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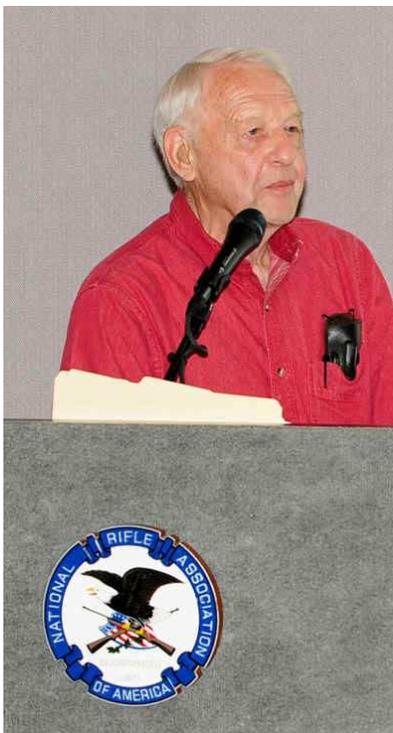
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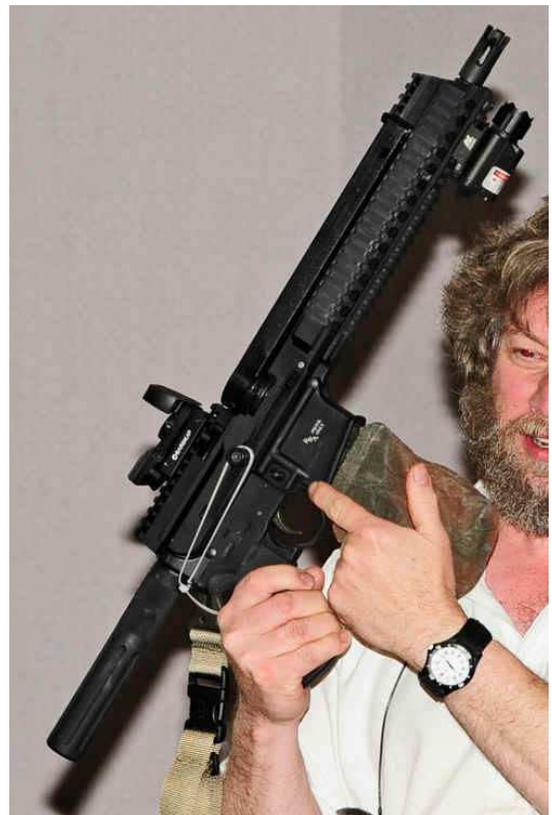
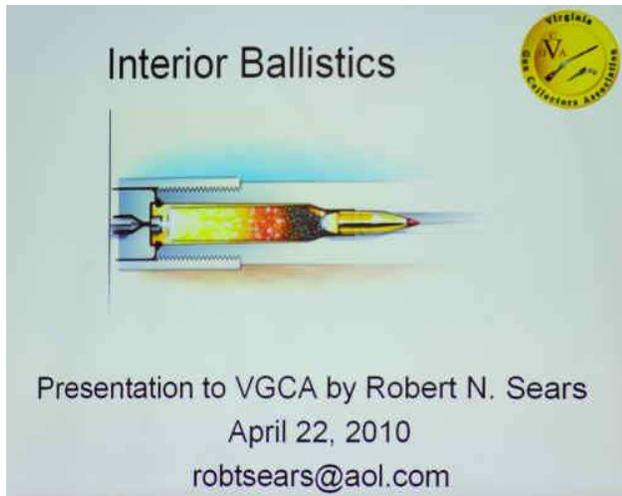
May 2010 VGCA e-Newsletter



Presentation for the April 22, 2010 Meeting: Thanks to Association VP Ernie Lyles for the notes of the presentation and meeting. The April meeting presentation featured **Bob Sears** covering *Interior Ballistics*. I missed the presentation, but received a copy of the Powerpoint presentation which looked very interesting, and I am sure Bob added his unique insights. In short, the presentation covered all aspects of what affects bullet performance from ignition of the cartridge's primer and powder charge in the chamber until the bullet leaves the confines of the barrel. Bob Sears shared his seemingly endless knowledge of firearms and ballistics in an engaging presentation that was comprehensive and technical, yet held the interest of the audience. He illuminated what to many is an often a mysterious, almost arcane technical subject and made it easy to understand. Starting with the historical basics of interior ballistics, his presentation progressed in a logical order from the earliest muzzleloading blackpowder to the formulae and technology that govern today's advanced firearms and ammunition. Bob broke down his presentation into energy, powder, primers, ignition, pressure and acceleration, twisting and turning (rifling), recoil and muzzle brakes. Through adroit use of Powerpoint slides, and the able technical assistance of Larry Hare, Bob supplemented his wisdom and expertise with charts and illustrations. While the presentation was almost 2 hours long and included lots of math, the multiple reviews received from attendees all said it was interesting and included information that they had not heard before. That is surely a good review from a hard audience of people of widely varying levels of expertise on the subjects covered. I can guarantee when Bob delivers **Part II on Exterior Ballistics**, which will cover the bullet after it leaves the barrel, I will not miss it. (Thanks to members who passed on reviews.)

→ Upcoming Presentation for the May 27 meeting: The program for the May 27th meeting will feature **Kelly Cook** covering the classic **High Standard .22 Pistols** (What? No Colts? ☺). Members are encouraged to bring in their High Standards (Hartfords, Hamdens, etc.) It should be a great show and tell. We still need presenters for two remaining monthly meetings in 2010, June 24 and Sept 23. Call Addison if you can be a presenter or know of one. Please verify that the person or yourself is willing and able to do this. The NFM-VGCA presentations are still in planning so no word yet on topics.

April 22, 2010 Meeting of the VGCA and Show and Tell



Upper Left: April featured **Bob Sears** covering *Interior Ballistics*.
Upper Right: **Roger Sherman** showing an early Mannlicher style full stocked single shot bolt action rifle.

Middle Left: **Larry Hare** Allen & Wheellock drop block rifle in .35 Allen Rimfire

Middle Right: **Jack Looney** showed an AR-15 with a Rock River Arm pistol lower and a AR-5.7 upper chambered for 5.7mm x 28 FN.

Lower Right: **Addison Hurst** concluded the night by displaying his new-in-the-box Arsenal Commemorative AK-74 in 5.45x39 Russian.



VGCA at the NRA Annual Meetings in Charlotte, NC: The Association is sponsoring member and gunmaker extraordinaire **Al Edge** at the *NRA Annual Meetings* in Charlotte. He will represent VGCA in the Exhibit Hall with his custom hand made and forged flint locks and knives, etc. A fantastic display is planned. We will have a full accounting and lots of photos in later editions of the Newsletter.

RFA - Request for Assistance: The Association urgently needs help in managing the VGCA.org web page. If you know of a person or a member(s) who can take on this activity, please call any officer or board member.

★ **Important – Ongoing Election to fill VGCA Director Vacancies** ★

The election for new Directors to fill the remainder of the terms until January 2011 is currently in progress. The following individuals (listed alphabetically) have been nominated to fill the vacancies on the Board: **Jim Burgess, Kelly Cook, Richard Feirman, John Frietsch, and Dave Litchfield**. Ballots were mailed during the first week of May in first class mail envelopes and contained a ballot; an election letter and statements from the candidates; and a pre-addressed AND first class mail stamped envelope to return the ballot. The packet asked that members vote and get it back for counting by Saturday, May 22 to ensure votes are counted by the May 27th membership meeting. Please note, this ballot also included a Special Election Question, a **Poll to Determine Level of Membership Support for a VGCA Show in the Winchester Area**. In the past year a new facility near Winchester has emerged as a possible new venue for our gun show. When you vote, please consider if you would be willing to volunteer and help run a VGCA show in Winchester (set-up, take down, security, safety, show committee, etc)? Would you reserve tables (sales or display) at a VGCA show in Winchester? Would you prefer the VGCA: 1) stay in Manassas, 2) alternate shows between Manassas and Winchester, or 3) move completely to Winchester for future shows? As this is an important decision, let the board know your opinion. Get the ballots back ASAP to be heard.

→ **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, those who do not remit payment will face removal from VGCA roles after the May meeting.

→ **Membership Applications:** Anyone with any blank applications that state dues amounts **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 with dues 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.

Business Meeting: The April business meeting was short. Association President **Addison Hurst** talked about **Jim Burgess** taking a membership poll on trying to move our show to Winchester. Note: the poll ran in the last newsletter, but due to an extremely small response it was decided to include it as a Special Ballot Question in the Board of Director election ballot). **Ed Costello** talked about how our last show did. Addison asked if anybody would step up to handle the Web site and get the updated info and material posted. This is very important and we do need a volunteer. The NRA will provide speakers for three meetings – August, October, and December for the 2010 VGCA-National Firearms Museum Special Speaker Series. We still need to find speakers for the remaining meetings.

Show and Tell: The Show and Tell began with **Roger Sherman** showing an early Mannlicher style full stocked single shot bolt action rifle. It was identical to the early Mauser but had no identifying marks to establish the manufacturer. **Larry Hare** showed an early Allen & Wheelock drop block rifle in .35 Allen Rimfire. The rifle had a pleasing patina and a diopter rear sight. **Bill York** brought an Ortgies and an F.N. pistol for presentation to the audience. **Jack Looney** showed a AR-15 style gun with a Rock River Arm pistol lower and a AR-5.7 upper chambered for 5.7mm x 28 FN which also used the FN PS90 magazines. **Addison Hurst** concluded the night by displaying his new-in-the-box Arsenal Commemorative AK-74 in 5.45x39 Russian. It was one of only 400 sets made.

For Future Reference: **Dave Litchfield** informed the VGCA Newsletter that he had attended a press conference last month at the Prince William County Complex during which Corey Stewart, the Chairman of the PWC Board of

Supervisors announced the planned opening in 2014 of THE WARTIME MUSEUM. The 70 plus acres of land, located right off I-95 at Dale Boulevard in Dale City, was donated by the Hylton Family. Ground breaking will take place in 2012.

The Museum will feature 5 “*Landscapes of War*” representing WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq & Afghanistan. Alan Cors, who will serve as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will provide many of his military vehicles for permanent display/use. Mr. Cors said that they plan to allow entry into vehicles and in some cases allow rides. They plan to have a large re-enactment area and will encourage people to sign up in advance to participate in re-enactments after proper training. The theme of the entire Museum is to capture thousands of individual accounts of men and women who served at home and overseas during wartime and share these accounts with visitors.

George Mason University is supporting the Museum, and student programs will follow the Virginia Standards of Learning. There will be a National Veterans Visitor Center, the Cors vehicle collection, aircraft on display, an orientation theater, the 5 landscapes areas, plus a troop train car, an encampment area, a dining car/refreshment stand, a children's obstacle course, laser firing range, a stable for a cavalry exhibit, and many walking paths. The museum is designed to complement the Marine Corps Historical Center Museum in Triangle, the Army Museum at Fort Belvoir and the museums in DC to form a corridor of attractions along I-95. They hope for 300,000 visitors a year.

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

- **May 15-16, 2010 – Richmond, VA – Showplace - C&E Gun Show**
- **May 22-23, 2010 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - SGK, LTD**
- **June 5-6, 2010 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - Old Dominion Shows**
- **July 10-11, 2010 – Richmond, VA – Showplace - C&E Gun Show**
- **July 17-18, 2010 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - C&E Gun Show**
- **July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - C&E Gun Show / Showmasters**

MARYLAND 2010

- **June 19-20, 2010 – Timonium, MD - Timonium Fairgrounds - Appalachian Promotions**
- **July 10-11, 2010 - Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – Silverado Promotions**
- **July 17-18, 2010 – Upper Marlboro, MD - Show Place Arena – Silverado Promotions**

PENNSYLVANIA 2010

- **May 15-16, 2010 – Philadelphia, PA - (Center Oaks) Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors**
- **June 5-6, 2010 – Lebanon, PA - Lebanon Expo Center - Eagle Arms**
- **June 6-7, 2010 – Allentown, PA - PA Expo Center - Appalachian Promotions**
- **June 11-13, 2010 - King of Prussia, PA - Valley Forge Convention Center - valleyforgegunshow.com**
- **June 12-13, 2010 - Harrisburg, PA - Farm Show Complex – Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors**
- **June 26-27, 2010 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - Appalachian Promotions**
- **July 3-4, 2010 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - Eagle Arms**
- **July 10-11, 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.**

OHIO 2010

- **May 22-23, 2010 – Wilmington, OH – Roberts Centre - Ohio Gun Collectors Association. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY.** For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.**

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“To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public.” – Theodore Roosevelt

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