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President's Message #8.....*Bruce Foster*



I have been reminded by our MOST competent Executive Secretary that this will be my last required president's message. All in all this task has been a rewarding experience.

As this column is written it is early November 2013. We, in the Black Hills have endured a blizzard of epic proportions in early October. I am told it has been named storm Atlas. The Mitchell DTGCA show is recent history. While attending I felt that the number of out of state pheasant hunters was less than past years. I noted the motel where I was staying still had vacancies, an event unheard of in years past. I felt that numbers at the Mitchell show might have been a bit less but will let Bob Campbell's report give us facts as opposed to my impressions.

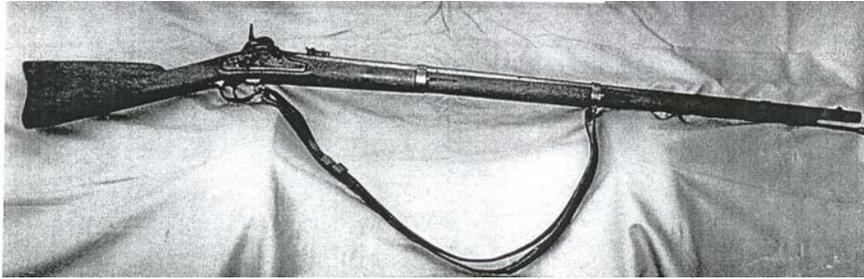
Also under past but recent history I enjoyed opening weekend of pheasant hunting even though I failed to bring home a bird. On Saturday my hunting partner got one and I missed a couple of shots. Sunday found 2 of us not firing a shot. In gumbo country I was wearing rubber boots which enlarged by several widths. Even more recently I

hunted with just me and my Brittany, Lucy for 3 days in the Moberge area. Winds on Thursday ranged from 30-45 mph and seemed more intense on Friday. Finally on Saturday the winds quit and a beautiful day found Lucy and I collecting a limit in a couple of hours. The first two days found what few birds we saw both out of range and obtaining speeds of 80 mph or so it seemed. All of this was a great time and experience for an old man and his faithful mutt. One of the reasons I love the Dakotas. These experiences and most especially the camaraderie of fellow DTGCA members enhances my life more than any man should experience. I am appreciative.

It has been another good year as your president. DTGCA has seen continued membership growth. The association continues supporting gun rights, gun show rights, and the shooting and collecting sports. We, as any organization continue to experience rising costs of rent for show space, transportation costs, and other requirements for the organization. It is apparent that the shows continue due to venter and member dedication to the wish for collecting firearms and association with other members of like interest. As I continue to gain knowledge of other state organizations I am humbled at how well this unique two state organization does. All of us find collective material less available each year. I will continue to promote the concept of seminars at shows dedicated to disseminating information of specific firearms. I cannot help but believe that there is interest and a need for such seminars for youth and older members as well. Many of our vendors are experts in areas of specific knowledge. I firmly believe that DTGCA needs to promote collecting, displaying, as well as the promotion of selling material in general. For the long run I think it is mandatory that DTGCA expand in this way. I have seen too many shows fall by the wayside when that is not the case. This is true of both the small shows as well as larger ones. Two examples of the necessity of promoting collecting can be seen at the Colorado May show where around 40-50 displays and a total emphasis on collectible material is required and also at the Wannamaker shows in Tulsa. I will also support and promote our newsletter and would hope that it as well as our web site expand a bit to include more information from membership on special collections and firearms.

As I have reviewed information disseminated in the past I believe your board and those promoting this can be proud. We have come a long way from 1962. Currently it appears that our nations leaders have lost focus on demanding even more regulation on firearms and related issues. I think we can thank NRA for a lot of this. Many of our leaders are only too interested in continued election and can see that the public has no use for further legislation. We need to continue to be vocal and vigilant as history says that they have not departed.

HOLDING A PIECE OF HISTORY by Glenn O. Dietz, Granite Falls, MN



Pvt. Ruck's Springfield Mod 1861, 58 Cal. Made in 1863 by Wm. Muis & CO. Windsor Locks, CT. One of 30,000 made by this contractor

My grandfather August Rucks fought in the Civil War. He was with Comp. G, 4th Reg. MN. Inf. Vol. 1864 & 1865. July 17, 1864 Pvt. Rucks transferred from Fort Snelling, MN to Allatoona, GA. He was in the Battle of Allatoona Pass, a furious battle, seldom equaled and never surpassed. In this battle a bullet or piece of shrapnel went threw his trouser pant leg. The 4th MN captured the colors of the 35th & 39th Miss. Regs. The 4th MN. joined with Gen. Sherman's army on their march to the sea, near Savannah. The 4th MN & Pvt. Ruck's Comp. G, as part of Gen. Sherman's Army, campaigned throughout Georgia and the Carolina's. My Grandfather had another close call in the Battle of Bentonville. He had to cross an open field of fire under sharpshooters fire and saved his life by holding a piece of railway tie in front of him as he ran. When he felt safe he looked & found a Minnie ball had hit his make shift shield. As the war was ending the 4th MN. and other armies, marched to Richmond, VA. They marched on to Washington. There they marched down Penn. Ave. in front of the White House & Capital on May 24, 1865 in the Victorious Grand Review. On May 24th my grandfather marched with the 1st Brig., 1st Div. 15th Corps. in the lead col. of Gen. Grants Grand Army of 65,000 battle hardened Vets. The review lasted 6 1/2 hours. The Corps. had marched nearly 2000 miles through hostile country.

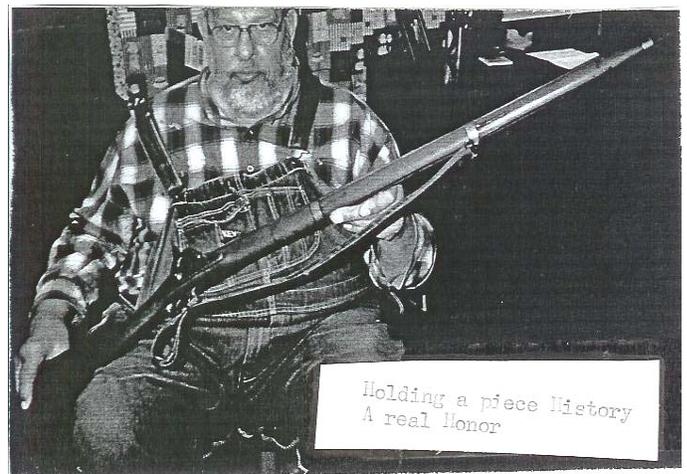
Pvt. Rucks arrived at St. Paul on July 24th and was Honorably discharged on Aug. 5th, 1865. He was paid in full for his service. He was allowed to keep his musket, ammo, uniform, haversack, rations & bed roll. He walked from Fort Snelling to Green Isle, MN & home. At that time there was hostile Indians around & his musket gave him some comfort on the way home. I had heard a lot about this musket & finally after some hunting I found who had it and where. He is a relative and after writing him an getting an OK, I was allowed to come and see and hold the musket. What a great feeling it was to be able to hold my grandfathers musket and a great piece of history. There was a bayonet with the musket but Grandfather had buried it. He didn't want it around. I would guess because he had probably killed more men with it then he shot, and couldn't bare to look at it. He didn't let any one else see him bury it, and no one knows where.

There's a lot more to this story, four large full pages, I wish I could have sent it all, but didn't know how much room the DTGCA newsletter would want to use. Information came from the Mil. Rec. of Nat. Arch.

Pvt. August Rucks Age 23
Civil War Vet 1864 & 1865



Glenn O. Dietz
Pictured
"Holding a piece of
history; a real
honor."



AN EARLY HENRY LEMAN RIFLE FOR THE WESTERN TRADE

Author Richard R. Pasche, Life Member Andover, MN

A rifle that I acquired in the August of 2011 and displayed at the January Fargo Show in 2012 at first seems to be just another ordinary muzzle loading rifle. I was much amazed when it selected "BEST LONG GUN OF THE FARGO WINTER SHOW 2012". Although it can not be proven, this Henry Lemman Plains Rifle may be the EARLIEST LEMAN RIFLE known to date.

What we do know is that Henry Lemman went to work for George W. Tryon of Philadelphia as a journeyman gunsmith in 1831. We also know that in 1832, George W. Tryon and Frederick Merrick of Philadelphia started a joint venture to import general hardware, watches, fishing tackle, guns, gun mounts and gun locks. The Tryon, Merrick & Company consortium lasted until 1838. This was the onset of the Greatest Economic Depression the United States ever known.

When Henry Lemman left George W. Tryon in 1834, he returned to his home in Lancaster, and started THE LEMAN GUN MANUFACTURING COMPANY in his father's brewery. The Lemman's were a long established French Huguenot family. Henry's Grandfather, Daniel had settled in Paradise Township in Lancaster County. Henry's father, Jacob, served in a company of Piqua Rangers during the Revolution and would become a farmer and brewer. The water power used to drive the barrel forging and boring machinery came from the Conestoga River near the village of Catfish. It is said that in his first year in business he manufactured 250 rifles, 50 of which went to St. Louis for the Indian trade. The percussion rifle that I have displayed has a percussion lock stamped "TRYON MERRICK & COMPANY". The lock would have been imported between 1832 and 1838 for a start up operation, to make 250 rifles in one year. Henry Lemman would have had to buy parts. No doubt he would have bought mountings and locks from the Tryon, Merrick & Company. Unlike later trade rifles, this example has a four piece, open rail Lancaster patch box in the style of "J. Gumph". The 36 inch barrel is 50 caliber and is wedge mounted. It's breech plug tang is extended as you would find on a "Hawkins Rifle". It has double set triggers and all the mountings are cast brass. The total weight is 9 pounds 4 ounces. For anyone who favors western muzzle loading rifles, this one is sure to please. I would like to thank the DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION for the honor of this award. It is much appreciated.

Richard Pasche & Show Manager Bill Braun

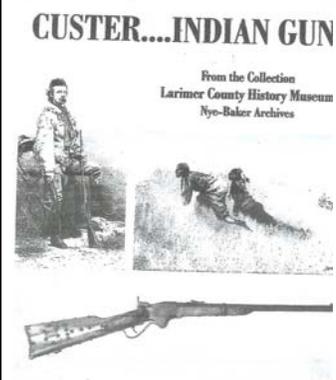
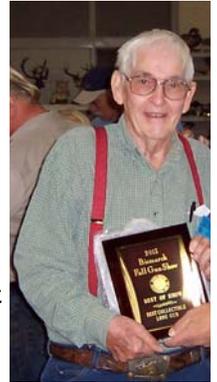


SPENCER INDIAN USED CARBINE

Author James Aplan, Life Member Piedmont, SD

Picked up on the Little Big Horn Battlefield a few days after the Battle. From the collection of Custer historian, Colonel Elwood Nye, who was the author of numerous articles and books on Custer. Col. Nye conducted an early excavation on the Battlefield, and as a veterinarian, was most interested in the wounds of the horses. The Nye-Cartridge Ridge on the Battlefield was named in honor of Col. Nye. The carbine is tacked in the Indian fashion with cutouts in the stock which probably contained mirrors at onetime. The carbine is consecutively serial numbered to the tacked, Indian used Spencer carbine on the cover of the book, *GUNS OF THE WESTERN INDIAN FRONTIER*.

Col. Nye acquired the carbine in the 1930's and gave it to collector, Richard Baker in 1954. Baker donated it to the Larimer County, Fort Collins, CO History Museum in 2005. The museum placed it at auction in 2012 where it was purchased by the current owner, me, James Aplan. I have been buying and selling Indian used weapons and memorabilia since I was a small boy. This historic piece won **BEST OF SHOW LONG GUN** at the DTGCA Bismarck Fall Gun Show in 2013.



GOT A STORY TO TELL.....Have a Collection? Find a sleeper?

Care to share a story on how one slipped out of your hands? Did you find the one to top off your collection? Looking for people and stories from the membership and beyond. If something unique or interesting has happened to you or someone you know, we'd like to hear from you.

Pictures accompanying the article are **GREAT!**

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A GRANDFATHER'S LEGACY by Paul Vertin, Breckenridge, MN Member

In 1965 going to Jr. High School I had some friends ask me if I would like to go duck hunting after school, I said Yes, *that would be fun, but, I don't have a gun.* One of my friends said you can borrow my brother's gun. It was a **Rem. 870 Wingmaster 12 ga.** with full choke, walnut stock with older style forearm. I had so much fun hunting that day that I bought the gun from my friend's brother, I understood that it was 2 years old when I bought it, I have had that gun for 48 years so the gun is 50 years old. I shot that gun for many, many years as did my three sons as they grew up. The gun is in perfect condition as I always clean and oil all my guns after every hunting trip or any kind of shooting; I have never had to replace any part on the gun. The only changes I ever made to the gun; I added a rubber recoil pad as it came with a plastic butt plate, and I refinished the stock. I have been refinishing gun stocks for 30 years. I now own a newer 870, a 870 Express and a 870 slug gun. My 870's have been the most reliable shotguns I have ever had. This old 870 is going to be given to one of my Grandsons some day.



1894 WINCHESTER RIFLES & CARBINES



Ken and Kevin Frederick, brothers from Burlington and Minot, ND have been showing their display of 1894 Winchester rifles and carbines at Dakota Territory Gun Collectors shows and going away with awards such as Best Display and Best Single Long Gun. They have been collecting the Winchesters and Military guns/equipment for 10 years. Through their research they find it is a great way to visit History and to honor and respect the Veterans of this History.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2014 RAMKOTA HOTEL, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association, Inc will be held at the Rankota Hotel located at 1400 8th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota at **5:30 p.m.** on Saturday, February 01, 2014 to take action upon the following matters:

The reports of officers, directors and committees.
The election of Vice President and four directors of the Association.
All other business which may come before the meeting, or any adjournments thereof.

Positions up for election
Vice President SD
Two ND Directors
One SD Director
One At Large Director

Nominations for the above will be made at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Call to Order
Establish Quorum
Review Minutes of Previous Meeting
Annual Report
Old Business
Seating of New President
Election of Officers
New Business
Adjournment

SHOW AWARDS

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BISMARCK, ND

MITCHELL, SD

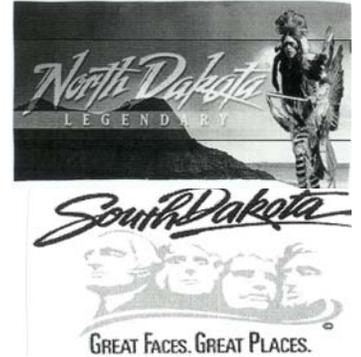
BEST OF SHOW

Tom Jones, III, Sioux Falls, SD
HI Standards

LONG GUN

James Aplan, Piedmont, SD
Spencer Carbine
Lenard Cave, Jamestown, ND
Ghost Dance Gun Muzzleload-
er

Wendell Grangaard, Sioux
Falls, SD Trap Door Springfield



LONG GUN DISPLAY

Rocky Ruele, Ellendale, ND
Marlin Lever Actions
Ken & Kevin Frederick, Bur-
lington & Minot, ND
Winchester Lever Actions

Gary Asproth, Park Rapids,
MN Engraved Winchester

HANDGUN SINGLE

Wendell Grangaard, Sioux
Falls, SD Colt Dragoon
Don Glynn, Fullerton, ND
Colt SA 44 RF w/belt & hol-
ster

Merle Dodds, Arnold Park, IA
1861 Colt

HANDGUN DISPLAY

Ken Yule, Minot, ND
WWII Semi-auto Handguns
Daethal Dockter, Milbank, SD
Rugers

Dale Schroeder, Flandreau, SD
S&W

HISTORICAL DISPLAY

Dennis Sundby, Turtle Lake,
ND Military Weapons
Rick Schmaltz, Bismarck, ND
Nazi Display

Rob Moore/Layne Huffman,
Mitchell, SD
WWII



Cave



Ruele



Fredericks



Grangaard



Glynn



Yule



Dockter



Schmaltz



Sundby



Aplan



Jones

Campbell

Jones

BEST OF SHOW SIOUX FALLS TROPHY SHOW

February 9 & 10, 2013

Author Jim Curlovic, Member, Godfrey, IL



EXAMPLES OF THE **WINCHESTER "HOTCHKISS"** PROTOTYPE TO SPORTING MODELS 1876 TO 1915

The Winchester Hotchkiss was produced as rifles, carbines, and sporting in three basic models;

- The First Model had a one piece stock with a magazine stop/safety switch on the right side
- The Second Model also had a one piece stock and two switches, one on each upper side of the receiver.
- The Third Model had a two piece stock and two switches, one on each side of the receiver.

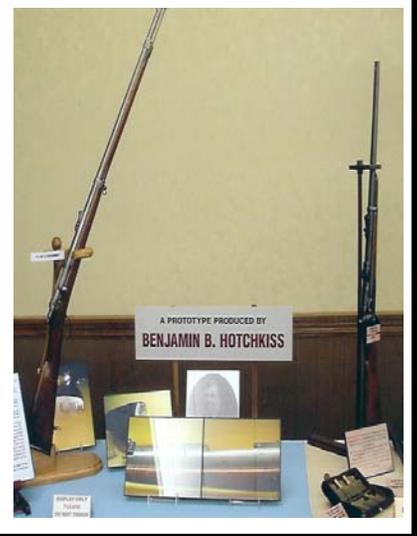
Our display was presented in three sections;

The middle section consisted of firearms used "In the Service" by various countries and entities. Some notable items were those used by the US Army, Navy & Cavalry featuring one of 80 sample Second Model Carbines sent to the US Calvary. Also featured in this grouping were; one of 128 First Model Civilian style Carbines sent to Mexico in 1891, one of an order of 4000 Third Model Rifles sent to China and shipped in 1894, and one of 270 Third Model Rifles shipped to the California Militia in 1915.

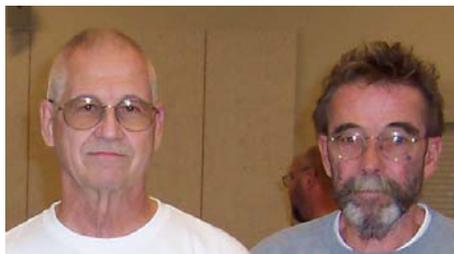
The section on the right featured four different Civilian Models. The highlight of this grouping is the Second Model Deluxe Special Order Sporting Model. This rifle letters with nickel receiver, butt plate, front sight and trigger guard with checkered deluxe wood with inserts.

The section on the left is a prototype produced by B. B. Hotchkiss in 1875 at his cannon factory in France. This was before Winchester bought his patents at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876/1877. Having been made in Europe the stock is French Walnut and the barrel bands etc. are of European origin. It also has a Springfield rifle barrel leading to speculation that the gun was made for the Armory's consideration. **This prototype rifle is presently one of two now. The other is in the firearms division of the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, WY.**

We enhanced the display with a mannequin dressed in an 1883 Sack Coat and Campaign of the period as well as other period accessories, accoutrements and photos.



Dodds



Moore

Huffman



Asproth

Asproth



Schroeder

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JANUARY 18-19, 2014
BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER
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Chairman: Roger Krumm
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MARCH 8-9, 2014
ALERUS CENTER
GRAND FORKS, ND
Chairman: Bill Braun
1331 14 1/2 Ave N
Wahpeton, ND 58075
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OCTOBER 26-27, 2013
DAVISON CTY. 4-H GROUNDS
MITCHELL, SD
Chairman: Robert Campbell
105 Hegge Court
Big Stone City, SD 57216
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JANUARY 25-26, 2014
NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY BLDG
YANKTON, SD
Chairman: Chuck Harens
711 E 14th St
Yankton, SD 57078
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MARCH 15-16, 2014
RAMKOTA INN
COLLECTOR CLASSIC
SIOUX FALLS, SD
Chairman: Rick Larson
46675 Lovely Circle
Tea, SD 57064
(605) 366-4857

DECEMBER 14-15, 2013
ASTORIA HOTEL
DICKINSON, ND
Chairman: Roger Krumm
PO Box 158
Strasburg, ND 58573
(701) 336-7533

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2014
RAMKOTA HOTEL
ABERDEEN, SD **ANNUAL MEETING**
Chairman: Roger Krumm
PO Box 158
Strasburg, ND 58573
(701) 336-7533

MARCH 22-23, 2014
CODINGTON CTY AG BLDG
WATERTOWN, SD
Chairman: Vic Carter
18299 US Hwy 81
Castlewood, SD 57223
(605) 793-2347

JANUARY 4-5, 2014
CIVIC AUDITORIUM
FARGO, ND
Chairman: Bill Braun
1331 14 1/2 Ave N
Wahpeton, ND 58075
(701) 642-6970

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2014
TROPHY SHOW-THE BIG ONE
RAMKOTA INN CONVENTION CTR
SIOUX FALLS, SD
Chairman: Bob Campbell
105 Hegge Court
Big Stone City, SD 57216
(605) 268-0254

APRIL 12-13, 2014
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RAPID CITY, SD
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FEBRUARY 15-16, 2014
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PIERRE, SD
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