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March 2010 VGCA Gun Show Special Edition e-Newsletter

Presentation at the February 25th 2010 Meeting of the VGCA: President Addison Hurst, kicked off this month's general membership meeting with announcements and followed up with a critical business meeting on urgent issues and last minute preparations for the **March 27-28, 2010 VGCA Gun Show at Prince William County Fairgrounds**. Instead of a speaker presentation, there was a general membership Show and Tell Program and swap meet. A review of activities will follow in appropriate sections.

Future Presentations: We still need Meeting presenters for the some of the dates remaining of 2010. Call **Addison Hurst** if you are willing to be a presenter. The NFM-VGCA presentations are still TBA - no word yet on dates and topics.

☆☆☆ SPRING GUN SHOW ANNOUNCEMENTS ☆☆☆ March 27-28, 2010 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds

VGCA Gun Show Admission Policy for Members: In November 2007, the Executive Committee of the VGCA decided to discontinue free admission for all club members, and that free show admittance would be restricted to the following categories: military personnel "in uniform," law enforcement personnel with official credentials, and all table renters and their support personnel, i.e. 2 passes for the 1st table, and one additional pass for each additional table. **The final category for free admission, a group always deserving of special thanks and recognition for their tireless dedication and support, is the Gunshow Volunteers – the Security, Safety and Setup personnel.** All other members pay admission. In spite of this being in effect for over 2 years, and having been mentioned numerous times in the newsletter prior to each show, there are still a small number of persons at each show who feel they have to become abusive and argumentative with the gate personnel over this policy. This is a tiny number and not a reflection of the membership since before this policy was implemented, many members volunteered to pay in spite of the past policy of free admittance. Please try to be civil to our volunteers who uphold this policy and **if you wish to gain free entry, consider contributing by volunteering for the Security, Safety and Setup teams as we always need reliable help for these critical activities.**

Call for Gun Show Volunteers: We still need volunteers for the Security and Show Table Setup Teams, as well as some folks to help put out the signs the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. Tell **John Frietsch** at 1-540-409-1271, **Dave Litchfield**, or one of the Officers if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the monthly meeting. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs.

Safety Team Volunteers. If any member wishes to help out for an hour or so at the upcoming March 2010 show, please call **John Frietsch**, Safety and Security Coordinator at 1-540-409-1271.

Show Set UP will be on Thursday, March 25th at 1300 hours. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to assist with this brief effort. It typically takes only a few hours, or less.

Also, *if you are a Set Up, Safety, or Security volunteer, remember to get a volunteer chit to present at the show for free admittance* as should all other members that provide assistance to the club.

Volunteers are also sought to assist several of our show sellers during the sellers set up on Friday, or at the conclusion of the show that typically have large amounts of stock to unload and load up, such as Tommy the bookseller, and Tom Drinkwater and his ammo, reloading equipment, powder and other items.

The Association will again have the Evaluation Table at the show. It was very popular for the last two shows and helps set VGCA apart from other shows. Let **Addison Hurst** know of any particular area of expertise you have and wish to share, so Evaluation Table can refer show patrons to you – of course, you need to be there for this to work!

Dues for annual membership were due in January 2010 and are \$30.00 per year. Membership dues are \$30.00 for Annual membership, and \$150.00 for Life. Get payments in now to avoid removal from VGCA roles. **Membership Applications:** Anyone with any blank applications that state dues other than \$150 for Life Membership, or \$30/yr for Annual membership should DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY. These amounts for membership dues has been in effect for several years now, and we are still getting applications that state dues amounts that have been changed several times, with some that were in effect over six years ago. Please purge these obsolete forms from your stashes. Membership applications with incorrect or missing dues, will be returned to members or their sponsors and will not be acted upon until the correct amount of membership fees are included.

☆☆☆ Election of VGCA Officers Update ☆☆☆

In spite of delays and several record-breaking snows which delayed the mails and closed offices and neighborhoods, the ballots and election materials for the VGCA Officer election went out in early February. This pushed the entire election schedule back by one month. The following members are candidates for Officers positions: for President, **Addison Hurst**; for Vice President, the candidates are **Kelly Cook** and **Ernie Lyles**; for Secretary, the candidates are **Bill Chronister** and **John Frietsch**; for Treasurer, **Ed Costello**. Members were reminded in the February Newsletter to review the ballots, make your selections, put a first class stamp on them, and return them ASAP (within a week of receipt). This allowed 30 days for members to make their selections before the mid-March (normally mid-February) cutoff.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER THE SHOW: As there is no March meeting due to the Gun Show, the Association will hold a short Special Membership Meeting immediately following the first day of the Gun Show (Saturday, March 27) at 5:15PM. This will be a short and sweet meeting to announce the election winners so members can depart for well deserved rests and dinners. Please try to attend.

February 25th 2010 Business Meeting: The business meeting was limited to final election nominations, gun show preparations, and other announcements. A new member was welcomed into the fold – **William Hitchcock**, sponsored by **Jack Bokinsky**, was voted into the Club. Welcome. **Treasurer Ed Costello** reported that the club had a net positive profit for CY 2009. The VGCA will help sponsor member **Al Edge** with his display/presentation at the upcoming NRA conference. For those not familiar with Al's work, he is a talented master black powder gunmaker. His work can be seen at the NRA-National Firearms Museum as both new rifles for sale at the Museum store, and in restoration work he does for the Museum. It was the consensus that this was appropriate and within our Association's charter to promote firearms collecting.

February 25th 2010 Special Show and Tell: The Featured Show and Tell kicked off with **Dave Litchfield** quizzing the members present about a device he showed. The device was an AK-47 barrel holder that was used to convert an AK-47 into a vehicle port firing device. **Chris Smith** showed his Springfield Armory NRA Sporter with a Star Gauge barrel and M1922 stock. These rifles, based upon the M1903 Service rifle action, were once offered for sale to NRA members, and rivaled any of their contemporary commercially produced rifles. **John Morris** showed a number of Trench Art examples ranging from a piece made from a 75mm Russian tank shell made in Czechoslovakia that was decorated with Zodiac signs to a WWI 6-pounder naval gun shell. **Marc Gorelick**

showed a newly acquired 1867 Remington Navy rolling block pistol in .50 centerfire. Going even earlier, **Jim Vaughan** displayed an Eli Whitney 1912 musket for the State of Massachusetts. This example was in excellent condition. **Larry Hare** showed his new Savage Model 23D in .22 Hornet with Weaver S-1 mount and Mossberg 4D scope. **John Babey** presented his 3rd Model Colt Derringer in .41 Short Rimfire. These diminutive pieces were made from the 1870s until 1912. **Steve Philippi** showed his lucky .50 caliber Lancaster School Pennsylvania Long Rifle made by James Ingram. This beautiful custom rifle was won in a drawing from the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association (NMLRA). See, real people do win these contests. **Shannon Ziegler** reported on a book he had acquired called *Armed America – Gun Owners in Their Homes*, a collection of portraits of Americans displaying their firearms. Those pictured were a divers group with all types of guns represented, united by the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment. **Bob Sears** closed out the session with a number of ammunition curiosities from UMC .32 S&W Centerfire rounds from Morris’s Gun and Sporting House in Norristown, PA, to a .25-20 necked down to .22 and a .25 Stevens Rimfire.

Announcements Section

Special Announcement “Lost and FOUND” – We are still seeking information from members or someone who knows the person who brought a Civil War firearm to the Assessment and Appraisal Table at the Fall Show and found a part was missing. The missing part was found!!! If you are the person, or know the person, you may claim the part by giving a description of the part and identify the firearm it was from to **Robert Bloomfield**, contact cell: 571-431-2015 or by e-mail at robert.d.bloomfield@lmco.com (LMCO.COM) or see the folks at the Evaluation Table at the Show.

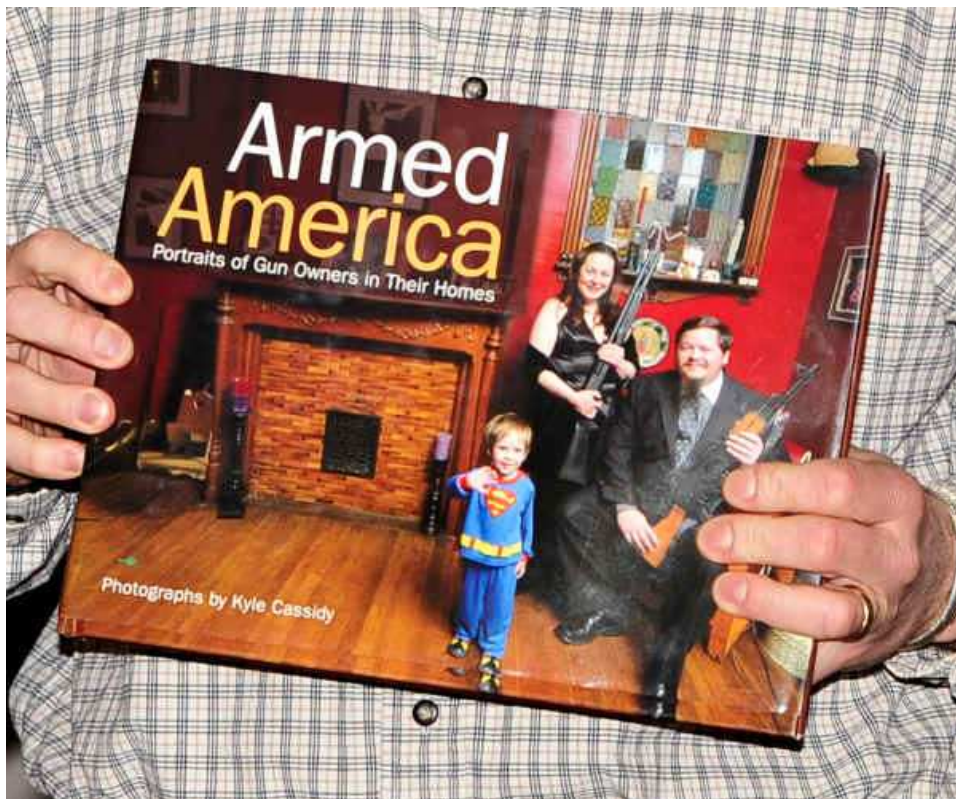
February Show and Tell Photos



← Addison makes key announcements.

↑ Ed Costello delivers the Treasurer’s report.

Steve Philippi showed his lucky .50 caliber Lancaster School Pennsylvania Long Rifle made by James Ingram.



Armed America – Gun Owners in Their Homes, a collection of portraits of Americans displaying their firearms.

Upcoming Events and Shows

Words to the Wise: 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. Historical events and lectures, re-enactments, auctions (national, international, and local estate auctions) are all welcome. Collector shows are highlighted in yellow.

VIRGINIA 2010

- ☞ **March 27-28, 2010 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ☞ **March 27-28, 2010 - Williamsburg, VA - Holiday Inn Patriot Hotel, 3032 Richmond Road - 3rd Annual Southern Longrifle Show - Contact: Dennis Glazener, E-mail: tdg23113@verizon.net**
- ☞ **April (TBD) 2010 - Petersburg, VA - Battersea, home of Col. John Banister - 18th Annual Battersea Revolutionary War Re-enactment - Sponsored by: City of Petersburg - Contact: <http://www.petersburg-va.org>, Petersburg Visitor Center, 425 Cockade Alley, Phone: 800-368-3595, E-mail: petgtourism@earthlink.net**
- ☞ **April 10-11, 2010 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – Showmasters**
- ☞ **April 10-11, 2010 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - Old Dominion Shows**
- ☞ **April 17-18, 2010 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - C&E Gun Show**
- ☞ **April 17-18, 2010 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - SGK, LTD**
- ☞ **April 23, 24 & 25, 2010 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - C&E Gun Show / Showmasters**

MARYLAND 2010

- ☞ **April 3-4, 2010 - Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – Silverado Promotions**

PENNSYLVANIA 2010

- ☞ **April 10-11, 2010 - Poconos, PA - Split Rock Lodge - Eagle Arms**
- ☞ **April 17-18, 2010 - Monroeville, PA - Convention Center - Showmasters**
- ☞ **April 24-25, 2010 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - Eagle Arms**
- ☞ **April 30, May 1-2, 2010 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - Appalachian Promotions & SAR Gun & Machine Gun Show "This is 1 of the Best shows on the East Coast"**
- ☞ **May 8-9, 2010 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.**

OKLAHOMA 2010

- ☞ **April 10-11, 2010 – Tulsa, OK - Expo Center-Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) - Tulsa Arms Collectors Association. ****MORE THAN 3,900 TABLES!******

“Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron’s cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their consciences.” – C.S. Lewis

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