



Colorado Gun Collectors Association

Dear CGCA Members,

As your new President, I wanted to introduce myself and talk about the future. I have been a member of CGCA since the 1990's when Mike Cohrs was the President. Back then we had our shows at the Merchandise Mart in Adams County (not in Denver where gun shows are illegal.). Those were the good old days! I started out wanting to collect Winchesters, but then I discovered Marlins, and then my son got me interested in 20th century Military, and now I find lots of stuff interesting. Like most of us, I love history, and firearms are just so fascinating on so many levels. I have been a Board member in years past and I have been a board member the last two years.

Why have our shows wandered around you might ask. A couple of years ago the Merchandise Mart was torn down even though it was perfect for us. Then we had to find another venue that was large enough to host our show, but was not in Denver. This led us to Colorado Springs for two years. The number of people coming through the doors was disappointing and the venue was not embraced by everyone. Then we moved to Greeley the last couple of years. This turned out to be a nice venue but it is at least an hour's drive from the Denver area and the number of people through the doors is not what we are used to.

It is hard to say why there are not as many people coming through the doors but this trend even started at the Merchandise Mart. It could be the climate of anti-gun mentality nurtured by the media, or the venue, or the distance from Denver. It could be the advertising or a dozen other things.

We have heard you and we know Greeley isn't a perfect location but we are the doing the best we can. Every Board meeting it seems like we talk about where would be a better place to be and how many more thousands of dollars should we spend on advertising.

We have a long history of having a great show with many wonderful displays and dealers from all over the country. We enjoy meeting our friends and seeing new stuff every year, but we know people want to see a lot of people coming through the doors.

I just want everyone to know we are trying hard to continue to offer a great show. Maybe it is the tough anti-gun climate we are in or the location of the show, but one thing is for sure, we are going to try hard to change with the times.

For most of us this is our hobby, and what we love to do, so we hope you will continue to join us and make our show the best it can be.

Thanks for reading, Rick Wilson.

Our next meeting will be February 18, 2025 at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM.
Our program is by Brent Brown "Unusual Items from my Collection"

Our newly elected officers for 2025 are:

President: Rick Wilson

Vice President: Scott Anderson

Secretary-Treasurer: Cindy Jewell

Director: Chris Brownell

Director: Clint Mills

Thanks to the Board Members that shared 'My best acquisition of 2024.'

Several Gun Shows in the Area:

Aurora Tanner Gun Show Aurora, CO April 19th – 20th 2025

Colorado Gun Collectors Association Greeley, CO May 17th-18th

Laramie Gun Show Laramie, WY Feb 15th- Feb 16th 2025

Loveland Tanner Show Loveland, CO Feb 8th- 9th 2025

2025Montrose Gun Show Montrose, CO Feb 28th -Mar 2nd 2025

Ohkay Gun/Hunting and Fishing Show Ohkay Owingeh, NM Mar 29 -Mar 30, 2025

Wyoming Weapons Collectors Show Riverton, WY May 24th – May 25th



The duck foot pistol, which first appeared in the 1700s and 1800s, was named after the shape of its barrels, which looked like the foot of a duck.

Please visit our website at www.CGCA.com for club news and updates.

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