



COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

From the President:

Thank you to all of the table holders who have supported our show again this year. This is our 60th Anniversary and one that all of us can be proud to be a part of. We have worked hard to continue this great tradition where people from across the country can meet to swap stories, enjoy each other's company, and buy and sell items to further their collections. It is also the 250th anniversary of this great [country](#), as well as the 150th anniversary of Colorado.

This has been a particularly tough year for a lot of us as we have lost many of our friends. That has made me reflect a lot more on the friends I still have and how much I appreciate them. I hope all of us can be thankful for our hobby and how it has given us pleasure over the years. I think we are all attracted to the history behind all of these artifacts and how interesting it is to us. All of us have a little different area of interest, and if you are like me, it is so fun to learn about other areas of collecting, as I like to teach others about my areas of interest. Gun collecting has become quite a scholarly endeavor. We are lucky to have so much knowledge at our fingertips, and it is fun to add to that knowledge by writing books and articles on all sorts of subjects.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers. Without our club members and volunteers, we could not put on this show. I think I can speak for all of our club members when I say we take pride in putting on a great show. Of course, we couldn't have our show without our table holders as well. It takes all of us.

Gun shows and gun collectors have been under a lot of pressure the last few years with all of the legislation aimed at trying to curb gun violence. We know we are not the problem, but it is hard to convince others that don't own or understand guns. It is more important than ever to support one another in this fight to maintain our Second Amendment Rights and we are making a difference! Just this week the Federal DOJ has sued the City and County of Denver over its unlawful ban of Semiautomatic firearms and larger magazines, which are in common use in the rest of the state. We have to fight for our survival in every state, and educate people about "bad gun laws", when they are proposed no matter where they are. The time when we could say "that doesn't apply to me" is now over. We have to "stop the creep" because it is now clear that the anti-gun crowd won't be happy until they have turned us into England!

I hope you will continue to support our club and this show, as we carry on the fight along with others, on behalf of you and me. By getting a table or just visiting our show, you are helping in the fight to protect our gun rights, the freedom we have in America, and our hobby, for each of us as well as our children and grandchildren.

Please let me know if you have any ideas on how to improve our show in the future. We are constantly trying to think of new venues or other changes to make our show better. I hope everyone has a great show!

Rick Wilson

Our next meeting will be May 19, 2026, at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00 PM.
Our program will be "What I Got at Our Show." By Everyone.

Thank you, Clay for the great presentation on "H&R Rising .22 Trainer Development."
This was so informative.

We have received **one new member** application from:

Joseph Johndreau of Chadron, NE. Joe collects S&W, Remington, Vintage ammo.
On Board of Directors of Museum of the Fur Trade and Remington Society of America.

**Hope to see you all in Greeley for our 60th anniversary
show**

CSSA RAFFLE GUN

1873 Saddle Ring Carbine made by Winchester



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

New pictures are on our website.

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My Journey into the H & R .22 Training Rifle

By Clay Timson

My first H & R (Harrington & Richardson) Model 65 came from a friend that bought an estate of guns from Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam. A retired naval officer's estate.

I bought a couple of Remington .22 trainers but didn't know squat about the H & R trainer. I was intrigued by the H&R 65, that came from the Pearl Harbor Retirement Center.

At our 2023 CGCA Show, I bought that H & R model 65. With that first purchase, I found them intriguing. I started researching the history of them.

Then the same friend came up with a sporter 150. So, I bought it.

That set the hook.

In my research I discovered there was a "crème de la" to start looking for.

The USMC MC58 that is the only H & R officially marked as a USMC training rifle.

Only less than 3,500 were produced.

So, I bought a book about the H & R Reising Training Rifle, by David R Abert. The Many Firearm Designs of Eugene Reising.

Later in 2023, I was in a Tanner Gun Show and stopped to visit with a friend. And low and behold, I'm leaning on a MC58.

It took me awhile to get that bought. Which brings me to today and my collection of H & R .22 Semi Auto Rifles.

In 1942 the USMC were going to start getting the M1 Garand to replace the (1903/A3) in the Battlefield.

They had the M1922 training rifle to train troops on bolt action rifles. They had the 1903/03A. They wanted a new training rifle to simulate an M1 Garand.

Harrington & Richardson was already making a gun by Eugene Reising, the full auto model 50. The USMC approached H & R to develop an M1 Garand simulator to train new troops. H & R tasked their head engineer, Eugene Reising with this task. In 1942, Mr. Reising took his model 50, that was in 45 ACP and modified it to shoot .22 rimfire in semiauto. It was to look and handle similar to the M1 Garand. Weight and length, sight picture with a 10-round detachable magazine marked 8 and 10 rounds.

This rifle was tested and accepted as the H & R Reising Model 65 training rifle for the USMC.

The Marine Corps ordered the first 6,000 in 1943. These rifles were marked H & R Reising Model 65.

The Model 65 8 3/4 # rifles were never given any official military markings on the metal or on the wood stocks.

H & R anticipated the war was going longer, which would mean more orders. (Another 6,000). Management took it upon themselves to gear up to make 20,000 model 65's. It is believed that a second order of 6,000 was made but got canceled due to the war ending.

H & R made approximately 19,000 from 1943-1945, but the government only took possession of the first 6,000-gun order. It's unclear how many of the second 6,000 order were accepted. Or how many were ever used as training rifles. H & R got permission to sell off the remaining rifles commercially.

In 1944 H & R management could see the war efforts would be winding down and started looking back at commercial options. Handguns, shotguns and sporting rifles.

Management had the foresight to start advertising their new sporting model guns along with advertising their great war efforts.

Somewhere, with government approval, they started nicknaming the Model 65 as The H & R Model 65, The General.

They started marking the new commercial sporting rifles H & R Leatherneck.

H & R produced about 54,145 guns.

There were 18,489 H & R Model 65 produced. Light Greyed & Parkerized.

There were 11,459 H & R Model 165 produced. Blue Metal.

There were 10,729 H & R Model 150 produced. Blue Metal.

There were 10,171 H & R Model 151 produced. Blue Metal.

There were 3,297 H & R Model MC58 produced. Dark Grey phosphorus-Parkerized.

H & R's first sporting model is marked "Leatherneck" Model 165 - .22 cal Long Rifle only on the barrel. They lightened up the barrel with a ramped front sight and kept the

Redfield #70 receiver sight. They lightened up the stock by using thinner wood with a higher comb, aluminum trigger guard and plastic butt plate. It has the same sling swivels as the Model 65.

From 1945 to 1948 they were made as special orders with serial numbers 1-11,459.

H & R's second sporting rifle, The Model 150 marked on the barrel "Leatherneck" Model 150 - .22 cal Long Rifle Only. It has a Lyman ramped front sight. They moved the rear sight up on the barrel. There is a Marbles adjustable leaf rear sight. The barrel and stock were lightened up with a small amount of checkering at the wrist. The trigger guard is plastic and a plastic butt plate. This gun does not have any sling swivels. They did change up the bolt hold open.

Production on this gun was from 1948-1952 with serial numbers 1-10,729.

H & R's third sporting rifle, The Model 151 marked on the barrel "Leatherneck" Model 151 - .22 cal Long Rifle Only. This has a Marbles ramped front sight. They put the model Redfield 70 rear sight back on the Left side of the receiver. They added back the sling swivels. Otherwise, they were the same as the model 150.

Production on this gun was from 1948-1952 with serial numbers 1-10,171.

1954

In 1954 there was an official name change.

Pre 1954 the barrel markings were "Mfg. By Harrington and Richardson Arms CO"

Post 1954 the barrel markings were "Harrington and Richardson Inc"

A few MC58 had barrel markings U.S. Model-MC58 Harrington & Richardson Inc Magazine markings changed in 1954 also.

The Crème de la USMC MC58

USMC MC58 H & R Model 65 modified

This is marked on the barrel and the receiver Serial # 6,000 -9,300.

In 1957, USMC decided they wanted a new upgraded .22 trainer. The biggest change that they wanted was the safety moved off the right side of the receiver down into the trigger guard like the M1 Garand. They made about 300 rifles marked U.S. MC58 H & R Model 65 modified. Most of these rifles never saw service.

Later surplused out to various departments. Some have decals on them with Department of the Interior Fisheries & Wildlife. Stickers and U-####-s ID. Some were parted out for simulators or used in different projects.

One such project was reported to be used in the 1970's and 1980's by the Nevada National Guard 163rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, in the M60 tank for the 105 mm gun.

I picked up an MC58 that had been sold October 2017 on a CMP Auction as a barrel action missing parts. I bought it a few months ago from the same person that I bought my first MC58 from. I found markings on the Action (charging) bar and on the flat area on the bottom of the barrel. "tay 1635 21 jul 85" I googled that along with the Nevada Guard Information and got this back. "Subcaliber Training Device M60A1 M60A3

US Army and Marine Corps, including National Guard Combat units during the 1980's.

Tay 1635 refers to a 105mm Subcaliber Training Device. 21jul82 indicates the date that it was inspected and designated for that specific use." They had M-16, M2 Browning 50 cal and H & R 65 or MC58's to shoot at miniature Russian tank targets.

There were a few (7) M-14 Full Auto .22's Simulators made. Only one is known left in a museum.

Of the 18,500 model 65. And 3,500 MC58. It's believed less than 10,000 were believed to have been delivered. Most were sold off later in surplus sales through the DCM and CMP sales.

The simulator (Gizmo) guns show up on CMP auctions as bare barrel/ receivers missing parts with extra holes on both sides of the receiver to mount them up into the M60 tank 105mm gun with odd #'s (tay-1635-21jul82) marked on the charging handle and on the flat area on the bottom of the barrel. The stocks and extra parts were surplused out to places like Numrich Arms, Sarco & Jack First; years ago.

All of these sources are drying up.



