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Meeting and Event Calendar

All programs and events start at **7:00 PM** at the NRA Auditorium (except the shows and the picnic)

May 27

- NRA/VGCA joint presentation - SGT John C. Reich of the 101st ABN. He is the Division Master Gunner and was the first boot on the ground in Granada. He also visited Panama, Haiti, Somalia and Afghanistan. He is the 101st expert on small arms and would like to talk to us about what worked and what did not during the past few years. So bring out your military hardware for show and tell and learn lots about it
- Gary Holderman - will lead a Show & Tell discussion on .44 Magnums Drag out all the artillery for that show and tell!
- Phil assures us that the museum will be open before the meeting so you can see the TSMG display.

June 12 (Saturday)

- Picnic for VGCA members at the NORVA range at Star Tannery VA

July

- No meeting due to vacations

Aug. 26

- NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced.

Sept.25-26 (Saturday & Sunday)

- Fall Gun Show at Hugo's.

Oct. 28

- NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced.

Dec. 2

- Swap meet or mini gun show. (Combined Nov. and Dec. meetings)

- **Va. Senate Bill 326.** Hopefully Ernie Lyles and maybe others can explain the changes in the law that becomes effective 7-1-04.
 - o No more county or waiting periods for handgun purchases.
 - o No more one gun a month for CCP holders or Curio/Relic licensees
 - o Enhanced recognition of Virginia CCP holders by other states.
 - o Relaxed rules to allow purchase of long guns in other states. Details to follow. Stay tuned.
- **Gun Show At Expo Center.** The first large (1000 table) show at the Expo Center on July 31-August 1.
 - o Tables are available at \$85.00 each. Contact Ed Costello if you are interested in purchasing tables.
 - o VGCA will have a promotional table at the show. Volunteers are needed to help staff this table. Contact Addison if you can help. We need to see how the show is managed so your observations will be helpful to the board. Please give us your feedback on this. Talk to dealers etc. 1000 tables is a big show so it will be interesting to see how it goes.
 - o Potomac Arms Collectors (PACA) has expressed interest in possibly linking up with us for a possible show. Discussions to follow and we will keep you informed on the possible developments. Let the board members know how you feel about this idea. We may possibly be able to expand our show if the Expo center works out...so let's have look at this show. I hope my gut feeling is wrong—I do not think it will work but let's see.....

April Meeting Review

- **Big Thanks to Carlos Davila.** Carlos' presentation at the April meeting on Latin American Mausers and Rifles was simply outstanding! (Some of his Rifles are pictured below right) His tour de force of the history of the area and the arms used from the 19th thru 20th centuries was truly great. You could have heard a pin drop in the near capacity crowd. It is a shame that this level of presentations can't be video taped for members who can't attend the meetings. Any suggestions of doing this???
- Show and tell was great as well. (Ryan Rice's 12 inch scale collection is pictured below left)
- The food—pizza—seemed to be well received. We will do that again sometime soon.
- Those with digital cameras—if you could take pictures at the meetings send them to Larry Hunt who will put them on the web page. The crowd was huge and we took in the largest number of new members ever....membership will soon be up to 400.



Ryan Rice's 12 inch scale collection



A small portion of Carlos' Rifle Collection including a Mauser and two versions of the FN Model 49

Picnic on June 12 at the NORVA facility in Star Tannery, VA - Rain or shine. Email Addison if you need directions.

- We will eat about noon. Bring a favorite covered dish in extra large size to compliment Ed Johnson's famous BBQ. If you have not signed up for the picnic and let Addison know how many will be in your party, please email me with the total number. VGCA pays for everything but we need to know how much meat, sodas etc to buy.
- If you can help set up the picnic on Friday, let us know that as well.
- Shooting at 100 yard and Sheet/Trap ranges will be from about 11-6 with ranges closed for lunch.
- Bring your own shotguns and ammo. Clay birds will be furnished.
- Bring your guns and ammo at the 100 yard range. Metal silhouette targets will be available to shoot---only with handguns and .22 arms. There will be several large silhouette targets for all to shoot at. Also, bring bowling pins if you have access to them.
- Range rules will be enforced.
 - o Only shooters will be permitted in front of the shooting line that will be clearly marked with tape and paint.
 - o All ranges will be closed during lunch.
 - o Bring eye and ear protection for all in your party. If you do not know the drill, contact someone who has been there. You are responsible for your guests.
- Non NORVA members **MUST** sign a waiver and acknowledgment of the rules. There will be copies of the waiver form at the meeting for your and your guest to read and understand. This form is for **NON** NORVA members **ONLY**.
- Stay in the graveled areas and bring rain gear and bug spray. Keep your kids under control. Many shooters will permit you, your guests and kids to shoot all manner of neat stuff. But safety is the main thing so your help is essential to make this event safe.

- For new guests, full bathroom and kitchen facilities are there as is refrigeration etc. Wives and kids are welcome. Road signs will guide you from 81. Range at 100 yard is covered. Eating area is also covered and screened. It usually rains at out picnic so be prepared and flexible
- You may recall last year we were treated to shooting the Leitner-Wise LW15 .499 type M 16s designed for the Coast Guard to tear up drug runners or terrorist boats etc. I spoke to Paul Leitner-Wise at the NRA meeting in Pittsburgh. Well, although Paul regrets he can not make the picnic, his staff and rifles and ammo **will** so you will get another chance to shoot these amazing product improved rifles. The Marines and others are now looking at buying them. These rifles (or uppers) raise the ante when attached to a M16 or AR15 lower receiver. They are available for purchase (no FFL paperwork on the uppers) and dies will soon be available from RCBS to reload the mighty .499 LWR rounds. Ammunition is available from Paul's firm. Please take lots of digital photos of the picnic and send them to Larry Hunt, our webmaster.

For Sale and Wanted

Don Allman O 703-691-8345; Cell 703-346-4298; Home 703-250-5988

- J.Stevens .22 Falling Block, Armory Model 414, VG to fine condition. Bore fair. Good shooter- \$600.00.
- Ruger 22/22 mag 5.5" barrel. Mint condition. Flat top \$350.00.
- Walther .22 Sport Model, "Meisterbusche" Excellent condition, perfect bore, ramp front sight with various settings. Single shot with beautiful checkered wood. \$850.00.
- Philipino "Kris" sword 100+ years old. Very fine condition. \$150.00.
- Looking for antique arms—Civil War era.

Contact Paul Edwards at Cell 703-568-1285 or grandpabeaver@msn.com

- U.S. Rifle M1903/05 Conversion from the rod bayonet model of 1900. Excellent condition. Serial Number 7XXX. Price is \$5000.00. Sounds like a rare jewel. Contact Paul if you know anyone who might be interested.

Dick Ankerstjerne 540-721-7182 or jacank@aol.com

- Looking for info and a value on a Parker Hammer Damascus side by side shotgun # 57913 that he thinks dates to 1889.

Potomac Arms Collectors' Association (PACA)	
PACA meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Silver Spring Maryland the third Thursday of each month. The K of C Hall is located just north of the 495 beltway at the intersection of Forest Glen Road and Rosensteel Avenue about one half mile west of Georgia Avenue on Forest Glen Road. Please call Jim Vaughan at 301-384-7177 if you have any questions.	
May 20 (Thursday) 8:00 PM	June 20 (Thursday) 8:00 PM
- Mr. Ed Costello, Treasurer of the VGCA, will speak on Mauser Broomhandle Pistols	- Mr. Bruce Feinberg, President of PACA, will give a presentation on Jenks rifles and carbines

Make sure Larry Hare or I have your correct email address if you wish to receive your flyer by email. As soon as we know our mailing address, you will need to make sure your spam filter allows you to receive your flyer from this address. Addison Hurst and Con Rice.