

UTAH GUN COLLECTOR



Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

December 2013

TIME TO PAY YOUR UGCA DUES FOR 2014!

If your address label shows "2013"
then your membership expires on
December 31st.

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 dis-
play tables, and this great newsletter.

All for only \$25.00 per year!

HELP WANTED

UGCA desperately needs a
volunteer to take on the job
of Treasurer!

Quick Books experience is desired,
or general accounting skills.

The treasurer takes care of all
UGCA's financial record keeping,
bill paying, and getting the records
to our tax preparer each year,
and submitting required reports.
The Treasurer also handles receipt
and documentation of show in-
come, and all expenses.

Monthly reports are made to the
Board of Directors on income, ex-
penses, profit/loss.

*Like all UGCA Director duties, this
is an unpaid volunteer job.*

**Call xxx-xxx-xxxx for more
info.**

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** Private sellers and FFL Dealers*

January 11-12, 2014

WEBER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1000 NORTH 1200 WEST

OGDEN, UTAH

EAST OF I-15, EXIT 346

220
TABLES!

SATURDAY 9:00 TO 5:00

SUNDAY 9:00 TO 4:00

BEST
UTAH
SHOW!

FREE Door prizes! ★ FREE Parking!

Just \$5* 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 \$6 without Coupon.*

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Some Show Info ...

New Security team is great!

Many people commented on the professional and efficient service of our new security team. Pride Security of Heber City is run by Perry R., and we are glad to recommend him to anyone looking for security services. He likes us too, and joined UGCA, and several of his team bought items at the show. Special thanks to Bill C. for his excellent work screening potential sources and making a great choice and setting up the details of the contract.

March Show with the Ruger Collectors again...

The Ruger Collectors have asked to be included in our March show again this year, and we look forward to them returning with their great displays. It is always fun to see what "the other guys collect" just in case you are getting tired of your current collecting interest.

Concealed Carry Permit Classes at the show...

Jake S. from Conservative Arm is a new UGCA member. But, he has been teaching the Utah Concealed Weapon Permit classes for a while. He will start classes at 10:00 and 1:00 on Saturday and only at 1:00 PM on Sunday. Cost is only \$45. Remember, if you have a permit you are exempt from paying a fee for the "Brady check" when you buy a gun from a dealer. And, a legal self defense weapon may save your life!

January Show Should Be Another Great One!

If you want a table, call and reserve one or more today!

**NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME
TO THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED
IN RECENT MONTHS!**

Stephen D.
Phil F.
Perry R.
William S.

Jake S.
Jon S.
Gary W.

**UGCA or NRA Memberships
make great gifts for
friends or family**



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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!



Firearms of the West- by Ray H. earned the First Place award among all the great displays. Ray always amazes us with something new from his fabulous collection. Especially beautiful is the Winchester “One of One Thousand” rifle in the center!

Showa’s 1944 Nambu- by Larry J.

Included a pistol made in each month of 1944.

“Showa” is a term for the reign of the Japanese Emperor (Hirohito, in this case) and a symbol for his era followed by the year and month of his reign.



What the Markings mean....

These markings are on an October, 1939, made Nambu pistol. The first symbol is for Nagoya Arsenal. The next symbol is the character *nan* (or *nam*), short for Nambu., followed by the serial number.

The lower line begins with the character *sho*, for Showa, the name of Hirohito's reign. The date 12.10 means the tenth month of the twelfth year of Hirohito's reign. Under the date is an inspection mark.

The serial number and date have been filled in with a white grease pencil to make the markings show better for display.

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More Award Winners!

Jimmy C.'s popular
"Colt 22 Single Action Revolvers: Frontier, Scout and
New Frontier Peacemaker"
at the top, earned a third place award.

Schuetzen shooters Gary N. and Gaylord S. had some
great German target rifles and targets. They also had a
very large example of a set trigger showing how that works to
give very light trigger pulls for optimum accuracy when shoot-
ing.

*Obviously, the young collector at the right enjoyed the
Sceutzen rifles!*



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**David Royal's
"Savage Lever
Action Rifles"**

***Hope Bisbing
Award for Excellence
Winner!***



It has been a long time since a Savage collection has won a top prize at our shows, but David's outstanding display really showed off the variations available in this collecting field. Nice job! Nice guns, too!

More Great Displays!

"American Revolution Weapons- Muskets, Rifles & Hangers" by Terry J. below. *"Ruger Old Model Single Six 1953-1973"* by Gary R. (bottom) was a nice comparison with Jimmy C.'s similar guns from Colt.



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More Great Displays!

"Gettysburg 150th Anniversary" by Michael A. earned the Second Place Award, and included much more than we could fit in the photo!

Carroll C.'s .45 caliber military arms are great, even though the photo has too much glare to appreciate them fully.

George F.'s John C. Garand– Springfield Armory display had wonderful examples of the numerous variations of rifles based on Garand's work at Springfield Armory.

**Check the UGCA Facebook page every day
for the NRA "Gun of The Day" feature!**

New photos every day of a gun with important and interesting historical facts.



Just search for "Facebook Utah Gun Collectors" to check us out. Add us as a friend while you are there.

Utah's other firearms genius- Richard J. "Dick" Casull (Part 1 of 2)

By John S.

Richard J. "Dick" Casull is a Utah-born gun inventor of successful full automatic weapons, mini revolvers, and the famous .454 Casull cartridge and revolver. He was linked to famous Utah gun figures P.O. Ackley and Elmer Keith, and Utah gun makers Rocky Mountain Arms, North American Arms, and Wyoming based Freedom Arms and several other companies..

This part will deal with Casull's mini revolvers, and Part 2 of 2 will cover the "big guns" in .454 Casull caliber and the full automatics.

Mini Revolvers & Rocky Mountain Arms

Casull, along with Wayne Baker, invented a mini-revolver design, which was licensed to the Rocky Mountain Arms Corporation (RMAC) of Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1971, RMAC began producing mini revolvers chambered for .22 short. Rocky Mountain ceased operation about 1975. Casull's original design had a lever attached to the hammer to lock the cylinder in place, but he later changed to a locking mechanism on the bottom of the frame.

Rocky Mountain cased mini revolver- note the lever on the hammer.



Freedom Arms

In 1978, Dick Casull joined with Wayne Baker to create the Freedom, Wyoming-based Freedom Arms company making an improved 5-shot mini revolver known as "The Patriot" in .22 Short, .22 LR and .22 WMR. They also made a 4-shot mini. Freedom Arms ended mini revolver production around 1988 (after making about 110,000 of them) to concentrate on "big guns." Casull's patents included one in 1984 for a belt buckle holster that would hold a mini revolver. The mini-revolver design was sold to North American Arms.

Freedom Arms mini revolver with Casull designed belt buckle holster

An interesting video interview with Wayne Baker about the Freedom Arms minis is on line at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdmFkiSyUSY&feature=youtube_gdata_player

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North American Arms

North American Arms (NAA) was a Phoenix-like reincarnation of the short-lived Rocky Mountain Arms, which had operated from 1971-1975. NAA was created to continue the development and manufacture of several firearms designed by the legendary Dick Casull. Dick's pieces stretched the single-action revolver handgun envelope in both directions ("world's largest and smallest").

In the early 80s, NAA became a subsidiary of California based Talley Manufacturing, an aerospace manufacturing company. In 1986 Talley was acquired by Teleflex Inc. Shortly after the acquisition, Teleflex chose to sell the non-strategic and somewhat threatening (liability) small gun business to its long time manager, 1978, moved to Spanish Fork in 1984, and in 1994 returned to Provo, Utah. They continue to make Casull's mini revolvers today.

Casull Arms

In the 1990s, Casull sold his share of Freedom Arms, and started up "Casull Arms" in Afton, Wyoming, to pursue new ideas. Around 2000, he made a one time limited run of double action only, folding trigger mini revolvers sold as the "Casull Arms CA 2000." They came packaged in a cutout book *The Casull Arms Story*. The first 20 or so pages are story, and the last 3/4 of the book is cutout for the gun.



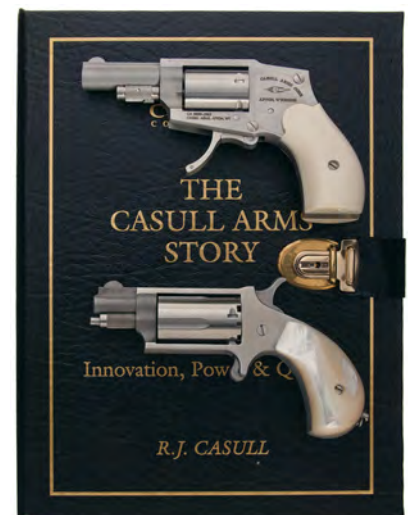
North American Arms mini revolvers in .22 Long Rifle and .22 short, just a few of many different variations offered.

Sandy Chisolm. NAA operated in Provo in



Above— NAA "Earl" .22 percussion revolver with .22 LR conversion cylinder.

Left— Casull Arms CA 2000, and at the right the book with storage compartment which was sold with this model.



References: Much of this is based on http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick_Casull and from individual company histories and internet forum discussions. NAA history is from <http://northamericanarms.com/about-naa>

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Gun collecting ideas—

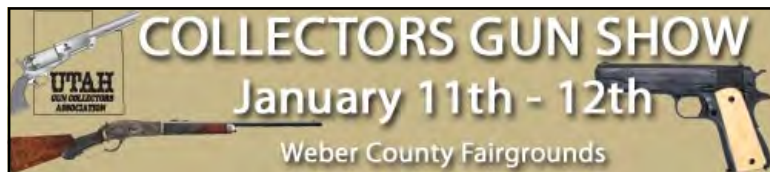
Tired of the same old thing? Looking for something new and different? Or, maybe just something more affordable? Consider these options:

“Copies and Fakes” such as the Khyber Pass or Spanish made imitations of Colts, Smith & Wesson, or Winchester or military arms. Nice to collect, but potentially deadly to attempt to shoot!

Russian military arms- Lance Stamper used to have some modern Russian arms in his displays, but this field could go back to the Berdan rifles, the Mosin-Nagants, SKS and AK rifles, and Nagant revolvers and Tokarev and Makarov semi-auto pistols.

Guns from a single inventor. Okay, John M Browning has 128 patents so you can build a huge collection of “Browning” designed guns. But, what about John Pedersen (Remington) , or Dick Casull (North American and Freedom Arms); or Christian Sharps (Sharps), or Arthur Savage (Savage); or Carl Gustav Swedilius (High Standard).

Or guns from a single factory under different names- The American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont, is located in the building where they made the machinery for British percussion Enfield rifles; Sharps rifles; 1841 Mississippi rifles, LG&Y Model 1861 Special .58 caliber muskets, Ball repeating carbines and Palmer carbines under several different ownership names: Robbins & Lawrence, Lamson, Goodnough & Yale Company, plus several others.



***Don't miss the FREE Browning Gun Club meetings
at Union Station in Ogden!***

Dec. 10th, Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, March 11th at 9:00 AM

UGCA member Ward A. invites everyone (yes, EVERYONE!) to come to the monthly FREE Browning Gun Club meeting 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. You are guaranteed to enjoy the 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 meeting room outside the gun museum. Hope to see you there!



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(free to members...)

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Costume Contest Winners——

Michael A. and Connor N. at left portrayed Civil War Confederate soldiers, and WW2 Soldiers Shane M. and Brian W. at right.



In Memorium— “Al” Robbins 1925 – 2013

Al served in U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. He was an active member of the Holladay Gun Club and the Utah Gun Collectors. Al was an avid collector of Colts and Winchesters, and enjoyed trap shooting with high quality guns.

He will be missed by his many friends.