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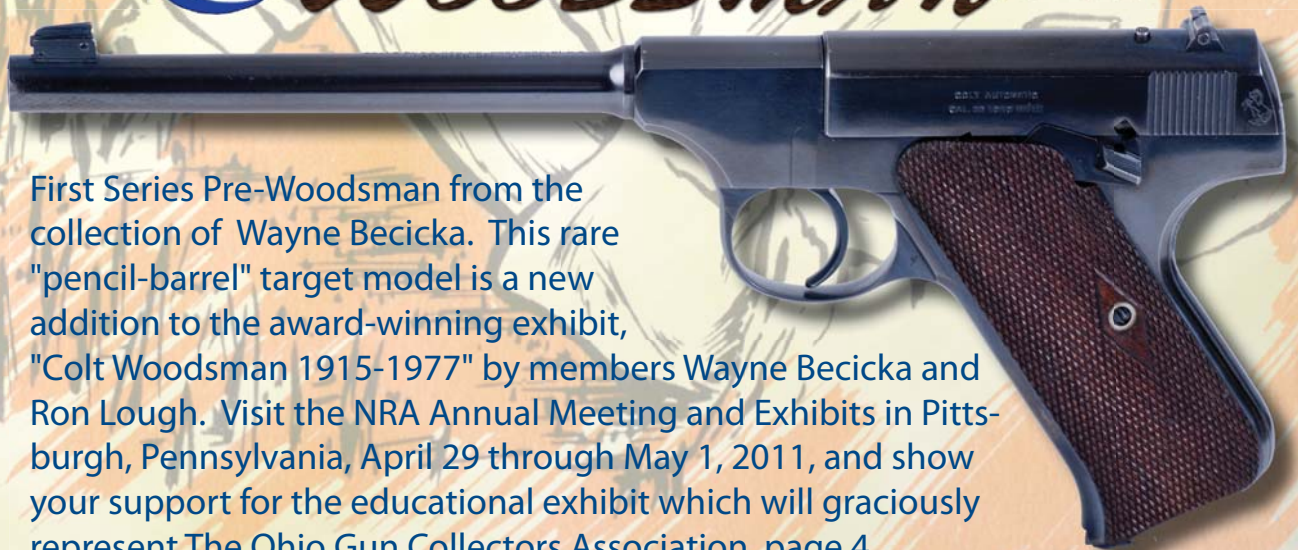
ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW

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## **COLT** WOODSMAN 1915-1977



First Series Pre-Woodsman from the collection of Wayne Becicka. This rare "pencil-barrel" target model is a new addition to the award-winning exhibit, "Colt Woodsman 1915-1977" by members Wayne Becicka and Ron Lough. Visit the NRA Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 29 through May 1, 2011, and show your support for the educational exhibit which will graciously represent The Ohio Gun Collectors Association, page 4.

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**AFFILIATED WITH THE NRA AND CMP**

**RAMBLING THOUGHTS... CECIL PARKER, PRESIDENT**

“Never let a good crisis go to waste.”

Were any of us surprised to hear the renewed clamor for feel-good “common sense” gun restrictions after the despicable mass murder in Tucson?

Have you ever noticed that these knee-jerk demands always end with some form of this irrefutable logic from the editorial staff of a major Ohio newspaper: “These fixes may not have kept weapons away from the assailant .... But they are simple measures a society committed to curbing gun violence would take without delay.”

In other words: “We can’t do anything to stop a lunatic sociopath from committing mayhem, so let’s do something to restrict the rights of sane, honest Citizens and we will all feel better.”

Nobody seemed to mention that a real “common sense” society would have taken the wacko off the street after one of his first 4 or 5 run-ins with authorities.

I caught myself being a little optimistic this time around at the apparent lack of enthusiasm by the usual opportunistic politicians. But we must remember that the anti-gunners are just biding their time until they regain the political numbers .... **STAY VIGILANT !**

Speaking of fighting for citizens' gun rights, we are all aware of the incredible work over

the years by the NRA; but how about the loud, clear, patriotic voices of the Buckeye Firearms Association? This dedicated group of men and women volunteer thousands of hours and professional services to spread the Second Amendment gospel and fight our legal and legislative battles on every front. If you are not a member, you should be. Check out buckeyefirearms.org.

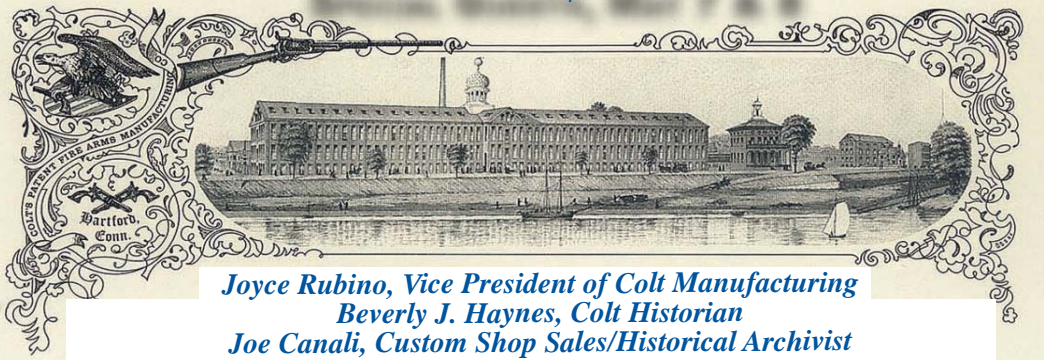
As we go to press, we are saddened at the passing of one of OGCA’s greatest servants – Dr. Karl Spyridon. “Doc” served as President from 1980 to 1981 and was an active hard-working Past President for the rest of his life. See our humble tribute on page 10.

We have the stars! The judges for OGCA’s Annual Display Show are three of the ‘giants’ in the arms collecting world – Phil Schreier, Steve Fjestad, and Jim Supica. See details on the following page.

At the movies—  
*“A gun is a tool, Marian; no better or no worse than any other tool: an axe, a shovel or anything. A gun is as good or as bad as the man using it. Remember that.”* Alan Ladd as Shane.



**SPECIAL GUESTS, MAY 7 & 8**



Meet the **Colt Historian** at the May 7-8 meeting! **Beverly J. Haynes** has been with Colt many, many years serving as the archivist since Kathy Hoyt's retirement. She was officially named Historian in January 2010, making her MVP for collectors and researchers. **Joe Canali** of the **Colt Custom Shop** will also join us in May. Joe is the master at helping you create that one-of-a-kind heirloom including a personal design, grips, inscription or engraving. He has

also served as a Colt Archivist for many, many years and visited OGCA in Cleveland back in 2000. You will enjoy his stories of tracing old Colts to verify whether its original owner was a good guy or bad, lawman or lawless.

We are excited to announce that **Joyce Rubino**, Vice President of Colt Manufacturing, LLC, will join us. Originally from Ohio, be sure to show Ms. Rubino a down-home welcome.

## COME OUT AND ENJOY THE ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW, MAY 7-8



The May 7-8, 2011 Annual Display Show is shaping up nicely. Interest has been high, and we thank our participants in advance. Up for grabs is \$12,700 in cash prizes plus the numbered Minuteman Freedom Bronze (above) and other fine awards. Everyone who enters receives a keepsake. If you are thinking about participating and have not yet returned your application, be sure to call us today.

The Annual Display Show is held in conjunction with the Saturday evening **Member's Recognition Banquet** (page 6-7) and makes for a most enjoyable weekend. We hope you are planning to join fellow members for what is arguably the best show of the year. Be sure to meet special guests representing **Colt Manufacturing**, Joyce Rubino, Vice President of Colt Manufacturing; Beverly Haynes, Historian; and Joe Canali of the Custom Shop (page 2). Please take the time to vote for the prestigious **Members Choice Award** for best display. With your help, we will set a new record for most votes.

Each year in May the location of hundreds of **trade tables** are affected, and we do our best to include everyone. We want to thank our regular and annual trade tableholders for their cooperation and support.

We are honored to have three of the most accomplished men in the world of collecting to serve as Display Show **judges**. We welcome back the knowledgeable Phil Schreier and Jim Supica. Rounding out our esteemed panel is Blue Book author, Steve Fjestad.

**Steve Fjestad.** This best-selling author's involvement with firearms started early since he grew up on a dairy farm in west central Minnesota and started duck hunting at age 10. While working in the IRI (Investment Rarities) Firearms Division during the 1980's, he became the author and publisher of the Blue Book of Gun Values, now with over 1.35 million copies in print. In 1989, Fjestad and several

other partners purchased the Blue Book of Gun Values and a new company was formed, Blue Book Publications, Inc. It remains the best-selling gun book worldwide.



Steve Fjestad

Fjestad has written and edited hundreds of articles for various trade publications, and the Blue Book of Gun Values may be the only gun book ever pictured in Time magazine and listed as a reference source in the Wall Street Journal. He has also testified as an authority in many professional and legal situations. Fjestad has also been a guest on such TV programs as American Rifleman, Guns & Ammo, and Gun Talk TV.

### Phil Schreier

is the Curator of Programs for the NRA's National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, VA where he has worked for over 20 years. He is a historian and author whose features have appeared in numerous magazines. Phil has appeared in dozens of episodes of firearms-related television programs for cable TV and was our 2009 and 2005 keynote speaker at the Annual Member Recognition Banquet. A Life Member, Phil has served as Display Show judge for several years now.



Phil Schreier

**Jim Supica** is a past OGCA banquet speaker and Display Show judge. He is Director of the NRA's National Firearms Museum. A firearms writer and columnist, Jim is co-author of *Standard Catalog of S&W*; and contributing editor, *American Rifleman*; *Blue Book* and *Flyder-*

*mans*. He is the Past President of Mo. Valley Arms Collectors Assoc. and S&W Collectors Assoc. Also, he is a former antique arms dealer and founder of Old Town Station and ArmchairGunShow.com. Jim is a former firearms auctioneer with ArmsBid.com, and is also a former NRA Board Member and Vice Chairman of the Gun Collector Committee. In addition, Jim is a gun collector and a member of OGCA, ASAC, CCA, SWCA and other collecting clubs.



Jim Supica

*OGCA would like to thank our esteemed judges in advance for their time and talents.*

Again this year, our May 7-8, meeting will be a place to meet some of OGCA's distinguished **authors**. Look for signage in the hall for time and locations.

Esteemed authors, so far, include: **Roy Baumgardner**, *Precision Shooting with the M-1 Garand*, in print 10+ years; **Erna Becker**, *From Franzfeld to Mansfield* (signing at PAC table in foyer); **Steve Fjestad**, *The Blue Book of Gun Values*; **Tracie Hill**, *The Ultimate Thompson Book*; **Leonardo M. Antaris**, *Astra Automatic Pistols, Star Firearms and Astra Firearms and Selected Competitors*; **C. Rodney James**, *The ABC's of Reloading 9th Edition*; *Original Cyn: A Love Story With Guns*; *Gun Digest Book of the .22 Rifle*; and non-member author **Tom Rowe**, *Alte Scheibenwaffen: Old German Target Arms*. Tom will sign his book and may bring a couple others. More authors are being added to the list every week.

### Attention Members:

*The May 2011 newsletter had to be printed prior to the March meeting. Any late-breaking news and March meeting statistics can be found on the Applicant List enclosed in this mailing.*

# COLT WOODSMAN 1915-1977

The First Series Pre-Woodsman featured on the front cover is a new addition to the award-winning exhibit, "Colt Woodsman 1915-1977" by members Wayne Becicka and Ron Lough, winners of OGCA's 2010 Robert Rubenst Best Educational Award.

This fine firearm, SN 253, has been added to the exhibit just in time for the NRA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, April 29-May 1st. The display was selected to represent OGCA in Pittsburgh, and we are honored and grateful to both Wayne and Ron as well as the OGCA exhibit committee led by Director, Charles Rush.

The addition of the Pre-Woodsman is very exciting. It was formally a part of the Robert Q. Sutherland Collection and is featured in "The Book of Colt Firearms", authored by R. Q. Sutherland and R. L. Wilson. Produced in 1915, it

features a diamond pattern at grip ferule, low-speed mainspring housing and chamber appendage. It has a standard front bead sight and a 1903 patent date, only. There are no Woodsman markings, but sports a Rampant Colt aft of slide serrations.

Another highlight of the display is a



Any Colt factory-engraved Woodsman is a rarity. The above engraved by Colt Master Engraver Ben G. Lane.

beautiful set of cased Colt Woodsmans enhanced by Colt Master Engraver Ben G. Lane from Estes Park, Colorado. The Sport Model, SN 187358, was produced in 1947 with a barrel length of 4 ½ inches. Target Model SN 105767 was produced in 1936 with a 6-5/8-inch barrel. The pistols are "B" engraved with elephant ivory grips and are walnut cased.

The display is from the firearms collection of Wayne Becicka of Iowa. Besides being an active member of OGCA, the NRA and the Colt Collectors Association, Wayne is also a member of The Colorado Gun Collectors Association, The Missouri Valley Arms Collectors Association and the Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association.

Enjoy the following excerpts from the NRA 2011 brochure with special thanks to Major Robert Rayburn, author of, *The Colt Woodsman Pocket Guide*.

## SERIES AND MODELS OF THE COLT WOODSMAN

There are three series of Woodsman pistols, corresponding to three basic frame designs. First Series refers to all those built on the S frame as it existed prior to and during World War II. Second Series includes all versions built on the second S frame design from late 1947 until mid 1955, and Third Series means the third

S frame design as used from 1955 to the end of regular production in 1977. Each series had a Sport Model with a 4-1/2 inch round barrel, a Target Model with a 6 or 6-5/8 inch round barrel, and a Match Target Model with a heavy, flat-sided barrel. For the First Series Match Target the barrel was 6-5/8 inches in

length, while in the post war versions it was either 4-1/2 or 6 inches. The very similar Challenger, Huntsman and Targetsman were made during the post-WWII years only. All Colt Woodsman semi-automatic pistols, including the post-WWII economy models, shoot .22 caliber long-rifle ammunition.



*Visit the display at the NRA Annual Meeting  
Pittsburgh, PA, April 29 - May 1, 2011*

## FIRST SERIES (1915–1947)

The First Series Woodsman can be easily recognized by its distinctive profile, which resembles the German Luger in the rakish grip angle. The serial number also provides a sure means of identification, since only the first series has no alphabetical suffix. The earliest model of what would come to be known as the Woodsman originally came in only one version and was known simply as “Colt Automatic Target Pistol”. This pistol is now commonly referred to as the “Pre-Woodsman”. It featured a 6-5/8 inch “pencil” barrel until serial numbers reached about 31000 (1915-1922). A medium barrel was used from 1922-1934 (SN 31000 - 90000), followed by a straight tapered barrel from 1934-1947 (SN 90000-187423). The Woodsman name was stamped on the receiver beginning in 1927. The Sport Model, with a 4-1/2 inch barrel, was added to the Woodsman line in 1933.



One of the highlights of the First Series is SN 87299, production year 1933 with rare “Half Moon” front sight. This Sport Model with medium barrel in 4-1/2 inches features a very rare Half-Moon shaped fixed front sight. It is the first-year production of the Sport Model (1933) with windage adjustable rear sight and walnut grips.



SN 87299, one of the many unique and rare items in the display.

## SECOND SERIES (1947–1955)



The Second Series Woodsman is the only model that has a push button magazine release, as on the Government Model 45. All post-WWII type Woodsmans, both the Second and Third Series, have a S suffix to the serial number. Although it is part of the Second Series, the Challenger model, unlike the Woodsman, has a spring catch at the butt and a C suffix to the serial number. The Second Series Woodsman had the Coltmaster rear sight until 1953, and the Accro rear sight from 1953-1955. A unique feature of the Second Series Woodsman is the provision for a grip adapter on the back strap. With few exceptions, each came with two grip adapters, a large and a small. The shooter could use either one, or none, for three different grip sizes.

## THIRD SERIES (1955–1977)

The Third Series Woodsman replaced the Second Series in mid 1955. The most obvious change was the replacement of the push button magazine release with a snap catch at the butt. The trigger guard was made larger, the grip adapters and lanyard ring were eliminated, and the trigger was reshaped. All post-WWII type Woodsmans, both Second and Third Series, have a S suffix to the serial number. All Third Series guns have the magazine release on the butt, in the same location as the First Series. The Huntsman (Third Series) replaced the nearly identical Challenger (Second Series) when the Third Series was introduced in 1955. The Targetsman, basically a slightly upgraded Huntsman, was added to the line in 1959.



## SUPPORT THE NRA ANNUAL MEETING PITTSBURGH, PA, APRIL 29 - MAY 1



For more information, visit the NRA Annual Meeting website at [nraam.org](http://nraam.org).

The **2011 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits** that take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA, from **April 29 to May 1**.

OGCA has a phenomenal, award-winning exhibit this year thanks to the hard work of Wayne Becicka and

Ron Lough with the support of the 2011 NRA Display Show Committee led by Charles Rush. The "Colt Woodsman 1915-1977" display will be located in the collectors section on the main level booth 3224. On the cover, is one of the new guns in the display along with some of the highlights from the brochure on pages 4 & 5.

One of the highlights of the NRA Meeting is the *Celebration of American Values Freedom Experience* on Saturday evening with special guest speakers co-

median Jeff Foxworthy and Gov. Mike Huckabee along with a Special Patriotic Concert by the Randolph-Macon Junior Air Force Academy Band and Chorus. Other events include: Thursday evening NRA Foundation Banquet, Sunday Morning Prayer Breakfast, Air Gun Range, Grassroots Continental Breakfast, Annual Firearms Law Seminar, Grassroots Workshop, Ted Nugent Seminar and the NRA store. Lots to see and do. For more information and reservations check out the NRA website at [www.nraam.org](http://www.nraam.org).

### DEDICATED, HARDWORKING MEMBERS SOUGHT

Ohio residents with a minimum of 5 years of continuous membership who have a penchant for service and a desire to serve as a director of the Ohio Gun Collectors association must see me at tables 1-2 row J to obtain an application and all requisite forms at the May meeting.

Nominations were opened at the March meeting. In the alternative you may contact me at 440-918-6363 or email me at [jwteklaw.net](mailto:jwteklaw.net) to obtain the forms. Four directorships will be decided by the membership at the November meeting. All forms and documents must be

completed and returned to me no later than 1:00 PM on Sunday at the May meeting.

Jim Tekavec  
First Vice President, OGCA

### PROUD TO SUPPORT

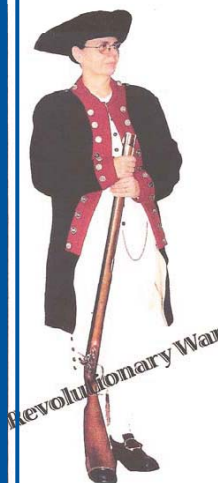
**OGCA members will be proud to know that they made possible the following charitable donations from January 2010 thru January 2011. (Does not include donations made by OGCA PAC.)**

Ohio State 4-H Shooting Programs	\$ 4,000
NRA Foundation	\$12,500
Butler County Sportsman Youth Programs	\$ 1,500
Lake and Trails Youth Programs	\$ 500
Mercer County Sportsman Assoc. Youth Programs	\$ 3,000
Buckeye National Shooting (Disabled Shooting)	\$ 500
First Ohio Light Artillery	\$ 1,500
Clinton County Farmers/Sportsman Assoc. Youth	\$ 2,000
Alliance Rifle Club	\$ 1,000
National Museum of U.S. Air Force	\$ 5,000
NRA-ILA	\$ 1,500
Wounded Warrior Project (COAC)	\$ 3,000
Miami Valley Friends of NRA	\$ 200
Butler County Sportsman Rifle & Pistol Youth	\$ 2,000
Tusco Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.	\$ 2,000
Hilltop Sportsman Club	\$ 500
Green County Fish and Game	\$ 200
Durand Group of UK (Tunnels of WWI)	\$ 1,000
<b>Total (Jan 2010 – Jan 2011)</b>	<b>\$41,900</b>

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR PROGRAM COMING IN JULY

**The July 16-17** meeting will feature Colonel Novak's living history of the Revolutionary War on Saturday, July 16th, at 10 AM, 12 PM and 2 PM; on Sunday, July 17th at 10 AM and 12 PM. Col. Novak, retired after 32 years of service with the United States Air

Force, developed an appreciation for the rich history of the U.S. military. She will bring to life The Revolutionary War-time period with an extensive collection of uniforms and artifacts. The July meeting will come alive with this talented Alaskan. Bring family and friends as this promises to be an exciting program.



# THE GUN QUIZ (JUST FOR FUN)

- BY BILL WIEDEMANN © 2011 THE OHIO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

For this installment, we don't stray too far from our general theme of "useless knowledge." There are no Elvis questions (yet).

Question 1 relates to an experience this writer had with an insurance loaner car; you just never know where these questions are born -?

Last time, question 3 asked about the two "Peacekeepers." There was a third Peacekeeper, marketed by Cimarron Firearms, but it was only a marketing name used by the importer; another Colt SAA knock-off. Wonder how many times the original Model P has been copied .....

And so, please enjoy. The answers are as accurate as the questions are obscure! **All members are welcome to submit a question.**



## The Questions

1. You can drive one to work, or you can shoot one instead. What global manufacturing concern is able to sell you a .223 caliber rifle, or a car, and they are both made by that very same company? Hint: It is most definitely not General Motors Corp.
2. What American gun maker named their most exclusive model double gun in honor of a famous band leader and composer, circa 1915?
3. How much did a "Letter of Authentication" cost from the Colt Factory in 1959? The answer is somehow steeped in irony because of the price increase made during 1960.
4. Let's get this one behind us. Strictly for the sake of gun trivia, what is the name of the first American maker of shotguns? Hint: It's not Big Green.
5. What is the unique feature that is common to all three of the following pump shotgun models? Winchester Model 1300 Upland Special Field, Ithaca Model 37 English Ultralight and Remington Model 870 Special Field.

1. Daewoo Precision Industries, Ltd., based in Seoul, South Korea. Daewoo has made three different semi-auto pistols, and a .223 caliber "bullpup" assault rifle. The .223 was originally marketed as a "varmint rifle"! Daewoo makes all the weapons for the South Korean military as well. As for the car, after some inspection, it is a South Korean product with a "bowtie" emblem. The Chevrolet Aveo. Both guns and cars are very well-made products.
2. Ithaca, at the turn of the 19th century, made many fine double guns. In 1914, they introduced the Ithaca "Sousa Grade" Double; named for John Phillip Sousa, the well-known composer of band music and marches. This 12-gauge side by side was a hammerless box-frame design that sold for the (then) huge sum of \$500! John "The March King" Sousa purchased the first production gun for his own collection. Wonder where that one is today?
3. In 1959, a "Letter of Authentication" for a first-generation single-action army Colt would set you back all of .....\$2,00! These letters on Colt Factory stationery were researched and signed by a Mr. R. H. Wagner, who variously had the title of "Manager of Parts and Records," and then later "Spare Parts Supervisor." In September of 1960, due to the increasing demand for correspondence, Mr. Wagner regrettably informed his customers that the new cost of a letter would be .....\$3,00! Nowadays, 51 years out, that same letter is done by the "Historian" and it goes for \$150! [Editor's Note: Meet Colt Historian Beverly Haynes at the May meeting. See page 2.]
4. N. R. Davis & Sons. Based in Freeport, Massachusetts, the company was founded by Nathan R. Davis with its first year of production in 1853. These were box-lock hammerless models, and a lot were probably made in 10 gauge. There was a chat room a while back and the fellow that had one didn't know what it was. No one else knew what it was either. If you find an old Davis double, it's more than a wall hanger my friend, it's an artifact of American history.
5. The "unique" feature of these three pump guns are.....the buttstocks. All three have the straight "English" stock, no pistol grip as usually found on all other models. The Ithaca and Remington were 1980's vintage; the Winchester was introduced in 2004. Prior to 2004, the last time Winchester had a straight stock pump gun was the Model 42 Skeet, made from 1933 to 1963. Grouse hunters love these straight stock models as they are said to come to the shoulder in a snap. It takes a lotta practice to be quick with a pump gun; that's why a guy named Browning invented his Auto 5!

## The Answers

Many thanks to member Bill Wiedemann, a.k.a. GUNOSTALGIA. GUNOSTALGIA, based in Loveland, Ohio, fabricates gun stands 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.

# ANNUAL MEMBER RECOGNITION BANQUET TO

## SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011, NATIONAL M

Once again, the May 7th, 2011, Annual Members Recognition Banquet will honor our veterans and active-duty military at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. It begins at 5:30 PM with hor d'oeuvres, cocktails and a self-guided tour of the museum. At approximately 6:45 PM, dinner chimes will call members and their guests to the Modern Flight Gallery for dinner and to enjoy the renowned **USAF Band of Flight** and **Display Show Award Ceremony**. After the festivities, you may tour the museum until it closes at 10:00 PM sharp.

In the past six years 2,496 members and guests attended the banquet. Of course, most are repeat attendees, and many are veterans for whom the hallowed halls hold particularly special meaning. A number of our members are also volunteers, proud to serve the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. OGCA Director and 2011 Banquet Chairman, **General Charles Metcalf** dedicated himself to expanding and improving the museum and recently retired after 14 years as museum director. Today, over one and a half million visitors from around the world come to Ohio each year to tour this unique free attraction.

This will be our seventh year at the museum and, sadly, our last as the museum is limiting rental to strictly military-related events. We are pleased to announce that OGCA has found a great facility even closer to the Roberts Centre for 2012 that can accommodate 650 people. Our very special 75th Anniversary banquet location will be announced soon. In the meantime, don't miss our last banquet at the museum.



A plated dinner catered by Hope Hotel will be served in the Modern Flight Gallery amongst the great planes of history.



Cameras are welcome in the museum. This picture was taken in the 140-foot high Missile and Space Gallery.



Preview of the 2011 commemorative pin.

*We have reserved the entire museum for the banquet! Members, their families and guests are welcome.*

*For more information on this National Treasure visit:*

[www.wpafb.af.mil/museum](http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum)

### How to Order Tickets and Cost

**Cost is \$35.00 per person with a special price for our Veterans/Active Duty Military of \$25.00. Children 5 and under free and ages 6-12, \$14.00.** Price includes 2 bar tickets, dinner, all the trimmings and dessert. Ticket forms were sent out with the March newsletter and are also included with this mailing. **This is your last chance to order tickets, and the last chance to attend our banquet at this great facility.** Your banquet form and payment need to be at the business office by April 15th. All tickets are to be ordered in advance. Seating is assigned (place cards mailed prior to the banquet) so please list on the same form anyone you'd like to be seated with or let the business office know in writing.



Over 500 members, families and friends enjoyed the 2010 Annual Member Recognition Banquet.

# TO HONOR VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

## MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### "Leave the Driving to Us"!

Take the bus to the Annual Membership Recognition Banquet. This no-hassle mode of transportation offers free time to converse with friends and new acquaintances.

The bus is conveniently boarded at the Holiday Inn at the Roberts Centre between 4:45-5:15 PM. After the banquet, you board the bus for the return trip to the Holiday Inn at 9:30 PM (buses will leave when full) with the last bus departing at 10:00 PM when the museum closes.

Cost of the bus is only \$5.00 round trip. We have reserved 3 buses, but they will fill up fast so reserve your spot soon. **Seating is limited.**

**Note: Parking is free and the museum is only 35 minutes from the Roberts Centre. Map and directions included with banquet tickets. (Some members simply follow the buses.)**



Bus ride provides time to catch up on neat guns, great deals and "the one that got away."



The toe-tapping sounds of "System's Go" of the Air Force Band of Flight. Our many veteran attendees appreciated the patriot salute by these talented musicians in recent years.



Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-29A (Russian air defense fighter) was taken by one of our members in the Cold War Gallery.

### Menu

**Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres** in the B-29 area including stuffed mushrooms, fruit and cheese, among others.

**2 Bar Tickets**, cash bar thereafter  
(no charge for soft drinks)

**Salad:** Mesclum Greens w/Belgian Endive  
Homemade Ranch & Italian Dressings

**Filet Mignon w/Bourbon Sauce** and  
**Chicken Royale Stuffed w/Dried Cherries & Cranberries** wrapped  
in Pepper Bacon; Asparagus;  
Whipped Potatoes; Specialty Rolls and Butter;  
Unlimited Coffee, Tea, Decaf & Iced Tea

**Decadent Dessert** of Chocolate Mousse served  
in Chocolate Tulip Shell w/Fresh Strawberries

**Don't forget the Kids (children 12 and under);** Chicken Tenders,  
Macaroni and Cheese, Apple Sauce and a Cookie.

(**Note:** minor menu changes from the first flier  
based on rave reviews after the taste test.)



The museum uses both chronological and subjective layouts to tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. Don't miss the Bob Hope exhibit, Berlin Airlift display and WWI-era air ships, not to mention the Stealth Bomber and Memorial Park outdoor exhibits.

## IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF PAST PRESIDENT DR. KARL SPYRIDON



The late Past President Doc (Karl) Spyridon at his tables in row S at The Roberts Centre

"Tenderhearted", "creative" and "hard working" are all words that describe Past President and Life Member **Dr. S. K. (Karl) Spyridon** who passed away February 14, 2011. Born in 1925, he was named "Sophocles" by his Grecian-born parents, but most of us knew him as "Karl" or "Doc". Doc's nickname reflected his love for people and lifelong calling to the healing arts. He was a practicing dentist up until the age of 85, and truly loved to work.

Doc's childhood days were spent in the Dayton area where his fondest memories centered around youthful hunting with a Stevens Crackshot .22 and fishing.

He was drafted into the Army during WWII when he was a senior in high school and served in Hawaii and Japan. Upon his return, he worked in restaurants, poultry shops and in other odd jobs to put himself through The University of Dayton and the College of Dentistry at Ohio State University, all while beginning a family.

We know Past President Spyridon as a successful firearms collector, artist and craftsman, but he is recognized in the dental world as an early pioneer in dental implants. Doc was a founding member of the Alabama Implant Study Group and lectured extensively in the United States, France, Italy, Japan, and Russia. At his memorial service, other dentists in the implant field praised him for being generous with his time and knowledge. *His collecting friends, no doubt, feel the same way.*

Doc became a member of OGCA in July of 1966 at the age of 41. As a collector, he specialized in Remingtons and Colt handguns and was widely known in The Remington Society of America. He was particularly attracted to the work of Joseph Rider, the Newark, Ohio, inventive genius who held many patents during the 19th century's evolution of firearms and who became a guiding force for Remington Arms. At one time, his collection included a brass frame Remington experimental percussion revolver manufactured by Rider circa 1858. Incidentally, Spyridon, himself, owned some firearm patent papers for a time.

Doc became an OGCA Director in 1970 and served 2 three-year terms. In 1973, he helped assemble the OGCA display of miniatures, "Artistry in Miniature" for the NRA Annual Meeting which won the prestigious Silver Cup. The display included 45 of some of the finest miniatures of which Spyridon contributed six firearms and a Danish fortress cannon dated 1785.

At another NRA Annual Meeting, Spyridon received an award for one of the 10 best weapons for a Rider prototype Remington Vest Pocket Pistol.

He served as President from 1980-1981, and at the time of his passing, Karl was the longest serving member of the Past Presidents Council. Doc served diligently as Chairman of the Finance and Nominating Committees of OGCA. As recently as 2005, he chaired a successful Display Show; one of OGCA's most challenging committee efforts.

Doc had six children, nine grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and took a special interest in the kids at the OGCA meetings. Few got past his tables without a kind word, trinket or OGCA pin from Doc.

His many interests included fishing, hunting, painting, and woodworking, but his greatest love was his family. Doc believed in the healing power of touch and his best work may just lie ahead of him as his hard-working, tender and creative spirit moves on.



Doc and Linda Spyridon at a recent OGCA Banquet

## PASSAGES



Ronald Donaldson

Member **Ronald Donaldson** passed away November 12, 2010. Ronald retired after 52 years of service as an Engineer with C & O / C S X Railroad. He

was an outdoorsman and sportsman who traveled extensively throughout his life enjoying his hunting and fishing adventures and was a member or several sportman clubs.

Member **Verl Howard** passed away on December 18, 2010. Verl worked as a mill right electrician at Armco/AK Steel for 34 years and retired in May 2006. He was a 32-degree Mason with Eastern Star Lodge #0055 in Franklin and

the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton. He belonged to the Loyal Order of Moose #501, Fraternal Order Orioles #193, Men's Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3809, NRA and OGCA. He was named a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on January 31, 1996. He was known by many of his friends at Mom's Restaurant as "The Mayor of Red Lion". Verl never met a stranger. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

## PARTS BIN

**Special Thanks to Mike Whalen.** OGCA received a kind donation of 12 two-way radios from Mike Whalen in Memory of the late Past President, Ed Manning. These radios will replace older radios for our security team.

**NRA Junior Pistol Camp.** We are proud to sponsor the NRA Junior Pistol Camp at Camp Perry (Port Clinton, Ohio) held in July. Reduced spots may be available for Ohio youth ages 12-15 (accompanied by a parent/adult). Contact us if you are interested in this 5 day pistol camp.

**Transient Vendors Licenses.** Helpful information for tableholders regarding Ohio's transient vendors licenses is available by contacting the business office or at the Tables Desk in the foyer of the meeting hall.

**Historian Seeks Memorabilia.** OGCA will celebrate 75 years 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.

**Tables.** We will sell out the May meeting. 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. As per usual, the Display Show will be located in the center of the hall, and we appreciate the cooperation of the annual and regular tableholders who may be relocated.

**Lost and Found.** A pistol was found at the November meeting, and a rifle was found this past Spring. Contact Robert Ray Preston at (937) 678-0149 or the business office. Visit the Lost and Found Table for small items. All Lost and Found items will be held until the end of the July meeting and then donated to our related non-profit, OGCA PAC, where items of any value will be used as a fundraiser.

**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.

We'll be taking **photos and videos** for promotional purposes, especially for a 75th anniversary publication. *If you want to be a part of history, then be sure to attend!* If you have any questions or concerns, call the business office, (330) 467-5733.

**Do you have a loved one serving overseas?** Send us their photo or other information, and we will include them in the newsletter.

## OGCA PAC

PAC will kick off its 2011 raffle in the next newsletter and is known for having interesting items! This year, PAC will have 3 fine collectibles: Ely Peacepipe Tomahawk, Blackwater Commemorative Sig and 45 caliber Lever-Action Winchester take-down rifle. This new model 1892 will be further embellished by OGCA member **Doug Turnbull** of Turnbull Restorations. Doug is donating the beautiful case coloring and redoing the wood. Look for information in the July meeting newsletter.

Also, PAC has a new shipment of **jackets**. Catch them early for good size selection at the Fundraising Table in the foyer at the Roberts Centre.

Please consider donating a firearm or edged weapon for a future fundraiser. Any item of value is needed including antique, modern or military.

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## 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) **Holiday Inn Express** 155 Holiday Dr., Wilmington (937) 382-5858 (7 mi) \$86 + tax
- 6) **Hampton Inn WCH** 11484 Allen Rd., NW, Jeffersonville. (740) 948-9499 (15 Mi.) 1-71 at Exit 65. south outlet mall. \$80 + tax.
- 7) **Baymount Inn & Suites** 11431 Allen Rd. NW, Jeffersonville, OH 43128 (740) 948-2104 (15 mi.) 1-71 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. 1-71 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

Members and Guests

— Since 1937 —

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

Admission is strictly limited to members & guests



## OGCA MEMBER CALVIN GODDARD; FATHER OF FORENSIC FIREARMS EXAMINATION, BY C. RODNEY JAMES

*Ultra-famous Clark Gable was an early OGCA member, but just a few names down on the Membership Roster is the equally accomplished Calvin Goddard. A member from 1941-1949, Goddard is the father of forensic firearms examination, whose work has fought crime and freed the innocent. Enjoy this article by member, author and forensic firearms examiner, C. Rodney James.*

It has been called "The Lawless Decade," "The Roaring 20's," "The Gangster Era," but the period 1919 to 1932 also gave birth to a new forensic science now known as "Firearms Examination."

Although the idea of matching a fired bullet to a particular gun barrel had been theorized in the late nineteenth century, a practical system did not exist until after 1920.

Calvin Goddard, born in 1891 in Baltimore, studied medicine, graduating from Johns Hopkins in 1911, and in 1917 from the Army Medical School in Washington. He served in the Army Medical Corps and was eventually promoted to lieutenant colonel. Goddard, however, had developed an early passion for firearms which evolved into a serious scientific study as he amassed a large firearms collection. This study ultimately became his life's work.

The event that started everything was the murder of a N.Y. State farmer and his housekeeper, March 22, 1915. The accused was an illiterate (possibly mentally challenged) tenant farmer named Charlie Stielow. The weapon was .22 caliber. Stielow eventually admitted to owning a small .22 revolver. He was arrested and charged with the murders. Under police questioning he admitted to the crime, but later recanted. An "expert" emerged to testify that the fatal bullets contained unique scratches that could only have come from Stielow's gun. Stielow was sentenced to die in the electric chair. Appeals from Stielow's lawyer and a New York City humanitarian organization resulted in a stay of execution with Stielow literally strapped into the electric chair!

Further examination of the firearms evidence by NYC police and an assistant from the state Attorney General's office (a man named Charles Waite) enlisted an examination by a microscopist from Bausch & Lomb. The unique scratches on the bullets from Stielow's revolver weren't there. Moreover, the fatal bullets contained four groove impressions one of which was twice the width of the others (indicating an incomplete rifling job) while Stielow's revolver left five!



*Put crime-fighting, early member Calvin Goddard on a Postage Stamp.*

Inspired by this near miscarriage of justice, Waite envisioned the idea of an organization to use the latest in scientific technology in identifying and matching fired bullets to specific guns. Though lacking a scientific background, Waite was an accomplished promoter of his idea. He enlisted Dr. Calvin Goddard, microscopist Philip Gravelle, and John H. Fisher from the Bureau of Standards to set up the first crime laboratory in 1925 -- the NYC-based Bureau of Forensic Ballistics. Though the operation received a two-part article "Fingerprinting Bullets" in *The Saturday Evening Post*, police departments were slow to respond. Following Waite's death in 1926, Goddard took over the Bureau. Working with Gravelle, Goddard developed the comparison microscope -- the basic instrument still used in comparing fired bullets and cartridge cases.

The monetary rewards Waite hoped for never appeared and the operation was dissolved. Goddard continued work, amassing data on firearms, ammunition, rifling systems and characteristics. His expertise gained recognition as he provided genuine expert testimony in some of the most famous gun murders of the era. First was the Hall-Mills shooting that ended the scandalous affair between the Rev. Edward Hall and choir singer Eleanor Mills.

The case of the decade, though, was the Sacco-Vanzetti robbery-murder that dragged on from 1921 to 1927. Goddard testified in the second trial after making a positive identification of both a fatal bullet and a recovered fired cartridge case to the Colt pistol taken from Sacco. This was the first major murder case to be decided almost entirely on the basis of fired evidence.

On St. Valentine's Day 1929 when seven bullet-riddled bodies were discovered in a garage on Clark St., Chicago, police care-

fully collected all the fired evidence. Witnesses stated that two policemen and two civilians emerged from what looked like a police car and went into the garage. Minutes later, following a clatter of shots, the quartet emerged, the civilians (with raised hands as though under arrest) were followed by the policemen. Mortally wounded victim, Frank Gusenberg, told Lt. Tom Loftus, "It was coppers. Coppers did it." Did rogue cops mow down the Moran gang?

Goddard was called. His study concluded that the weapons were two Thompson guns, one with a 50-round drum, the other with a 20-round magazine and a 12-gauge shotgun. A lucky break ten months later netted similar weapons with the capture of a Capone henchman in Michigan. Goddard's test-fire and microscopic examination positively identified the recovered guns as the murder weapons. None were police property.

A local philanthropist offered support for the establishment of an enlarged and reformed version of Goddard's Bureau at Northwestern University where it became the Department of Police Science. For the next ten years Goddard edited and published ***The Journal of Police Science***. Under his directorship, the operation became the model for modern crime laboratories, offering services in a variety of forensic disciplines. Under Goddard, the first prototype polygraph was developed. The FBI soon followed Goddard's lead with its crime lab, as did major police departments across the nation.

Goddard continued to travel the world promoting the science of firearms examination and identification and use of the comparison microscope. Following WWII, he was appointed head of the Army's largest criminal investigation laboratory (located in Japan) from 1948 to 1951. Goddard died in 1955, but his legacy--the fight against charlatanism and the quest for rigorous scientific standards lives on.

*Over 800 people have been the subject of a commemorative postage stamp (including member Clark Gable) but only one stamp has honored a lawman, policeman or civilian crime fighter. If you agree with the placement of Calvin Goddard on a commemorative postage stamp, add your name to the petition at the May meeting (look for signage in the book-signing area) or send a letter indicating your wishes. Signatures will be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Commemorative Postage Stamps.*