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September 2021 VGCA Newsletter

President's Comments

Hi everyone,

It has been a long road to get back to in-person meetings, but we are almost there! This month, on September 23rd, we will have our first In-Person VGCA meeting in over 18 months! The Board is very excited to get this member forum back. Our meeting has a new location! It will be held at the Prince William County Fairgrounds – specifically, in the smaller building on the left as soon as you come through the gate. Should be easy to spot as we are planning an Oktoberfest Theme Cookout complete with Bratwurst. Still working out details, but try to come early for the social hour and enjoy some food and drink (provided by the club) from 6-7 p.m. Our normal business meeting will begin at 7 p.m., followed by Marc Gorelick's presentation on Turkish Ottoman weapons.

We are hoping to have the business meeting and presentation "webcast" for our members who cannot attend. We will not be videoing any of the show-and-tell portion after the presentation (out of privacy concerns for our members).

Our November Gun Show is also fast approaching. At this moment we have approximately 40 open tables, so please reserve your sales or display tables as soon as possible if you have not already done so. For details, please contact Rick Nahas.

Last bit of news is our upcoming elections. I will talk more at the meeting but the VGCA is looking for members to run for several open positions. These are fun jobs working with great people! Elections will be held in November.

I am really looking forward to see everyone at the September Meeting!

—Bernie Breighner, VGCA President



★ August Presentation

The August webinar presentation on “**The Development and History of the Knight’s Armament SR25 Rifle**” was given by VGCA President Bernie Breighner. Like Rob Becker’s presentation on the SKS in June, this was an updated and expanded version of a presentation originally given to the VGCA about six years ago and now covers both military and civilian production.



The SR25 rifle is based on the Eugene Stoner (*Mr. Stoner is shown above right, with Reed Knight on left – photo taken in 1994 or 1995*) designed AR10 (“SR” comes from “Stoner Rifle”) and, like the AR10, is chambered in 7.62 NATO. However, the SR25 has about 60% parts commonality with the M16A2, which is based on Stoner’s AR15 design. The SR25 designation reflects these dual origins (**AR10 + AR15 = SR25**). The Knights Armament Company (*KAC logo at right*) introduced the SR25 in 1993. Initially, there were only two variants, but this quickly expanded. The first two were:



SR25 Match Rifle – featured a 24” Remington R5 heavy barrel, upper and lower receivers both serial numbered to match (as they were machined from a single billet for an exact fit), and a Milazzo-Krieger Match Trigger - all designed to deliver <1 MOA accuracy at 100 meters.

SR25 Standard Rifle – with a 20” barrel and used an M16A2 Carry Handle (these were not very popular)

Bernie shared an advertisement from November 13th 1995 issue of the Shotgun News that listed five different variants. They were:

SR25 Match Rifle	\$2995.00
SR25 Lightweight Match	\$2950.00
SR25 Carbine	\$2950.00
SR25 Sporter Rifle	\$2950.00
SR25K Limited Edition	\$5950.00

Bernie noted that the SR25K were essentially hand-built and less than 100 were made.

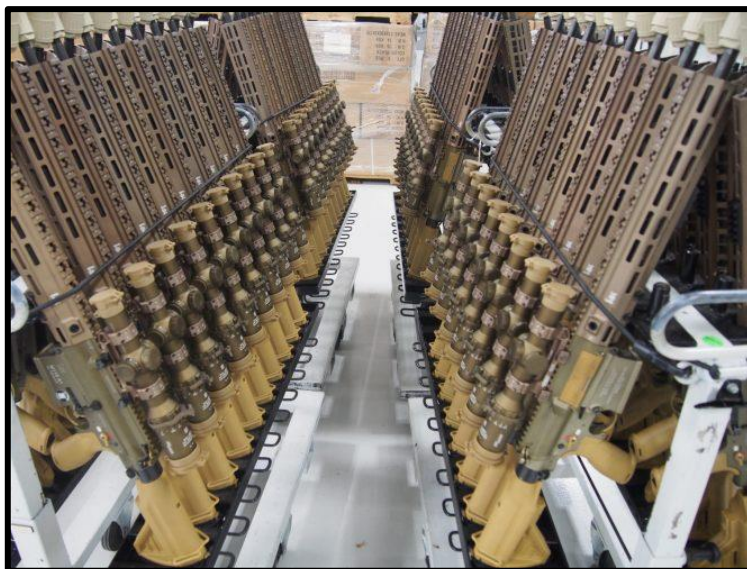
Adopted by the U.S. military, 230 SR25s (with suppressors) were used in Somalia during Operation Restore Hope in August 1995. Afterward, KAC was supplied with a list of 23 recommended improvements, the primary one being to reduce weight. This resulted in the special military models, to include the SR25 Rifle, Lightweight Military Match (LWMM). The LWMM featured a 20" barrel, a new suppressor that latched onto the barrel (vice threaded on), provision for back-up front and rear sights, a stronger bolt catch, and redesigned 10 and 20 round magazines.

The U.S. Navy selected the LWMM to replace M14s and bolt action sniper rifles used by the SEALs. The LWMM was adopted as the Mk11 Mod 0 in May 2000. The Mk11 Mod 0 rifles were purchased together with all needed accessories with the complete kit consisting of: the SR25 LWMM rifle, a Leupold 3.5-10 power scope, a suppressor, 10 magazines, Harris bipod, and user manual in a fitted hard case.

Commercial production of the Mk11 Mod 0 took place side-by-side with the military production, with the number of mags reduced from 10 to 4 and the suppressor being optional ("silencers" are not legal in every state).

In 2007, the U.S. Army had a competition for the Semi-Automatic Sniper System (SASS). Three years later, the SR25 was officially adopted by all branches of the U.S. military as the M110. The M110 included ambidextrous controls and built-in back-up sights.

In 2017, the army held a competition for smaller version, known as the Compact Semi-Automatic Sniper System (CSASS). The Heckler & Koch 417 (known as the G28 in the German Army) won the competition and was designated the M110A1. Its role is really more of a Squad Designated Marksman Rifle (SDMR) than a true sniper rifle. Initial delivery of 80 M110A1s took place in early 2020 (*racks containing 80 rifles shown at right*).



The SR25 continues in several civilian versions, including the SR25 Combat Carbine (with 16" light profile barrel), the SR25 Precision Carbine (also with a 16" barrel), the SR25 Precision Rifle (20" barrel), and the SR25 Precision Rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor (with a 22" barrel and M-LOK rail system).

Our thanks go to Bernie Breighner for sharing his knowledge of this modern military classic!



★ August Membership Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by VGCA President Bernie Breighner at 7:00 p.m. with 29 people participating via “Webinar.” He opened with a request to keep U.S. military personnel in our thoughts and prayers following the terrorist bomb attack at the Kabul Airport

Bernie continued with the following comments:

- Our next VGCA Membership Meeting (23 Sep 2021) will be in-person
 - o Location will be the Prince William County (PWC) Fairgrounds at the Conference Building (small building located on the left immediately past the entrance gate)
 - o Park in the grassy area on the right (same area as parking during our Gun Shows)
 - o Announced that we would have a small BBQ starting at 6 p.m. before the meeting. The club will provide food and drink for the evening
 - o Meeting place for the October Membership Meeting is still TBD as the Nation Rifle Association (NRA) facilities remain closed
- The NRA Annual Membership Meeting in Houston, Texas has been canceled
- Treasurer Report - VGCA remains in good shape financially
 - o Even though we had a reduced number of sales tables at our last two gun shows in order to accommodate required social distancing (which resulted in reduced revenue for the club), we have expenses to a minimum as well
- November Gun Show Report
 - o The VGCA Executive Committee toured the facility upgrades being made to the PWC Fairgrounds
 - o Considered the possibility of expanding our show to multiple buildings, but decided that for November our sales and display tables will remain in the main hall only
 - o The club will rent the Fairgrounds Conference Building (the same one we will meet in for September) and member TJ Parmele will conduct multiple Concealed Carry classes there
- We will have elections for all VGCA officers and the three directors this fall
 - o Will take nominations from the floor at the October Membership Meeting
 - o There are several openings – please consider running for a position
 - o No experience is necessary and holding an officer is extremely rewarding

Secretary Rob Becker made a pitch for members to contribute firearm-related articles, reviews of gun shows, books, or museums, and especially show-n-tell items for the newsletter

- Please send any articles or photos to rpebecker@verizon.net

Director Marc Gorelick asked for volunteers to assist with the VGCA Recruiting Table at the next Chantilly Gun Show (scheduled for 1-3 Oct 2021)

- Those who man the table get into the show for free and with multiple people on each shift, there should be plenty of time to walk around and spend money!
- If you are interested in volunteering for a half day shift (or more), please contact member George Dungan at george@eccominv.com or (571) 243-6387

Membership Chairperson Bill Chronister provided the following update

- Added 18 new members in June and 6 prospective new members in July

With the intent to begin in-person membership meetings starting in September, the VGCA Executive Committee has decided to conduct elections for all positions in November. This will allow for nominations “from the floor” at the October membership meeting.

The newly elected officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) will serve from December 2021 until May 2024. The three newly elected directors will serve from December 2021 until May 2023. This will get us back on our By-Laws directed cycle of officer elections in even-numbered years and director elections in odd-numbered years.

Many of our current officers and directors are looking to step down. We need motivated and energetic members to run for all positions, but particularly president, vice president, and director. Responsibilities for all positions are summarized below:

President

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee is comprised of the officers and Directors). The current President Bernie Breighner is not seeking re-election.

Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. The current VP Wes Chappell is not seeking re-election.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep all funds of the association in such accounts approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all of his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested. He shall submit an annual report to the members. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and auditing of all funds derived from other sources. The incumbent Treasurer Shannon Zeigler is seeking re-election.

Secretary

The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence. He or his designee shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all appropriate people and members of Regular, Special, or Annual Meetings, as required. He shall keep such records as provided by the Executive Committee, except the Treasurer’s books of accounts and any others deemed by the President. The Secretary is also responsible for all actions associated with membership applications and dues, unless someone else is designated. Bill Chronister has been so designated.

Director (x 3)

Of the three current Directors, Dave Litchfield is not seeking re-election. Marc Gorelick and Ian Wulf have indicated that they are seeking re-election.

If interested in running for any of these offices, please contact George Dungan at george@eccominv.com NLT the October Membership Meeting.

★ Membership Chairman's Report – September 2021:

- **Craig Carney** of Woodbridge, VA was sponsored by **George Dungan**
- **Jaime Forero** of Arlington, VA was sponsored by **Phil Hill**
- **Tess Giasson** of Arlington, VA was sponsored by **Phil Hill**
- **Harry L. Harting, Jr.** of Purcellville, VA was sponsored by **Carlos Davila**
- **William Melancon** of Arlington, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Olivier Chantry Tamborrino** of Leesburg, VA was sponsored by **Carlos Davila**

If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before October 15, 2021. For questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at vgca_membership@cox.net or call me at 703-204-0138.

VGCA Officers and Directors Elections: To ensure you receive your election ballots for the upcoming election, make sure we have your current email and mailing address. If you know a member who has moved, please let them know. If you know a member who has passed, please notify the Membership Chair.

VGCA will be discontinuing hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters at a future date. *Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number* if at all possible. Without an email address new members will NOT receive any newsletters, VGCA announcements, or election ballots.

Annual Membership extensions: The VGCA Executive Committee extended all 2020 Annual Memberships until December 31, 2021. All Annual Members have been sent their 2021 Validation

Stickers that are good until 12/31/2021. Please watch future newsletters for 2022 dues and Life Membership upgrade payment information.

→→→ NOTICE: I am stepping down as VGCA Membership Chair in early Fall 2021. **VGCA needs a new Membership Chair.** All the processes are turn-key and all records are up to date. If you are interested please contact any Officer or Board member ASAP. If you have any questions as to what is expected, give me a call or email me at the email address and/or phone number listed above.

Bill Chronister, Membership Chair

★ ATTENTION MEMBERS: Have you the authored a book/magazine article, or published research on Firearms, Gun Collecting, History, or related subjects?

The VGCA is fortunate to have a diverse membership with a large amount of expertise, experience, and knowledge! If you are - or know any member who is - a published author or researcher, please know that the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc. wants to feature your works on the VGCA website, at gun shows, in the VGCA newsletters (see the FOR SALE section of this newsletter), and/or at VGCA meetings. We also invite you to consider giving a presentation on your works at one of our meetings. If you have any questions or wish to be included, please direct any information, including titles, publishing information, or contact information to: Bill Chronister, Membership Chairman at vgca_membership@cox.net or at home on 703-204-0138.

★ Accepting Donations!

March Gun Show was a big success, netting the VGCA almost \$1000. If interesting in donating something firearms-related (ammo, cleaning supplies, bayonets, books, etc.) for the November Raffle, please contact Bernie Breighner at bfbkac@gmail.com



★ Volunteers Needed!

Show Security - We need your help! VGCA needs security volunteers for our fall Gun Show to be held on 6-7 Nov 2021. Please consider volunteering for one or more 2-Hour or 4-Hour shifts, especially afternoon/late shifts. If interested, contact Frank Cambria at 703-937-7670 or ftcambria@yahoo.com

Show Set-Up - In addition to show security, we need 8 or more volunteers for show set-up. Set-up is on Friday, 5 Nov 2021 (time TBD) and lasts until all the tables are in place (generally about 1-2 hours). If you can help, please contact Andrew Woodard at ajw055570@aol.com

GUNS OF DISTINCTION

TURN BARREL PERCUSSION COMBINATION GUN

By Marc Gorelick

Photos courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria

This wender (turning barrel) action over/under percussion combination gun was made by H. Roesig, a gunmaker in Bruck, Austria about 1840. One of the 27.7" long octagonal barrels is a .571 caliber rifle with six lands and grooves and the other barrel, of wild twist Damascus steel, is a 20 gauge shotgun. The barrels rotate around a common horizontal axis and a push rod in front of the trigger guard locks the rotating wender plate.



The back-action lockplate has scroll and palm leaf engraving, and the breech plates are inscribed with the gun maker's name, "H.Roesig" on one side and "in Bruck" on the other. It has an engraved dolphin-shaped hammer, the engraved triggerguard has a finger rest and protects a single set trigger. All the metal furniture, even the screw heads, have engraved decoration, although the ferules have diamond faces.



The left side of the full walnut stock is decorated with a carving of red deer in a forest. There is fine checkering on the wrist and the sliding wooden patch box cover is decorated with scallop and checkering carving. The brass-tipped ramrod is original.



The combination gun was auctioned by the esteemed house of Joh. Springer of Vienna, Austria.

★ In Review ★

The “In Review” section to the newsletter includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the editor at rpebecker@verizon.net.

GUN SHOW

THE 2021 SHOW OF SHOWS

By Marc Gorelick

The past year and a half has been rocky for many gun shows. The February 2021 Show of Shows militaria show in Louisville, Kentucky, arguably the largest militaria show in the United States, if not the world, was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The National Gun Day show, held at the same time in the same venue as the Show of Shows, was also in cancelled.

This year the Show of Shows (held once a year) was again held at the huge Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, but from July 22-24. Although it is still a Mecca for militaria dealers and collectors, it was not as good as previous shows because of residual effects from the pandemic.



The international show had almost 2,000 tables of guns and militaria of all kinds, including uniforms, helmets, field gear, patches, medals, knives, bayonets, swords, artillery, books, original documents, artworks, videos, and photographs. There were also World War 2 era tank and warship parts and

equipment. The guns, both long guns and hand weapons, were from almost all eras; matchlocks, flintlocks, percussion and cartridge, and from many countries. The Show of Shows is not the place for modern military or sporting weapons. Nor is it the place to find ammunition, unless you are looking for old collectible ammunition.

While the July show had a wide variety of items, many tables were empty. Usually there are no or few no-shows and empty tables. This can be attributed to dealer or private table holders, many of whom are older, not wanting to travel or risk getting Covid. It also seemed that there were fewer people attending (although a number of VGCA members were there). The reduction in foot traffic was most probably the result of travel restrictions and there not being a gun show next door. The Show of Shows is a magnet for large numbers of wealthy foreign collectors and dealers from Canada, Europe, Asia and South America. Many of them could not (or would not) attend this year because of international regulations and restrictions. Also, there is usually a lot of cross traffic from the National Gun Day show. Because that show was not there that cross traffic was missing this year.



The reduced number of vendors also had an effect on the variety of militaria. German and American World War 2 seemed to predominate at the July show when usually there would be a much larger selection from countries such as the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, France, Japan, Belgium, Spain, and others. There is usually a wider variety of wars and time periods.

Prices of many of the collectibles were high, although bargains could be had if you looked and if you (and the vendor) were willing to negotiate. For example, I purchased two scarce long out-of-print definitive gun reference books for almost half the original asking price. Unfortunately, many collectible items were priced optimistically high, partly because of rarity or history, and partly (I believe) in anticipation of the rich foreign collectors who were not there. Of course, there are table holders at every show who smoke dope when pricing their goods or may have bought too high and are unwilling to take a loss or forgo a profit. And there was no National Gun Day show competition to exert a downward pressure on Show of Show gun prices.

Yet, the show is still a good place to find rare or scarce pieces for your collection. For instance, one VGCA member found a scarce 22mm French Type 913 aviator's signal pistol (see photo below). Another member found several Pzkw VI "Tiger" tank parts that he was looking for.



There is also a row of tables set aside for veterans, authors and museums, where the public can talk to the vets. There were eight veterans, including five from World War 2. Among the Second World War vets were Bradford Freeman and James “Pee Wee” Martin who both served in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of Band of Brothers fame. Another veteran at the show was Frank Emond who was a member of the USS Pennsylvania’s crew at Pearl Harbor. Unfortunately, the number of World War 2 veterans, is swiftly dwindling.



The July show was also adversely effected by amenities that were not up to previous years’ standards. The food vendor inside the hall was terrible and few trash cans were put out. This was in part the result of lack of help. I heard advertisements on local TV stations offering jobs at the Exposition Center.

On the whole though, the Show of Shows is well worth attending. It can be a long drive from Northern Virginia but there is pretty scenery along the way and once you are in Kentucky you can enjoy visiting distilleries along the “Bourbon Trail.” Or you can fly into Louisville. The Exposition Center and several hotels are right next to the airport. Inside the show is a UPS table so those who fly can have your purchases shipped home.



The Show of Shows is put on by the Ohio Valley Military Society (OVMS). The show is three days and OVMS members get in for free. Thursday morning is only for dealers and OVMS Life members. Thursday afternoon the hall is open to all OVMS members. Friday and Saturday it is open to OVMS members and the public. It is normally held at the same weekend as the National Gun Day show (about 1,000 tables), which is in a different hall in the Kentucky Exposition Center. Next year (2022) the Show of Shows is scheduled to move back to its usual February slot (Feb. 23-27), the same weekend as the gun show. Hopefully, travel restrictions will be lifted and many of the dealers and collectors who missed the July show will return and the show will return to being its usual superb international event.

OVMS also sponsors the MAX militaria show, which will be in York, PA September 16-19. It will be at the York Expo Center Arena and will be held in conjunction with the York Antique Arms Show (Sept. 17-18).

★ Next Chantilly Gun Show is a Go!

After serving for several weeks as a processing center and temporary housing for newly arrived Afghan refugees, the Dulles Expo Center will be available for the Showmasters Gun Show scheduled for 1-3 October 2021.

Volunteers are needed for the VGCA Membership Table. We are looking for a few good volunteers to man the VGCA promotional table. This is an opportunity to spend a few hours with fellow gun collecting enthusiasts, meet new people, help the club, get into a big show for free and possibly find that hole in your collection. Volunteers are need for all three days – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If interested in helping, please contact George Dugan to volunteer at george@ecominv.com or call (571) 243-6387.



Gun Show Website: <https://www.thenationsgunshow.com/>

Photo credit – Showmasters website

★ Show-n-Tell ★

NOTE – If you would like to feature something new (or old) from your collection in a future VGCA newsletter, please send 1-4 photos, along with a description of the item to rpebecker@verizon.net. A Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet (below) lists the information we would like in order to adequately describe your prized possessions.

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

Where acquired (optional): _____ When acquired (optional): _____

Schermuly Line Thrower

Member 1 recently acquired this magnificent marine line thrower with all of the accessories. Officially designated the “Schermuly Pistol Rocket Apparatus,” this cased set (*at right*) includes everything a crew would need to shoot a line between two ships at sea. Invented by William Schermuly and his son Captain Conrad D. Schermuly DCM, the launcher is based on the British WWI era No. III flare gun. The Schermuly conversion allows it to launch a rocket with a small line attached over another ship. This line would be retrieved and used to pass a larger line between the ships for replenishment while at sea, or in the case of an emergency, to rescue personnel. As originally manufactured, a complete cased set included:

1. A sturdy steel carrying case with authenticating ‘Schermuly’ decal (logo) on the lid and with carrying handles at each side. A hinged lid and two firm brass clips to secure it.
2. Inside are four black boxes each containing 350 yards of $\frac{1}{2}$ ” line.
3. Four rockets complete with metal bridals and short lengths of steel wire to stop the ordinary line from catching fire behind the rocket.
4. One box of firing/launching cartridges that are loaded into the gun.
5. Firing Pistol - a single action, single shot break-top barrel with left hand thumb release and exposed hammer. The pistol grip is of oak.
6. Set of operating instructions.



The usefulness of this and similar equipment to aid ships in distress quickly became apparent between WWI and WWII. On January 1st 1929 an Act of Parliament made the carrying of such equipment compulsory in British Registered ships of over 500 tons and by 1938, a new Act made it required equipment for all ships over 80 tons or 50 feet in length.

Similar devices are carried and used by merchant and naval ships to this day.

Type 38 Carbine



Member 2 acquired this Japanese Type 38 carbine (*at left*) at the recent Ohio Valley Militaria Society “Show of Shows” in Louisville, KY. See Marc Gorelick’s review of the “Show of Shows” in this newsletter.

The Japanese Type 38 carbine entered service in 1905 and was intended to be a shorter, handier weapon for use by cavalry, engineers, quartermasters, and artillery troops. Four arsenals produced the Type 38 carbine and approximately 517,800 were produced between 1906 and 1944. The carbine has an overall length of 38 inches (compared to the original Type 38 rifle with an OAL of just over 50

inches) with a weight of 7 pounds 4 ounces (compared to the Type 38 rifle weight of 9 pounds 4 ounces). Almost the entire difference between the two is from shortening the barrel from 31.2” in the rifle to 19.2” in the carbine.

This particular example is a Kokura Series 2. It has matching numbers (except for the extractor) and the chrysanthemum has been ground off (*above, inset*), indicating it was surrendered to the American forces after the Japanese surrender.

Both the rifle and the carbine are chambered in 6.5x50 semi-rimmed caliber and use the same Type 30 bayonet. The rear sight on the rifle is graduated to 2400 meters (*left*) while carbine’s is graduated to 2000 meters (*right*).



★ 2021 Presentation List ★

DATE	TOPIC	FORMAT	PRESENTER
23 Sep 2021	Art Muskets of the Ottoman Empire	In-Person	Marc Gorelick
28 Oct 2021	Pre-1989 Assault Weapons	In-Person	Members bring in their Pre-Ban guns to share
November 2021	No Meeting due to our Fall Gun Show (6-7 Nov)		
December 2021	No Meeting scheduled unless NRA Facilities re-open		

★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: Members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were verified when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

VIRGINIA – 2021

- Sep 18-19, 2021 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds - *SGK*
- Oct 1-3, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 9-10, 2021 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Oct 9-10, 2021 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center - *SGK*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Chesapeake, VA – Chesapeake Convention Center – *SGK*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- Nov 19-21, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2021

- Oct 8-10, 2021 – Bel Air, MD – American Legion Harford Post #39 - *American Legion*
- Oct 16-17, 2021 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Easton, MD – Talbot County Community Center – *Eastern Shores Collectors*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2021

PENNSYLVANIA – 2021 (continued)

- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction – *CPAAA – Central Penn Antique Arms Association Show*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – West Middlesex, PA – Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club – *HVSC*
- Oct 2-3, 2021 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 2-3, 2021 – Muncy, PA – Lycoming Mall – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- Oct 2-3, 2021 – Trevese, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 9-10, 2021 – East Berlin, PA – East Berlin Fish & Game – *East Berlin Fish & Game Assoc*
- Oct 9-10, 2021 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 - *Jaeger Arms*
- Oct 9-10, 2021 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 15-17, 2021 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 16-17, 2021 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, Inc.*
- Oct 16-17, 2021 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 16-17, 2021 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – *SLCFSA*
- Oct 22-23, 2021 – Shippensburg, PA – Oak Grove Events Building – *Brimstone Arms*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Oct 23-24, 2021 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*
- Oct 30-31, 2021 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Blossburg, PA – Blossburg Vol Fire Dep – *Bear Arms Promotions*

- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *The Gun Guy*
- Nov 6-7, 2021 – Thompson, PA – Thompson Vol Fire Dep – *Jaeger Arms*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Altoona, PA – Blair County Convention Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Nov 13-14, 2021 – Kittanning, PA – Pony Farm Trap & Gun – *Pony Farm Trap & Gun Club*
- Nov 14, 2021 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Nov 16-17, 2021 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Twp Vol Fire Co. - *Jaeger Arms*
- Nov 20-21, 2021 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS - 2021

- Oct 8-9, 2021 – West Point, KY – Knob Creek Gun Range – Largest Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show in US! – *KCR*
- NOTE: This will be the last Machine Gun Shoot at Knob Creek. If you are interested in machine guns or military weapons and have never attended, you should make plans to go!
- Nov 20-21, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc*

FOR SALE:

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FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices to VGCA members. These include:

- "U.S. Handguns of World War II" - \$45.00
- "The Smith & Wesson American Model" - \$55.00
- "U.S. Military Arms Inspector Marks" - \$45.00
- "The Colt Model 1860 Army Revolver" - \$60.00

If interested, please contact Charlie at usarmsresearch@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

★ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has recently published his book Guns of the FBI. This book is available at GunDigest.com or can be purchased directly from Bill by calling 703-626-2975. He is more than happy to sign a copy for you. Cost is \$50.00.

FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Larry Babcock recently published a companion piece to his earlier book **M1 Garand Photo Essay**. This second book, titled **M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II** covers all new material, to include the M1C and M1D sniper rifles as well as a myriad of M1 accessories. Best of all, both books are offered at a discount to VGCA members. Volume I is normally priced at \$69 and volume II lists for \$49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for \$60 and \$40 each respectively - or \$90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock set up near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show or order from him directly at larrybab@comcast.net / 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

★ French wooden cased copy of 4th Model Colt 22 Rimfire Short Lord Derringer made by Butler. Side pivoting Thuer action, single shot, 2.5" black chromed bbl., gold plating, walnut grips, unfired. EC. \$295

★ Classic Winchester Model 12 20-gauge pump action shotgun. Rare 30" full choked barrel, tight action, safe queen, excellent bore, bluing and wood, 1946 production. \$1195

★ Smith and Wesson: The original centerfire 38 caliber (.38 S&W) handgun from 1876-1877. BABY RUSSIAN 5-shot, spur trigger w/ excellent bore and rare 4 inch barrel and block letter grips. All matching numbers, nicely nickel plated, with authenticating S&W letter. \$1795

If interested, contact John at 571-308-4978

FOR SALE:

Trapdoor Carbines for Sale

★ RARE! Model 1873 "Custer Range" Carbine (#39873). Very Good-Fine. All correct and original, visible cartouche. Detailed write-up available on request. Serious inquiries only. \$6000 FIRM.

★ RARE! Very Early Model 1877 Carbine (#76826). Very Good-Fine, All correct and original, visible cartouche. Original rod and ruptured shell extractor in butt. Detailed write-up on request. Serious inquiries only. \$5500 FIRM.

Contact John - Cell: 703 281-2478; Email: alphahotel62@hotmail.com

FOR SALE:

★ **Bandoliers of Danish .30-06 Ammo** in M1 Garand enblock Clips, 48 rounds per bandolier, Danish manufactured in 1987. Photo at right shows crate the bandoliers came in. Only 4 bandoliers left! \$65.00 each.



★ **7.62x25 Tokarev Ammo.** Eastern Bloc surplus spam can w/ 1224 rounds (dated 1984). \$600 (Note – recent online sales have the spam can priced at \$800 and up).

★ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 ¼" 450 grain DGX, 20 round box, very limited production. \$125.00

Prices firm. Contact Jack for details at looney.house@verizon.net



For Sale: A.E.G. M-14

Bought for photo shoot, never fired. With Charger, Battery. Magazine, Mag Loader, & Assorted pellets

\$150.00

***Text name & phone number to 703-999-9458
with message "AEG M14" & I will call you back.***

FOR SALE:

★ Russian, German, and U.S. surplus rifle ammunition – various calibers and amounts available. For details, contact Dave at 703-634-8696.

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