

Join in on the  
Fun this Year!

## April 30 - May 1

**Annual Display Show**  
Sat. and Sun.

**Members Recognition  
Banquet** Sat. April 30 at 5 pm.  
See article at right  
Annual PAC Raffle begins.

## NRA in Houston

**David Molchen's** "Navy Lugers 1904-1940" will represent OGCA at the long awaited **NRA Annual Meetings** May 27-29 in Houston. A "tip of the hat" to Dave! Highlights in an upcoming newsletter.

## July 16-17

The 7th Annual ROCS/OGCA Show **ROCS** (The Ruger Owners & Collectors Society) are a fine group of collectors, and they will be holding their great Display Show. For more information on ROCS, visit: [www.rugersociety.com](http://www.rugersociety.com). Make plans today for the July meeting and bring out your Rugers. **1st Ohio Light Artillery Battery A** may be back with a beautiful cannon display – stay tuned.

## Sept. 10-11

For the 11th year, **The Winchester Arms Collectors Association** will hold their Annual Midwestern Show at OGCA. They will have many trade tables with fine Winchester firearms and interesting related memorabilia. Also, *this year only*, **Marlin Firearms Collectors Association** will hold their annual meeting with us. Don't miss all the displays and fine firearms at this special show!

**Raffle drawing** for **OGCA PAC** will be held Sept. 11 at Noon. Winners need not be present.

## Nov. 19-20

**Director Elections**

**Muzzel loader Club Invitational.**  
If you are part of a Muzzel loader Association contact Chuck Benton (419) 544-2865 or Laura Knotts [ogca@ogca.com](mailto:ogca@ogca.com) or (330)467-5733.



Spring '22  
Interim  
Newsletter

Did you have fun at the March meeting? Reports of rare finds and great trading opportunities carried across the packed hall. Thank you for bringing in **528 guests**, filling **600 tables** and sponsoring an incredible **175 applicants**. Our strength is in our numbers, and there has never been a better time to grow this grass roots collecting club. Towards that end, the first 100 members to



**This pin is not sold.** sponsor 5 new members will **It must be earned.** receive an **Ace Sponsor pin**. Only 100 pins will be made and they are numbered 1-100. The program is retroactive to January 2022 so some of you are well on your way to reaching Ace status! The top sponsor of the year will also be duly recognized. Someone invited you and, in turn, it is important to take the time to invite another.

Bring a guest on April 30/May 1, 2022 for the event we look forward to all year. It includes the nationally recognized **Annual Display Show** along with hundreds of trade tables. Besides great buying and selling opportunities, you and your guests will see unique and interesting display-only exhibits. As of this writing we already have over 30 display tables. Plus, meet the members who "wrote the book" in the **"Authors Corner."**

All members (including March applicants voted into membership) may **VOTE** for your favorite display on Saturday. The display with the most votes wins the **"Member's Choice"** award. We have numerous prizes and our esteemed **Judges** are **Beverly Haynes, Jerry Pitstick** and **Russ Withem**.

## REMINDER

**Nominations for Director** will close at noon Sunday, May 1, 2022. Applications must be completed and returned to First Vice President Terri Hill at tables T, 7-10. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have about running for director.

You may also call him at (740) 587-0657 prior to the Apr. 30 / May 1, meeting.



**Guest Pass** forms and **Trade Table Applications** for May are on pages 11-14 of your last newsletter and/or email [ogca@ogca.com](mailto:ogca@ogca.com) or call (330) 467-5733. Guest pass forms are always available to members on-site. Trade tables filled up fast for March, so be sure to reserve now for Apr/May.

Guests and family are also more than welcome at the Saturday evening **Annual Member Recognition Banquet** at 5 pm Saturday April 30th in the Roberts Centre main foyer (not the hotel). Please have your reservation in by April 15th. Note **Max & Ermas will be closed**, making the banquet an easy choice. Plus look for a great raffle item to benefit youth shooting sports. **MENU:** Tossed garden salad, seasonal fruit salad, rosemary herb redskin potatoes, green beans, chicken Marsala, lasagna, and a delicious dessert! **PRICE:** Adults just \$30.00 each. Children 6-12, \$10.00. Under age 5 are free. Application form and more details can be found at [www.ogca.com](http://www.ogca.com) until we sell out. Questions? Call (330) 467-5733. **The lobby will be closed 3:30 - 5 pm to set up the banquet.** Alternate entrance and exit will be posted in the north and south lobbies.

**ANNUAL 2022 DISPLAY SHOW JUDGES:**  
BEVERLY HAYNES  
JERRY PITSTICK  
RUSS WITHEM

*The Display Show is one of the most educational events to bring your family and friends to, but check out all of the great shows we have coming up in 2022 in the left column.*

## Reflection on 50 Years of Membership - By Richard Fisher



Look for Richard at an upcoming meeting sporting his gold badge!

50 years...where have they gone? The first OGCA show I attended was in Canton, OH. That followed with the Veterans Memorial in Columbus, OH; Shelby, OH; Milan, OH; IX Center, Cleveland, OH; and last Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH. I bought my first P-38 at the Log Cabin in Lodi, OH. That was before I joined OGCA. My interests are German WWII firearms, daggers and regalia. I always look forward to the next show.

*Thank you, Richard! We are lucky to have you!*

## PASSAGES



Longtime member and tableholder **Edward "Ed" Threlfall Jr.**, 83, of Pennsylvania, passed away on February 2, 2022, at his home. Ed graduated from school in the Munnhall area with the class of 1957. He met Marsha Worling

in 1987 and they shared thirty-three wonderful and fulfilling years of life together. Marsha survives him and we look forward to seeing her again at OGCA in the future. Ed worked in restaurant equipment management and supplies and was a partner with Sig Ress Company in Pittsburgh. Ed later owned and operated Abcott Food Service along with Marsha. He was a member of the Freemason's lodge in West Mifflin. Ed enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Ed was a people person and enjoyed listening to and sharing stories with anyone who would take the time.

### **Frederick W. "Fast Fred" Stegner**

81, of Steubenville died Tuesday January 11, 2022. He was born in Charleston, WV. Fred was retired from Weirton Steel where he worked in the BOP Department for many years. He was an avid fisherman

and hunter. Fred also enjoyed being in the Buck Knives Collectors Club. His son, Fred is also a member and recently attended with his dad who had tables for many years against the wall in row EE along with many friends. Fast Fred was a legend at OGCA and will be remembered for his positivity, smile and sense of humor.



**David B. Witkowski** died on January 31, 2022. He was a 53 year Life member. Dave graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1957, then served in the Marine Corps for six years. While stationed on Okinawa he was deployed in and out of Laos and Cambodia many times at the beginning of the Vietnam war. He spent 32 years working for Northern States Power Co., retiring in 1997 as a Relay Tech. The next year he and his wife moved to Raton, NM. He enjoyed hunting, shooting, and reading about almost every subject, but mostly WWII. He and his wife traveled a great deal, taking in military and air museums and spending time with friends. He was a trusted and a reliable source of information relating to his hobbies, and will be greatly missed.



**Donald C. "Capt'n" Elder**, 86, of Indiana passed away January 13, 2022. Don was married for 45 years to his wife, Mary Lou, who is also active in OGCA. Don was the maintenance supervisor at Clarion University, retiring after 31 years. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Gun Col-

lectors, Garand Collectors Association and the NRA. He enjoyed collecting guns, especially German target shooting guns, and going to gun shows. Don loved to hunt and was an avid fisherman. Don lived his life with great expectations and



we are proud to have had him as a member of OGCA. We look forward to seeing Mary Lou at an upcoming meeting.

### 17 year Life member **Robert E. Novosel**

78, of Pennsylvania passed away January 23, 2022, at his home. He was a graduate of Bellefonte H.S. **Wayne Miller at the 2010 NRA Annual Meeting & Exhibits.**

He was married 59 years. Bob worked at Scientific Systems, Cerro, and in 1972, launched Novosel Instruments where he was still involved until his passing. He was also one of the original founders of the Marion-Walker Little League. He was a life member of the Walker Township Fire Co., and a member of the Rock Run Camp, Locust Spring Camp, and the Bald Eagle Rifle League, where he served as treasurer. He enjoyed building muzzleloaders since 1964.



**Robert Novosel (left) with Wayne Miller at the 2010 NRA Annual Meeting & Exhibits.**



**Richard E. Snyder**, Life member, passed away peacefully at age 68, on January 29, 2022 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. He was a proud U.S. Navy veteran and a retired employee of WPAFB with 43 years of service. Rich was a sweet man who was actively involved in Civil War reenactments, the NRA and OGCA.

Life member **Joseph Wanenmacher, Jr.**, passed February 10, 2022. A petroleum engineer, Joe was associated with Wanenmacher and Mueller Petroleum Consultants firm for many years. Always a gun enthusiast and collector, he had been a member of the Indian Territory Gun Collectors since 1968. His hobby became his business when he created the Wanenmacher Arms Show in Tulsa, OK which he developed into one of the largest gun shows in the world. He was honored by both the City of Tulsa and by Tulsa County for the revenue it brought to the area over the years. An icon in the gun collecting world, he will be missed.



## 2022 PAC RAFFLE TICKETS SALES START AT THE APR/ MAY MEETING

The next meeting kicks of the Annual PAC Raffle! Chairman, Marty Capito has gathered 6 great prizes for this year. Tickets will be available at the PAC Table starting Saturday, April 30th until the drawing on Sunday September 11th.

Tickets are just \$5 for one or \$20 for five. Winners need not be present. You will receive a sheet of tickets with your Summer newsletter mailing arriving in June.

Raffle proceeds support crucial causes. Most importantly, it supports Pro-Second Amendment candidates and our right to keep and bear arms. The upcoming election is crucial. Put those in office who support our right to keep and bear arms! Funds also support select veterans groups and Youth Shooting Sports programs. Supporting our youth teaches them gun safety, education, social experiences and can peak interest in the history, craftsmanship and collectability of firearms.

Marty Capito will display the prizes at his table beginning at the April/May meeting up until the drawing Sept. 11th at noon. Check out the great prizes at row U (orange flag).

**1st Prize** - new unfired commemorative Remington Model 1100 in .410 gauge marked "22 of 100" in celebration of OGCA's 60th Anniversary in 1997.

**2nd Prize** - WWII German P-38, Nazi marked, all matching in 95%+ condition with one magazine.

**3rd Prize** - Savage Model 110 bolt action rifle with Bushnell Engage 3x-9x scope in 350 Legend caliber.

**4th Prize** - Smith and Wesson M&P Shield in 9mm with two magazines.

**5th Prize** - Remington Model 597 semi-auto rifle in 22 long rifle caliber, with extra magazines.

**6th Prize** - 2021 ROCS/OGCA Commemorative Knife with sheath and carry case.

**Find photos in your next newsletter along with your sheet of raffle tickets.**