

May, 2025



COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Dear CGCA Members,

A note from our President,

In the past I regret that sometimes I have said that I was “too busy” or “money is too tight right now” to help in the fight for our Rights. I am afraid that now we can no longer let someone else do the fighting. Gun control may be coming to a town near you. The semiautomatic ban that was passed in Colorado is now being introduced nationally by Senator Mark Kelly. It is up to all of us to pitch in wherever we can, whether it is writing your senators and representatives, joining a gun organization, donating money to legal fights, or all three.

Liberals don't own guns, so they don't want you too either. The only problem is the criminals don't obey gun laws. Gun bans didn't work in Mexico, and they won't work here. To my way of thinking though, lawful gun owners actually are part of the solution because the “bad actors” are slowed down by the fact that they don't know which household might be armed. I admit that I am biased in my thinking by my belief in the Second Amendment and why it was placed in the Bill of Rights. Now on a lighter note, our annual show is but a few weeks away. The Gun Show bill that passed this year states that Collectors shows are not gun shows, so it looks like we are OK to have our 60th show next year!

I am hopeful that we will all have a great time enjoying each other's fellowship in the hobby that we love. Hopefully many of us will find a hidden gem, and others will sell some items so that they can continue the pursuit of their collecting interests.

In closing I want to encourage people to help in the fight for our Rights, but also try to recruit more people to our fraternity of gun appreciation and collecting. I have made a concerted effort the last few years to invite interested people to our collectors meetings, or to the show. I chat people up at gun stores if they are looking at a collectable gun. In the same vein, if someone is interested in my side-by-side shotguns that I am shooting trap with, I might invite them to check out the “vintagers' group” that I shoot with. Another group to encourage would be your friends, neighbors, or family, and don't leave out the ladies either. Try to nurture an interest in guns and shooting in more of our communities so they don't just vote with the liberals against guns because they don't have any experience with people who still enjoy firearms for history and legitimate uses. Let them know that we are good citizens too.

Lastly please enjoy the show, including the excellent displays, and don't forget that we need our members to volunteer for a few hours of their time at the show to allow this all to work. Without volunteers to watch doors, hand out packets, and a number of other tasks, the show won't go on. As my mother used to say, “many hands make light work.”

See you there,
Rick Wilson

Our next meeting will be May 20, 2025 at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM.

Our program will be: What I Bought at Our Show.

Thank you to Scott Anderson for his presentation on Merwin Hulbert's medium and small frame guns.

Thank you to Rick Wilson for his article on Extra Lightweight Rifles.

If you have an article that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send it to Cindy.

We have received a **new member** application from Randy Ziemer of Arvada, CO. Randy collects Winchesters, Colt SSA and Military.

We need volunteers for our show. We cannot have this show without volunteer help. Please contact Scott Anderson if you can help with door security. Please let Scott know the days and hours that you can work. You can email Scott at scottro@ecentral.com or text him at 303-903-1956. Please be sure to leave your cell #. Scott will have a meeting on Thursday, May 15 for the door and table volunteers at 1:00 PM. The doors will open at 2:00 PM for vendors.

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MAY 17, AND MAY 18, 2025
VIP DAY ON MAY 16, 2025.
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PLEASE CONTACT OUR SHOW CHAIRMAN,
DAVE WEDDLE 720-482-0167.**

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

If you have questions, please contact:

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Dave Weddle, Show Chairman 720-482-0167; CGCASHow@cgca.com

The Smith and Wesson Historical Foundation

By Jarvis Hurd and Bill Cross

The Smith and Wesson Foundation (SWHF) was founded in 2007 by Ray and Sheryl Cheely with its major objective to preserve the paper records of Smith and Wesson housed and maintained at the Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History in Springfield, MA. Since its founding the SWHF has grown into an organization with over 500 members. The project to digitize and index the records of S&W was completed in December 2019 with the uploading of all digitized and indexed data in Global Search C2, a cloud-based system. Records and invoices from 1920 through 1967 can now be easily researched via computer. The cost of digitizing and indexing the records was several hundred thousand dollars.

The records from 1920 through 1946 consist of correspondence, invoices, and a variety of other types of documents, the records 1947 through 1967 consist of invoices only, with no correspondence. A very few repair and service records are included with the invoices. Many searches have been performed for collectors with copies of documents and invoices supplied to them in order to enhance the provenance of an individual firearm in their collection. When a sufficient number of documents is found that tell a story about a particular S&W firearm, a Historical Foundation letter will be issued along with the documents.

In July 2007 the SWHF accepted the responsibility for issuing letters of authenticity from Smith & Wesson. Since this time the process of issuing letters continues to operate smoothly under the management of Dr. Roy Jinks, Historian, and Don Mundell, Assailant Historian. Requests for letters remain very high and Dr. Jinks spends a great deal of time issuing letters to collectors. If you are a member of the SWHF Dr. Jinks will include a copy of the invoice for your S&W firearm if available.

Future projects being considered by the SWHF are the digitizing and indexing the .357 Magnum order books for Magnums with registration numbers, digitizing some of the older serial number books to improve readability, and digitizing and indexing invoices from the 1870s and 1880s. As can be seen there is no shortage of projects to consider.

The SWHF has donated \$20000 To the museum in Springfield to help maintain the Smith and Wesson collection of firearms and records housed there.

Since its founding the SWHF has been a valuable asset to collectors of S&W firearms and to those who want to learn more about the history of the company. The foundation continues to grow, but we need your support and would like collectors who are not members to consider joining the SWHF. Lifetime, tax deductible, memberships are available for \$100 (Member), \$1000 (Patron), or \$10,000 (Benefactor). To learn more about the Foundation and download an application form please visit our website swhistoricalfoundation.com. You can also send your check and personal information to SWHF, PO Box 1494, Great Bend, KS 67530.

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No. 447557 Revolver
 7 1/2" Barrel
 Smith & Wesson, Inc.
 Hartford, Conn.
 Dear Mr. Hunt:

We acknowledge receipt of your recent letter asking for information on a Smith & Wesson .38 Smith & Wesson revolver.

The revolver made by the Smith & Wesson Co. that was destroyed in the 1942 fire was a Smith & Wesson .38 Smith & Wesson revolver, No. 447557, which was destroyed in the fire at 4137 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, on December 17, 1942.

The revolver was made during World War I and was one of the last Smith & Wesson revolvers made in the United States. It was made in the Hartford, Connecticut, plant of the Smith & Wesson Company. The revolver was made in the Hartford, Connecticut, plant of the Smith & Wesson Company. The revolver was made in the Hartford, Connecticut, plant of the Smith & Wesson Company.

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Sincerely,
 S.W. Historical Foundation

[Handwritten Signature]
 Fred G. Hunt
 Hartford,

Order # 447557		695
Mr. E. J. Ryan, Jr. Chicago, Ill.		May 20, 1942
4 .38 Smith & Wesson	\$11.40	\$5.60
		\$1.00
		\$1.74
By Payment		
Order # 447557 of S-W-44		May 20, 1942
Mr. E. J. Ryan, Jr. Chicago, Ill.		
6 .45 V.I. J. Smith & Wesson	\$11.40	\$11.40
		\$2.34
		\$13.74
By Payment		



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1:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Friday	
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Sunday	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Exhibitors must abide by all Federal and State Gun Laws and Local Show Rules

(For emergencies or last minute cancellations call (307) 349-4914 and leave a message.)

Maralynne Middour, Secretary Treasurer & Rodney Walden, Show Chairman

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