

Gun Collectors News

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MARCH / APRIL 2019

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Membership Dues:

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

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

NMGCA GUN SHOWS

2019 Show Calendar

Gun Show:
October 5th and 6th

**Albuquerque Old West Show
& Military Collectible Show**
August 3rd & 4th

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.
For additional information visit our 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 3:00 pm.

Admission (No Debit/Credit Cards):

General Admission* - \$8.00.

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

*Children under 12 - Free. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied
by a guardian - I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.



March 2019 Gun Show Winning Displays

First place: The Luger Pistol in Switzerland. Top.

Best Educational: Swords of Winners and Losers of WW2. Center.

Second Place: Frontier Pistols. Below.

A very special thanks to the display judges for their conscientious efforts.



Model 1892 Winchester 44-40

The Winchester Model 1892 is a lever-action repeating rifle designed by John Browning as a smaller, lighter version of his large-frame Model 1886, and which replaced the Model 1873 as the company's lever-action for pistol-caliber rounds such as the .44-40 (as shown in the photograph). This way a horseman could carry a rifle and pistol chambered for the same round.

When asked by Winchester to design an improved lever action to compete with a recent Marlin offering, John Browning said he would have the prototype completed in under a month or it would be free. Within 2 weeks, Browning had a functioning prototype of the 92. The original calibers were the .32-20, .38-40, and .44-40 Winchester Centerfire rounds, followed in 1895 by the new .25-20. A few Model 92s chambered for .218 Bee were produced in 1936-38. Rifles in .44-40 proved to be most popular, far outstripping sales of the other chamberings and has become the favorite of most Cowboy Action Shooters.

1,007,608 Model 1892 rifles were made by the original Winchester Company. The Depression greatly affected sales of the Winchester 92, and at the start of World War II Winchester dropped production when it retooled for the war effort. Production was not resumed after the war. Model 92 manufacture was resumed in the 1970s by Amadeo Rossi in Brazil; more recently by Chiappa Firearms; and by Browning and Winchester in Japan. In its

modern form, using updated materials and production techniques, the Model 1892's action is strong enough to chamber high pressure handgun rounds, including the 454 Casull as the 1892s dual forward locking-block action is actually stronger than Browning's rear-locked Model 1894.

Although the Model 1892 made its debut after the closing of the American frontier, and the true "Guns that Won the West" were the earlier Models 1866 and 1873, nonetheless the '92 became an indelible icon of Western mythology through its use in hundreds of motion pictures and television shows, standing in for its older siblings. John Wayne famously carried Model 92s in dozens of films and owned several personally, some with the distinctive oversized "loop" lever. Other notable screen 92s were those of Chuck Connors in *The Rifleman* and Steve McQueen, shortened version in *Wanted: Dead or Alive*.

Hollywood studios purchased the '92 in quantity because it was in regular production (until World War II) but looked sufficiently like Old West Winchesters to substitute for valuable antiques, and because in calibers .44-40 and .38-40 it could fire, together with the Colt Single Action Army "Peacemaker" revolver, the standard Five-in-One blank cartridge. This latter practice mirrored the real cowboys, who found it convenient to carry a rifle and a revolver chambered with the same ammunition.



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****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 or 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 or non-knife related items.

****NOTICE****

NEW 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!

****NOTICE****

NMGCA NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Due to postage cost and Postal Service unpredictability, beginning with distribution of this newsletter, hard copy mailing via Postal Service is 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.