



COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

From the President:

There are some great gun shows left in 2026, but I have switched gears over to my other hobby, hunting. I helped my Cousin's son get a cow elk with his muzzleloader. This old man can still pack an elk quarter out on his back, as long as it is all downhill.

Even though I don't have plans to go to any gun shows this fall, I am still looking for guns. I was recently in a gun store and saw a Walther PP pistol that I had to have. They were frequently carried by German officers in WWII but this one was made in 1971. You might say "so what's the big deal?" Well we had a lecture on WWII Walther PP and PPK's a few months ago, and the speaker also talked about post WWII Walther's as well, including ones used by the police. Because of that lecture, I recognized this as belonging to a German police department. It had the mark of a German State that had been X-ed out (three lions indicating Baden-Württemberg) as well as an inscription on the right side of the slide, "F Stampfli Waffen, Luzern." This turned out to be a gun dealer in Lucern Switzerland that is still in business! Being a member of our club is hazardous to your wallet!

When I accepted the job as president, my goal was to keep the club going as well as make it financial self-sustaining. That has proven to be challenging. Since we lost our show space at the Merchandise Mart, it has been challenging to make enough profit at our show to pay for all of our expenses over the year. One example is our wonderful Christmas/Holiday dinner at the end of the year. We have had discounted prices for years, as a way to give back to the membership but it is no longer budget neutral. I think it is enjoyed by everyone who attends and is a real highlight for many members and their wives. It is a great way to enjoy our camaraderie in a different setting and with our wives as well. These club members are my friends! The dilemma is that we are having to subsidize this event now and everyone in the club is not benefited. It is such an important part of our club for some that we should try to keep it if at all possible.

Rather than raise prices this year, we decided to keep them the same but that we should allow people to make a donation to the club to help defray the cost of what is probably a \$75 meal, if they want to. So if we can use this to keep this tradition alive, I think that would be great. Crazy perhaps, but gun collectors are a very caring group. We will re-evaluate afterwards and see if we need to raise prices or move to another venue. Perhaps we can all meet at **Your House** next year! Your Board of Directors work very hard for this club and this is just one example of the things we wrestle with. Times change and we have to adapt.

Rick Wilson

Thank you to all for bringing items for our “Antique Weapon Extravaganza”, so much fun!!

Our next meeting will be October 20, 2026, at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00 PM.

Our program has not been determined as of this time.

We have lost another club member, Jim Phillipe. Jim was a life member and passed earlier this month. Jim collected Marlins and Winchesters. There will not be any services.

Proposed change to our bylaws. Article VI Board of Directors Section 1 states. The Board of Directors shall consist of the regular elected officers, the immediate past President, Show Chairperson... We would like to change it to: The Board of Directors shall consist of immediate Past President, **or if unable to serve, a former Board member**, Show Chairperson.... We will be voting on this at our general meeting.

It's time to search the closets, attics, and crawl spaces for those items that you no longer need and bring them to our annual auction. **Our auction will be November 17.** Proceeds from our auction go to charity.

We are accepting reservations for our Christmas Dinner. Dinner is on December 5.

We are dining at Maggiano's I25 & Dry Creek from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A reservation form is attached. Seating is limited. We are keeping the prices the same as last year, even though the club is paying a higher rate. If you would like to make an additional donation to cover extra expenses, there is a line on the reservation form. We look forward to seeing you at our dinner.

NEW PRIVATE OPPORTUNITY

FOR SALE: Newly Discovered *E co.No.68* 1847 Colt Walker.

Probably one of the finest, very high condition military Walkers in existence. All properly Matching SN's on brass trigger guard, wedge, butt stock, frame, barrel, and rear of cylinder.

- Published, copyrighted “Metals Fingerprinting” report on Colt Walker *E co. No.68* 1847 Colt Walker by industry scholar Fred Holabird (2026).
- Published article by Fred Holabird, “The American Gun Project” (January 2013).
- Published authentication report on Colt Walker *E co. No.68* by Colt Walker Specialist Steve Winters (Reno, NV, 2025).

In 2023 we notably possessed what we believed was the largest collection of authentic Colt Walkers in the U.S. By 2024 we sold five of these to a prominent collector for display in his museum. This was a private sale.

Considering serious offers.

Respectfully,

Robert Ulbricht 715-772-4992

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

New pictures are on our website.

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Antique Extravaganza

By Rick Wilson

A while back, Darin Carwin, one of our past presidents approached the Board of Directors with an idea. It seems that our meetings have speakers with great lectures and our “Show and Tell” is so popular, that our meetings are now “cramped” for time. He proposed that we have a gathering, either during our meeting time or perhaps on a weekend day to have an “antique show” to display our collections and just be able to talk and discuss what we love.

We thought that was a worthwhile idea and thought we would dedicate our meeting time in September to try out his idea.

For our meeting we had no agenda, no business, and no lecture, just people with their old guns sharing information with their fellow collectors. I would have to say I had a great time and learned a lot. The sad thing was that I talked with several people for 30-45 minutes each, and then the night was over before I got around to a lot of the other tables! I don't know how we will go forward with this idea, but it seemed to be well received and we would like to do it again sometime. We probably had about as many people there as we have for our regular meeting.

Here is a table right out of a Flayderman's Guide! A beautiful Ballard 6 1/2 Rigby along with an array of unusual pistols such as Merwin and Hulbert, Rollin and White, W Marston, Sharps, and many others. This table could be a presentation or three all on its own. Just not enough time!



An assortment of early conceal carry weapons, Merwin Hulbert, Colt's and Chicago Arms Palm Pistol.



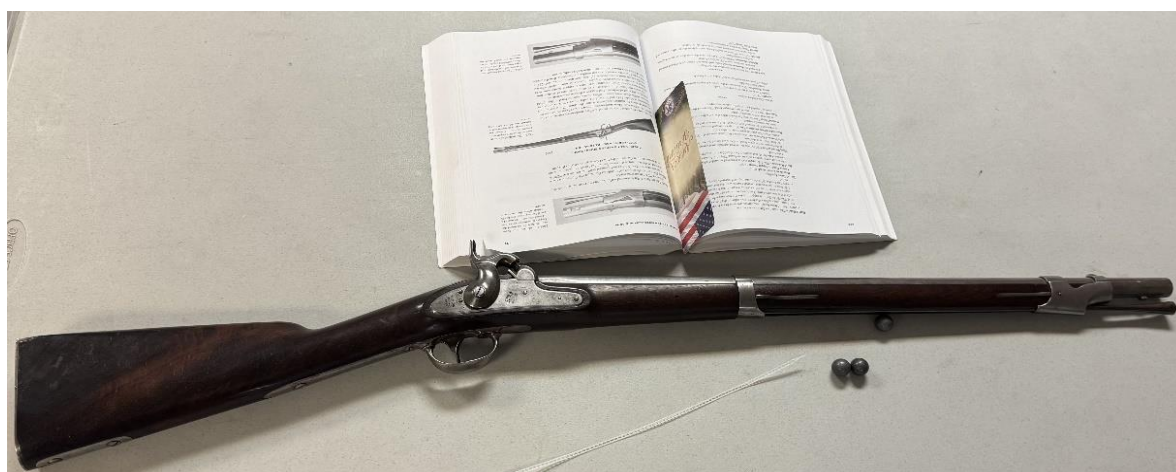
Here is a nice assortment of nickel, imitators and knock offs, of the Smith and Wesson top break Revolver in very nice condition.



Everyone had a nice time looking at "little old ones" as one of our past members used to describe what he collected. We all love the history!



One of our members went all out and made labels and descriptions. It's been awhile since I thought about the Colt patent and the Rollin and White agreement. Very informative!



Here is a rare 1847 Sappers Musketoon made in 1855 with probably a cadet alteration. Notice the iron mountings. This has incredible condition so that you can actually see what the cadets were looking at when they were using these.

CGCA Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Maggiano's Italian Restaurant
7401 S Clinton St
Englewood, CO 80112
I 25 and Dry Creek, Exit 196

Time 3:00 - 6:00pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person member
Cost: \$40.00 per person non-member

The meal will be served family style.

Make check payable to CGCA – mail slip and check NO LATER THAN
NOVEMBER 23rd to:

Cindy Jewell
1164 S Quince Way, Denver, CO 80231-2005

Questions: Craig Blancett: 720/427-2430

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