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March 2011 VGCA e-Newsletter & Gun Show Reminder



The Presentation at the February 24th Meeting was given by **Terrance Lamb**. It covered a large cache of American Western history and artifacts associated with the Dyer family, and was a follow-up of his December presentation. The Dyers were wealthy individuals and Col. Daniel B. Dyer was the individual who nominated Abraham Lincoln at the Republican Presidential nominating convention. He later was closely associated with Buffalo Bill Cody and took part in a mining venture in 1907-1908 involving a 'salted' gold mine that cost Cody severe financial losses, as well as lesser losses for Col. Dyer. As Mr. Lamb was telling the various details of the Dyers and the historical papers, photos and memorabilia, he also mentioned that the Dyers had a history dating to the 1600s when a Dyer woman was hanged in Boston for being a Quaker. Mr. Lamb is currently researching the items for their historical significance, provenance, and valuation.

Part II of the night's Presentation was a Session with **Sam Hatfield**, owner of **Hatfield's Gunsmithing** at 9015 Church Street in Manassas, Virginia. Mr. Hatfield was recently the subject of an American Rifleman article on his invention, the Hatfield Tactical Racker, which improves a shooters grip on the slide of a Glock pistol. Mr. Hatfield gained his expertise and experience as a master armorer for the Army marksmanship Unit (AMU). This night however, his focus was on the Colt Model 1911A1 family of pistols and how to accurize and blueprint this classic pistol. He explained accurizing techniques and also covered the pure custom pistols they build, such as titanium framed M1911 .45. What was especially noteworthy was when he was asked about various .45 brands, and what makes the best raw material for a custom pistol, he was very candid, but was also realistic and objective without unduly criticizing one brand over another, and instead focused on what he thought were the better and best sources for a good .45. This was a truly great presentation.



Upcoming monthly presentations:

- **April 28** will be interesting. **Jeff Walker** is a custom rifle maker and will be our speaker. He builds precision rifles used out to 1000 yards. He will show and discuss how he pillar beds rifles, beds the actions, and all the techniques that are needed to build such precise rifles. It should be fascinating so don't miss it. While not strictly a gun collecting subject, we are all shooters and this information will of great interest. This meeting might also be a good time to discuss precision ammo reloading – bring in the gear.
- **Anthony Vanderlinden** of Fabrique National (FN) fame from NC will be visiting us again in May on the 26th. One possible topic may be engraved FN arms. Full details to follow. Whatever he discusses, it will be fascinating as usual.
- **Phil Spangenberg** should be back discussing Guns of the Old West on June 23. If you saw him a few years ago, you know how he is very entertaining and informative. Mark your calendars and bring in the appropriate arms for show and tell.



Notes from the Podium: Our Spring 2011 gun show is sold out! We spent a lot of money on advertising and all systems seem to be in place. Table setup is Thursday, March 24 at 1:00PM. Come lend a hand if you can — more hands make less work as the saying goes. We always need help with security and the like so show up and help. You get out of this club what you put into it. We have new film so we can take good ID badges, so if you need a new badge or need to replace a badge, let Larry Hare know. He will be at his usual spot near the middle door on the right side of hall. We will again be featuring our free verbal firearms evaluation table. If you can help by lending your expertise, let me know so we can send them your way. These tables will be at the rear of the hall, where space is available. Bring in any reference books you care to and we will do our utmost to safeguard them. I will need help manning the tables so your help will be most appreciated by me and, I am sure, the patrons who are looking for information on their arms. This unique feature of VGCA shows has been very popular with the public and I think this type of thing helps set us apart from the typical shows that contain 50% of beef jerky, jewelry, etc.

I agree with most folks who say it should be a feeding frenzy, if recent shows are any indication. So bring out all your arms and ammo and enjoy the show.

On a somber note — at least one or more members have by rumor implied there were some inappropriate calculations in the tabulations of the last election. Of necessity, I must delegate many duties when running an organization such as VGCA. I do so to those who I know are absolutely reliable and whose honesty is well known. To impugn any of these trusted folks is to impugn me. I take such allegations very seriously as I have for the past 30 years or so as your Association Secretary or as your President.

While I did not initially wish to cause any embarrassment to those who did not prevail in the election, I now think the ballot results must be announced to the members given the apparent allegations: Note that 355 ballots and a stamped addressed return envelope were mailed out by first class mail (at considerable expense to the club) to all known members. At 3 votes per ballot, this amounts to a potential of 1065 votes to be cast by members. Also, please note that two ballots came back with a bad address and two ballots were invalidated since the member was unable to properly execute the ballot per the enclosed instructions. This leaves the naked fact that 351 valid ballots were mailed out - as indicated by the lack of other returns by the USPS. Of these 351 valid ballots — the membership ONLY returned and voted with 172 ballots with a total of 499 votes being cast. The other 179 ballots were not returned and 566 votes were never cast. Do the math – only about 49% of you bothered to vote.

However those of who did bother to do so, voted in the following manner: **Jim Burgess** received 130 votes (approximately 37% of the vote); **Dave Litchfield** received 106 votes (approximately 30% of the vote); **Addison Wright** received 84 votes (approximately 24% of the vote); **John Frietsch** received 74 votes (approximately 21% of the vote); **Kelly Cook** received 66 votes (approximately 19% of the vote); **Marc Gorelick** received 38 votes (approximately 11% of the vote); and there was one **write in** vote cast (approximately 0% of the vote)

A total of 499 votes were cast out of 1065. A shameful situation indeed I think. Thanks to you who exercised your right to vote.

Since whoever made these allegations did not come to me or to any Board Member, I am not sure exactly what the allegations of impropriety were. However, the recount by Ed Costello confirmed the vote as announced at the February 24, 2011 meeting by Bill Chronister. I would request that members with allegations such as these come to me or to any board member with them. The ballots themselves, as usual, are attached to the minutes of the last membership meeting in case any member wishes to count them again. I will have the ballots/minutes at the meeting on April 28 and will bring them the show as well. Let me know if you wish to count them again. The elections are expensive and labor intensive, and the next one will be coming up in January — this one for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. I hope more of you will bother to vote this next time. Enjoy the coming spring.

Hope to see you at the show and at the meetings.

Addison Hurst, President

★ **Bad Email Alert:** Members should notify VGCA when they change their e-mail addresses. We are getting lots of bounce-backs from bad e-mail addresses or because the account cannot accept e-mails with attachments. If you wish to get the newsletter and other VGCA correspondence, you will need to put attachments beginning with VGCA on your safe list.

Remember, dues for annual membership are due in January 2011 and are \$30.00 per year.

LAST CALL: Membership dues are \$30.00 for Annual Memberships and \$150.00 for Life Memberships.

Get payments in now to avoid removal from VGCA roles. Cutoff is April 15 – Tax Day.

Preview of the “new” VGCA Logo Patch (right): Many thanks go to Dave Litchfield who took the small logo from the newsletter and had it made into a 3.25” patch. The patches will be used as recognition to the show volunteers, speakers at meetings, or new members and sponsors. They will be available for sale at the show and meetings for \$5.00.

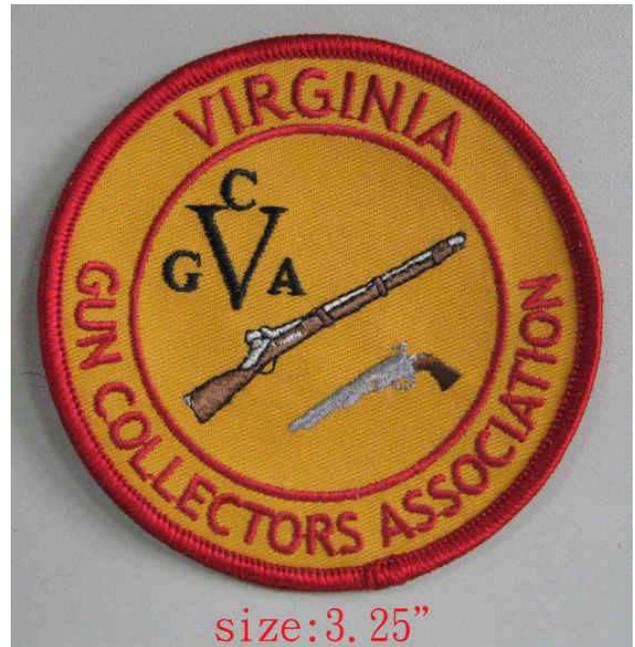
Virginia Gun Collectors Assoc. Gun Show Prince William County Fairgrounds March 26-27, 2011

The Spring 2011 VGCA Gun Show at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on **March 26-27, 2011 is sold out!!!**. Pass the word..

- ⊙ **CALL for VGCA Gun Show Volunteers:** We always need volunteers for the **Show Table Setup, Safety** and **Security** Teams, as well as some folks to help with the **Sign Detail** the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. Tell **John Frietsch**, **Dave Litchfield** or one of the Association Officers if you wish to volunteer. Talk to **Larry Hare** if you want to help with signs. Table set-up will be on Thursday, March 24, usually around 1PM, or whenever the tables arrive!
- ⊙ **Safety Team Volunteers:** If any member wishes to help out for an hour or so at the show, please call John Frietsch, Safety and Security Coordinator at 1-540-409-1271. **Remember, volunteering for the Security, Safety, and Setup teams gets a free admission.**

We have conducted aggressive advertising and outreach. A lot of work by the faithful volunteers and coordinators for the various aspects of the show has ensured a full house of vendors, members, and display tables. Let's make it our best show yet.

Show and Tell for February: In honor of the evening's topic of .22 caliber firearms, **Gary Holderman** showed a rare Winchester Junior Rifleman Kit the Winchester Model 1902 and 1904 bolt action rifles. He also had a box of the Junior Rifle Corps 1919 .22 ammo. In 1920, the Model 1902 rifle retailed for \$11.75. **John Babey** displayed a brace of S&W revolvers – an 1867 S&W 7 shot .22 revolver originally shipped to New York City, and a S&W Model 22-32 Heavy Target revolver, a .22 based on the old, now discontinued, .32 S&W I frame. **Dan Szatkowski** brought in a very unusual, and rarely seen, accessory for Webley revolvers, a set of loaders and an original Sam Brown belt pouch in super condition. **Bob Sears** had two classic firearms, a small pocket pistol that was the first Stevens manufactured firearm and a Steven Favorite .22 rifle with a Model 1907 Stevens-made long telescopic sight. Manufacture of the scope was later taken over by Lyman. He also updated members on the Remington 700 safety issue. **Kelly Cook** presented a tiny engraved and nickel plated Remington Vest Pocket Pistol made from 1865 to 1878. **John Morris** also showed up with a pair of .22's. The first was a scale model of a 16 inch coastal defense artillery piece with recoil mechanism out of Alliance, Ohio that could fire .22RF rounds. The second .22RF was a sub-caliber training device for a 90mm tank gun. This piece consisted of a brass piece that fit the 90mm chamber and held a Remington 513T action. This was used to train tank gunners on an indoor or reduced range course. It came with a case and training manual and paperwork. **Dave Litchfield** brought in his Remington 700 rifle, and his boyhood .22RF rifle, a Harrington and Richardson (H&R) Model 750 Pioneer. **Jim Burgess** also brought one of his boyhood rifles, a very nice commercial Remington 513T target rifle. **Larry Hare** presented his recently acquired, Peabody-actioned .22 repeating rifle in .22 Short. This unusual and attractive piece was made in Belgium. **Rick Nahas** brought in 2 unusual S&W revolvers, a Model 53 in .22 Jet engraved and gold inlaid with a Battle of Midway motif, and a rare prototype aluminum alloy N-frame .22 Hornet revolver.



Shannon Zeigler showed a very nice Australian Lithgow-made No.2MkIV Enfield training rifle with Parker Hale target sights. A **member** displayed a small Sharps Pepperbox in .22RF. This pistol fired its multiple barrels with a rotating firing pin. **Bruce Furr** showed what was the most striking .22 of the night, a scale model of an 1874 Gatling Gun in .22RF made from polished brass and steel with a black walnut wooden carriage. The gun fired a 220 round magazine, with 11 feed slots holding 20 rounds each, by the rotation of a hand crank like the full sized original. **Addison Wright** brought in one of his boyhood treasures, a Grade II Browning BL-22 lever action. **Addison Hurst** closed this night of an extremely eclectic collection of .22 caliber firearms when he displayed his very nice Winchester Model 52B target rifle with Lyman Target-Spot scope.

Photos of the February 24 Meeting and Show and Tell



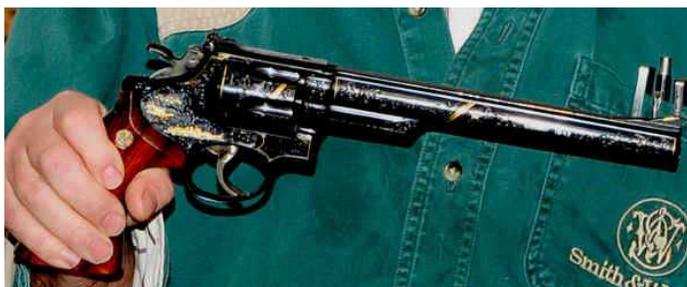
← 1867 S&W revolver
 ↗ Webley loaders and pouch
 ↙ Steven Favorite and Scope



Scale Model of 1874 Gatling gun in .22RF ↗



↙ 90mm tank gun sub-caliber training device



← Engraved and gold inlaid "Midway" S&W Model 53

Interested in the NRA Annual Meetings and Convention? Would any members be interested in sharing rides and gas expenses to the NRA Annual Meetings in Pittsburgh, PA the last week in April? This would be a day trip on Saturday, April 30. It would mean leaving early, about 6 a.m., and coming back after dark. If interested, contact Jim Burgess at the upcoming VGCA Gun Show.

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 online, 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.

VIRGINIA 2011

- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- ☉ **March 26-27, 2011 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ☉ March 26-27, 2011 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☉ April 9-10, 2011 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ April 15, 16 & 17, 2011 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- ☉ April 30-May 1, 2011 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ May 14-15, 2011 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ May 21-22, 2011 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ May 28-29, 2011 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *C&E Gun Show*

MARYLAND 2011

- ☉ **March 19-20, 2011 – Baltimore (Timonium), MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – Maryland Arms Collectors Association, www.baltimoreshow.com**
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – *Silverado Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA 2011

- ☉ March 19-20, 2011 - Harrisburg, PA - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ☉ March 26-27, 2011 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association*.
- ☉ April 1, 2, & 3, 2011 - King of Prussia, PA - Valley Forge Convention Center - valleyforgegunshow.com
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Philadelphia, PA - National Guard Armory - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 - Poconos, PA - Split Rock Lodge - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ April 9-10, 2011 - Greencastle, PA - Mason Dixon Auto Auction - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ April 16-17, 2011 – Lebanon, PA - Lebanon Expo Center - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ April 30-May 1, 2011 - Monroeville, PA - Convention Center - *C&E/Showmasters Gun Shows*
- ☉ **May 14-15, 2011 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm. This is a GREAT Show!!! Worth the drive.**

OKLAHOMA 2011

- ☉ April 2-3, 2011 – Tulsa, OK - Expo Center-Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) - *Tulsa Arms Collectors Association. **MORE THAN 4,100 TABLES!***

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V/R, Newsletter Editor

FEDERAL and AMERICAN EAGLE 45 AUTO PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING

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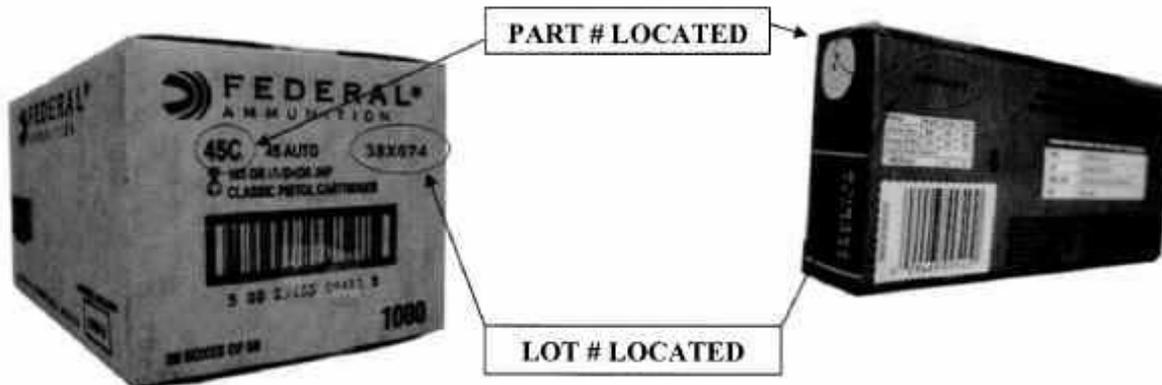
Immediate Action Required

Certain lots of recently manufactured 45 Auto ammunition may contain an incorrect propellant charge. Use of product from these lots may result in firearm damage and possible serious injury.

DO NOT USE PRODUCT FROM THE FOLLOWING LOTS:

**38X628 through 38X765
38T401 through 38T414**

If you have in your possession any 45 Auto with the following brand names and part numbers, check to see if your ammunition package contains the above lots: American Eagle® (AE45A, AE45N1, or AE45A250), Champion™ (WM5233), GoldMedal® (GM45B), Hi-Shok® (45C, 45D), Federal® Personal Defense® (C45C, C45D) and Federal Premium® (P45HST1, P45HS2G, LE45T1). Example below:



THIS WARNING APPLIES ONLY TO THE LOTS LISTED ABOVE.

If you possess ammunition from any of these lots, or have questions concerning this warning, please contact us at 1-800-831-0850 or 1-800-322-2342 and ask for Product Service. Federal will provide replacement product and will cover the cost of returning the affected product.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.