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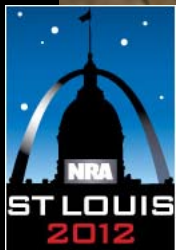
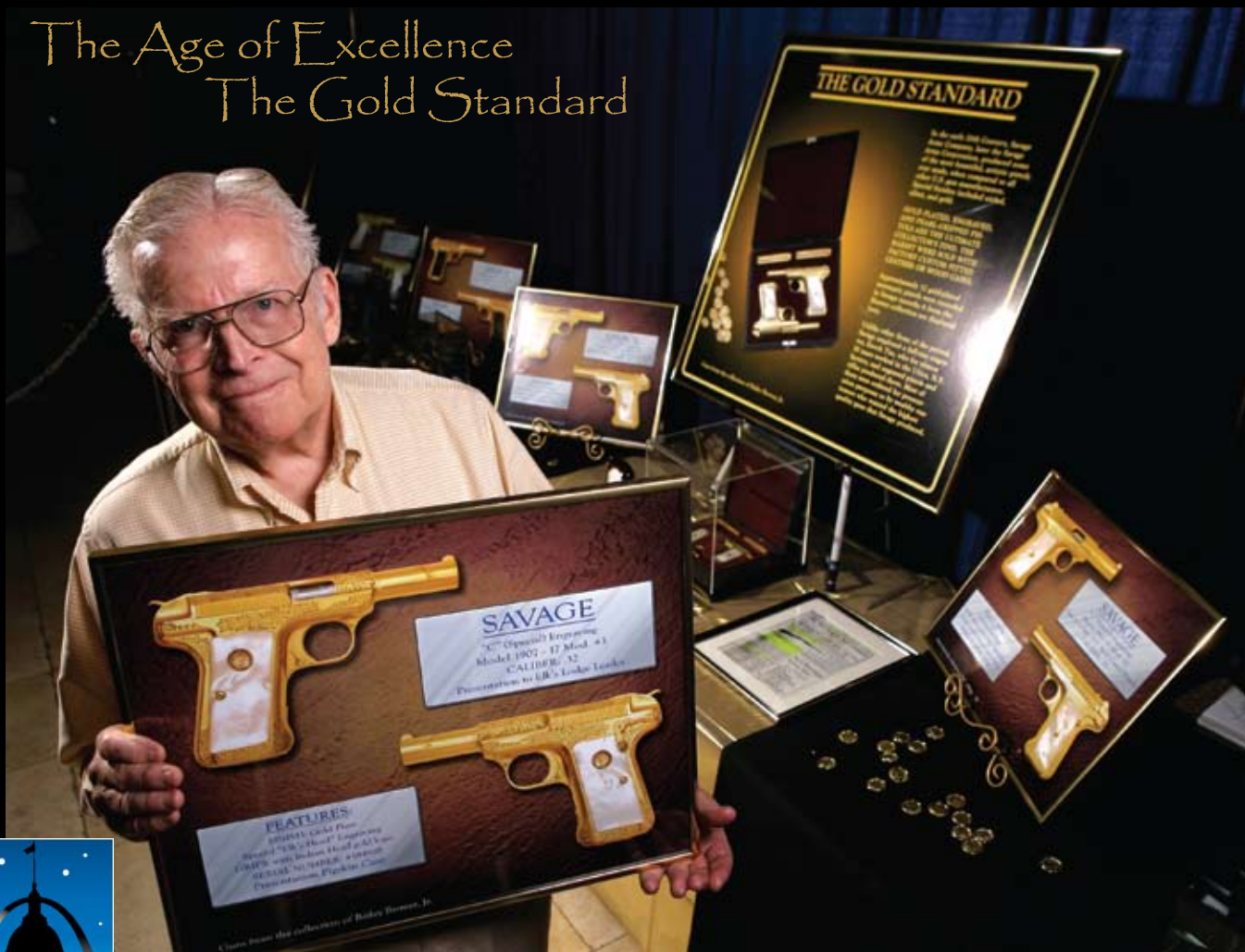


DON'T MISS THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS:

March 10-11, 2012 "The BIG One"

May 5-6, 2012 Annual Display Show and Banquet

## The Age of Excellence The Gold Standard



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**OGCA Is BOOMING! By Cecil Parker, President**

May I borrow the phrase "Big Bang Theory"? No, I'm not referring to the Celestial Universe, but the OGCA Universe. In case you haven't noticed recent membership statistics, OGCA is growing – big time! Almost 1,000 people have joined in the last four months, and over 30% of guests attending our Wilmington events are applying for membership!



As membership approaches 17,000, we have completed five consecutive years of uninterrupted growth for the first time in at least 16 years. Total members could soon surpass the peak years in Cleveland and Columbus.

What is causing this phenomenon? YOU ARE! You – loyal, dedicated OGCAers – bringing your family, friends, shooting companions, and prospective collectors and telling them about your favorite firearms organization. Could we have a new slogan? The Ohio Gun Collectors Association – 75 years and still growing!

You never know who you will meet at OGCA. One of our newest applicants, Keith Turpie, is the 1953, 1,000 yd. Wimbledon Cup, 1st place winner at Camp Perry. This NRA endowment member joined OGCA at 88 years young!

Member response to the 75th Anniversary projects is far exceeding expectations.

Very few of the Ithaca OGCA Model 37s are still available for sale at the March meeting. Less than ten matching pairs (20 and 28 gauge) remain and about a dozen 20 gauge guns. Please check out the details on page 10 and get to the show early on March 10th for your chance to buy these beautiful firearms at a great price.

The Anniversary Edition Daisy guns sold out within two hours. Since each member was limited to one of each model, you can imagine what the crowd was like around the PAC sales table. We are considering a second Special Edition with the OGCA logos but without the "1 of 100" serial numbers.

We have more great 75th Anniversary projects coming soon. Remember – every dollar you spend (donate) with OGCA-PAC goes directly to defend our Second Amendment rights.

If you are considering a run for the Board of Directors, March is the time to get your application and start your petition. See First V.P. Jim Tekavec's article on page 15 for details.

**Gun Quote of the Month:**

"Never take a knife to a gunfight – unless it's fixed to the business end of your M-16. "

*The Old Gunny, 1966*



*Nice Job, Great Trail Musketeers!  
Keep up the Good Work!*

**Director Jon Chorpenning had the honor of presenting a \$2,000 donation to The Great Trail Musketeers from Minerva, Ohio, to offset equipment costs for their successful youth-shooting program. From left: Kayla Syme, Jon Chorpenning, Joe Criniti, Michael Holden, Ruger Miller, Coach Tom Paumier, Reid Miller, Chantz McGuire, Jim Tekavec, Chrissy Holden and Coach David Holden. Coach Paumier is an olympic level shooter, a member of OGCA for 37 years, and dedicated to youth-shooting sports. He welcomes responsible new shooters and can be reached at (330) 868-5165.**

## MEET THE AUTHOR - THOMAS D. SCHIFFER TO WRITE OGCA HISTORY BOOK

*Author and long-time member Thomas D. Schiffer has been selected to write OGCA's History Book. It is a major undertaking that will cover our first 75 years. Tom will be interviewing members at the March meeting, so please share your stories with him and be a part of history. Plans call for a beautiful, hardcover, affordably-priced limited edition, and members will be able to pre-order in late summer 2012.*



Tom Schiffer with OGCA Historian/Past President, Tom Kyser, in January.

Thomas D. Schiffer was born in Cincinnati in 1935 and still lives in nearby Northern Kentucky. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from the University of Kentucky. During his working life, he has been a surveyor, draftsman, engineering change writer (jet engines; GE), research and development engineer, project engineer, design engineer, manager of plant services, licensed steam engineer in Ohio and environmental manager.

His interest in firearms has led him into competition at smallbore, airgun, longrifles, single shots, black-powder cartridge rifles, rook rifles, English double rifles and schuetzen rifles. He has campaigned muzzle loading and modern shotguns at sporting clays, trap and skeet. While primarily an offhand rifleman and while garnering his share of awards with rifle and pistol, anything hit with his shotgun called heavily upon the good offices of chance! He also competed with centerfire, rimfire and muzzleloading pistol. He has competed at ranges varying from 33 ft to 1,000 yards. The latter distance with both black-powder cartridge rifles and muzzle loaders.

Sharps, Browning, Ballard, Rigby, Reilly, Borchardt, Luger, Ruger, Stevens, Winchester, Remington, Colt, Scott, Francotte, Arisaka, Nambu, Mauser, Marlin, House, Manton, Pape, Parker, Claybrough, Pope, Schoyen, Peterson, Smith, Hammerli, Schifferlli, Hi Standard, N. Lewis, Smith & Wesson, Springfield, Greener, Weirauch, Daisy, BSA, Parker Hale Whitworth, US Firearms and more,

all represent firearms he has owned and campaigned in over a half-century of shooting, collecting and gunsmithing.

He has held National Rifle Association (NRA) certification as a rifle, pistol and shotgun firearms instructor and currently holds a National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) Range Officer Certification card. Participation in his various shooting sports required much hand loading of obsolescent and obsolete cartridges (more than thirty calibers both obsolete and modern), gunsmithing and gun building over the years. He served for some years as the Captain of many successful Kentucky Longrifle Teams and member of those teams. He served as director and vice-president of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and was president of that organization from 1989 to 1992. He is currently a Patron member of the NRA and Chairman of the Board of the Annie Oakley Foundation.

After retirement from a large chemical plant in Cincinnati in 2000, he wrote a book, Peters & King, about the Peters Cartridge Company and the King Powder Company of Kings Mills, Ohio and Greenup, Kentucky. It was published by Krause Publications in 2002. Having sold over 4,500 copies, it is currently out of print. He has

had numerous articles of a technical and historical nature about firearms published in Muzzle Blasts, Precision Shooting, The Single Shot Journal (where his column, Kentucky Windage ran for over a decade), Black Powder Cartridge Rifle News and Gun Digest. He has also written extensively about local history for the Boone County (Kentucky) Public Library. He has an avid interest in photography, illustrating his own book and articles.

He and his wife, Carol, a retired school teacher, have two grown sons...both interested in firearms. Carol joins him in both the shooting sports and in boating with their two steam-powered launches, 20-foot MISS DEMEANOR, built in 1972 and 22-foot MISS BLUE, built in 1910. His basement machine shop supports both his firearms building, reloading and steam engine interests. Tom and Carol have lived on Gunpowder Road in Boone County, Kentucky for nearly a half-century.

### Name the Newsletter!

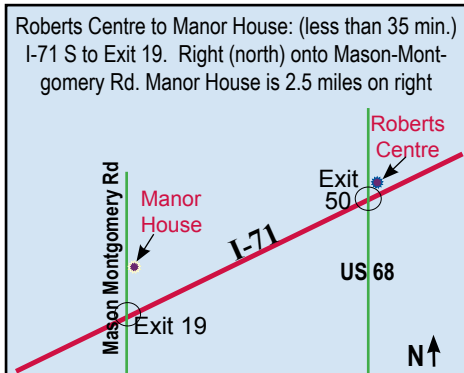
#### Win Serial #100 OGCA 75th Anniversary Daisy Red Ryder

Keep the suggestions coming for our "Name the Newsletter" contest. Members have suggested that OGCA adopt a special name for our special newsletter and we have turned it into a full-blown contest! The winner will receive the Serial #100, 75th Anniversary Commemorative Red Ryder BB Gun (back cover). In fact, everyone who submits a written idea will receive a small token of appreciation. The contest is open only to members and their families. Submit any and all suggestions you may have for a catchy name by **April 15, 2012** via email, mail, fax or bring to the Business Office desk at the March meeting.



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; ANNUAL BANQUET TICKETS NOW ON SALE

As loyal members of OGCA, I'm sure you are well aware that the celebration of a lifetime is almost upon us! On May 5, 2012, OGCA will be celebrating 75 years of gun collecting and camaraderie at our Annual Member Recognition Banquet at the beautiful and easily-accessible Manor House in Mason, Ohio. The map below highlights the short distance to the Manor House from The Roberts Centre.



**The Manor House is just a few exits south of The Roberts Centre and is close to I-71. 7440 Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason, Ohio.**

Please join us for an evening of festivity and commemoration as we acknowledge those members who have so faithfully supported OGCA for 35 consecutive years or more. To express our appreciation to those with 35 or more consecutive years of membership, OGCA is offering \$10 off their dinner. For those members with 50 consecutive years of membership or more, a complimentary banquet and bus ticket are being offered.

As always, this celebration will be held in conjunction with the Annual Display Show at the Roberts Centre which has a very appropriate theme, "75 Years of Supporting Accumulators: What do you Accumulate?" All display show exhibitors will also receive a complimentary dinner and bus ticket. Sign up soon as the bus will fill up fast.

The Executive Vice President of the NRA, Wayne LaPierre, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet and a very important part of this special celebration. Don't miss the opportunity to hear him speak and to meet Wayne and other important defenders of our firearm rights.



**Keynote Speaker, NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre**

Attendees will feast on petite filet, boneless breast of chicken, salad asparagus, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, and a scrumptious dessert. Children will dine on kid-friendly fare such as chicken fingers and fries unless they opt in advance for the regular meal.

Our featured entertainment this year is a small group of professional musicians known as Ault Music who have been performing together for 18 years.



**The Manor House**

They are trained graduates of the College-Conservatory of Music and will lend a relaxing, upbeat ambiance.

Members will find the Manor House to be no ordinary banquet facility. One of the most beautiful banquet facilities in the region, it is modeled after a southern plantation-style home and is known for its year-round gardens. The covered courtyard and atrium is a perfect gathering spot for cocktails and appetizers with old and new friends. It is an elegant, comfortable atmosphere and casual, comfortable attire is welcome.

**Please refer to the enclosed reservation form for cost and additional information.** You will use this form to purchase your banquet and bus tickets. Simply complete, then return to the business office. You may also purchase tickets at the March 10-11 meeting. Tickets must be purchased in advance by April 1st. Feel free to call the business office at (330) 467-5733 with any questions you may have.



**Rear view of Manor House and gardens**

**Annual Member Recognition Banquet/75th Anniversary Celebration**

**Date:** May 5, 2012  
**Time:** 6 PM - 10 PM  
**Place:** Manor House, 7440 Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason, OH  
**Keynote:** Wayne LaPierre, Executive Director of the NRA  
**Cost:** \$35 (see flier for discount for children)  
 \$25 at 35+ consecutive-year membership  
 Free for members with 50+ consecutive years of membership  
**Parking:** Free  
**Transportation:** \$5 round trip from Roberts Centre via motor coach  
**RSVP:** Reserve your tickets by returning the enclosed flier with payment by April 1st. Tickets can only be purchased in advance.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY SHOW RIGHT AROUND CORNER

"Confessions of An Unrepentant Accumulator" delivered by our 2010 keynote banquet speaker, Jim Supica, struck a chord with the audience who came from all parts of the country, all walks of life and from a wide variety of collecting interests. This chord continues to resonate to this day with the theme for our 2012 display show, "75 Years of Supporting Accumulators: What do you Accumulate?"

In his decidedly unrepentant confession, Supica, head of the world's largest firearms museum, shared a bit about his own personal collecting interest which often found itself on the opposite end of universal collecting advice he calls the three "Nuggets of Wisdom":

1. The three most important things in collecting are Condition, Condition, and Condition.
2. Specialize. Focus your collection on a particular make and model.
3. Stay in the main recognized fields.

This world-renown firearms expert confessed that contrary to nugget #1, "condition", he found that the most interesting part of gun collecting is often the history involved. We have more than a few members who would agree that their favorite gun is the well-used gun that has the romance and the smell of history to it! As for #2, "specialize", Supica said guns he bought "just because they were cool" are often the most interesting and members could certainly relate! He also found kindred souls in his refute of #3, "stay in the main fields", and Supica pointed out that the fields that are not yet highly popular are the ones where you can build a significant collection without first winning the lottery!

Needless to say, we got a good chuckle from his presentation and were glad to learn that even the Director of The National Firearms Museum finds great personal satisfaction in collecting and accumulating the firearms he loves rather than those that follow the rules.

Be an *unrepentant* confessor at our 75th Anniversary celebration by dusting off and shining up your special accumulation for our Annual Display Show on May 5-6, 2012. As always, exhibitors are

encouraged to present displays which are consistent with the theme but may display any weapons and accoutrements, whether or not they pertain to the theme.

Not only can you win great prizes, which include over \$13,200 in cash prizes; four numbered Minuteman Bronzes created by Ohio artist Alan Cottrill valued at over \$3,000 each; several distinguished plaques; and receive a participation award, but you have the satisfaction of giving enjoyment to each and every member and guest that sees your display at the largest, oldest, and best gun collecting organization in the country -- a chance to talk about what you hold dear to you, "your accumulation".

In honor of our 75th Anniversary, we have added a category for collector groups, "Best Collector Association Display". Club-sponsored displays are only eligible to win this award.

The Display Show Awards will take place at the Member Recognition Banquet, Saturday night, May 5, 2012, at the Manor House in Mason, Ohio.

Please send for a Display Show Packet as soon as possible. If you don't have the

Display Show post card that was in the January newsletter, please email, write or call for a display show information packet. Deadline for display applications is April 1, 2012.

*We are pleased to announce our talented judges:* Jim Supica and Phil Schreier of the NRA's National Firearms Museum along with Steve Fjestad of Blue Book Publications. It is tough job and we thank them in advance!

Also, did you know that OGCA has over 50 of the best firearms authors in the world who, between them, have published over 100 firearms-related books? Along with the Display Show, you will also have an opportunity to meet and talk to some of these authors.

### CALLING ALL 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 AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

## 2012 ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW AWARDS

*New award this year, "Best Collector Association Display Award" \$500!*

*Our 2012 Awards include: \$13,200 in cash prizes; four numbered Minuteman Bronzes valued at over \$3,000 each; plaques; special participation award for all who enter in honor of our 75th Anniversary year.*

- *First Place Antique* \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze
- *First Place Military* \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze
- *First Place Modern* \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze
- *Second Overall* \$1,500
- *Third Overall* \$1,000
- *Robert Rubendunst Best Educational Award, \$1,000 plus Minuteman Bronze*
- *Member's Choice* \$850 - by vote of the members present
- *Best 1st Time Displayer* \$850
- *Judge's Choice: Antique, Military, Modern, \$500 each*
- *Best Collector Association Display \$500 (This award is for Club-sponsored displays only.)*

*The Display Show Awards will be presented the evening of May 5th at the OGCA Banquet at the beautiful Manor House in Mason, Ohio.*

*Call, write, fax or email to request information on displaying.  
Phone (330) 467-5733, Fax (330) 467-5793, Email [ogca@ogca.com](mailto:ogca@ogca.com)*

## BAILEY BROWER, JR., TO REPRESENT OGCA AT NRA ANNUAL MEETING

Meet Bailey Brower, Jr., (front cover) author, twenty-five year member and one of the world's most knowledgeable Savage collectors. Bailey was chosen to represent OGCA at the NRA Annual Meeting & Exhibits after he astounded members with his display of rare, gold-plated Savage pistols at the 2011 OGCA Display Show.

"Bailey is one of the most advanced and articulate collectors I have ever known," said OGCA's 2012 NRA Exhibit Chairman, Charlie Rush, adding, "He is the most knowledgeable Savage collector and a real gentleman".

Author of Savage Pistols, a beautifully illustrated 268 page, coffee-table size book, Bailey is the expert when it comes to the Savage Arms Company and their automatic pistols. He is also a very generous collector having recently gifted his Savage .45 collection to the NRA's National Firearms Museum.

A Princeton graduate, he resides in Chatham Township, New Jersey with his very supportive wife Nancy (Taz), in their ancestral home where his family settled in the early 1700's.

Although he has one of the most valuable, elaborate and rare collections



of Savage automatic pistols known, Bailey started collecting them in the 1960's when they had little or no collectable interest. Inspired by his Grandmother Maria Noe Pierson, she guided him with four "Collecting Elements" that are valuable rules for any collector: collect American, collect quality, collect items that are not "currently popular" (avoid fads) and collect products made in sufficient enough quantities that they are available to a large and widespread collecting "fraternity". Bailey has added a fifth element: collect "peripheral materials" that complement your main collection. This would be such items as advertising materials, literature, original boxes and accessories.

Bailey had always assured his wife, Taz, that his purchases never exceeded \$250. Taz has traveled many miles to shows and collector's conventions throughout the years and with rarely any complaints. On one occasion, Bailey acquired a rare pistol from an auction, but it cost him a shopping trip with his wife which resulted in a sporty red convertible after one of his "good buddies" inadvertently, under her questioning, spilled the beans. It was the most expensive gun he ever bought!

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Savage Arms Company produced some of the most beautiful, artistic pistols ever made. Special finishes included nickel, silver and gold. Gold-plated, engraved with pearl grips were the ultimate collectors' find. The rarest sold with custom-fitted leather or wood cases.

Bailey will display six of twelve known gold-plated Savage pistols recorded by the Savage Arms Company. Most were engraved by Enoch Tue, who immigrated to the United States in approximately 1900 from England. Tue engraved with a light English style which was quite different from the heavy, Germanic engraving more common in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The elegant engraved pistols were ordered from Savage, mostly for presentation purposes or by wealthy customers who wanted the highest quality.

His display includes a presentation piece of a gold-plated .32-caliber Model 1907. It is embellished with Grade C (Special) engraving, with an elks head across the top of the slide. It's fitted with a spur hammer and mother-of-pearl grips with the Indian head medallion and bears the serial number 184910. It's presented in a custom pigskin case lined in purple velvet. This pistol was given to the Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland as a token from the Utica Lodge 33 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1923.



The striking and highly educational exhibit as seen at the 2011 OGCA Annual Display Show. Inset: Model 1907 presented to William Ladew of the Knights of Pythias.

Another gold Savage presentation piece in the display will be a .32-caliber Model 1917 serial number 245653 with mother-of-pearl grips and Grade C engraving. It was presented in a beautiful custom case lined with blue velvet including a gold-plated cleaning brush, to William Ladew, the supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. It does not bear the Indian head medallion on the grips due to the change of the grips in the 1917 models to a thinner, trapezoidal panel that did



**Cased set of Model 1907 .32-caliber, Grade C pistols owned by Colonel P. J. Noel.**

not easily accommodate the fragile mother-of-pearl.

Some of you may remember this pistol winning the prestigious Best Weapon Award at the 2008 Ohio Gun Collectors Association Annual Display Show.

One of Bailey's prized acquisitions is two cased sets of Model 1907's. The .32-caliber, Grade C engraved pistols that were owned by Colonel P. J. Noel. One pair is blued and the other is gold plated. They are adorned with beautiful mother-of-pearl grips and jeweled cartridge indicators. Noel was not a celebrity but was one of Bowling Green, Kentucky's wealthiest citizens. Noel actually carried these pistols in custom factory-made leather pistol belts made by Savage for him. Even though he used them, their condition is impeccable.

To find an individually-cased Savage

pistol is a rare find; to find two cased double sets of Savage pistols is just not heard of.

The pair of gold Noel pistols serial numbered 35194 and 35267 will be included in "The Age of Excellence; The Gold Era" display at the NRA event.

Bailey will also be including three other exquisite gold Model 1907's and 1917 pistols as part of this display. They represent the utmost quality in gold plating and engraving that the Savage Arms Company produced during this era.

If you are going to the 2012 NRA Annual Meeting, April 13-15 in St. Louis, be sure to visit Bailey and exhibit in "Collectors Row" and show your support. In addition, for a complimentary copy of the informational exhibit brochure, contact OGCA in late April or visit Bailey Brower at the OGCA May 5-6 Annual Display Show where Bailey promises to bring other fine Savage pistols from his collection. He welcomes your comments and questions.



*A great photo from his book, [Savage Pistols](#). Bailey Brower, Jr., is a member of the NRA, National Automatic Pistol Collectors Association, American Society of Arms Collector, Smith & Wesson Collectors Association, New York State Arms Collectors Association, Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, Inc. and a 25-year member of OGCA.*

## NRA Director Elections

Robert Wos and Wayne Anthony Ross have announced their candidacy for re-election to the NRA Board of Directors. All voting NRA members please read the bios in your upcoming NRA journal and vote in the NRA Director Elections.

**Robert (Bob) Wos** served as president of OGCA 2000-2001 and is currently Treasurer of the OGCA Political Action Committee. He served in the Ohio Army National Guard and is a retired firefighter/EMT. He currently serves on the NRA Gun Collectors Committee. Lifelong gun collector, handloader, shooter, and a no-compromise Second Amendment advocate supporting pro-gun legislators. He promoted and supported conceal carry legislation; opposes gun show bans; and supports 4-H kids shooting programs. Bob is also a NRA Benefactor member.

**Col. Wayne Anthony Ross** of Alaska is an NRA Director and Chairman of the NRA Gun Collectors Committee. He is an Honorary Life member of OGCA, and a member since 1980. He is a former NRA Vice President, Benefactor member; and current Chairman of the Gun Collectors Committee. Wayne is a practicing attorney; former Assistant Attorney General; former candidate for Governor of Alaska; former teacher and columnist; and active gun collector. He testified before Congress and State Legislature and made numerous television and radio appearances on firearms, lands, and hunting issues; handgun hunter (.45 caliber); fisherman; and a court qualified expert witness regarding firearms.

## WHY SOME M1-D SNIPER RIFLES ARE NOT VERY ACCURATE © 2011 By Roy Baumgardner



**Author and M-1 expert Roy Baumgardner at a prior OGCA meeting and book signing.**

The M1 Type C and D rifles were an attempt to make the standard issue M1 into a sniper rifle. It has had an up and down history.

By the time the U.S. got into Vietnam, the marines and a few others had their national match grade M1s shooting very accurately; they still are. With and without scopes.

A friend of mine from PA, Joe Supko, used one a year or so ago to give the service rifle shooters at 1,000 yards, at Camp Perry, a nice run for their money. He makes us proud, yet, I get calls from nice people who have purchased Type D models that were made up out of new parts, and when they were taken to their local rifle range and put on a bench rest they were very disappointing. Usually getting 5-shot groups about 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter.

Most of these people were expecting about one inch, or smaller, so, what is the problem? Actually, it is a combination of several things. When the M1 was designed, they never planned to put a scope on it. At that time, our people felt that sniping was a thing of the past. The Germans, of course, thought otherwise. So did the Russians. The Brits played

catch up. So there was no easy way to fit a scope. The Type Cs had their actions drilled and threaded but this never caught on.

The Type D approached the problem from a different angle. They had new barrels made up that had a square section right in front of the action that was drilled and threaded for a kind of detachable scope mount.

This mounted the scope to the left of the action and made clearance to load and eject the 8-round en-bloc clip of cartridges. Because the center of the scope was now to the left of the center line of the rifle, a large leather cheek pad was laced and screwed to the left side of the stock to move the shooter's head to the left where it was supposed to be in line with the scope. If the shooter used both eyes until he found which worked best, he did not do too bad.

These special barrels had to be mass produced in a hurry. Some shot better than a standard G.I. barrel and many did not. Especially with standard G.I. issue ammunition, which is not match grade. The marines used match ammo every chance they got in Nam.

But in Korea, the army usually used standard ammo. The marines also used excellent match-grade barrels made by special shops.

My big brother went all through Korea as a demolition man, usually blowing bridges as they tried to get out of tight places with an army unit.

One day, the people up at headquarters issued an M1-D to their outfit. The officer in charge did not know what to do with it, so he gave it to his jeep driver. It bounced around in the jeep for a couple of weeks. Offers to put it to use were turned down. A couple of tough guys finally stole it one night and sold it to some South Koreans, who did put it to good use.

So the first problem with the original "D" models from the government and the ones we now see, made up from mostly the same parts, is that those early barrels after WWII are not like our excellent match-grade barrels of today.

Incidentally, an original "D" or "C" with all of its original papers from Camp Perry is a very serious collector item. Even though the ones made up from spare parts with no papers are close to being the same.

In their rush to try to catch up with the rest of the world, the government tried to get the trigger pulls on these rifles down from the standard G.I. pull of about 5-1/2 to 6-1/2 pounds to 5 to 4-1/2 pounds. Trying to get them any lower usually caused the hammer to follow the bolt, closing to an uncocked position. So most of the ones we tested were about 5 to 5-1/2 pounds.

The next thing is that match-grade M1s today are almost all glass or epoxy bedded. That was not the case with these government sniping rifles just after WWII. That was because their stocks had to interchange with all of the others out there if something broke. This was such a big step forward in accuracy that today if your rifle is bedded and you want to shoot in the Garand match at Perry, they put you in a special class; which is the way it should be.

Then we come to the fitting of the operating rod on the rifle. This is the rod that opens the bolt and has a gas piston on the front end that fits in the gas cylinder. In the early days, this was made to fit a gage at the factory so it would, hopefully, fit all of the rest of the rifles out there just like the wood stocks.

The trouble is, by the time the loose wood stocks and the springy light barrels were all put together, the op rod had a tendency to be binding up, down, or one side or the other of the barrel. This was kind of like having a beautiful hunting or target rifle with the stock rubbing against the barrel somewhere where it should not.

Understand that they needed a lot of these rifles in a very short time, so if the rod fit on the rifle and worked the action, it was usually shipped.

When we were doing accuracy articles for the little book, "Precision Shooting with the M1 Garand," we worked with some of the best armorers and Smiths in the country on this problem and how they overcame it. The book is well worth its thirteen bucks.

The scopes they used back then leave a lot to be desired. Most were about 2-1/2 x power. The standard military model was fairly strong but sure could have used improvement. Some rifles were fitted with civilian Lyman Alaskan Model 2-1/2 x scopes and these are considered by some to be the best of all. They also played with a very low cost Weaver, which kind of shows you how bad they needed these rifles.

All in all, they were a good start on a semi-automatic sniper rifle. And they certainly have a place in our military history.

As I was writing this, I was told that Mike Gingher had passed away. This was indeed bad news as he was a good friend. He was an OGCA member, active with the MI Collectors Association, and the Wounded Warriors.

Many years ago, when the MI rifle was

winning at Camp Perry, he was considered to be about the top armorer for the marine team. He helped me with a lot of information I needed. And he worked with Joe Roberts, Jr., a long-time top writer with the "American Rifleman" magazine.

Together they did some great articles on the M1. A couple of years ago at Perry, he was the guide for TV Gunny Sgt. R. Lee Ermey, at a gathering of the Wounded Warriors and M1s for Vets at Petrarca range. I almost walked by him as he was wearing a suit and tie. We both got a big laugh out of this as we were used

to seeing each other in 6-pocket grungy G.I. camo pants. The Gunny has a love affair with the M1 Garand. I signed one for him and the Warriors, and we all got some good pictures of everything, for everybody.

I shall miss Mike very much.

*Roy Baumgardner has been a member almost 3 decades. We invite Roy and all our author members to the May 5-6 book signing.*

**Reminder:**  
Cameras and recording devices are prohibited without the permission of the president.

Did you know that your OGCA membership can qualify you for the purchase of surplus rifles thru the CMP?

## OGCA RETURNS TO CLEVELAND'S I-X CENTER AFTER NEARLY 10 YEARS By Jim Irvine



**OGCA President Cecil Parker; Buckeye Firearms Chairman and OGCA member Jim Irvine; and OGCA First Vice President Jim Tekavec**

*Reprinted with permission of Buckeye Firearms Association.* The OGCA returned to the I-X Center in Cleveland on October 15-16, 2011, for their first event in almost 10 years. The huge crowds that packed the show Saturday made it obvious that they were missed. As is typical, the show was less crowded on Sunday, but a vendor I bought some supplies from indicated he was actually selling more on Sunday than he did on Saturday.

No matter how you measure it, the event was a success. Lots of guests were signing up with thoughts of attending future meetings.

For many years, OGCA held all their meetings at the IX center, but when jurisdiction of that facility passed to the city of Cleveland in a land swap with Brookpark, Cleveland's burdensome anti-gun ordinances forced the "Largest Gun Collector Organiza-

tion in the World" to find a new home. Considering the number of people and amount of money OGCA brings with it, any community in the state should be a welcoming host.

In February of 2009, Buckeye Firearms Foundation filed suit against the city of Cleveland for their continued persecution of gun owners. The city had 19 separate gun control ordinances that were in conflict with Ohio law. The city law director was quoted in the Plain Dealer calling our lawsuit, "more of a publicity stunt than a legal maneuver" but his brashness didn't last.

In May of 2011, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Brian Corrigan ordered Cleveland to immediately stop enforcement of 19 gun control ordinances. It turned out the city was more interested in "publicity stunts" rather than following the law or dealing with the city's crime problems.

With a court order tying the city's hands, OGCA was quick to return to a location that had been great for all involved for many years. Members and supporters were obviously glad to have them back in the Cleveland area.

OGCA holds six meetings annually at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. While members in Cleveland would love to see events on a regular basis up north,

it does not make sense to trade the friendly confines of Wilmington for the political uncertainties of Cleveland. Still, it is obvious that there is a demand for shows at the I-X Center, and I would expect OGCA to add a Cleveland meeting to their schedule for next year.

*OGCA thanks Jim Irvine and our friends at Buckeye Firearms Association without whom the October 2011 I-X Center meeting would not have been possible. As announced in the last newsletter, we will be back again at the I-X Center on October 27-28, 2012, along with special guests, The Winchester Collectors Association.*



**OGCA members made possible a donation of \$1,000 to the Woods and Waters Presidents Foundation to fund merit scholarships toward college tuition for students in either forestry or wildlife management. Joe DiGiacomo, Jr., of Woods and Waters (left) with OGCA First Vice President Jim Tekavec at the October meeting.**

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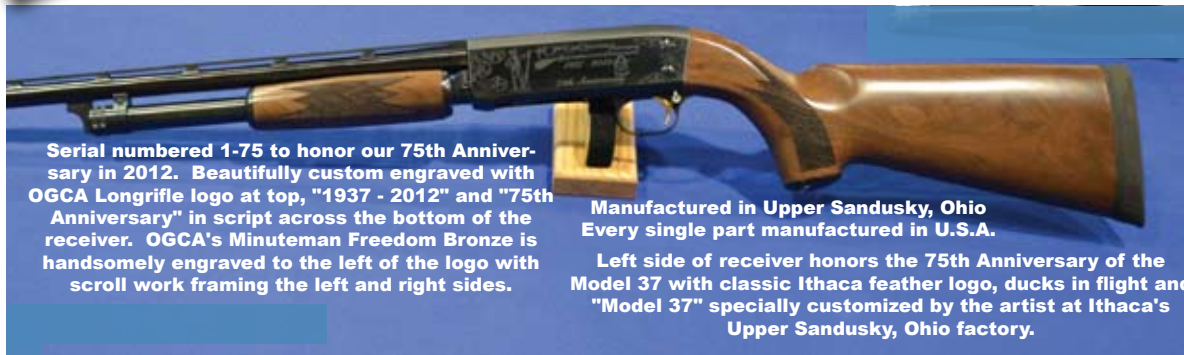
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### THE GUN QUIZ (FOR FUN OF IT) - BY BILL WEIDEMANN © Copyright 2011 OGCA

Well sports fans, we have been getting letters (!) regarding a few of the kinks in our Quiz answers! A couple of times, just bringing up a subject can reveal new mysteries, adding to the pursuit of pure trivia. Gun Quiz will never pass up a chance to become even more irrelevant that it already is .... so, YES, we will answer those letters! Please stay tuned.

Get trivia! Send in any gun question with a "catchy" answer to Business Manager, Laura Knotts at the OGCA Business Office. Nothing is too "oddball," such as these next four zingers for your reading enjoyment ..... to The Quiz!

#### Questions

1. You have a "three shell limit" in the magazine tube of your shotgun.....where in the Sam Hill did this come from?
2. What caliber of center fire cartridge has been called "The First Magnum?" It was introduced long before the .357 in the 1930's.
3. Today we call it "The Bore Snake." When it was introduced over 40 years ago, it had a different name! Say WHAT?
4. The clay "bird" used in trap and skeet was invented by a fellow that never really made a fortune from his invention but his name goes down in gun history and is the answer to this question.

#### Answers

1. The "three shell limit" came from the Presidential pen of Franklin D. Roosevelt as he signed new Federal Water-fowl legislation in the 1930's. Still on the books!
2. Even Skeeter Skelton said so! It's the .32 Winchester Center Fire, known today as the .32-20. Intro'd in 1882, it shoots fast and flat, moving at 2,100 fps with a 110 grain bullet. Also nicknamed "The Rancher's Caliber," it became popular for varmints out west. At one point, Smith & Wesson made plans for the new "K" frame to be designed around this new "magnum." The .25-20 Win and the .218 Bee were later offspring from this great caliber. (Yikes) The G-String! The name was later changed (good idea) to "The Gun String." The original was marketed by Charles Shutea of Houston, Texas, circa 1970. Retail price \$2.95 each!
3. Good old George Liguosky of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the first to perfect the "clay bird" that would sail through the air in simulation of natural flight. In 1880, his original "birds" were made of fine ground clay mixed with water and baked like cookies. By 1887, two imitators out of New York had stolen all of George's ideas, and that was that. Another Buckeye First! Thank you, George.
- 4.

## DUES REMINDER

**Members:** if you received this newsletter, your dues are current - Thank you. Please remind your friends to pay their dues by mailing a check with their member number in the memo to: OGCA, P.O. Box 670406, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

**1-year dues:** \$35

**1-year Active Duty Military: Free**  
(Enclose rank, branch, duty station)

**3-year dues:** \$90

**5-year dues:** \$145

Life Membership: \$600

**Sr. Life (65 yrs.+):** \$300

(Enclose proof of age.)

If payment is not received by March 31st, the name of the non-paying member will be purged from the file and can be reinstated only by paying a minimum of 3 years dues by December 31st, 2012.

**Please allow 3-6 weeks for processing.**

## 2012 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 Jim Tekavec (row J, orange flag) 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 2012 by our members. All completed applications with all supporting documents must be returned to Jim no later than the end of the May meeting.

### JANUARY MEETING STATS

Guests: 794; Tables: 764  
Applicants: 278

*Wow, 956 applicants  
since September!*

## IN MEMORIUM

**John P. Gutzwiller** of Cincinnati, was born March 12, 1941, and passed away May 27, 2011. John was a member of OGCA for 35 years and eventually became a Life Member.

**Robert "Bob" E. Carter** of Cincinnati died November 30, 2011, at the age of 75. Bob was a very dedicated and active member of OGCA for decades and rarely missed a show. He was also an Air Force vet and a member of Legion Post 239.

**Richard "Dick" C. Moomaw**, 68, passed away November 2, 2011, after a long illness. Dick was a dedicated member of OGCA for 42 years and loved it. His main interest was anything relating to the Civil War. Mr. Moomaw was also a life member of the NRA.

**Dr. Russell E. Anderson** of Tustin, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2011, with family by his side. Dr. Anderson was a long-time member and a Life Member of OGCA and had a variety of collecting interests, primarily fine American double-barreled shotguns.

**Howard Max Knotts** of Indiana was born May 16, 1926, and passed away December 8, 2011. Howard served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of OGCA for over 25 years and a regular tableholder who could always be counted on for a great smile and genuine warmth. He was a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason of the Fellowship Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. 681. Howard was also a member of the International High-Standard Collector's Association; the NRA; and the Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club.

**Charles August Rausch, Jr.**, 92, of Baltimore, Maryland, passed away on October 8, 2011. This Lieutenant Colonel Air Force (retired) was also a World War II veteran and the last living Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad founder. Charles was also an avid target shooter; gun collector; a member of OGCA for 34 years; a life member of the Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club; and a member of the NRA.

**James Ernest Hyer, Jr.**, 94, of North Ridgeville, passed away unexpectedly at home Friday, January 6, 2012. Jim was a former member, last seen at the October meeting. He enjoyed hunting, gunsmithing, and was an active gun advocate.

## MEETING DATES

Jan. 7-8, 2012 Roberts Centre

March 10-11, 2012 Roberts Centre

May 5-6, 2012 Roberts Centre

July 21-22, 2012 Roberts Centre

Sept. 15-16, 2012 Roberts Centre

Oct. 27-28, 2012 I-X Center **New**

Nov. 17-18, 2012 Roberts Centre

Jan. 5-6, 2013 Roberts Centre

## HOURS

Sat., 8 AM - 5 PM • Sun., 8 AM - 2 PM

**Don't forget we close at 2 PM on Sunday!**

Set-up (Tableholders) Friday, 3 PM - 9 PM and 1/2 hour early Sat. and Sun.

## 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 Road, Roberts Centre is on the left.

## HOTELS ROBERTS CENTRE

**1) Headquarters Hotel: Holiday Inn at Roberts Centre**  
123 Gano Road., Wilmington, OH 45177 (937) 283-3200 or (800) 654-7036 \$92 + 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 (US 35).



Author Roland C. Eyears

TV's original series LAW and ORDER opens with the reminder that the criminal justice system consists of two equally important groups – the police who investigate crimes and the district attorneys who prosecute

them. That is true as far as it goes.

Fifteen years have passed since former presidential press secretary Jim Brady, husband of Sarah who is the head of the re-named Handgun Control, Inc., was interviewed on handgun ownership by a national magazine. "For target shooting, that's OK.... Get a license and go to the range. For defense of the home, that's why we have the police departments. One of the most dangerous things is to have a firearm to defend your home. It's six times more likely to kill a loved one." Brady was 200 percent wrong.

Most Americans assume that their local police have a sworn duty to protect them. They are wrong. Sometimes they are dead wrong.

Exactly what are the duties of your police agency? From the 1850s, the courts have addressed this question many times with uniform results.

For months, Linda Riss was harassed and threatened by an ex-boyfriend with a violent criminal past. Police told her they could do nothing. When the threats intensified and harm seemed imminent, Riss begged the NYPD for protection. Still, no help. Within days, an attacker, hired by the ex-boyfriend, threw acid in her face, disfiguring her permanently and blinding one eye. The ensuing lawsuit was widely publicized. In *Riss v. City of New York* (1968), the Court of Appeals ruled that the police had no duty to protect Riss and that to impose such an obligation, vis-à-vis individuals would lay a crushing economic burden on government. In a well-reasoned, heated dissent, Justice Keating stated, "... in conformity to the

dictates of the law, Linda did not carry any weapon for self-defense. Thus, by a rather bitter irony, she was required to rely for protection on the City of New York, which now denies all responsibility for her."

The Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals stated the situation clearly enough when ruling in *Bowers v. DeVito* (1982), "...there is no Constitutional right to be protected by the police against being murdered by criminals or madmen. It is monstrous if the state fails to protect residents against such predators, but it does not violate the due process clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment or, we suppose, any other provision of the Constitution."

What are the mandates of police agencies, and are they ever responsible for protecting individuals? Police have a duty to (1) enforce the laws and (2) protect the general public. Only in rare, defined situations is their duty enhanced. If, for instance, a person follows a particular set of instructions given by police and that causes them harm, there may be liability. This must go well beyond a police dispatcher's telling the caller, "Put that gun away, Honey, and stay where you are." Police may promise a critical witness protection in return for his testimony. That promise may or may not create liability.

So much for the cops. How are the prosecutors and judges doing?

Seven years ago the long-term Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Licking and Perry Counties (Ohio), was charged with multiple felonies. It was alleged that for over seven years he had sexually abused a boy, from age 12, he had mentored. The 65-year-old resident of an upscale community bonded out for half a million dollars and was subsequently

re-arrested for violating terms.

Minutes before his trial was to begin, the accused pleaded guilty to 25 felony sex abuse charges and no-contest to 4 rape charges. The potential was only 144 years in prison for destroying the innocence of a child, not to mention the public trust. The County Prosecutor, now handsomely pensioned, recommended the minimum 10 years. The Common Pleas Judge, later re-elected, made it so. Commented the Prosecutor, "We're taking from this man, perhaps, in terms of years, all that he has left." No, that would be the death penalty, which, unfortunately, is not available for child rapists. Lacking that, how about 60 years with no parole? That would have carried the offender well past life expectancy. A 76-year-old rapist, even without modern pharmaceuticals, can resume his pattern of abuse.

With all due respect to the law enforcement community wherein I spent over 20 years, police agencies are necessarily reactive. Some jurisdictions average 20 to 40 minutes response time. The operative line is, "When seconds count, the police are just minutes away."

The vast majority of experienced police officers do not want to take your gun. Fact is, civilians shoot more bad guys than they do. The uniforms who want your gun are the large agency chiefs and their ilk who long ago stopped being real cops and morphed into handlers, politicians, and schmoozers.

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## GODDARD PETITION UPDATE

Speaking of law enforcement, the petition to put forensic firearms pioneer, Calvin H. Goddard, on a U.S. postage stamp has been submitted. Many thanks to author, member, and forensic firearms examiner, **C. Rodney James**, for spearheading this 6-month effort and collecting 656 signatures. The review process by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Commemorative Postage Stamps is three years. Col. Goddard is the father of forensic firearms examination and first director of a privately-funded scientific crime detection laboratory. He was a member of OGCA from 1941-1954.