



COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Dear CGCA Members,

A note from our President,

I have had several comments lately to the effect of "why support the NRA, what have they done for us recently?" Most recently that was after I sent out an email with a link to contact your state Senator or Representative in regard to the recent legislation that was introduced that would be a threat to our yearly gun show. I guess there was a link that was provided by the NRA-ILA, the NRA's political action arm. Personally, I belong to a number of pro-second amendment groups including the NRA. The NRA is mostly active in Colorado through their local NRA affiliate the Colorado State Shooting Association. I get legislative alerts from a number of sources including the CSSA, the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, the Second Amendment Foundation, and the NRA-ILA to name a few.

This legislative session is the worst attack on our gun show and our second amendment rights that I have ever seen here in Colorado. I pass on the links in my emails to help members of CGCA help us fight for our rights, and I don't necessarily pay attention to where I get the links from.

Some people are mad at the NRA over recent events in the last year or two, and that is certainly everyone's right. Right now I am focused on our fight for survival and I am not particular about anyone that wants to help in that fight in some manner. I am sure you share many of my same concerns so I hope you will help us fight in whatever capacity that you choose, through whoever you wish to associate with. When one of these organizations asks you to write or call your Senator or House Representative to complain about what they are doing, I hope you will do it. They listen primarily to the people they represent, so we need everyone to contact them. The days of "I'm too busy, let someone else do it" are over I am afraid.

Thank you in advance for your help with this matter. I am personally putting in many hours on these matters, talking to legislators and lobbyists, because our club is a very important part of my life.

Thanks,

Rick Wilson

Our next meeting will be March 18, 2025 at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM.

Our program will be: A continuation of Unusual Items from the Collection of Brent Brown, featuring the Dickert Rifle.

I am sad to announce the passing of two members.

Dick Burdick of Ventura CA. A Life member; he collected Pre WWII Colt Army Revolvers.

Lois Brandhorst of Littleton, CO. Lois was an honorary member and worked at the gun show front desk for many years.

We have received a new member application from Tyler Brownell of Centennial, CO. Tyler collects 19th and 20th Century Military.

An article submitted by Henry Platts.

L.W. Seecamp Co. Company History in the Founders Words: Part 1

“Ludwig (Louis) Wilhelm Seecamp (1901-1989), after whom the company was named, was trained as a master gunsmith in the technical academy system of pre-World War II Germany. He brought his family to the United States in 1959 by way of Canada. From 1959 until his retirement in 1971, he was the gun designer for O.F. Mossberg. Firearms historians have credited Ludwig with likely being the man behind nearly all of Mossberg's famous designs from the late 50s and 60s.

L.W. Seecamp Co. was founded in 1973 as a family business specializing in Ludwig's patented (#3722358) double action conversion of the venerable 1911 semi-auto pistol (Colt .45). This conversion, done during a period when the single-action versus double-action controversy was at its peak, resulted in the first commercially available DA .45 autoloaders anywhere in the world. Nearly 2000 such DA conversions were done from the early 70s to the early 80s. Ludwig had become a firm believer in the value of DA after a Walther P-38 saved his life in WWII. That incident, which left him with a cheek-long scar and some missing teeth from a bullet wound, also convinced him point shooting rather than sight use is the reality in close range combat. Having been a fan of the 1911 but being also an advocate of DA carry, commercial conversions were a natural outgrowth of the Colt 45 that Ludwig had converted to DA for his own personal protection.

In 1979 Seecamp Co. introduced as part of its gunsmithing package the telescoping recoil system that has become the predominant spring system used by modern short-slide short-recoil autoloaders. This system is the subject matter of patent #4201113 issued to Ludwig's son and Seecamp Company co-founder Lueder (Larry) Seecamp. In the September/October 1979 issue of American Handgunner in an article entitled "The Rolls Royce of Bobcat .45's," Mason Williams said, "This is such a major development in the field of (miniaturization of) automatic pistols that it could easily be considered the most significant development in a hundred years in the field." While the patent was still active, the system was used by Glock, Colt, Kahr, Cylinder and Slide, Para-Ordnance and Lasemax (for use in the laser units for the mini-Glocks). After the expiration of the patent in 1998, other manufacturers such as Kimber, Taurus, IM Metal, Springfield Armory, etc., quickly adopted the system for use in their short slide autos.

By the late 1970s a number of DA .45s, including the excellent Browning BDA (later SIG), had appeared on the market. Gunsmithing was thus abandoned for manufacture.¹

¹ <https://seecamp.com/about/>



Top: Colt MKIV Series 70 Seecamp Conversion (Blue, re-finish work appears Factory)

Bottom: Colt Combat Commander Pachmayr Combat Special with Seecamp Conversion, hard chrome finish.

Please note the enlarged trigger guard, this is the double action conversion with internals similar to a SW model 39. The trigger is large smooth rounded trigger of Seecamp design. A LWS logo inside a circle is the trademark, often located at the forward part of trigger guard that juts out.

**OUR COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS SHOW IS MAY 17, AND MAY 18, 2025
VIP DAY ON MAY 16, 2025. WE STILL HAVE TABLES AVAILABLE.
ISLAND GROVE EVENT CENTER, GREELEY, CO
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