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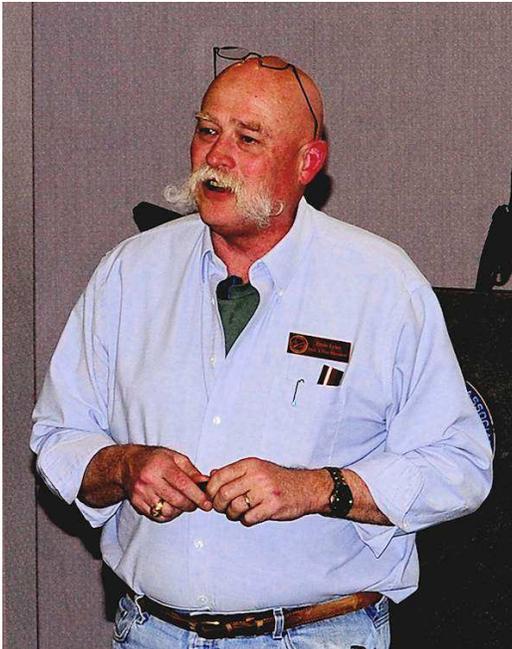
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Presentation for the January 24, 2013 Meeting: Ernie Lyles

(planned co-presenter **Bob Sears** was unfortunately sidelined)

covered the Dardick Revolvers, a unique magazine-fed revolver. The genesis of this development was in the 1950's when ammunition feeding tests showed magazines held more triangular rounds than round cartridges. Dardick's first patent was issued in August 1958 for an open chamber gun with rotatable cylinder. It was basically a revolver with the exterior of the chambers open, allowing cartridges to be inserted from the side of the cylinder, rather than from the rear. This allowed the cylinder to be loaded from a magazine. To contain the pressure of firing, the cylinder is placed in the frame so the cartridge rests against one side of the frame, and the opposite side of the cylinder rests against the opposite side of the frame. When fired, the force is spread from the cartridge to the frame on one side and from the cylinder to the other side of the frame. A second patent was issued in late 1958 for a new, improved cartridge with a symmetrical tround (triangular round) shape that fed easier since the trounds entered the split cylinder in any orientation, but seated correctly. The first tround cartridges were aluminum, but soon changed to plastic using .38 caliber balls. Production ammo used a lead bullet with

plastic gas check. The plastic cases were made by Celanese Fortaflex. Due to the pistol not being reliable, and with its long heavy trigger action to rotate the cylinder, Dardick brought in Melvin Johnson (of Johnson Automatics fame) who recommended the pistol be enhanced with a gas semi-auto assistance. Therefore, it would have been a gas activated, semi-auto, clip-fed, revolver with triangular rounds. The semi-auto part did not happen. Since commercial trounds had the same exterior dimensions, the same firearm action, with a different barrel, chamber any of the calibers available. The Dardick **Model 1100** had a 10 tround magazine and was only available in .38 Dardick Tround, but the **Model 1500** had interchangeable 4" or 6" barrels, and was available in .38, .30, and .22 caliber with a capacity of 11 or 15 trounds. Carbine conversion kits were available in .38 and .22. Due to lingering unreliability, and commercial failure, the Dardick Company folded in 1962 with fewer than 50 pistols made. However, the tround lived on and was used in 1977 for the TerraDrill, a drill head that combines a traditional drill bit and a tround firing 4 ceramic bullets, which shatter the rock allowing the drill bit to proceed. In addition to showing his Dardick pistol, Ernie also had original patent drawings, Dardick Corporation legal documents and contract materials from the venture. This was a very well-executed and documented presentation of a firearm many have read about, but few have seen.

After the main presentation, member **Shannon Zeigler**, who just returned from a tour Afghanistan, gave a short presentation on some of the collectibles he brought back from the theater. These were a number of AK-47 themed oriental carpets or mats called "**war rugs.**" They ranged from souvenir trade goods, to more valuable and unique items made by Baluchi craftsman of the Baluchistan region during Russian occupation of Afghanistan. They will often feature AK-47s, but also other items like grenades, RPG's, Soviet Mi-24 Hind helicopter gunships, ammo or Katushky rockets. Some of the examples are in the photo section.

☛ **Presentation for February 28, 2013:** Val Forgett will cover his family's extensive history and experiences of surplus arms and other firearms with Navy Arms, and will present a family film on Bannerman Island that was made by his father, Val Forgett, Sr. If you have any of the now-collectible "Bannerman Specials," bring them for Show and Tell.

☛ **Remaining Presentations for 2013:** The following presentations are scheduled in the coming months. As usual, details and changes will be published in the newsletter each month so keep checking for updates.

- **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:** Bill Chronister/Larry Hare - Precision Air Guns
- **October 24:** **Open**
- **November:** **No Meeting** - Fall Show
- **December 7:** Pot Luck Dinner/Officer Nominations/Show & Tell/Swap Meet

2013 Presentation Volunteers Needed ASAP: 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 open slots (April, possibly May, August, and 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

Dear fellow collectors,

The craving for guns and ammunition remains unabated so far in 2013. We have seen this demonstrated at the last two Dulles Expo Shows, at Fredericksburg, Richmond and Dale City. Plan on digging out some good items to bring into our March 23-24, 2013 VGCA Gun Show.

If your prices are reasonable, you can count on selling just about any gun and all your ammo. Military surplus .30-06, all the .223, 9mm, .22LR, etc. will fly off your tables. We still have about 8 tables in the main building open for sale and would appreciate any assistance you can provide to help us sell out 100% as soon as possible. Remember that we are highly selective on what we allow on our tables..., guns and gun related items, militaria, ammunition, custom knives, reloading equipment, reloading supplies, and not much else. We do **NOT** allow jewelry, food, T shirts, bumper stickers, cheap knives, fishing equipment and like-minded items...

We will enjoy a visit to our February 28th monthly meeting by Val Forgett, of Navy Arms fame. Val is going to show us a home movie/video made by his father, Val Forgett, Sr. who was hired by the Bannerman Family to remove tons of ordnance from Bannerman Island in the Hudson River. Bannerman was the foremost militaria/gun dealer in the US who bought up tons of surplus Civil War, Spanish American War, 1st World War material and showcased it in his annual catalogs that are still treasured today. Val can also answer questions about the Forgett family and Navy Arms history.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at the March Gun Show!

~~ ~ Happy Collecting, *Dave Litchfield*

Business Meeting of January 24, 2013: President **Dave Litchfield** started with the recognition of guests and a call for new members. **Larry Hare**, Membership Coordinator presented the following membership candidates: **Daniel Grossman**, sponsored by Richard Pripeton; **Jimmy Stoner**, sponsored by Larry Hare; and **Dan Moore**, also sponsored by Larry Hare. After a few words by themselves or their sponsors, all were unanimously inducted into the VGCA during the January meeting. Welcome aboard, gentlemen. After the membership induction, sign-up sheets were circulated for security volunteers at the March Gun Show. Sign-up sheets were also circulated for the

VGCA Members and Spouse banquet and Auction. (See below for details) Updates were provided on the Spring gun show. The members present also had a discussion on the recent Gun Ban efforts and pending legislation and the need for all gun owners and collectors to take individual action to support their rights.

2013 Election of Directors: By the time you receive this newsletter, the February deadline for receiving the cast ballots will have passed. The nominees for the 3 Director positions were **Richard Pripeton, Marc Gorelick, Dennis Gerdovich, and Jim Burgess**. The returned ballots will be opened, counted, and the results announced at the Membership Meeting on February 28, 2013, and in the next Newsletter.

Important Announcements, etc.

Spring VGCA Gun Show Table Update – VGCA has 8 tables remaining in the front building for the March 23-24 Spring VGCA Gun Show. We will be in ONE building only. Get a table NOW in case of a sellout.

- ⊙ **Sales Tables:** Members and vendors who wish to reserve a table (or tables) for disposing of your unloved or duplicate firearms, accoutrements, collectable accessories, or other gun collecting related items, please contact **Rick Nahas**, ASAP. Sales tables cost \$60 each.
- ⊙ **Display Tables:** The club will continue having FREE DISPLAY TABLES for members on a space available basis for the Spring show. With the increased table sales, display tables will be limited, so contact **Rick Nahas** to get yours reserved.

Call for VGCA Gun Show Volunteers: We **ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS** for the show table setup and **especially for the Security and Safety 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 **Dave Litchfield, Rick Nahas, Dennis Gerdovich** or one of the Association Officers if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the January and February monthly meetings. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs. **Table set-up will be on March 22, at 10:00AM. Remember, working on the Security, Safety, and Setup teams earns a free admission. Our volunteer list is shrinking, and without volunteers, we could not have these shows which advance our mission. Step up and help!**

2013 Dues for annual members are now overdue. Members will get a final notice this week and be dropped. Get payment in now to avoid being dropped. If you are dropped, you must go through the membership admission process. 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.

****** Items of Interest ******

EDITORIAL: Members need to keep abreast of the status of new gun legislation. Just because the media has quieted down a bit from their anti-gun tirades does not mean the threats are over. Legislative bodies are acting and ***the main-stream media will only report negatives about firearms that support their views and certain agendas; and they are NOT pro-gun.*** They will not report to keep *YOU* informed, but to push an agenda and end-game. Bad law thrives without the light of exposure and publicity.

For instance, the Washington state legislature introduced a bill that called for police home inspections of firearms storage without a warrant. They say it's just a small price for gun owners to pay for exercising a right explicitly protected in the Constitution, and without any probable cause apparent for a crime being committed. They also say it was all a mistake and a typo in the drafting of the law. **The only mistake is they were found out before it passed!**

The anti-gun crowd always says they will never go house to house to take your guns away. But remember from the movie the *Terminator*, where John Connor says that you cannot bargain or negotiate with a Terminator for they will keep coming and coming to hunt you down until you are dead. That is the same with the anti-gunners.

Their aim is to ban guns – period, using any reason that they think will help. A few here, a few there, maybe not the ones you own today, but all of you are always in their sights.

New York State, this January of 2013, has banned all magazines in semi-autos holding more than 7 rounds. That includes the 8 round enbloc clip, used in the historically significant M1 Garand, that bulwark of liberty in World War 2, which was previously sold to U.S. citizen shooters by the U.S. government. Stay informed, do not be complacent. Support pro-2nd Amendment rights candidates. Give to effective pro-2nd Amendment organizations. The current proposals are not for 10 year sunsets, like in 1994, but permanent. It is now or possibly never. Please see the following excerpts.

LaRue Tactical Policy: LE Agencies Get What Local Citizens Get (GunAuction.com) — Leander, Texas-based LaRue Tactical has changed its sales policy for state and local law-enforcement agencies, with the company saying it will match what it sells agencies to what civilians in a given jurisdiction are allowed to own. From the LaRue release signed by owner Mark LaRue:

Due to the recent and numerous new Anti-gun/Anti-2nd Amendment laws passed and/or pending across our country, LaRue Tactical has been forced to reconsider how we provide products to state and local agencies.

Effective today, in an effort to see that no legal mistakes are made by LaRue Tactical and/or its employees, we will apply all current State and Local Laws (as applied to civilians) to state and local law enforcement / government agencies.

In other words, LaRue Tactical will limit all sales to what law-abiding citizens residing in their districts can purchase or possess.

State and local laws have always been a serious focus of this firm, and we are now dovetailing that focus with the constitutional rights of the residents covered in their different areas by the old and new regulations.

We realize this effort will have an impact on this firm's sales - and have decided the lost sales are less danger to this firm than potential lawsuits from erroneous shipments generated by something as simple as human error.

The LaRue policy does not apply to military and federal agencies.

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Democrats Introduce Bill to Allow Police to Search Homes of Gun Owners

Kurt Nimmo, Infowars.com, February 19, 2013

Primary sponsor said the bill authorizing police search of homes without a warrant is probably unconstitutional.

Democrats in Washington State are in full retreat after it was reported they are working on legislation that would nullify the Fourth Amendment rights of citizens who own firearms designated as “assault weapons” by the state.

“In order to continue to possess an assault weapon that was legally possessed on the effective date of this section, the person possessing shall... safely and securely store the assault weapon. The sheriff of the county may, no more than once per year, conduct an inspection to ensure compliance with this subsection,” **SB 5737** states.

If enacted, the law will allow police to search without a court-issued search warrant the homes of owners of legally purchased firearms.

Sen. Adam Kline of Seattle, a Democrat who is described by the Seattle Times as “hyper-attuned to civil-liberties issues,” sponsored the legislation without reading the eight page bill. “I made a mistake,” he told the newspaper. “I frankly should have vetted this more closely.”

The primary sponsor of the bill, Sen. Ed Murray, also a Democrat from Seattle, condemned the bill subsection authorizing police to search homes without a warrant. He said the plan to harass and intimidate legal gun owners is probably unconstitutional.

In order to save face, Washington Democrats blamed staff and promised that a new bill without the police state subsection will be introduced.

Murray said it will take time to condition the public to surrender their Second Amendment rights.

“We will only win if we reach out and continue to change the hearts and minds of Washingtonians,” he said.

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“Hearts and Minds,” Hmmm..., that has a familiar ring to it...

Brooklyn Assemblyman Proposes Mandatory Liability Insurance for Lawful Gun Owners. Gun owners would have to buy liability insurance under a new bill introduced by a New York City legislator, Democratic Assemblyman Felix Ortiz of Brooklyn. "This insurance policy will serve as an incentive for firearm owners to implement safety measures in order to conduct the activity as safely as possible and only when necessary," the bill reads.

The proposal has been introduced in the state Assembly but did not have Senate sponsors as of mid-February. It would require all gun owners in New York to buy a minimum of \$1 million in liability insurance. Under the proposal, gun owners without insurance would see their firearms confiscated.

"It's another outright attempt to ban firearms," said Tom King, executive director of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association. King, who works in the insurance industry, said finding insurance written specifically for guns would be almost impossible.

The bill, A3908, was referred to the Assembly's Insurance Committee and no vote had been scheduled.

Show & Tell for the January 24th Meeting: The evening was an assortment of items. **Member 1** showed an 1873 Colt Single Action Army that is officially documented as being sold to the U.S. Army in 1890. Guns of this period were typically issued to State Militias. **Member 2** displayed an extremely nice French MAS-44. About 6000 of these rifles were produced. It was later updated into the more common MAS-49. **Member 3** showed a very nice M1903 Springfield and asked if anyone had additional information on the rifle. It has Unertl scope blocks and hand guard modifications similar to those used on USMC sniper rifles. From its barrel markings and serial number range it may have been a rebuilt National Match-type of rifle. **Member 4** exhibited a Mannlicher-Berthier rifle in 8mm Lebel that he expertly restored and converted into a replica of the 1948 Turkish Forestry Carbine. **Member 5**, in keeping with the evening's presentation, super-sized it by showing an aluminum round cylinder for an experimental 25mm gun being considered by the U.S. Navy. Development was never pursued. Moving back in history, the next person, **Member 6**, presented an 1871 Reichs Revolver, made by Mauserwerks. These were large single-action revolvers designed for use by officers. He also showed a WW2 vintage Swiss-marked Luger cleaning kit with leather pouch to fit on the shoulder strap that is available for purchase. Lastly, he had a S&W Model of 1905 Military and Police revolver with matching holster. The last presenter, **Member 7**, showed a veteran bring-back from WW2, an M1903 that was said to have been used by a Frenchman to shoot Germans at the end of the war. He also showed a Canadian-made 1944 Long Branch Enfield No.4MkI* produced for the British and marked with British War Department markings.

Photos from the January 2012 Meeting



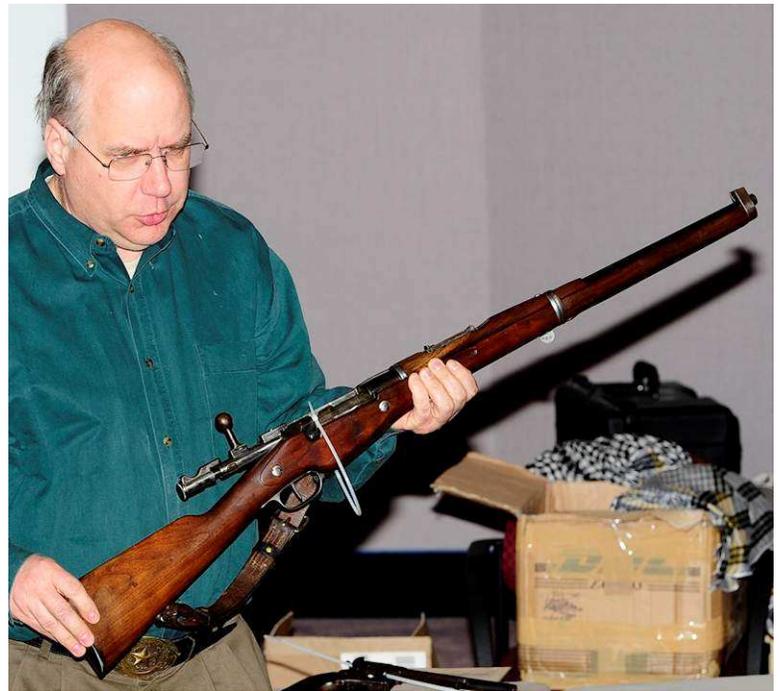
L: The Model 1500 Dardick Revolver with a wooden model of the magazine (right) to demonstrate the loading, feeding, and ejection of rounds. Below are sample rounds.



L-top: AK-47 themed oriental carpets or mats called “war rugs,” made by Baluchi craftsman of the Baluchistan region during Russian occupation of Afghanistan. They will often feature AK-47s, but also other items like grenades, RPG’s, Soviet Mi-24 Hind helicopter gunships, ammo or Katushky rockets.



R-top: Prototype of an experimental 25mm Naval gun that was never developed shows the unique Dardick cylinder design features.



Right: Mannlicher Berthier rifle in 8mm Lebel that was expertly restored and converted into a replica of the 1948 Turkish Forestry Carbine.



Bottom: 1873 Colt Single Action Army that is officially documented as being sold to the U.S. Army in 1890.

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

- ☞ 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*
- ☞ March 2-3, 2013 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☞ March 9-10, 2013 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☞ March 16-17, 2013 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- ☞ March 22-24, 2013 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☞ **March 23-24, 2013 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – *Virginia Gun Collectors Association***
- ☞ March 23-24, 2013 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*

No quote this month. Instead, we have a video of the testimony of Mr. Henson Ong, a legal immigrant and "an American by choice." He points out facts that the panel does not want to hear. The disregard for the Second Amendment and its possible loss is, when faced with possibility of tyrannical dictatorship, "a mistake you can only make once." Copy and paste the following link into your internet browser.

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=39e_1360125919

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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