

UTAH GUN COLLECTOR



Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

February 2012

JANUARY SHOW GREAT, RESERVE FOR MARCH NOW!

The UGCA shows are almost always sold out, so if you want a table, call Linda at 801-486-5174 for reservations immediately!

Everyone knows that UGCA puts on the oldest and best gun shows in Utah! Our table prices are already about half the cost of a table at the flea market type "gun" shows in the state.

Remember, table holders who reserve and pay for tables for the next show before the end of the current show save \$5 per table, on top of our already low prices.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped at the January show! As a non-profit club, we depend on everyone pitch in and do what they can to keep our shows successful.

One project that is really easy but very important is getting our flyers and coupon ticket boards out into the stores and public announcement areas. See Linda at the shows, or at SELL Antiques and pick up some flyers and coupons and take them to your favorite locations and ask them to post them.

Thanks for your continued support!

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ANTIQUE & MODERN COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS

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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*

March 10-11, 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.*

GOING TO THE COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS SHOW IN DENVER MAY 17TH-20TH, 2012?

The Colorado Gun Collectors Gun Show is a once a year event every May, at the Denver Merchandise Mart, at the 58th Avenue exit off of I-25.

It is always a great show, with even more displays than our shows, and normally about 800-1000 tables. It is a real gun collectors' show, with no non-collectible junk. Table holders come from all over the U.S. to attend this show, probably only exceeded by the Baltimore Show in terms of the number of respected experts and authors who attend.

This year the show will have 1,500 tables! They will give over \$20,000 in cash prizes for displays! This will be the official NRA Gun Collectors Show for 2012 and will draw even more dealers, displayers and visitors.

Several UGCA members attend the Denver show every year and have had lots of fun. Make this the year that you go check it out! Now would be a good time to reserve your tables, and rooms!

Display tables are \$100 each, and sale tables are \$120 each.

Visit their website at <http://CGA.com> for info and table application form, or call show chairman Les Palmer at 720-482-0167.

NEW MEMBERS— WELCOME!

Russell B.	Rick N.
John F.	Zane N.
Paul L.	Jerry P.
Richard L. (Life member of UGCA!)	Emery W.



Interested in flare guns?

Check out www.flaregunforum.com
for lots of great info— and a chance to ask questions!



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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.

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



A Century of American Military Muzzle Loading

Mike A., Gregg H. and friends had a great exhibit of the types of muzzle loaders which served our country.

January
2012

Utah Gun
Collectors

**HOPE
BISBING
AWARD
FOR
EXCELLENCE
WINNER!**

Gilmer & Loring B. always have a crowd pleaser with their priceless exhibit of museum quality Indian artifacts. "Surviving Adversity" certainly sums up the way of life enjoyed by the locals several centuries ago. Everyone should appreciate their modern conveniences after seeing these impressive pieces! This won our Second Place Award.

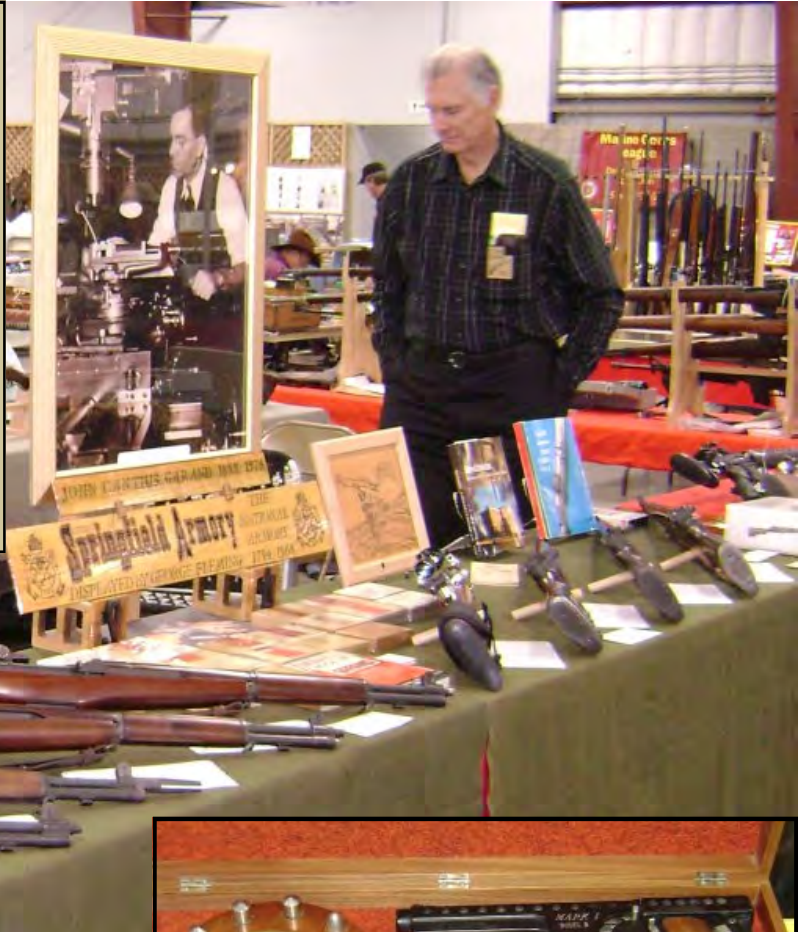


**George F.'s
superb**

**“Arms of Springfield Armory—
The M1 Garand Rifles”
earned the First Place Award.**

These featured both service models and very rare match models, along with numerous related items and accessories. Also a custom rifle that George did himself!

“The greatest battle implement ever devised” according to Gen. George S. Patton.



A rare matching number set of 13mm Gyrojet Rocket Pistol and Carbine— one of three such sets known. From John S.'s display.



Gus B.'s 3rd Place Winner: A selection of rifle, hand an mortar grenades from WWI.

As Gus noted in his display, it is important that collectors ONLY acquire unloaded, inert examples to avoid possible explosive or legal hazards. This was an exceptionally complete exhibit of some very rare items.





WARNING ABOUT SHOPPING AT GUN SHOWS

Some people hope that P.T. Barnum was right, and that there is a sucker born every minute.

At the last UGCA show, and again at the subsequent Crossroads show in Salt lake there was a table holder from out of state (NOT a UGCA Member!) selling a lot of M1903 Springfield type rifles, including two marked a "M1903A4 Sniper Rifles" with prices around \$3,800 each.

However, the markings on both these rifles appeared to be bogus, and one receiver was not even a military receiver, but one of the cast receivers sold by National Ordnance or other outfits. The seller reportedly insists that these are totally correct and authentic, but anyone foolish enough to buy one will be buying a very expensive education. Replica M1903A4 sniper rifles, honestly described, are being sold for less than \$1,000.

In addition to the fraud and being cheated out of about two-thirds of the value of an item purchased, a collector buying one of these may well decide to totally avoid gun collecting, and think that all collectors are a bunch of crooks.

If you don't know your diamonds you better know your jeweler... Or ask for some expert help.... And a detailed bill of sale.



Friend UGCA on Facebook! Search for "\"Utah Gun Collectors Association\" and add us as a friend. Thanks to Jim D. for this "social media" breakthrough for UGCA!

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

We're stuffed to the gills with new merchandise. Come by and hae a look.

SELL ANTIQUES

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.



WARNING ABOUT SHOPPING ON THE INTERNET...

If you ever list anything as "Wanted" you should know that there are scam artists who may contact you claiming to have the exact item you are looking for. Quite often they will seem to be not know much about the item, but they will almost always insist on getting paid right away, perhaps with a credit card, or money orders.

In a lot of these rip-off attempts, the scammer has no idea what they are purportedly selling, and cannot answer even basic questions, but will insist it is "old and genuine, exactly what you are looking for." Seldom will they have photos, or if they do, the photos are probably copies from some legitimate website. (Your editor had some guy try to sell us a Colt revolver, using photos take from our own website! It was a really good deal though, but since we already owned the gun, we did not fall for their scheme!)

On the other hand there are lots of fine people selling items on auction sites or dealer sites. Check around by using Google and entering the dealer's name and "problems" or reputation and that should give you a clue about what other people think of their business.

From the Collector's Corner: A Note From The President:

WHAT A SHOW!!! Good crowds on Saturday and above average on Sunday, considering we were competing with another show. UGCA appreciates the support from the public, our loyal membership, and the Golden Spike Events Center. The displays were great -like walking into a museum.

Our Officers and Board of Directors work hard to make this and all our shows successful.

Several displays this time were political in content. I contribute this to being an election year - the most important election year in this nation's history. It is crucial that we replace Obama and get America back on course.

There are two ways you can strengthen our rights: Join the Utah Gun Collectors Assn., Founded 1960, and join the National Rifle Assn, Founded 1871. We are a great and loyal family and must remain strong and alert. The upcoming March 3-4 show will be a sellout so get your reservations in to Linda Evans, now.

Kudo's to John Spangler, our UGCA Newsletter Editor, for his superb work.

See you at the March Show.

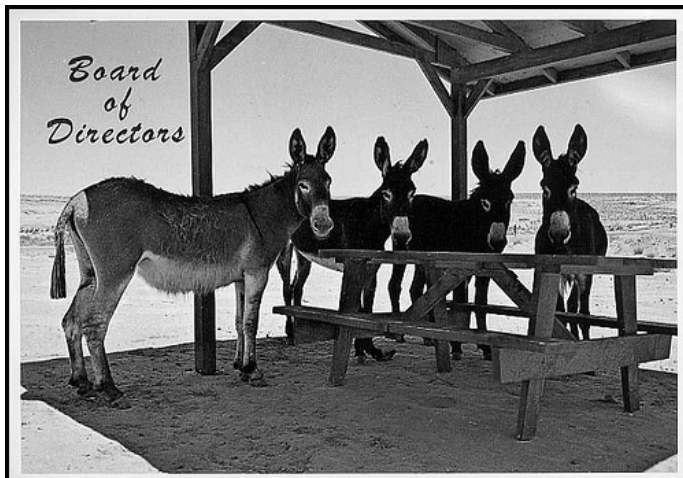
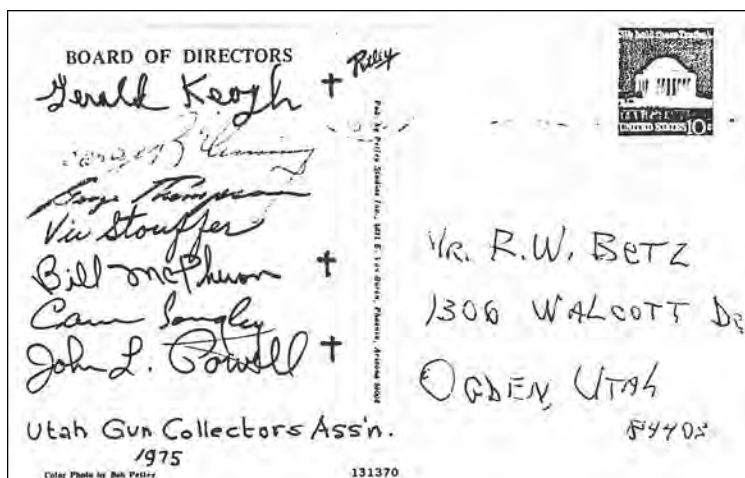
George F.

President

Utah Gun Collectors Association

UGCA History Lesson.... Some things never change... A 1975 Post Card from the then UGCA Board of Directors to Reid Betz. These look amazingly similar to the present bunch of directors!

Directors signing the card were Gerald Keogh, George F., George Thompson, Vic Stouffer, Bill McPherson, Cam Longley, Jack Powell.





Collecting Specialties—

Flare Guns and Signal Pistols



Flare guns and signal pistol have been around in various forms since at least the 1860s and have been used all around the world for military use to signal troops to take some action, or to communicate some message, or by mariners in distress at sea, and sometimes just for Fourth of July type fireworks.

These guns come in many sizes, with most in the 12 gauge, 1 inch or 37mm size. They have been made from brass, aluminum, steel, and even plastic. Many are military but many are commercial for nautical or recreational use. Most are single barrel guns, but some have two or even three barrels.

Under federal law, flare guns are NOT subject to all the usual regulatory hassles imposed on traditional guns.

Prices are pretty modest (actually CHEAP!) with many late production guns selling in the \$50 to \$100 range, and even most of the common older WW2 vintage guns sell for \$100-200.

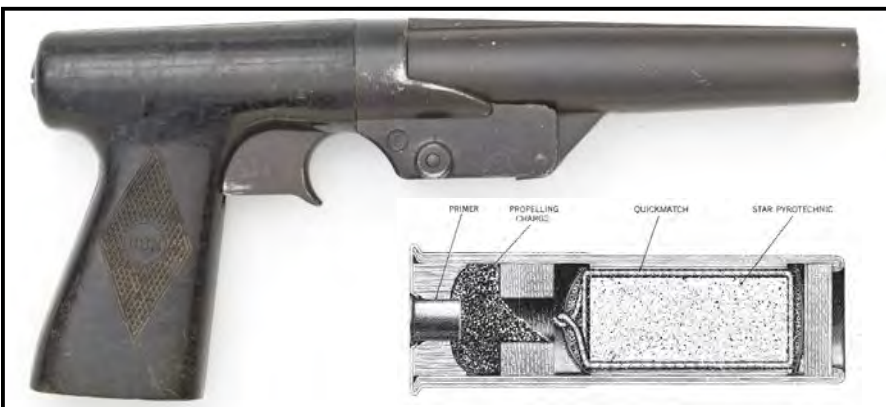
There is not a lot of good printed reference material on the subject.

*Most is buried in obscure manuals, but the best single volume coverage is Robert Gaynor's **FLARE GUNS & SIGNAL PISTOLS:***

***THEIR USE, DESCRIPTION AND ACCESSORIES**, a soft cover 178 page book covering 96 different guns with dimensions and*

some historical background and information on maker and a good drawing of the item. Besides the guns,

Gaynor covers 29 holster or carrying kits, and 19 different types of cartridges, along with a 10 page table with more detailed info on cartridges so there is plenty for a collector to chase to keep interested. [John Spangler has copies of this book available]



The internet is another great resource, especially

<http://flaregunforum.com>
for lots of great info— and a chance to ask questions!

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



Ruger Single Actions pointing to the right... Ruger Single Actions pointing to the left!
For a number of years we seldom saw any Ruger display, but now we have two excellent collections.

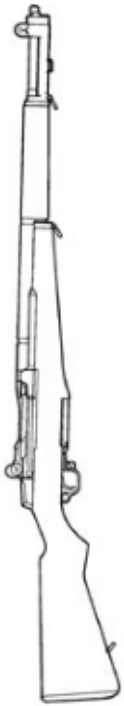
Gary R. with his "Ruger Old Model Single Six Revolvers 1953-1973" above, and some of Jimmy & Jeff C.'s multi table display of "Ruger Single Action Revolvers."



**"The difference between men and boys
is the size of their toys."**

Men who like artillery had a neat selection of larger toys here, with replicas of Civil War era mortars, which can actually be fired.





Costume Contest Winners-

Ladies first: Julia B. in front, our Junior award winner.

Guys in the back are, left to right: Brian W., as 28th Division in the Battle of the Bulge; Skylar P. as a British Highlander; Gus B. as WW1 Russian Soldier; and Michael A. as an 1812 Virginia militiaman.



Free, Fun Events in Ogden!

March 13th, April 10th & May 10th 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!