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January 2011 VGCA Newsletter

★ **UPCOMING Meetings and Events:** January will be a **Focused Show and Tell** with a theme that every attendee will be able to participate in – .22 firearms. That is .22, and not limited to .22 Rimfire. So if you have a BIG revolver in a wildcat cartridge made from necking a .50 BMG round to .22, bring it on since it is .22! There will also be a member “mini-swap” session, so bring something you want to sell or trade, and if you do not have a .22, you could get one for the Show and Tell. It should be fun.

Future Meetings: There will be at least 2 member presentations and some of the potential NRA-NFM sessions should be a real plum treat. More info when plans solidify.

*** INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT ***

We are now in a very cold January, starting the months of winter where meetings are at risk of being cancelled for foul weather. Members are strongly encouraged to **check the VGCA Website (<http://www.vgca.org>) for Weather Alerts and Meeting Cancellations!** If the meeting is cancelled, there should be a flashing cloud with a notice when you open the page. Please inform members you know, especially those without Internet.

★ **Presentation Volunteers Needed:** We will need presenters for 2011 upcoming monthly meetings. Call **Addison Hurst** now to request your 2011. There are 9 meetings and 2 members have already requested dates. 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; and it does not have to have slides. If you wish, there are members who will assist if you wish to use a PowerPoint presentation.

★ **2011 Elections for the VGCA Board of Directors:** The Election is now in progress. I am happy to announce that we have a full slate of six (6) nominees running the three (3) vacancies on the board. **Jim Burgess, Kelly Cook,** and **Dave Litchfield** are running for re-election to full 2 year terms. **John Frietsch, Marc Gorelick,** and **Addison Wright** received nominations and seconds from the floor at the December 2 meeting. This is a great development and will hopefully bode well as the club enters a new year facing a number of challenges and important decisions on how to energize and grow your Association. All of the candidates are hard working, dedicated and highly qualified members and upon reading their candidacy statements and capsule biographies you will have the opportunity to select the combination which you believe will best advance the club with the priorities you support and in the direction you wish to proceed. Emory Hackman was appointed to serve as the Election committee. Ballots were sent out the week of January 10 with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for return mailing. Members have reported already receiving ballots. Upon reviewing the candidates’ statements, please

complete your ballot and return it in the enclosed postage pre-paid envelope to the address provided. The **completed ballots are due back by February 14, 2011** to allow the votes to be counted and announced at the February 24 Membership Meeting. To ensure that your vote arrives in time for the count, **it is recommended that you mail it back no later than February 7**. That allows a full week for the U.S. Post Office, especially if we have a run of bad weather. Ballots must be returned by mail only, and will NOT be accepted at the meetings. Ballots must be received by February 14 or they will not be counted. Thank you for your attention, please vote, and let's make this year a banner year for the Virginia Gun Collectors Association.

Remember, dues for annual membership are due in January 2011 and are \$30.00 per year.
Membership dues are \$30.00 for Annual Memberships and \$150.00 for Life Memberships. Get payments in now to avoid removal from VGCA roles.

***** Spring 2011 Virginia Gun Collectors Association Gun Show *****
(Prince William County Fairgrounds – March 26-27, 2011)

The Spring 2011 VGCA Gun Show will be at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on **March 26-27, 2011**. Pass the word and remember that flyers for the fall show will be at this meeting so plan to spread a few around. Good places to ask to leave them are barbershops and other small businesses.

- ◎ **Spring VGCA Gun Show Sales Tables:** The Association *still has tables remaining for the Spring VGCA Gun Show*. Members who wish to reserve a table for disposing of your unloved or duplicate firearms, accoutrements, collectable accessories, or other gun collecting related items, please contact Rick Nahas, ASAP. If you believe manning a sales table alone would be too demanding and not allow you time to hunt for deals or just talk to other members, get a partner and share the duties and have relief for your time around the show. Show tables cost \$60 each, so share the costs with a colleague.
- ◎ **Spring VGCA Gun Show Display Tables:** The club will continue having FREE DISPLAY TABLES for members *on a space available basis* for the Spring show. This is a great opportunity to test the waters if you wanted to do a display table. Display tables may be limited, so contact Rick Nahas to get yours.
- ◎ **CALL for VGCA Gun Show Volunteers:** We always need volunteers for the **Show Table Setup** and **Security** Teams, as well as some folks to help with the **Sign Detail** the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. Tell **John Frietsch, Dave Litchfield** or one of the Association Officers if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the two monthly meetings before the show. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs. Table set-up will be on March 24, exact time TBA, but usually around 1PM, or whenever the tables arrive!
- ◎ **Safety Team Volunteers:** If any member wishes to help out for an hour or so at the show, please call John Frietsch, Safety and Security Coordinator at 1-540-409-1271. The Spring dates are March 25th, (vendor set-up), with the show on the 26th and 27th. **Remember, volunteering for the Security, Safety, and Setup teams gets a free admission.**

Errata: The photo in the December 2010 issue tagged as a Scale model of Gatling gun in .45 Colt caliber was in error. According to one of the Associations members, the item is a working model of a 37mm Hotchkiss revolving cannon. The Hotchkiss cannon has no relation to the Gatling gun aside from the fact that both have multiple barrels arranged in a circular pattern around an axis. The Gatling has one bolt for each barrel, the barrels maintain continuous rotary motion while firing, and each barrel/bolt pair remain together. Gatling guns made during the 19th C. were chambered for 1-inch (25.4 mm) caliber and smaller ammunition. The Hotchkiss gun has only one bolt which services each barrel only when it is in the firing/extraction position, once per rotation of the barrel group. The barrel stops while being loaded, fired, and having the empty case extracted from it. It then remains empty for the remainder of the rotation until it again reaches the loading/firing/extraction position. Virtually all Hotchkiss revolving guns have five barrels, and the smallest which served in any military service was 37mm. 47mm and 57mm versions were also made. Many thanks go to member and heavy ordnance expert **John Morris** for the correction and the preceding short technical description.

December 2, 2010 Business Meeting: Membership Chair **Larry Hare** reported out three (3) new member applications. After introductions from their sponsors and after saying a few words on their interests and backgrounds, the Association welcomed **John Ventnar**, a Canadian Military Liaison Officer, **Ray Johnson**, and **Al Miller** into the Club. (Please forgive name spelling errors. Ed.) We extend a welcome to all three. Floor nominations for the elections of the Board of Directors were received, seconded, and closed. (Please see above for election information).

VGCA December 2, 2010 Show and Tell: Show and Tell kicked off with **Jim Vaughan** displaying a US Model or 1855 pistol carbine in .58 caliber with a Maynard Tape Priming system ignition. This dragoon pistol took a shoulder stock and had a rifle bore. Gary Sherrill presented a Russian .22RF Olympic Target pistol made by Izhevsk. He has two, one names "Ivan" and the other is "Boris." **Marc Gorelick** shows a rare U.S. Navy marked line throwing gun complete with case, line weights, splicing tools, practice canister and rope, and the short .45 caliber blanks used to propel the weights. It is based on a cut down US Springfield Rifle, Caliber .45, commonly known as the .45-70 Trapdoor. This was a find at the recent Chantilly show. **Bill Chronister** brought a Swiss G1889 rifle converted to .22RF by a private gunsmith in Switzerland. It was cut down to K1911 length, had the barrel sleeved, the stock modified with an inlaid pistol grip and had the magazine slot filled with a steel floor plate. It also has the original owner's name engraved into an inlaid plate on the stock. **Larry Hare** also brought a European .22RF, a Mauser MS420 repeating target rifle. This is a high quality piece that exhibits all that is fine in classical German gun making. **Lee Jorgenson** closed out the evening when he presented a US Model of 1898 Krag rifle that had been painted. Speculations ranged from it being a wall hanger to a WWI rifle used for training.

Safari!!! Four VGCA / NORVA Members in Africa: Four VGCA / NORVA members decided Africa was the place to go and travel plans were made months in advance without benefit of a crystal ball to foretell upcoming weather conditions. The September scheduled departure was preordained by available open hunting dates and the group was ready. The Safari group of four included Bill Hitchcock; Lee Turner; Gary Holderman and Jack Bokinsky. Several members have hunted Africa on multiple occasions while one was on his first hunt. As luck would have it, Lee Turner, the first timer, managed to take five magnificent trophies for his game room. Lee managed to gather an Impala, Wildebeest, Waterbuck, Warthog, and an impressive Kudu. The next in line was Bill Hitchcock, on his second African safari. Bill managed to take a high scoring Gemsbok, Wildebeest and an impressive (but ugly as sin) Warthog with huge tusks. Gary Holderman who has had a number of treks to the Dark Continent concentrated on the night animals and brought home four trophies: a Jeanette Cat followed by a lazy old Blue Wildebeest, an impressive common Reedbuck and an African Wildcat. Finally Jack Bokinsky with five African Adventures under his belt managed to bring home three memorable treasures. First was a beautiful Burchels Zebra Stallion, second was a record book scoring Impala and third was the broken right leg that will be remembered by him for a long, long time. He did manage to collect the Impala and Zebra after he tumbled on the rock steps breaking the leg. If you are interested in the outfitter, please contact the members in question for details.

1911 Pistol Collectors: If interested, Addison has arranged for VGCA members to get the first pick of the choice collector numbers of the 100 Year Model of 1911 pistol. This pistol will be shown at the SHOT Show in Las Vegas, NV in the NRA booth. The regular retail value is \$2195. NRA members get a discounted price of \$1695. (Plus S/H) Each pistol sold helps support the NRA and is an official licensed NRA product. Contact Info: American Legacy Firearms, Inc., www.americanlegacyfirearms.com, info@americanlegacyfirearms.com, 120 W. Olive St. Suite 206 or for Mail use: PO Box 369, Fort Collins, CO 80522. Phones: 970-221-0502 or 877-887-4867 (Toll Free) When purchasing, mention the VGCA Coupon Code: VGCA-NRA.

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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 2011

- ☉ January 22-23, 2011 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ January 22-23, 2011 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ January 27, 2011 – Manassas, VA – Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave. - Lecture, “*There Stands Jackson: The Life and Times of General Thomas Jonathon Jackson,*” 7:00pm, Admission: Free, Call 703-367-7872.
- ☉ January 29-30, 2011 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ February 5-6, 2011 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☉ February 11, 12 & 13, 2011 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ February 26-27, 2011 – Doswell, VA - Meadow Event Park - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ February 26-27, 2011 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ March 5-6, 2011 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ **March 26-27, 2011 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**

MARYLAND 2011

- ☉ February 19-20, 2011 – Upper Marlboro, MD - Show Place Arena – *Silverado Promotions*
- ☉ **March 19-20, 2011 – Baltimore (Timonium), MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – Maryland Arms Collectors Association, www.baltimoreshow.com**

PENNSYLVANIA 2011

- ☉ January 22-23, 2011 - Matamoras, PA - Hunt's Best Western Inn – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ☉ January 22-23, 2011 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association.*
- ☉ January 22-23, 2011 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ January 29-30, 2011 - Gettysburg, PA - Allstar Sports Complex - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ January 29-30, 2011 – Philadelphia, PA - (Center Oaks) Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ☉ February 5-6, 2011 - Monroeville, PA - Convention Center - *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☉ February 12-13, 2011 – Philadelphia, PA - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks) – *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ **February 12-13, 2011 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society.* Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.**
- ☉ March 12-13, 2011 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ March 26-27, 2011 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association.*

NEW YORK 2011

- ☉ **February 26-27, 2011 – 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**

“If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their money, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them [around the banks], will deprive the people of their property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”
--- Thomas Jefferson

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