



## COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Dear CGCA Members,

Our next meeting will be November 21, at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00 PM. We will be having our annual Charity Auction. Please bring your items for the auction by 6:15 PM so that we have time to catalog the items. The money that we collect from the auction goes directly to the charities that have been selected.

We had a great presentation last month by Scott Anderson. Scott educated us about "Large Frame Merwin Hulberts." Thank you, Scott, it's always great to see parts of your collection and to increase our knowledge.

In case you missed our October meeting, a small sample of Mr Davis' presentation is included in this mailing.

We have received notice that one of our members, Rick Thrasher has passed. Rick joined our club in 2021, and loved attending our gun shows for many years, prior to becoming a member of our club.

We will **not** have a meeting in December.

Our Christmas dinner is at Maggiano's on December 2, 2023. Seating is limited. Please send your reservations to Cindy. We are dining from 3 PM until 6 PM.

We will have elections of officers in January, if you would like to join our board, please let Cindy or any board member know so that we can add you as a nominee.

*Please visit our website at [www.CGCA.com](http://www.CGCA.com) for club news and updates.*

New pictures are on our website.

If you have questions, please contact:

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## WWII Czechoslovakian handguns

After Germany dismantled Czechoslovakia through bluster and bluff, the Nazi war machine picked up some state-of-the-art weapons factories, tanks and small arms. Among these were the 9 mm kurtz Cz-39, the 9 mm kurtz Cz-24, the 7.65 mm Cz-27.

Important to note in German use of captured and occupation made weapons, was the need to keep logistics (especially ammunition caliber options) from getting out of hand. Easy confusion between the 9 mm parabellum round (used in the P.08, p.38, and all German submachine guns), and the 9 mm kurtz round, gave the later a demerit when it came to adoption of side arms in that caliber.

While the Cz-39 had this caliber demerit, it was also a double-action only design. This made it unpopular, if not unsuitable, for German use. However, they did send many to Finland to aid in their fight against the USSR.

The Cz-24 was a good design by the Germans and did garner enough German attention for testing and serious evaluation. In the end, few saw official service as issued pistols.

The Cz-27 was a good design, the right caliber, and could continue immediate production at the occupied Czech factory.

While all three models undoubtedly saw unofficial, souvenir type carry and use the German soldiers, only the Cz-27 saw official and significant adoption by the Germans. It was seen as a sufficiently reliable design as to be one of the few handguns adapted to a suppressed variant (pictured below), undoubtedly for some special operations application.



In addition to the military grade side arms mentioned, a Czech .25 ACP automatic call the DUO continued to be manufactured. It was similar in design and size to a Browning .25 auto, and was carried as a small back-up or defense arm by many Germans.