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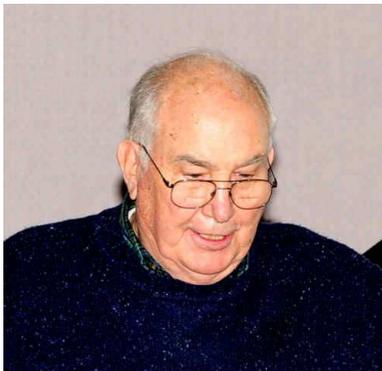
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April 2011 VGCA Spring Gun Show e-Newsletter



The Presentation at the February 24th Meeting was given by **Terrance Lamb** as a follow-up of his December presentation. It covered a large cache of American Old West historical memorabilia and artifacts associated with the Dyer family. 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. 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** which recently has moved into larger quarters in Manassas. He is now located at 8898 Mathis Ave., Manassas VA 20110. 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. This was a truly great presentation and we hope to have him back..



Upcoming monthly presentations:

- **Presentation for the April 28 Meeting:** **Jeff Walker** of Culpeper, VA is a custom rifle maker and will be our speaker discussing how he builds super accurate rifles. He will discuss how he beds the actions, and all the techniques that are needed to build precision rifles. We are all shooters and this information will of great interest. The theme for the Show & Tell is simple: ACCURACY! Bring in your most accurate firearms, from Whitworth's, black powder arms, sniper rifles, custom made bench rest rifles, or the most accurate handguns you own. Be prepared to discuss why they are so accurate.
- **Anthony Vanderlinden** of Fabrique National (FN) fame from NC will be visiting us again at the **May 26th** meeting. Full details to follow. Whatever he discusses, it will be fascinating as usual.
- The **June 23rd** meeting will bring back noted gun writer **Phil Spangenberg** discussing *Guns of the Old West*. If you saw him a few years ago, you know why this is not to be missed. Mark your calendars.



2011 Board of Directors Election Results: For those who missed the March email only issue of the Newsletter, the results are: With 49% of the Association membership voting, **Jim Burgess** received 130 votes (approximately 37% of the vote); **Dave Litchfield** received 106 votes (approximately 30% of the vote); and **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); and **Marc Gorelick** received 38 votes (approximately 11% of the vote). There was one **write in** vote cast (approximately 0% of the vote).

★ **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.

Notes from the Podium: The recent show was a lot of fun and was well attended. Ed Costello will have all the figures at this month's meeting. The displays were numerous and of high quality. The display by the guards of the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery was unique as was their demonstration of the inspection of arms that they do every day at the Tomb. The military jeep display caused a lot of interest by the public. The security folks did a great job and we had plenty of help in security, table set up, safety, and the gate. I would like to express my thanks to all who so willingly pitched in to help. It was a very well organized show.

I am sad to report to you that **Alan Wampler** died this week (Week of April 10). His wishes were for no flowers or ceremony so we will respect that. He was an active table holder at our shows for several years.

As I mentioned in my comments last month, I brought all the ballots from the last election to the Gun Show and I will have them at this month's meeting for inspection by those who may have issues with the election. I mentioned in the last flyer that Ed Costello recounted them and the vote count was verified as being correct.

I sold quite a few of our new VGCA patches at the show. I will have them with me at the meeting. They are 5 bucks. If you bring in a new member, both you and the new member will receive one free. The idea for the new patches was not to make a profit but to build morale and recognition as a club badge. They are really nice and look good attached to your shooting jacket, vest, or hat. Dave Litchfield did an excellent job in getting these made. The fact that the colors are gold and red is strictly a coincidence, given the fact that his family members have spent some eighty years in the Marine Corp.

This month's meeting will be fun. We will have a special guest, **Jeff Walker** of **Walker Custom Rifles** in Culpeper, Virginia, who will discuss how he builds super accurate rifles — even those that are used at 1000 yard matches. The theme for the show and tell is simple — ACCURACY. Bring in your most accurate firearms. Be prepared to discuss why they are so accurate — tips on reloading, glass bedding actions, special triggers or other tricks — Lots for us to learn. Townsend Whelan once made the statement that "Only accurate rifles are interesting." To learn more about Jeff before the meeting, look at his website: <http://www.walkercustomrifles.com>

Be thinking about a field trip to VMI to see the Henry M. Stewart Collection that is now on full display. Despite the 4 or 5 buck gas prices, perhaps the easiest way would be to car pool down there to reduce the individual costs. Perhaps we can discuss this at the meeting on April 28. If we can come up with workable dates, perhaps we can coordinate with Col. Gibson to try to make this happen. From the few pictures I have seen, it would seem to be worth the effort to make the trip. Sonny Laine — we need your help to make this happen. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Addison Hurst, VGCA President

The VGCA Gun Show at Prince William County Fairgrounds March 26-27, 2011

The show was well attended — Saturday was real crowded, but Sunday less so. The displays were great and we received a lot of helpful and great feedback from table holders. So here are the details from the major coordinators.

A Note From The Security Chief, John Frietsch: I would like to first thank **Dave Litchfield** as Assistant Security Chief. Thanks, David. You can always be counted on. Those who volunteered for the security and safety detail for the past show in alphabetical order are: **Julian Aylor** (Safety), **John Babey**, **Jim Burgess**, **Terry Fearnley**, **Fred Fees** (Safety), **Jim Frigiola**, **Emory Hackman**, **Larry Hare**, **Gary Holderman**, **Addison Hurst**, **Karl "1911" Karash**, **George Kirschbaum**, **Bill Ludwig**, **Bruce McCauley**, **Dave McKenzie**, **Al Miller**, **Chip Miller**, **Penny Peyton**, **Steve Philippy**, **Joe Roberts**, **Lindsay Schaff**, **Tom Schwieger**, **Art Shingler**, **Gary Sherrill**, **Carl Warhurst**, **Reid West** (Safety), **Addison Wright**, and **Bill York**. **Lee Turner** was teaching at the 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake, but hustled some 150 miles of mostly back roads to get back to Manassas for show tear-down. A thank you goes to all those kids from the 4-H. (Aahhh..The energy of youth!!) A thank you goes out to **Bill Chronister** for creating and printing a survey of our dealers that determined we are on

the right track in rebuilding our show. **Gary Sherrill**, who moved to Texas after the show, said that he should be back in the neighborhood for the show this November! (as long as no blizzards) Right-on !

I would like to mention that most listed above pull 2-day, and sometimes 3-day duty in a multitude of assignments. We welcome more volunteers for our show. With most members in the "life member" status, our principal means of fund raising is no longer dues; it is our gun show. Anyone who attends a meeting benefits by what the 35-40 volunteers accomplish when they put on our show. The donation cup at monthly meetings pays for only a part of the drinks; (and the occasional pizza) plus there are stationery, postage, insurance costs, arranging for transportation for our out-of-town speakers, and a host of other smaller expenditures that all add up. We would like to become more proactive and are attempting to rebuild our show to previous levels and that takes help. Please give it some thought between now and November; as the work is fairly easy and most enjoyable. Whether it is helping with Safety, Security, road sign detail, evaluation table, selling vendor tables, or even renting one for yourself to sell those items you no longer use, there are many ways to support VGCA. It is YOUR club. Please call Rick Nahas, Dave Litchfield, or yours truly at our numbers on the masthead if you think you would like to give it a whirl. Once again, thanks to all who helped to make it a good show, and have a great summer ! *John Frietsch*

To all the Setup Volunteers: We had one of the largest group of setup volunteers for the show in recent memory. The following people were present: **Addison Hurst, Ed Costello, Ernie Lyles, Kelly Cook, Dave Litchfield, Joe Roberts, Tom Schwieger, Ben Simms, Fred Fees, Vernon Cochran, Richard Pripeton** (Ernie's Lyles' nephew and new member), **Sarah Na** (friend of Richard Pripeton), and **Rick Nahas**. A successful show starts with setup so many, many thanks for your time, assistance, and dedication. If anyone volunteering in any capacity was missed, accept my apology and please let me know and you will be recognized in the next Newsletter. **PS:** And finally, a special recognition and thank you from all to **Rick Nahas**, Gun Show Manager for your Herculean efforts.

And Finally, the Educational and Historical Display Awards: Here are the results of the display judging for the March 2011 show. It is worthy to note this show had the largest number of displays we have seen in a long time and the judges had to devote significant time and effort toward this difficult task .

- **First Place** (\$500): **John Babey** - "*Smith & Wesson, 1860-1899*"
- **Second Place** (\$300): **Kelly Cook** - "*Colt 22 Automatic Pistols*"
- **Third Place** (\$100): **Art Beltrone** - "*Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam*"
- **1st Judges' Choice** (\$50): **Larry Babcock** - "*M1 Garand Training Aids*"
- **2nd Judges' Choice** (\$50): **David Doehler** - "*The United States Model 1905 Bayonet*"

Honorable Mention (but no award) goes to the other exhibitors whose efforts also enhanced the quality of our show:

- **Bill Scott** - "*Black Horse Cavalry*"
- **Wayne Robinson** - "*U.S. Army, 1967-1975*"
- **SSgt. L. Baudeux** - "*From Afghanistan to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*"

(Note: This is the title I arbitrarily gave the display since it lacked an official title.)

It is worth mentioning that displays winning awards will not be eligible for any awards if recycled at future shows. However, exhibitors are welcome to make improvements and modify titles to their displays to make them eligible for judging at future shows.

I would like to acknowledge and thank **Gary Holderman** and **Joe Roberts** for assisting me with the judging this time. Volunteers will be needed for November and, as incentive, this is a good way for two other club members to get in the show and not have to pay the admission fee. No judging experience necessary. Let me know if you have any questions.

Jim Burgess, Chief Judge, VGCA Educational Displays

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Photos of the Spring 2011 VGCA Gun Show, Prince William County Fairgrounds

The Displays and Awardees (Thank you to all who displayed)

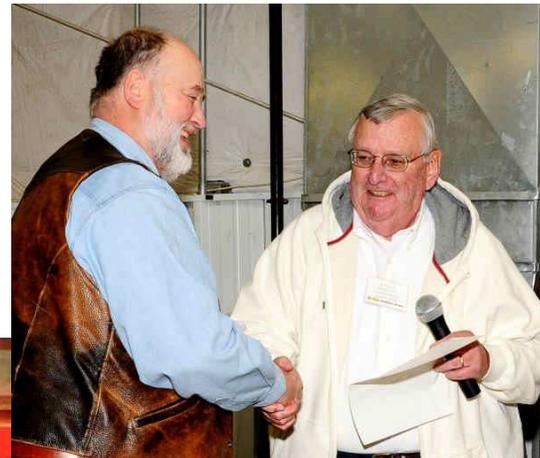


First Place went to **John Babey** - "Smith & Wesson, 1860-1899"

Close-up of S&W display



John receives his award from Association President **Addison Hurst** and is congratulated by Chief Judge **Jim Burgess**

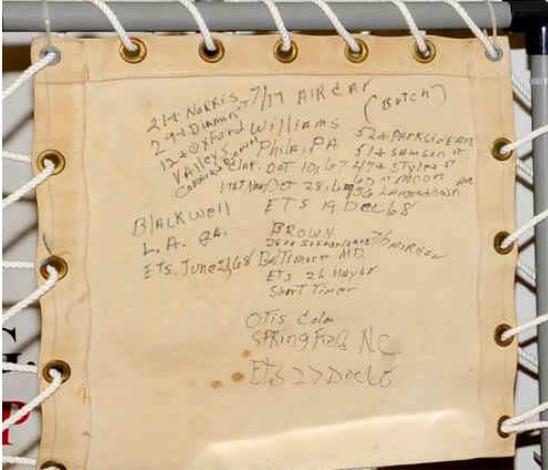


Addison Hurst Presented **Second Place** went to **Kelly Cook** - "Colt 22 Automatic Pistols."

Close-up of his very detailed and complete display.



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Third Place went to Art Beltrone - "Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam"

Detail of Panel (Left)

Overall View (Below)



1st Judges' Choice went to Larry Babcock - "M1 Garand Training Aids"



Details of Larry Babcock Display (Right)

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2nd Judges' Choice was awarded to **David Doehler** -
"*The United States Model 1905 Bayonet*"

Display Panorama above with early M1903 Springfield Rifle.



Bill Scott - "*Black Horse Cavalry*" was dressed in Civil War Cavalry Uniform and displayed Civil War firearms, swords, and other assorted cavalry gear including saddles other equipment for both the horse and mounted soldier. (Right)

Honorable Mention Recognitions



Wayne Robinson - "*U.S. Army, 1967-1975*" This display was popular with the attendees and included both an operational Jeep, trailer and an assortment of weapons using both operational and dummy pieces.



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Wayne Robinson - "U.S. Army, 1967-1975" This display also included a field office with maps, communications equipment, razor wire, and camouflage netting. Also included were various accoutrements of life in the field in Southeast Asia.

SSgt. L. Baudeau - "From Afghanistan to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" (Note: This is the title assigned to the display by the Judges since it lacked an official title.) It included weaponry from the Afghan Theater of Operations and uniforms from the Honor Guard on 24/7 duty at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



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Attendees, Vendor Wares and Members



The gate is “Open for Business.” Thanks to the 4H Trigger Time gate crew and the Safety Volunteers (Above)



Books are a valued research tool and a treasure trove of resource material for the collector. (Right)

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.

VIRGINIA 2011

- 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*
- June 4-5, 2011 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- June 25-26, 2011 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*

MARYLAND 2011

- June 18-19, 2011 – Timonium, MD - Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA 2011

- 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.**
- May 14-15, 2011 – Philadelphia, PA - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks) – *Eagle Arms*
- June 4-5, 2011 - Philadelphia, PA - National Guard Armory - *Appalachian Promotions*
- June 11-12, 2011 - Harrisburg, PA - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- June 17, 18 & 19, 2011 - King of Prussia, PA - Valley Forge Convention Center - valleyforgegunshow.com
- June 18-19, 2011 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association*.