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August 2004

The Annual Picnic in June

Attendance may well have set a record. Best guesstimate is about 150-175 including kids. Food was great—thanks to Ed Johnson and his crew and all the folks' who brought food.



Shooting was good but there is still concern over the sheer number people shooting. NORVA is planning extensive construction and improvements to the 100-yard range. They have asked NRA range experts to help them draw up a range renovation plan. Unfortunately, this may result in no shooting at next year's picnic as there will be extensive construction underway. Renovations could take the next year or two. Safety comes first.

March 2005 Show Planning

For planning purposes, please note that the March '05 VGCA show at Hugo's will be March 12-13. The w/e before is the Richmond show and the week following is the Baltimore show at Timonium. Our show **does** conflict with OGCA and a large show in PA. It is impossible to dodge all the bullets insofar as show dates. We are a small local show so I had little choice but to quickly confirm the date we got. The last w/e that month is Easter.

George Hagn Update

Bad news to report about George. He is a life member of VGCA and has been a Norva member for decades. George had a car accident and was paralyzed. He then suffered a stroke and has not regained consciousness. His prognosis is indeed not good. Dr. Hagn is regarded as a world class expert on radio propagation and has worked on many “interesting” projects for the Government over the years. His condition is so grave that his family has elected to withdraw life support so it is a very very sad situation. Your prayers would be appreciated. I will keep you informed. George was a true sportsman in the very best sense of the word. He was a kind gentleman who loved to share his immense knowledge of numerous fields of endeavors. If you asked a technical question, many of found that one had to be prepared for a 30 minute answer. We all will be diminished by his passing.

EXPO Show Report

It was a good show and was huge. Lots of non gun related stuff there, of course, but a good show insofar as quality of guns was concerned. Have not heard what the total gate was but I would not be surprised if the two day gate approached 15 thousand folks.

Jim Land's “Evolution of the Marine Sniper Rifle” display got lots of attention. The range of firearms ran from air-soft guns to cannons. One table had recreations of original .54 cal. Gatling guns on full size carriages that shot minie balls from reloadable steel tubes – Just like the earliest Gatlings (price was about \$12,000). If anyone had a complaint, it was that the room was a little hot.

There are EXPO shows scheduled for Oct 9-10 2004 and Feb 12-13, 2005. They are planning 4 shows a year.

Kudos big time to Phil Hill

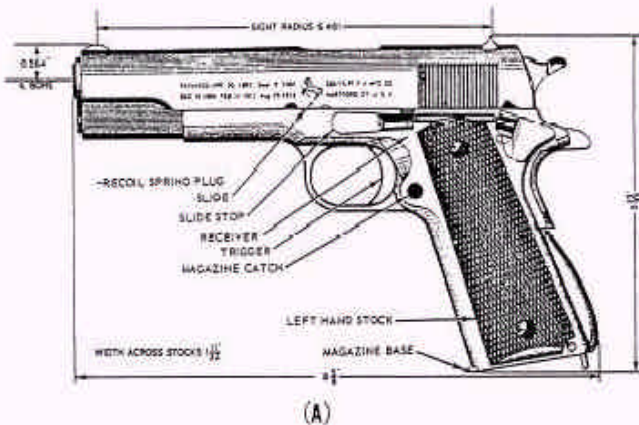
As I imagine everyone knows, Phil is stepping down as Show Manager after our show in September. He is now transitioning Emory Hackman and Rick Nahas to take over his duties. The transition is going well. The job Phil did was extraordinary by any measure. You might thank Phil for his service to VGCA when you see him. Around here no good deed goes unpunished and I am sure Phil would appreciate your comments of support. Your support to Emory and Rick will be appreciated. This job is a difficult one—no doubt the most difficult job in the club.

Calendar

August

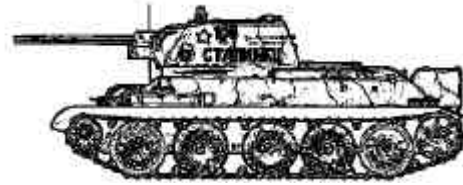
Gun Auction in Richmond. Thur. Aug 19. (Preview on Wed) There will be 150 arms See their website www.lupergroup.com. Call Burva Nugent at Luper Auction Galleries at 5187 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond 23228. Her number is 804-359-2493. Arms include A.H.Fox, Parkers, Krieghoffs, Remington, Winchesters etc.

Membership Meeting Aug 26 at 7 PM Joint VGCA/NRA Presentation Scott Meadows, noted author and expert on .45 Autos, will be the speaker. Bring out all your .45 Autos especially the rare ones.



September

VMMV Open House Sat. September 18 Alan Cors has invited all VGCA members to his open house of restored military vehicles at his Brentsville facility. Visit www.vmmv.org and register. Detailed information is available on the web page and information will be emailed to you. It is a remarkable thing to see. He has over 100 fully restored tanks and military vehicles. They have speakers and demonstrations. Hope to see you there.



Gun Show September 25-26 It will be here before you know it. We will need lots of help. We will discuss at the Aug meeting. If you are a new member, contact a board member or show committee member and ask what you can do to help. I will be mailing out fliers to members who I know will distribute them at shows etc.

Note: There will be **NO** monthly membership meeting in **September** since the **SHOW (25-26)** takes its place.

October

EXPO Show Oct 9-10 2004

Potomac Arms Collectors Assn Show. At the Frederick Fairgrounds will also be on Oct 9-10. For Info, call : Jim Vaughn 301-384-7177

Membership Meeting Oct 28 at 7 PM Joint NRA/VGCA presentation. Phil Spangenberger—of History Channel fame. Topic is not firm – don't be surprised if it has a great deal to do with the "OLD WEST"...not a meeting to be missed. Drag out the old Winchesters, Colts, Smiths.

November - December

As I hope you recall the Nov/Dec will be a mini swap meet where you try to unload your junk on others who are trying to do the same thing to you. Always fun.



As Always - MAKE SURE ALL FIREARMS ARE TIED.....!