



COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

From the President:

The 60th Anniversary show is now in the books. I'm biased, but to my mind it is the best show we have had since we had to leave the Merchandise Mart about 6 years ago. Visitor attendance appears to be about 25% more than last year. I don't know if it was because of the hundreds of thousands of emails we sent out, or our TV advertising, or the Military enactors we had join our show, but it was a welcome improvement in this era of decreasing attendance at many collectors' shows. I can't thank the Colorado state Shooting Association enough for advertising our show and sponsoring a gun raffle in our honor. Our first meeting after the show is usually an extended "show and tell" of what we picked up at the show. We had some great items and good stories presented. I didn't pick up anything at the show, because I was busy being one of the hosts of the show, but when I was on door duty I was amazed at the neat guns walking out the door that I didn't find for myself! I was thrilled that it seemed to be enjoyed by the people in attendance. I didn't get to talk to everyone I wanted to, as usual, but it was still fun to connect with so many people. An extra treat this year was to see the timeline of uniforms from the Revolutionary War up until present.

A few weeks before the show I was contacted by Randy Swan, the Curator and acting Deputy Director for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, just outside of Los Angeles CA. It is the largest and most visited of all the Presidential Library's with visitations of about half a million annually.

One of their rotating exhibits this year is in honor of the 250th Anniversary of our country. Randy (also a past Secretary/Treasurer of our very own CGCA and my brother) wanted to know if I could help him find some firearms associated with the Revolutionary War. I happened to have a British Brown Bess musket from that period in my collection, but we needed a representative "Patriot used" firearm such as a French Charleville musket. I called a few people who I thought might know someone. As luck would have it, long-time Member Bob Moulder suggested I call another longtime member, Warren Selke. The light bulb went on, because I remembered that Warren has displayed his Revolutionary War Kentucky style rifle at our annual show on numerous occasions. It is a Dickert signed rifle carried by John Curry in the Revolutionary War. It is .52 caliber, 59" long, and weights 9 1/2 pounds. Many patriots were armed with contracted imports, captured arms, or previous private purchases, but most probably used their personal hunting rifles just like John Curry.

Curry was born in Lancaster Pennsylvania in 1750. He served with the Patriots from 1776-1778, and Warren has documentation of that. After the war he continued farming along the Allegheny River near Freeport PA. The rifle was carried by his grandson William Andrew Curry from Missouri to Poland OR in the 1880s and has since been passed down in the Curry family until a few years ago when it was offered for sale at a pawn shop in Fort Collins CO. Warren was able to purchase it and subsequently obtained from the great-great granddaughter many letters, photos, bullet molds and other things to document the guns history and ownership. Thanks to Warren, he saved this gun and its history from forever being lost. That is part of what our gun collecting is all about: saving the history! Warren did an amazing piece of work to document this gun's history, and now half a million people will have a better glimpse and understanding into the history of our nation.

Rick Wilson

Our next meeting will be June 16, 2026, at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00 PM.
Our program will be "Colt's pre-war factory target automatics."

By Craig Blancett.

We have received **five new member** applications 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.

Kathy Tourney of Sedalia, CO. Kathy collects Stevens, 9MM, Sig Sauer, Derringers, swords
And knives

Paul N Benson of Keller, TX. Paul collects Marlins, S & W, Colt, Savage, and Browning.

Lonnie Kellog of Hays, KS. Lonnie collects civil war – cold war 5 generations of sevvr military.

Gregory Roes of Colorado Springs, CO. Gregory collects target rimfire, Winchester,
Remington, German

***IF YOU WEREN'T THERE. ...You missed an awesome
show in Greeley for our 60th anniversary***

**Thank you DAVE for an incredible ride as Gun Show
Chairman.**

Dave has managed our Gun Show for 10 years.

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

New pictures are on our website.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Lots of displays and lots of people to look.



Lots to see.



Smith & Wesson Rare Pairs - Mower



Springfield Rifled Carbines – Hunley



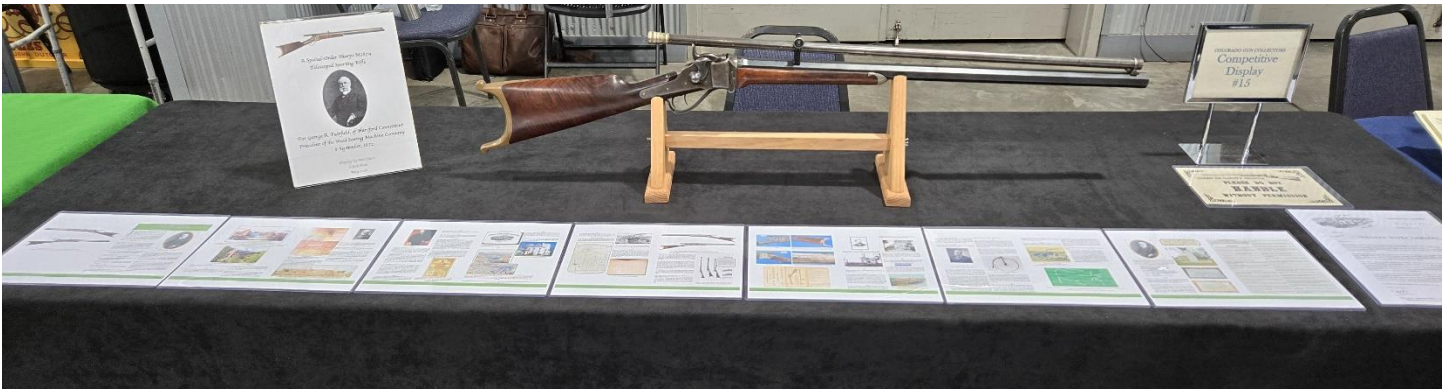
High Standard Pistols – Hooper



E- Remington Sons Cartridge Loading Implements – Quigley



War Baby – Goodwin



Special Order Sharps M1874 – Sears



Marlin .22 Calibre Model 1892 - Regnier