



# VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOC., INC.

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## General information about VGCA The Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

VGCA was organized in 1983 in Manassas, Virginia by C. Edward Johnson, a noted collector of Civil War and Western arms. From a small group, we have grown to approximately 350 members whose interests range from muskets to machine guns. We sponsor two gun shows a year – around March and November – at the Prince William County Fairgrounds located in Manassas, Virginia – off of Route 234. Our display space is limited by the confines of the building to about 240 tables. We are a “pure” gun show and do not allow the display of non-firearm related items.

We meet monthly at the NRA Headquarters in Fairfax, VA, near the intersection of Route 50 and Interstate 66. We meet at 7:00 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, with the exceptions of show months (March and November) and mid-summer (July). The November-December Annual meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of December. We have programs each month on some aspect of gun collecting.

Three times a year, we team up with the National Firearms Museum (NFM) to sponsor special speakers at our meetings. We provide a gratis light dinner of sandwiches, pizza, etc. at the special NFM-VGCA presentation meetings. We strongly support financially the NFM, the NRA, and youth shooting programs. We have funded range development and the purchase of precision match arms for the youth shooters. We also support the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA) in their legislative efforts and their efforts in the development of youth shooting programs. The VSSA is a certified Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) affiliate organization.

We are a non-profit organization that promotes the hobby of gun collecting, education via our monthly presentations, as well as the educational displays at our gun show, which often cover gun collecting, the use and development of firearms, and the related historical events typically associated with the invention, refinement and further improvements in firearms. We also provide education for the youth shooting programs.

If you are interested in gun collecting, firearms development and history, or shooting, we invite you to contact us to talk to an Association member, join us at a meeting and presentation, or visit us at one of our gun shows. We also encourage you to visit the outstanding National Firearms Museum at the NRA Headquarters. The address is 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA. The telephone number is 703-267-1601. Contact Phil Schreier or Doug Wicklund – the NFM curators ([PSchreier@nrahq.org](mailto:PSchreier@nrahq.org)). Both gentlemen are VGCA members. Please feel free to visit the VGCA or the museum when you are in the area and also check out the Virginia Gun Collectors Association website at [www.vgca.org](http://www.vgca.org).

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