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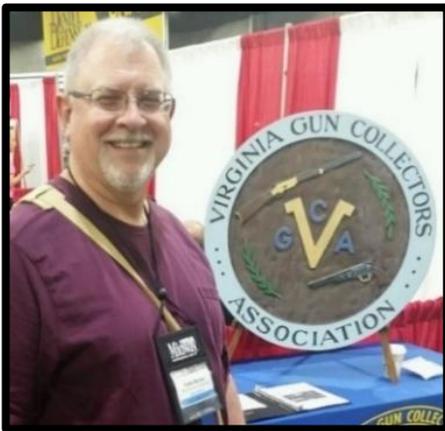
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February-March 2026 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The best part of being the VGCA President – at least for me – is being able to share good news. This month I have a lot of good news to share!

First – congratulations to Dan Helm for being voted the VGCA Member of the Year for 2025. This award recognizes those individuals not currently holding an office or on the VGCA Executive Committee for their contributions to our association. Winners are selected

strictly by the membership. Well done, Dan!

Second – by every measure, our spring gun show was a huge success! See the details on pages 9 through 12.

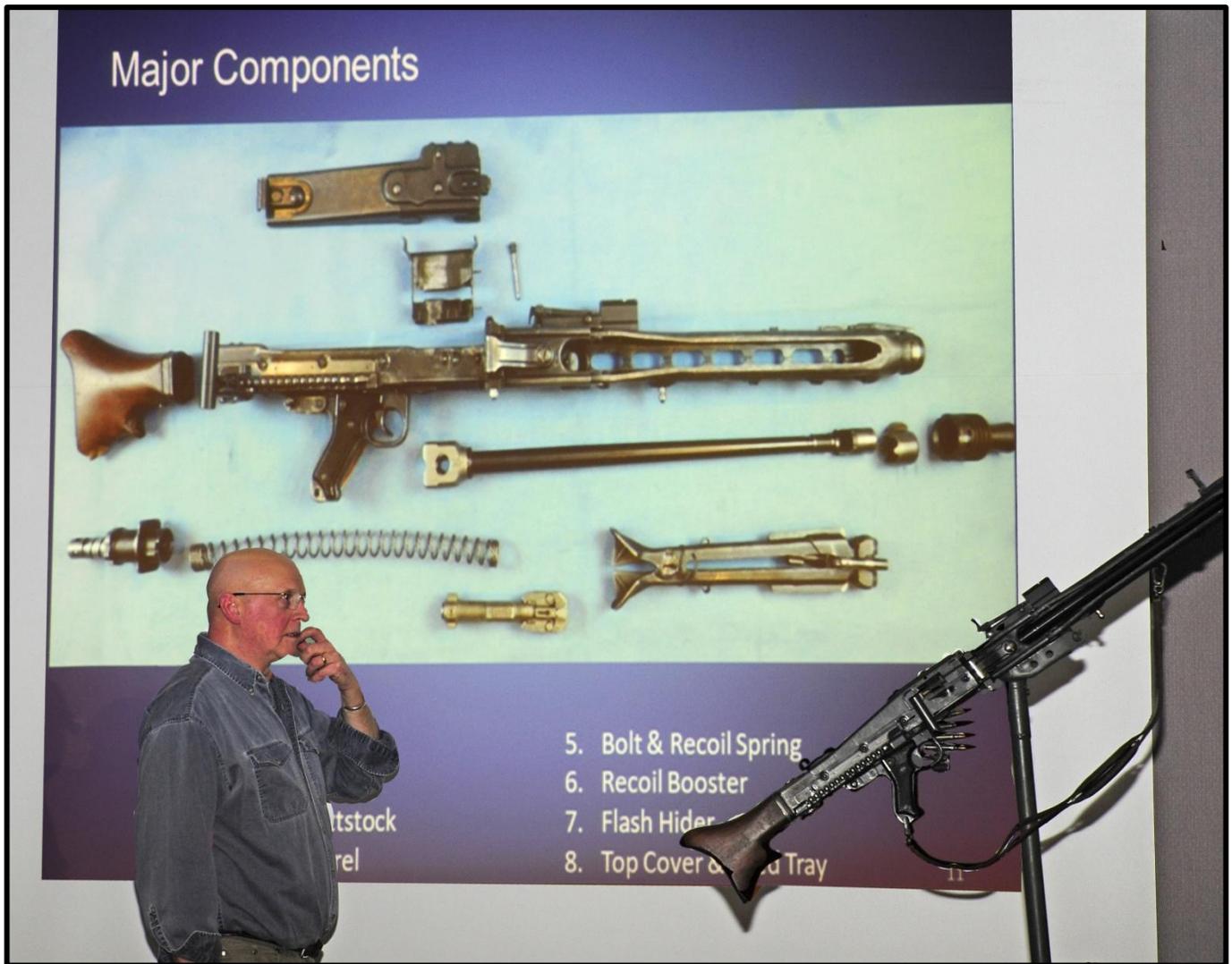
Third – the success of spring gun show promises to carry over to June gun show. Scheduled to occur before any new anti-gun laws go into effect in Virginia on July 1st, our June show is already 100% sold out! That is great news!

Fourth – our first field trip on 2026 is scheduled to go to the U.S. Army Ordnance Training Center at Fort Lee, Virginia on May 1st. Sign up for this tour will begin at our next Membership Meeting.

Speaking of which, our next Membership Meeting will be this Saturday, March 28th at the NRA with a social hour starting at 2 pm and our meeting starting at 3 pm. Louie DiGaetano will be presenting on the Beretta Model 92, Part I. I hope to see you there!

Rob Becker, VGCA President

★ February Presentation – An Introduction to the M.G. 42



Long time VGCA Treasurer Shannon Zeigler (*above*) opened by stating it was hard to narrow down what to talk about when it comes to the well-known German Maschinengewehr 42 (hereafter referred to as simply the “MG42”), especially considering it has been in military service in one form or another for over 80 years! He then shared several videos of the MG42 being shot, demonstrating its famously high rate of fire as well as showing how quickly the barrel heated up.

As Germany began re-arming in the mid-1930s, the German Army adopted the MG34 and employed it as both a light and heavy machinegun. A Teutonic wonder of machined steel, the MG34 was an excellent machinegun but not without its flaws. The MG34 was expensive to manufacture and could be adversely affected by the environment. By February 1937, specifications for a new machinegun were drafted and three companies were asked to submit designs. Initial designs were submitted in fall of 1937 and testing in spring 1938 yielded a clear winner – the recoil-operated roller locking mechanism designed by Werner Grunow of Metall und Lackierwarenfabrik Johannes Großfuß (Grossfuss) AG. Development continued

and by 1941 a limited production run of 1,500 guns was acquired for troop trials. The machinegun was officially accepted by the German military in early 1942 and mass production was undertaken by five factories.

The MG42 design was optimized for mass production. It utilized as many stamped sheet metal parts as possible and assembly maximized the use of welds and rivets. The feed tray had bi-lateral feed pawls, the bolt was an adaptation of an earlier Polish design, and the rapid barrel change system was an improvement of the Breda. The MG42 only took 75 man-hours to produce (compared to the MG34's 150 man-hours), used 44% less raw materials compared to the MG34, and was 24% less expensive than its predecessor. By 1943, the MG42 production rate overtook the production of the MG34, though the latter remained in production through the end of WWII primarily for use in tanks and armored vehicles.

MG42 Specifications:

Overall Length: 47.2 inches
Barrel Length: 20.86 inches
Weight: 24.25 lbs plus 2.4 lbs for the bipod
Cyclic Rate: 1200-1500 rounds per minute

The MG42 filled three roles:
Light Machinegun (with bipod)
Heavy Machinegun (mounted on a Lafette tripod)
Anti-Aircraft gun (mounted on AA tripod) (*shown at right*)

Shannon went on to describe the German employment doctrine of the MG42. Comparison to the MG34 as follows:



	MG34	MG42
Firing doctrine:	7-10 round burst 15 bursts per minute = ~150 rounds	5-7 round burst 22 bursts per minute = ~150 rounds 40% hit ratio

Five companies manufactured the MG42 or sub-components. They were:

- Maget (cra), Berlin, 1942-45 Mauser-Werke (~165,000)
- Gustoff-Werke (dfb / svq), Suhl, 1943-45 (~105,000)
- Mauser Werke (ar / dd), Borsigwalde, 1943-45 (~54,000)
- Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G (bnz / swj), Austria, 1942-45 (~69,000)
- Grossfuff, (bpr), Dobein (receivers/top covers/feed trays)

Total deliveries of the MG42 equaled approximately 369,550, with some estimates as high as 400,000.

Shannon went on to describe the major components and their associated purposes (many parts had multiple functions). The major parts are: Receiver, Grip, Buttstock, Barrel, Bolt & Recoil Spring, Recoil Booster, Flash Hider, and Top Cover & Feed Tray. He demonstrated how to break down the weapon for cleaning as well as how to swap out the barrel. Shannon also showed how the cam piece was the "heart of the gun" and how it functions to unlock the bolt, serve as the barrel latch, guides the rear of the barrel, and is used for attaching the cover and feed tray.



Finally, Shannon described the various accessories made for the MG42. These include but are not limited to:

- Tool Kits
- Gurtfuller (Belt Loaders) 34 & 34/42
- Laufschutzer 42 (Barrel Carrier) *(use demonstrated above)*
- Gurt 34 & 34/41 (used the same belt as the MG34)
 - 50 Round Sections
 - Starter Tabs
- Patronenkasten (ammo can) 34 & 41
- Assault Drum and Carrier
- Lafette Tripod *(shown at right)*

Shannon noted that the MG42's military influence did not end with conclusion of WWII. It would remain in production for decades after the war, serving various militaries and chambered in various calibers. In the U.S. alone, the MG42 would go on to strongly influence the design of the M60 General Purpose Machinegun (GPMG) and its successor, the M249.



There was an extensive question-and-answer period after Shannon's presentation, which demonstrated the members' interest and fascination with this historic and famous (and perhaps infamous) firearm. Please join me in thanking Shannon for taking the time to share his knowledge and expertise with us!





★ February Meeting Notes

VGCA President Rob Becker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Director Chris Britton led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who have fallen defending our country. There were 51 VGCA members and guests present. New members and guests were introduced.

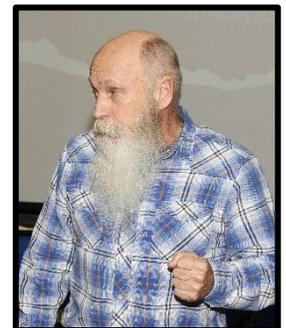
The first order of business was to announce the 2025 VGCA Member of the Year. Mr. Dan Helm (*far right, receiving his certificate from Rob Becker*) was the winner in open voting during October through December of last year. He is a regular fixture at our gun shows - volunteering to provide security at the entrance, taking tickets, conducting polls as requested by the VGCA Executive Committee, ensuring guns coming in are properly secured, and acting as our liaison with the Prince William County sheriff deputies. As part of his recognition, Dan received a \$100 Gift Certificate. Congratulations, sir!



Gun Show Security Manager Mr. Al Reid (*on left*) announced he still needed security volunteers for our spring gun show. UPDATE – all security slots were subsequently filled. See page 10 for the list of volunteers.

Show Director Andrew Woodard provided a quick update on our upcoming Spring Gun Show, noting that all tables were rented and we had a waiting list of people wanting tables. Well done, Andrew! In an effort to boost attendance, members were reminded to invite family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors – in other words, Bring a Buddy!

The newly elected Virginia Senate and House of Delegates have proposed several new anti-gun laws for the state. Included are an Assault Weapon ban, a standard-capacity magazine ban, firearm storage restrictions, and an 11% excise tax of firearms and ammunition purchases. Rob Becker didn't want to spend much time talking about these proposed laws as none have passed both houses and gone to the Governor for signature – yet. But it is imperative that you let your representatives, especially your state senators and the Governor, know how you feel about these proposals.



Member Phil Hill (*right*) provided a quick update on the most recent successes of the 4-H Trigger Time Youth Shooting organization. Look for an in-person update from the shooters themselves later this year.

Member Clayton Vieg was introduced as our new Liaison with the Civilian Marksmanship Program. He replaces Marc Gorelick who has performed in this role for the VGCA for the last nine years! Look for Clayton's first CMP update on pages 19-21.

VGCA Spring Gun Show a Big Success!

By Rob Becker

Our recent Spring Gun Show, held on the weekend of 28 February – 1 March 2026, was by all measures a substantial success! It reversed a multi-year trend of declining show attendance, vendors were pleased, and attendees appeared happy!



Let's start with the attendance. Over the weekend, we had a total of 771 customers walk through the door (492 on Saturday and 279 on Sunday). This exceeds last spring's total by more than 100 and last fall's gun show attendance by more than 200! It even exceeded our goal of 750 – something we didn't manage to do last year. It is hard to say what caused this increase – whether it was the \$2 off admittance coupon on our flyers, the current political environment / anti-gun legislation being proposed in Richmond, increased advertising on the VFW electronic sign, or our "Bring a Buddy" campaign. Whatever it was, let's try to replicate it at next show (everything except the anti-gun legislation, of course).

Pre-show vendor satisfaction was indicated by the fact that all 140 tables were sold out a few weeks ahead of time and we even had a waiting list. Post-show vendor happiness was proven by the fact we already had 106 tables rented for our next show – which will be June 6th and 7th, by the way – by the time we packed up on Sunday. As of the time I am writing this, we only have 2 tables still available for our June show with 2 ½ months still to go. We would not have had that many vendors sign up for the next show if they weren't pleased with the results from this one. Yes, I would definitely say we have some satisfied vendors!

As for the show attendees, it may be antidotal, but the ones I talked to were very happy. Over the years, we have consistently resisted the urge to fill tables with non-gun-related stuff, and our reputation as a true gun show worthy of the name has grown as a result. As a seller, I had extended conversations with multiple attendees about what they liked about our show, and one theme was repeated – they liked talking to vendors who were knowledgeable and who shared their collecting passion. We even had seven prospective new members sign up at the show. That means nearly 1% of those who attended decided to join the VGCA! Yes, I would declare that the attendees were pleased as well.

A successful show does not just happen. It is the result of a lot of hard work and effort by our members, all of whom are volunteers. Please join me in thanking the following VGCA members for their efforts over the weekend.

Set up volunteers (led by Andrew Woodard)

Chris Britton Bruce Buchner Wes Chapell George Dungan Al Reid

Security volunteers (led by Alan Reid)

Bill Bailey	Dan Helm	Craig Peters	Keith Simmons
Bob Candido	Dave Herbeck	Georgette Phillips	Clayton Vieg
Tom Ciarula	Bill Ludwig	Chuck Schafer	Carl Warhurst
Doug Gravatt	Rich McCormack	Todd Sigety	

Jack Looney – provided overnight security on both Friday and Saturday nights

Membership Table volunteers (led by Bruce Buchner)

Mike Jambrosic Chuck Schafer Keith Simmons Orville Keller (new member)

VGCA President Emeritus Jim Burgess once again donated his time and knowledge to evaluate firearms brought in by the public. He inspected a total of 12 guns during the show, with the most interesting piece being a Brown-Merrill bolt action rifle in .58 rimfire caliber (*above – image found on-line*).



VGCA member Marc Gorelick wrote a very nice article on the Brown-Merrill bolt actions which can be found on our web site (<https://www.vgca.net/education/THE%20BROWN-MERRILL%20BOLT%20ACTION%20RIFLE.pdf>). These arms were conversions of surplus P1853 Enfield rifle-muskets made in Newburyport, Massachusetts circa 1871. They were submitted to the US Army trials in 1872 and ultimately rejected. These are extremely rare. In fact, it was the first one that Jim had ever seen. It was in relatively good shape probably because it didn't see much use. The same person also brought in a pristine M1864 Springfield rifle-musket.

Our 50/50 Raffle proved successful as well, with a total of \$330 going to VGCA member Bryan (*last name withheld on request*) and \$330 going to our association. Congratulations, Bryan!



There were two educational displays at the show. Taking first place was the 4-H Trigger Time shooting club's display titled "Evolution of the Sporter Air Rifles in Competition" (*shown above with four members of the trigger time team*). It included numerous examples of their precision air rifles used in competitions at the regional, state, and even national level.

Accepting their \$300 cash prize for First Place was Miss Lexi Strand (*far right*). Lexi has been a champion shooter for Trigger Time for several years and has given more than one update on the team's achievements during VGCA Membership Meetings.



The second display was Paul Veneziano's (*far left*) extensive, multi-table display of World War I guns and accessories. While he has presented this same display in the past and it was thus not eligible for an overall award, it did include a particularly rare piece that was recognized as the Best Military Firearm displayed at the show – a U.S. WWI

Model 1903 Springfield rifle with a Warner & Swasey Model 1908 Sniper Scope.

The Model 1908 scope was an experimental rifle telescope designed by Ambrose Swasey, a co-founder of the Cleveland, Ohio firm of Warner & Swasey. It was an unusual prismatic construction which had the advantage of allowing a wide field of view at the relatively high magnification of 6x. The Model 1908

Warner & Swasey sight was constructed of black painted brass and steel and weighed in at a fairly hefty 2 ¼ pounds (*below*). The scope had a cross-hair reticle and three stadia lines for estimating distances. A



dovetail base was fastened by three screws to the left side of a standard Springfield M1903 service rifle and the telescopic sight had a corresponding dovetail mount. A spring-loaded plunger held the mount to the base in one of two positions or allowed the scope to be quickly and easily removed from the rifle. The telescope was offset to the left side of the receiver so that the rifle could be loaded via stripper clips and so the original open sights could also be used. A total of 2,075 of the M1908 W&S optics were procured by the U.S. Army.

This was the fifth and final show for Andrew Woodard as our Gun Show Director. Andrew has put together every show since we left the Prince William County Fairgrounds and moved to the Dale City VFW. Each of these shows has improved on the one before and they have gotten our organization back on solid ground financially. We cannot thank Andrew enough – Job Well Done, sir!

As previously noted, our next gun show will be in June. Louie DiGaetano, a member of our Board of Directors, has stepped up and graciously agreed to take charge of organizing this event. This is especially welcome as there are only 10 weeks between now and then. Andrew has left big shoes to fill but we are all confident that Louie will keep us on target.

We hope to see you there!



★ TAURUS GX4 PISTOL SAFETY RECALL

By Marc Gorelick



Taurus has issued a safety recall of its GX4 micro-compact 9mm semi-automatic pistols. This notice pertains to certain GX4 pistols that were assembled and sold exclusively within the United States. Taurus recently discovered that under specific circumstances, these pistols may discharge when accidentally dropped.

Taurus urges all GX4 owners to take this matter seriously and go to the Taurus website at <https://gx4safetynotice.com/> to find out if your GX4 is one of those affected and what to do.

Go to the website. Enter your pistol's serial number in the indicated space. The website will let you know if your GX4 is subject to the recall and what to do next. Taurus said that it will inspect, repair, if necessary, and return your pistol to you as soon as possible, FREE of charge.

You can also contact Taurus by phone at (229) 515-8464, by online submission at <https://www.taurususa.com/support/service-request> email, or by U.S. mail at Taurus International Manufacturing, Inc., 100 Taurus Way, Bainbridge, GA 39817.

★ 3rd VGCA Gun Show Added this Year

In light of the potential new restrictions on firearms ownership in Virginia to be enacted by this summer (which at the time, included a 5-Day waiting period on the purchase of any firearm and the requirement for a license to purchase – both of which would have killed the viability of future gun shows in our state), the VGCA Executive Committee voted to add a 3rd gun show this year to occur before July 1st. Though many of these proposed laws will not make it to the Governor to sign this year, the Executive Committee decided to press ahead with this 3rd show. Based on the availability of the VFW to host us and deconflicting with the Manassas gun shows, this show has been scheduled for **6-7 June 2026**. As of March 10th, 115 tables have already been rented. Hope to see you there and remember – **Bring a Buddy!**

★ We need your help with our Newsletter!

Do you love history and firearms, are reasonably organized, have a decent command of the English language, possess fair computer skills, and can dedicate a few hours each month to the VGCA? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker will continue as our editor through the early 2026 issue but is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on – in whole or in part - please contact any of the officers or directors.

★ VGCA Social Media Accounts ★

Our Instagram account

[@vaguncollectors](#)

has 397 posts with 1628 followers as of 23 Mar 2026.

Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel

[@vgca-virginiaguncollectorsasso](#)

has 22 videos and 79 subscribers as of 23 Mar 2026.

The VGCA Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/>

has 397 posts with 1840 followers as of 23 Mar 2026.

★ Hampton Roads Military Society

The Hampton Roads Militaria Society (HRMS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist collectors and historians in the collection & preservation of militaria of all sorts and periods, preserve and honor our military past, and honor the veterans of all our conflicts. They generally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. The HRMS is a sister organization to the VGCA and VGCA members are welcome to participate as guests in their meetings and tours. Upcoming meetings (at Rescue Squad No. 8 at 1243 Bayne Drive in VA Beach) are:

14 Apr 2026, “South Vietnamese Armor - An Advisor's Comments” by Nelson Voke

12 May 2026 “World War 1, Fall 1918, the Hundred Days Offensive, Part 2” by Jim Paschall

May include Sergeant York, Patton, the Lost Battalion, the Battle of St. Mihiel and possibly parts of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

***“No free man shall ever be debarred
the use of arms.”***

- Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Constitution, Draft 1, 1776

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: VERNEY-CARRON EXPERIMENTAL FOUR BARREL SHOTGUN

*By Marc Gorelick
Photos courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria*



The French gunmaking firm of Verney-Carron was founded in 1820 in Saint-Etienne, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes by gunmaker Claude Verney (1800-1870). Claude Verney came from a family of gunsmiths who were prominent since 1650. At the age of 20 he won first prize in an armory competition held by the City of Saint-Etienne. In 1830 he married Antoinette Carron, who came from another family of gunsmiths, and changed the name of his business's name to Verney-Carron. The business has been owned by the same family since its founding and has prospered over the years, sometimes by purchasing other firms. For example, in 2004 Verney-Carron purchased the traditional artisan gun making company Demas, forming the L'Atelier Verney-Carron brand of reproduction antique firearms. Today, the company is mostly known for its wide range of hunting rifles and shotguns. It is also known for its fine custom bespoke weapons.



Verney-Carron has often been on the cutting edge of French firearms technology and this unusual shotgun exemplifies the firm's willingness to experiment with new concepts and technology. This four-barreled, 28 gauge shotgun has an unusual operating mechanism. It has an external hammer which, on its face has an automatic counter-clockwise rotating plate that carries a striker. Each time the hammer moves rearward the plate rotates, aligning the striker with the firing pin in one of the four chambers and firing one barrel at a time. Much like a revolver, it can be fired in single action, by cocking the hammer, or fired in double action, by pulling the trigger. In some ways it resembles Henry A.A. Thorn's revolving striker mechanism (British Patents 1242/1881) that was used in four barrel British Lancaster Howdah pistols.

The shotgun's overall length is 43.25 inches (110 cm) and the four 28 gauge full-choke barrels are 27.5 inches (70 cm) long. The stock is 14 inches (36 cm) long and the gun weighs 8.6 pounds (3.9 kg). The gun features a concave rib, brass front sight, quadruple extractor, and single trigger with a serrated blade. It has a color case hardened round-body bascule and a straight walnut stock with an inserted cloverleaf

shaped iron plate in the end of the stock. Two counter-rotating lower levers are used to break open and disassemble the shotgun.



Much like a double action revolver, cocking the hammer reduces trigger weight and travel to a light to moderate level. In double action mode there is a long heavy trigger pull (possibly with several fingers given the length of the trigger) so that accurate firing is probably only achievable with great practice.



Due to the high quality of the workmanship this unique Verney-Carron gun was probably an experimental model or technology demonstrator for the unusual firing mechanism. However, its condition and the

unusual length of the trigger indicates that it was also used for firing tests. There is a small longitudinal crack in the case on the left, the bluing is partially rubbed, the upper left barrel has a small dent, the color hardening is faded in the grip area, and there are traces of hand sweat visible.



Photo above. Enlarged side view of hammer with rotating striker plate.

Photo left. Note the rotating striker plate on the face of the hammer and the four firing pins, one for each barrel.



Photo above. The two levers – one for breaking open the shotgun for loading it and extraction of fired shells, and the other for disassembling the gun.

The date of manufacture is not known but one can surmise that it was in the latter part of the 19th century. This unique and interesting piece of firearms engineering was offered for sale by Joh. Springers Erben of Vienna, Austria at its 39th Classic Auction in May 2023. It had a starting price of about \$15,248 (14,000 euros), however it does not appear that it was sold.



★ Membership Report – February-March 2026

Since the last newsletter we have had the following people apply for membership in our group:

- Tim Frank** of Silver Spring sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- William Olson** of Vienna sponsored by gun show volunteers
- William Yaglou** of Fairfax sponsored by - gun show volunteers
- Chris Woodbridge** of Fredericksburg sponsored by gun show volunteers
- Orville Keller** of Warrenton sponsored by gun show volunteers
- William Gahrman** of Herndon sponsored by gun show volunteers
- John Rudd** of Sterling sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- Julian Wool** of Alexandria sponsored by gun show volunteers
- Julian Schmidt** of Woodbridge sponsored by gun show volunteers
- Darrel Lowery** of Ashburn sponsored by **Dave Litchfield**
- Joseph Ripley** of Haymarket sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- Charles Downes** of Chantilly sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- Linus Downes** of Centreville sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- Dennis Welsh** of Warrenton sponsored by **Robert Beich**

Please welcome the following new members:

- **Micah Hawthorne** of **Gainesville**
- **George Lenard** of **Manassas**
- **Colin Reilly** of **Centreville**
- **Curtis Marshall** of **Henrico**
- **John Keppeler** of **Richmond**
- **Robert Latta** of **Alexandria**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our organization, please invite them to a meeting or to our upcoming VGCA Gun Show. **If you sponsor a candidate, either at one of our membership tables or elsewhere, please make sure that you fill in and sign the Sponsor page.**

Notice to New Member Sponsors: Please ensure your prospective applicants provide a legible email address and telephone contact number if possible. Also, please make sure your name is clearly written on the sponsorship form. Without a valid email address, new members will not receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Membership Numbers: There are currently 472 Life members, 97 Annual Members, and the 14 applicants listed above, for a total of 583 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

Recruiting: Thank you to the volunteers who worked our membership table at our VGCA gun show. Your efforts help to spread the word about our great organization.

Membership Renewal: Dues for 2026 are now past due. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting into the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please update your dues payment. You can renew annually for \$40 or \$250 for life. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to either George Dungan or Bruce Buchner. If you are unsure of your membership status email george@eccominv.com and I will let you know.

George Dungan, Vice President and Membership Chair





CMP UPDATE

By Clayton Vieg, CMP Liaison

The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.

A BRIEF WORD OF THANKS...

I am honored to be following in Marc Gorelick's footsteps by continuing to update VGCA on developments in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). I will try to do my best – I know I can't compete with Marc in terms of his very extensive antique rifle collection (for example, I don't own any Plymouth rifles, but I once owned a Plymouth Satellite), but on the other hand, I have been affiliated with CMP for 30 years now, ever since I ordered my first M1 Garand in 1996. I have participated in the National Matches for 15 years, and I have done my part to support CMP and its various programs. Their primary mission is to support civilian marksmanship (after all), but the gun collectors of America have also benefited greatly from the sale of U.S. Government military surplus weapons through CMP. OK – here goes...

HOT NEWS – GI SURPLUS PUMP SHOTGUNS FOR SALE?

Last December, Congress passed (and the President signed into law) the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which authorizes various programs and benefits for the U.S. military, including such things as pay raises and benefits for military members; authority to acquire new aircraft carriers; etc.

Some NDAA's are quite important to CMP – the FY1996 Act created the modern CMP as we know it today. The FY2018 Act authorized the sale of surplus M1911 .45 pistols. And, in section 1062 of the FY2026 Act, a provision authorizes a one-time transfer of surplus pump-action shotguns from the military to CMP for sale to authorized customers.

Several steps have to take place (and probably several months will pass) before you will see any announcement of actual sales. For starters, the individual services will need to conduct an inventory to see what they actually have, including a determination as to what shotguns (if any) are surplus to current needs. After that, each service secretary (Army, Navy, and Air Force) will have to decide whether they want to transfer their surplus shotguns to CMP (this is discretionary on their part). Finally, just as with the M1911 pistols, CMP will have to receive / inventory / grade / repair / test those shotguns turned over to them before they can announce how and when they could offer them for sale. In short, many details remain to be worked out.

I am personally looking forward to this and am hopeful that eventually I (and others) will be able to acquire an ex-military shotgun via this program. More to come – I will update VGCA (of course) regarding future developments.

CMP STORE HOURS & SOUTH STORE CLOSURE

North Store (Camp Perry): Thursday – Saturday, 8:30AM – 4:00PM

The North Store

Talladega Marksmanship Park (TMP): Wednesday – Sunday, 8:00AM – 4:00 PM
(I visited TMP in April 2025 – it is a beautiful facility – try to go there sometime when you can.) The pro shop is well-stocked with CMP’s latest offerings of both surplus and newly-manufactured firearms.

Please note that if you fly (not drive) to either store and are unable to transport your purchase(s) home on your return flight, you can pay the standard \$35 shipping (same as mail order) and they will ship the firearm either to your residence or to an FFL (depending on the item and applicable laws). *(Pistols, whether surplus or new-made, have to be shipped to an FFL before you can take it home.)*

The South Store (Anniston, AL) closed as of mid-February 2026 for an indefinite period. CMP states “all merchandise will be transferred to our store at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park...We are excited to announce a bigger Anniston store is on the horizon—stay tuned for more details! We can’t wait to create more space and an even better shopping experience for our customers.” *(No date has been given for the reopening at this time.)*

Please visit https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/cmp-stores/ for more information.

Also visit https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/eligibility-requirements/ for details on what requirements you must meet to purchase a firearm from CMP. In short, they are:

- **Proof of U.S. Citizenship**
- **Proof of Age** (usually proof of citizenship also provides proof of age)
- **Membership in CMP-Affiliated Organization**

As a VGCA member, you already meet this requirement! *(There are also other categories that may apply to you, such as members of Congressionally-chartered veterans organizations; active and reserve military (including National Guard); membership in certain law enforcement organizations; and others. Contact CMP using the web contact form at <https://thecmp.org/contacts/> if you have questions about your specific situation.*

- **Marksmanship or Other Firearms-Related Activity**

Purchasing CMP rifles at one time used to be reserved for shooters participating in various high-power rifle competitions (e.g., when the Army ran the old DCM program before 1996), but this has been greatly liberalized since then. In addition

to active participation in shooting matches (whether high-power, smallbore, air guns, rifles, pistols, or shotguns) the following are examples of activities that qualify:

- Concealed carry license (concealed handgun permit)
- Hunting license
- FFL or C&R license
- Current or past military or law enforcement service
- Persons over age 60 are exempt (surplus rifles); no marksmanship activity is required for the sale of M1911 pistols, ammunition, parts, publications or memorabilia.

One Last Thing...

Demand for CMP's offerings, particularly the surplus M1 Garands, M1903 Springfields, M1917 Enfields, and the .22 target rifles, has been heavy for several years now. As a result, the mail order program is only able to offer (at present) M1 Garands that were formerly drill rifles and have now been professionally "reclaimed" and returned into functioning rifles. (Marc provided details on this program in our previous newsletter.) Don't forget the reclaimed receivers and barreled receivers that are also available. (Purchase limits – 12 surplus rifles (incl. receivers/barreled receivers) per calendar year.)

The M1911 .45 pistol program has a good supply of pistols available (per CMP). (Purchase limit: four (4) M1911 pistols per purchaser (lifetime).)

Reclaimed M1903 Springfields will be available "soon" (per CMP) – some may already be available at the North Store and TMP. In addition, the new CMP-made M1 Garands (using newly-manufactured receivers) are available as well via mail order (must ship to FFL). Anyone seeking a "legacy" rifle (i.e., a service / field / rack grade that was not formerly a drill rifle), as well as the occasional collector-grade offerings, will need to visit CMP's auction site now hosted on GunBroker (<https://www.gunbroker.com/s/npfo/civilian-marksmanship-program/>). The CMP Forums (<https://forums.thecmp.org>) also provide up-to-date information, provided by certain dedicated individual shooters and collectors, regarding what is presently on hand in the stores.

Finally, the CMP is working with the Army regarding possible further returns of surplus rifles held by friendly foreign governments (e.g., loans of surplus U.S. military weapons), but this is naturally a slow process, even under the best of circumstances. More to come on this as well... **Go CMP!**



MARCH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Alan Reid

As we head towards the end of March, several anti-gun bills have left the Virginia legislature and gone forward to the Governor for signature and then into law. We can hope that common sense will prevail and she will veto some of these bills, but those chances are slim and would probably not be successful with the Democrats holding majorities in both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate.

The bills currently heading to the Governor from this session are:

SB749 / HB217 – Bans acquiring new “Assault Firearms” and magazines over 15 rounds after 1 Jul 2026

SB727 / HB1524 - Bans the carry of 1) a semi-automatic centerfire rifle or pistol that has a fixed magazine that holds more than 10 rounds or 2) a semi-automatic centerfire rifle or pistol that accepts a detachable magazine of any size and has any of a variety of cosmetic features or 3) a semi-automatic shotgun with a fixed magazine that holds more than 7 rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered or has a detachable magazine of any size, with any of a variety of cosmetic features, on or about a person on a public street, road, alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way, in a park, or in any place open to the public. There is an exception for carrying to/from a place of purchase or repair or a shooting range.

SB643 / HB1525 - Prohibits the purchase and possession of certain firearms by individuals under the age of 21

SB496 / HB110 - Requires a handgun left in a vehicle to be placed out of plain view and stored in a locked hard-sided container

SB323 / HB40 - Makes unfinished firearm frames and receivers and un-serialized commercially made firearms unlawful to possess, purchase, sell, or transfer unless they are serialized. Un-serialized firearms made before 1968 are exempt

SB115 - Severely restricts concealed handgun permit reciprocity with other states

SB27 / HB21 - Allows one of the most highly regulated industries, the firearms industry, to be sued civilly for a variety of already illegal actions. It also holds the manufacturers and sellers of even the most benign of firearm accessories, like a butt stock or a gun case, liable to a civil lawsuit if it doesn't “properly” protect that item from theft or misuse by a criminal.

SB173 / HB229 - Prohibits firearms, or knives with a blade longer than 3.5 inches, in facilities that provide mental health services or developmental services

HB916 - Changes the concealed handgun permit training requirements to replace “2. Completing any National Rifle Association or United States Concealed Carry Association firearms safety or training course;” with a more general, “2. Completing a handgun shooting class or course that teaches (i) efficient, effective, and responsible use of a concealed handgun for self-defense outside the home; (ii) state laws pertaining to handguns; and (iii) proper handgun storage techniques;”

Two pro-gun bills have also been sent to the Governor:

HB101 - Eliminates the requirement that a concealed handgun permit be requested in writing, allowing for other methods of applying for a permit

SB86 - Provides that the Department of State Police may allow the immediate survivor of any law-enforcement officer formerly employed by the Department who had at least 10 years of service with the Department and who died while receiving long-term disability payments to purchase his service handgun, with the approval of the Superintendent of State Police, at a price of \$1

Pro-Constitution organizations are awaiting the Governor’s signature before commencing legal action. What the result of any legal action will be in the short or long term we can only await.

The next battle is the upcoming Referendum on Fair Voting.

This is a battle that must be won by the people of Virginia!

A **NO** vote ensures that the people will have a say in who represents them for the future.

Every vote will count for this referendum so please ensure you find time to **VOTE** between now and April.

Editor’s note: The “Fair Voting” referendum, regardless of how it has been pitched, is an attempt to redraw Virginia Congressional district boundaries to eliminate traditional Republican majorities in five districts and to replace up to five Virginia Republican representatives with Democrats at the mid-term elections. The “fairness” (he writes sarcastically) comes from counter-balancing the redistricting that Texas is undertaking. I think the Texas initiative is wrong, and therefore what Virginia is attempting is also wrong. I was raised that “two wrongs don’t make a right.” If you believe as I do, please vote “NO” on this referendum on April 21st (early voting is currently underway).



★ Upcoming Officer Elections This May



With our officer elections scheduled for May, it is not too early to consider running for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer. If you would like to contribute more to the running of our organization, think about running for office. Contact one of current officers or directors if interested.

WE WANT YOU!



★ Show-n-Tell ★

NOTE: For anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell - please hold the item up so the members in attendance can see it. This will also help your photographer get a sharp picture and allow people who cannot attend the meeting to see it clearly in the newsletter. We also ask that you provide a Fact Sheet (copies of the one below will be provided at the meeting) to assist the newsletter editor in accurately describing your item. Thank you!

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

Where acquired (optional): _____ When acquired (optional): _____

A message from your VGCA Photographer--

I ask those who bring items in for Show-and-Tell to PLEASE hold the item UP and in view of the audience so that they can be seen clearly, and so that I might be able to get a decent picture for the newsletter. PLEASE stand behind the tables and simply hold the item at chest or waist level, face forward, stand still, and give me a five or six seconds to grab a decent photograph of the Show-and-Tell item.

If you do not want your Show-and-Tell item to be shared with other VGCA members, just tell me in advance and I will not attempt to take a photo of it.

I do photography for the VGCA and its' members, not for myself, and not for any personal gain. Your assistance in documenting your items will be a great help. I spend an average of five hours editing the pictures for the newsletter and not having a clear view of the subject has been a great and constant frustration for me.

Your help will assist in making a better newsletter for all VGCA members. Thank you!

Jack Looney

February Show-n-Tell



Member 1 shared his “demilled” MG-34 (*above*). This display piece is non-functional and legally is not a firearm, but with the exception of the receiver it is made up of all original parts. It was manufactured at Brno factory (factory code “dot”) in Czechoslovakia in 1945 and the replacement live barrel was made by Mauser-Werke AG (factory code “byf”) in 1941. Member 1 demonstrated how to change the barrel in the MG34, explaining that this process is what made the MG34 preferred for German armored vehicles right up to the end of the war. The parts were found in the back of a gun store here in Virginia.

He also brought in a German P-08 Luger pistol (*at right*). Also known as the Pistole Parabellum, this semi-auto toggle-lock design dates back to 1904. Chambered in 9mm Parabellum (9x19), this example was made by Mauser (“byf”) in 1941. Production of the P-08 would end the next year, replaced by the Walther P-38 in German service. It is all matching and part of a rig including the holster and two magazines. Sometimes called a “Black Widow” due to the black grips – this was purely a post-war marketing term.

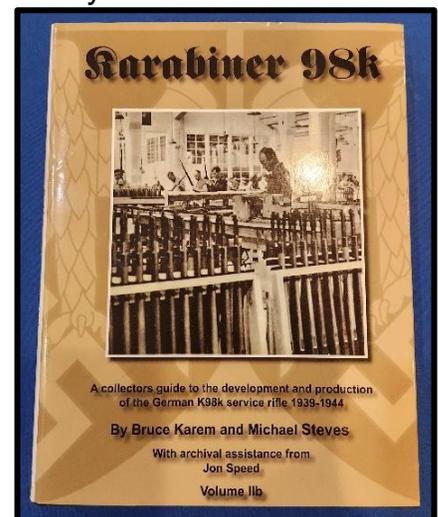


Member 2 brought in a semi-automatic build of a Yugoslav M53 machinegun (*right*). Chambered in 7.9x57 (8mm Mauser), the M53 was a direct copy of the MG42 and was produced by Zastava Arms starting in 1953. It served in the Yugoslav Army until 1999.

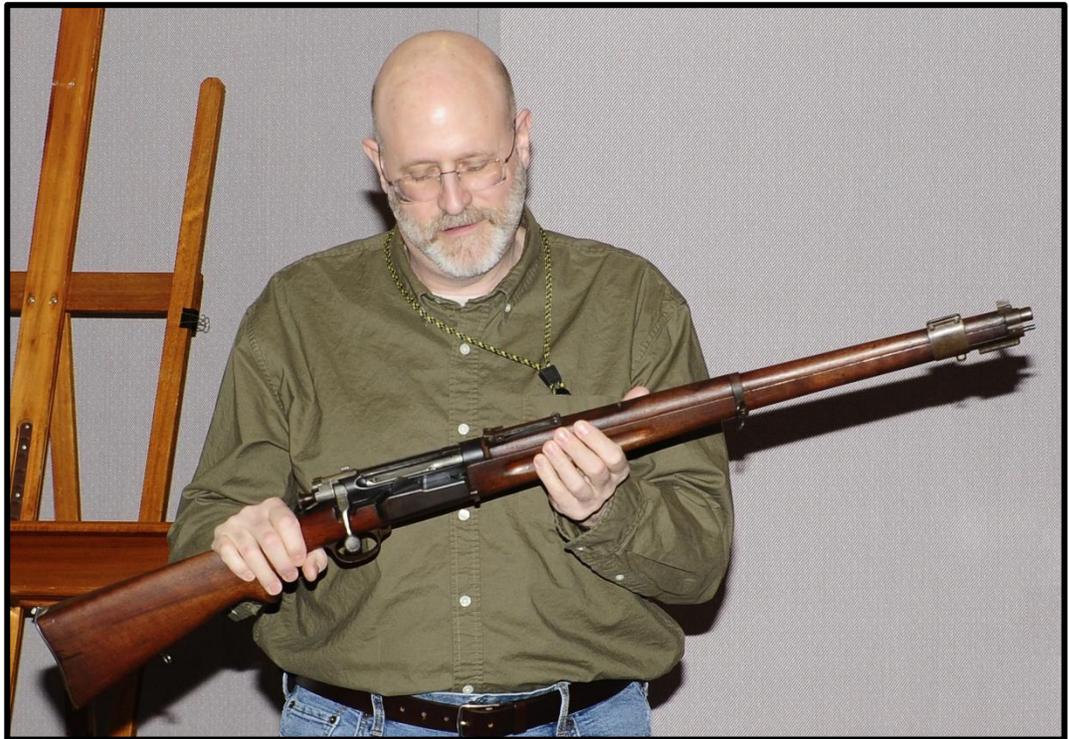


Member 3 brought in his recently acquired Karabiner 98 kurz (K98k) rifle (*at left*). Though approximately 14.6 million were manufactured for the German military between 1934 and 1945, finding an all-matching example in decent shape like this one (a “dot” 1944) is not easy or cheap. Unfortunately, when nice matching examples of a relatively common firearm start

commanding higher and higher prices, the door is opened to unscrupulous individuals to create fakes. The buyer either has to know what to look for or really trust the seller! In this case, Member 3 both trusted his seller and a superb reference book. If you are interested in researching the K98k, no better series of books exists than the 4-volume set of the **Karabiner 98k** written by Karem, Steves, and Speed. The “dot 44” is covered in volume IIb (*right*), on pages 659 to 675!



Member 4 brought in a Norwegian Krag-Jorgenson M1912/16 carbine (right). This bolt action carbine is chambered in 6.5x55mm Swedish (the M-1894 round). Referred to as a carbine, it is really a short rifle. The Norwegians produced 30,118 from 1913-1926. This example was made in 1913 and was retro-fitted with a sheet metal band at the forend of the stock to reinforce it for bayonet use.



Note: While its chamber dimensions are the same as the more modern Swedish M41 round, it is dangerous to shoot the M41 in the relatively weak Krag action with its single locking lug. You should only use the lower pressure M1894 round.



Member 5 shared a cased Colt Model 1878 double action revolver (left). This example has Colt's London, Pall Mall barrel markings and bird's head grips, is in a wooden English case and is chambered in the .455 British caliber. Colt produced 51,210 of these revolvers from 1878 to 1907, of which less than 1,000 were in made in .455.



Member 6 displayed his new Springfield "Hellion" semi-auto rifle (*left*). Chambered in 5.56x45 NATO, the new Hellion™ from Springfield Armory features a "bullpup" configuration defined by the action being located behind the trigger group. The Hellion has an overall length of just 28.25-inches while still sporting a 16" barrel. In addition to its optic rail, it has adjustable pop-up open sights. It has ambidextrous controls and a reversible case ejection system. Member 6 purchased it online in January of this

year, a self-proclaimed "panic buy" based on a pending Virginia assault firearms ban.

Member 7 brought in his new Sig P365 (*right*) pistol. The P365 is chambered in 9mm Parabellum (9x19) and features a patented modified double-stack magazine capable of 10+1 rounds, with extended magazines available for up to 21+1 full-size capacity. Its ergonomic design makes it more shootable than the many other pocket-sized pistols.

Member 7 purchased his P365 at a pawn shop. When the price of gold recently started climbing, Member 7 sold a 14k gold ring he found many years ago when he was in either high school or college. Well done, sir!





Member 8 brought in his WWII German Gewehr 41 semi-auto rifle in 8mm Mauser (*above*). The G41 (English translation: Rifle Model 1941), also known as the G41(W) or G41(M), depending on the manufacturer (either Walther or Mauser), are actually two distinct and different semi-automatic rifles. The Walther variant of the G41 was far more common and successful in German military service. They were largely superseded by the improved Gewehr 43, which was derived from the G41(W) although both rifles served concurrently until the end of the war.



Member 9 displayed a unique Double Gun (*left*) made by Virginia gunsmith John Beeton. Based on a double barrel 16-Gauge shotgun that was quite likely made in northern/central Virginia, it was later altered to a combination rifle/shotgun.

This was likely made on order for woods and field hunting in eastern or southern America. Member 9 figures, because of the size and weight, it was likely made for a boy or woman.



This rifle/shotgun combo is made by John Beeton and is signed on the right side of the .36 caliber octagon barrel (*detail above*). Beeton trained in the shop of gunsmith John Davidson, in Rockbridge County, Virginia. It may have started out as a flint lock (possibly re-stocked), and converted to percussion circa 1840s, possibly by one of Beeton's gunsmith sons.



The original 16-Gauge barrel (*above left, likely Belgian made*), was retained, and the right barrel was replaced with a .36 caliber octagon barrel of unknown origin.

It originally had double triggers which were brilliantly altered to do away with the left trigger. Now the right trigger can fire both barrels, either one hammer at a time or both together if you were not careful and cocked both at the same time.

It has a Brass trigger guard, crescent buttplate and fixtures, but no patch box. A

Hickory ram rod, half stock with cheek piece, which could originally have been a longer stock, and a simple German silver forend cap.

It has back action locks, made by George Goulcher (*detail at right*). Back Action means the lock and mainspring sit behind the hammer. These are seen on American made shotguns but are much more common on European-made guns. The side plates, or at least the left plate, show a degree of sophistication, elevating this combination gun above a base model.



"G. GOULCHER" is engraved on the original left lockplate, with light scroll engraving and a simple border, a bird dog on point, in a marsh scene behind the lightly engraved hammer. The right lockplate was replaced, appears to have been altered due to several extra screw holes.

George Goulcher (also spelled Golcher) of New York City (circa 1830~1870?) made a wide range of components for the arms trade that could be used by gunsmiths unable to produce their own parts. These included a wide range of components, such as lock plates for the arms market. George Goulcher, and Goulcher brothers, both made and imported gun locks for the trade, usually seen on simple, inexpensive guns, late flint to early percussion periods. Many were used on Pennsylvania style long guns.



★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: VGCA members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were confirmed when this newsletter was written but are not guaranteed. Shows highlighted in **yellow** are shows with a collector focus.

VIRGINIA – 2026

- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- Apr 17-19, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- Apr 18-19, 2026 – Dublin, VA – New River Valley Fairgrounds – *Gun Slingers*
- Apr 25-26, 2026 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Apr 25-26, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- May 2-3, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- May 9-10, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- May 15-16, 2026 – Fairfax, VA – Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 – *Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association (Sales of firearms made after 1892 prohibited)*
- May 16-17, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fraternal Order of Eagles – *SGK*
- May 16-17, 2026 – Wytheville, VA – Hitachi Energy Center (formerly Apex Event Center) - *Showmasters*
- May 22-25, 2026 – Hillsville, VA – Grove King VFW Post 1115 – *Grove King VFW*
- May 30-31, 2026 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jun 6-7, 2025 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (Our Show!)*
- Jun 12-14, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- Jun 20-21, 2026 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jun 27-28, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jul 11-12, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Jul 17-19, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- Jul 18-19, 2025 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*

MARYLAND – 2026

- Apr 4, 2026 – Parkville, MD – BCGF Pavillion – *Baltimore County Game & Fish Protective Association*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*
- Apr 18-19, 2026 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Apr 25-26, 2026 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- May 9-10, 2026 – Crownsville, MD – Anne Arundel Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 11-12, 2026 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 18-19, 2026 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026

- Mar 28, 2026 – St. Thomas, PA – St. Thomas Sportsmen Assn – *St. Thomas Sportsmen Assn*
- Mar 28, 2026 – Wampum, PA – Possum Hollow Sportsman's Club – *PHSA*
- Mar 28-29, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction Hall – *Central PA Antique Arms Assoc*
- Mar 28-29, 2026 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 28-29, 2026 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Apr 4, 2026 – Harborcreek, PA – Gem City Gun Club – *Gem City Gun Club*
- Apr 4, 2026 – Middletown, PA – Middletown Anglers & Hunters – *MAAH (Tim Barry)*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Mansfield, PA – 56 North Bullock Rd – *KT Backroad Arms (Kurtis Tice)*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026 (continued)

- Apr 11-12, 2026 – State College, PA – C3 Sports & Events Center – *Showmasters*
- Apr 12, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA – Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- Apr 17-19, 2026 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 18-19, 2026 – Centre Hall, PA – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds – *Outdoor Sportsman Club*
- Apr 25, 2026 – East Butler, PA – 200 Grant Avenue – *Butler City Hunting & Fishing Club*
- Apr 25-26, 2026 – Allentown, PA - Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 25-26, 2026 – Union City, PA – Union City Vol. Fire Dept. – *Randy Peterson*
- May 2-3, 2026 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- May 9-10, 2026 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- ~~May 16-17, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows* - CANCELLED~~
- May 16-17, 2026 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- May 17, 2026 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- May 23-24, 2026 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co – *Douglas R. Garloff, LLC*
- Jun 5-7, 2026 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Jun 13-14, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Jun 20-21, 2026 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Jun 27-28, 2026 – Allentown, PA - Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- Jun 27-28, 2026 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 11-12, 2026 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Jul 19, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA – Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- Aug 1-2, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2026

- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Tulsa, OK – Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher – World's Largest Gun Show – 4200+ tables!*
- May 23-24, 2026 – Greenville, SC – Greenville Convention Center - *SCACA*
- May 30-31, 2026 – Columbus, OH – Kasich Hall, Ohio State Expo Cntr – *OGCA Display Show*
- Aug 8-9, 2026 – Hamilton, OH – Spooky Nook at Champion Mill - *OGCA*
- Sep 26-27, 2026 – Wellington, OH – Ross Expo Center, Lorain County Fairgrounds – *OGCA*
- Oct 17-18, 2026 – Statesville, NC – Statesville Civic Center - *NCGCA*

NOTE: OGCA Gun Shows are not open to the public – they are restricted to members and invited guests only. Several VGCA members are also members of OGCA and can sponsor you if you are interested in attending.

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 and is intended for listing firearms and firearm related items. 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 regard 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. I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

VGCA Logo Available at Lands' End

Here's how to order your apparel:

1. Go to the VGCA store on Lands' End business:
<https://business.landsend.com/store/vgca>
 - a. It must be the URL shown above. **Do not** go to the regular Lands' End website. It will not show our logo options.
2. Above the photo on the home page click on "Men" or "Women"
3. On the drop-down menu select what you are interested in. For example, Men>Activewear >Tops gives you 19 different styles and fabrics of men's shirts. When you have selected an item click on it and select your color, size and quantity. Then on the lower right-hand corner of the screen click on the blue "Apply Logos" button.
4. On the next screen click on the VGCA logo to choose it and it will open the "select a Location" menu showing where you can have the VGCA logo embroidered. Choose a location and then scroll down to the "Apply Logo" button in the lower right corner and click it. It will return you to your garment page.
5. If you are satisfied with your garment, color, size and logo location click on the "Add to Bag" button in the lower right corner.
6. Then you can then go to checkout or continue shopping. When you checkout it will show an additional \$8.95 for embroidery.



If you have any questions, you can reach Bruce Buchner at 703-339-8212 or Buchnerb@cox.net

FOR SALE:

✪ **FINNISH MOSIN-NAGANT** is authored by VGCA member Matt DiRisio and published by Wet Dog Publications. The list price is \$99.95. It is 584 pages long with over 1,500 color and black and white photographs.

For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:

<https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant>

FOR SALE:

✪ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has 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.

FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices for VGCA members. These include:

- “U.S. Handguns of World War II” - \$45.00
- “The Smith & Wesson American Model” - \$55.00
- “U.S. Military Arms Inspector Marks” - \$45.00
- “The Colt Model 1860 Army Revolver” - \$60.00

If interested, please contact Charlie at usarmsresearch@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Larry Babcock has published a companion piece to his earlier book **M1 Garand Photo Essay**. This second book, titled **M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II** covers all new material, to include the M1C and M1D sniper rifles as well as a myriad of M1 accessories. Best of all, both books are offered at a discount to VGCA members. Volume I is normally priced at \$69 and volume II lists for \$49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for \$60 and \$40 each respectively - or \$90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock set up near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show or order from him directly at larrybab@comcast.net / or text to 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

★ Lefever Arms “Nitro Special”. 12-gauge with 2 ¾ inch chambers, 28-inch barrels choked Full and Modified. \$950

Contact Jack via email to looney.house@verizon.net or text to 703-999-9458.



FOR SALE:

★ 1968 Winchester Model 70 chambered in .270 Winchester. Excellent condition. Accepting offers.



★ Four boxes of Freedom Munitions 10mm X-DEF 200gr
List price is \$29.65 each - Asking \$25 each



Contact Steven Philippy at dhilliard54@duck.com or 703-927-9210.

WANT TO BUY:

✪ Browning lever action Gold Medallion, short action, blue or silver.

Also: Browning lever action with pistol grip and take down. Prefer .308 but any considered.

Call King at (703) 576-7016, if there is no answer leave name and number with a brief description.

Thank you, King von Schilling

WANT TO BUY:

✪ Seeking a Bagnold Sun Compass, used during WWII by British desert troops. It was mounted on their vehicles. Must be complete and in working order.

Contact Jack via email to looney.house@verizon.net

or text to (703) 999-9458.



WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA Life Member and Federal Firearms License dealer Colonel Ed Cercone, USMC, is seeking to enhance his collection and is looking for the following firearms in pristine condition and preferably with correct box. Ed can be reached at Lkcercone@aol.com or at (703) 323-6358. Mirror finish pieces are most desired.

S&W Model 56 KTX - 38

S&W Model 73

S&W Model 59 Blue or Nickel

S&W Model 39-2 Alloy 7.65 mm

S&W Model 39 Steel Frame

S&W Model 39 Alloy Blue or Nickel

S&W Model 66 Combat 2 1/2" 357 mag

S&W Model 66 No Dash 2 1/2" 357 mag

S&W 386 SCS Airweight

Beretta Model 1934 (7.65) With High Polish Finish or Italian Air Force Production or

Model 1935 possibly with a high polish finish in 7.65

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