

Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION JAN / FEB 2019

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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.

65th Anniversary

GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse

March 2nd & 3rd

EXPO NEW MEXICO

(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)

Manuel Lujan Building B

Central Ave. & San Pedro

Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$85.00 (Member \$75.00)

For Table Reservations, Contact Our Show Host:

NMGCA Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: contact@nmgca.net.

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 (No Debit/Credit Cards): General Admission - \$8.00.

Children under 12 - Free. Anyone under 18 must be with a guardian.

Two-Day Passes (available at admissions booth) - \$10.00.

NRA Members with Card - \$7.00. Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers - Free.

NMGCA members Free with Current Membership Card

Under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.



Numrich Arms Company .22 Conversion for 1903 & A3 Springfields

Following WWII there were many 1903 and 1903A3 military rifles made available to the public through the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Only a few of the 1922M2 .22 caliber training rifles, introduced in 1933 and utilized in WWII were available through the CMP and at a considerably higher cost.

Numrich Arms came up with a relatively simple conversion system so anyone who had acquired a 1903 or A3 could target practice or hunt with a quality, although rather heavy, .22 rimfire rifle.

The units, in a 1959 ad, sold for \$34.50 (postpaid) and consisted of five parts: a rifled barrel insert manufactured by Marlin Firearms Company; a Springfield manufactured caliber .22 bolt for the M2 rifle; a modified 03A3 trigger guard and magazine housing; a Harrington & Richardson magazine; and a tool used to install, rotate and lock the barrel insert into the bore of the rifle. Apparently about 1,500 units were produced.

According to Marlin information, they conducted a test using three different units and firing three five-shot groups at 100 yards with each one resulting in an overall average extreme spread of 1.7 inches.

NMGCA Newsletter Distribution Changes Announced

Due to postage cost and USPS unpredictability, after distribution of the Jan/Feb 2019 Newsletter, hard copy mailing via USPS will be suspended. The newsletter will continue to be sent electronically to email participants and it will be available to all members on the NMGCA Website.

If you need a newsletter hard copy, you may request one by calling 505-262-1350. Only the most recent issue will be available. We appreciate your understanding and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

NMGCA 2019 Officers And Board Members

The following were elected for 2019 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 Mador, and Jim Young.

****NOTICE****

New Policy For Table Holders

The NMGCA Board of Directors has instituted a new policy with regard to vendors: Tables must contain at least 80% guns, gun related items, knives, or knife related items to be eligible for the \$85.00 (non-member) or \$75.00 (member) table rate. Otherwise, the table rate for vendors will be \$125.00 (non-member) or \$115.00 (member) for non-gun and non-knife related items.

NMGCA Email System

Please note: email for membership information is membership@NMGCA.net. The email address for all other information is contact@NMGCA.net.

Your cognizance of the difference between these will facilitate our email process. Thanks!

“Damascus” Knives and Swords



True Damascus steel was the forged steel comprising the blades of swords smithed in the Near East from ingots of wootz steel imported from India and Sri Lanka. These swords are characterized by distinctive patterns of banding and mottling reminiscent of flowing water. Such blades were reputed to be tough, resistant to shattering, and capable of being honed to a sharp, resilient edge.

True Damascus steel was superplastic and very hard at the same time. Production of these patterned swords gradually declined, ceasing by around 1750, and the process, and source material, was lost to metalsmiths.

During the smelting process to obtain Wootz steel ingots, woody biomass and leaves are known to have been used as carburizing additives along with certain specific types of iron rich in micro-alloying elements. The discovery of carbon nanotubes in the Damascus steel's composition supports this hypo-

thesis. Research now shows that carbon nanotubes can be derived from plant fibers, suggesting how the nanotubes were formed in the steel. A research team in Germany published a report in 2006 revealing nanowires and carbon nanotubes in a blade forged from Damascus steel.

“Modern Damascus” is made from several types of steel and iron slices welded together to form

a billet, and currently, the term “Damascus” (although technically incorrect) is widely accepted to describe modern pattern welded steel blades in the trade. The patterns vary depending on how the smith works the billet. The billet is drawn out and folded until the desired number of layers are formed. This is the same process used by Japanese Swordsmiths.

Since the well-known technique of pattern welding produced surface patterns similar to those found on Damascus blades, some modern blacksmiths were erroneously led to believe that the original Damascus blades were made using this technique. Pattern-welded steel has been referred to as “Damascus steel” since 1973. However today, the difference between wootz steel and pattern welding is fully documented and well understood. The knife depicted here is made from “Modern Damascus” (i.e. pattern-welded) steel.



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2019 SHOW CALENDAR

GUN SHOWS

March 2nd and 3rd

October 5th and 6th

Albuquerque Old West Show & Military Collectible Show

August 3rd & 4th

NMGCA 2019 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, 2019, 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.