

UTAH GUN COLLECTOR



Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

September 2015

UGCA Annual Dinner Meeting and ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Saturday, October
10th, 5:30-8:00 PM

Jeremiah's Restaurant
1307 West 1200 South

Great food- Cheap date!

Get a great meal for only \$10
for members, \$15 for guests!
Elections for directors will be
held— Show up and vote!

Please RSVP ASAP!

More info on Page 3.

Please Post the Flyer!

Inside is a flyer for the special Living History "Salute to The American Soldier" at the October show.

Please post this wherever public event notices can be posted, or share with schools or groups looking for a fun thing to do.

Tell your teacher and veteran friends and give them a copy and invite them to the show!

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*

October 10-11, 2015

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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Las Vegas Antique Arms Shows Moving to Different Location

The popular Las Vegas Antique Arms shows, long a fixture at the Riviera Hotel will be moving since the Riviera has been sold and will be demolished for new construction. The new location, starting in September will be the Westgate Resort & Casino (Formerly the Las Vegas Hilton).

Unfortunately, the January 21-14, 2016 show will only have about 2/3 of the space formerly used due to prior commitments by the hotel, but future shows should return to their previous size or even larger.

*For further information go to
<http://www.antiquearmsshow.com/>*

**Browning Gun Club
at Ogden Union Station!**
Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, Dec. 8th

EVERYONE is invited to FREE monthly 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.



Martin B. Retting advertisement from 1957

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

Joel A.
Dennis B.

Randall G.
Henry G.
Jason J.

Robert P.
Terry T.



UGCA Board of Directors

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Directors 2014-2015

Jim D.
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John S.

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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.

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Editor & Webmaster- **John S.**
Assistant Editor- **Gaylord S.**

Your articles and photos are needed for the Newsletter, and greatly appreciated.
Please submit notes, stories or photos to
john2008@oldguns.net

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SOME OF THE GREAT DISPLAYS!

First Place
award was
earned by
Mike A.
For
“Gun Tools—
1775-1865”



Second Place was
a tie.
John S.'s “Guns to
Save Lives— Line
Throwing Guns”
shown here, and
“Ruger Old
Army”
by Dennis C.
(see next page).



Please make your Annual Dinner reservation now!

Please RSVP by mail with payment, NO LATER THAN October 1st

Please send this coupon with payment to Sell Antiques, 1488 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

or reserve by Email or phone to Linda E.

Or call Linda at xxx-xxx-xxxx

Reservations with payment by mail are preferred!

If you make phone or email reservation, you are obligated to pay for it, even if you change your mind.
Price for a great prime rib or chicken cordon bleu dinner is a real bargain at only \$10 for a member or spouse/family member, or \$15 for guests. The business meeting usually takes only a few minutes.

Please tell Linda:

your name _____
how many dinner selections you want:

_____ PRIME RIB or _____ CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

**Remember, this will be at Jeremiah's Restaurant on Saturday October 10, 2015
Social time starts at 5:30 with Dinner at 6:00.
Our required annual meeting and election of Directors will be held at the same time.**

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More Award Winners!

Dennis C's
"Ruger Old Army"
display (left) tied for
Second Place.

"Unique Ruger
Collectibles" by
Shawn L. display
(below) earned a Judges'
Choice Award along
with

George F's
"Vintage 1903 Spring-
field Rifles"
(middle left).
Nice!

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Six-Guns and hand Grenades- More Great Displays!

*“White Box Super Blackhawks” by Steve A. and “Word War I Hand Grenades” by Gus B. tied for Third Place awards. Great items that attracted lots of interest.
(The grenades are all INERT!)*





RUGER SINGLE SIX & COLT FRONTIER SCOUT IN .22 MAGNUM

by Jimmy C.



EARLY RUGER SINGLE SIX



LIGHTWEIGHT
TRI-COLOR



LIGHTWEIGHT
ALUMINUM CYL & FRAME



LIGHTWEIGHT
ALUMINUM FRAME, STEEL CYL

Ruger introduced the Single Six in 1953. They were chambered in .22 Long Rifle with a 5 1/2" barrel. The frames and cylinders were made of blued steel. The earliest production guns had a "flat gate" to cover the rear of the cylinder. The flat loading gate was changed to the contoured form fitting gate in 1957.

In 1956 Ruger Long Rifle with a the Lightweight The first "Tri-anodized in a anodized with

straw color. The second variation still had the aluminum frame and cylinder but anodized all black. The third variation had the black aluminum frame with a blued steel cylinder. All of these guns had a blade front sight and a rear sight that could be adjusted right or left but had no elevation adjustment.

introduced their "Lightweight" series in .22 4 5/8" barrel. Over a period of three years series expanded to three major variations. Color consisted of an aluminum frame clear grey finish and aluminum cylinder

Martin Hardcoating which resulted in a

In 1955 Colt reintroduced the Single Action Army. In 1957 they introduced the Colt Frontier Scout in .22 Long Rifle with a 4 3/4" barrel. The Frontier Scouts had aluminum frames with steel cylinders. The frames were left "in the white" while the cylinders and barrels were blued. These revolvers are known by collectors as "duotone" with production lasting through 1961. The first 15,210 guns had a "Q" suffix in the serial number before it was changed to an "F" suffix because the "Q" looked like a "0". Beginning in 1958 the all blue model with an anodized blue frame was introduced and remained the standard finish through the last revolver in 1971. The front sight was a blade while the rear sight was a notch cut in the grooved top strap over the cylinder, much like the rear sight on the Single Action Army. In 1958 Colt introduced the Frontier Scout Buntline Special with a 9 1/2" barrel, again shortly after their introduction of the Single Action Army Buntline Special.



COLT FRONTIER SCOUT DUOTONE



COLT FRONTIER SCOUT

Shortly after Colt began producing the Frontier Scout they introduced two additional series of revolvers identical in design, size and shape of the Frontier Scout. One was nickel plated with wood grips and a "K" suffix to the serial number the other, the "Frontier Scout '62" with a "P" suffix to the serial number had a black epoxy painted frame and a blued steel cylinder and barrel with plastic "stag" grips. The frames and grip frames of both series were made of Zamac 3 an alloy of zinc and aluminum, weighing approximately the same as a steel frame. Production of both of these series ended in 1970.

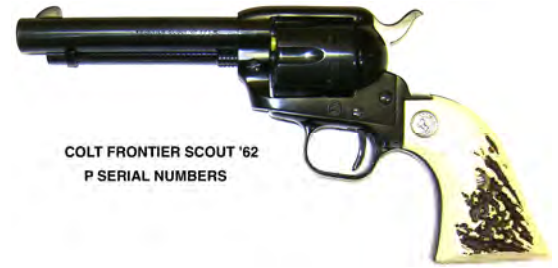
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COLT FRONTIER SCOUT
K SERIAL NUMBERS

Since the diameter of the bullet in the .22 Magnum round is approximately .007 larger than the .22 Long Rifle bullet the barrel had to be changed to accommodate the larger round. As a result both



COLT FRONTIER SCOUT '62
P SERIAL NUMBERS

Ruger and Colt had to rework their .22 Long Rifle revolvers to handle the new round.



RUGER SINGLE SIX .22 MAGNUM

Ruger introduced their .22 Magnum Single Six in 1959. It was fitted with a 6 1/2" barrel. The cylinder was fluted and the rear of the cylinder did not have a firing pin groove. The cylinder was not marked with a serial number. The left side of the frame under the cylinder is marked "WIN. .22 RF MAG. CAL." In 1969 Ruger offered to add a .22 Long Rifle cylinder to any of their .22 Magnum Single Six revolvers for \$12.00. Along with that offer was a warning that a .22 Magnum cylinder should not be fitted in a revolver that was marked for the .22 Long Rifle cartridge due to the difference in bullet diameter.

Colt also introduced their .22 Magnum to all three of their Frontier Scout series in 1959. They used the same frame and cylinder combinations as with the .22 Long Rifle revolvers. The magnum cylinders were fluted and did not have the firing pin groove. The cylinders were not serial numbered and were not marked for caliber. After a short production run the muzzle of the barrel was changed from flat to crowned as an aid in manufacturing to ensure the magnum bored barrel was properly marked. The barrel was roll marked .22 MAGNUM. .22 Magnum only revolvers remained in production until 1969. I suspect that, due to the fact that any Frontier Scout cylinder will fit in any frame, there was some switching of .22 Magnum cylinders into .22 Long Rifle revolvers; however, Colt did not officially address the issue until 1964.



COLT FRONTIER SCOUT .22 MAGNUM

In 1961 Ruger introduced the Single Six Convertible. These guns were like the earlier steel frame Single Six guns but with a second, .22 Magnum cylinder. The frames were marked on the left side under the cylinder ".22 CAL". There were four different barrel lengths, 4 5/8", 5 1/2", 6 1/2" and 9 1/2". Production continued until 1973.



RUGER SINGLE SIX CONVERTIBLE



COLT FRONTIER SCOUT DUAL CYLINDER

Colt introduced their dual cylinder Frontier Scout, Nickel Frontier Scout and Frontier Scout '62 in 1964. They changed the caliber marking on the barrel to ".22 CAL" regardless of the revolver being shipped with both cylinders or only the .22 Long Rifle cylinder. The first dual cylinder Buntline wasn't introduced until 1971. The last Frontier Scout all blue model was produced in 1971.

In 1964 Ruger introduced the Super Single Six. For the first time a .22 Long Rifle/.22 Magnum Single Action Revolver was available with adjustable sights. It was produced with either a 5 1/2" or 6 1/2" barrel. Approximately 200 were produced with a 4 5/8" barrel due to an error on the part of a worker in the Ruger factory. While drilling holes in the barrels for front sights, he drilled through into the bore. The barrels were cut off, re-drilled and put into production. Production of the Super Single Six lasted to 1973 when the design of all Ruger Single Action Revolvers was changed to "two screw" with introduction of the transfer bar. (That is a whole story on it's own!)

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RUGER SUPER SINGLE SIX

Colt introduced their Peacemaker and New Frontier in 1970. The Peacemaker frame was like the Frontier Scout but in steel with a casehardened finish. The New Frontier resembled the center fire New Frontier but of the smaller Peacemaker size. They were issued with the .22 Long Rifle cylinder or with both the .22 Long Rifle and .22 Magnum cylinders. The first 25,000 cylinders were fluted before production changed to round cylinders for the .22 Magnum. The apparent explanation for the unfluted cylinders was to aid in

identification during manufacturing. Both cylinders were marked for caliber, .22 L.R. or .22 MAG. The first 99,999 revolvers had a "G" prefix with the serial number. Colt did not have a serial number stamp with the additional digit for the 100,000 so between March and September 1974 the Serial numbers were changed to "L" which looked like a "1". After 23,900 revolvers were issued, the stamp was fixed and the "G" returned. Production ended in 1976.



COLT PEACEMAKER

COLT NEW FRONTIER

Ruger did not begin using unfluted .22 Magnum cylinders until the New Model Single Six with the transfer bar in 1973. (Among collectors the New Model is referred to as the "two

Screw" model.) This model is still in production.



NEW MODEL SINGLE SIX

If you like the .22 Magnum you can have it either old or new and in Ruger or Colt. Your choice, just don't try to put a .22 Magnum cylinder in a revolver (Ruger or Colt) marked for .22 Long Rifle.

Club Logo Items Now On Sale!

UGCA logo items are available from our on-demand supplier, cafepress.com. You can order high quality t-shirts, mugs, water bottles and baseball caps, as shown here, as well as many other items. Just go to the site and pick the items you want and order. It's that simple.

Wear your UGCA membership with pride. cafepress.com/ugca



Jim C. 1931-2015

Jim was one of the founding members of the Utah Gun Collectors Association in 1960. He was an Ogden native and was the Utah State JROTC marksmanship champion in 1949, part of his life long interest in guns and history. After Air Force service he worked as an editorial cartoonist and as an illustrator for Thiokol, and eventually in the insurance industry, but his true love was being an artist. Jim was a frequent displayer and he will be missed. He is survived by his wife and numerous children and grandchildren.

Jim passed away in January, but after the spring newsletter had already been printed.



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"It's a Daisy!" showed off some of Randall G.'s impressive collection of Daisy arms.



While many collectors specialize in Colts, Winchesters, and various military arms, the options for a collector are unlimited. Virtually any maker, type of gun, or caliber or time period can be used to specialize. Of course, those who like "ALL guns" usually claim to be "a general collector." There is no right or wrong answer, so collect what YOU like!

UGCA CLASSIFIED ADS:

(free to members...)

Stop in and see what new treasures we have found for you!

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!

801-486-1349

or

SELLAntiqueArms.com any time!



Protect your gun rights.

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<http://utahshootingsportscouncil.org/>



Wes B., 1927 ~ 2015

In June, we lost a truly outstanding member, Wes Bisbing. Wes married Hope C. in 1961 and they moved to Utah where he worked for Thiokol as an engineer on the Minuteman missile system. In addition to his deep interest in flare guns, Wes loved all sorts of mechanical devices, including motorcycles, antique automobiles and trains. He was a volunteer locomotive mechanic at the Golden Spike National Historic Site. Health issues prevented Wes and Hope from attending our shows in the last year or two, but their many friends and admirers always ask about them and remark about what a lovely couple they are and how much people enjoyed the amazing and unique displays that Wes and Hope always brought. Wes is survived by his wife, Hope, and step-son, John. Per Wes's request, his cremated remains were scattered somewhere in the Utah or Idaho mountains. He will be missed by us all.

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Living History Interpretation Contest Winners—

Standing, left to right are Jonathan E. as basic WW2 G.I.; Caleb W. as 2nd Rangers on D-Day; Gus B. as WW1 German soldier and Michael A. as 1775 Culpeper Minute Man. Kneeling—Alyse A.—1944 Combat Nurse; Shane M.—WW2 junior Officer and Aaron B.—WW2 U.S. Navy sailor.

German target guns have an avid following, as much for their superb craftsmanship and artistic decorations as for their superb accuracy.

John S. (right) with a variety of informal shooting targets. Gary N. and Gaylord S. below with Zimmerstutzen rifles for indoor shooting. One rifle looks like the Shchuetzen rifle from the ad on page 2!

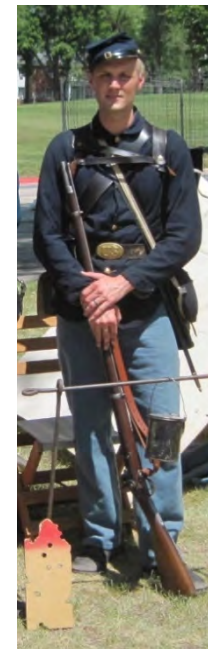




October 10-11, 2015 **A SALUTE TO THE** **AMERICAN SOLDIER** **1775-2015**

“Living History” members of the Utah Gun Collectors Association are proud to announce a special salute to the American Soldier throughout History.

Fourteen time periods of American Military History will be displayed where one can visibly see the evolution of the American Military uniform, equipment, and weapons.



Living History members will be at most displays in full uniforms to interpret and help bring their time period alive for kids and adults. Rarely can one witness such a display covering America’s entire Military History. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn and experience our history and help salute those who have sacrificed for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

Weber County Fairgrounds
(I-15 Exit 346)

Utah Gun Collectors Show

9:00-5:00 Saturday

10:00-4:00 Sunday

Free admission for kids 12 and under

Adults \$6.00.

