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Presentation for the April 25, 2013 Meeting: There was no formal presentation at the April meeting.

⊕ **Presentation for May 23, 2013: John E. McCullough, Esq.,** a new member of VGCA, will present an overview of “Gun Trusts” and the applicable laws such trusts are intended to address. He will cover how important it is for every law-abiding gun owner or collector to stay abreast of all the complex and evolving gun laws. For instance, possession and transfer of any type of firearm to a “prohibited person” could result in a felony? If you own “NFA firearms,” allowing others access to them, can create legal risks that you can avoid. Since certain firearms and accessories are restricted by federal, state and local laws, and there are many regulations and issues surrounding the passing down of guns to one’s heirs or purchasing NFA firearms without the consent of a local chief of police, and it takes careful planning. Come out to hear more in his talk of these and other planning issues. Added bonus: Food **will be served**, so arrive early or risk an empty plate.

2013 Presentation Volunteers Needed ASAP: As you can see from the above list and this month’s upcoming meeting, we still have vacancies for presenters for 2013, and for you advance planners, 2014. Call one of the Association officers now to request your preferred month for 2013, or if you have an outside speaker who wishes to cover firearms and historically related topics. There are still 2 open slots (June and October) in 2013. Remember, we do not have meetings in March and November (gun shows) or in July. Shorter and direct works best; and it does not require slides. If you wish, there are members who will assist you in creating a PowerPoint presentation.

⊕ **Remaining Presentations for 2013:** The following presentations are scheduled in the coming months. As usual, details and changes will be published in the newsletter each month so keep checking for updates.

- **June 27:** Open
- **July:** No Meeting – Summer Recess
- **August 22:** Alan Cors - Americans in Wartime Museum
- **September 26:** Bill Chronister/Larry Hare - Precision Air Rifles
- **October 24:** Open
- **November:** No Meeting - Fall Show
- **December 7:** Pot Luck Dinner/Officer Nominations/Show & Tell/Swap Meet

Business Meeting of April 25, 2013: Association President **David Litchfield** opened up the meeting with a short review of the show and passed the podium to Treasurer **Ed Costello** who informed those present that this had been the best show in ten years with a gate of over 2550. Dave then gave a more detailed review of the show and reminded members that sales to any people who were not Virginia residents must go through a Federal Firearms Licensee. **Larry Hare, Membership Coordinator**, presented membership applications from the following individuals: **John McCullough** – was sponsored by Richard Mason; and **Dov Kawamoto** – was sponsored by David Litchfield. Both applicants were voted into the club. Welcome aboard gentlemen. After the membership session, the President recognized two members of the Association who have tirelessly dedicated time and leadership to the Association over the years. **Ed Costello** was awarded a plaque for his 30 years of service to the VGCA, including over 25 years as our Treasurer. **Jim Burgess** received his plaque recognizing his 30 years of support, including serving for 13 years as the Show Manager. Dave then went on to review our options if the present meeting site were to be unavailable and asked for suggestions on improving the Annual Membership Recognition Dinner. The meeting was successful with many of the members in attendance offering a number of

suggestions and concerns on how to improve operations and participation at association events. These suggestions will be discussed by the Offices and Directors at the Association leadership meetings.

Notes from the Podium – President’s Message

Hello All Members!

We are all very happy to receive confirmation from the NRA that our remaining meeting dates for 2013 have all been approved for access to the NRA Auditorium. We hope to be able to continue using this wonderful facility for many years to come. Please always help us protect this place, keep it spotlessly clean and remove every trace of our monthly presence. This is a special trust that we must always protect and defend.

We are making final plans to provide donations to two different 4-H Youth shooting groups to allow them to purchase shotguns and match air pistols for training and competition. We will also make another donation to the National Firearms Museum, as we did last year. Your hard earned dollars will go to good use. We have also decided to reduce the cost of dinner at our annual member recognition dinner from \$25.00 per member to \$10.00 per member and guest. We will use VGCA funds to offset the remainder of the cost for each attendee and we hope this will result in a higher attendance for the 2014 dinner. We will be taking reservations and collecting deposits starting this month at the meeting on May 25th. Please support this fun evening where we recognize long serving members and conduct our fund raising auction. See Richard Pripeton at the meeting to sign up.

We are working on two interesting projects now. One is the ordering of new VGCA Table Covers. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to thank Jim Burgess for doing the research to find us a good product at a fair price. Another of our members, John Isoldi, has worked a plan with Henry Arms for VGCA members to be able to purchase one of the Henry Golden Boy .22 LR caliber lever action rifles at a discounted price, with the VGCA Logo engraved on the stock. See the announcement that follows in the newsletter. I appreciate John getting us the opportunity to acquire something unique to the VGCA.

I look forward to seeing you at the 23 May meeting... we'll serve food again! Please contact me if I can provide any assistance or if you have a matter to discuss.

~~ Happy Collecting, *Dave Litchfield*

Important Announcements, etc.

Are Members Interested in New VGCA Table Covers? Jim Burgess has been researching the availability of



table covers for members to sue at our guns shows or in their collection or reloading rooms. He has received a price quote from Showcase Exhibits in Manassas that reflects a price of \$149.00 for a group order of no less than 30 covers. A shipping charge of \$6.00 is tacked on to the above price so the net price per cover is actually \$155.00. **To get this price the VGCA logo will have to be one color (gold) but the base color can vary (blue, green, etc.) in the order and still receive the group rate.** Those interested will need to specify their choice of background color based on the options shown on the Showcase Exhibits website (www.showcaseexhibits.com). The default color will be royal blue which appears

closest to the previous covers. (See image *above* – note: **Image from existing covers is 2 colors – gold and black, new image will be a single color**) Delivered price will be \$155 provided there is sufficient interest for more than 30 table covers. Let one of the Officers or Directors know if you are interested or have any additional questions.

VGCA Limited Edition Henry Arms .22 Golden

Boy Rifle: The VGCA has been exploring the possibility of having a VGCA Limited Edition Henry Repeating Arms Goldenboy lever action rifle in .22LR. The rifle in question can be viewed at <http://www.henryrepeating.com/rifle-goldenboy.cfm>.



Member **John Isoldi** has contacted Henry Repeating Arms and has secured their agreement to produce a limited run of these rifles for VGCA members. **The rifle would feature the VGCA name and logo laser engraved into**

the stock and have a special series of VGCA-specific serial numbers. The rifle, which has an MSRP of \$515 for the standard product, would be available to VGCA members for \$380. In order to receive this pricing and the unique features, we need to have a minimum of 30 paid commitments for a rifle. This would make a fine birthday present or Christmas present for yourself or that budding younger shooter in the family. Please contact one of the officers to let them know if you are interested. Further information will be available at the monthly meeting and in the next newsletter.

Notice: The VGCA still critically needs a volunteer to serve as the Security Manager or Deputy Security Manager for the Gun Shows. Please call **Dave Litchfield, Rick Nahas, Dennis Gerdovich** or one of the Association Officers if you wish to volunteer for this important role.

Upcoming Events and Shows

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules 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. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA 2013

- ☉ May 25-26, 2013 – Marshall, VA - Marshall Ruritan Club, 8400 Salem Ave - 9-5 Sat.; 10-4 Sun.
- ☉ June 1-2, 2013 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ June 7-9, 2013 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center - Nation's Gun Show – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ June 29-30, 2013 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ July 13-14, 2013 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- ☉ July 20-21, 2013 - Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ July 26-28, 2013 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center - Nation's Gun Show – *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ August 3-4, 2013 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ August 17-18, 2013 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- ☉ August 24-25, 2013 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ☉ August 31-September 1, 2013 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland – *C&E Gun Show*

MARYLAND 2013

- ☉ June 15-16, 2013 - Timonium, MD - Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ July 7-8, 2013 – Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – *Silverado Productions*
- ☉ July 14-15, 2013 – Upper Marlboro, MD - Show Place Arena (P.G. County) – *Silverado Productions*

PENNSYLVANIA 2013

- ☉ June 1-2, 2013 – Bloomsberg, PA – Bloomsberg Fairgrounds - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ **June 1-2, 2013 - Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Mall - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association.***
- ☉ June 8-9, 2013 - Harrisburg, PA - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors.*
- ☉ June 22-23, 2013 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ June 29-30, 2013 - York, PA - York Fairgrounds (Toyota Arena) – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☉ **July 13-14, 2013 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society.* Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.**
- ☉ August 10-11, 2013 – Philadelphia, PA - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks) – *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ August 17-18, 2013 - Monroeville, PA - Convention Center - *C&E Gun Shows*
- ☉ August 24-25, 2013 - Poconos, PA - Split Rock Lodge - *Eagle Arms*
- ☉ August 31-September 1, 2013 - Gettysburg, PA - Allstar Sports Complex - *Eagle Arms*

OHIO 2013

- ☉ **July 20-21, 2013 – Wilmington, OH – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association.* **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY.** <http://www.ogca.com/index.htm>**

WEST VIRGINIA 2013

- ☉ June 1-2, 2013 – Martinsburg, WV – Cannon Hill – Exit 20 off I-81, 11N to DuPont Road, *Silverado Gun Shows*

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v/r *Bill Chronister*, VGCA Newsletter Editor