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Kalashnikov Rifles and the Legacy the September 25, 2014 Meeting:

Addison Hurst our former president gave an outstanding presentation on the Kalashnikov family of rifles and man behind them. With the help of Addison W, Glenn W, and Bill H, Addison was able to setup a beautiful display and simultaneously work a PowerPoint through his presentation. This event brought in 76 people in attendance which is one of the largest crowds we've had.

Addison was able to cover much of the man's story from his early life on through the development of his rifles and even his later years. Having had a special relationship with the Kalashnikov family there was a level of insight and care given to this tribute rarely seen.

For his generous presentation and effort that went into this Addison was awarded a VGCA pen set by our President Dave Litchfield.

Included in this presentation was also a video from the Kalashnikov foundation compliments of the General's daughter Elena. This was shown by Addison at the end of the presentation and gave a brief history of the man and his works. A detailed telling of what was presented and additional photographs will be made available on the website.

⊛ **Upcoming Presentation for December 4, 2014:** This November as per normal there will be no meeting as the Gun Show will act as our meeting. In December we will have potluck with a ham provided by the club. Please bring anything you have for our swap meet and massive show and tell. Please help us make sure that we leave the conference room cleaner than we found it. It's going to be a fantastic presentation and we can't wait to see you all there.

Business Meeting of September 25, 2014: We started off the meeting in the usual fashion with the pledge led by Jim Burgess, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen comrades. This was followed by a fairly short and sweet business meeting to make way for Addison's presentation. Dave went over our plan for reimbursing Trigger Time for help with the gun show. The Board has agreed to move it to a formal contract agreement paying them \$850 for all their assistance over the weekend. Ed Johnson is doing well despite all that's happening. An additional set of proposals were voted on by the Board and are covered later in this newsletter. New show rules were covered instructing how anyone working your table has to have their full information into Rick Nahas ahead of time and issued a pass in their name. New members were brought in by Larry Hare, Benjamin Miller, sponsored by Larry Hare, and James Barron, sponsored by Steve Smith.

⊛ **Remaining Presentations for 2014:** The following presentations are already scheduled for next year. This is a great line-up, so mark your calendars. Advance thanks to those who have signed up to present and to the members who arranged for some of the program speakers. As always, updates will be published in the newsletters each month.

- **October 23 - LTC Gregg Thompson–**
"Afghani Rifles"
- **November - NO Meeting - VGCA Gun Show**
- **December 4 - Annual Membership Meeting –**
NO Speaker/Pot Luck Dinner/Officer
Nominations/Show & Tell/Swap Me

Other News!

November Show Call for Volunteers: If you're interested in working Security at the next show in November WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS especially if we want to grow our show and provide more for you all. Please contact Kent Jefferies at KAJefferies@aol.com and remember that working on the Security or Setup teams gets you one free admission to the gun show for the weekend.

Request for 2015 Speakers: We are starting to look for speakers for the 2015 calendar year. We've already had some great volunteers stand up but we need more. If you're interested in speaking please contact Dave Litchfield who will advise speakers on how to prepare and length of presentation.

Continued Call of Articles for the Website: We are making a call for articles for the website. They must be about guns or gun collecting not shooting sports or hunting. No political articles will be used. Articles may be about modern or antique firearms and may be historical and/or technical in nature. Detailed guidelines will be available on the website. Please fact check and proofread your own work. All articles may be submitted to Marc or Richard at web@vgca.net. Official Guidelines for articles may be found on the education page of the VGCA site.

Newly Adopted Proposals by the Board: The Virginia Gun Collectors Association Board of Directors on September 23, 2014 unanimously voted to adopt the following measures regarding entry to the VGCA Gun Show.

1. Current VGCA members (in good standing with a valid badge) will be granted free admission to the VGCA Gun Show starting in the March 2015 Gun Show. This would be applicable ONLY during normal show hours. Those desiring free admission must present a valid ID at a ticket booth to get a special ticket.
2. Starting with the March 2015 show there will be free admission for children 12 years old and younger (when accompanied by an adult) and to uniformed law enforcement officers. This codifies previously policies.
3. Starting at the March 2015 show we will include a \$1-Off discount on the price of a 1-day ticket discount on the post cards that are mailed out before the gun show. This will be done on a one-time trial basis. The Board will then study the results of the trial and proceed from there.
4. Starting with the March 2015 show we will initiate a simple \$1-off discount E-coupon program for the public to VGCA Gunshows utilizing the VGCA website and e-mail mailing list. This will be for the March and November 2015 shows on a trial basis. The Board will study the results of the trial and determine whether to continue the practice.

The Relocation Committee: This is an "in-case of emergency" exercise. Identifying alternate new locations for the gun show will be a multi-year endeavor. The relocation Committee will be independent and will report its progress and findings periodically to the Board. Any VGCA member, including members of the Show Committee can serve on the committee and this should be encouraged. Board Member Marc Gorelick chairs the committee. If you want to help and be a committee member, please contact Marc.



Show and Tell

Member 1 brought in a folding stock AK-47 signed by the General on one of his visits to the United States.

Member 2 brought in AK items including an Under Folder Century arms Yugoslav model 70 with built in gas cut off grenade/launching sight. Magazines for the AK 47 Russian slab side, standard magazine made with



lighter gauge steel with ribs to let them use less steel. Russian waffle magazine made of aluminum. Quintessential AK mag: Hay collide phenylplastic. Drum 75 round top loading made by Chinese.

Member 3 Chinese AK47 with bayonet made by CJA Ching Jang Ang.

Member 4 had a RPK Romanian version of AK. AS10B takes 40 round mag but will work with 75 round drum or any other AK mag.

Member 5 showed us a modern rendition of the AK. It was a Arsenal with mill receiver modified by Rifle dynamics and sporting an

akars scope mount rail.



Member 6 Russian Margolin Model MT Sport .22LR target pistol

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 as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA 2014

- ☉ October 25-26, 2014 - Fredericksburg, VA - Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center - *SGK Shows*
- ☉ November 1-2, 2014 - Norfolk, VA - **Norfolk Scope Arena** - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ November 1-2, 2014 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ☉ **November 8-9, 2014 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ☉ November 21-23, 2014 - Chantilly, VA – Expo Center, The Nation's Gun Show - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ November 29-30, 2014 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ November 29-30, 2014 - Hampton, VA - Hampton Roads Convention Center - *SGK Show*
- ☉ December 6-7, 2014 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds - *SGK Show*
- ☉ December 13-14, 2014 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ December 13-14, 2014 - Fredericksburg, VA - Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center - *SGK Shows*
- ☉ December 20-21, 2014 - Winchester, VA - Winchester Sportsplex - *SGK Show*
- ☉ December 20-21, 2014 - Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E Gun Show*

PENNSYLVANIA 2014

- ☉ October 25-26, 2014 - Monroeville, PA - Monroeville Convention Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ November 22-23, 2014- Altoona, PA - **Blair County Convention Center** - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ November 29-30, 2014 - Monroeville, PA - Monroeville Convention Center - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☉ **December 6-7, 2014 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society.**
Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm

MUZZLELOADING 2014

- ☉ October 31, 2014 – Front Royal, VA - Virginia Longrifle Show

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