



# VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOC., INC.

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## January 2013 VGCA Newsletter

☛ **December Annual Meeting and Pot-Luck dinner:** Due to scheduling conflicts, we held the meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This year members outdid themselves with a great variety of appetizers, main dishes and desserts. There was ham, chili, meatballs, chicken wings, deviled eggs, macaroni and cheese and much, much more. The desert table had delicious pumpkin pie and lots of other delights. Suffice to say, some of us looked like stuffed turkeys when we left, but everyone was able to fit back into their vehicles, actually get the seatbelts buckled and there were few leftovers, so it could again be officially called a SUCCESS.

**Recognitions:** After the dinner and a break, Association President **Dave Litchfield** made a series of presentations to members in recognition of their selfless service to the Association. **Jack Looney**, was recognized for his quality photography, rain or shine, chronicling our meetings and shows; **Carl Warhurst** received accolades for his security and setup activities at the shows and his logistical help with the monthly meetings for food and drink; **Bart Leggett** and **Ben Simms** have been consistent, reliable and generous in their service to the Association with their contributions to show security and setup; **John Frietsch** was recognized for his years of 'temporary' service as Show Security Coordinator (you will be missed); and **Rick Nahas** was honored for his efforts on making the Falls and Spring gun shows a success for the past 8 years. All those recognized really earned it, and they all deserve our thanks.

**2013 Election of Directors:** During the December annual meeting we opened the floor for nominations to fill the full 2013-2014 terms on the Board of Directors. Four candidates were nominated from the floor. The nominees for the 3 Director positions are **Richard Pripeton**, **Marc Gorelick**, **Dennis Gerdovich**, and **Jim Burgess**. The nominations were formally closed after the nominating process. Ballots are in the process of being mailed to members eligible to vote. The completed ballots are due back by February 14, 2013 to allow for opening the returned ballots and counting the votes at the Membership Meeting on February 28, 2013. To ensure that your vote arrives in time for the count, it is recommended that you mail it back no later than February 7.

**New Members:** Larry Hare, Membership Chair introduced new member candidate **Dave Gilbert** – sponsored by Dave Litchfield and Bernie Breighner. After his presentation to the members, Dave was voted into the association. Welcome aboard.

Finally, the swap section had some nice items. A number of folks were seen rapidly counting cash or writing checks on some great deals. Thanks to all who participated.

☛ **Presentation for January 24, 2013:** Ernie Lyles & Bob Sears will cover the Dardick Revolvers, a unique magazine-fed revolver. Between them the audience should learn a lot about this novel, divergent trail of firearms design.

☛ **Presentations for 2013:** Here are the presentations we have on line or are hoping to finalize in the coming months. As usual, details and changes will be published in the newsletter each month so keep checking for updates.

- **February 28:** Val Forgett on Family/Guns and Bannerman Island
- **March:** **No Meeting** - Spring Show
- **April 25:** Open
- **May 23:** Tentative - Doug Wicklund - Tour of the NRA National Firearms Museum
- **June 27:** Alan Cors - Americans in Wartime Museum
- **July:** **No Meeting** – Summer Recess
- **August 22:** Open
- **September 26:** Open
- **October 24:** Open
- **November:** **No Meeting** - Fall Show
- **December 7:** Pot Luck Dinner/Officer Nominations/Show & Tell/Swap Meet

**2013 Presentation Volunteers Needed:** As you can see from the above list, we still have vacancies for presenters for 2013. Call one of the Association officers now to request your preferred month for 2013, or if you have an outside speaker who wished to cover firearms and historically related topics. There are still 4, possibly 5, open slots (April, possibly May, August, September, October) in 2013. Remember, we do not have meetings in March and November (gun shows) or in July. Shorter and direct works best; and it does not require slides. If you wish, there are members who will assist you in creating a PowerPoint presentation.

**\*\*\* INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT \*\*\*:** We are approaching the winter season. During the winter months meetings may be cancelled for bad weather. **Check the VGCA Website (<http://www.vgca.org>) for Weather Alerts and Cancellations!** If the meeting is cancelled, there will be a flashing cloud with a notice when you open the homepage. Please inform members you know, especially those without Internet access.

### Notes from the Podium – President’s Message

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope each of you were able to enjoy the holidays with loved ones and friends. Sometimes we need to stop the everyday worries and just kick back and enjoy – drink that extra beer, eat that turkey leg, and all the pumpkin pie you can hold. You can now start the new walking or jogging campaign to get rid of the extra pounds.

2013 is shaping up to be a challenging year and we can divide ourselves into one of two camps: Some of us can listen to all the news and discussion about action to control violence, verbally complain to all within reach, and then do nothing; while others can listen to all the news and discussion about actions to control violence, form our own opinions, and convey them to our elected officials in writing, giving our names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers. The first group is very willing to allow others to carry on the fight for fair treatment of gun owners and shooters, while standing on the sidelines.

The second proactive group has stepped forward, asked the coach to put them in the game, and are ready to take a thumping for the team. In 1776 a small group of brave Americans signed a document, committing treason, against their mother country, stating that they were no longer going to accept unfair taxation and laws prejudicial to their well-being. By signing their names they identified themselves as targets for retribution, and some paid with their lives.

Now, we are faced with the potential of government action that will negatively impact our lives. Are those of you who are standing on the sidelines going to join those of us who have identified ourselves to our congressmen, and send in a written statement of your concerns for our Second Amendment rights, or are you going to stand silent and let us fight for you?

Think about my comments, and make a decision, **but ACT NOW!** Write your Representative and Senator Mark Warner. Senator Kaine was not accepting email input as of last week so your letter to him has to be mailed. Sometimes hard copies mailed are actually more effective.

We are still accepting suggestions for monthly meeting speakers, especially for the months of August through December. Please help us identify speakers and presentation candidates.

We have approximately 20 tables still available in the main room for the March 2013 Gun Show. Please step up and commit to buying a sales table or two.

We also need Security Volunteers for the March Show. Please identify yourselves to any Board Member and/or Dennis Gerdovich, Interim Security Chief at the January and February meetings.

~~ Happy Collecting, *Dave Litchfield*

### Announcements, etc.

**2013 Dues for annual members are due in January 2013 and are \$30.00 per year. Get payment in now to avoid being dropped from the VGCA membership roster. For your convenience a renewal form is on the last page of the Newsletter. Payments should be mailed to: Larry Hare, P.O. Box 102, Afton, VA 22920**

- **VGCA Members and Spouses Banquet:** The City Tavern at the Old Town Inn in Manassas, Virginia has been reserved for Saturday night, April 6, 2013 from 6-10 PM for the banquet. The evening will start at 6-6:30

PM with cash bar, 6:30-7 PM announcements and recognition, 7-8 PM dinner, followed by the auction at 8 PM led by Ernie Lyles as the auctioneer. Cost is \$25.00 per attendee. We will recognize 2 or 3 members who have made significant contributions to the VGCA. Richard Pripeton will collect names and payments. POC is (Cell) 571-243-2727; (e-mail) [richard.fl370@gmail.com](mailto:richard.fl370@gmail.com).

**Show & Tell for the December 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** As is often the case when we have a well attended meeting, we had a pretty good show and tell. **Member 1** brought two black powder flintlocks. The first was an 1803 Harper's Ferry rifle in .54 caliber. This gun was the 2<sup>nd</sup> variation made with a 36" barrel in 1819 and used pins to secure the barrel instead of bands. He then showed a reproduction Scottish flintlock pistol with belt hook and a full metal handle that resemble ram's horns. Made of totally bright metal as the originals, these are attractive historical flintlocks. **Member 2** showed a rare S&W single shot target pistol, the 1<sup>st</sup> Model of 1891, which was made from 1893-1905. Well known for accuracy, a version of this pistol was used in the 1906 Olympics. **Member 3** showed an unusual variation of an AR-15 with a blue receiver designating it cannot be used to fire live projectile ammunition. This was evidenced by the absence of a bore in the barrel. It was designed as a blank firing device. **Member 4** showed a rare (in the U.S.) German silhouette pistol made by Rhöner Sportwaffenfabrik GmbH. It was imported by Beeman, but only 15 guns made it into the US before it was discontinued. **Member 5** showed an unusual design Stevens 20 gauge pump shotgun made in the 1920's. When the gun fires, the barrel moves forward to pick up a new round. Takedown required a proprietary spanner that was stored in the barrel magazine. The gun was made obsolete with the appearance of the new Winchester Model 12 shotgun. **Member 6** showed some demilled, inert 40mm rounds used in the WW2 ship-borne Bofors automatic twin anti-aircraft cannons. The rounds came in clips of 4 and were dropped into the feed slot of the cannons, also referred to as 'pom-pom' guns, which are familiar to anyone watching a WW2 Navy movie or news reel. **Member 7** showed a project he has been working on to design a scope mount for the FN-49 rifles. Original rifles could have a scope mounted using a special mount provided by FN, however the mounts are very rare, expensive, and seldom seen. **Member 8** showed a Remington Rolling Block Cadet Rifle mad from a Remington 1867 pistol action. Known as the Pistol-framed Cadet Rifle, it was chambered in .50 Remington Pistol Centerfire. It was intended for sale to military schools and boys cadet corps. The last items was displayed by **Member 9**. It was a wall hanger flintlock pistol in .43 caliber. It is thought to have been made by John Williams of Georgia and has a nice curly maple stock. Part of a matched set, its mate was lost during Sherman's March to the Sea.

### Photos from the December 2012 Meeting



← Bart Leggett and Ben Simms were recognized for their years of helping with show security and setup.

→ Georgia made flintlock with maple stock.

↙ S&W break top 1<sup>st</sup> Model of 1891 target pistol.

↘ Scottish Rams horn flintlock.



## Upcoming Events and Shows

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to verify before driving to a show. These dates have been published online, but are not guaranteed. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

### VIRGINIA 2013

- ☞ January 19-20, 2013 - Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☞ January 19-20, 2013 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☞ January 26-27, 2013 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland – *C&E/Showmasters Gun Show*
- ☞ January 26-27, 2013 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E/Showmasters Gun Show*
- ☞ February 2-3, 2013 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☞ February 8-10, 2013 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center - Nation's Gun Show – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☞ February 16-17, 2013 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☞ February 23-24, 2013 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *C&E Gun Show*

When before the precipice, it is best to consider what has gone before, and to reflect on what action is necessary.

*“This year will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future.”*

~~ Adolf Hitler, Berlin Daily, April 15, 1935

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### **Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL) Larry Hare, P.O. Box 102, Afton, VA 22920-0102**

VGCA annual membership requires yearly renewal and payment of \$30.00. Life membership is still only \$150.00. If you have paid your 2012 dues, you may upgrade to life membership during the 2013 dues cycle for \$150 (only \$120 over the cost of annual membership.) 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Enclosed is \$30.00 for CY 2013 VGCA annual membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life membership in VGCA. Enclosed is \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership rolls.

Make all checks payable to VGCA. If you have any questions contact Larry Hare, Membership Chair at (540) 946-2050 or by email at [LaurenceHare@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenceHare@gmail.com)