

June, 2025



## COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

**Dear CGCA Members,**

**A note from our President,**

Our 59th anniversary gun show is now in the books.

We hope everyone enjoyed the show and renewing old friendships. I would like to thank all the people that travelled from across the country to make the show great. I also want to thank our volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make it all come together and kept it safe. Once again we had many interesting and beautiful displays and I want to thank those that put so much hard work into making them so good.

It was also fun to catch up with people we only see once a year in some cases. The number of people coming through the doors was up more than 10% over last year so that was encouraging but still not like the hay-days when we were at the Merchandise Mart in the Denver area. One vender mentioned that the people who are really interested in spending money on guns will travel up to Greeley even if it is a little farther away from Denver, because you won't have an opportunity to see this many fine collectable firearms in one place too often. I can think of one big show that only allows members in, so they don't have any public coming through the door anyway. Just having a bunch of people through the doors doesn't necessarily equate to more sales. Certainly, there are others who want the show to be closer to Denver.

In any event we will continue to try to find ways to advertise our show well and look at all options to make the show better. I am hopeful that we can make the 60th anniversary show special somehow.

For next year we are fortunate that the latest batch of gun laws in Colorado should not impact our show. That is because we only allow Antique and Curio and Relic firearms, which don't require a three-day waiting period, and that is what we are all interested in anyway.

If you have any ideas on how to make our show better, or special for our 60th Anniversary, please let me know.

Thanks

Rick Wilson

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**Our next meeting will be June 17, 2025** at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM.

Our program will be: WWII Pistols by David Parker.

Thank you everyone who brought show and tell items of your recent purchases at our show.

Thank you to Jarvis Hurd for his article on The Smith and Wesson Historical Foundation.

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

We have received 3 **new member** applications:

Robert L Zinkgraf of West Bend, WI . Robert collects Civil War Items.

Peter F Czarnowski of Kiowa, CO. Peter collects Military History.

Andrew Manriquez from Cheyenne, WY. Andrew collects General Items.

If you were at the show and lost a camera, please contact Cindy at [sectreas@cgca.com](mailto:sectreas@cgca.com)

**There is a proposal to amend the by-laws. We will be voting on this at our membership meeting this month.**

**The proposal is to amend Article XIII – Corporate, Section 3. Which currently reads:**

**Section 3.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 11 hereof. **No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be in the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or Intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf on any candidate for public office.** (amended 2001)

**The proposal is to eliminate the sentence in yellow and replace it with the following:**

**“The corporation will only attempt to influence legislation when it threatens the existence or the activities of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be in campaigning on behalf of any candidate for public office.”**

We have lost two long time LIFE members recently.

Jack Dhooghe from CO Springs, CO. Jack was a member for many years; served as president.

Robert Holter from Great Falls, MT passed May 11,2025. Bob was a judge in MT. He collected flintlocks to single shots and loading tools.

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

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John Eckert

Best of Show "The Luger Pistol in Switzerland"



Tom Godwin

Larry Jones Educational Award

"War Baby' M1 Carbine"



