

# The OHIO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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Next 2 Meetings: March 23 & 24, 2013 and  
May 18 & 19 Annual Display Show, Banquet weekend!  
Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio



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Gun Collectors  
Association  
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Arlen Saunders

Tom Devers

*"President Washington said it best, "A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government."*

**- Thomas V. Devers, OGCA Member and President of  
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**March 23-24 Guest Pass Forms on page 11. MAIL them in to avoid the possibility of a line at the meeting.**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



**OGCA's new President, Jim Tekavec with wife, Barbara.**

At the January 2013 meeting, I happened to meet a union member who was applying for membership. He shared with me his vote in the 2012 election for presidency.

He told me that as a member of a union he "had to vote" for Barack Obama. I was also advised by him that he did believe in the Second Amendment.

I question what he and other individuals fail to understand about the sanctity of the polling booth. It is a secret ballot and no one is with you when you cast your ballot. Therefore, if you voted for Barack Obama, you did so because you either subscribe to his policies or you do not have the intestinal fortitude to make your own decisions.

This is about "us" and not about you. If you voted for Obama, your vote has put our organization in peril. You have the right to voice your opinion again. This time do it more wisely.

Make the right choice and then call the US Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to speak with your senators and your representative to voice your concerns and to urge them to vote against any and all anti-gun legislation. Your calls should include one to Senator Sherrod Brown.

We have over the years awaited each assault on our constitutional right to bear arms.

This is just the latest. We must now and in the future be more assertive of our right to bear arms.

We must conscientiously withdraw our financial support from any corporation, individual, media source or newspaper who continually make a living off of us and use their incomes and influence to bite the hands that feed them. STOP consuming products, going to the movies or watching programs on TV networks that are anti-Second Amendment. Devote your energy and resources to our supporters.

In the past, we have waited for the next assault on our Second Amendment rights and reacted accordingly. We have survived each assault and we will survive this one. However, as the saying goes, the best defense is a good offense.

**"THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS" - THOMAS PAINE**

For the past 2 years during his presidency, Cecil Parker's efficiency and professionalism have resulted in a substantial increase in our membership and significant enhancement of our reputation as the most respected gun collectors' association in the nation and for this we owe him a debt of gratitude.

I welcome the opportunity to follow in his footsteps and those of his predecessors. I know that my leadership will prove to be as successful during these difficult times as long as I have your help and support. Please, everyone, take a minute right now to call your elected officials in Washington.

Jim Tekavec  
President

**Voice opposition to any new gun regulations (202) 224-3121**

The U.S. Capitol switchboard will connect you to your legislator's offices. Take 60 seconds to call NOW and let them know we don't need any new gun regs.

**This is URGENT!**

*Members who regularly attend OGCA meetings who hold an FFL and are willing to do transfers please contact the business office at ogca@ogca.com or (330) 467-5733. Licensed members are needed in and out of Ohio and particularly those from adjoining states.*

## UNITED WE STAND

Happy New Year to all my fellow collectors. As you are aware, unless of course you have been under a large rock, the Second Amendment is under attack like never before. I was recently in DC for meetings with the NRA and let me tell you there was not a lot of smiles.

This will be a long and bloody battle to keep what we so deeply care about. We may lose a battle here or there but I believe we will win the war. Our freedoms are under assault, and, not to sound dramatic, but the current administration wants to crush the NRA and the Second Amendment.

This is not about the thirty round mags that you hear about or the so called assault weapons, it goes much deeper. The President, in his speech two hours after he was re-elected, said to the UN, "Send me the Small Arms Treaty and I will sign it." This treaty would ban many small arms worldwide.

As NRA President, David Keene, said in one of our meetings, "Did you enjoy the last gun show you went to? It may have been your last".

I know that many of you are thinking well, I collect old cap-and-ball Colts or Lever action Winchesters. So I ask you to think about this, if the assault weapons ban goes into effect the air rifle in the NRA National Firearms museum that was used by Louis and Clark will be outlawed because it holds twenty two rounds.

**“This will be a fight in which we must band together and not fracture because that’s exactly what they want, to divide and conquer.”**

If they outlaw thirty round magazines, what will this solve and how would it be controlled? Magazines have no serial numbers and are cheap to make, not to mention that there are millions out there. So, now a mentally disturbed person goes into a school with three ten round mags - what have we accomplished? I believe, as does the NRA, that an im-

mediate solution would be to put armed guards in every school and to address the way we treat the mentally ill.

This will be a fight in which we must band together and not fracture because that’s exactly what they want, to divide and conquer. You may not like black rifles, Rugers, Smith and Wessons, Taurus and old Colts - - but they want them all, one at a time.

This is not to be taken lightly. The NRA is our best defense and without them we won't last long. I would like to think that all of my fellow collectors are proud members of the NRA, but if not, for God's sakes JOIN, and now!

I wish you all the best,



Joe W. Pittenger  
President, Colt Collectors Association  
Past President, OGCA

**JOIN or RENEW your NRA membership by visiting [www.ogca.com](http://www.ogca.com) and clicking "Join NRA". You'll receive a \$10 discount and it benefits the OGCA Civil Rights Defense Fund.**

## ARMED TEACHER PROJECT GETS \$15,000 BOOST BY OGCA AND OGCA CRDF

Americans are determined that massacres such as happened in Connecticut never happen again. The question is "how". And, while Washington fails to consider realistic solutions, there is much positive progress toward protecting children on the state level.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine was one of the first leaders across the nation to indicate he is open to local school boards arming trained teachers, principals and staff as a means of responding quickly to shooting incidents.


One week after the Newtown tragedy, Ohio's Buckeye Firearms Foundation announced the Armed Teacher Training Program. The original intent was to simply offer free in-depth firearm training to 24 teachers to show that teachers could be an effective deterrent to mass murder in schools. After three weeks, they received well over 1,000 requests for this training! While the goal is still the same, the scope of the program has changed significantly and so has its need for funding.

Therefore, at the January 4th meeting of The OGCA Board of Directors a unanimous motion was passed to support The Armed Teacher Project with a donation of \$10,000. Meanwhile, our affiliated OGCA Civil Rights Defense Fund approved a separate donation of \$5,000 for this positive, and proactive program (page 15).

Many say arming teachers simply can't be done. But it is already being done. Ohio law leaves it to each individual school board to set policy regarding allowing certified employees to carry firearms in schools. There are currently armed teachers in schools right now and more school boards are considering it.

There is much hand-wringing on the concept of arming teachers, but the realists understand that if a school has no one on-site who can respond to an active killer, people are going to die until someone can respond. As Wayne LaPierre said, "Nothing can stop a bad guy with a gun except a good guy with a gun."

Attacking firearms and ignoring children is not a solution to the crisis we face as a nation. We invite comment from our many OGCA members who are educators and encourage everyone to read the Q&A section on page 6.



**Armed Teacher Training Program**

[www.BuckeyeFirearms.org](http://www.BuckeyeFirearms.org)

Pins represent a ZIP Code with 1 or more applicants.

**Educators from all over Ohio are applying for training.**

## OGCA-GUNS-PAC-NRA - BY FRANK BECKER

As we are all painfully aware of the unpleasant and dangerous changes taking place in America in the past several years, and we have to carefully focus on reality.

The OGCA PAC calls on every member of our great organization to take heart! Don't throw in the towel! That is not what our brave soldiers fought and died for!

At this point, don't panic-react. Don't turn in your Federal Firearms Licence or close up your hobby otherwise because this is what a totalitarian government wants you to do! That is heading towards Communism - which Russia just threw out as unworkable!

The anti-gun news media refuses to report what can really help with stopping the out of control stupidity among our young people!

For at least two generations, we have taught our young people no discipline, no self-respect, no respect for teachers and others - and that they, the young, can do no wrong! And yes, our younger students know little to nothing of America's real history!

Let a teacher know about the Armed Teacher Training Program. Support the National Rifle Association, it is a great bastion of freedom - join as members! Take a moment to call your elected representatives. The Ohio Gun Collectors Association is likely the world's finest association of people - with their heads and their hearts in the right place!

See you at the show!  
Frank Becker  
Chairman, OGCA PAC

*Frank Becker is a survivor of several communist death camps in Southeastern Europe 1945 -1947. He came to the USA in 1956 from Austria, and served his country in the US Army. A member since 1963, Frank currently serves as OGCA Director, and has been Chairman of PAC for over 5 years.*

## WANTED: ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW PARTICIPANTS

The May Display Show is fast approaching and the packets are ready to mail. Are you ready to display? "Lever Actions and Their Variations" is the theme, but you don't have to fit into the theme to win one of the many great prizes listed below.

The 2013 competition will include three main categories of Exhibitors: Individual (1 or 2) owners; Collaboration of 3+ individuals; and Club/Association. Like last year, Club/Association displays are eligible only for the Best Collector Association Display Award. The Collaboration displays are eligible for the Member's Choice /award, Robert Rubendunst Best Educational Award and the Judge's Choice. All other awards are limited to those displays owned by no more than two individuals.

The three returning judges are Jim Supica, Phil Shreier of The National Firearms Museum and Steve Fjestad of Blue Book of Gun Values. We could not have a better panel! Watch for more information in the May newsletter.

The Display Show Awards will take place at the Member Recognition Banquet, Saturday night, May 18, 2013, at the Manor House in Mason, Ohio.

Please send for the Display Show Packet as soon as possible using the post card enclosed in the January newsletter, or email, write or call the office for

a packet. Deadline for return of display applications is April 1st to be guaranteed a free banquet/bus ticket for each display show table that you purchase. All Display Show applications must be in by April 10th regardless of the banquet form, so that the best possible layout can be provided. After April 10th, banquet/bus tickets are subject to availability.

So request/return your Display Show Application as the May meeting will be here before you know it.

**Calling All Authors!** If you're interested in signing books at the May meeting, contact us at (330) 467-5733 or ogca@ogca.com. Details, including when and where, will depend on the number of authors interested, so please contact us as soon as possible.



**Harrington & Richardson Pre-War Sportsman Revolvers by Sean McCarter was one of many educational displays from last year.**

*Our 2013 Awards include: \$13,200 in cash prizes; including our second year for "Best Collector Association Display Award" \$500; four numbered Minuteman Bronzes valued at over \$3,000 each; plaques; and special participation award for all who enter.*

*First Place Antique \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze*

*First Place Modern \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze*

*First Place Military \$2,000 plus Minuteman Freedom Bronze*

*Second Overall \$1,500*

*Third Overall \$1,000*

*Robert Rubendunst Best Educational Award, \$1,000 plus Minuteman*

*Member's Choice \$850 - by vote of the members present*

*Best 1st Time Displayer \$850*

*Judge's Choice: Antique, Military, Modern, \$500 each*

*Best Collector Association Display \$500 (for Association-sponsored displays only.)*



*The Display Show Awards will be presented the evening of May 18th at the OGCA Banquet at the beautiful Manor House in Mason, Ohio. **Call, write, fax or email to request information on displaying. Phone (330) 467-5733, Fax (330) 467-5793, Email ogca@ogca.com***

## MAY 18TH ANNUAL BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Save the DATE! Saturday May 18, 2013. The Ohio Gun Collectors Annual Member's Recognition Banquet will be held for the second year at the beautiful Manor House in Mason, Ohio. You don't want to miss this year's unique event!

**Bubba's of America**, we are pleased to announce the evening's entertainment - professional comedian T. Bubba Bechtol who has been a delight for NRA Annual Meeting attendees! If you're a Bubba, you already know who he is, but for those of you who are not familiar with this southern comedian's down-to-earth humor and quick wit then you're in for a special treat. T Bubba is not a redneck. He is clean cut guy who went to a junior college, worked in a bank and likes to hunt and fish on the weekends. He is a comedian that keeps it clean so anyone of any age can relate and your whole family will enjoy. Bubba said he has to because his mamma is still alive and he would get a whippin'!

T. Bubba Bechtol, President of *Bubbas of America*, can be heard on over 50 radio stations across the U.S. He has performed on "Music City Tonight" a television program for country music fans as well as regular appearances on the stages of The Grand Ole Opry since 1998.

Banquet tickets go on sale with this mailing and will also be available for sale at the March 23th - 24th meeting if seats remain. Only 500 seats are available



Cocktail hour on the beautiful patio of the Manor House at the 2012 Members Recognition Banquet.

and we do expect to sell out. Banquet tickets are \$35.00 with a reduced price for children. Bus service to and from the Manor House will be offered for an additional \$5.00, but again, there are limited seats. Parking at the banquet facility for those would prefer to drive is free.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and bar service on the patio. Two complimentary bar tickets are included with each banquet ticket. After the cocktail hour you will be served: a delicious salad; petit filet topped with wild mushroom w/bordelaise sauce plus boneless breast of chicken w/champagne sauce; vegetable; potato; dinner rolls; dessert; coffee and tea. There is also a children's option of chicken fingers & fries.

Following dinner we can expect to kick back in the gorgeous plantation-like atmosphere of the Manor House and be entertained southern style by T. Bubba. The evening will be capped off with the 2013 Annual Display Show awards

presentation.

Be sure to order your tickets early! A banquet ticket form can be found enclosed in the envelope of this newsletter. We hope to see you and your family for this gathering of **Bubbas of America**. You might learn a thing or two from his Bubba "code of ethics". In fact, here is one in advance: **"Two men should never share an umbrella unless they are in a football Stadium and it is hailing stones the size of softballs."**

**"We saw Bubba at several NRA Annual Meetings and he is hilarious!"**

T. Bubba Bechtol  
Annual Member  
Recognition Banquet entertainer.  
May 18, 2013  
6 pm - 10 pm  
The Manor House  
Mason, Ohio



### Bubba On Diets:

*"The doctor put me on a diet two months ago. It didn't have much food in it, so I had to go on two diets to get enough to eat."*

### Bubba On Ronald Reagan:

*"Now, Reagan was a Bubba. When Muammar Gaddafi got out of hand, he didn't just bomb his airbase. He bombed his house." "We ain't heard nothing more from Muammar since that day!"*

### Bubba Code of Ethics:

*"A Bubba will never gripe or complain about the brand of beer in another's refrigerator, but he is obligated to complain about the beer if the temperature is unsuitable."*

*"All members are required to vote in every election, even if they vote, "none of the above" ... this is often recommended in national elections."*

*"With everything going on in the gun world it is a good time to kick back, relax and have a laugh."*

**-Joe Criniti, Director,  
2013 Banquet Chairman**

## BUCKEYE FIREARM'S ARMED TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM - Q&A

*This article is for the many hard-working, dedicated teachers and school employees who seek practical ways to protect their school children. We salute our friends at Buckeye Firearms Foundation for sponsoring the Armed Teacher Training Program and are proud to support it along with OGCA CRDF (pgs. 3, 15). The following Q&A can be found at [www.buckeyefirearms.org](http://www.buckeyefirearms.org) and was submitted by volunteer, Mr. Rieck.*

### **Q: What is the Armed Teacher Training Program?**

A: It's a program sponsored by Buckeye Firearms Foundation to provide free first responder training to educational employees. This training will focus primarily on armed response to an "active killer" scenario, but we may also offer additional instruction on medical trauma care, mindset, general school security, etc.

### **Q: How many educators have applied?**

A: As of Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 1,048 educators have completed our questionnaire to apply for training. We are receiving more requests every day. Most are from Ohio, but many requests are from other states.

### **Q: What sort of people are applying?**

A: Based on the current 1,000+ applicants, about 60% are men and 40% are women. More than 70% are teachers, 14% are administrators, and the balance are office staff and other employees. About 85% work in public schools and over 50% work in high schools. There's a fairly even distribution among urban, suburban, and rural schools.

About 55% have moderate to extensive firearm experience, 70% have experience with handguns, and more than 40% already have a license to carry a concealed firearm. A number of these applicants are ex-military and former law enforcement.

### **Q: When is the first class?**

A: We have not yet set a date, but expect to hold the first class in the Spring at Tactical Defense Institute. This isn't ordinary training. It's not a typical "safety" or beginner's class that can be done at any neighborhood shooting range. It's advanced training dealing with active killer scenarios and requires a dynamic range that allows shooting on the move, force-on-force, live-fire houses, and outdoor training. So we're holding off for better weather.

### **Q: How will the Foundation select who gets training?**

A: For the first class, we'll select a wide va-

riety of educators, including teachers, administrators, and other staff members. We'll also consider different skill and experience levels in order to test the curriculum. This will help us gauge the effectiveness and limits of the training so we can make adjustments before offering the training more widely.

The only requirements at this point are that all applicants must be employed as an educator and have a valid Concealed Handgun License (CHL) in the state where they work.

### **Q: What if someone does not have a CHL?**

A: Federal law requires a CHL or equivalent to possess a firearm in a school. We will work with applicants who need this license and help them find classes close to them. This training can be done at any time during the year.

### **Q: Can you guarantee that armed teachers will stop a mass murder?**

A: No. Even a full SWAT team can't guarantee absolute safety in any given school. What we can guarantee is that if a school has no one on-site who can respond to an active killer threat, people are going to die until someone can respond. Dozens of people can be killed in just 5 or 10 minutes. So fast response is essential.

### **Q: What will the training include?**

A: Applicants will have already covered basic firearm safety and marksmanship during the training for their Concealed Handgun License. Therefore, our training will be on a more advanced level and will focus specifically on how to effectively respond to "active killer" scenarios in a school environment. In addition to firearm techniques, our training will also cover other skill sets, including medical trauma care, which is critical to saving lives in mass killing situations.

### **Q: Will this be police training?**

A: No. Police have very complicated jobs and receive training on the law, evidence gathering, paperwork, trial preparation, and many other topics that teachers do not need to know. Our training will deal with a highly focused skill set and go beyond state law enforcement requirements for dealing with active killers. And it will be tailored specifically for teachers in school situations.

### **Q: Will all schools be required to have armed teachers?**

A: No. The vast majority of teachers did not sign up to carry guns and have no interest

in doing so. But for volunteers who have the motivation, skills, and training, and who want to provide a critical layer of security for their school, we need to give them the tools to stop "active killers" as fast as possible.

### **Q: Can you legally have a gun in school?**

A: In general, schools in Ohio are "gun-free" zones by law. However, the Ohio Revised Code, specifically 2923.122, allows a board of education to authorize employees who are otherwise allowed to own and carry firearms to carry those firearms in their schools.

### **Q: Will boards of education give their approval?**

A: Some will. Some won't. What might surprise you is that there are armed teachers in schools right now. And more and more are considering it every day. Many of our applicants have told us they already have permission. As you read this, meetings are taking place all over Ohio and in many other states where the topic is "Should we consider allowing our teachers and other personnel to carry firearms at school?"

### **Q: Who will pay for this training?**

A: Buckeye Firearms Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, has committed to fund the pilot class, which will accept 24 students. And we are already talking to a wide variety of donors and corporations to help us fund the program going forward. At about \$1,000 per applicant (including class and range time, ammunition, and lodging), we'll need at least \$1 million just to fund training for the applicants we have now. You can help by making a tax-deductible donation to our Foundation at [www.buckeyefirearms.org](http://www.buckeyefirearms.org).

### **Q: What happens after the first class?**

A: We'll evaluate the training, make any necessary adjustments, and begin rolling out the training program to other locations around Ohio. We'll also share our curriculum with interested parties in other states who wish to start a similar program.

### **Q: How can you apply for training?**

A: If you are a teacher or school official, visit [www.buckeyefirearms.org](http://www.buckeyefirearms.org) and follow the link or go directly to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/y2NB9PX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/y2NB9PX) to complete a questionnaire for consideration.

## CONSTITUTION CHANGE TO BE VOTED ON AT MARCH MEETING

*The Board of Directors will call for a vote of the membership at approximately 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 23rd on a change to the Constitution. Please read the paragraphs below. The change has to do with Director Eligibility and Election Procedures. If you need a copy of the OGCA Bylaw Book/Constitution, please contact the Business Office.*

### OGCA Constitution ARTICLE VI Elections (Amended 05/17/03)

1. Directors shall be nominated, and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the membership or by balloting conducted by U.S. Mail prior to the Annual Meeting if so ordered by a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Directors. Each director elected shall assume office immediately following announcement of the results of the election. Directors shall serve for a term of three years, except that the terms of those directors thereafter elected officers shall be co-extensive with the term of the position as officer to which elected. Directors shall be eligible for reelection.
2. Vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by election to the position of any officer, by resignation, by removal, or for any other cause, may be filled by election by the Board of Directors. The election of a Director by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the vacancy.
3. No more than one member per family shall be permitted to serve as a member of the Board of Directors at any time. Family shall include a member and such member's spouse, parents, step-parents, children (whether natural born or adopted), stepchildren, and brothers and sisters, or in-laws.

### OGCA Constitution ARTICLE VI -- Elections (Proposed)

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4. Director Eligibility and Election Procedures are detailed in OGCA By-Laws Article IV.

## YOUR OGCA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



**Standing from Left to Right: Director, Tom Bowersox; 1st Vice President, Robert Ray Preston; Secretary, Cecil B. Parker; President, Jim Tekavec; Director, Fred L. Kolb; Director, Frank Kern; 2nd Vice, President Charles Rush; Director, Terrie L. Hill; Director, Ralf J. Eyster; Director, Joe Criniti. Sitting from Left to Right: Director, Sherman M. Kirkland, III; Treasurer, Tom Kyser; Director, Charles D. Metcalf; and Director, Frank Becker, Jr.**

## GUN CONTROL IN GREAT BRITAIN - BY IAN JACKSON

*Ian Jackson is an engineer and gun maker from England. He worked for over 20 years for the British military on everything from small arms to armoured fighting vehicles. A member of the BHG (Black Hand Gang), he can be found at the hand-basin with a favorite muzzle loading shotgun propped nearby. Despite all the red tape, Mr. Jackson still manages to shoot nitro loaded guns and rifles, as well as BP powered ones! We hope to host Mr. Jackson at an upcoming OGCA meeting and appreciate his insight on the consequences of gun control. America is not alone facing horrific massacres. Great Britain, for example, suffered mass shootings in the 1980s and 1990s. Britain had very stringent gun laws when they occurred, and they decided that even stricter control of guns was the answer. Within a decade of their handgun ban and the confiscation of handguns from registered owners, crime with handguns had doubled. Strict gun laws have not made their people noticeably safer, nor have they prevented massacres.*

By 1919 Great Britain had demobilised several million soldiers, who had all returned home to a land that was very much NOT 'fit for heroes'. The Great War had totally changed the perception of the majority of British people, and their old time deference to the upper echelons of society, and there was much social unrest as a result. The aristocracy, large landowners and those in power, were very mindful of the events in Russia during 1917, and the fact that there were literally millions of returning men who had been specifically trained to shoot, bayonet, blow up and generally kill people for over four years, who were not especially content with what they found when they came home. Restricting access to firearms was therefore thought prudent, and by 1921 the Firearms Act was firmly in place and formed the bedrock upon which all subsequent legislation has been formulated. The turbulence of the 20's and 30's added to the paranoia, and produced the full scale enactment of registration and certification of all rifled arms, via the 1937 Firearms Act.

Shotguns were not considered as being anywhere near as dangerous as rifles and handguns, so they were largely left alone until 1968, when shotgun certification reared its ugly head.

As a consequence of rifled firearms being certificated for so long, it was pretty much the norm when I started shooting 50 years ago. Air rifles and shotguns were my poison in those days, and the local rabbits and pigeons were the recipients of pellets from both. Once a year I dutifully went down to the local post office and paid ten shillings (80 cents) for my gun license, and that was it. When I could afford it, I was able to buy and sell any shotgun I had a mind to. Rifled arms did not figure in my needs at that time, as the use of rifles has always been a very restricted activity within GB, as the creatures on any land have always been the property of the landowner. Access was always by invitation, or payment, and therefore usually out of reach for poverty stricken young men.

Target shooting was available, and membership of a recognized club was 'good

reason' for requesting permission to obtain a rifle or handgun. Forms were/are required, indicating what calibre, sort and type of firearm was wanted, and how much ammunition was desired. A fee had to be paid, the police checked you out, and then visited your home to see where you were going to safely secure the desired item. If



they thought you were 'suitable' a certificate would be issued, which would allow the purchase and use of that particular item. Any alteration, transfer, or addition to the number of firearms, or ammunition required, necessitated a repeat of the process, so a 'variation' could be placed upon the certificate. This document had to be renewed at regular intervals, and the police could, and often did, take the opportunity of re-visiting your home, and would even go to the extreme of counting how many rounds of ammunition were in your possession - to verify that you were not in breach of your permitted quota(s). A few too many .22 rf and your certificate could be instantly revoked, and criminal charges laid.

Depending on where you lived, would determine the police area and as a result their attitude could be harsh or reasonable, depending on how 'anti-gun' the Chief Constable might be. Whilst the law is supposed to be the same throughout the entire country, every single one of the 52 police areas could and do/did interpret the law to suit their own ideas. The only way of objecting to fanciful police interpretations, is to go to court, at horrendous expense, and challenge the Chief Constable. If you win, the police will then make life extremely difficult for you, and will ensure that proce-

dures are followed to the letter, from then on.

Should you wish to enter another discipline that might require a different firearm, a fresh application has to be made, another fee paid, and a 'good reason' advanced for the addition. If the calibre is the same as the firearm already held, said reason had better be a good one! If the number of firearms being held exceeds what is considered as 'reasonable' by many Chief Constables, they often insist on burglar alarms being fitted throughout the house, and in some cases even being connected to the local police station, to ensure that the 'safe security' aspect is being observed to their satisfaction. Regardless of how few firearms might be held, an approved and inspected gun safe is an absolute minimum requirement.

Bulleted ammunition also requires full security, and may only be purchased in small quantities - stockpiling isn't an option, as there is always a maximum quantity clause on the certificate. Reloaders need to be careful that they don't load too many cartridges, as the strictures of the certificate apply equally to home-made ammunition, as they do to purchased factory ammunition. Primers are also proscribed, and soft pointed ammunition, or even bullets, may only be held, or purchased, if a special dispensation is allowed, via the certificate. Unless sporting use is notated, for deer or vermin, such a dispensation will not be granted and only FMJ projectiles may be used on authorised ranges.

Rifles may only be single shot, or bolt action, as self loaders and pumps are prohibited - unless they are .22rf.

Modern handguns simply no longer exist in the majority of GB, as the politicians and policemen of the day took advantage of the horrendous murders of children, by a maniac, at Dunblane in Scotland in 1996, to outlaw handguns, and they were all removed from private hands as a result - except somewhat oddly, in Northern Ireland. Prior to this legislation pistols and

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revolvers were as difficult to obtain as rifles, but were ONLY ever allowed to be shot on ranges. There was never any provision for the sporting use of handguns, as legislation relating to the muzzle energy of cartridges suitable for deer excludes anything except a hand cannon.

The Act relating to deer also made a mockery of common sense, when it excluded well known cartridges such as the factory loaded 160 grain 6.5x54mm Mannlicher-Schoenauer, 173 grain 7x57 Mauser, and 174 grain .303 cartridges - but only in Scotland! They were not 'powerful' enough, as they did not exceed a muzzle velocity of 2450 fps! Cartridges that do not exceed a muzzle energy of 1750 ft. lb. in Scotland, or 1700 ft. lb. in England are also forbidden.

Even air rifles and pistols have to have specific energy outputs of 12 ft. lb. or 6 ft. lb. respectively, or they are no longer just air weapons, but are considered as 'especially dangerous' and have to be held on a full blown firearms certificate, with all of the

problems and expense that that can produce.

Shotguns have to have all of their movements recorded, when bought or sold, and they to have to be kept securely locked away. Certificates have to be renewed every 5 years, and you'd better not buy or sell too many, as the police will probably accuse you of 'dealing illegally', and that will see the certificate revoked.

Don't get into ANY sort of trouble with the police, as it is now very common for them to revoke any and all firearms and shotgun certificates as a matter of course - regardless of what that trouble might have been.

So, in conclusion, you cannot have ANY modern rifled or smoothbore longarms without due authorisation. Ammunition, and reloading components are restricted, and may only be purchased with the relevant certificates.

Firearms may only be carried pursuant to their use, and cannot be used for the protection of hearth and home in any circumstances.

## REMEMBERED



**David L. Bailey**, life member and 40 year member of OGCA passed away April 13, 2012. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA, a member of the Hocking Valley Sportsman Club and the American Truck Historical Society. He was an

independent truck driver making long distance hauls and later was licensed by the U.S.D.A. to administer drug and alcohol testing for the trucking companies.

**J.W. Gibson**, OGCA member since 1986, passed away May 12, 2012. He really enjoyed coming to the meetings with his son, Johnny Lynn Gibson who is also a member of OGCA.



**Harry E. Grundwald**, 40 year member, passed away September 22, 2012. He worked in the Electrical industry for over 52 years receiving an Edison Award from the Greater Cincinnati Electrical Assoc. in addition to serving as President from 1991-1993. He was very involved in showing Morgan Horses for many years, serving as President/Director for the Regional Show.

**Dan G. Hunt**, life member and member for 43

years, passed away on November 7, 2012. He was also a life member of the NRA, a member of the black Hawk Rifle Club and also the Annie Oakley Rifle Club. He had been an avid buyer and seller of all styles of firearms and paraphernalia for more than

40 years and was an excellent gunsmith. His collecting interests included .22 caliber target rifles, sights and scopes along with all types of Winchesters. Dan was also co-owner and builder of H-P Sight, a precision rear sight for competitive rifle shooting. Dan leaves his widow Hattie (Vanata), a daughter, Michele Cook, son Chris Hunt, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**Robert Lankford Jarrell, Sr.**, life member and member since 1989 passed away December 3, 2012. Robert retired from the Air Force and Air Force Reserves after serving 37 years. He was also retired from General Motors after 35 years. He served on the Verona, Ohio Police Dept, Chief of the Gratis Police Dept. and then retired as Chief of the New Paris, Ohio, Police Dept. Robert was an avid gun collector and motorcycle enthusiast who lived his life to the fullest every day.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of all members who have recently passed away.



**Tom Kyser, Bob Wos, Justice Sharon Kennedy and Frank Becker at the Oath of Office Ceremony for Justice Kennedy.**

## Jan. Meeting Stats

A very special THANKS to our members for a fantastic January meeting. We welcomed 1,152 guests; we voted in 644 new members; we saw 760 tables; and an incredible 390 applied for membership. 4th highest on record. Please review the Applicant list.



**Keeping the shooting sports alive for the next generation is the goal of volunteers and junior shooters of South Cuyahoga Sportsman's Association. We are proud to support them!**



**Frank Becker, Linda Walker, Jim Irvine and Bob Wos at a recent event. Together they represent about 5 million pro-freedom individuals!**

## THE GUN QUIZ (FOR THE FUN OF IT) - BY BILL WEIDEMANN © Copyright 2013 OGCA

The collective gun knowledge of the OGCA membership would french fry any computer chip ever designed to imitate the human memory. No database could ever stand in the place of our freedom of assembly, our good fellowship, or the unsurpassed array of firearms on display at every meeting! Are we up for some gun trivia?

### The Questions

1. Who (actually!) made a lever action, SINGLE SHOT, .22 caliber carbine as a regular production item? We can only speculate as to the "Why."
2. Ever hear the term "turn – off pistol?" Me neither. Whatizzit?
3. One question leads to another. Found out about the Charles Bronson movie pistol. It is rarely encountered, almost extinct, and has the look of a Colt 1911 on steroids. Name please.
4. One hunting question: Can crows count to four?
5. Obscurity from World War II. What is the origin of the name "Sten" as in Sten Gun?
6. In 1956, by U.S. Mail, you could buy a "Genuine German Walther P-38" from (!) a dealer in the state of California. How much?

### The Answers

1. Oh, dear, lthacal! The Model 49 (94 backwards – get it?) "Saddlegun" was made from 1961 to 1976. A "revised" Model 49R (1968) featured a 15 round tubular magazine. What a snazzy ideal term dates to the 19th century and this, probably, is the only time anyone ever wrote it down.
2. In general terms, it is any revolver that has a removable barrel, so that's all of 'em that aren't welded in place. This Ta Dai! "The Wildley Auto Pistol," an all stainless semi-auto with barrels out to 14 inches. From the side view, it has that "1911" look, with a ventilated barrel in front of a huge breech area. It is gas operated with a 3 lug rotary bolt, and came out in calibers up to .45 Win Mag. A serious piece of work – a 5 inch barrel model weighs over 64 ounces loaded. A great "movie gun" with lotsa bling.
3. NO! A Michigan crow hunter of our acquaintance tells the story.....During winter, the flocks would roost in a deep stand of pine trees. Four hunters would enter the pines, and the birds would scatter. After a while, THREE hunters would walk out into the open and return to their blinds. The crows would soon return to the piney roost. BLAMI!
4. The first two letters are from the gun's designers, Messrs. Shepard (S) and Turpin (T). The last two are from the factory's location, Enfield (EN). STEN! British efficiency!
5. All of \$39.80 each, which included postage to your door! From Sports Afield Magazine, October 1956, page 22. It was less complicated world, eh?



## DUES REMINDER

**Members:** if you received this newsletter, your dues are current - Thank you. Please remind your friends to pay their dues by mailing a check with their member number in the memo to: OGCA, P.O. Box 670406, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.

**1-year dues:** \$35  
**1-year Active Duty Military: Free**  
 (Enclose rank, branch, duty station)

**3-year dues:** \$90  
**5-year dues:** \$145  
**Life Membership:** \$600  
**Sr. Life (65 yrs.+):** \$300  
 (Enclose proof of age.)

If payment is not received by March 31st, the name of the non-paying member will be purged from the file and can be reinstated only by paying a minimum of 3 years dues by December 31st, 2013. **Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.**

## 2013 OGCA DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

Members who are dedicated to the preservation of our 2nd Amendment rights and to the continuation of our hobby and who wish to seek nomination as an OGCA director may do so by picking up an application and an informational packet at the tables of 1st Vice President Robert Ray Preston (row H, orange flag) during the March meeting. An applicant must be a member for at least five years and a resident of the State of Ohio. The Directors term is for three years. Three directorships will be voted on in November 2013 by our members. All completed applications with all supporting documents must be returned to Robert Ray no later than the end of the May meeting.

## OGCA CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND

The Trustees of the OGCA Civil Rights Fund, consisting of Ron Clark, Frank Kern, and Gen. Charles Metcalf (Ret), have pledged \$5,000 to the Buckeye Firearms Foundation in support of their initiative to train selected individuals to carry firearms in schools. The Trustees believe

that this is the beginning of true safety for students.

According to the Buckeye Firearms Foundation, this amount of money should cover the expenses for five individuals.

- OGCA Civil Rights Defense Fund



Once again OGCA members made possible a donation of \$1,000 to the Woods and Waters Presidents Scholarship Foundation to fund merit-based college scholarships in forestry and wildlife management. Joe DiGiacomo, Jr., of Woods and Waters (left) with OGCA First Vice President Robert Ray Preston at the January meeting.



RMEF volunteers in the lobby of the January meeting in Wilmington, Ohio.

## MEETING DATES

March 23-24, 2013 - Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio  
 May 18-19, 2013 - Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio  
 July 20-21, 2013 - Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio  
 Sept. 21-22, 2013 - Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio  
 October 12-13, 2013 - I-X Center, **Cleveland**, Ohio  
 Nov. 16-17, 2013 - Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio

May is the Annual Display Show and Banquet weekend.

November is the Annual Meeting and Director Elections.

## MEETING DATES

Upcoming meetings are listed on the below and at [www.ogca.com/shows](http://www.ogca.com/shows).

## HOURS

Sat., 8 AM - 5 PM • Sun., 8 AM - 2 PM  
**Don't forget we close at 2 PM on Sunday!**  
 Set-up (Tableholders) Friday, 3 PM - 9 PM and 1/2 hour early Sat. and Sun.

## DIRECTIONS THE ROBERTS CENTRE

123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177 (800) 654-7038. Roberts Centre is located at I-71, Exit 50 (U.S. Route 68) and is north of and visible from the interstate. **From Cleveland or Columbus** take I-71 South. Take the US 68 exit, exit 50. Turn right onto US 68 and right onto Gano Road. Hall is on the left. **From Cincinnati** take I-71 North. Take the US 68 exit, exit 50. Turn left onto US 68. Turn right onto Gano Road. Roberts Centre is on the left. **From Toledo** take I-75 South. Take the US-35 exit number 52B. Merge onto US 35 East. Take the US 68/Home Ave. exit towards Wilmington. Turn right onto US 68. Turn left onto Gano Road. Roberts Centre is on the left. **From Dayton** take US 35 East, take US Route 68 S (Home Ave.) toward Wilmington, turn right onto US 68, turn left onto Gano Road, Roberts Centre is on the left.

## HOTELS THE ROBERTS CENTRE

- 1) Headquarters Hotel: Holiday Inn at Roberts Centre** 123 Gano Road., Wilmington, OH 45177 (937) 283-3200 or (800) 654-7036 \$92 + tax. Check in 3 PM. **SOLD OUT** 24-hour cancellation. Two-night minimum.
- 2) General Denver Hotel** (6 mi) 81 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH. \$85 + tax but present OGCA badge for \$10 discount. Historic Inn (937) 383-4141.
- 3) Wilmington Inn** 909 Fife Ave., Wilmington, OH (937) 382-6000 (7 mi.) \$55 + tax, good thru 2011
- 4) Hampton Inn & Suites** 201 Holiday Dr., Wilmington. (937) 382-4400 (7 mi) \$89 + tax.
- 5) Holiday Inn Express** 155 Holiday Dr., Wilmington (937) 382-5858 (7 mi) \$86 + tax
- 6) Hampton Inn WCH** 11484 Allen Rd., NW, Jeffersonville. (740) 948-9499 (15 mi.) I-71 at Exit 65. South outlet mall. \$80 + tax.
- 7) Baymont Inn & Suites** 11431 Allen Rd. NW, Jeffersonville, OH 43128 (740) 948-2104 (15 mi). I-71 Exit 65. South outlet mall. \$69 + tax
- 8) Econo Lodge** 9060 West Lancaster Rd., Jeffersonville, OH 43128 (740) 948-2332 (15 mi.) single \$52 + tax, double \$54 + tax.
- 9) Quality Inn WCH** 10160 Carr Rd. NW, Jeffersonville, OH 43128. (740) 426-6400 (19 mi.) North outlet mall. I-71 Exit 69. \$54 + tax.
- 10) Holiday Inn Express WCH** (26 mi.) 101 Courthouse Parkway, Washington Court House, OH 43160. \$80 + tax. **Opened July 2010;** (740) 335-9310. Approximately 11 miles from I-71 at exit 65 (US 35).

## The German Gun Collectors Association

*On the front cover: German Gun Collectors Association President, Tom Devers and Treasurer, Arlen Saunders holding a couple three-barrel guns from "The Glorious German Drillings" at our 2012 Annual Display Show.*

OGCA would like to welcome in advance each and every member of the German Gun Collectors Association this May 18-19 when they will hold their annual meeting within our meeting.



In addition, GGCA will compete in the Best Collector Association Display category for the 2013 Annual Display Show. This year the group is building a display of fine German shotgun-rifle combination guns. They encourage other collector clubs to compete in the "Association" category which debuted last year.

The GGCA was founded in 1998 with the vision to preserve the history of German hunting and sporting guns and their makers for current and future generations. Their members collect and share information on Germanic guns, from the earliest to modern hunting and sporting guns, as well as information about the rich heritage of the German hunting and shooting tradition. Many GGCA members are also members of OGCA and can be found browsing the hall throughout the year in traditional German caps.

For more information on GGCA visit their website: [www.germanguns.com](http://www.germanguns.com) or stop by Tom Devers (A 5-6) or Arlen Saunders (FF 3) tables at any OGCA meeting. Both are longtime members of the OGCA.



## IMPORTANT!! READ!!

Vehicles in fire lanes will be towed at the owner's expense. This includes the Friday 3 PM - 9 PM set up time! Tableholders must unload and promptly remove your vehicle. Leave your car parked in a fire lane or illegally blocking someone and EXPECT to be towed.

**If you have not sent in for March table rental, be sure to do so ASAP as we expect to sell out.**

Applications for an Ohio Transient Vendor's License is available at the Tables Desk in the lobby and by request to the Business Office.

The OGCA registration desks including Guest Passes, Dues, Applications, Table Rental and Member Services will be located in the conference room to the right of the foyer as you enter The Roberts Centre.

**You cannot sign a Membership Application for a friend until you have been a member in good standing for one full year.**

The March meeting is the "BIG ONE" and we are expecting a particularly huge crowd on March 23-24. Please MAIL in your guest passes whenever possible to avoid the possibility of a line. We processed over 1,088 guest passes on site in January and only 64 in advance via mail. Those who did it via mail were able to stroll right on in!

Never sign a guest pass or application for someone you do not know.

**Cameras and recording devices are prohibited without the permission of the president.**

OGCA will be taking occasional photos for promotional and informational purposes especially at the May meeting, display show and banquet. If you have any questions or concerns, call the business office today.

**Last chance to pre-order, *The First 75 Years; A History of The Ohio Gun Collectors Association* by Thomas D. Schiffer, intro by Philip Schreier.** Order form enclosed in this mailing. If you plan on buying a copy of the excellent coffee-table quality book, please do so now. You will save \$, benefit OGCA PAC, and we will have an accurate count with the printer and avoid storage costs.

## SAFETY REMINDERS FROM THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Every firearm accident is avoidable and we intend to avoid them. For everyone's safety, if you bring a loaded gun into the building you will be escorted out of the meeting and your membership will be reviewed by the Screening and Enforcement Committee.

- **Unload, deactivate and inspect all guns before you leave home.**
- **All firearms brought to the meeting hall by members must be presented at the Gun Tie Desk at the entrance to be rechecked and retied with an OGCA-Approved tie. Gun ties are 20 for a dollar or \$.05 each and will not be denied if you do not have the change.**
- **Clips and magazines must be removed prior to entering hall.**
- **During a meeting and while on the premises, no person shall possess any loaded or primed firearm or air gun.**
- **Tableholders must deactivate, inspect and tie all cartridge firearms prior to the firearms being displayed, offered for sale or trade and prior to leaving them on a trade table.**
- **If a firearm is taken out of the hall and returns it must be REINSPECTED and RETIED at the Gun Tie Desk.**
- **Anyone caught dealing in the parking lot will be suspended.**

*When you get ready to go, make sure you know there is nothing loaded in that firearm!* Our security guards and volunteers in charge of enforcement have the toughest, most thankless job in the hall. Give them your full cooperation and appreciation for helping to ensure our safety and show quality. **Violation of any safety rule can result in suspension or termination. Do not risk your membership. "Loaded in...and you're out."**