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Presentation at the August 27, 2009 Meeting of the VGCA: Phil Schreier of the NRA National Firearms Museum (NFM) kicked off the second of this year's NRA-NFM/VGCA Special Speaker series with the introduction of NRA General Operations Executive Director, **Kayne Robinson**, NRA Secretary Major E.J. Land, Jr., and **Jim Supica**, Director of the NFM. He then introduced Colonel **Oliver "Ollie" North**, a member of the NRA Board of Directors, by reviewing his decorated service record and background. Col. North then discussed his latest book, *American Heroes in the Fight against Radical Islam*. CSPAN Books was present to tape the presentation for broadcast, as well as NRABlog.com for future presentation. Prior to the meeting and his talk, Col. North had been signing books at the Museum for a long line of admirers, many who had bought multiple copies of the book as gifts. The book is a moving tribute to our men and women at arms – the modern heroes from the military branches and National Guard, who are on the front lines against terrorism and radicalization. He made a number of solid comparisons with the legacy of what was called the "Greatest Generation" of World War II, especially as the program was taking place near the 67th Anniversary of the First US land engagement in the Pacific – Guadalcanal. He also contrasted the main stream media (MSM) coverage of war and US troops, and how since the Vietnam era, the media has obsessed and condoned an anti-

military bias. He also showed numerous photos of US forces in theater from his prior tribes as a Fox Network reporter visiting Iraq and Afghanistan. All in all a moving tribute to the 1.6 million who have served. At the conclusion of the talk, **Addison Hurst**, President of the VGCA, presented Col. North with an Honorary Life Membership in the VGCA for his service and as a front-line defender of the Second Amendment. A short Q&A session followed before Col. North had to leave to catch a flight to Afghanistan. **Jim Land** was the second featured speaker and covered the latest USMC sniper rifles (some prototypes of Rem 700s used in the USMC sniper rifle trials) as well as his new special acquisition, one of the test rifles that had been prototyped and used to develop the USMC M40 during the Vietnam era. This rifle had been located with the help of VGCA member **Karl Karash**. Following the talk Maj. Land was also presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the VGCA that was 10 years overdue. This was followed by a moving presentation of a Colt M1911 pistol that was originally shipped to the USMC in Philadelphia, PA on December 5, 1917 to Maj. Land by Karl Karash and Nathan Babcock in the memory of his father Joel Babcock, who had always wanted to meet Maj. Land.

Comments from the Podium: The August meeting was, perhaps, one of the high water marks of meetings we have held in the past 25 years or so. To have speakers like Ollie North and Jim Land at a small gun club meeting, at the same time, is a rare situation indeed. The crowd was huge and if you missed it, well, that is your loss. Reliable reports indicate that a record 32 pizzas were quickly consumed. We need to have a business meeting this month since we did not have time for any of this at the August meeting. We need to fine tune the details of the show and discuss the possible field trip to the George C. Marshall Foundation trip. Don't forget to bring in stuff for show and tell. There have been some interesting things showing up recently. Please remember to tie or insert wire ties in the chambers of all arms brought in. Wire ties are always provided. Will have show flyers to distribute as well. Keep in mind that display tables for the fall show will be free. Contact Rick and reserve tables. We will have a sign up list for security duty at the show. Larry Hunt will need lots of help.

~ Addison Hurst, VGCA President

★ **UPCOMING Meetings:** The September meeting **Presentation by Larry Hare** will cover buying guns on the internet. It will surely be most informative — especially since the new A/V system in the auditorium is online to provide live demonstrations. We still have two VGCA/NFM presentations this year, October and the joint Nov/Dec meeting. Pizza will be served at each. The speakers are TBA (to be announced).

Invitation to all members: If you wish to do a presentation at a meeting, please notify Addison or any of the board members. You can team with another member for a joint session. The purpose is to educate, share camaraderie and gain knowledge. We have all the 2009 meetings booked, so you do have time to prepare and get on the list for 2010.

August 27, 2009 Business Meeting: The business meeting was brief due to the two special presentations and the hour. Guests in attendance were introduced and the **Larry Hare** informed that the following new members were voted into the Club: **Greg Bednarz**, **Jack Timmes** (Addison's eye doctor) and **Lance Simons** (please pardon the spelling, but due to calligraphy issues, the spelling may be wrong). Welcome aboard!

August 27, 2009 Show and Tell: After a stellar presentation series, and in spite of the stifling heat due to the large crowd, the Show and Tell continued to reveal numerous treasures, rare pieces and favorites, as well as the newest long sought after items. **Karl Karash** showed 2 factory documented 1935 Persian Contract Luger Pistols. While Persian Contract Lugers are relatively rare, and factory cutaway Lugers are even scarcer, to find a documented and serial numbered cutaway is an incredible prize. **Bill York** then gave a brief description of his small collection of foreign military revolvers that can be field stripped. Examples included a French 1892 service revolver, a large Austrian Rast-Gasser, one of the original barn door side plate revolvers, and the ubiquitous Russian Nagant revolver, a revolver that is very common due to the recent importation of millions of refurbished former Soviet surplus. Finding an original example like the one shown is now difficult. **Jim Vaughan** of Potomac Arms Collectors (PACA) showed his Remington 700 USMC Commemorative M40 that was released in limited numbers a few years ago. Going conventional on us, **Ernie Lyles** displayed a pistol that did not have rocket propelled bullets. It was a beautiful full custom M1911A1 .45ACP pistol. **Jack Looney** showed his new FNAR Tactical Rifle, with a fluted heavy barrel, in .308 Winchester. The rifle also had a Nikon 4-16x40 scope with mil-dot reticle on Leupold QR mounts, a 20 Round Magazine, and a Bipod and Sling. **Addison Hurst** presented a .308

Savage 110 with Accu-trigger and synthetic stock that is reputed to be a tack driver, a description that these Savages appear to have earned. The Show and Tell was closed by **Steve Philippi** who brought 2 original under hammer percussion rifles from the New England area. These rifles were popular as game rifles in New England since the hammer and nipple was on the bottom of the rifle affording some protection to the ignition system in foul weather.

🌟 **Update on Proposed Road Trip!!!** There is nothing new to report at this time. Developments will be shared at the monthly meetings and/or in the newsletter.

***** NOTICE – Details for Fall VGCA Gun Show – NEW DATE *****

The Fall 2009 VGCA Gun Show will be at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on **November 7-8, 2009**. This is a **new**, later date. Please pass the word and remember that flyers for the fall show will be at this meeting so plan to spread them around.

- ☉ **Fall VGCA Gun Show Sales Tables:** The Club still has sales tables available for the **November 7-8, 2009** Fall VGCA Gun Show. We have vacancies and as we are a gun collecting organization, we are again asking members to come support the club by taking a table(s) for disposing of your unloved or duplicate firearms, accoutrements, collectable accessories, or other gun collecting related items. If you believe manning a sales table alone would be too demanding and not allow you time to hunt for deals or just talk to other members, get a partner and share the duties and have relief for your time around the show. Show tables cost \$60 each, so share the load with a colleague and contact Rick Nahas.
- ☉ **Fall VGCA Gun Show Display Tables:** The club will continue the pilot of having FREE DISPLAY TABLES for members on a space available basis for the Fall show. *This is a great opportunity to test the waters if you wanted to do a display table.* Display tables may be limited, so contact Rick Nahas to get yours.

Upcoming Election of VGCA Officers: It's getting close. It is not too early to mention the upcoming election for the VGCA Officer positions. According to the Club bylaws, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee (usually in October) to recommend candidates for office at the final membership meeting of the year. This Committee shall recommend candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Directors, depending on whether it is an odd-numbered or even-numbered year (last year was the Board of Directors election, this year is the Officers election). At the conclusion and acceptance of the Nominating Committee's report, the floor shall be opened for additional nominations for the offices concerned (December Meeting). Think long and hard about what you would like to see from the club, what directions we should take as an organization and who you believe can best serve the club. Consider if you would like to make a nomination (always good to check with the member you are nominating first), or if you would like to make a run yourself. There may be vacancies, and the last election was uncontested and that is probably not a good situation. Details will come in the next Newsletter.

**** Announcements ****

Anthony Vanderlinden of North Carolina, a great VGCA repeat guest speaker, has a new book out. *FN Browning Pistols, Side-Arms that Shaped World History* reflects the continued work of Mr. Vanderlinden on the topic of FN Browning Pistols. This new book includes information found in the original issue titled *Belgian Browning Pistols* and expands into more variants and details geared toward collector interests. It includes detailed chapters on FN Browning Models 1899, 1900, 1903, 1905 (06) Vest-Pocket, 1910, 1922, Baby, 1935 High Power, 110, 115, 120, 125, 135 and 140, as well as the Husqvarna Model 1907. For additional information, check out <http://www.fn-browning.com/>. It looks very, very impressive with detailed illustrations and photos.

August 27 Meeting Presentation and Show and Tell



L to R, Jim Supica, Director of the NFM; NRA General Ops. Exec. Director, Kayne Robinson; and Col. Oliver North

↓ VGCA President Hurst presents Col. North with Honorary Life Membership in the VGCA. ↓ Maj. Land was also presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the VGCA



M1911 Pistol Presented to Jim Land by Karl Karash and Nathan Babcock in the memory of his father Joel Babcock.



Documented Persian Contract Mauser Luger Pistol #3.



Field Stripped European military revolver.



Jim Vaughan and Remington M700 USMC M40 Commemorative.



Lyles custom M1911



Jack Looney FNAR Tactical Rifle.



Addison Hurst and Savage M110 Long Range Rifle.



Detail of Under Hammer Percussion Lockwork



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.

VIRGINIA

- September 19-20, 2009 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- September 26-27, 2009 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland – *Showmasters*
- October 2-4, 2009 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- October 10-11, 2009 - Virginia Beach, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- October 17-18, 2009 – Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- October 24-25, 2009 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- October 24-25, 2009 – Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- October 23-24, 2009 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center Exhibit Hall – ***International Airgun Expo*** –
NOTE DATES: Friday, 10/23, 12:00 noon – 7:00PM, Saturday, 10/24, 9:00AM – 5:00PM. Address:
710 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24016. Contact Fred Liady, fax: 540-345-4210
- October 30-31, 2009 - Winchester, VA - Hampton Inn 1-540-678-4000 - *Virginia-Kentucky Rifle Show* -
Contact: Tim Hodges, Phone: 1-540-662-5438, E-mail: thhodges@comcast.net
- November 7-8, 2009 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena – *Showmasters*
- **November 7-8, 2009 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – *Virginia Gun Collectors Association***
- November 14-15, 2009 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- November 20-22, 2009 - Chantilly, VA - Dulles Expo Center - *C&E Gun Show / Showmasters*
- November 28-29, 2009 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*
- December 5-6, 2009 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- December 12-13, 2009 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- December 12-13, 2009 - Fredericksburg, VA - Expo Center - *SGK, LTD*
- December 19-20, 2009 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*

MARYLAND

- September 12-13, 2009 - Pikesville, MD - Pikesville Armory - *Appalachian Promotions*
- September 19-20, 2009 - Howard County, MD - County Fairgrounds (I-70, Exit 80) – *Silverado Promotions*

- ⇒ **October 3-4, 2009 – Timonium, MD** - Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ **December 12-13, 2009 - Parkville, MD** - Tall Cedars Bldg., Putty Hill Shopping Center - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA

- ⇒ **September 18-20, 2009 - King of Prussia, PA** - Valley Forge Convention Center - *valleyforgegunshow.com*
- ⇒ **October 10-11, 2009 - Carlisle, PA** - Carlisle Expo Center - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ **October 17-18, 2009 - Allentown, PA** - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.
- ⇒ **October 31-November 1, 2009 - York, PA** - York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ **November 7-8, 2009 – Pottstown, PA** - Sunnybrook Ballroom - *Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association (PAGCA)*
- ⇒ **November 14-15, 2009 – Greencastle, PA** - Mason Dixon Auto Auction - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ **November 21-22, 2009 - Oaks, PA** - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ⇒ **December 5-6, 2009 - Allentown, PA** - Agricultural Hall - *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.
- ⇒ **December 12-13, 2009 - Harrisburg, PA** - Farm Show Complex – *Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors*
- ⇒ **December 18-20, 2009 - King of Prussia, PA** - Valley Forge Convention Center - *valleyforgegunshow.com*

WEST VIRGINIA

- ⇒ **September 18-20, 2009 - Franklin, WV** - Fort Seybert - *250th Massacre & Burning of Fort Seybert* - Contact: David Swecker, Phone: 304-668-1753, Fax: Ph304-358-7254 (6pm), E-mail: d.e.swecker@live.com

OHIO

- ⇒ **Sept. 19-20, 2009 – Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY**. For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.
- ⇒ **Nov. 21-22, 2009 – Wilmington, OH** – Roberts Centre - *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*. **OGCA MEMBERS ONLY**. For membership information contact Laura Knotts (330) 467-5733.

OKLAHOMA

- ⇒ **November 14-15, 2009 – Tulsa, OK** - Expo Center-Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) - *Tulsa Arms Collectors Association*. ****MORE THAN 3,900 TABLES!****

“You do not examine legislation in the light of the benefits it will convey if properly administered, but in the light of the wrongs it would do and the harm it would cause if improperly administered.”

– Lyndon Baines Johnson, former Senator and President

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