

Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION JAN / FEB 2017

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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.

63rd Anniversary

GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse

March 4th & 5th

EXPO NEW MEXICO

(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)

Manuel Lujan Buildings A & B

Central Ave. & San Pedro

Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$85.00 (Member \$75.00)
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: \$8.00 - General Admission. Children under 12 - Free with Adult.
\$10.00 Two (2) Day Passes. NRA Members with Card \$7.00. Uniformed
Law Enforcement Officers - Free. Active Duty Military with ID and Law
Enforcement Officers with Badge or Commission Card \$4.00

NMGCA members Free with Current Membership Card
Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

Gun Show Help Needed

The NMGCA is 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 newmexicogca@aol.com

Special Rates For New Show Vendors

The NMGCA is again offering new vendors special table rates for 2017 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 March Show and a \$35.00 rate for the June and October Gun Shows or the August Old West and Military Collectible 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.

Not All Tombstones Found In The Cemetery

The .50 Browning Machine Gun (BMG) round has been for many years one of the most devastating weapons used against personnel and lightly armored equipment. It has a high ballistic coefficient and approximately 5 times the kinetic energy as the .30-06. The cartridge development was initiated prior to World War I. And on October 15, 1918, the Browning Model 1918 was the first machine gun in the U.S. to use the 50 caliber round, at which time 900 rounds were fired through an equally new Browning firearm. Since then, the .50 BMG has been used in many different weapon configurations, including sniper rifles, where the record for a "confirmed kill" exceeded 2,700 yards, i.e., just over a mile and a half.

So, what does the above information have to do with the title of this article? Well, while the .50 BMG has been used for various models of infantry weapons, these in no way compare to the devastating power provided when multiple

guns are combined in various ways. For example, during World War II, the M45 turret was mounted on two specific systems: The M16 Multiple Gun Motor Carriage and the M51 Multiple Machine Gun Carriage. When mounted on the M20 trailer, it was known as the M55 Machine Gun Trailer Mount. Although testing had not been completed on this system by the end of World War II, the M51 was withdrawn from service in favor of the M55.

During the Korean War, the M55 and M16 saw extensive combat use and "lessons learned" in Korea led to the conversion of an additional 1,200 M3 half-tracks into the M16A1 variant which added an M45 turret. Most of these weapons utilized multiple magazines that could hold 200 rounds of .50 BMG. The unique shape of this magazine led to the sobriquet of "Tombstone" magazine. So, there you have it—that's what they are called—but you won't find these "Tombstones" in a cemetery.

NMGCA 2017 Membership

Membership in NMGCA is based on a calendar year. The NMGCA Board of Directors has approved a "grace period" until January 31st of the year in which the dues are owed. If you are a member in good standing did not renew your membership by January 31, 2017, your name will (regrettably) be dropped from our membership rolls. Persons wishing to continue their membership in the NMGCA must re-apply as "new members" and enclose the additional money requested of new applicants. We look forward to your continued support of the NMGCA and your respect of the member requirements.

NMGCA 2017 Officers and Board Members

The following were elected for 2017 to the NMGCA Board of Directors: President, Darlene Couchman; Vice President, Jim Covell; Secretary and Treasurer, Ken McCorkle. Board members elected for a two-year term are Gerald Illgen, Rex Meador, and Jim Young.



200-Round Tombstone Magazine for each .50 Caliber Browning Machine Gun



The Quad .50 Browning Machine Gun



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2017 SHOW CALENDAR

GUN SHOWS

March 4th and 5th

June 2nd and 3rd (Friday & Saturday)

October 7th and 8th

Albuquerque Old West Show & Military Collectible Show

August 5th & 6th