

# Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION JAN / FEB 2013

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NMGCA  
Membership Dues:

Annual renewal for  
regular members,  
under age 62, is  
\$35.00.  
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\$15.00.

Annual Renewal for  
senior members,  
over age 61, is  
\$30.00.  
Renewal for senior  
spouse is \$10.00.

59th  
Anniversary

## GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse  
Over 400 Tables  
March 3rd & 4th  
EXPO NEW MEXICO  
Manuel Lujan Buildings A & B  
Central Ave. & San Pedro  
Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$80.00 (Member \$70.00)  
Cost for electrical hook up is extra

### For Table Reservations, Contact Our Show Host:

NMGCA Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.  
Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

**Set-Up** (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.  
(Unless you notify the Show Host before Saturday that you need to check in  
after 8:30 am Saturday, your tables may be sold to those on the waiting list.)

**Open to Public:** Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Admission:** 13 and up \$7.00. Children under 12: Free with Adult.

Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers: Free. Active Duty Military with ID and  
Law Enforcement Officers with Badge or Commission Card: \$2.00.

NRA Members with Card: \$6.00.

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

# Assault on Your Rights Has Started in Santa Fe

From the NRA-ILA, The Institute for Legislative Action

Gun control advocates are wasting no time. On the second day of the sixty-day legislative session in Santa Fe, Representative Miguel Garcia (D-ABQ) introduced House Bill 77, imposing sweeping restrictions on firearms sales in the State of New Mexico.

HB 77 restricts ALL private transfers of firearms – not just those taking place at gun shows – including those between family members, friends and co-workers. Any person who is not a federal firearms licensed dealer (FFL) would have to contact the New Mexico Department of Public Safety prior to transferring any firearm to any prospective purchaser, provide the department with detailed information on the firearm being sold and the person to whom the firearm is being transferred, and get approval from the department before the transfer is completed. This includes transfers between relatives, friends and co-workers. In order to accomplish this, this bill sets up a state-level criminal records check system, which will be subsidized and paid for by lawful gun buyers.

HB 77 imposes a \$25.00 fee on private gun transfers – \$35.00 if the transaction occurs at a gun show – constituting a tax on gun purchases. Lawful gun buyers shouldn't be forced to pay for a system that's being created under the guise of public safety – all taxpayers should bear the brunt of this cost. The FBI-run National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) which FFLs use imposes no "user fee" on prospective gun buyers.

HB 77 creates a state registry of legal firearms transferors and purchasers. Private sellers would be required to provide the state Department of Public Safety with the name, address,

and telephone number of the transferor; the make, model, caliber, and serial number of the firearm being transferred; and the name, date of birth, race, sex and address of the buyer. DPS is required to retain a record of this information for five years. Under NICS, FBI is required to destroy all records of approved purchasers by the next business day.

Additionally, HB 77 imposes recordkeeping requirements on private sellers, requiring them to maintain records of approved transfers for five years, and it contains no privacy protections to prevent (or detect) a person using the system to run a background

check on someone for purposes other than a gun purchase.

This measure has been referred to two committees - House Judiciary and House Appropriations - and it could soon be set for a public hearing in the first committee. Please check [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org) for updates on scheduled action on this measure. In the meantime, it is critical that you contact House committee members, as well as your own state Representative, and urge him or her to **OPPOSE HB 77!**

Find contact information for House Judiciary and House Appropriations Committee members, go to [http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/committees\\_standing.aspx](http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/committees_standing.aspx). To determine your state representative and state senator and obtain their contact information, <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislatorssearch.aspx>.

## NMGCA 2013 Board Members

The following were elected for 2013 to the NMGCA Board of Directors: President, Darlene Couchman; Vice President, Jim Covell; Secretary, Ken McCorkle; and Treasurer, Dan Brovont. Board members elected for a 2-year term are Gerald Ilgen, Joe Maniaci, Rex Meador, and Jim Young. Other members of the Board are: George Edgerly, Ron Smith, and Bill Swantner.

The NMGCA Board of Directors represents you, our members. The NMGCA can't exist without the support of our members. You are a vital part of our organization and your suggestions and comments on how to improve the NMGCA are always welcome.

## Membership Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder.

NMGCA 2013 membership renewals will be accepted until March 1st. After that, members who haven't renewed will need to re-apply as "new members". Thanks for your understanding and support.

# Press Release: House Bill 77

For Immediate Release, January 16, 2013: Contact: J.D. Gins. jonathon.gins@nmlegis.gov / 512-289-7460

## Representative Miguel Garcia Seeks To Close Guns Show Loophole

Santa Fe, NM - Today Rep. Miguel Garcia (D-Bernalillo 14), once again filed a bill seeking to close dangerous Gun Show loopholes that allow guns to fall into the wrong hands and

endanger the lives of New Mexicans. House Bill 77 requires background checks through the Department of Public Safety at gun shows, as well as for private transfers. Representative Garcia has previously filed similar legislation and in light of recent events is mindful of the heightened awareness surrounding gun reform issues, and is grateful to shine a light on these dangerous loopholes.

House Bill 77 seeks to:

- Create background checks by the Department of Public Safety prior to the transfer of firearms
- Establish a procedure and funding for background checks
- Address private transfers and transfers at gun shows
- Create immunity from civil liability for lawful gun sales
- Provide exclusions from the requirements of the Firearms Transfer Act
- Impose criminal penalties for violations of the Firearms Transfer Act

## My Very First Rifles

Contributed by an NMGCA Member

As with most other young boys growing up in the Midwest, my first "rifle" was a Daisy Red Rider air rifle I purchased (with my paper route money) for \$4.50 in the mid 1940s. At 5 cents a tube for copper clad BBs I probably spent a lot of money and nearly wore out that gun. My favorite pastime was climbing up a few feet in our huge maple tree and sniping at the large ants that inhabited the ash pile from our basement furnace. I got really good at this and progressed to where I did not consciously use the sights. No "intruder" was safe from my devastatingly accurate siege as I rarely missed – the range was probably 15-18 feet.

Later, I accompanied my stepdad on hunts for squirrels. He had an ancient Stevens Model 15 single shot .22 rifle and was quite good with it. My task, in the event that the quarry was hiding on the other side of a tree limb, was to work around to the other side and encourage the intended meal to move to where "Pop" could secure his demise.

As time passed and I became a teenager Pop instructed me in how to handle and properly sight his .22, but had never let me actually fire it. Then one day, while hunting for squirrels at Wildcat Springs, we treed a wise squir-

rel that hid on the other side of a huge Cottonwood limb.

Pop handed the Stevens to me and said that he would go around and coax the quarry to move to where I could see it. He did and the squirrel was lying flat on top of the limb. In memory the range seemed quite long but in retrospect it probably was not more than 35 yards or so. Taking careful aim I fired and the squirrel dropped to the ground. The range was sufficient that the slug did not exit the opposite side of his neck. A lucky shot? Without a doubt.

Imagine how proud I was then and on my 14th birthday when I received that same Stevens Model 15 for my present. I used that rifle on squirrels and rabbits, for family meals, for a while. When I decided I "needed" something more modern and "sexy," I found a local hardware store that had a Mossberg 151K, a Monte-Carlo stocked, semi-automatic, stock-tube fed, .22 rifle. These had just come out and, at my age (about 16) I had to have my mother sign so that I could purchase the gun. I don't know how many thousands of rounds I fed through that rifle before it was stolen (in 1969) along with several other firearms. In time I replaced it with another 151K Mossberg, but it was not the same and I still miss it.

Representative Garcia said regarding House Bill 77, "Our Wild West days are over. Our Wild Bill Cody and Annie Oakley days are over. Our legislation will require background checks for the mentally and criminally adjudicated at Gun Shows in New Mexico, and for a private individual purchases. These checks will help curb the flow of readily available guns and assault weapons to individuals most capable of inflicting needless injury and fatality to innocent and law abiding residents of New Mexico."

Closing the Gun Show Loopholes and requiring background checks through a New Mexico Department of Public Safety hotline will help ensure guns do not end up in the hands of fugitives of the law, felons, the mentally ill, individuals with substance abuse issues, those dishonorably discharged from military service and individuals convicted of domestic abuse. Common-sense background checks will help provide for the safety of all New Mexicans while still respecting the second amendment and allowing law abiding citizens to purchase firearms.

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## **2013 SHOW CALENDAR GUN SHOWS**

March 2nd and 3rd      June 1st and 2nd

October 5th and 6th

### **Albuquerque Old West and Military Show:**

August 3rd & 4th

### **MINI SHOWS\***

January 23rd    March 27th    April 24th

June 26rd    August 28th    October 23rd

\*Mini Shows are free and open to the public. New Location for Mini Shows: The NMGCA Mini Shows for 2013 will be held at the Quality Inn and Suites, 25 Hotel Circle (close to Lomas and Eubank).

### ***For 2013 New Show Vendors Sought***

NMGCA is offering new vendors a special table rate for 2013 shows. If you have never been an NMGCA show vendor (or haven't been a vendor for at least 10 years) you are invited to take advantage of our "New Vendor" table rate.

The NMGCA is offering one discount table to new vendors at the introductory rate of \$25.00 for our March, June, or October Gun Shows or the August Old West and Military Show. (Additional tables would be at the normal member or non-member rates per table.)

Contact us at [newmexicogca@aol.com](mailto:newmexicogca@aol.com) or call us at 505-262-1350. You can also reach us by mail at P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87193. We look forward to hearing from you.