

# UTAH GUN COLLECTOR



Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

December 2011

## JANUARY SHOW ALMOST HERE!

*Eleven of our last twelve shows were SOLD OUT, so if you want a table, call 801-486-5174 for reservations!*

UGCA has publicized our show dates of January 7-8, 2012, for nearly a year, and has worked with Crossroads of the West to ensure we do not conflict with each other.

However, some other new outfit has recently jumped in at the last minute and deliberately scheduled a gun show in Salt Lake on the same dates as our January show!

Dealers and the public need to remember that the other outfit's table prices and admission prices are *two and a half times* the cost of attending the UGCA shows!

We have heard several unfavorable comments about those shows, and hope that most gun enthusiasts will decide to go with UGCA, the oldest and best gun shows in Utah!

## TIME TO PAY YOUR UGCA DUES!

If your address label shows "2011" then your membership expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

You need to renew your membership by mail or at the January show to continue receiving UGCA member benefits, such as: free admission to the great UGCA shows. Remember, your spouse and minor children get in free too! Members get free display tables, and this great newsletter. UGCA members also get special subsidized rates for our annual meeting, picnics and shoots.

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# GUN SHOW!

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## January 7 & 8, 2012

**WEBER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**1000 NORTH 1200 WEST**

**OGDEN, UTAH**

**EAST OF I-15, EXIT 346**



**SATURDAY 9:00 TO 5:00**

**SUNDAY 9:00 TO 4:00**



**FREE Door prizes! ★ FREE Parking!**

**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.*

## CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill C. was elected to the UGCA Board of Directors. He replaces Bertha R. who has been a strong supporter of UGCA in many ways over the years. Thanks for your service, Bertha!

Bill recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, and has a wide ranging interest in different types of firearms. (Like so many collectors, he can find an excuse to get just about any type of gun!). We look forward to Bill bringing new ideas and new skills to the Board.

Board members serve without any compensation, and spend a lot of time working to make the UGCA the great group that it is.

UGCA was founded in 1960, and our shows are the oldest, and most say THE BEST gun shows in Utah! Credit for that belongs to all the great people who help plan our shows, the many great people who get tables and bring business inventory or their personal collections out for sale or display. And also, to all the fine people who enjoy coming to our great shows with admission prices less than half of that of the commercial flea markets advertised as gun shows.

## NEW MEMBERS— WELCOME!

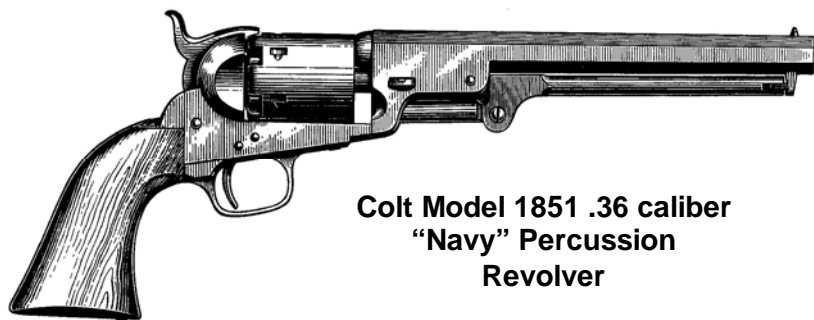
Vaughn C.

Ken H.

Rich N.

Hayes O.

Tommy E.



**Colt Model 1851 .36 caliber  
"Navy" Percussion  
Revolver**

*Colt made 215,348 of these between 1850 and 1873. Replica copies of the Colt Navy were first made about 1959 and production since then has been several times the original number made by Colt!*



## UGCA Board of Directors

### Officers

President **George F.**

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### Show Chair

**Chuck R.**

### Membership Chair

**Linda E.**

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.

Editor & Webmaster **John S.**

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

Please submit notes, stories or photos to the editor

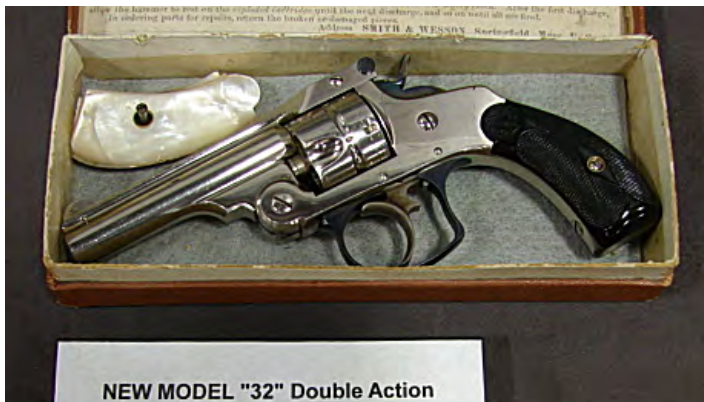
## Smith & Wesson 1889 Circular

October  
2011  
Utah Gun  
Collectors  
Show

HOPE  
BISBING  
AWARD  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE  
WINNER!



Bruce M.'s superb display featured an original copy of the very rare 1889 advertising circular issued by Smith & Wesson, and also an example of every item depicted on it! This is a wonderful snapshot of the items which could have been purchased at that time. (Of course, if you had, and kept them, it would be many times cheaper than going out and trying to track them all down today!)







**“The First World War— as Documented by Bob and Will Adams” earned the First place Award for Gus B.**

The Adams brothers grew up on an Oregon Cattle ranch, and served in WW1 in the U.S. Army. In addition to their uniforms and equipment, this fine display featured many letters and other documents from the family related to their service.

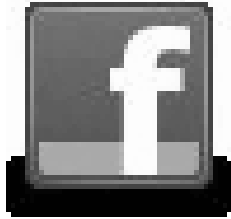


**Right– What do you shoot with a “Rook gun?” Why birds known as “rooks” like this one! See Jan D.’s great display of “A Dozen Eggs” on page 9...**



**George F.’s superb Springfield Armory Model 1903 Rifles earned the Second Place Award.**

These featured both service models and very rare match models, along with numerous related items and accessories.



### Friend Us on Facebook!

Search for \"**Utah Gun Collectors Association**\" and add us as a friend.

This is a great way to keep up to date with information of interest to gun owners and collectors.

The UGCA Facebook site is monitored daily and updated frequently. Feel free to share your gun related news as well. Invite your friends to our shows!

Thanks to Jim D. for this “social media” breakthrough for UGCA!

## **COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING~ FAMILY FUN!**



One of the fastest growing shooting sports is “Cowboy Action Shooting” where participants dress up in cowboy era garb (everything from sodbusters, gravediggers, dandy dudes, to cowgirls or soiled doves). They take on a new name and persona, so someone who is a quiet accountant during the week, might be a barkeep when the shooting starts. Kids are welcome (with their parents, of course).

Unlike stuffy old competition shooting at paper targets at known distances with fancy target guns, the Cowboy action shooters are much more like the “Practical” or “Defensive” shooters, using new scenarios and various distances, and moving between shots. It might be something like stopping a bank robber, or chasing the bad guy out of the saloon, or confronting a gang of rustlers. Many of the targets fall down when hit, so you can see and cheer a hit (or laugh at a miss).

Their matches typically include stages using single action revolvers, lever action rifles, a shotgun of some type and maybe a derringer or other small pistol. Some use old original guns, others use modern replicas. While they do keep score of hits and misses and total time, mostly it is just for fun.

There is a great three minute video on YouTube from this year’s Utah Summer Games where you can meet some of the Utahns who enjoy this fun family sport and maybe decide you would like to take some of your old guns out for some old-fashioned shooting. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFgVmdZ7Dr0>

There are about 18 different clubs in Utah. You can find a complete list at [http://sassnet.com/clubs/Clubs\\_list.php?state=Utah](http://sassnet.com/clubs/Clubs_list.php?state=Utah)

*Note From The President:*

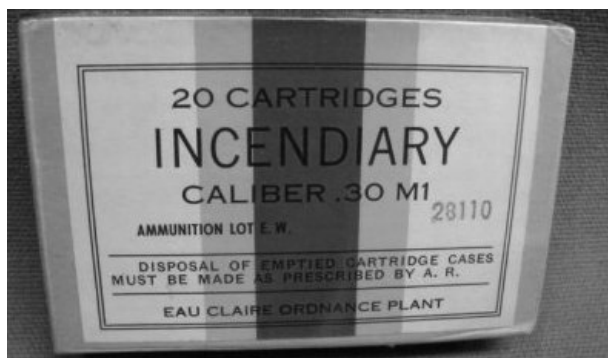
*The October Show was a success as supported by UGCA members and non-members. We didn't have the usual public's support due to the Elk Hunt and probably the economy.*

*That said, we also had many fine displays, including my "Springfield Armory Model 1903 Rifle" display. A sad thing happened, however, that should be considered and acted upon.*

*I had an important item stolen from my display. It was a pristine box of Cal..30 M1 Incendiary ammo, from the WW II Era and was highly valued by me. It is very scarce today. It has taken me many years of looking and collecting to finally display these few items for the public's enjoyment and education.*

*For the person who took this ammunition, I say: You have cheapened and disgraced yourself. How can you look at your cartridge collection with honor ever again? Shame on You!*

*As has been said before: Displayers and Dealers must keep yourselves and the public honest. Please keep an eye on your stuff. Work with your neighbors to more effectively protect each others property.*



*George F.  
President  
Utah Gun Collectors Association*

[Box has red stripe down the center with orange stripe on either side. Maker and lot number may differ from this example.]

**Take A Gun Quiz--- Just for Fun**

(Reprinted from the Ohio Gun Collectors Newsletter)

***The Questions***

1. Stumpy trivia! What was the shortest barrel ever produced as a standard design on an American-made revolver? Hint: It's not a folding trigger model, it fired modern ammo and it was in production for over 50 years by a well-known maker.
2. "Something happened" at the 1964 Olympic Games that forever changed the world of trapshooting. Think Italian.
3. Double-column magazines holding a dozen rounds or more are now a common feature of many semi-auto pistols. So, WHO started this? Hint: It wasn't done recently.
4. If you are going to start collecting Ruger firearms, what are the two things you need to know? (The answer is from a highly-respected gun writer who must of paid dearly to learn this lesson.)
5. If you know your Texas history, you probably know who Billy Dixon was, and why he is well-remembered in Texas gun lore. What did Billy do with his .50-70 Sharps Buffalo rifle?
6. The Marlin Model 1891 was the company's first .22 caliber lever action rifle. What other "first" can be claimed by the Model 1891?

***The Answers***

1. Every bit of one and one-eighth (1-1/8") inches! There's no need to aim the Harrington & Richardson "Vest Pocket" revolver; there are no sights. This DA "belly gun" was intro'd in 1891, and was produced until the 1940's. Design-wise, this unique-looking model could easily have been the inspiration for the 1955 Smith & Wesson Model 38 "Bodyguard." Most of the remaining examples of the H&R Vest Pocket are, no doubt, hidden away in police evidence lockers.
2. On the Italian Olympic Trapshooting Team, there was a fellow by the name of Ennio Matterelli. Ennio won everything there was to win with a NEW over/under model made right there in Italy by another fellow named Daniele Perazzi. This was the birth of the Perazzi trap gun, and you probably won't see them for sale at Dick's.
3. John Moses Browning strikes again. FN of Belgium, requested that his "new model" offer more rounds than the standard 7 or 8 of the 1920's! Browning delivered the first 12 round, double column magazine for the pistol commonly called the "Hi Power." The pistol was originally known as The Model 35 and was John Browning's last complete design prior to his passing in 1926.
4. The first thing to remember if you are about to collect Rugers is - all models made in 1976 were designated "200th Year of Liberty," and a new-in-the-box example should demand a 25% premium. The second is - any newer model that has a "Safety Warning" stamped on the barrel will always be just a shooter. A firearm with a "Safety Warning" has NO collector appeal whatsoever!
5. During the siege of Adobe Walls, July 27, 1874, in the Texas Panhandle, buffalo hunter Billy Dixon knocked a Comanche warrior off his pony at a distance of 1,538 yards. Yes, yards. That's 87% of one mile as measured by U.S. Government Surveyors working in the area. Billy was quoted later as saying it was a "fair" shot. Long Live Texas.
6. The Marlin gun designers took a back seat to no one. The Model 1891, .22 rimfire, was the first rifle to use .22 short, long or long-rifle cartridges interchangeably, with no adjustments to any part of the gun. One of many Marlin "Firsts."



Some of the other great display by our members at the October show!

**This Marlin Shotgun came from the famous "101 Ranch" in Bliss, Oklahoma, a famous cattle operation as well as the home of one of the all time famous Wild West Shows took home 3rd Place.**

**Ruger P. at the far right won a Junior Display Award for "One Boy's Treasures."**

**Jan D. had a lot of fun with "A Dozen Eggs" from a famous British maker.**



**Who was D. Egg?  
English Gunmaker  
1772 - 1831**



**And we had some great guns from Savage, Ruger and Thompson, as well as a large display of Civil War weapons, uniforms and equipment.**







#### UGCA CLASSIFIED ADS: (free to members....)

**Christmas is Coming!  
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#### Costume Contest Winners-

Above left are Michael A. as "114<sup>th</sup> Penn. Infantry Zouave Soldier" our 1st place award winner. Gus B.— as a WW1 British soldier earned 3rd Place. And as a German soldier,

Above right is Shane M. in the uniform of a U.S. Army Berlin garrison infantryman circa 1965, winner of the 2nd Place award. With Shane are his Dad, who wore this uniform when he was in the Army, stationed in Berlin, and on the right is Mrs. M.

#### Free, Fun Events in Ogden!

**January 10th and February 14th 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!