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**JUST MY OPINION... CECIL PARKER, PRESIDENT**

The Second Amendment is merely an “earmark” in the Constitution of the United States.

That is what U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer seemed to say in a December 19th interview with Fox News’ Chris Wallace. In defending his vote against individual gun rights in the *Heller* and *Chicago* decisions, Justice Breyer insisted that there is no historic evidence that the framers had any intent to ensure the right to keep and bear arms.

He stated that James Madison “threw in” the Second Amendment because he was afraid the Constitution would not be ratified without it.

I encourage everyone to find a video copy or transcript of that interview. It provides an interesting insight into the merging of classic “loose constructionism” with today’s far left political ideology.

The apparent implication is that anything included in the Constitution “just to get it passed” is trivial and does not deserve serious consideration in modern times. That logic could be applied to the entire Bill of Rights – since the framers of the Constitution refused to recommend Ratification by the States without guarantees that a Bill of Citizens rights would soon follow.

With all due respect to Justice Breyer’s Stanford-Oxford-Harvard education, my understanding of the history of the adoption of the Bill of Rights boils down to two factions of American Patriots who agreed that all men are endowed by the Creator with “unalien-

able rights”. The Federalists felt that these “natural rights” were so ingrained in Western Civilization as to be “self evident” and need not be listed in the Constitution. The anti-Federalists were more skeptical and wanted to specify those basic human rights that any future tyrant dare not trample. Unfortunately, Liberal revisionists of today contend that the government grants those rights and can therefore restrict them.

I continue to wonder which Branch of Government we should be most wary of.

Now, I immediately apologize for being so “heavy” with my opening remarks. But all Americans should be at least a little irritated by a Supreme Court Justice doing a book tour to sell his extreme political views -- whether he is left-wing or *right*.

“Supercilious” -- one of my favorite English words which I have never used in a sentence. Please note that I again did not use it in reference to Justice Breyer.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** I recently received an email from an out-of-state non-member who was looking for information about “Bedford’s Gun Juice” -- part of the legend of OGCA’s founding father, Miller Bedford. Check out the photo of the magic elixir with labeling claims that rival the best of modern day all-purpose gun cleaner/lubricants.



Bedford’s Gun Juice label leaves no doubt that OGCA’s first president had a way with words: “Use for EVERYTHING on or in a GUN Metal, wood, inside, outside. Better than water, oil gunks, greases other effuviums. Contains no coal oil, fuel oil, diesel oil, vinegar, soap water, or weird ingredients dreamed up by some ancient-chemist on his way home from the local dead toad rubbing society in the light of a low moon long after midnight on Friday the 13th, January 23rd.



Cecil Parker visiting an exhibit of a founding father at The Frazier International History Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

## OHIO SUPREME COURT SIDES WITH GUN OWNERS, UPHOLDS OHIO'S PREEMPTION LAW

*Enjoy great news for gun owners as reported by our friends at Buckeye Firearms Association. The entire Ohio Supreme Court ruling can be downloaded at [www.buckeye-firearms.org/publicfiles/pdf/2010-ohio-6318.pdf](http://www.buckeye-firearms.org/publicfiles/pdf/2010-ohio-6318.pdf).*

The Ohio Supreme Court has, in a 5-2 opinion, once again ruled that Ohio's "preemption" law is valid. In a case brought by the City of Cleveland against the State of Ohio, the court held that R.C. 9.68 is valid in all respects, including, but not limited to, the mandatory attorney fee provision against any city that attempts to violate a citizen's right to self-defense.

HB347, the preemption law, became effective in March of 2007. It replaces a patchwork of varied and confusing local rules with "uniform laws throughout the state regulating the ownership, possession, purchase, other acquisition, transport, storage, carrying, sale, or other transfer of firearms, their components, and their ammunition."

The legislature recognized that, like motor vehicle laws, it makes sense for firearms laws to be uniform throughout the state. Because local laws can only carry misdemeanor penalties, and almost every crime committed with a gun is a felony under state or federal law, the local laws were almost never used to charge criminals and instead served to disarm the crime victims.

Cleveland's argument against the state law

was simple: they felt the state and federal government had not gone far enough to regulate your self-defense rights, so the city should still be free to further handcuff everyone who happens to be inside city limits. Writing for the majority, Justice Stratton rejected this argument, stating "A comprehensive enactment need not regulate every aspect of disputed conduct, nor must it regulate that conduct in a particularly invasive fashion."

Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray hailed the December 29, 2010 ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court, which affirmed the constitutionality of Ohio's firearms statutes.

"This is an important victory for every gun owner in Ohio," Cordray said. "Before 2006, Ohioans faced a confusing patchwork of local ordinances with different restrictions on gun ownership and possession. The General Assembly stepped in, enacting a comprehensive set of rights and responsibilities for every citizen seeking to exercise his or her Second Amendment liberties. We vigorously defended that law, and today the Court upheld it."

Chris Cox, executive director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, said, "Today's ruling is a victory for law-abiding Ohioans. This ruling makes clear that preemption is the law in the Buckeye State and a patchwork of gun laws is not acceptable. If Cleveland, or any other city, wants to crack down on violence, city leaders there should focus on prosecuting criminals, not enacting new

gun laws that only serve to restrict law-abiding citizens."

It is particularly noteworthy, and refreshing, that Justice Lanzinger, who voted against preemption in the Clyde case, acknowledged the legal concept of stare decisis that admonishes judges to respect prior decisions, and voted to respect the prior decision where she was in the dissent. The same cannot be said of Justice Pfeifer, who once again was in a dissent that had no basis in law or fact. The other dissenting vote came from Chief Justice Eric Brown, an appointee of Gov. Ted Strickland who failed in November to win election to a full term.

This ruling also means that Buckeye Firearms Foundation's suit against Cleveland will be reactivated, and we expect immediate action on the injunction requests previously filed with the trial court. The suit seeks a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction to stop the City of Cleveland from prosecuting law-abiding gun owners under local ordinances that restrict gun ownership and concealed carry.

The lawsuit also asks the Court to declare 20 different local ordinances unconstitutional on the grounds of state preemption of firearm laws.

In Cleveland, gun ordinances have been used for political or philosophical reasons and had the effect of harassing law-abiding citizens.

### EARLY OGCA MEETING

In 1946, the OGCA held a meeting at the Log Cabin Shop housed in one room of Wes Kindig's family home in Lodi, Ohio. Wes built the cabin from scratch and in true pioneer fashion, the family camped on the sight during construction until Wes received a broken shoulder from a falling log and the family moved to a rental home in town for the winter. In the late 1940's, Wes bought a pre Civil War log cabin in Ashland County and moved it piece by piece to Lodi where he constructed the two-story square-log building next to the family home. Story courtesy of Eric Kindig (son of Wes) who sent it to member James Battenhouse.



The cabin housed the business until 1968 when they built a new larger quarters 2 miles northeast of Lodi. The present store has 10,000 square feet which includes a museum, free to the public, with Ohio rifles, U.S. Military rifles, Indian artifacts and more.

## DISPLAY SHOW AWARDS

The Display Show Awards will be presented the evening of May 7th at the OGCA banquet at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Our 2011 Awards include:

1. \$12,700 in cash prizes
2. Four numbered Minuteman Bronzes created by Ohio artist Alan Cottrill valued at over \$3,000 each.
3. Several plaques
4. Participation award for all who enter.

\$12,700 in Cash Prizes

1. First Place Antique \$2,000
2. First Place Military \$2,000
3. First Place Modern \$2,000
4. Second Overall \$1,500
5. Third Overall \$1,000
6. Robert Rubendunst Best Educational \$1,000
7. Member's Choice \$850
8. Best 1st Time Displayer \$850
9. Judge's Choice: Antique, Military, Modern / \$500 each



Each of the first-place awards will also receive the Minuteman Freedom Bronze valued at \$3,000. The fourth Minuteman Freedom Bronze will go to the winner of the Robert Rubendunst Best Educational Award along with the cash prize.

For the Member's Choice Award, displays will be judged by the votes of the members present on the Saturday of the exhibition. The winner will receive \$850 and a special award to be unveiled.

Postcard Enclosed in Mailing

## DISPLAY SHOW UPDATE, BOOK SIGNING ANNOUNCED!

Time is of the essence! The Annual Display Show on May 7 & 8, 2011, is almost upon us. With an exciting theme like "Collector's Choice; Display What You Collect," you can't go wrong. Show off what you collect, your prize possessions. If you haven't received your Display Show information packet yet, not to worry, simply complete the enclosed postcard and return it to receive one.

Remember the great prizes you can win, including \$12,700 in cash prizes; four numbered Minuteman Bronzes created by Ohio artist Alan Cottrill valued at over \$3,000 each; several distinguished plaques; and a participation award for all who enter! There is also a \$850 cash reward for the winner of the Member's Choice Award. It's anyone's contest!

The Display Show Awards will be presented the evening of May 7th at the OGCA banquet at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to share your collection with your fellow members of the largest, and oldest, and best gun collecting organization in the country.

Displayers will receive one banquet ticket and one bus ticket per display table that they use. Banquet ticket order forms for displayers will be mailed once we receive your display show application.

OGCA has 50 of the best firearm authors in the world who, between them, have 100 firearms-related books published. The committee has again decided this year to have a **book signing** which gives you a great chance to meet the authors.

### ATTENTION AUTHORS:

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SIGNING BOOKS AT THE MAY MEETING, CONTACT US AT (330) 467-5733 OR [OGCA@OGCA.COM](mailto:OGCA@OGCA.COM). DETAILS, INCLUDING WHEN AND WHERE, WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF AUTHORS INTERESTED, SO PLEASE CONTACT US SOON - NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST.



Bailey Brower's 2010 display show's his love of history. This Life Member collects firearms of provenance, and looks forward to the Display Show each year.

"Savage Pistol Belonging to General Marion Maus, Medal of Honor Recipient, Awarded for Meritorious Service During the Indian Wars".

## 2011 OGCA DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

Members who are dedicated to the preservation of our 2nd Amendment rights and to the continuation of our hobby and who wish to seek nomination as an OGCA director may do so by picking up an application and an informational packet at the tables of 1st Vice President James Tekavec during the March meeting. An applicant must

be a member for at least five years and a resident of the State of Ohio. The Directors term is for three years. Three directorships will be voted on in November 2011 by our members. All completed applications with all supporting documents must be returned to Jim no later than the end of the May meeting.

## BANQUET IS "RIGHT ON BASE"; A SHORT HISTORY OF WRIGHT-PATTERSON

For the past six years, we have had the honor of holding our annual member's banquet at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force which is located within a major, military base - Wright-Patterson AFB. Our thousands of members who have visited, clearly enjoy the museum. However, did you ever realize just how important and complex the overall military base is? Well, here is a bit of history on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and its connection with the Wright Brothers.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is one of the U.S. Air Force's largest and most important Air Force Bases. It is known as the *birthplace, home and future of aerospace*. **Huffman Prairie Flying Field**, which adjoins the base's main runway, is the site where the Wright-Brothers, stated in their own words, "really learned to fly." "Wright-Patt" employs 24,000 people and is the most diverse and organizationally complex base in the U.S. Air Force. It is where America's Air Force aircraft of tomorrow are conceived, developed, and acquired.

On any given day, 300 to 500 Wright-Patterson Airmen are typically deployed or readying for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, global exercises and humanitarian operations. Security Forces, physicians, nurses, and other medical technicians, intelligence analysts, contracting and logistics professionals are just some of the people Wright-Patt deploys.

Wright-Patterson has been in existence since World War I. However, its history literally began with the origins of manned powered, controlled flight. Following their successful proof-of-concept flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in December 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright selected an 84-acre plot of land near their home in Dayton, Ohio. They used this plot of

### Annual Members Recognition Banquet



**Saturday May 7, 2011, 5:30 PM**  
**National Museum of the U.S. Air Force**

**\$35 Dinner, \$25 Vets/Active Duty**  
**\$5 optional bus transportation.**

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land as their experimental flying field as they sought to transform their invention into a practical flying machine. In 1904 and 1905 at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, they developed the first practical airplane (the 1905 Flyer). Over this prairie, now a part of Wright-Patterson AFB, the brothers performed the first turn and circle in an airplane and solved the final mysteries of flight. At this same field, they also invented and used the first successful aircraft catapult launcher.

The brothers returned to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field in 1910 to open the Wright Company School of Aviation, the Wright's Flight Exhibition Company, and a test range

for their aircraft company. Their aviation school trained 119 pilots. The amount for the training was \$250 for a two-week course of instruction that included "four hours of actual practice in the air and such instruction in the principles of flying machines as is necessary to prepare the pupil to become a competent and expert operator." The tuition fee also covered any incidental damage to the equipment. Among the graduates were Army Lieutenant Henry "Hap" Arnold, who was sent to the school in 1911 to earn his wings, and A. Roy Brown, the Canadian Ace who was credited by some for downing Baron von Richthofen, the Red Baron. The Wright brothers eventually closed their flying school in 1916. During the years it operated, the Wrights had used the Huffman Prairie as a research and development facility, flight test center, logistics depot, and training field. These functions became precedents for operations around the Huffman Prairie site for the rest of the century. The Wright brothers, with their technological discoveries, would inspire future aeronautical engineering to its technological limits.

**Join us on Saturday evening, May 7, 2011 at the air force museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. Your family and friends will enjoy learning more about our nation's rich aeronautical history. A flier to sign up for the banquet is enclosed in this mailing.**

A 1905 Wright Flyer III replica overlooks Huffman Prairie Flying Field at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. (Photo Courtesy National Park Service)

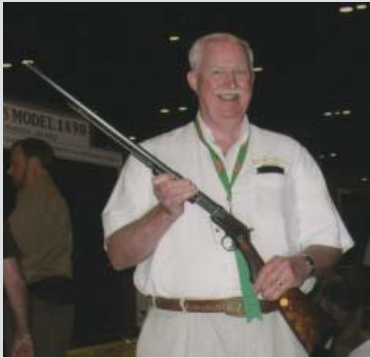


Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is home to the 88th Air Base and 445th Airlift.



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during a memorial flight of Vintage B-25 Mitchell bombers honoring the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders on April 18, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)

## ED MANNING 1934 - 2010



Ed Manning with a nice rifle and characteristic Irish grin

Honorary Life Member and member since 1959, Edward B. Manning passed away December 6, 2010.

Ed served as OGCA President 1982-1983. He brought his sense of humor and brilliant mind to the office as well as extensive administrative and legal experience. For 30 years he was the Assistant Chief Deputy Bailiff in Cleveland Municipal Court. Ed was a graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland and served with the U.S. Army of Occupation in Germany at the time of the Korean War.

Ed described himself as a "generalized collector who drifted naturally into a love for old guns while still very young." Brownings and European semi-automatic pistols held a special fascination for him.

When the City of Columbus shut us out in 1989, Past-President Manning worked tirelessly to find our new home at the I-X Center in Cleveland in less than two months. This met then-president Ron Clark's mandate that we not miss a single meeting!

Ed proudly served on the NRA Board of Directors and as a Military Police Officer and Past Commander of American Legion Post 738.

He was quick with a joke and loved to make people laugh. Ed will be remembered for his exceptionally keen wit and we will enjoy reflecting on his warm and hilarious stories.

## REFLECTIONS ON PAST PRESIDENT, ED MANNING

*"He was an equal-opportunity teaser. You could depend on Ed to have a smile and joke for everyone."*

*"To all who knew Ed - If I make it to heaven I will go to the spot where Irish story tellers gather to drink Rolling Rock and talk guns to see Ed again. He was as good as they get. Bless all of you." - J. Gary Seewald*

*"I was always happy to see Ed at the corner at OGCA shows. He always had a nice story and a good bunch of interesting stuff." - Ron Dalhamer*

*"Never knew anyone who could tell a lie like Eddie. Then he'd laugh at you when you believed him." - Jim O'Neil*

*"Since our move to Wilmington, Ed wore a path past our tables on his way to his. He always had time for one of his quick jokes and a friendly, 'Hello'." - Frank and Janet Hodges*

*"Ed Manning knew where every restaurant in America was that served Good German Food."*

*"Ed Manning - Truth? Fiction? Sometimes we never found out. Funny? No Doubt." - C. Parker*

*"In the short period of time I knew Ed, he treated me like his best friend, someone he's known for years. I will miss him, his smile, and his laughter. God bless." - Greg Eder*

*"Being a new director in the 1970's Ed Manning was by far the one that helped me learn the ropes." - Leo Morgan*

*"Ed seemed to know just about every gun collector across the country and never met a stranger wherever he went."*

Ed's family has been a part of OGCA for decades including wife Shirley, and daughters Laurie and Anne working the registration area.

Some reflections:

*"Thank you, Dad, for teaching us the value of getting up before the sun, for instilling in us responsibility and discipline for as many years as we have lived at home; for stressing the importance of a good education; for working the GUN SHOWS to ensure that our family of seven always had enough; for one of the most powerful memories of our youth---"There's a Gun Show that weekend;" for teaching us the best way to wash a car; for Sundays that were set aside for worship and family; for providing us with a beautiful home, filled with memories; for still living in that home until the end, and for its always welcoming, open door. Thanks, Dad, for leaving an indelible mark on all our lives. - Eddie, Patty, Nancy, Laurie and the late, Anne.*

Ed never missed an opportunity to pass the "gun bug" on to the next generation. Jim Tekavec, our current First Vice President, credits Ed with showing him the ropes over many decades of gun shows and swap meets, and the two became the best of friends in the process. Jim's reflection on Ed sums it up:

***"The Very Best of The Best."***  
- Tek (Jim Tekavec)



Ed Manning (4th from left) in earlier days with fellow OGCA leaders.



Linda Spyridon, Jim Tekavec, Ed and Shirley Manning and Barb Tekavec



Always the kiddier. Ed with his dear friend and wife of 52 years, Shirley.

## OGCA MEMBERS FEATURED IN BOOK ABOUT OHIO DEER HUNTING

- A BOOK REVIEW BY LARRY MOORE

Last spring my friend and fellow Ohio outdoor writer, Rob Loewendick, mentioned his next book project. The effort was to write a book capturing the history, lore and heritage of Ohio's deer hunters. I was quickly enthusiastic about the effort. We are quickly losing many of our veteran hunters who remember the early deer hunts. Many of us, even those over the age of 55, didn't start deer hunting until the more recent 1970s. Loewendick's book, "Deer Hunting in Ohio - History, Legends & Trophies", captures the history and lore of Ohio deer hunting.

Several OGCA members from southwestern Ohio were interviewed including Bob Brown, current President of the Greene County Fish and Game Association and Melvin Yearick who is a board member at the club. Featured in more detail are OGCA Life Members and veteran hunters, Keith Linkhart and Karl Wilburn.

Linkhart, who started deer hunting in Pennsylvania, recalls seeing the first tracks on his Greene County farm in the 1940's. That is much earlier than I would have guessed. Linkhart also shares the deer hunting advice his father passed along to him and his brothers. Wilburn, who recalls seeing his first deer in Greene County in 1955, shares his hunting experience. The story of a special "white-chinned buck" that got away is especially good. Sorry, I'm not revealing any of the advice or stories. That's best left to the words of Linkhart and Wilburn as recorded by Loewendick.

Linkhart notes, "It is an interesting book and real good history of white-tailed deer in Ohio. I enjoyed the entire book. The stories are great. Of course, there are lots of deer stories that can't be told in a book! Even after reading it, the book will make a good reference for the historical information." Wilburn adds, "I read it twice and liked it a lot. Capturing the history is great but I enjoyed all of it. I've loaned my copy to the Greene County Wildlife Officer. If they don't already know the history of Ohio's deer herd, they should read it."

Loewendick indicated that going through all the materials from the interviews was both a joy and time consuming. "Perhaps the hardest part of writing a book is being sure not to miss any piece of information gained from interviews. What may seem to be a minor comment or subject to the interviewee, may turn out to be a major point worth telling in the book. Also, considering the project to be a collection of smaller stories instead of one big project, which keeps things running smoothly and helps meet deadlines with the publisher more efficiently."

"The greatest joy now that the book is published is hearing from the readers how much they enjoy having Ohio's



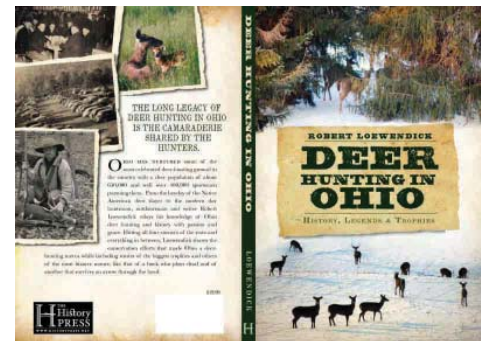
OGCA member and tableholder, Karl Wilburn's photo as it appears in "Deer Hunting in Ohio - History, Legends & Trophies". Wilburn's buck proves there was good deer hunting in southwestern Ohio in the 1970s. Photo courtesy of Rob Loewendick - used with permission.

deer hunting history compiled in one publication. They are often surprised to learn of how deer returned to Ohio after being nearly non-existent. The book is sort of a snapshot of Ohio's deer hunting history in a chronological format. The book is one that would be nice for every white-tailed deer hunter

to have on their bookshelves to pass on to future generations so they may appreciate what Ohio has in deer hunting", concluded Loewendick.

I enjoyed the trip through the history of Ohio's deer hunting especially the early seasons in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. I got a real appreciation for the hearty hunters who were so eager for that chance at an Ohio deer. It should make the current hunters appreciate how much deer hunting opportunities have changed and improved. There are some great stories. Of course, every deer hunter has special memories and stories. There is no way one book can capture all the stories. Loewendick has done an admirable job of boiling down the stories to capture the essence of Ohio's deer hunting history and legacy.

Loewendick's book can be found at online book sellers or through his website, [www.robertoutdoors.com](http://www.robertoutdoors.com).



Larry Moore has been an OGCA member for 9 years. He is an Endowment level NRA member. Larry's collecting interests are LC Smith and fine double shotguns, but he claims to be more of an accumulator than a collector. Larry is also the Ohio Region Leader of Buckeye Firearms southwest; member, Outdoor Writers of Ohio; Outdoor columnist and free-lance writer; Columnist for The Greene County Dailies which are collectively the Xenia Daily Gazette, Fairborn News-Herald and Beaver Creek News-Current; and an Ohio Hunter Ed. Instructor. Larry also raises Brittany and Beagles for hunting. He is married to Becky and they have 5 children between them. They live in Jamestown, Ohio.

## A WORD FROM OUR MEMBERS

*(A recent letter from an Ohio member.)*

"Greetings, thank you for the great gun shows. Since I've joined the OGCA a few years back. I have attended the majority of the shows with an elderly gentleman, who is a life member. We have noticed a disparaging trend, the exhibitors are leaving their tables long before the end of the show. They are departing earlier and at a greater number. This does not allow us to go through and appreciate the displays and exhibits and then return to tables to make purchases or to even make an attempt to purchase an item(s)."

"I would like to make a suggestion for further shows, that the exhibitors should attend their tables until the end of the show for that day. This would allow for members to make purchases or do business the full length of the show. It would also let and allow guests (future members) to see a better picture of this association to which they are considering membership and participation. Thank You."

*(Following is a great letter from a long-time Georgia member.)* "Mr. Becker, just a quick note of thanks. Though a continuous member since 1977. this

past week end, I revisited OGCA for the first time since the early 1980's. After all of this time, I was afraid that 2009 reality couldn't possibly live up to my 1980's recollection of OGCA which at that time was held in Columbus. What a pleasant surprise awaited when I walked through the door for the first time in over 25 years. At every turn, the entire staff was courteous, professional and knowledgeable. Just as I had recalled."

"When I first joined OGCA, my son was 2 years old. This weekend, I brought him to OGCA for the first time. Just beginning his collection and having been to a smattering of lesser local gun shows, he was overwhelmed by (1) the quantity, and (2) the quality of goods on display. On Saturday, we had just enough time to make our 1st cut. Unfortunately, I had a funeral to attend on Sunday, and could not conduct my normal 2nd cut. Probably just as well, for I am sure I would have left more money at the show. Hopefully, I have succeeded in planting a seed that will lead to a lifetime of collecting for my son, just as it has for me. As it is, I found a 2nd sponsor and nominated my son for membership." God Speed."  
- **Barry A. Bates**



PFC Andrew J. Ruh, son of members Timothy and Elizabeth Ruh, is currently stationed at Camp Deh Dahdi, Afghanistan. His current assignment has him working on a bomb-detection team. We salute the entire family and pray for Andrew's safety.

***Do you have a family member serving? We'd be honored to include them in the newsletter.***

## PROFILE OF A MEMBER; HARRY SHOOP



OGCA salutes Outstanding Veteran Harry Shoop

After devoting a lifetime of service to his country, member Harry Shoop was recognized in 2009 on a State level during a statewide conference of the Ohio Disabled American Veterans. He was awarded

the title of Outstanding Disabled Veteran out of a total of 88 nominees. As stated on his nomination form, "Mr. Shoop is a well-known and loved member of his community." DAV Chapter 123 Commander, Jim Tucker, added that he was

nominated by the group for his outstanding service, and they were thrilled to see him recognized on the state level.

Harry graduated from the Provost Marshall Military Police School. He then served in WWII as a Platoon Sgt. in both rifle and heavy weapon companies in both the 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division – Pacific. He states, "We cut no slack and America survived." He is, however, still feeling the effects of war after 198 combat days, contracting acute Hepatitis while serving in filthy conditions in Manila during World War II. His liver and pancreas are permanently scarred, and he is hard of hearing. But that did not stop him from a successful career of military service. He retired from the military in 1993 after more than 50 years of service to his country, including 31 years with the Ohio National Guard,

and 45 years as a base civil engineer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Still, Shoop never lets any of that hold him back. For the past 13 years, he has been a guest Veteran's Day speaker at West Union High School where he recounts his War experiences and has formed relationships with many of the students.

Shoop has also authored a 100-page collection of photos, press releases, casualty statistics and his personal recollections of World War II. He has two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

Shoop became a member of OGCA in 2002 and mentions several members that stand out in his mind; General Metcalf, Gary Smith, all the Cummings boys, Carl Vance, and Larry Allen.

## JUST FOR FUN - BY BILL WIEDEMANN

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How many of us recall the golden age of *Sports Afield Magazine*, I would say about 1950 to 1965? This was when the gun articles were detailed, and instructive. A subject was never cut short for the sake of squeezing in more advertising. In the back pages there was a "Wazzit" feature that would challenge the reader's knowledge of arcane sporting equipment. Better still, there appeared the "Sportsman's Quiz" – a forerunner of Trivial Pursuit in terms of your

hunting, shooting, and general outdoors knowledge. The answers were given on the same page; they taught me how to read upside down (a handy skill to have in the business world).

Just for some fun reading, I put together a few gun collector quiz items for the sole entertainment of our OGCA members, and perhaps to challenge the deep well of knowledge in our midst. How's your

memory? How many can you answer accurately without going to "the book"? No fair if you're the guy that actually wrote the book!

As a gun collector, I also have always been a collector of useless knowledge. Maybe this venue is a good place to put it! If everyone likes this sort of thing, I can do more. The questions are made up at random with no theme, except for the fun. Betcha NO body gets them all!

### THE QUIZ

1. Over the years, several big gun makers have had a "Model 51." At Ithaca, a Model 51 was a gas-operated auto-loading shotgun. At Smith & Wesson, a Model 51 was a little kit revolver chambered in .22 Magnum. Can you name one more "Model 51?"
2. What English-made shotgun shares the same name with a racquet sport originally played indoors?
3. Who were the only two gun makers to market a revolver named "The Peacekeeper"?
4. During the Vietnam War, the shotgun that was issued by our military in the largest numbers was not a Winchester, Remington, or Ithaca. Over 69,000 of these "riot" guns were sent in-country from 1963 to 1969. No fair answering this one if you are a friend of Bruce Canfield. Can you name the maker, and the model?
5. What were the two versions, or models, of the Colt Colteer? Hint: they are not revolvers.
6. A little Ohio trivia. In October of 1934, near East Liverpool, Ohio, what happened involving a Mauser rifle and a Winchester Model 94?

1. The Remington Model 51; an eight-shot pocket-size semi-auto pistol. Introduced in 1918, it was made in both 32 ACP and 380 ACP, and discontinued in 1943. The 32 ACP is somewhat rare and NIB examples, if found, run up to the \$600 - \$800 range nowadays.
2. The Holland & Holland "Badminton," a side-by-side shotgun made in 4 gauges since 1908.
3. Colt made the "V" frame, .357 Magnum Peacekeeper for only two years in the mid-1980's. The Colt version is not pleasing to the eye; finishing steps were skipped during production work stoppages and it was blued in black as a "duty" weapon. The other Peacekeeper preceded the Colt. It was a SAA knock-off made by American Western Arms, and as you see, they even knocked off the word "Peacekeeper!" The Colt versions sell quickly on the internet, the AWA version doesn't sell at all.
4. The Stevens Model 77 E. In typical military version it is a 5-shot 12 GA. pump gun, parkerized dark grey with typical US markings. The birch wood stock was cut down to a shorter LOP and a rubber recoil pad was added to accommodate the smaller physical stature of our South Vietnamese allies. The stock is stained black and sling swivels were standard issue. It is said that nearly all of the contract quantity was shipped directly to the war zone, so they are very rarely seen stateside. There are so few transactions involving this model, a value would be anyone's guess. The 77 E. was also sold in the domestic market with a walnut stock and blued metal.
5. The first, introduced in 1957, was a .22 bolt-action single-shot rifle. This was a "market" rifle made at a time when it seemed everyone had a .22 around the house. The second version, which overlapped the first version by three years, was a .22 semi-auto with a black painted aluminum receiver and a straight Western-style carbine stock. Some descriptions say the semi-auto was called the Colteer II, but you will find both rifles carry the same name more often than not. The semi-auto was made until 1975, and many examples turn up with extensive usage, so they must be good shooters.
6. The death of Charles Arthur Floyd, known to the depression-era media as "Pretty Boy Floyd." Local sheriff deputies were under orders to shoot on sight, as they certainly did, although the fatal wounds could only be certified as to rifle fire from the Mauser OR Winchester. As he had done many times previously, Floyd was in open flight from arrest and was shot as he ran through an apple orchard. Your tax dollars at work; a Ohio Historical Marker preserves this incident of history to this very day, 76 years later.

### THE ANSWERS

Many thanks to member Bill Wiedemann, a.k.a. GUNOSTALGIA. GUNOSTALGIA, based in Loveland, Ohio, fabricates gun stands out of fiddleback maple, mounts and frames Old West artwork, and buys and sells vintage gun leather. He can be found at his tables at OGCA and on the internet. His all-time favorite revolver is a Colt SAA, a "cavalry model" in a .32 – 20.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**NRA 2011 PITTSBURGH Annual Meetings & Exhibits** - will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center

in Pittsburgh, PA from **April 29 to May 1**. For more information, visit the NRA Annual Meeting website at [nraam.org](http://nraam.org). OGCA has a phenomenal, award-winning exhibit this year thanks to the hard work of two dedicated members and the 2011 committee led by Charles Rush. Look for a special announcement in the May newsletter.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PROGRAM**  
**The July 16-17** OGCA meeting at The Roberts Centre will feature Colonel Novak's living history of the Revolutionary War. Col. Novak, retired after 32 years service with the United States Air Force, developed an appreciation for the rich history of the U.S. military.



She has acquired a broad knowledge of our service men and women of

five wars and brings to life each era with an extensive collection of uniforms and artifacts. The Colonel will present the Revolutionary War time period for OGCA. The July meeting will come alive with this talented Alaskan. Bring the kids as this will be an exciting program.

### JANUARY MTG. STATS

Guests: 682 • Tables: 743  
Applicants: 232 (Wow!)  
Please review Applicant List enclosed as a separate insert.

## PARTS BIN

**January 8-9 Meeting:** It was warm and toasty inside the January meeting despite cold temperatures across the region. Cabin fever and the chance to see some fine collectibles made for a capacity crowd on Saturday. Over the weekend we received a whopping **232 new applicants** and we appreciate all your efforts to grow this club. Special thanks to all the cowboys and cowgirls from **S.A.S.S. Big Irons** who brought an exhibit featuring some of their favorite firearms and information on the unique sport of single action shooting.

**Historian Seeks Memorabilia:** OGCA will turn 75 years young in 2012! Help us gather pieces from our past to preserve, educate and exhibit. Stories and articles are also needed. Contact OGCA Historian, Tom Kyser, or any officer, director or past president to donate memorabilia or submit an article.

**75th Anniversary Firearm:** Three quarters of a century is quite a milestone, and - yes - we do intend to celebrate with a very special, limited edition anniversary firearm. Stay tuned!

**Membership Dues:** If you received this newsletter your dues are current! Please remind your friends to update their dues. One year's dues is \$35, and checks can be mailed to the business office address on page 2. More information can be found in the last two newsletters, at [www.ogca.com](http://www.ogca.com) or by calling (330) 467-5733.

**Tables:** We'll sell out the next 2 meetings. To avoid disappointment, do not delay in reserving table space. The Table Application is on page 13. You may rent tables at the prior meeting and can also request to be added to the First Class Tableholder Mailing or Email List.

**NRA Director Elections** - OGCA members, **Marion (Buddy) Townsend** from Muncie, IN, and Ohioan, **Linda Walker**, are candidates for the NRA Board of Directors. All voting NRA members please read the bios and vote in the upcoming NRA Director Elections.

**Lost and Found:** A pistol was found at the November meeting. A rifle was found this past spring. Contact Robert Ray Preston at (937) 678-0149 or the Business Office. Also, remember to visit the lost and found table at the March meeting

for small unclaimed items.

**Email / Legislative Alerts** - Send us your email address if you would like to receive Legislative Alerts and other news from OGCA. We never sell your personal membership data! Send your request to [ogca@ogca.com](mailto:ogca@ogca.com).

**Say cheese!** We'll be taking photos and videos for promotional purposes, especially for a 75th anniversary publication. *Want to be a part of history, then be sure to come to our meetings!* If you have any questions or concerns, call the Business Office, (330) 467-5733.

**Stolen Gun Alert on Web Page:** As a service to our members the Alert page on our website [www.ogca.com](http://www.ogca.com) includes a list of recently stolen guns reported in writing by members.



Hats off to S.A.S.S. Big Irons who spiced up the January meeting



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2. For advance registration **via mail** (recommended), this form may be mailed by the sponsor to the Business Office with check or money order for **\$10.00** payable to OGCA. **Mail to OGCA, P.O. Box 670406, Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067-0406.**
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# OGCA Table Application March 12-13, 2011 Meeting

LOCATION: Roberts Centre 123 Gano Rd. Wilmington, OH. I-71 at Exit 50 (US 68).

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address only if it has changed \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor Hours**

**Friday, March 11, 2011**

3:00 PM-9:00 PM Set-up

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

7:30 AM exhibitors final set-up

8:00 AM-5:00 PM Meeting Hours

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

7:30 AM exhibitors

8:00 AM-2:00 PM Meeting Hours

**SIGN AND INITIAL THE REVERSE!!!**

ALL STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS, AND ALL SAFETY RULES OF OGCA MUST BE OBSERVED. In order to receive a Table Confirmation Slip by return mail the Table Application Form must be **received** by the Business Office no later than the **Friday two (2) weeks** before the meeting. Otherwise, you must pick up your confirmation at the door. During set-up times, tableholders may enter with their membership badge and "tableholder pass" which is issued with the table confirmation along with one "helper pass." Your helper must be a badge-wearing member. (Exceptions for the disabled, contact OGCA in advance). **FRIDAY NIGHT TRADING PRIVILEGES APPLY ONLY TO TABLEHOLDERS** and do not extend to helpers who are permitted in the hall to help with loading, unloading and/or watching your table.

Tables must be occupied by 8:30 AM unless notice of late arrival is received. Tables not claimed by 9:00 AM revert back to OGCA. Taking photographs prohibited, unless approved by the President. Walkie-talkies, cameras, pets and alcoholic beverages prohibited. 24-hour guard service by highly qualified security, however, they cannot be everywhere, so please police your own tables. This is a two-day event. Tables must be maintained until 2:00 PM on Sunday. Carts prohibited in the aisles during meeting hours for the safety of all members and guests. Displays must stay clear of the walls. No reservations accepted without payment in full. \$20.00 charge for all returned checks. Payment for tables, guest passes, dues, etc. CANNOT be combined in one check but can be mailed in the same envelope to the OGCA Business Office. Cancellations must be received by the Business Office in writing 1 week prior to the Friday Set-up or no refund will be issued. Please do not send in this form if you signed up for tables at the previous meeting.

Reserve \_\_\_ Table(s) at **\$70.00** per table **(All tables are for 2-days)**

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please put 3 digit security code from the back of credit card here.

Enclosed is my check / money order payable to OGCA for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Charge my Visa or MasterCard Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (for credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

**OGCA Use**

Postmark \_\_\_\_\_

Ck# /Auth. \_\_\_\_\_

Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Prior \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a transient vendor for Ohio sales tax purposes? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Ohio vendor's license no. \_\_\_\_\_

**MY TABLE WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING—INDICATE PERCENTAGE FOR EACH CATEGORY**

1. \_\_\_\_\_% Collectible, Curio & Relic, Antique Firearms (request antique section \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no), and Collector Ammunition
2. \_\_\_\_\_% Modern firearms—hunting, target, etc.
3. \_\_\_\_\_% Class III, Title II Firearms (only with proper federal documentation and OGCA Class III Permit Card.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_% Books and literature relating only to permitted items
5. \_\_\_\_\_% Edged Weapons including \_\_\_\_\_% Swords & Bayonettes \_\_\_\_\_% Antique Knives \_\_\_\_\_% Modern knives
6. \_\_\_\_\_% Militaria, Uniforms, Medals and Awards
7. \_\_\_\_\_% Parts and Accessories including components, reloading and equipment
8. \_\_\_\_\_% Shooting Ammunition
9. \_\_\_\_\_% Other Permitted Items - \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Confirmation by Mail, Return this Form to ARRIVE No Later Than April 29, 2011:**

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Ph: (330) 467-5733 Fax: (330) 467-5793 Email ogca@ogca.com

## SAFETY GUARANTEE

### ALL TABLEHOLDERS MUST READ AND SIGN

It is hereby understood by this tableholder that all items displayed, including firearms brought to a meeting of the OGCA, have personally been inspected by the tableholder to determine that at all times each and every firearm is unloaded and incapable of discharge of any type of projectile, bullet, etc. and that any non-firearm display item is rendered safe for display at the time firearms are placed on a trade table. All firearms must be secured with a plastic safety tie to make the firearm inoperable. The term firearm includes but is not limited to those of the percussion, breach loading, air, spring type and/or any such device from which a projectile can be expelled. If a plastic tie has been removed for inspection, it is understood that it must be immediately reinstalled after inspection. It is understood that no table will be open for the purpose of sale or trade until all firearms are properly tied.

By accepting a table at an OGCA meeting, I represent that it is for my personal use to display my own property. I will supervise my display in accordance with all OGCA rules, and understand that carts are prohibited in the aisles during meeting hours. If I cannot occupy and use the space myself, I understand that I cannot sell, rent, sublease, transfer, give or assign it or any part if it to others. I understand and accept that I am totally responsible for all firearms/weapons and other materials displayed and agree to release the Roberts Centre, the Ohio Gun Collectors Association, its officers and directors from all liability and hold and save them harmless from all liability arising out of the items I bring into a meeting of the OGCA. While my display is on the premises of the Exhibit Hall, I accept the risk of any loss or accident.

It is also understood no tables will be assigned to me unless this agreement is complete and signed. I have read the foregoing statement and acknowledge my understanding and agreement with the same.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Sign here and initial Permitted Items, last line below)**

## PERMITTED ITEMS

1. Advertisements for auctions not to occupy more than ½ of one table.
  2. Advertising material - firearms, ammunition, knives, and/or firearms accessory manufacturer's advertising materials and memorabilia manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  3. Authentic American Indian Artifacts, trade silver, copper, shell, bone, beads, stone and clay items of proven pre-20th century origin.
  4. Ammunition: non-armor piercing or non-incendiary and related items for hand or shoulder arms only:
    - a. Inert artillery projectiles - prior to 1898.
    - b. Reloading presses, bullet molds, dies, and other user-related items, unless otherwise specified herein.
    - c. Reloaded ammunition provided ammunition is in a sealed box with the name, address, and phone number of reloader properly displayed on each box indicating the loading information. (Reloader will assume all liability of his loading and will hold O.G.C.A. Officers, Directors, Members and Guests free of all liability of his sale of reloaded ammunition.)
  5. Antique weapons and armor.
  6. Belt buckles - original military belt buckles manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  7. Belts - leather web, military or western.
  8. Bone, ivory, horn and other material (in amounts approved by O.G.C.A.) used in the manufacture of knives.
  9. Books - new and used books, literature, photographs, and publications relating to weapons, shooting, small arms, ammunition, wars, regimental histories and battles; excluding silencers and other material to alter or manufacture firearms for purposes not in conformity with the law.
  10. Bronzes, busts, sculptures, and statues depicting military or gun-related situations.
  11. Canvas goods - gun cases, belts, cartridge pouches.
  12. Club insignia approved by O.G.C.A.
  13. Cap guns manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  14. Carvings - portraying weapons or armor.
  15. Compass - military or hunting only.
  16. Displays - that are no higher than 6 ft. from the floor.
  17. Edged weapons defined as those customarily used as weapons. They include authentic replicas of same such as tomahawks, axes, bowie knives, custom-made knives, folding pocket and sheath knives.
  18. Flags - authentic war souvenirs only on trade tables for display or sale.
  19. Gas masks - military only manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  20. Gun-related items:
    - a. Accessories and attachments for small arms, including sights, carrying cases, slings and cleaning equipment.
    - b. Personal equipment used in shooting, including spotting scopes, binoculars, targets, target scoring devices, score books, bullet traps and other related items provided their primary purpose is for shooting.
    - c. Parts for small arms (no class 3 parts unless transferred legally) including material for manufacture of parts for small arms.
    - d. Tools or small machinery peculiar to and primarily for the use, maintenance, repair, examination or production of small arms.
  21. Gun magazines and clips - (empty).
  22. Ivory - pre 1898 depicting arms related scenes.
  23. Military items - proven military items - drums, bugles, armor, canteens, and mess kits manufactured at least 35 years ago, bearing military inspection or acceptance markings.
  24. Miniature weapons.
  25. Mortars - manufactured prior to 1946.
  26. Patches - proven military division and unit patches, decorations, badges, rank and insignia manufactured at least 35 years ago, and displayed in a neat and orderly fashion.
  27. Pellet guns
  28. Percussion caps in original sealed packaging.
  29. Photographs - depicting military or firearms and/or their use at least 35 years ago.
  30. Plaques - depicting military and/or firearms and their use only.
  31. Pouches - military pouches - manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  32. Safes - gun safes only.
  33. Shooting awards and shooting trophies.
  34. Shovels & picks - military only manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  35. Small arms intended to be fired from the hand or shoulder by a single individual which are in compliance with all Federal, State and local Laws.
  36. Sporting collectables - antique decoys, calls, hunting licenses not to exceed 1/3 of one table.
  37. Steins - military or shooting only.
  38. Trench/military art manufactured at least 35 years ago.
  39. Uniforms - proven military uniforms and headgear manufactured at least 35 years ago and displayed in a neat and orderly fashion.
  40. Vests and handbags, designed specifically for concealed carry use.
  41. Watches - military, Colt or Winchester only.
  42. Western memorabilia manufactured prior to 1898 and not to exceed 1/3 of one table.
- Owners of items to be registered under the Gun Control Act of 1968, Title III, must have legal proof of legal ownership immediately available for inspection by appropriate authorities. Any member planning to display items classified as "machine guns" must request written prior permission from the Second Vice President prior to bringing the material into the hall. Permission must be obtained for each meeting. Each request must be signed by the member/owner. Machine guns/weapons that weigh more than 250 pounds total weight, including the mounting, shall not be displayed on a table.

Members wishing to display items having significant educational value of collector interest, which do not fall under the current O.G.C.A. guidelines for permitted exhibits, may make written application to the Second Vice President requesting permission to display such items prior to the meeting desired. Such application shall be reviewed by the Screening and Enforcement Committee and an appropriate recommendation shall be made by the Board of Directors. Should such application receive the approval of the Board, accommodation shall be made for display of such items in an area of the hall which shall be set aside for such displays, taking into account the size of the display and other significant criteria.

OGCA through its Security and Enforcement Committee and its Second Vice President reserve the right to require a Tableholder to remove an item or items from the Tableholder's trade table.

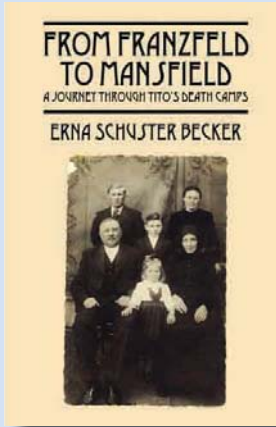
OGCA does not warrant the authenticity of any items sold. The ultimate responsibility for all sales/purchases rest with the parties to the transaction.

**ALL ITEMS NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE PROHIBITED.**

**I have read, understand and agree to have only permitted items on my table(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)**

## ERNA BECKER WRITES MEMOIR FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Erna Becker, who proudly mans the OGCA PAC fundraising table, is one of our most recent members to write a book. From Franzfeld to Mansfield: A Journey Through Tito's Death Camps is about a child growing up in tyranny, surviving Tito's death camps and escaping to America. This book, which was written for her daughters and future generations, clearly explains why she and husband, Frank Becker (OGCA Director and Chairman of OGCA PAC) work so hard on behalf of our firearm freedoms.



sians came through in 1944. The Russians took men and unmarried women with them to rebuild their war-torn country. These workers lived in camps with little food and were forced to perform hard labor.

When Tito came to power, the Germans were stripped of all their rights. In 1945, all Germans were forced into concentration camps, many of them death camps.

Erna's memoir conveys the journey of ethnic Germans living in an area that had changed to a non-German nationality after WWI in southeastern Europe. The towns existed because during the Austria-Hungary reign, people were asked to resettle there from northern areas of that empire. The author tells the story of her life that began in a town called Franzfeld, not too far from Belgrade, now called Kacareva. During and after WWII, the village was occupied by the German Army, then the Russian Army and ended up under Tito's regime. The men were away in the war. This town, along with other German towns, was drastically changed after the Rus-

Erna and most of her family survived, and because of her mother's courage, escaped to Austria in 1947. After re-uniting with her father, it took the family five more years to find a permanent home in America. Mansfield, Ohio, became a destination for others escaping the horrors of tyranny including Frank Becker which is where the two met. Frank and Erna have been married over 50 years.

Members are invited to sign books in conjunction with the Annual Display Show. Erna has agreed to sign books but will do so at the PAC table in the foyer. More information on her book is available at <http://outskirtspress.com/fromfranzfeldtomansfield>.



Erna Becker assisting a member at the OGCA PAC fundraiser table at a recent meeting. Visit Erna in the foyer!

## DIRECTIONS

### THE ROBERTS CENTRE

123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177 (800) 654-7038. Roberts Centre is located at I-71, Exit 50 (U.S. Route 68) and is north of and visible from the interstate.



**From Cleveland or Columbus** take I-71 south. Take the US 68 exit, exit 50. Turn right onto US 68 and right onto Gano Road. Hall is on the left.  
**From Cincinnati** take I-71 North. Take the US 68 exit, exit 50. Turn left onto US 68. Turn right onto Gano Road. Roberts Centre is on the left.  
**From Toledo** take I-75 South. Take the US-35 exit number 52B. Merge onto US 35 east. Take the US 68/Home Ave. exit towards Wilmington. Turn right onto US 68. Turn left onto Gano Road. Roberts Centre is on the left.  
**From Dayton** take US 35 east, take US Route 68 S (Home Ave.) toward Wilmington, turn right onto US 68, turn left onto Gano Rd., Roberts Centre is on the left.

## MEETING HOURS

Saturday, 8 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, 8 AM - 2 PM

Set-up (Tableholders)

Friday, 3 PM - 9 PM

1/2 hour early Sat. and Sun.

## HOTELS

- 1) **Headquarters Hotel: Holiday Inn at Roberts Centre** 123 Gano Rd. Wilmington, OH 45177 (937) 283-3200 or (800) 654-7036 \$86 + tax. Check in 3 PM. **SOLD OUT** 24 hour cancellation.
- 2) **General Denver Hotel** (6 mi) 81 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH. \$85 + tax but present OGCA badge for \$10 discount. Historic Inn (937) 383-4141.
- 3) **Wilmington Inn** 909 Fife Ave., Wilmington, OH (937) 382-6000 (7 mi.) \$55 + tax, good thru 2011
- 4) **Hampton Inn & Suites** 201 Holiday Dr., Wilmington. (937) 382-4400 (7 mi) \$89 + tax.
- 5) **Baymont Inn & Suites** 201 Carrie Dr., Wilmington. (937) 383-3950 (7 mi.) \$60 + tax
- 6) **Holiday Inn Express** 155 Holiday Dr., Wilmington (937) 382-5858 (7 mi) \$86 + tax
- 5) **Hampton Inn WCH** 11484 Allen Rd., NW, Jeffersonville. (740) 948-9499 (15 Mi.) I-71 at Exit 65. south outlet mall. \$80 + tax.
- 7) **Baymont Inn & Suites** 11431 Allen Rd. NW, Jeffersonville, OH 43128 (740) 948-2104 (15 mi.) I-71 Exit 65. South outlet mall. \$69 + tax
- 8) **Econo Lodge** 9060 West Lancaster Rd., Jeffersonville, OH 43128 (740) 948-2332 (15 mi.) single \$52 + tax, double \$54 + tax.
- 9) **Quality Inn WCH** 10160 Carr Rd. NW, Jeffersonville, OH 43128. (740) 426-6400 (19 mi.) North outlet mall. I-71 Exit 69. \$54 + tax.
- 10) **Holiday Inn Express WCH** (26 mi.) 101 Courthouse Parkway, Washington Court House, OH 43160. \$80 + tax. **Opened July 2010:** (740) 335-9310. Approximately 11 miles from I-71 at exit 65 (U.S. 35).

Additional Meeting Dates and locations may be added - refer to current newsletter or visit [www.ogca.com](http://www.ogca.com) for updates on meeting dates.

*Meeting Dates*

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2011	2012	2013 (tentative)	2014 (tentative)
Jan. 8-9, 2011	Jan. 7-8, 2012	Jan. 5-6, 2013	Jan. 4-5, 2014
Mar. 12-13, 2011	Mar. 10-11, 2012	Mar. 23-24, 2013	Mar. 22-23, 2014
May 7-8, 2011	May 5-6, 2012	May 18-19, 2013	May 17-18, 2014
July 16-17, 2011	July 21-22, 2012	July 20-21, 2013	July 19-20, 2014
Sept. 17-18, 2011	Sept. 15-16, 2012	Sept. 21-22, 2013	Sept. 20-21, 2014
Nov. 19-20, 2011	Nov. 17-18, 2012	Nov. 16-17, 2013	Nov. 15-16, 2014

Annual Display Show & Banquet held in May Printed 09/10

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