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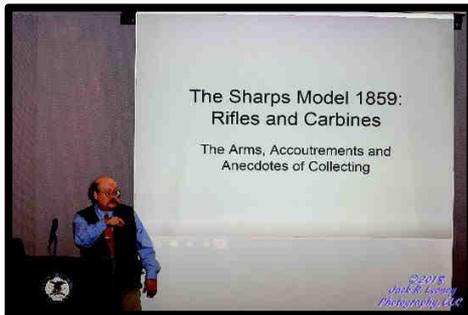
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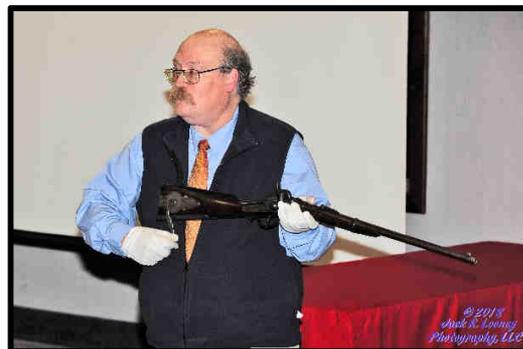
★ January Presentation

We were fortunate to have Mr. Doug Wicklund of the NRA give us a presentation on the Sharps Model 1859 Rifles and Carbines. As Doug observed – these are not your “Quigley Down Under” or infamous Adobe Walls cartridge-firing Sharps – these are the breech-loading percussion-fired Sharps that fought in the American Civil War. They are the Lawrence Patent Sharps.



There are actually two versions of the Sharps Model 1859 – a rifle and a carbine – with many variations. They were produced primarily in .52 caliber, but were also made in .54 and .56. During the Civil War, Sharps produced more than 80,000 carbines and 10,000 rifles. Doug provided several examples – condition ranging from barn and stream-found relics to beautiful examples of weapons over 150 years old. Historical examples included one inscribed with “Rappahannock Station” (now Remington, VA), a “Coffee Grinder” trials gun that had a no-kidding coffee grinder incorporated in the stock (not well-thought of and not adopted by the Army!), a two-barrel conversion (rifle over shotgun), a carbine linked to the Massachusetts cavalry that spent time chasing Moseby, and one that was at the Battle of Gettysburg (mentioned in a soldiers diary).

At right - Doug demonstrates how the trials “Coffee Grinder” Sharps would work. The handle detached and had to be stored separately. Not popular with the troops tasked to conduct the trials – the “juice just wasn’t worth the squeeze!”

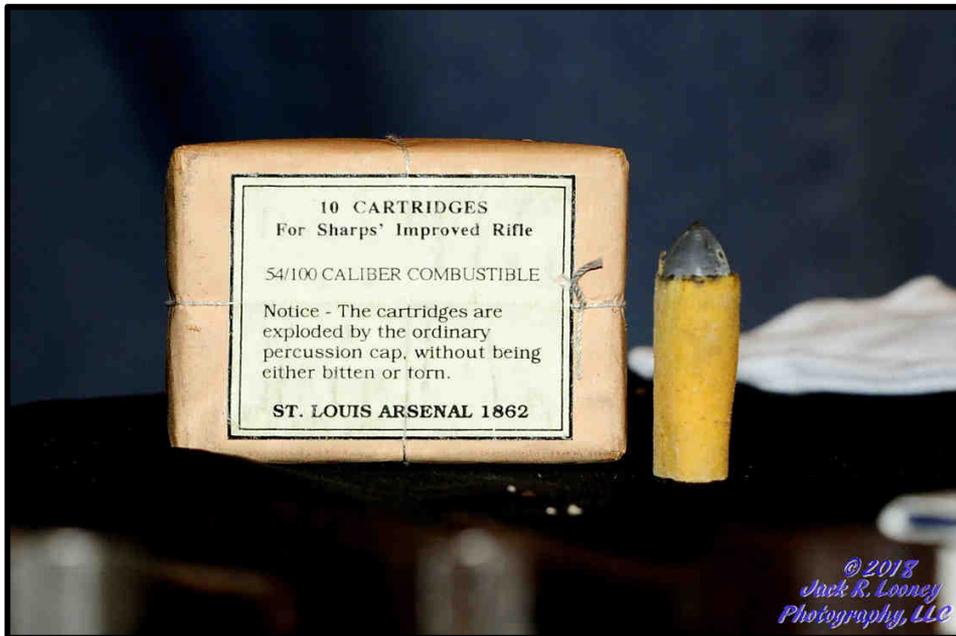




A tremendous collection of Sharps rifles and carbines were available for inspection by our members!

Among the variations described were:

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| Berdan Rifles featuring double set triggers | 2,000 produced |
| Navy Carbines with a large loop rear sling swivel | 300 ordered |
| Navy Rifles in both .52 and .56 calibers | ~2,400 produced |



An example of a Sharps paper-wrapped breech-loading cartridge.

For more information on the Sharps, look for the book "Sharps Firearms" by Frank Sellers.

❖ **January Business:** President Ernie Lyles (welcome back!) called the January meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Addison Hearst led us through the pledge of allegiance. There were 56 VGCA members and guests in attendance. Following the introduction of our guests, it was announced that voting for the VGCA Member of the Year for 2017 would continue tonight, with the winner announced at the February membership meeting.

Rick Nahas just returned from SHOT Show in Las Vegas, NV. While there, he discussed possible VGCA tours with Reed Knight (looks like we can get a tour of his firearms museum) and Ruger Firearms (Ruger does not normally give tours, but they do have a factory just north of Greensboro...).

Director Phil Hill and Rick discussed the VGCA-sponsored display that they will be building for the NRA Annual Membership Meeting in Dallas, TX (May 3-6).

Rick gave us an update on our March Gun Show. There are still 40 tables available. Phil mentioned that display tables at our show are free to members. Treasurer Shannon Zeigler reminded everyone that the VGCA provides a one-time stipend of \$100 to anyone creating a display for the first time. This is designed to help defray the cost of display materials, signage, etc. Shannon also mentioned that we have competition on our show weekend from gun shows in Richmond and Fredericksburg, so be sure to talk up our show to your friends, family, and co-workers!

Shannon also briefed the membership that the VGCA now accepts credit cards and PayPal for the payment of membership dues.

Secretary Rob Becker made a pitch for the embroidered VGCA “polo” shirt and announced a sign-up for buying shirts in maroon, black, and royal blue. Costs run from \$23 to \$25 and sign-up began at this meeting and will run through the show in March. Rob also asked that everyone who brings in an item for Show-n-Tell please fill out a Show-n-Tell form. This will help him in writing about your treasures in the newsletter. He also asked for any articles from the members – especially reviews of gun shows, books, or museums.

Dave Litchfield updated the membership on his assisting three families in liquidating extensive estate collections. Most firearms will be sold on consignment through All Shooters Tactical in Woodbridge. A collection of P-38s and Lugers will be sold through Scott Benedict (Pre98.com) and several machine guns will be sold through Bernie Breighner. Dave has LOTS of ammo, including Lake City 5.56, Wolf 7.62x39, .303 blanks.

Dave also summarized several anti-gun laws that were proposed this week in the Virginia legislature. While most were immediately killed in committee – it is still essential that you contact your representative and let him/her know where you stand on these issues.

Phil Hill brought up the idea of Youth/Family memberships. This proposal will be addressed by the VGCA Executive Committee.

Later, Steve Gomes, our new chief of show security, asked for volunteers for our March show.

Finally, there was a hearty round of applause for the return of our President, Mr. Ernie Lyles.

President's Comments

Fellow Members,

Our spring show is coming next month and we are always looking for volunteers. Setup will be on Friday and we need members for security through the weekend. We also need street signs placed on Saturday morning and collected on Sunday afternoon. Please contact one of the VGCA officers if you are interested in helping. Sign-up sheets will be available at our February Membership meeting.

--Ernie Lyles, President

★ **Upcoming February 22nd Meeting:** Our next meeting will have a presentation on the Colt SP1 by our very own Ian Wulf. As always, social time begins at 6 p.m. (there will be pizza) with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

★ Other News! ★

★ **Membership Chairman's Report:** Please welcome our new Annual Member(s).

- **Wayne A. Sinclair** of Quantico, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Erik Mork** of Sterling, VA was sponsored by **David Litchfield**

Gentlemen, welcome aboard and congratulations. We hope to see you at the February Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

New Member Applications: At the January 2018 Meeting, VGCA received Membership Application(s) from the following individual(s) for your review. The applicant's information and sponsor's name is published below for the review of the VGCA membership. If there are any comments, please notify an Officer or Director before the September Membership Meeting.

- **Benjamin Ernst** of Fairfax, VA is sponsored by **Shannon Zeigler**
- **Michael Irvin** of Woodbridge, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Jerry Murphy** of Herndon, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**
- **Michael Smith of Alexandria, VA** is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick***
- **Charles Smith of Purcellville, VA** is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick***

* Updated on February 16, 2017

IMPORTANT: Please keep your contact information and addresses current: If you are not receiving newsletters or other VGCA mailings, or have changed either your USPS mailing address or your e-Mail address, please provide corrected information ASAP to Membership Chair, Bill Chronister at vgca_membership@cox.net (note underscore between *vgca* and *membership*). For e-mail non-receipt, *FIRST CHECK* your SPAM folder or ISP settings. While convenient, using work e-Mail addresses may affect your receipt of newsletters or ballots due to enhanced security and attachment restrictions often used in corporate or government systems. Thanks!!!



VGCA PROMOTIONAL TABLE AT THE CHANTILLY SHOW

By Marc Gorelick, VGCA



The VGCA unveiled its very own promotional table at the Nation's Gun Show at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA on Feb. 9-11. Volunteers from your club spoke to visitors about the club and our show and received many positive responses from the public. Your Board of Directors believes that it is a good investment to promote the VGCA as one of the premier arms collecting organizations in the mid-Atlantic region. Judging by the public's response it appears to have been a success. Many people exhibited a keen interest in attending our gun show, walking away with show flyers. A number of dealers expressed an interest in renting tables at our show and took table applications. There were quite a few who expressed an interest in joining the VGCA. In fact, we ran out of member applications on Sunday morning and our supply of tri-fold brochures is considerably lower. And we collected a plethora of names and e-mail addresses to help populate our electronic mailing list.

The club members who volunteered to man the table were super. They did a super job of promoting the club and advertising our show and they deserve the thanks of every member of the VGCA. They epitomize the best in the club. Those members who volunteered to man the table are: Steve Gomes, Chris Britton, Mark Howard, Andy Galusha, Jack Looney and Jim Burgess. Each person volunteered for one day and all seemed to have a good time. Jack also mounted the photos used in the display.

We plan to rent a VGCA table at other Chantilly shows and will need volunteers to man it. Besides the reward of giving something to the VGCA, volunteers get **free entry** to the Chantilly show and time to walk around and see the sights – or buy something. And you only have to volunteer for one day; not all three. Please talk to one of the Board members if you are interested.



SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YOUR VGCA NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Volunteers are needed for **Table set-up** on Friday March 23 at 10AM. Sign up at a meeting or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at jet53sw@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for **Security** on Friday during dealer setup in the afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday (March 23-25) during the show. Sign up at a meeting or contact Stephen Gomes at redleg.gomes@gmail.com.

Welcome to Stephen Gomes as the VGCA's new Show Security Chief.
A smoothly running, safe, profitable and enjoyable show depends on YOU!



DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION!



If you have been to any VGCA gun show, you've seen the beautiful and informative educational displays that our members have set up.

Did you know that?

- ✓ Displayers are awarded trophies and cash prizes up to \$300 for their displays.
- ✓ Display tables are free for VGCA members in good standing.
- ✓ Displayers are permitted to enter the show early on Friday afternoon to set up their displays.
- ✓ First time member displayers are given a subsidy to assist them
- ✓ Displaying often helps improve and expand your collection by showing others what you are interested in. It helps you meet others who are interested in the same type guns.

The VGCA is first and foremost a club for gun collectors. The displays put on by our members greatly enhance the mission and prestige of our organization, foster interest in gun collecting and educating the public, and solidify your reputation as a knowledgeable collector and expert. Please consider displaying your collection, or part of it, at our gun shows. Displays have ranged in size from one to many guns. And two or more members can collaborate on a display.

Go to the VGCA website, or see the show flyer for a table application or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at (571) 215-8761 or jet53sw@aol.com. For more information about display rules go to the VGCA website at www.vgca.net, click on Gun Show information, and then click on Show Rules link.

VGCA Polo Shirt Sale

Starting at the January membership meeting and running through our March Gun Show, we will be taking orders for embroidered VGCA Polo Shirts. These short-sleeved, collared shirts will be available in maroon, black, and royal blue, all with yellow embroidered "VGCA" above the pocket and optional "Life Member" on the left sleeve. Prices will be \$25.00 each (provided we can get a minimum order of 25 shirts) and can be had in sizes Medium through 3XL. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our meetings and payment can be by check or cash. Wearing a VGCA shirt during local gun shows or meetings of other collector organizations (PACA, OGCA, etc.) will bring added visibility for the VGCA.



Sample VGCA Polo Shirt in royal blue at left. These will be available for ordering until March 2018.

CULLING OR SELLING PART OF YOUR COLLECTION?

RENT A SALES TABLE AT THE VGCA SHOW!

If you are thinking of selling all or part of your gun collection (or inventory), then there is no better place than the Virginia Gun Collectors Association show.

If you have too many gun books, parts, ammunition, or gun related paraphernalia at home, then you can sell them at the VGCA show.

- ▶ The VGCA show attracts serious collectors and shooters. These collectors are always looking to upgrade their collections.
- ▶ Hundreds of people come to the show and will see what you are selling.
- ▶ Many potential buyers are fellow club members so you know that their word, and money, are good.
- ▶ Unlike selling at an auction, there is no seller's premium to pay.
- ▶ By being part of the show you will have a greater chance to find something to enhance your collection.
- ▶ If you don't want to, or cannot, take a sales table by yourself, you can rent a table with another person, or even two other people.
- ▶ Being part of the club show is like being among friends at a social event.

Contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at (571) 215-8761 or jet53sw@aol.com.

For more information about display rules go to the VGCA website at www.vgca.net,

All show rules, and federal and state laws regarding firearms purchases and sales must be obeyed.

REMINGTON TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY

By Marc Gorelick, VGCA

According to multiple news sources, Remington Outdoor Company, "America's Oldest Gun Maker," plans to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The plan would allow Remington Outdoor Company to stay in business while restructuring its debt and will allow Remington to reduce its debt by \$700 million. According to the company, the plan will also allow Remington to invest \$145 million of new capital into its subsidiaries. Remington stated that its operations "will not be disrupted by the restructuring process."



Remington 700 200th Anniversary Limited Edition

Photo – Remington Arms Co.

Remington is owned by the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management. Under the restructuring plan Cerberus will give up its ownership once restructuring is complete.

Remington, which is headquartered in North Carolina and has a large factory in Ilion, NY, has faced legal trouble in recent years, including a class action lawsuit regarding allegations of defective rifles a few

years ago. Remington was also sued because its Bushmaster rifle was used in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, CT.

Like much of the U.S. firearms industry, Remington has experienced slumping sales since the election of President Donald Trump. Gun sales surged to record levels in 2016, when Barack Obama was president and there were fears that Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton would implement onerous gun controls. When Trump was elected those fears were alleviated and gun sales dropped off.

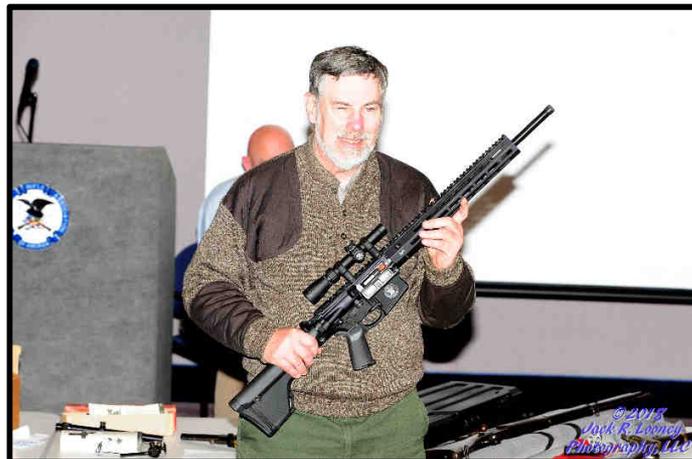
★ December 2017 Show-n-Tell ★

Member 1 (at right) presented a Ruger SP-101 stainless steel revolver chambered .38 Special. A recent acquisition, research revealed that it is a very early production example, with the serial number indicating it was the 74th revolver off of the production line when introduced in 1989! The SP-101 is still made today after almost three decades.



Member 2 (left) brought in a Colt “cap-n-ball” 3rd Model Dragoon in .44 caliber. It is a Colt Second Generation Dragoon, made in the late 1970s through early 1980s. It was assembled by Colt from Italian parts.

Member 3 (at right) surprised us all on a night showcasing Civil War Sharps when he shared a modern sporting arm, in this case Smith & Wesson M&P 10 chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor. Production of this long-range precision semi-automatic rifle started just last year and Member 3 was an early customer. This rifle is capable of sub-MOA groups and Member 3 is still working on load development.



Member 4 (at left) presented a very nice “New Model” 1859 Carbine with brass furniture, this one .52 caliber. Only 3000 were made. 1600 of those were delivered to Georgia in 1860, and thus fought for the Confederacy. This one has the initials “E.P.M.” carved into the stock, which hasn’t been enough information to identify the soldier/owner.

Member 5 (right) brought in a Swiss 1869 Vetterli rifle. Chambered for 10.4mm Rimfire (a relative small bore for the time), the 1869 was the first magazine-fed repeater in general issue to any country's infantry. Previous magazine-fed repeaters had been carbines for use by the cavalry, or only issued in small numbers to foot soldiers. When introduced, the Vetterli was the most modern military rifle in Europe. When retired it was one of the most obsolete due to its rimfire cartridge. It remained in service from 1869 until 1890, when it was replaced by the Schmidt-Rubin rifle.



Member 6 had several interesting vintage target sights (above) for the membership to review. First, there was a Redfield long tube for a rear peep sight. There was also a Lyman Model 525 and a Lyman Model 2A.



Member 7 (above) also shared a very nice Sharps 1859 Carbine. This is one of the 27,000 that were converted post-Civil War to fire the .50/70 centerfire cartridge. Springfield Armory brazed a 3-groove .50 caliber barrel liner into the existing bore as part of the conversion. Also, the original patch box stock was replaced by a plain stock without, as a patch box was unnecessary for a centerfire gun.

★ In Review ★

“In Review” is a relatively new section to the newsletter (started 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.

Museum

A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM: RARE AND UNUSUAL GUNS OF THE SWEDISH ARMY MUSEUM

By Marc Gorelick, VGCA

The Swedish Army Museum (Armémuseum) in Stockholm was briefly reviewed in the September 2016 issue of the VGCA Newsletter. The museum is a fascinating repository of arms and artifacts from Sweden’s military history. The arms exhibits include almost every firearm and edged weapon used by

Sweden since the 15th century and includes some rare guns, including prototypes that are mostly unknown outside Sweden. The following are some of these weapons.

Gevar M/1860/64 Rifle – This is the Hagstrom chamber loading (breech loading) rifle adopted by the Swedish Army, supposedly to replace the unsuccessful Wrede rifle. It is a black powder percussion rifle and is also known as a “kammerlader” or needle-fire gun. The chamber is hinged at the rear and is loaded from the front when raised. Although about 16,000 of these 12.17mm caliber rifles were manufactured they were never issued and most were converted into Rolling Blocks after Sweden adopted the Remington Rolling Block system. It weighs about 9.7 pounds and is about 54.72 inches long. The socket bayonet is 25.6 inches long.



Gevar M/1860/64 Hagstrom Chamber Loading Rifle Photo - Armemuseum



Gevar M/1860/64 Hagstrom Chamber Loading Rifle Photo - Author

Von Feilitzen Pistol (1861) – This revolver is essentially a 9.6mm caliber muzzle loading 5-barrel pistol. It was developed by Swedish naval officer and armament expert August Gustaf Reinhold von Feilitzen. The barrels are stationary. Von Feilitzen proposed that it be adopted by the Swedish Army which tested and rejected it in 1863. It is presumably the only multiple barreled pistol tested by any army in the world.



Von Feilitzen pistol (1861)

Photo - Author

Scheintod Gas Pistol – Made in Germany at the end of the 19th and the first part of the 20th centuries. This is a three-barrel (three-shot) double action pistol that utilized specially made cartridges (usually 11 or 12mm caliber) that used a powder charge to shoot a combination of pepper and other “irritants” into a target’s face. The 2 ½ inch long barrels tipped down for loading. Single and double barreled variations manufactured by number of firms through WW2.

Scheintod Gas Pistol

Photo- Author



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Kolibri 2.7 Grabner Selbstlade Pistole – This marvel has been called the world’s smallest production semi-auto pistol. Also known as the Kolibri (hummingbird), it was invented by Austrian watchmaker Franz Pfannl in 1910 and uses a simple blowback operation. It fires the miniscule, weak and rare 2.7 x 9mm centerfire Kolibri cartridge and uses a 6-round magazine. More of a novelty than a serious weapon, the single-action Kolibri weighs only 8 ounces, is less than 3 inches long and has a 1 ¼ inch smooth bore barrel. Only about 1,000 were manufactured before production stopped due to World War 1. Pfannl designed several other small guns during his career but the Kolibri is the most famous.

Kolibri Pistol Photo – Armemuseum

Hamilton Pistol fm/1903-1904 – The Hamilton pistol was a prototype developed for the Swedish Army by insurance executive and engineer Gustaf Hugo Rohss Hamilton in 1900. It is a semi-automatic blowback operation pistol in 6.5 Bergmann with a heavy bolt that pivoted on a round path during recoil. It used 6-round stripper clips. The Hamilton was rejected by the Swedish Army in the trials of 1903 where it competed against a number of other pistols, including the successful Colt/Browning Model 1903. It was heavy, underpowered and awkward and did not enjoy commercial success. Lack of interest by Sweden and other countries’ armies induced Hamilton to give up designing weapons. His electric globe street light was more successful.

Hamilton Semi-Automatic Pistol Photo - Author

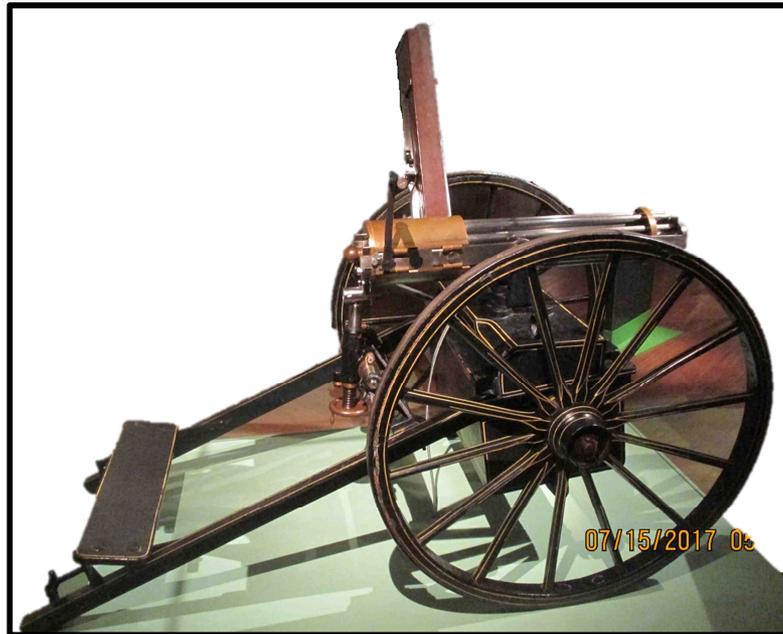


Pistol fm/GF/W68 (GF Pistol 1968) – In 1965, Erik Wallberg, a leading gun designer and engineer at Swedish defense contractor FFV, was asked to design a new 9mm automatic pistol for the Swedish Army.

Wallberg designed a striker-fired gas piston operation pistol that operated similarly to the German Walther MKb42 pistol and was fitted with a gas valve. When the gun is fired small holes in the rear of the barrel direct gas to a piston that surrounds the barrel, pushing the slide to the rear and loading a new cartridge. There is a separate bolt in the slide. In 1966 the army decided against adopting the new pistol, manufactured by Carl Gustafs in Eskiltuna, and work on the project stopped. Wallberg also designed a number of semi-automatic rifles. *Prototype GF/W68 Pistol Photo- Author*



Palmcrantz Machine Gun – Swedish inventor and industrialist Helge Palmcrantz designed this 10-barrel Gatling-type gun in 1869 for the Swedish Army. Tests showed that the gun malfunctioned if it fired more than 300 rounds per minute. In 1873 Palmcrantz invented an improved model and patented the multi-barrel, lever-actuated machine gun that would become famous as the “mechanized battery gun” Nordenfelt gun, named after Palmcrantz’s partner and manufacturer, Thorsten Nordenfelt. The Nordenfelt was much more successful than Palmcrantz’s first machine gun (shown here). It was adopted by many countries’ armies and navies, including the United States, in a variety of calibers and numbers of barrels.



Early Palmcrantz Gatling-Type Machine Gun Photo-Author

The Arme Museum is a “must see” for anyone interested in military history or arms collecting. This world class museum is located at Riddargatan 13 in the Ostermalm District of Stockholm, Sweden. The site has been used for military purposes since the middle of the 17th century, and the Swedish Army’s main artillery depot was located here for nearly 300 years. The current buildings were erected during the latter part of the 18th century. Admission is free. The website address is <http://www.armemuseum.se/languages/english/>.

Book

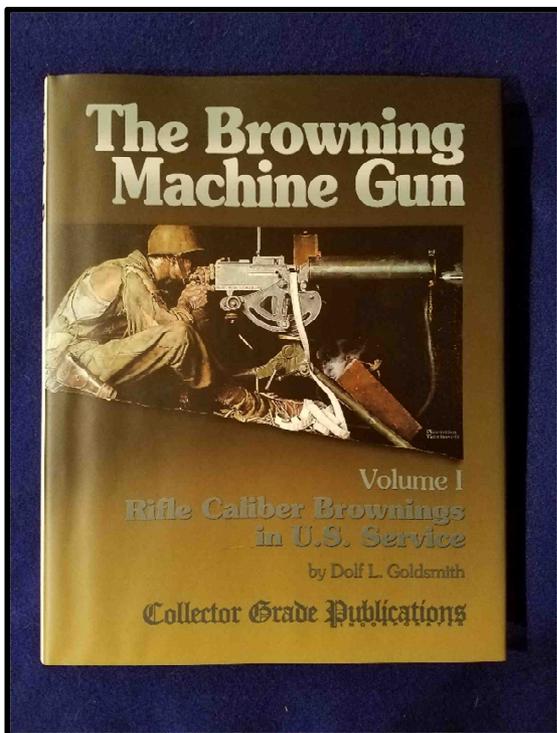
The Browning Machine Gun

Volume 1 – Rifle Caliber Brownings in U.S. Service

By Dolf L. Goldsmith

Review by Rob Becker, VGCA

I have recently developed an interest in the Model 1919A4 Browning machine gun. In my quest for more information, I picked up a copy of the Dolf Goldsmith's volume 1 on the Browning machine gun. This book starts with John M. Browning's experimental "apparatus" (is there any doubt that he was the greatest firearms designer that has ever lived?) that led to the gas-operated Colt/Browning Model 1895 – better known as the "Potato Digger." The Model 1895 was followed by the improved Model 1914, with various aircraft, anti-aircraft, and tank adaptations. In parallel with the gas-operated designs, Browning was also working on recoil-operated machine guns. The Models 1901, 1910, and finally the water-cooled 1917 are all covered in the early chapters of Goldsmith's book. An interesting section involves the U.S. Army machine gun trials of 1917. No less than 14 different domestic and foreign designs were tested, and the results make for a fascinating read. After the adoption of the Model 1917, there were manufacturing issues that impacted the ability of the American Expeditionary Force to field ANY machine gun in sufficient numbers. Coverage of the Model 1917's service on the Western Front of WWI takes us half way through Goldsmith's 552 pages.



and 1919. The M1919 is covered in all of its variants, both well-known and obscure, to include my interest - the M1919A4. Also covered is the AN M2, a light-weight aircraft machine gun with a rate of fire almost double that of the M1919!

Through extensive and comprehensive illustrations (568 black-and-white period photographs, diagrams, technical drawings, and even battle maps), Goldsmith covers the development, use, and abuse of these weapons from WWI through WWII and Korea. The second half of this book is the quicker read, as the stories told by the actual soldiers and marines truly grab your attention! Here is yet another book that I highly recommend, even for those who will never own a firearm that comes mounted on a tripod or vehicle.

Late war work on advanced air-cooled aircraft machine guns led to the Models 1918

Published by Collector Grade Publications, *The Browning Machine Gun* is available at various sources on-line for approximately \$67.00

★ 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 - 2018

- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Doswell, VA – Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park – *SGK*
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Hillsville, VA – VFW #1115 – *Blue Ridge Gun Show*
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Warsaw, VA – Times Square Shopping Center – *Richmond County VFD*
- Mar 10-11, 2018 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW - *Showmasters*
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Mar 24-25, 2018 – Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – *VGCA (our spring show!)*
- Mar 24-25, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – *SGK*
- Mar 24-25, 2018 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway - *Showmasters*
- Apr 7-8, 2018 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center - *Showmasters*
- Apr 20-22, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E*

MARYLAND - 2018

- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Baltimore Antique Arms*
- Apr 7-8, 2018 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Silverado Gun Shows*
- Apr 14-15, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA - 2018

- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Promised Land, PA – Promised Land Vol. Fire & Ambulance – *Jaeger Arms*
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Ridgway, PA – Ridgway Rifle Club – *Ridgway Rifle Club*
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Delta, PA – Delta Peach Bottom Club – *Delta Peach Bottom Fish&Game Assoc.*
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center - *Eagle Arms*
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Scranton, PA – Ice Box Arena – *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Waynesboro, PA – Waynesboro Fish & Game – *Waynesboro Fish-Game Assoc.*
- Mar 5, 2018 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson Co Fairgrounds – *Jefferson County Historical Society*
- Mar 10-11, 2018 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex-Main Hall - *C&E*
- Mar 10-11, 2018 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds - *SLCFSA*
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Split Rock, PA – 100 Mossywood Rd, Lake Harmony - *Eagle Arms*
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – New Castle, PA – Scott Township Volunteer Fire Dept - *Scott Township VFD*
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – St Thomas, PA – St Thomas Volunteer Fire Dept – *Frontier County Gun Club*
- Mar 18, 2018 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Mar 23-25, 2018 - Oaks, PA – Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Mar 24, 2018 – Shippensburg, PA – Shippensburg Auction Center – *Hunters Gun Show LLC*
- Apr 7-8, 2018 - Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2018 (continued)

- Apr 7-8, 2018 - **Monroeville, PA** – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Apr 14-15, 2018 – **Stroudsburg, PA** – Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co – *Jaeger Arms*
- Apr 14-15, 2018 – **Washington, PA** – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Apr 14-15, 2018 – **Wind Gap, PA** – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- Apr 21-22, 2018 – **Allentown, PA** – Econolodge Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Apr 21-22, 2018 – **Centre Hall, PA** – Centre Co Grange Fairgrounds – *Outdoor Sportsman Club*
- Apr 21-22, 2018 – **Philadelphia, PA** – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – **Carlisle, PA** – Carlisle Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – **Seneca, PA** – Old Cranberry High School – *Front Sight Firearms & Training*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – **Schnecksville, PA** – Schnecksville Fire Co - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Apr 28-29, 2018 – **Hamlin, PA** – Hamlin Fire & Rescue Bingo - *Jaeger Arms*

SPECIAL NOTE – 2018

- **Feb 22-25, 2018 – Louisville, KY** – Kentucky Exposition Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society*
- **Mar 10-11, 2018 – Wilmington, OH** – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector's Association*

FOR SALE:

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WANT-TO-SELL: Firearms

- ★ Beretta 1934, 9mm Corto (w/most of a box of .380 ACP), \$225
[Without mag, mags \$30 each if I can figure out where they are!]
- ★ Uberti [Cimarron Import] Colt SAA, .32 WCF, 5.5" \$525
- ★ Uberti [Cimarron Import] Colt Mason Richards [?] Conversion, 5.5",
.45 Schoefield, (Only imported one year), \$550
- ★ S&W Model 36, 3", Nickle, \$575
- ★ S&W Mod 64, 4", New-In-Box, \$525
- ★ Hi-Standard HD Military, 6", \$525
- ★ N.R. Davis & Sons SxS 12 ga, 26", \$450
- ★ 1898 Krag, .30 U.S. Army, Mfg. in 1899, \$2,000
- ★ Winchester Mod 12, 12 ga, Riot w/Proper US markings, \$3,500
- ★ Winchester Mod 1894, .23-35 Win, Saddle Ring Carbine, 3-leaf Rear Sight,
Mfg. 1914, \$2,000
- ★ FN Hi Power with 2 mags. All original, all matching (including the mags). \$1200

As always: Cash Talks! Do not insult me by offering a price that is less than 90% of my asking price, just because you want to make a 50% profit on re-sale at a gun show or to collectors you know who will pay more. **Call Jack at 703-999-9458.**

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

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