

# Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION JULY / AUGUST 2015

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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.

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# ALBUQUERQUE OLD WEST & MILITARY COLLECTIBLE SHOW

## Buy, Sell, Trade, Browse August 8th & 9th

Creative Arts Building  
EXPO NEW MEXICO (New Mexico State Fairgrounds)  
Central Ave. & San Pedro, Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$80 (Member \$70) 10 x 10 booth - \$250 (Member \$215).  
First time vendors with NMGCA: your first table is ONLY \$35.  
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. Website: NMGCA.net

**Set-Up:** (Table Holders Only) Fri. 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am. All cancellations must be received in writing at least 10 days prior to the Show to qualify for refund. Tables unclaimed by 8:30 a.m. Saturday will be reclaimed by NMGCA unless prior arrangements are made. Tables are not transferable.

**Open to Public:** Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Admission:** 13 and up \$7.00 - Children under 12 - Free with Adult NRA Members with Card \$6.00. Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers and Active Duty Military with ID - Free. Law Enforcement Officers not in uniform, with Badge or Commission Card - \$2.00. NMGCA Members in Good Standing Free.

24 Hour Bonded and Commissioned Armed Guards

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

## ***Second General Membership Meeting Set for August 7***

Although the NMGCA 2015 pocket calendars indicate 4 General Membership Meetings, the Board of Directors voted to cancel those meetings due to lack of participation by NMGCA members. A special General Membership meeting was held during set up at the March Gun Show.

The Board has decided to hold a 2nd General Membership Meeting at 5:30 pm during vendor set-up at the Albuquerque Old West & Military Collectible Show (AOWMCS) on Friday, August 7th. Snacks, speakers, and entertainment will be provided to members. The event will again be closed to the public so please remember to bring your 2015 membership cards for entry.

## **New Show Vendors Sought for 2015**

The NMGCA is continuing to offer new vendors a special table rate for 2015 shows. 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 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.

## **NMGCA Web Site**

Please check the NMGCA Web site, [www.nmgca.net](http://www.nmgca.net), for new information as well as for table applications and table layouts. Membership applications are also available online. In addition, there is now a legislative link where you can check for legislative information.



**Above: Shooting at the Inside Air Rifle Range.**

## **June 2015 Gun Show**

The June Gun Show, although traditionally smaller than the March and October shows, was well attended. Vendors and customers expressed satisfaction with the show. A well deserved Thanks to the Show Host and crew for a job well done!



**US Navy Sea Cadet Corps Cadets Presenting the Colors at the Opening of the June Show**

# Early Smith & Wesson Comes Home

During the first global conflict, WW1, England was terribly short of arms of all types. In a negotiated contract, the U.S.A. supplied our European friends (having forgiven their 1812 incident) with small arms of various types.

One of these was the Smith & Wesson 2nd Model Hand Ejector revolver which began its manufacturing history (1915-1940) as the British Smith & Wesson Mk II Hand Ejector. These excellent revolvers were chambered in the British .455 Webley and some were issued to the Royal Flying Corps (RFC). The example shown has that famous organization's initials stamped on the back-strap.

The RFC only existed from 13 May 1912 to 1 April 1918 when it became the Royal Air Force (RAF). Prior to integrating machine guns with their primitive aircraft, the pilots would use their side-arms to fire at enemy aircraft. It is interesting to note that parachutes were not available to RFC pilots – nor were they used by the RAF during the First World War.



Above: Royal Flying Corps initials stamped on back-strap  
 Right: Smith & Wesson 2nd Model Hand Ejector revolver

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## **2015 SHOW CALENDAR GUN SHOWS**

October 3rd and 4th

### **Albuquerque Old West & Military Collectible Show:**

August 8 & 9

### **General Membership Meetings\***

\*The General Membership Meetings listed on the NMGCA 2015 pocket calendar have been cancelled due to lack of NMGCA member participation.

The New Mexico Gun Collectors August show is the Quality Old West and Military Collectible Show

This show is for authentic western collectibles, western guns manufactured before 1940 and Indian or western crafts made in the United States, and military memorabilia.

See page one for show information.