



# DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**President's Message #2.....Larry Jones**



Hello to all Fellow members, Friends, Collectors & Venders.

Well, spring & some warmer weather have finely arrived. That also brings a slowing of the firearms business. On a good note, it gives us the opportunity to assess our inventory & organize our collections.

It is also a good time for auctions, farm sales & other types of sales to enhance our collections.

More important it is time to enjoy the company of our sons, daughters & grandchildren and friends in the shooting sports. Trap & skeet shoot, target shooting, or hunting prairie dogs, gophers or any other shooting sport that promotes youth interest & gun safety.

As most of you know, we started a new gun show in Dickinson, ND last December. The show was quite successful & I think it will improve in the years to come. There is also some discussion about adding another.

The one thing we should remember is some of the main reasons DTGCA was established in the first place. One is to provide a place and environment for gun enthusiasts to buy, sell, trade, discuss & show collectible and antique firearms. Another is to inform our membership & the public and our youth of rules, regulations & gun use and safety. I believe the most important is to preserve & protect the second amendment of the constitution of the United States. When we start to think that DTGCA is all about money, we need to realign our thinking and our objectives.

On a lighter note, in the summer I shift from gun shows to car shows, camping & traveling in the camper. I hope you all have a safe & relaxing summer.

Until next time, Larry



### Our Extended Sympathy

The Association would like to notify you and recognize the death of the following members.

**Jerald "J.W." Wegehaupt**  
Member  
Madison, SD  
J.W. passed away on  
March 23, 2014

**Roger Ystad**  
Member  
Baraboo, WI  
Roger passed away on  
May 16, 2014

One of the recipients of contributions from the DTGCA is the organization Twist of Fate based in the Fargo\Moorhead area. In 2013 the organization had 12 disabled hunters from Minnesota and North Dakota out for the Twist of Fate Deer Hunt. Ten of the hunters harvested a deer. Through donations and volunteer hours, a kitchen/storage shed was built which will help with the set up and tear down of the Twist of Fate camp. The 2014 hunt is scheduled for September 25, 26 and 27, 2014. For more information on this wonderful organization visit their web site at [www.twistoffatend.org](http://www.twistoffatend.org).



**TULSA GUN SHOW** was truly an enjoyed experience. The 2013 Fall edition of the Wanenmacher's Tulsa Arms Show was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 9 & 10, 2013 in Tulsa, OK. This was my second time attending the show. It is a great experience and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in firearms. An article in the Tulsa World newspaper on Sunday, 11-10-13, featured Joe Wanenmacher, the producer of the Tulsa Arms Show. He is now 79 years old and has been producing the semi-annual shows since 1968. (A Spring show is held in April.) Wanenmacher expected 35,000 to 40,000 people to attend the November show in 2013. There were 4200 tables set up for vendors to display their wares.

We attended the Ruger Collectors Association banquet on Saturday evening. Approximately 70 people were in attendance. More than 1200 raffle tickets were sold months prior to the banquet for the drawing of ten prizes. My wife was a lucky winner of the 2nd top prize, a Ruger Vaquero .45 Colt revolver. I also won a prize so it was our lucky night for the raffle tickets! A silent auction and a live auction were also held during the banquet.

Everything one could possibly want in a firearm, one will find it at the Tulsa show. It is an awesome weekend, not only because of the merchandise for sale or on display, but also because it provides an opportunity for collectors from across the country to come together.

Author Kelly Lorge, Bowman, ND



#### WANTED NEWS ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you knew how much the readers enjoy the articles submitted by the collectors, displayers and all gun and gun related enthusiasts I would be swamped with articles being sent in. But as the case is, I am not swamped and becoming very limited on stories for the newsletter. Everyone has a favorite firearm whether it is in your collection or for sale. Please send in the story and picture behind that piece that makes it your favorite.

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That's me, can't wait to hear from you.

## ENGRAVED SMITH & WESSON SCHOFIELD REVOLVER

Author Denny Delzer, Dalton, MN

I bought this piece of Mexicana at the July 2013 auction in Cody, WY. I was in Wyoming to attend the Winchester Gun Show.

This handgun is a fully engraved and nickel-plated Smith & Wesson Schofield Revolver with carved Mexican eagle ivory grips. It is accompanied by a fully piteado threaded gun rig with an engraved sterling silver buckle set and plate on the holster with the initials "T.M." on both.

Piteado is grown from a type of agave plant from which is extracted a kind of sisal called pita or "cactus thread". The fibers are twisted to make a fine thread. The thread is then hand sewn into fancy patterns on belts, holsters, saddles, etc. It was quite popular in the 1940's and 1950's.

So now I'm thinking to myself, "Who, in that era, with the initials T.M. could afford a rig like that?"

The cowboy actor Tom Mix came to mind so I jumped on the old internet and googled Tom Mix. I was amazed at all of the information on Tom Mix. He was a great showman, actor and circus performer.

He liked fancy clothes, guns, wild parties, fast cars and fast women. He was married and divorced 5 times. He earned over \$6 million dollars in his career.

Another item that caught my eye was the "Tom Mix Guns Stolen" List found on the internet. According to the article, 12 guns were stolen from the Tom Mix Museum in Dewey, OK on April 13, 2002.

Seems like old Tom had a thing for nickel plated, engraved guns with fancy grips. 10 of the 12 guns stolen were nickel-plated and had pearl, bone or ivory grips. 3 were Smith and Wesson; some of these guns had T.M. or Mix printed on them. Number 10 on the list is a S&W nickel-plated 44 caliber single action top break revolver, last 4 digits of the serial number were 2102. My gun is a S&W nickel-plated 44 caliber SA top break revolver, last 4 digits of the serial number are 1220. (Same numbers, different sequence!!) Now that is what I call a coincidence.

They caught the guy who stole the guns, but they never recovered the guns. They were sold to various individuals and pawn shops in Kansas. See "Fate of Stolen Tom Mix Museum Guns Discovered" on the internet.

Now, I'm not saying this gun belonged to Tom Mix, not yet anyway. I'm still digging for information!

This gun was in the George Taylor collection; however, he died in 2013 and I will have to call the auctioneer to get more information

about this gun and the George Taylor collection. I'm also going to take my handgun to the Tom Mix Museum in Dewey, OK next time I'm in Tulsa, OK for the gun show. Wouldn't it be great to find a picture of Tom Mix wearing my gun and holster?

My other option is to start looking at old Tom Mix movies—problem is, he made 336 films from 1910-1935, so that could take awhile.

It's the mystery around these old guns and trying to find out who owned them, that makes collecting the most enjoyable for me.

Any help in locating the "owner" of this handgun would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Bill Braun and the DTGCA, for the "Best Hand Gun" award at the 2014 Fargo Show.



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BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER  
BISMARCK, ND  
Chairman: Roger Krumm  
PO Box 158  
Strasburg, ND 58573  
(701) 336-7533

JANUARY 17-18, 2015  
BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER  
BISMARCK, ND  
Chairman: Roger Krumm  
PO Box 158  
Strasburg, ND 58573  
(701) 336-7533

MARCH 7-8, 2015  
ALERUS CENTER  
GRAND FORKS, ND  
Chairman: Bill Braun  
1331 14 1/2 Ave N  
Wahpeton, ND 58075  
(701) 642-6970

OCTOBER 25-26, 2014  
DAVISON CTY. 4-H GROUNDS  
MITCHELL, SD  
Chairman: Robert Campbell  
105 Hegge Court  
Big Stone City, SD 57216  
(605) 268-0254

JANUARY 24-25, 2015  
NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY BLDG  
YANKTON, SD  
Chairman: Chuck Harens  
711 E 14th St  
Yankton, SD 57078  
(605) 665-4537

MARCH 14-15, 2015  
RAMKOTA HOTEL EXHIBIT HALL  
COLLECTOR CLASSIC  
SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Chairman: Rick Larson  
46675 Lovely Circle  
Tea, SD 57064  
(605) 366-4857

DECEMBER 13-14, 2014  
ASTORIA HOTEL  
DICKINSON, ND  
Chairman: Roger Krumm  
PO Box 158  
Strasburg, ND 58573  
(701) 336-7533

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2015  
RAMKOTA HOTEL  
ABERDEEN, SD  
Chairman: Roger Krumm  
PO Box 158  
Strasburg, ND 58573  
(701) 336-7533

MARCH 21-22, 2015  
CODINGTON CTY AG BLDG  
WATERTOWN, SD  
Chairman: Vic Carter  
18299 US Hwy 81  
Castlewood, SD 57223  
(605) 793-2347

JANUARY 3-4, 2015  
CIVIC AUDITORIUM  
FARGO, ND  
Chairman: Bill Braun  
1331 14 1/2 Ave N  
Wahpeton, ND 58075  
(701) 642-6970

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2015  
TROPHY SHOW-THE BIG ONE  
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CTR  
SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Chairman: Bob Campbell  
105 Hegge Court  
Big Stone City, SD 57216  
(605) 268-0254

APRIL 11-12, 2015  
RUSHMORE CIVIC CENTER  
RAPID CITY, SD  
Chairman: Sonny Pesicka  
135 Johnson St  
Box Elder, SD 57719  
(605) 923-5191

JANUARY 10-11, 2015  
SWIFTEL CENTER  
BROOKINGS, SD  
Chairman: Vic Carter  
18299 US Hwy 81  
Castlewood, SD 57223  
(605) 793-2347

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2015  
RAMKOTA RIVER CENTRE  
PIERRE, SD  
Chairman: Steve Livermore  
PO Box 972  
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532  
(605) 280-2438