

Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION SEPT / OCT 2016

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NMGCA
Membership Dues:

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

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

Renewal for senior
spouse is \$10.00.

62nd Anniversary

GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse

October 1st & 2nd

EXPO NEW MEXICO

(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)

Manuel Lujan Building

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.

See our new and improved website at: NMGCA.NET.

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: General Admission \$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.

The Perfect Backup

Smith & Wesson Model 49 Bodyguard

The move in recent years has been to a small semi-automatic pistol for concealed or backup carry. There are viable alternatives and one favorite is the S&W Model 49 Bodyguard.

When the S&W Chief's Special made its debut in 1950, many hailed it as the perfect backup gun. With a five-shot .38 Special Cylinder, 1 7/8" barrel, and a weight of 20 ounces, it was ideal for a lawman's off-duty revolver or for a law-abiding civilian's self-defense gun. Two years later, S&W introduced an aluminum-alloy version, the Chief's Special Airweight. But the Chief's Special and Airweight had one hang-up, literally. The hammer had a nasty habit of snagging on clothing when the gun was drawn.

To address that issue, in 1955, the company introduced an altered version. It sported a redesigned frame with an integral hump that concealed a low-contoured hammer, and its flattened spur barely protruded above the top of the hump. Thus, the double-action revolver could still be manually cocked for aimed single-action fire. In a reversal of the way things were normally done, however, S&W introduced its camel-humped double-action as an aluminum-frame, rather than an all-steel version and dubbed it the Model 38 Bodyguard Airweight.

Proving you can't please all the people all the time, there soon was a demand for a steel-frame version. As a result, in 1959 an all-steel Bodyguard was introduced providing greater strength and reduced felt recoil. As with the Chief's Special, finishes were blued or nicked, with a case-hardened trigger and hammer. A few 3" barrels were also produced. With the previous changeover in S&W numbering in 1957, the

steel-frame Bodyguard became the Model 49, which remained in production until 1996.

Although its unorthodox design borders on what some might call ugly, the extra weight from its hump-backed frame nestles the Bodyguard solidly in the hand, the semi-concealed hammer is surprisingly easy to cock and, due to its snag-free contours, the gun can be quickly drawn from the pocket or any other concealed carry source.

Below: Smith & Wesson Model 49 Bodyguard



NMGCA 2017 Membership Cards Available at October Show

We plan to have NMGCA 2017 membership cards available at the October show.

Membership in NMGCA is based on a calendar year. If you are a member in good standing but haven't renewed your membership by January 31st, your name will (regrettably) be dropped from our membership rolls. Persons wishing to continue as members of the NMGCA after their membership has lapsed may fill out an application as a "new member" and enclose the additional fees requested of new applicants.

New Show Vendors Sought for October 2016 Show

The NMGCA is continuing to offer new vendors a special table rate for the October 2016 show. If you have never been an NMGCA show vendor (or haven't been a vendor in at least in the last 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 \$35.00 for our October Gun Show. (Additional tables would be at the normal member or non-member rates per table.)

Contact us at newmexicogca@aol.com or call us at 505-262-1350. You can also reach us by mail at P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192. We look forward to hearing from you.



Photos, top to bottom:
Old West Guns.
Indian baskets and rugs.
Variety of Spurs.
World War II Ambulance.



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**2016
SHOW
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**GUN
SHOW**

October
1st and 2nd



Right: Longhorn Lunching