

# Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MAY / JUNE 2017

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

## JUNE SHOW CANCELLED

Due to an unexpected health issue experienced by our newly selected Show Host, preparations for the June 2017 Gun Show were not completed and the NMGCA is currently without a functioning Show Host.

Therefore, the NMGCA Board of Directors decided that it would be in the best interest of our vendors and membership to cancel the June 2017 Gun Sword and Knife Show. Attempting to put on the Show without all of the necessary preparations in place would be a disservice to both our vendors and membership alike.

Vendors who have paid for their tables will be given the option of rolling their tables over to another show or having their table fees refunded. Additionally, the NMGCA will give each vendor who paid for tables for the June 2017 show an additional \$10.00/table bonus for the inconvenience imposed by the cancellation of the June 2017 show in accordance with the following:

- Vendors who wish to rollover their tables to another show will have the option of either being issued a bonus check for the number of paid tables (\$10.00/table) or have the bonus credited to their account and applied against future table rentals.
- Vendors who wish to have their table fees refunded will have the \$10.00/table bonus added to their refund check.

## Changes for June and October Gun Shows

Please note: The June Gun Show is a Friday and Saturday Show (June 2nd and 3rd) this year. The Show opens to vendors for set up at 10:00 am on Friday and is open to the public from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm that day. Saturday show hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Show will not be open on Sunday.

Also note: There will be a change of location for the October Gun Show. The New Mexico State Fair has moved the location of the NMGCA Octo-

ber 7th and 8th Gun Show to Tingley Coliseum. The Show will be held at the regular times—Sat. 9 – 5 and Sun. 9 – 4. For vendors that have had either wall tables or end caps at previous October shows, we will assign them similar locations in Tingley.

Please understand this move was not of the NMGCA's choosing. An RV show has booked all three Lujan buildings for two full weeks. Because of this, they were given precedence over the NMGCA.

### **New Show Vendors Sought for 2017**

The NMGCA is continuing to offer new vendors a special table rate for 2016 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 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 [contact@NMGCA.net](mailto:contact@NMGCA.net) 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.

### **Gun Show Help Still Needed**

The NMGCA is still looking for a qualified individual to help run the gun shows. Send requests for information to NMGCA, Show Host Chairman, POB 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192 or to [contact@NMGCA.net](mailto:contact@NMGCA.net).



# Comparing Two Great 6.5mm Cartridges



Photos are of a century old Swedish 6.5 X 55mm Rifle.

Interestingly enough, although they were “born” at least 114 years apart, the 6.5 by 55mm Swedish Mauser and the 6.5 Creedmoor have very similar performance ratings. The Swede was developed in 1891 by Sweden and Norway and adopted by both of their militaries in 1894. Norway went with the Krag-Jorgensen rifle while Sweden adopted a Mauser. This round is famous for having relatively mild recoil, being highly effective on big game, and possessing great accuracy potential. It was also responsible for the founding of Norma which still produces high quality ammunition in many calibers.

Unfortunately, most shooters in the U.S. were not aware of this cartridge until after WWII when many of the surplus rifles began to find their way here. In 1962 the price of a Swedish Mauser carbine, in good condition, was \$39.95 in one of Albuquerque’s premier gun shops. Another issue contributing to the lack of interest was that the

American ammo manufacturers did not produce the 6.5 by 55 until the 1990s. That is unfortunate as the 6.5 projectile has a very high ballistic coefficient in comparison with other calibers.

There were several other 6.5mm cartridges introduced over the years: the more well-known include: 6.5x68S or .264 Winchester Magnum, 6.5mm Remington Magnum, .260 Remington, 6.5x57 Mauser, and 6.5x54 Mannlicher-Schoenauer. While there were others most did not achieve any significant support.

The Creedmoor was jointly developed in 2008 by Creedmoor Sports and Hornaday (an ammunition company). It has the distinct advantage of being about one-third on an inch shorter than the Swedish 6.5 by 55, which makes it compatible with shorter actions and .308 length magazines. Indeed, it pretty much mimicked the .308 in crosswind resistance and bullet drop but with less recoil. As such, it has enjoyed not only the interest of the hunters but also long-range target shooters.

A comparison of the velocity, foot-pound energy, and drop, for the two calibers using similar, very high ballistic coefficient 140 grain bullets, is shown below. As you can see, there is very little difference in the data.

Yards	Velocity (fps)		Energy (ft-lbs)		Bullet Drop (inches)	
	Sw	Cr	Sw	Cr	Sw	Cr
0	2650	2690	2182	2249	-1.5	-1.5
100	2476	2536	1906	2000	0	0
300	2149	2245	1435	1556	2.1	1.9
500	1848	1972	1061	1209	49.7	45.8

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## **2017 SHOW CALENDAR**

### **GUN SHOWS**

June 2nd and 3rd (Fri & Sat)

October 7th and 8th (at Tingley)

### **ALBUQUERQUE OLD WEST & MILITARY SHOW:**

August 5th & 6th

## **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.