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## January 2019 VGCA Newsletter



### President's Comments

**Happy New Year VGCA Members!**

2019 looks to be a promising year for the VGCA. We hope to set all time membership records and continue to be one of the best gun collecting organizations in the Country. There are many projects on the Agenda from revamping the website, VGCA publishing a book, a presentation on the History of the VGCA in the Fall and our semi-annual gun shows. We will be sending one of our members to the NRA show in Indianapolis in April to display his collection of Military flare pistols. There are also several more events in the early planning stages for our members. It should be an exciting year!

I want to update everyone about the protocol for cancelling a meeting due to weather. I will make a decision 24 Hours prior to the meeting or show if inclement weather is expected. Primary notification will be done through Constant Contact email (same as Newsletter). Eventually it would be on the website as well, once we have revamped it.

On a more serious note, 2019 will be a challenging year politically for Virginia Gun Owners. The VA Governor has proposed widespread changes in Gun Laws that can have disastrous effects for many years. We have included a cautionary article from Potomac Arms Collector Association (PACA) in this Newsletter - I urge all members to read it.

Hope to see you at the January meeting when we announce the 2018 VGCA Member of the Year!

--*Bernie Breighner*, VGCA President

**→→→ Special Notice for Annual Members ←←←**

Annual Dues were due on **December 31, 2018**. Please see details under the Membership Section.

**★ December Pot Luck Dinner and Swap Meet ★**

Over 60 members of the VGCA and their families came together on 6 December 2018 for our annual Pot Luck Holiday Dinner and Swap Meet. The VGCA provided two Honey Baked Hams (many thanks to Bill Chronister for picking those up – and to Wes Chappell for bringing the drinks, cups, plates, napkins, utensils, etc.!) and the members brought additional entrees, side dishes, and many, many desserts! It was a festive evening and a good time was had by all!



*(Above and below)* VGCA members enjoyed good food, good fellowship, and even had the opportunity to add to their collections as many members brought in items to sell/trade at the December membership meeting.





Members examining some of the wares for sale at the swap meet (*above*).



Current VGCA President Bernie Breighner (*above right*) and previous President Ernie Lyles (*above left*) share stories and tall tales after an excellent Pot Luck dinner!

★ **December Business:** There was a short business meeting at the December gathering. President Bernie Breighner called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and we opened with the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. There were 63 VGCA members and guests in attendance and the guests were introduced to the membership by their sponsors/hosts.

Bernie announced that former VGCA President Dave Litchfield suffered a bad fall and needed emergency surgery on his leg. Bernie asked the membership to please keep Dave in their thoughts and prayers as he begins what may be a lengthy recovery.



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$2500 check from the VGCA to the National Rifle Association. Mr. Jim Supica, Museum Director for the NRA's three firearms museums, accepted the VGCA donation on behalf of the NRA (*at left*). The VGCA has always had a great relationship with the NRA. One of the many benefits of that relationship is being able to use the NRA's auditorium for our monthly meetings.

Bernie also announced that Rob Becker would be representing the VGCA at the NRA Annual Membership meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana this April. Rob will be displaying his flare guns and signal projectors of World War II (an expansion of his display from our November Gun Show).

Speaking of the VGCA Fall Gun Show, Shannon Zeigler gave a quick treasury update. While the attendance at the show was a little less than the previous year's fall show, we still operated "in the black." As a reminder, the VGCA's annual operating budget comes primarily from what we make at our two gun shows each year. Our next show will be March 23-24, 2019 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. There are still 43 tables available at the spring show for sales (\$70 rental each) or display (display tables are free to VGCA members).

Members were reminded to vote for the VGCA "Member of the Year" for 2018. The December meeting was the last opportunity to vote, with the winner to be announced at the January 2019 meeting.



★ **Upcoming January 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Our January presentation will be on **U.S. Metallic Cartridges of the Pre-Civil War Era** by VGCA member Marc Gorelick. Social time begins at 6 p.m. (there will be pizza) in the NRA Headquarters Conference Room, followed by the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

## ★ Other News! ★

### ★ Membership Chairman's Report January 2019:

**Membership Chairman's Report January 2019 - New Members:** Please welcome new Annual Member(s).

- **James C. Ashing** of Falls Church, VA was sponsored by **Shannon Ziegler**
- **Samuel S. Bevard, III** of Haymarket, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Bradley D. Bloom** of Herndon, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield** and **Bill Chronister**
- **Richard E. Byers** of Woodbridge, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Frank Crowe** of Midlothian, VA was sponsored by **Bill Chronister**
- **James Daniel Helm** of Bealeton, VA was sponsored by **Gary Latta**
- **Nelson Hufano** of Fairfax, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Peter O'Connor** of Fairfax Station, VA was sponsored by **Tim Messick**
- **J. Craig Peters** of Stafford, VA was sponsored by **Edward Costello**
- **David H. Wulf** of Princeton, NJ was sponsored by **Ian Wulf** and **Bill Chronister**
- **Michael Aver** of Gaithersburg, MD was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Ronald Bank** of Vienna, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Michael L. Bass** of Spotsylvania, VA was sponsored by **Jim Burgess**
- **Sidney Jonathan Cole Blackmer** of Alexandria, VA was sponsored by **Johnny Cooke**
- **Holt Bradshaw** of Centreville, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Greg Buckingham** of Laurel, MD was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **David H. Jensen** of Arlington, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Arthur Pence** of Oak Hill, VA was sponsored by **Joseph Roberts**
- **Tim Powers** of Mitchells, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Keith A. Ryan** of Herndon, VA was sponsored by **Matthew DiRisio**
- **Tom Siciliano** of Lorton, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Richard Stumbo** of Front Royal, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**

Gentlemen, welcome aboard. I will have your Annual IDs at the upcoming January 24 Membership Meeting. If you cannot make it, your ID card will be mailed to your home address on your membership application after the meeting. Congratulations!

**Life Members:** This month we also welcome **Gerald A. Bennett, Richard Bunn, Matt DiRisio, Andrew Galusha, Matt Gminski, Monty Hand, Daniel Haney, Gabriel Leyva, Johnny Ray McAlexander, Russell Penka, Dale Race, Nathaniel Rife, Sydney Rodda, Chaim Smith, Christopher Weber, Keith Webster, and Andrew Woodard** as new VGCA Life Members.

**New Applications:** We have a new group of VGCA Membership Applicants. The applicant's information and sponsor's name is published below. If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before the February 15, 2019.

- **David R. Bealmear** of Crozet, VA is sponsored by **Chris Britton**
- **Andrew Cox** of Sterling, VA is sponsored by **Matt Gminski**
- **Eran Eva** of McLean, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**

- **Wayne Lee** of Front Royal, VA is sponsored by **Matt Gminski**
- **Lacey Lorence** of White Plains, MD is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Benjamin J. Trichilo** of Oakton, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**

⊗ **FINAL NOTICE - Annual Membership payments for 2019 are OVERDUE:** Payments will be accepted by mail and in person up until the January 24, 2019 meeting. Mailed payment is strongly recommended, since if the meeting is cancelled due to snow, you will be out of luck. You may upgrade to Life Membership for \$150. Failure to pay Annual Dues by January 24, 2019 will result in your being dropped as a member. To re-join, you must complete the new member process.

You may pay by sending a Check for \$30 or \$150 (Please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed renewal form below to the address on the form. Payments in person require a completed renewal form so your payment is credited to you, and a CHECK (preferred) or EXACT cash, as I will not have change.

**We now accept PayPal!** For members wishing to renew by PayPal please use our PayPal ID: [vgca.1983@gmail.com](mailto:vgca.1983@gmail.com) or follow this link: <https://www.paypal.me/VGCAInc>. Be sure to include "**2019 Annual Membership Renewal**" in the comments section for accounting purposes. As a PayPal user, you know, PayPal charges a 3.9% fee for transactions. Please make payment total \$31.17 (for Life \$155.85) to cover the 3.9% fee if you choose that option. If you choose the *Friends and Family* option neither party will be charged the transaction fee.

For questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at [vgca\\_membership@cox.net](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net) or call me at 703-204-0138.

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**Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL-Final-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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net).



**NOTE: The following article first appeared in the December 2018 issue of the Potomac Arms Collector Association (PACA) Newsletter. It is republished here with the permission of PACA.**

# Maryland's "Red Flag Law"

**From:** [www.hotair.com/archives/2018/11/07/marylands-red-flag-law-claims-first-victim-police-kill-gun-owner/](http://www.hotair.com/archives/2018/11/07/marylands-red-flag-law-claims-first-victim-police-kill-gun-owner/)

While most of us were focused on the upcoming election, there was a tragic story unfolding on Monday in Ferndale, Maryland, a suburb to the south of Baltimore. Maryland has enacted a new "red flag" law which allows people to call in reports of gun owners who are acting erratically and may present a danger to themselves or others. Under this new law, that gives the police the right to show up and confiscate their firearms. (The law has only been in effect for a month.) That's what happened to 61-year-old Gary J. Willis.

According to police, two officers serving a new Extreme Risk Protective Order (Red Flag Law), a Maryland protective order to remove guns from a household, shot and killed the man listed on that order...

That man was identified as Gary J. Willis of same address.

Officials said Willis answered the door while holding a handgun. Willis then placed the gun next to the door. When officers began to serve him the order, Willis became irate and grabbed his gun.

One of the officers tried to take the gun from Willis, but instead, Willis fired the gun. The second officer fired a gun, striking Willis. He died at the scene.

This is a horrible story and assigning blame here may not wind up involving either the officers or Willis himself, or at least not entirely. First of all, when the police show up at your house, answering the door with a gun in your hand is just about the worst choice you can make. The officers, [who were later identified](#) as Cpl. Jessica Hooper and Officer Gary Zawodny, are going to immediately be on edge, which is never good. Willis may have set aside his weapon briefly, but as outrageous as a gun confiscation order would be to any lawful owner of firearms, picking up the gun again and discharging it is a sure way to get yourself killed. Neither officer was injured and both have been placed on administrative leave while the investigation moves forward as per standard policy.

So, it's tough to lay the blame on the cops here. The guy drew on them and discharged his weapon. But the real question is why they were sent to take away Mr. Willis' weapons in the first place. We don't know, and we may never know. That's because *this very dubious "red flag law" makes all requests for Extreme Risk Protective Orders confidential and they can be submitted anonymously.* Perhaps the order was submitted by a mental health professional who was treating Willis and they had justifiable reasons. Perhaps Willis had been discharging the weapon inside the home or threatening a family member.

**But it's also possible that somebody was just angry with Willis or is really opposed to firearm ownership and decided to call in a claim. Let's not pretend that something like that can't or won't happen. But as I said, we don't know because the law was crafted in a way to keep us from finding out. So really, anyone can have a dime dropped on them for no reason and the police will soon be at the door to confiscate their firearms.**

Granted, the fact that Willis answered the door with his handgun doesn't speak well of his safe firearm handling practices nor even common sense. But that's not the point. He could have been the safest, most responsible gun owner in the neighborhood and a disgruntled relative or unscrupulous therapist could

have made a phone call and the police would have arrived with a court order. This is a bad law, and if it's not going to be repealed it needs to be modified for more oversight.

PACA member Doug Johnson testified against HB 1302 (his testimony is well worth reading) and makes the following observations:

*My testimony before the legislative committee is in the public domain. However, while accurate, some of the testimony may now a bit out of date. I intend to write something new about how the law is actually being implemented, and as time allows, I am gathering information on that subject. This is not easy: For example, I have yet to see any reliable, detailed documentation on what actually occurred in the Willis case, from family disagreement to Willis shot dead. (I am not at all certain that the Hot Air writer is accurate in saying that Willis "fir[ed] a shot in the direction of the police," or that any shot was deliberately fired from his gun --although if the newspaper accounts are accurate, he did not comply with police orders as he should have). –Doug Johnson*

**ADDITIONAL NOTE: On January 4, 2019, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D) proposed several gun control laws – among them a “Red Flag Law”. Other proposals include universal background checks and reinstating a one-handgun-per-month purchase limit. If you do not support these measures, please contact your state representative and let them know.**



## A Late Addition to the “Three Favorite Items from WW2” Presentation



Acquired too late to bring to the membership meeting last August when we shared our “Three Favorites of World War II” – this survival spit is interesting enough that I wanted to share it anyway. Designed to be issued with the C-1 Aircrew Survival Vest, the versatile survival spit consists of multiple parts contained in a small metal tin and a thin cardboard box (*above left, with contents shown above right*). When assembled, the roasting spit was 27 inches long. Multiple tools could be made, including a spear and a grapple (*below*). Such a kit could still be useful today in someone’s “Bug Out Bag!”



★ “The VGCA Promotional Table at the Chantilly Gun Show continues to Attract New Members!”



*VGCA Members Kasev Sundar and Chris Britton (above - seated) "chat up" fellow gun owners at the December 2018 Chantilly Gun Show*

The VGCA Executive Committee would like to extend a special "thank you" to those

VGCA members who volunteered to "man" our table at the last Chantilly Gun Show (December 28-30, 2018). They are:

**Friday**

Jim Burgess, Jim Frigiola & Matt DiRisio

**Saturday**

Chris Britton, Monty Hand & Kasev Sundar

**Sunday**

Jim Burgess & Marc Gorelick

The VGCA table at Chantilly has been almost solely responsible for doubling our new annual members this past year (six potential new members were signed up during the December show alone!) - and that simply would not have happened 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 few hours 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 opportunity will be the Chantilly Gun Show on February 8-10, 2019.



**★ Show-n-Tell ★**

**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!



There was one show-n-tell item brought for membership examination. It was a Smith & Wesson Model No. 2 “Old Army” with an unusual back-story (*above*). This single action is chambered in .32 Rimfire and features extensive period engraving with ivory grips carved with the Eagle and Snake motif of the Mexican coat of arms. We were fortunate to have Mr. Jim Supica, curator of the NRA firearm museums and co-author (with our own Rick Nahas) of the book “Standard Catalog of Smith and Wesson” – now in its 4<sup>th</sup> Edition - with us at the meeting, and he gave an excellent description of this fine old revolver (*at left*). The Number 2 began production in 1861 and though a popular sidearm during the Civil War, it was never officially purchased by the U.S. Army. Approximately 77,155 No. 2s were produced between 1861 and 1874.

What was the unusual back-story, you ask? It was discovered wrapped in an oily rag under the seat of an abandoned pickup truck and is thought to have been stored there and not touched for over two decades!

**NOTE:** Our photographer (Jack Looney) would like to point out that ***THIS (Jim above)*** is how you display your Show and Tell item, so that members can see the item - and the photographer can get a nice, clear image for the newsletter!

## ★ 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](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net).

## Museum

# A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM: THE HUSQVARNA MUSEUM, Part I

*Marc Gorelick, VGCA*



To those familiar with Swedish small arms Husqvarna is an ancient and respected name holds a special place among Swedish gun makers. Husqvarna's weapon making tradition can be traced back to the founding of the Rumlaborg fortress in the 1300's. In 1620 the Jonkopings Gevarsfaktori (rifle factory) was founded by King Gustav II Adolf as one of five in Sweden. The factory established a drilling works for making barrels in Husqvarna in 1689 and production of firearms was gradually moved from Jonkoping to Husqvarna because the waterfall there provided more reliable power to work the machinery. In 1757 the factory was privatized and renamed Husqvarna Gevarsfaktori. When Husqvarna received new orders in 1867 to produce Remington Rolling Block rifles and carbines for the Swedish army it was changed into an incorporated company, renamed Husqvarna Vapenfabriks (weapon factory), and a new modern workshop was built. In 1877 Husqvarna started to

manufacture guns for the civilian hunting market, including double rifles and shotguns, and later bolt action rifles. Military small arms production continued and during World War 2 up to 400,000 guns, including M-38 and M-96 Mausers, M/07 Pistols (Browning 1903), M/40 Lahti pistols, and Suomi submachine guns) were manufactured. Husqvarna also made flare guns, anti-tank weapons and other munitions. The last military rifle made by Husqvarna was the AK4; the Swedish version of the H&K G3.



Both military and civilian rifle production was sold to FFV in 1970 and Carl Gustaf in Eskiltuna took over manufacturing those guns. Husqvarna continued to manufacture deluxe shotguns until 1989 and sold its shotgun service and repair shop in 1997, putting an end to 300 years of firearms manufacturing. Husqvarna is also known for the many other items it produced and sold, including sewing machines, stoves, cookware, bicycles, motorcycles, lawn mowers, outboard motors, chainsaws, and other outdoor equipment. Over the years it became a Swedish industrial powerhouse.

*Husqvarna Museum. Photo- author.*

The Husqvarna Museum was founded in 1992 and the Museum opened its doors in 1993. The museum is housed in the old weapon-making factory, which was donated by the company. Well over 200 Husqvarna-made firearms are on public display. On display are examples of every military weapon that Husqvarna produced, from swords, axes and pikes, to the first known matchlock musket to the flintlock, percussion and cartridge guns, to more modern AK4s, flare guns, and even anti-tank weapons. Besides the military weapons, every one of Husqvarna's civilian weapons is also on display – at least one of every model and variation. These include many custom rifles and shotguns, quite a few of which are heavily decorated with select woods and ornate engraving.

Most of the guns are exhibited in their own section of the museum and the exhibit is impressive. The guns are displayed in well-lit cabinets mounted to give excellent views of the weapons. The signage is informative and easy

to read. The firearms exhibits are well organized by type and arranged chronologically so you can get an overall idea of the progress in firearms development at the Husqvarna factory.



*Above and below: parts of the large gun display. Photos – author.*



In addition to the static displays of firearms in cabinets, much of the machinery used to make the guns is also on display. These range from early water-powered machinery to more modern electric powered machinery used during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Among the machines are fascinating devices for fabricating, and rifling the barrels of double rifles, as well as polishing double rifle and shotgun barrels.

The weapons part of the museum also includes dioramas of skilled gun makers who hand fitted Husqvarna's top of the line double rifles and shotguns. The dioramas show the workers, including master gun smiths, at their stations, with all their tools. The signage explaining what they are doing is outstanding and provides deep insight into the art of making fine guns before the days of CAD/CAM and CNC machines. These men were master artisans who spent years as apprentices learning their trade and honing their gunsmithing skills.



In addition to the firearms sections, the full range of Husqvarna's other products are on display. If you are a motorcycle or bicycle enthusiast you will not be disappointed as the museum exhibits show at least one of every model that Husqvarna produced. The motorcycles on display include several that won famous motorcycle races with the signage providing the history of that particular machine and the men who rode it. There are large exhibits of Husqvarna's sewing machines, stoves and appliances, chainsaws and outdoors products, making

the museum more than just a gun museum – it is an industrial museum. The photo is just of a small part of the vast motorcycle collection on display. Photo by author.

The museum is operated by the Husqvarna Local History Society and comprises more than 2,400 square meters of display space on two floors. It is located in the city of Husqvarna, near the southern end of beautiful Lake Vattern, next to the Husqvarna waterfall. The staff is friendly and very helpful. I had an extensive conversation with the museum director about Swedish Rolling Blocks and Mausers. When he found out I was a collector he personally pointed out some of the more historically significant items on display. It is usually open seven days a week and admission is 700 SEK (\$1 = 9.5 kroner) for adults and 500 kroner for seniors. Groups can book private guided tours for an additional fee. There is a gift shop and small cafe. The museum staff will do contract research on specific items for a fee.



The Husqvarna Museum's address is Hakarpvagen 1, SE-561 41 Husqvarna, Sweden. For more information visit the museum website at <http://husqvarnamuseum.se/en/home/>.

*Husqvarna AK4. Photo – Husqvarna Museum*

## ★ 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 - 2019

- ☞ Jan 19-20, 2019 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- ☞ Jan 19-20, 2019 – Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E*
- ☞ Jan 26-27, 2019 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center - *Showmasters*
- ☞ Feb 2-3, 2019 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*

### VIRGINIA – 2019 (continued)

- Feb 2-3, 2019 – Woodstock, VA – Shenandoah County Fairgrounds – *Sporting Shows Unlimited*
- Feb 8-10, 2019 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Feb 16-17, 2019 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds - *C&E*
- Mar 2-3, 2019 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- Mar 23-24, 2019 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Mar 23-24, 2019 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *VGCA (our show!)*
- Mar 30-31, 2019 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*

**NOTE: SGK has recently announced that they will no longer sponsor/promote gun shows at either Winchester, VA or the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Our VGCA gun show will now be the only such show at the fairgrounds this year.**

#### MARYLAND - 2019

- Mar 16-17, 2019 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Baltimore Antique Arms Show*
- Mar 22-23, 2019 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Maryland Sportsman & Outdoor Show*
- Mar 29-31, 2019 – Edgewood, MD – Edgewood American Legion – *Patrick Daily-Mark Logsdon American Legion Gun Show*

#### PENNSYLVANIA - 2019

- Jan 19-20, 2019 – Conneaut Lake, PA – 11861 Sportsman Rd – *L&R Sporting Events*
- Jan 19-20, 2019 – Franklinton, PA – Franklinton Community Fire Co – *Hunters Gun Show*
- Jan 26-27, 2019 – Gettysburg, PA – Little Everett’s Social Hall – *Hunters Gun Show*
- Feb 1-2, 2019 – Gettysburg, PA – Gettysburg Fire Dept – *Militaria & Historic Arms Show*
- Feb 2-3, 2019 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Feb 2-3, 2019 – Philadelphia, PA – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Feb 9-10, 2019 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Feb 23-24, 2019 – Waynesboro, PA – 10205 Fish & Game Rd – *Waynesboro Fish & Game*
- Feb 23-24, 2019 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds-Memorial Hall - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Mar 2-3, 2019 – Leesport, PA - Farmers Market – *Thegunshows.com*
- Mar 2-3, 2019 – St. Thomas, PA – St. Thomas Firehouse
- Mar 9-10, 2019 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*

#### SPECIAL NOTE – 2019

- Feb 21-24, 2019 – Louisville, KY – Kentucky Expo Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc. (confirmed for the Kentucky Expo Center despite earlier rumors it may relocate)*
- Mar 9-10, 2019 – Wilmington, OH – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector’s Association*
- Apr 6-7, 2019 – Tulsa, OK – Tulsa Fairgrounds (Expo Square) – *Tulsa Arms Collector Association - aka Wanenmacher’s (world’s largest gun show with over 4,200 tables)*
- Apr 12-13, 2019 – West Point, KY – Knob Creek Gun Range – *Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show*

**FOR SALE:**

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA. The VGCA, its officers, and directors are not responsible for any listings made in any VGCA Newsletter. We are not responsible for the accuracy (condition, value, etc.) of any listings. All buyers, traders, and sellers agree to comply with all local, state, federal, and international laws in regards to items sold via the VGCA Newsletter. It is their duty and responsibility to ensure the quality and value of the transaction and that all such laws are followed at all times. Buy, sell, or trade at your own risk.

If you would like to list an item (or items) in the VGCA Newsletter, please send your description, price, and contact information to [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net). I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Unless other arrangements are made, items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

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**FOR SALE:**

★ The L. C. Smith Collectors Association will conduct its 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jrbzn13@aol.com)

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**FOR SALE:**

★ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has recently published his book "Guns of the FBI". This book is available at GunDigest.com or can be purchased directly from Bill by calling 703-626-2975. He is more than happy to sign a copy for you. Cost is \$50.00.

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**FOR SALE:**

★ Hard case designed for four handguns, complete with new pick-n-pluck foam. Asking \$50.00 or best offer closest. Contact VGCA member Jack at (703)-999-9458, (cell phone), with a text, or leave a message.



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**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](mailto:copo6970@yahoo.com)

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**WANT-TO-BUY:**

★ Member Rob Becker is looking for an M8 grenade launcher designed for the M1 Carbine (it will be used for his "Flare Guns and Signal Projectors of WW2" display at the annual NRA meetings in April). If you have one to sell; please contact him at (703)-441-1211 or [rpebecker@verizon.net](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net)

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