



# DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**President's Message #6.....**

By the time you read this, summer will officially be here. It is hard to believe that the last gun show of the season in Rapid City is already two months behind us. But, what a great two months it has been. As a collector, I have added a few new pistols to my Colt auto pistol collection. One of the finds is an actual treasure. I picked up a late production 1918 Colt 1911 pistol that is in superb shape.

In fact, when I opened the box, looked at the gun and handed it to my wife, Marcia, she exclaimed, "That looks almost new!" The so-called Black Army Finish on the 1918 produced Colt 1911 pistols tends to be very fragile. Have you ever seen a Colt 22 L.R. pistol made by Norinco in China? Well, neither had I, but I now have two prototype models in my collection. Thanks to Mike Seaburg for clueing me in to the Colt Factory sales! When I get more time, I will write something up for the Collector's Corner section of our newsletter. Speaking of which, what have you found that is exciting and/or unusual? Perhaps you could be convinced to write up a paragraph about it and submit that with a photograph of the gun for our newsletter. We learn by sharing our knowledge.



As I anticipated, my last President's Message generated some response from our membership. First and most importantly, I want to thank all of you who wrote, called, emailed, or talked to me in person for your thoughts. Although there was not a high number of responses, all but two of them indicated that they did not believe anyone except vendors should be in the shows on Friday. One person even made the compelling argument that charging a fee for a Friday pass only served to give the people who can afford it the most first access to the bargains. The people who could not afford it would again be left in the dark. One person who wrote stated that Fridays served as a way to socialize. Someone countered this argument by stating that extra people, even though they socialized or were shopping, got in the way of setting up and posed security risks. The second person did not render any opinion on letting people into shows on Fridays. One of the letters we received was anonymous. The Board will be determining what to do at the annual summer board meeting in Aberdeen on July 18.

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# THANK YOU

I would like to say thanks to all the help we received after my fall at the Watertown show. I'm well on the way to recovery now. I ended up with a dislocated shoulder and bruised ribs. There are just too many people that helped both outside and inside that day to name you all. And some of you I don't even know your names. It is truly heartwarming to know when help is needed the club members are there.  
Rick Johnston, Randolph, MN



## OUR EXTENDED SYMPATHY

The Association would like to notify you and recognize the death of three of its Members

**Jim Roth, Member**

Bismarck, ND

Jim passed away March, 2009

**Clarence Mutscher**

**Life Member**

Billings, MT

Clarence passed away April, 2009

**John "Blaine" Nation, Mbr**

Mitchell, SD

John passed away March, 2009



**NO SHOW  
NO CALL  
NO TABLES**

**EMPTY TABLES  
SHOW DISRESPECT**

# D O W N M E M O R Y L A N E



Jim Roller, Grand Forks, N. D., was among the top exhibit winners at the annual Dakota Territory Antique Gun Show held Aug. 16-17 in Huron, S. D. Roller took the award with his volcanic pistol display.

## Dakota Territory Group Holds Mid-Summer Show

Larrie Hunsley, Onida, S. D., won best overall display at the mid-summer annual Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association Show held Aug. 16-17 in Huron, reported Dr. James Brown.

Hunsley showed Indian artifacts and western lore material in winning the top award.

Other winners included Lyle Hunsley, Onida, for the best Winchester collection; Dr. A. Brown, Huron, best display of Colt percussion handguns and Peacemakers; Dr. G. M. Hunt, Huron, best historical gun.

Jim Roller, Grand Forks, N. D., volcanic pistol; Marty Ram-

sey, Great Falls, Mont., best long gun, and William Meyer, Huron, best cartridge display.

Approximately 500 persons attended the two-day show. The organization's next show will be held Sept. 20-21 at Rapid City.

# SHOW AWARDS RAPID CITY, SD

Best of Show	Kent Miller, Aberdeen, SD Colt Auto Pistols
1st Runner up	Daethal Dockter, Milbank, SD Ruger Pistols
2nd Runner up	Bruce Foster, Black Hawk, SD Ithaca Shotguns
3rd Runner up	Carl Laco, Thayne, WY Ruger Pistol
Best Handgun	Rick Johnston, Randolph, MN Ruger Hawkey 256 Mag
2nd Best Handgun	Harold Fiscus, Bayard, IA Collectable Replica Pistols
Best Long Gun	Doug Langworthy, Rapid City, SD Are These Assault Weapons?
2nd Best Long Gun	Dan Foral, 1873 Winchester
Best Historical	Jack Lau, Summit, SD Japanese Military
Show Manager	Sonny Pesicka



# DTGCA MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

AZ-2	CA-3 CO-8	FL-1	GA-1	IA-172	IL-5	KS-8
MB-5	MN-413		MO-1	<b>MS-1</b>	MT-54	ND-491
NE-87	NV-2 OH-2	OK-1	OR-1	PA-2	SD-1078	
TX-7	UT-2 VA-1	WA-6		WI-39	WY-19	

This article is in the newsletter again to correct an error. The state of Mississippi was overlooked and the member, in fact a Life member since 1994, Roger Frericks, brought this to my attention. Mr. Frericks lives in Collins, MS, just a couple hours from Vicksburg, the site of a world-class military battlefield (Civil War) National Park and a resurrected and restored flat-bottom Union armored stern-wheeler battleship.....built for duty in the Mississippi River and sunk near Vicksburg during the siege by Confederate demolition swimmers. This ship is massive, with all of its cannons in place, sitting as a dry-dock static display that you can walk over and around. It was pulled from the river in 1971 in chunks and pieces and took years to re-assemble. Thank you Roger for bringing the correction to my attention and thank you for the bit of history.

I really don't know when I first developed an interest in firearms but it was at a fairly early age. My first recollection is cutting Sharps 4 barrel pepper boxes from scrap wood with a scroll saw when I was in fifth grade. This was followed with a Colt 1860 Army with a hole drilled through the center of the cylinder which contained a rubber band around the hammer so the hammer would rise and fall. Next came various rubber band pistols used for shooting flies. I also made several rifles, but with the lack of accuracy with the scroll saw combined with longer barrel length, all of the rifles seemed to have bent barrels.

The first firearm that I purchased was in 1965 when I acquired a Colt single action in .22 which I still own. The second was purchased in the early seventies when I acquired a Stevens 311 in 16 gauge which I hid from my wife and suffered the embarrassment of finding it on the kitchen table when I came home from work 6 weeks later. She very graciously informed me that since I was earning the family income, I could spend it any way that I wished but did not have to hide it. I then lost all control and a long term hobby developed. The Stevens is long gone.

During my youthful readings, I discovered the Henry rifle and was enraptured. Although quite young at the time, I was intelligent enough to realize that first, I would never find a Henry rifle due to their rarity, and secondly, their cost would prohibit purchase.

I did, over a period of many years see an occasional Henry and finally, in 1998, finally managed to locate one that was for sale which I could afford.. I managed to purchase it and sold some other things to pay for it. In 2005, I was approached by the same person who wondered if I would be interested in an engraved Henry. I did, after a period of time, manage to scrape up the funds to make the purchase, in part by selling the first Henry.

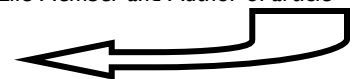
When I paid for the engraved Henry and picked it up, I was quite chagrined when the owner slid it down into a crusty old leather case. When I returned home, I took the Henry from the case and tried other rifles in the case and could get none to fit, due to the fact that a Henry has no fore arm. Sometime later, at the Cody Show, I was introduced to someone knowledgeable about Henry leather and was informed that in fact, it was an original Henry case. Needless to say, my attitude toward the crusty old case changed.

Research shows that this Henry was produced in 1865. It is stocked with probably 4X rosewood, and is engraved on top of the receiver, both sides of the receiver, both side plates, and on top of the butt plate. The rifle is scroll engraved with the engraving on the front of the receiver with clockwise scrolls on one side and counter clockwise scrolls. In addition, there is a dog engraved between the scrolls on the left side of the receiver. Although the engraving is not signed, it was most likely done by Samuel J. Hoggson, the factory engraver for the New Haven Arms Company

Over the years, I have managed to acquire several engraved 1866 Winchesters, some engraved Colts, some drillings, as well as another piece or two, but I would have to admit that this rifle is the favorite. By the way, it still has the cleaning rod in the stock.



Left Show Manager Roger Krumm  
Right Bob Campbell, Sisseton, SD  
Life Member and Author of article



You meet such wonderful people  
along the way.  
Lyle & Annis Hunsley  
Onida, SD



(L-R) Jeff Jensen, Kent Miller (DTGCA President) and GOY winners Myrtle Crandall and Ron Walgamuth

My name is Jeff Jensen and I am the committee chairman for the Northern Oahe Friends of NRA. This year was our first attempt to hold a banquet in our area and it was a tremendous success, thanks in no small part, to the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association.

I would like to take a moment of time to personally thank the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association and all of its members for underwriting the Guns of the Year at our Friends of NRA banquet. This is not a small undertaking as the DTGCA underwrites the cost of the Gun of the Year for every FNRA event held in North and South Dakota.

The obvious truth is that it greatly affects our bottom line. In our first ever FNRA banquet, we netted a profit of \$21,000 for the NRA Foundation and South Dakota Shooting Sports.

If we had not received the underwriting for the Guns of the Year, our profit would have fallen below \$20,000. This amount is special. Because we netted over \$20,000, our event has qualified as a "High Caliber" event. This puts our event in the top 5% of all 1<sup>st</sup> year events in the country! A feat that would not have been realized without your generous help.

Thank you again for your assistance and I hope that others will follow suit in letting you know that your support is greatly appreciated.

Jeff Jensen  
Chairman  
Friends of NRA – Northern Oahe Chapter  
Mobridge, SD

## President's Message continued...

We had no one express interest in managing the Mitchell gun show following the ad in the last newsletter. No brave souls out there? No one willing to put up with the myriad of vendors; dealers and displayers, or the public? The Board will also discuss this issue at the July meeting. As a reminder to all of you, the minutes of the July meeting will be sent out with the newsletter in September. I have had numerous members tell me they like having the minutes published. It will continue. It is the best way to let the membership know what is going on and to dispel the delusion that everything is cloaked in secrecy.

Congratulations to Bruce Foster (Black Hawk, SD) for winning a Merit Award at the May Denver gun show for his Ithaca NID shotgun display. He also won the same award last year. Also, congratulations to Rick Larsen (Tea, SD) for winning an award at the NRA show in Minneapolis last August. You two men are excellent examples of why the word "Collectors" is in the name of this great organization.

So far, the major concerns of the gun collectors, dealers and shooting sports enthusiasts appear to be nothing but rumor. Hopefully, that will continue to be true. Panic has set in though, and people are hoarding reloading components. It will not be long before the first gun show of the season is here. Hopefully all of you are getting fully stocked or preparing your displays for the new season. Be safe and see you on the circuit! —Kent



## SPECIAL FEATURE

Author Ronald P. Pederson, Fargo, ND

**MERWIN HULBERT 3RD MODEL**.....I started collecting older handguns and rifles in the late 1970's. I became interested in older guns when my friend Mike Barrett invited me to a few gun shows in the Twin Cities Area. I don't specialize in any one model or manufacture. My Merwin Hulbert Model 3 Single Action is a 44-40. The engraving is called "punch-dot" or "pin prick". The pistol has ivory grips and was made in the 1880's. I purchased the Merwin Hulbert from a local Firearms Gallery in Fargo, ND.

# SHOW AWARDS



Kent Miller, Aberdeen, SD  
Best Handgun Display— Colt



Gary Walberg, Mina, SD  
Best Long Gun Display  
LW Remington's



Ed Assman, Pierre, SD  
2nd Best Long Gun Display  
Shiloh Sharps



Sonny Pesicka, Box Elder, SD  
Best Collectible Long Gun  
Brwn Auto Rifle



Larry Nemec  
2nd Collectible Long Gun  
Orig 45 cal ML Hunting Rifle



South Central Handgunners  
Pierre, SD  
2nd Handgun Display  
Practical Pistols



Jack Lau, Summit, SD  
Best Collectible Handgun  
Japanese Baby Nambu



Larry Hunsley, Mobridge, SD  
2nd Collectible Handgun  
Colt Inlaid 3rd Model Dragon

# PIERRE, SD

SHOW MANAGER  
STEVE LIVERMORE

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### DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION GUN SHOW DATES

SEPTEMBER 12-13 2009

FALL GUN SHOW  
RAMKOTA INN, EXPO BLDG  
SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Chairman: Steve Livermore  
PO Box 972  
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532  
(605) 280-2438

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2009

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

OCTOBER 24-25 2009

DAVISON CTY. 4-H GROUNDS  
MITCHELL, SD  
Chairman: TBD

JANUARY 2-3, 2010

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

JANUARY 09-10 2010

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

JANUARY 16-17, 2010

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

JANUARY 30-31, 2010

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY  
YANKTON, SD  
Chairman: Chuck Harens  
711 E 14th St  
Yankton, SD 57078  
(605) 665-4537

FEBRUARY 6-7 2010

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

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2010

TROPHY SHOW-THE BIG ONE  
RAMKOTA INN CONVENTION CTR  
SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Chairman: Chuck Harens  
711 E 14th St  
Yankton, SD 57078  
(605) 665-4537

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2010

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

MARCH 6-7, 2010

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

MARCH 13-14, 2010

RAMKOTA INN  
COLLECTOR CLASSIC  
SIOUX FALLS, SD  
Chairman: Rick Larson  
46675 Lovely Circle  
Tea, SD 57064  
(605) 368-9117

MARCH 20-21, 2010

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

APRIL 10-11, 2010

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