

# UTAH GUN COLLECTOR

Newsletter of the Utah Gun Collectors Association

December 2017

## Important Schedule Note!

We publicize our show dates at least a year in advance.

On the back page and on our website (<http://ugca.org>) you will see all of our 2018 dates and tentative 2019 dates.

However, "Rocky Mountain," an outfit that puts on modern gun, ammo and survival shows just changed its dates (again) and will now do a show in Salt Lake City on the same date as our previously announced January 6-7 date. And they have tentatively scheduled a show that conflicts with our published March 3-4 dates.

Most of our table holders do not like doing that outfit's shows anyway and are planning to do the UGCA shows, and we appreciate their support and good taste.

NOTE- UGCA is planning to drop the January show in 2019 unless some member(s) volunteer to help with the show.

## Happy New Year! That's the 2018 Membership Year!

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## Concealed Carry Class at the January Show

Ken B. will be teaching the state approved class on both Saturday and Sunday. Get your permit for the option to legally carry a defensive weapon in 34 states! Plan on attending if you are even considering getting a permit, or tell your friends and neighbors who might be interested.

The class begins at 10:00 AM and will run until 2:00 PM, with an added afternoon class if there is sufficient demand. For more information or to reserve a seat in the class, contact Ken B. At xxxxxx@gmail.com

### **Reminder about UGCA show hours:**

Saturday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

SUNDAY 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### **Browning Gun Club at Ogden Union Station!** **December 12th, January 9th, February 13th**

EVERYONE is invited to the 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 with an interesting speaker presentation and interesting guns.



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

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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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Please submit notes, stories or photos to  
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## SOME OF THE GREAT DISPLAYS!

*Hope Bisbing  
Award for  
Excellence  
Winner!*

### *Colt Second and Third Generation Single Action Revolvers- by Jimmy C.*

This fantastic display earned the prestigious Hope Bisbing Award for Excellence! There is a good story behind how this collection evolved starting on page 6 of this newsletter.

*People's Choice  
Award Winner!*

### *"The Yanks are Coming! A Tribute to the U.S. Entering the Great War" by Gus and Allen B. won the 1st Place Award.*

(Below) This amazingly comprehensive collection of arms and equipment used by U.S. forces during WW1 was a fitting tribute to U.S. troops arriving in Europe 100 years ago.





## MORE OF THE GREAT DISPLAYS!

***Tied for 3rd Place were these three interesting presentations:***

### **U.S. Military Gallery Practice 1855-1921**

(Above) included non-firing and subcaliber or smallbore rifles, "dotter" devices, and accessories- shown by John S.

### **David L.'s German Luger and Loading Tool Collection**

(Left) included virtually every maker and variation of these famous pistols, and the "Schraubenzieher" tool used for loading the magazines and disassembly. This was the first time David has displayed at our show.

### **Mike A.'s "Sweet Little Sixteen" (Model 1816 Muskets)**

(Below) This showed examples of one of our longest serving military arms, both as originally made and as updated over the many years they remained in use by





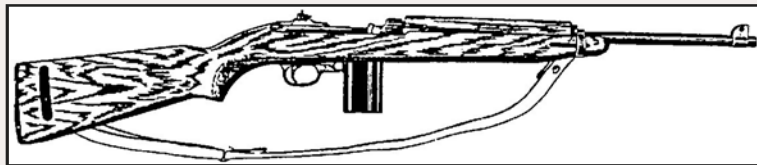


## MORE GREAT DISPLAYS!



### *European Target Rifles 1780-1940- by Gary N.-*

displayed the wide variety of arms used for indoor and outdoor target shooting for a period of 200 years. In addition to their shooting qualities, these have a lot of artistic and historical interest. Gary is an active competitor shooting these arms, so they are not just pretty "safe queens" but actual shooting guns which are amazingly accurate--- if the shooter does their part as well! Gary earned the Second Place award for this fine display.



### *U.S. Carbine, Caliber .30 M1- by Carroll C.*

This is just one of many great displays that Carrroll puts out for the public to enjoy, not just at the UGCA shows, but also at the Crossroads of the West shows in Salt Lake City to help publicize the UGCA shows, and promote gun collecting in general. Here we have 11 really nice M1 carbines along with related accessories. Carroll never competes for prizes, but all of his displays are interesting to the public and feature a variety of high quality items. Thank you for sharing these!

## THE FAMILY COLLECTION A JOURNEY THROUGH GUN COLLECTING

THIS IS THE STORY OF CREATING ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE COLLECTIONS OF THE COLT FRONTIER SCOUT, NEW FRONTIER AND PEACEMAKER REVOLVERS IN EXISTANCE;

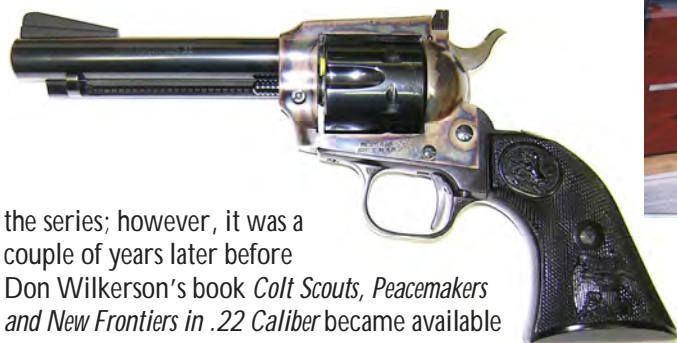
HOWEVER, ABOVE ALL IT IS

**A STORY OF FUN, ENJOYMENT  
AND BONDING WITH MY FAMILY**



We moved to Utah in January 1992. David and I decided that spring to go to a gun show in Ogden. It may have been our first exposure to the Utah Gun Collectors Association. I had no intention of purchasing a gun, just browsing with Dave. I had very little knowledge of the Colt Frontier Scout series other than the two Frontier Scouts that I had owned as a teenager.

We left the show with a New Frontier with a 4 3/4" barrel. The gun turned out to be one of the rarest of



the series; however, it was a couple of years later before Don Wilkerson's book *Colt Scouts, Peacemakers and New Frontiers in .22 Caliber* became available that I discovered that fact.

That fall Dave and I started going to all the gun shows in the area. We also stopped at the pawn shops along the way. Before long I had purchased another New Frontier. I had no knowledge of the series but I knew if I didn't have one like what I saw wanted it. I like to tell people "It's like having two rabbits, shortly you have more rabbits---or guns."

After a few shows, and visits to the pawn shops, I thought I had all of the New Frontier examples. I was very wrong but didn't know at the time, so I moved on. I found a consecutive serial numbered pair of nickel plated "K" series Frontier Scouts in a pawn shop in Salt Lake City. As our interests flourished, I continued my quest and Dave also picked up a few guns on his own. That along with Wilkerson's book created the spark that started us down the road to becoming serious collectors of the Colt Frontier Scout series.

Now that both of us had the collecting "bug" we joined the Utah Gun Collectors Association. We began attending their shows

with the future goal of displaying our treasures. But first, we had to come up with a presentation that would reflect pride in our collection. We made display cases for each of



the series and put together a two-table display with many empty spaces for guns we didn't have.

From the best research I have this appears to be a picture of our first display with the UGCA at their Fall 1997 show where we won Third Place. The complete display fitted in the back of our red Jeep Cherokee. The wife and our daughter, Sue came along to help set it up. Sue's involvement will surface again later in the story. By January



1999 the collection had grown to a three table display with more supporting documents on display. Additionally, some new display sections had been added, such as

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the Single Action Army for size comparison with a Peace-maker, and a display showing the flat and crowned muzzles of the .22LR and .22Magnum barrels.

Dave continued to be a part of the show for several seasons. We would load the display into the back of the old hatchback Mustang and make a weekend of it. But, somewhere along the way he met his future wife and his attention became refocused toward her; however, he would still visit the shows with her. Unfortunately, the records don't show the last show he helped with.

Those early days with the two of us working together, hunting for the next gun and displaying them, holds very fond and wonderful memories. There is nothing like the thrill of working with your son on a project dear to both of you.

My wife helped me set-up for the January 2000 show, which also happens to be the time I joined the UGCA Board of Directors. We would load the stuff in the Jeep pick-up and stop by Chuck-a-Rama for lunch before we headed for the Golden Spike. I enjoyed her company and appreciated her help, which continued for several shows.

The March 2000 show was a game changer for me. George N., one of the Charter Members of UGCA had always set up against the North wall in the center of the building. Due to his age he had reduced his displays and insisted upon me taking his spot. And, that is where the microphone is located. I picked it up and started talking, and have been doing it ever since as the Show Moderator.



and missing one of the Dragoons, but it grew to a full two table display. Pictured is the full display with Jeff in the January 2003 show. October 2002 marked the first time Jeff flew in from Dallas to help with the show. We won the "Peoples Choice" award, which was one of many for the next several years. With his help we consistently won First Place each time we entered the display for judging. (There was no Hope award back then.)

Beginning with the October 2010 Show we switched



The March 2000 show was also the first time to display "Evolution of the Colt Dragoon". The display was small

from the Colt display to Rugers, which we alternated with the Colts in later shows. Jeff took to the Rugers with all the passion and interest he displayed with the Colts.

Jeff's last show appears to be the March 2012 Show. His presence ended when I became too busy at Impact Guns to have a display. His help with the shows was greatly appreciated, but above all else it gave me a chance to bond with him in a way that I never had. When he was in his latter years at home in Virginia, he was very busy with college and working and I was TDY a major part of the time. We never were able to become as close as the time with the gun shows allowed. Those times together were very enjoyable and something I still greatly miss.

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Getting the displays to the show was also an evolution that began with the Jeep Cherokee and on to the Mustang with no organized container operation. Next came the Jeep pickup with cardboard boxes and a big plastic Tote that still required a lot of coordination to make sure everything was taken to the show and returned home.

The first advancement in packaging for the road involved three plywood boxes with wheels on them for moving around in the building. I made a two wheeled rubber tired "contraption" that could be slipped under each box to move



it from the storage shed in the back yard to the Jeep pickup out front.

Jeff chose one of the boxes as a seat while reading his book in this October 2006 photo.

With the addition of the Rugers and a search for a better way, I built three plywood carts on rubber tires salvaged from



gar-den carts. They were big

enough to hold all the supporting materials for the Colt display in two carts with the gun cases in compartments at the bottom of the carts. The third cart held the Ruger support materials or the material for the Evolution of the Dragoon display. The three carts completely filled the bed of Jeep pickup.

The first time I put the Colt display out after Jeff stopped coming, was the October 2013 show. One of my working friends from Impact Guns helped me set it up and take it down. With the work involved, I knew it wasn't practical for me to continue to display it by myself and I couldn't rely upon outside help, so I set it aside and started to concentrate on my Second Generation Single Action Army display.

With Sue and family moving back to the area I asked if they would like to help with the display one last time. (Remember Sue helped with the first time it was displayed.) They agreed. I appreciated their help and thought it was a nice way to show honor to the display that was such a part of my life with Dave and Jeff and a way of bringing Sue in to complete the circle. The display also won The Peoples Choice Award, which was a nice final gesture by the public.

Once I got the display back home I took more pictures and then destroyed the supporting materials and transportation carts so I would never be tempted to try to display it again.

But above all, The Family Collection would never have happened without the support of my loving wife.

UGCA thanks "The Family Collection" team for their outstanding contributions to promoting gun collecting and educating the public for many years.

Only those who have set up displays know the work involved to do it year after year!  
THANK YOU!





## Living History award winners-

(Back row, left to right) Brian W., portraying 4th Marine Division rifleman at Iwo Jima; Mike A. as 1828 New England Militia Man; Aaron B. as WW2 aerial gunner; Darren McC. as WW2 U.S. Navy Corpsman; Gus B. as a WW1 U.S. soldier' and Shane McC. as a member of Bravo Company, 26th Marines in Vietnam. (Front row) Ben J. as WW2 Marine and Caleb W. as another WW2 U.S. Marine. Mike A. earned the 1st place award, followed by Aaron B. and Gus B.



## "Stubbies- also called Sunfish, Elephant Toe or Sleeveboard Knives" by Mike S. -

What a fun display, and some really great knives and a clever theme. Mike did not compete but deserved an award!



## Ammo in a Fire! Fact and fiction...

In September 2017, a brush fire started in the Weber Canyon near Ogden. High winds fanned the flames into a raging inferno which raced up the slopes into a neighborhood. Ultimately nearly one square mile was burned, five homes and several outbuildings were destroyed and more than a hundred families evacuated as firefighters fought flames and hot spots for two days.

One of the outbuildings destroyed was a typical wooden shed type structure found in residential areas for storing yard equipment, tools, and all the other "stuff" people accumulate. Including three cans of small arms ammunition.



One .50 caliber can held several hundred rounds of 7.62x54R rifle ammunition. A .30 caliber can was about a third full of .45-70 ammunition, and

another had .45 Colt revolver ammunition. The photos show the condition of the cans and contents when recovered. Note that they did not blow up in 4th of July pyrotechnic fashion as you might expect from news or movie accounts.

Each of the cans was severely bulged and burned. No bullets penetrated any can. The fire damage to the ammunition and cans was mainly from the fuel provided by the shed and the other materials, not by the ammunition in the cans. The external heat was enough to melt the lead bullets in the .45-70 and .45 Colt cartridges. Heat caused the primers and/or powder in the cartridges to ignite with the internal pressure in the cartridge causing the bullets and primer to be pushed out of the case, but not penetrate the can, although the pressure was vented as the cans bulged and the lids no longer sealed them.

A can of gas for your mower is probably a greater danger than a can of ammo.



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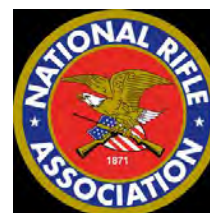
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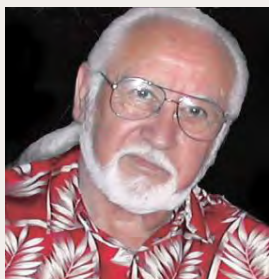


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## Eugene G. 1925-2017



Eugene "Gene" G. passed away August 13, 2017. Gene was born on March 29, 1925, in Ordway, Colorado. He was a veteran of World War II, enlisting in 1943 and was awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic and meritorious achievement" during the landings at Anzio, Italy. He fought for the country he loved, making him a true American.

Gene retired from Hill AFB as an Item Manager after 33 years. In addition to antique firearms, his hobbies included railroad pocket watches and restoring vintage Cadillacs. Gene was a very kind man and was highly respected by his family and friends.

## Alex F. 1960-2017

Alex F., 57, was riding in East Canyon near 200 North and 8300 East in Salt Lake on September 29th, and lost control and his motorcycle went approximately 50 yards down the side of the mountain. It is likely he had a medical problem which led to the loss of control. Alex was a relatively new member of UGCA and owner of Alex's Gun Shop in Salt Lake City.