROTECT YOU!! PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ME MENTION THIS WHEN YOU STAND UP TO PRESENT YOUR ARM. IF YOU PULL A FIREARM OUT OF A CASE TO PRESENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND IT IS NOT TIED - BE PREPARED TO BE HUMILIATED !!

House keeping note: The acoustics of the NRA auditorium are rather awesome. If you carry on a conversation in the back, it carries to the front and is very disruptive to any one speaking to the group. If you need to speak extensively to anyone during the meeting please do so - BUT go outside of the auditorium. Please do not make me gavel you down. I wish to embarrass no one—but I will if I must. It has become a problem. It probably is due to the fact that you did not realize the disruptive nature of your conversations in the

back. Well, now you know --so be kind to us and comply with this wish. Otherwise, the legitimacy of your parentage may strongly be called into question!! Enough said about this. A.H.

February Meeting

The talk on British Martini Rifles by John Appleton was very good. It concentrated on post military sporting versions – especially in .22 cal. Strict British laws make single shot .22's the preferred sporting firearm in the UK. Gary Holderman led a discussion on Winchesters

The treat of the meeting was the Pederson Device that Mike Vargosko brought in for show and tell. He also had it on display at the gun show. Not many clubs have these items on display!



March Show

Ed will have the figures for you at the meeting. But, by any measure, it was a great show....not a record in terms of paid attendance....but very good. Lots of people contributed much to make it such a success. Thanks to all who manned the front door, helped with night security, worked with the Show Committee, and helped to clean up. You know who you are—and so does everyone else. We could not do it without you!!!! As no one got assaulted, shot, stabbed or arrested, it was a good show. Any gun show you can walk away from is a good show-not unlike a plane landing

Display Winners

As usual, we had great displays at the show. The following persons did outstanding jobs: Kelly Cook's display of ".22's Fun and Serious" was great as was Mark Price's display of engraved SSAs. Pete Robert's display of "The .45 ACP and the Firearm" with the period accessories and photos were simply outstanding. The judge's selected the following outstanding displays as the winners:

Judge's Choice Award: David Hensley for his most interesting display "Armalite Then and Now".

3rd Place: John Gebhardt for his wonderful display of "Non Standard Civil War Muskets".

2nd Place: Rick Nahas for his mind boggling display of "Smith and Wesson Aircrewman Revolvers".

1st Place: Burt Sours for his simply outstanding display "Marlin Firearms: Model 1881-Model 1897".

Congratulations to all—they represent world class efforts at educating the public—which is one of the things we do rather well.

April Meeting

April 22nd - Pizza will arrive at **6:30** so come early. The speaker this month will be Carlos Davila who will educate us on Latin American Mauser Rifles. Bring out your Mausers for Show and Tell. Bring anything else as well for show and tell as it is the most fun part of the meeting. It should be a great meeting, so don't miss it!! The meetings have recently been well attended—with upwards of 90-100+ members and guests.

Organizational Announcements

We split up the duties of the Secretary to make it less burdensome to both Larry Hare and Con Rice.

Larry Hare will continue to be **membership chairman** and **recording secretary** (minutes of meetings).

Please make sure **Larry** has your correct address, phone number and email address, and make sure Larry gets all new applications for membership.

Con Rice will gather the data for and write the newsletters. Make sure **Con** gets information you want posted in the flyers. I am helping Con get started. Please use e-mails to provide the information to Larry and Con. A.H.

We plan to send as many newsletters as possible by e-mail to save hassle and postage. Please, if you have an email address, make sure Larry has it. The newsletters are expensive and we can save time and money by sending them by email.

Unsung Hero-Larry Hunt

We all owe a very special thank you to Larry Hunt, our webmaster. Larry has supported us strongly for years by keeping our web page up and running (VGCA.ORG). He does all this for us at no charge. He remains in the wings but he does a lot for us. The next time you see him, you might thank him for his solid support over the years. If you take digital or regular photos of our shows, our picnics, or other events of interest to VGCA members, please make sure Larry gets them. He can place them on the web page. If you have items you

wish to buy or sell, please let him know that as well. He just made us some beautiful posters for us to use at the VGCA display at Pittsburgh. He designed the VGCA logo at the top of the newsletter. He does outstanding work for us and we all owe him big time!! His weather alert on the front page of the web page has been helpful as well. Keep him in the loop as far as information for public consumption is concerned. Information put on the web page is totally in the public view.

Another Unsung Hero-Phil Hill

If there is a more difficult and thankless job in VGCA than Show Director, I can not imagine what it is. (As Secy for 18 years and as EI Presidente for 3 years, I think I know of what I speak). Phil has done a great job and has us organized in running the show to a higher level than I could ever have imagined possible for a volunteer organization such as ours. Phil wishes to move on and will cease being the Show Director after the September show. Emory Hackman has volunteered to take over Phil's position. We will all need to help Emory as this is a daunting thing to undertake. Phil has very kindly agreed to run the September show and will assist Emory in the transition of the many duties this entails. We owe Phil a very big **thank you**. The next time you see him, you might just let him how much his efforts were and are appreciated. Rick Nahas, Larry Hare, and Ed Costello will help Emory with the computer spread sheet stuff. Thanks to the usual suspects for helping with this.

VGCA Picnic – Saturday June 12 Rain or Shine

The NORVA folks are again hosting VGCA to a pig roast and shoot at the NORVA property in Star Tannery, VA. If you need directions, let me know.

Food

We will, as usual, be cooking pork and beef BBQ per Ed Johnson's world class recipe.

Bring a covered dish (large size) of your favorite bread, salad, dessert, casseroles, baked beans, or whatever you like to make. It always compliments Ed's fine BBQ.

All plates, sodas, etc will be provided by VGCA as usual.

There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting or you can email me with the numbers in your party. Let us know the total number in your party so we can buy enough meat etc.

Ranges

Skeet & trap range and the 100 yard range will be open. The 200 yard range will be closed as a safety precaution as it crosses the line of fire at the 100 yard range.

Clay birds will be provided free - but bring your own ammo.

Strict range rules will be in place and if you are not a NORVA member, you must sign a waiver form that confirms you have **read and understand and agree** to the conditions of shooting at the 100 yard range.

As usual, I will need **lots of help** in running the 100 yard range. We want everyone to have fun but we every one to be safe as well.

Gary Holderman will need help at the skeet and trap range.

Bring your own ammo, hearing and eye protection. No one will be allowed to shoot without these items.

We will have ear plugs and some safety glasses available. But make sure **everyone** in your party who will be at the ranges are protected—both shooters and on lookers.

All ranges will be closed during lunch.

General

Rules

Please stay under .50 BMG caliber due to the short range of 100 yards.

NOTE: ANY caliber small arm or handgun or cannon burning *black powder* is OK

Class 3 weapons will be welcome. We are inviting the State Police and local Sheriff's folks and Strasburg PD and game wardens to join us for lunch and shooting if they wish. Obviously, it might be wise to make sure you have all your class 3 paperwork in order if you bring your Class 3s !!

Tannerite will be available to blow up—but in single containers only. Multiples shake up the neighbors too much.

Children are welcome but you must assume responsibility for them at all times.

Caution is advised to stay on the graveled areas as snakes can be encountered. Bring rain gear and bug spray. For new members, bathrooms and all the amenities are in place at NORVA.

Set up

If you can come to NORVA on Friday to help us get set up, we would appreciate that. There is plenty of room for the helpers to spend the night. If you can help me with hauling the stuff from Costco to the range on Friday—any you have a pickup truck—contact me. We will meet at Costco in Winchester at 10 AM on Friday. The ranges will be set up Friday as well so help is needed in this as well.

For Sale and Wanted

Send me information of what you want to sell or buy. On a space available basis, I will see that it is included in the newsletter. Business cards can be sent to Larry Hunt who will list them on the web page.

NRA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in April

VGCA will be putting on a display of U.S .22 training weapons at the annual meeting. This will be our third such effort. Vince Rausch suggested we upgrade our 2 free booths with carpet etc. (Phil Schreier and the NFM donated two booths (\$1000.00 each) to VGCA). Vince is the expert on displays-- so we did this. We spent \$850.00 of your money doing this!! It had to be done quickly as deadlines had to be met at the convention center in Pittsburgh and the contractor setting up the displays. I took it upon myself to authorize it as there was no time to convene a board meeting. I felt it was the right thing to do. We expect to be over budget due to this but we are only charging for reimbursement --lodging costs and gas. This NRA meeting will be the only one close to us for several years – Houston in '05...Milwaukee in '06 ...and Salt Lake City in '07. We will have a complete report for you on the meeting, the expenses incurred, etc. We will be sending 6 persons to the meeting: Myself, Addison Wright, Jim Burgess, Ed Costello, Vince and Charlie Rausch. Rick Nahas and Pete Roberts will be going to help represent SW Collectors Association—and not at VGCA expense. Sonny Laine will be going as well—not at VGCA expense. It will be a class act. We will photograph the entire affair and have Larry put the photos on the web site. We budgeted \$1000.00 to donate to the NFM this year. We will present it to Phil at the Annual Meeting. It will be earmarked strictly for the NFM. Thanks to all who donated guns for the VGCA display. We will make major efforts to return them to you!!

Thompson SMG Display at NFM



With any luck, we can talk Phil or Doug to keep the museum open before the meeting so you can see this wonderful display. Do not miss what even the Washington Post said was a “must see”!!! Don't forget that the pizza arrives at 6:30 and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00. Look forward to seeing you and thanks for all the support you have given the board and myself.

New idea of mine....

As space permits, from time to time, I thought it might be nice to “profile” club members in the newsletters. We all know each other on a collector level but there are many interesting stories in our membership.....interesting careers and experiences, both military and civilian..... If you think of anyone who you would like to see profiled to the membership, let me know. I have been thinking of this for some time and I have several of you in mind. So, if I call you and ask for a profile, please consider sharing your experiences and career information with the members. We will, of course, respect your privacy if you do not wish to do this.

Our Support for youth shooting

Lee Turner's youth shooting program has grown like Topsy. Fred Fees would be proud. From a group of 25 youth shooters—Lee is now supporting upwards of 75 shooters. As we budget money each year for this project, Lee found he needed money to purchase additional super high quality CO2 target rifles. We just issued him a check for about \$1800.00 to purchase 5 new rifles. In addition, we pay his “Trigger Time” group to collect the gate money and to clean up after the two shows each year. What better function could we do to support these future generation of shooters? Lee will have updated information about all this at the April meeting.

Support for VSSA

As usual, we will be financially supporting VSSA who do a wonderful job of protecting our rights in the legislature in Richmond. Hopefully King will have some information about what is going on at the April meeting. For those who are new or may have forgotten, VSSA is approved by CMP to enable you to purchase arms. So, everyone in VGCA should be a member. Let King Von Schilling know if you need information about joining.

Addison Hurst - Ersatz and an admittedly half- fast temporary Secy
Con Rice – some content and editing