

# UTAH GUN COLLECTOR



Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

February 2013

## PRICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE WITH THE OCTOBER SHOW-

*UGCA shows are the best and cheapest show for collectors and dealers in Utah!*

*Starting with the October, 2013 show, the prices will change as follows:*

*Table prices will all increase \$10.00 each to a new price of \$50 for members, or \$60 for non-members.*

*As always, UGCA members get a special discounted price, and up to two free display only tables. And, if you sign up and pay at the prior show, you save an additional \$5.00 per table.*

*Admission for the public will increase to \$6.00— with \$1.00 off coupons widely available, so most people can get in for \$5.00.*

*As always, UGCA members, their spouses and minor children, and uniformed law enforcement and military get in free!*

*The "other" shows in Utah charge \$12.00 for admission, and tables are \$100 to \$125 each, so UGCA's shows are still HALF the price of the other guys!*

## —March tables??—

*The March show is just about sold out. If you want a table, call xxx-xxx-xxxx for reservations immediately!*

**THE ORIGINAL & ONLY OGDEN**

**ANTIQUE & MODERN  
COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS**

# GUN SHOW!

**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 9-10, 2013

**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.*

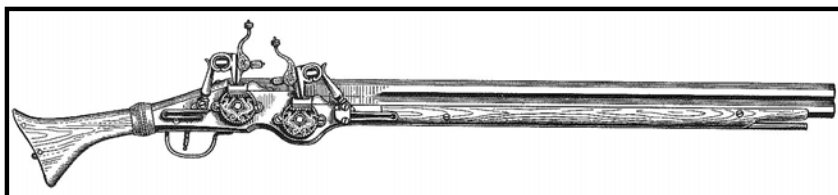
## REWARDS OFFERED!

If you sponsor five new member who join the Utah Gun Collectors Association, you get your next year's membership FREE!

Use the membership application on page 11 of this newsletter, or grab some from the club table and sign up your friends.

Remember, their membership benefits include FREE ADMISSION to all our shows for the member and their spouse, and minor kids, and a generous discount on the already cheap cost of tables at our shows, including up to TWO free tables for a display. And, several times a year we supply this newsletter in lieu of the old Sears catalog to hang in the outhouse.

Adult memberships are only \$25 per year, and junior memberships (under 18 years old) are only \$5.00



## NEW MEMBERS— WELCOME!

Randall G.	Hays O.
Leonard H.	Frankie P. (Jr. mbr)
Brad H.	Rugar P. (Jr. mbr)
Gregory H.	Orval S.
Jay H.	Brian S.

### *On-Line Classified Firearms Ads —*

The KSL.com web site was a very popular venue to buy or sell guns, but in a fit of political correctness they have banned all gun ads.

Fortunately, the following FREE sites are available for responsible citizen to buy and sell guns on line. Check out:

<http://UtahGunExchange.com>

and also

<http://www.UtahGuns.com>.



## UGCA Board of Directors

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**Chuck 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.

## UTAH GUN COLLECTOR

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

## "Gyrojets"

John shared a neat collection of these innovative guns, and their remarkable rocket ammunition. And, the reasons they never caught on, despite massive publicity in movies and the popular press.

January  
2013

Utah Gun  
Collectors  
Show  
Highlights

**HOPE  
BISBING  
AWARD  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE  
WINNER!**



*Above and below— Matched serial number pair of Gyrojet pistol and carbine, one of only four known sets.  
Right— One of about 50 Gyrojet "Survival Pistols" with telescoping barrel.*





*And more great guns . . .*

Gary R.'s superb

**“Ruger Old Model Blackhawks  
1959-73”**

**earned the First Place Award.**

Rugers are a popular collecting specialty, and they are getting harder to find in excellent condition because they are also great and inexpensive guns for shooters.

Gary has now done SIX different Ruger displays at the UGCA shows! Thanks!



**2nd Place Winner: U.S. Military Rifles 1776-1856 by Terry**

**J.-** (Photos did not turn out well of the overall display, so we show some of the patch boxes on these rifles at the left. Can you identify them? Make sure you get to the show to see ALL the details of our great educational displays!

**“Cowboy Shootin’ Irons” by Mike H. won a Judges’ Choice Award.** (below) One of the all time classic collecting fields.



### And a few more from our great displays.

"Hunting Arms" encompass firearms, edged weapons and even thrown weapons, some plain and others beautiful works of art, as with the examples at the right from Hope's collection.

Below we have a small part (...get it?) of "A Small Collection" of miniature arms, courtesy of



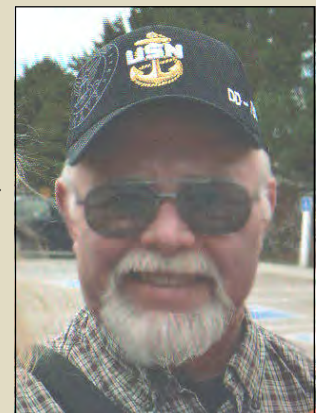
**Friend UGCA on Facebook!**

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

### Gary Wheelwright will be missed...

Gary was a long time member of UGCA, and his love of guns continued with his work at the Gift House in Ogden. He was a Vietnam era veteran of the Navy and later worked at Hill AFB, retiring from there in 2006. Gary passed away from a sudden heart attack on Christmas eve.

Gary will be remembered for his consistently friendly and courteous manner, and intelligent discussions at our shows with other members.







*People's Choice Award Winner! Michael A.'s "Salute to Our Nation's First Armed Forces," and also 3rd Place Award winner!*

*Below: Honorable Mention Award winner- Larry J.'s Japan's Arisakas.*



## Rifle from James Gang Shootout

A member of the James gang stared down the barrel of this gun, and died.

The notorious Jesse James gang terrorized much of the Midwest in the years following the Civil War. The outlaws thought nothing of committing holdups in Kansas.

Based in western Missouri, the gang found it easy to hit sites across the border. In early December of 1874, five of them rode to Muncie, a small town 12 miles west of Kansas City. Their target was a Kansas Pacific train carrying a Wells Fargo safe.



**Train Robbery**—At Muncie, the gang ordered railroad workers to pile wooden ties across the tracks. They took prisoner the owner of a nearby general store and, as the train approached, ordered him to flag it down. The gang then entered the baggage car and forced the company messenger to open the safe, removing from it \$18,000 in currency, \$5,000 in gold, and assorted packages of money and jewelry. A gold watch belonging to the messenger was returned to him with the explanation that it was personal property. The gang rode away with a wave and a shout: "Good-bye, boys, no hard feelings. We have taken nothing from you."



The messenger may not have taken the robbery personally, but **Wells Fargo** did. The State of Kansas and the Kansas Pacific Railroad joined Wells Fargo in offering rewards. The State of Missouri cooperated in trying to track down the robbers. But it was only by accident that one actually was arrested.



William "Bud" McDaniel (a.k.a. "McDaniels") was the son of a Kansas City saloonkeeper, and had a brother who also rode with the James Gang. Just days after the robbery he was stopped by a police officer for "rowdy behavior and public drunkenness." McDaniel was found to be harboring four revolvers, six dozen cartridges, over \$1,000, and some jewelry from the Wells Fargo safe. He was sent to Kansas to stand trial. This was not completely welcome news in Kansas City, where officials were intimidated by the James gang and generally willing to look the other way. In fact, McDaniel had been seen drinking with the Chief of Police on the day of his arrest!

McDaniel was jailed in Lawrence, Kansas, enough distance from the Missouri border to be considered safe. But on June 27, 1875, he escaped from the Douglas County jail with three other men, arms, ammunition, and horses. The Deputy Sheriff quickly **assembled a posse** and, by the following day, McDaniel and another prisoner had been tracked to the Lakeview area, seven miles west of Lawrence. Louis Beurman, a local farmer known as a good shot, described what transpired for the Lawrence *Republican-Journal*:

"I had been harvesting Monday, and soon after midday I met Constable Phillips, who told me he had just seen McDaniels and Dunn seated on a log a short distance off. . . . I ran back to my house, got out my rifle, an old squirrel rifle, and started in pursuit. . . . I ran about a quarter of a mile, when on coming to an open space I saw the two men. . . . They saw me at the same time, and McDaniels slipped from his horse and brought his gun to his shoulder. I took quick aim and fired. He felt the shot and almost fell forward on his face, but recovered himself immediately, pulling the trigger at me, the ball whistling over my head. Then he mounted, and together the two men dashed into the woods."

According to newspaper reports, the shot took "effect in the lower bowels." McDaniel managed to get to a house where the residents sent for the sheriff. He was returned to jail, where a doctor proclaimed his wounds fatal. The outlaw died within hours, remaining silent to the end about the identities of his accomplices in the Muncie train robbery.

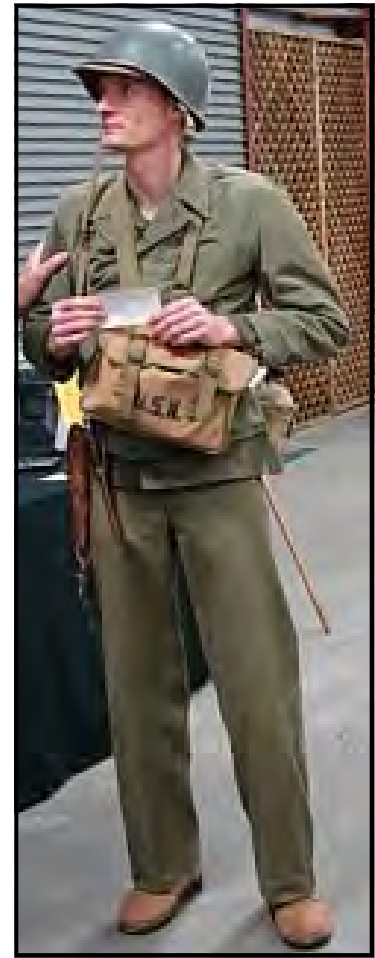
*The old "squirrel gun" that killed McDaniel--actually a German Schuetzen rifle--remained in the Beurman family until 1958 when Louis' nephew donated it to the Kansas Historical Society.*





**Some of our Historic Costume Contest winners:**

Left to right, Ben J. as WW2 Marine radioman; Chad H. as WW2 Field Military Policeman and Shane M. as WW2 Navy Corpsman. (Their motto: "*We fix Marines.*") Above is Shane M.'s display of U.S. Marine Corps Uniforms & Equipment, WW2, Korea and Vietnam.







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

**DISPLAY BOARD FOR SALE**

Beige burlap covered, peg board with hooks. Wood frame 24" x 38" only  
\$25.00

See Hope B.

**Loads of NEW -Old items!**  
**Add to your collection from the**  
**great selection at**  
**SELL ANTIQUES**

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S.L.C., UT 84115

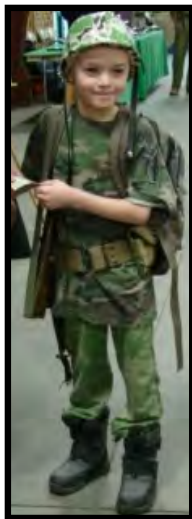
Tues. thru Fri. - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.  
Or call for an appointment!

**WANTED: Live or DEWAT** vintage machine guns from 1900 to 1945; all Confederate arms; American militaria from 1845 to 1945. Contact: Hayes Otoupalik

**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.



**Costume Contest  
Winners-**

Michael A., (right) as a Revolutionary War soldier earned First Place. Mike makes all his costumes by hand, exactly as the originals.

Left, Ms. Julia Lorraine B. as Etta Place (friend of Butch Cassidy and the Sun Dance Kid) won Second Place.

The 1st Place Junior Award went to Darren M., as a Marine, center above.



**Free, Fun Events in Ogden!**  
**March 12th, April 9th & May 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!