Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

September 2010

UGCA - THE BEST AND CHEAPEST GUN SHOWS IN UTAH!

Tables and admission to the UGCA shows only cost about half of what the commercial promoters charge.

Members get a discount on tables, and free admission for themselves. spouse and minor children-leaving you more money to buy guns!

Our shows have the biggest selection of all types of guns from all periods. And, all the wonderful educational displays.

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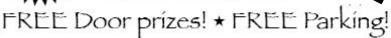
ANTIQUE & MODERN COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS

Superb Exhibits * Sales * * Trades All Kinds of Guns ★ Swords ★ Knives ★ Ammo Military * Western * Indian Artifacts Knowlegable Experts * Informal Appraisals Collectibles * War Memorabilia * And More! * Private sellers and FFL Dealers

October 9-10, 2010

WEBER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1000 NORTH 1200 WEST OGDEN, UTAH





Just \$4* per Adult for BOTH Days! Children 12 and Under FREE with Adult

UGCA Members and Family Admitted FREE! *With discount coupon available at Utah's better gun stores.

Only \$5 without Coupon.

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March was a sell out, and October should be too. Tables nearly gone— act fast if you want to sell or display.

Please call immediately or send in the table application on page 10 if you want a table.

It is a good idea to reserve your tables at the show for the next one. It helps save your location, and you can save \$5 per table by reserving before the end of the previous show!

Help Wanted: UGCA is looking for a few good member volunteers:

** Ticket takers at the show

** Coffee Pot duties at the show

- ** Snack setup for table holders at the show **Solicit NRA donations at the show
- ** Webmaster- keep the show info updated



New Members – Welcome To those who have joined in recent months!

Lowell B.	Tom L.
Dennis B.	Keith L.
Wayne B.	Robert L.
William C.	Ralph L.
Michael C.	John M.
Ray F.	Robert M.
Maurice G.	Mark R.
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The UGCA Board meets on the Fourth Tuesday of each month, except June and July, usually at S.E.L.L. Antiques, 1488 South State Street in Salt Lake City starting at 7:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary to confirm date, time and location.

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Editor & Webmaster John S.

Your articles and photos are needed for the
Newsletter, and greatly appreciated.

Please submit notes, stories or photos to the editor

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SOME OF THE GREAT DISPLAYS!

The Hope Bisbing Award for Excellence went to Gary N. for "Zimmerschuetzens-Rim Fire Target Rifles."

Gary has an impressive collection of these fine quality target arms.

Even better, he actually shoots in competition with this type of rifle.

And, his mechanical skills help him restore some of these neat guns.

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Please make your reservation now! UGCA Annual Dinner RSVP

YES! I/we will attend UGCA Annual Dinner Meeting at Jeremiah's Restaurant in Ogden on Saturday October 9, 2010. Social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00PM

Name:		
Address:	_	
Phone:		
Number of Members @ \$10 ea.: Number of Guests @ \$15 ea.: Total Enclosed: \$ Make check to: UGCA*		
Menu selection: Number of Prime Rib Dinners:Number of Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinners:		
Check here if you will pay at the October Gun Show.		
Check here if you would like to volunteer to be a Director of the UGCA and can attend monthly meetings.		
Please return NO LATER THAN October 1st		

Mail To: UGCA, PO Box 711161, Salt Lake City, Utah 84171-1161

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Thompson shoots up to first place!

Dave T. just has to collect "The Thompson Submachine Gun" although he is not related to the inventor.

His display showed several of the basic models made for private or military use.

"Class 3" guns are typically machine guns of various types, and they are legal to own after getting permission from the local police and going through special FBI background checks, and paying a large tax for the privilege. Typically such items are stored under heavy security, not kept at home.





Two Tied for Second-

Steve A. replicated a classic Sturm Ruger Ad from the 1960s showing the arms offered then, along with the advertising text extolling the "Rewards" tht come from ownership of Ruger guns. (They omitted the satisfaction of winning prizes for great displays about 40 years in the future....)

And

Jim C. showed us the U.S. M3-M3A1 Submachine Gun, better known as the "grease gun."

This marked the first time we have had TWO "class 3" displays win awards at our shows, but it reflects the diversity of collecting interests of our members.



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The Bill of Rights: Protecting Our Freedoms



Third Place Winners

Gus B. had a very thought provoking display showing examples of how the freedoms protected by the First and Second Amendments have changed since 1791. Do these Amendments protect only quill pens and muskets, or, must we view them as protecting cell phones, the internet and machine guns?

Terry J.'s U.S. WW2 Small Arms display photos did not turn out, so we also salute him for his hard work, even though we cannot show it here.



And a few of the other great displays at our March show





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Judges' Choice double winner-

Nathan C. had the distinction of winning two Judges' Choice awards. One was for his excellent WWI Air Force Pilot entry in the costume contest. The other was for his collection of Air Force uniforms and gear.

This is one of the few Air Force theme displays we have seen.



AH, THE GOOD OLDE DAYS ...

Look what you could find in the March 1964 American Rifleman



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January 24, 2011 will be celebrated in Utah as John M. Browning day, honoring one of the greatest arms inventors of all time.

What will you do to celebrate? How about a "Browning" theme display at the January 2011 UGCA gun show?

This will honor the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the Model 1911 Colt pistol as the official U.S. Army sidearm. Even today, this superb firearm is in use by some U.S. military units, and by thousands of police, target shooters and other owners. Right now, you can buy semi-automatic pistols nearly identical to the one made by Browning in 1911 from at least a dozen manufacturers!

How many other inventions from 1911 are still in daily use?

Besides the Model 1911 pistol, Browning also invented most of the classic Winchester lever action rifles (Models 1886, 1892, 1894) and pump shotguns like the Winchester Model 1893 and 1897 and also single shot rifles like the Model 1885 "high wall" and several .22 caliber rifles.

Browning's designs other than the Model 1911 included the .22, .32 and .380 caliber pocket pistols made by both Colt and Browning/FN, and also he did most of the basics for the Browning "Hi-Power."

Winchester did not agree to Browning's request for better pay for his new semi-auto shotgun design, so Browning sold the rights to FN in Belgium and Remington in the U.S., and it was eventually made by other makers as well.

Browning's inventive genius extended to machine guns as well as sporting arms, and his 1895 "potato digger" was used by the U.S. military until WW1.

In 1917 Browning demonstrated his water cooled .30 caliber machine gun which successfully fired 600 rounds per minute continuously for 48 minutes straight— when they finally ran out of ammunition! That was followed by adoption of his air-cooled .30 caliber machine gun in 1919. In 1918 the Army adopted his Browning Automatic Rifle, and these were the mainstays of U.S. Army units from 1920 until 1970.

In 1921 (after development of a suitable cartridges) his .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun was adopted, which still is being used today by our military.

John M. Browning's firearms are honored in a major exhibit at Ogden's Union Station Museum, drawing visitors from all over the world. On display are many of the prototypes made by John M. Browning himself, making this one of the most important firearms museums in the world.

Browning belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a served a two year mission for the church in Georgia beginning on March 28, 1887. His father Jonathan Browning, was one of the early Mormon pioneers, helping arm the emigrants, and establishing a gunsmith shop in Ogden in 1852.





John Moses Browning

(January 23, 1855–November 26, 1926)

was born in Ogden, Utah. He was an inventive genius, arguably the greatest firearms designer in history. He received 128 gun patents—his first (for a single shot rifle) on October 7, 1879.

Watch for information about special awards for Browning theme displays at UGCA's January 2011 show!

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UGCA CLASSIFIED ADS:

(free to members....)

Lots of great antique guns & swords at S.E.L.L. Antique Arms

1488 South State Street
S.L.C., UT 84115
Tues. thru Fri. - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Or call for an appointment!

SHOP ON LINE- A GUN SHOW IN YOUR COMPUTER

Visit Antique & Collectible Firearms & Militaria Headquarters

http://OldGuns.net

for antique arms, edged weapons, collector ammo, uniform items, books, manuals, etc.



Protect your gun rights.

Join the Utah Shooting Sports Council http://UtahShootingSports.com

Costume Contest Winners-

Clockwise from the left: Michael A.- Continental Revolutionary War era soldier; (1st Place); Shane M.- WW II 1st Div.-Omaha Beach; (2nd Place); Chad H.- WWII 2nd Rangers; Brian W.- WWII Submachine gun Squad Leader; Sklyer P.- Nauvoo Legion Officer; and Cody and Lane M.- Sniper Team (Junior winners).

Free, Fun Event in Ogden! October 12th at 9:00 AM

UGCA member Ward A. invites everyone (yes, EVERYONE!) to come to the monthly FREE sessions at the Union Station Museum at 25th & Wall Street in Ogden.

They meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM in the meeting room upstairs by the gun museum and last about an hour or so. Free coffee and donuts plus an interesting presentation about guns.

This is the unofficial "Browning Museum Gun Club" group and many UGCA members regularly attend there.

Just show up a few minutes early and follow the others to the room.

Hope to see you there!

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The Colt Navy Cylinder Scene- What and Why?



Most collectors know that the Colt Model 1851 "Navy" and Model 1860 "Army" revolvers have a scene of some sailing ships roll engraved on the cylinder. However, not everyone knows what the scene represents, or the reason it was placed there.

The scene shows a battle which took place in the Gulf of Mexico on May 16th, 1843 between the navies of the Republic of Texas and Mexico. Texans claim that their two sailing ships, under command of a resigned U.S. Navy Lieutenant, Edwin Moore, defeated the larger and better equipped Mexican fleet off Campeche on the west coast of the Yucatan peninsula.

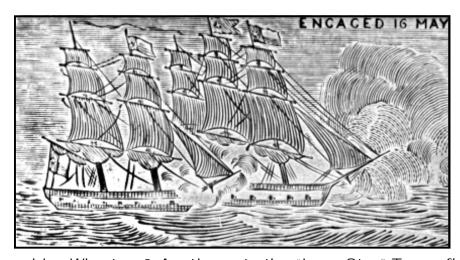
The Texans had two sailing ships plus several smaller gunboats from Yucatan rebels who were also fighting against the Mexican government.

The Mexican fleet was relatively modern, including two steam powered ships, and at least three other sailing ships. The steamers were English built with English mercenary crews, while the others were manned by unenthusiastic conscripts. During the fighting, the opposing sides never got closer than about 1 3/4 miles (about 3,000 yards), but the larger Mexican guns firing explosive shells were effective, despite most of the Mexican crews being ravaged by yellow fever at the time with many dead or dying from the disease. Meanwhile, Texas President Sam Houston had become disillusioned with having a Navy, and had declared Lt. Moore and his crews to be pirates, to be returned to Texas for trial. Word of this reached the fleet 10 days after the battle. Upon return to Galveston, Moore and his men were greeted as heroes, and Houston dishonorably discharged the entire Texas Navy and left the ships to rot. The Mexican fleet commander fared little better despite claiming victory, and was relieved of duty, arrested and court-martialed

In 1839, Moore had purchased 180 belt pistols and 180 carbines from Colt's New York store, for use aboard the Texas ships.

Although the Texas ships were never close enough to make use of their Colt arms, Sam Colt decided to publicize the Texas "victory" while armed with Colt revolving arms as a great advertising opportunity. What better way to spread the word about the effectiveness of his arms than commemorating that victory on all the military size guns he made?

The cylinder scene shows two Texas ships at the left, the then the two Mexican steamers and their three other ships.



Texas ships Wharton & Austin- note the "Lone Star" Texas flags