



With the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic effecting our entire country and the extension of quarantine orders by our president and governor, **the May 30-31, 2020 meeting is canceled.** We are putting the protection of the health of our members and their families first! It is unknown at this time when the Governor will lift the ban of no gathering of 10 or more people or if it will be extended. Please take this time to cancel any hotel reservations. We are contacting tableholders who are entitled to their choice of a full refund or credit. Those who reserved bus tickets have not been charged. Members who bought banquet tickets will be fully refunded. **The Display Show and Banquet has been rescheduled for May 8-9, 2021.**

Everyone has been looking forward to the May show for so long, and we want you to know we share your disappointment. Gun

collectors have been particularly effected by the ban on public gatherings and subsequent cancelation of gun shows across the country. Our March meeting was banned just two days prior. Fortunately, the word got out quickly regarding the cancellation. We sent over 10,000 emails, called over 750 members and appreciate that so many of you stopped what you were doing and contacted your fellow members. Your email address is never shared! If you did not receive an email from ogca@ogca.com between March 10-13, please email us at ogca@ogca.com with your email address, name and member number (if you don't know your member number it is above your name on the envelope) so that we can add you to our email list for future correspondence. In addition please "like" us on Facebook to get news and updates at <https://www.facebook.com/theogca>.

We are pro-actively looking forward to the **July 18-19, 2020** meeting! After all this cabin fever it may be the biggest summer show ever. See below, left.

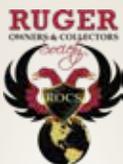
We have had a great response on recent articles honoring our 50-year Gold Badge members. This Interim Newsletter is dedicated in memory of Gary Davis, below. If you have a gold badge and have not yet been in the newsletter, please email or mail a photo of you with your badge (and perhaps a favorite firearm), or stop by the Business Office desk so we can take your picture. If you have been a member 50+ years and do not yet have a gold badge please contact us.

We pray for the stop of the spread of the virus and quick recovery of those afflicted. **May you and your family be healthy and safe.**

Meet New Collector Friends

July 18-19, 2020

Welcome ROCS! Bring out your Rugers! Plus Remington Society of America and a free Ohio Hunter Education Course on Saturday July 18th (next page). **Table applications** for July & September will be in the next mailing or contact the Business office in advance.



September 12-13, 2020

For the 9th year, our friends at The Winchester Arms Collectors Association will hold their Annual Midwestern Show with us. We look forward to hosting this great event every fall. Welcome back Cody Firearm Museum Records Specialist, Jessica Bennett.



November 21-22-2020

Director Elections (Sat. 11/21/20). The deadline to return Director Nomination forms has been extended from May to September due to the coronavirus. It is easy to put your "hat in the ring." See next page.

Treasuring Friendship with Longtime Members

Gary L. Davis Sponsored Many Friends in his 50+ Years of Membership

Sherman Kirkland had the pleasure of presenting Gary Davis with his 50+ year gold badge at the January meeting. Gary sponsored an incredible 89 people including his son, Craig. Gary, 78, left this world on March 14, 2020 exemplifying how important it is to treasure our friendships. Gary was owner and operator of Davis Lumber Company for many years. He lived in southwest Ohio and was a member of American Legion Post 14 and VFW of Greenfield. Besides collecting guns he enjoyed hunting Indian relics, playing cards and bingo. Gary has many friends at OGCA who will think of him often. In January, Gary wrote:



"I always wore the same vest and OGCA hat. (I wore out three hats.) I had the same tables since the first Roberts Centre meeting at G-13 until late 2019 when I ran out of guns. I traded in pre-1945 military rifles and pistols for the last 20 years. I shot trap for years and also combat pistol for several years. My son Craig is now a member and comes with me. I really enjoy the meetings as everybody are good people and the Robert Centre is only 48 miles away."

Don Snider Receives Gold Badge

Donald Snider never thought he would be a member for 5 decades, but he recently received his Gold Life badge after 51 years of membership from Chuck Benton and Fred Kolb. Don became interested in collecting from his hunting days. In fact, he and his brother used to hunt out west in Wyoming and Montana. He also enjoyed shooting at Camp Perry and is one of several members who considers the late Doc Curren of Shelby, Ohio to be a great mentor in terms of hunting, shooting and collecting. Don's collecting interest started with long guns, especially Winchester, and went on to Colts, Smith & Wessons and Rugers. Don said "I enjoyed it all. All of the people have been nice. I appreciate all we do for collecting, and my wife and I really enjoyed the banquets at the Air Force Museum." Don has been married 58 years and both he and his wife have bought quite a few guns over the years. Their advice to younger folks is "Don't wait." Don is retired from the printing industry and is a proud member of the Richland County Gun Collectors Association and an Endowment member of the NRA.



Treasuring Friendship with Longtime Members (Continued)

Congratulations to Clyde Potter

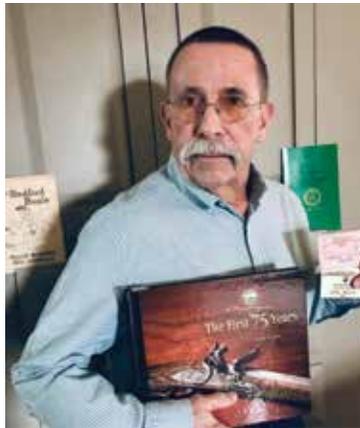


Life member and member for 53 years, Clyde Potter, grew up around guns all his life. His dad used to bring him on his shoulders to OGCA meetings at the Neil House Hotel in Columbus. He remembers playing around with muzzleloaders with his grandfather. As a kid he never knew why the guys at NMLRA called him "Shorty Potter" but as he grew up he figured out it was because grandpa was "5 foot nothing." His mom liked to go to the rifle range and was rarely without a gun, carrying a detective special 38 in her apron. Clyde would like to see more women shooters, and it sounds like he would be just fine losing to the many excellent female trap shooters. Clyde collects Smith and Wesson N frame revolvers from the 60s and 70s since he casts his own bullets. His favorite gun is a 41 magnum, and everyone

laughs but he doesn't care - he loves that cartridge. Clyde worked for Columbia Gas Company as a leakage inspector, and as an auxiliary fireman/paramedic for the city of Columbus for 35 years. He currently works part time for Allied Security. Clyde hated not having the March gun show as he had his tax money back and he's looking for a gun. He is quick to point out how important it is to get the message out that "it ain't the gun doing the killing, it's the person holding it." Thanks, Clyde!

Life Member Don L. Miller Hits 50 Year Milestone

Thank you for the Fifty Year Membership badge. Enclosed is a photo of me with my first (January 1, 1970) and very last membership badges. I am surrounded by a little bit of OGCA history. I have lived in two houses my whole life and both have been in Canal Winchester. I graduated from Canal Winchester High School in 1964 and served in the U.S. Army. I have been married for 48 years to Vickie Loska Miller and we have two grown sons Kurtz and Hanz Miller, a daughter-in-law Celeste, and a three year old grandson, Jacob Miller. I am a retired Lieutenant and Paramedic of the Columbus Division of Fire with 27 years. I have many fond memories of the OGCA shows in Columbus and of course the I-X Center up north. The shows in Wilmington are great and as always, you never know what you may find. I still have my first P38 and the \$35 I paid seemed like a lot of money at the time. I enjoy collecting military and just about any little piece of history that catches my eye. I have many, many favorites however, one is at the top. My Lieutenant's badge does not have a badge number but my firefighter badge does. Thanks to a very dear family friend and OGCA member, he sold me a very nice, low number, cased P38 with my firefighter badge number. What a great "find" and I will be forever indebted to him. Keep up the good work. - Respectfully, **Don L. Miller.** [Thanks for 5 decades of loyalty and dedication, Don!]



A Salute to the One and Only, Tom Schiffer!



Thomas D. Schiffer received his Gold Badge in Jan. from Fred Kolb who expressed appreciation for everything Tom has done for OGCA, collecting, shooting, and preserving firearms history. Tom is the author of *The First 75 Years* the history of OGCA published in 2012. Tom says, "You probably came to the OGCA because it was, and is, about guns. You probably stayed because it is also about people...some of the finest you will ever meet." In 2002, Tom wrote, *Peters & King* about the Peters Cartridge Company and the King Powder company of Kingsmill, Ohio and Greenip Kentucky. More recently he wrote *The History of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association*. Tom has had numerous articles about firearms published and is a regular contributor to our newsletter. He has owned, shot or worked on a wide variety of firearms. He has held NRA instructor certifications and currently holds an NMLRA range officer certification card. He was president of the NMLRA 1989-1992, is a patron member of the NRA and is a board member of The Annie Oakley Center Foundation. He and his wife Carol can be found in row F at virtually every

OGCA meeting. Carol also joins him at shooting events and with their steam powered boats. They have two sons both interested in firearms. Tom has a BSIM from the University of KY. He has been a surveyor, draftsman, engineering change writer (jet engines; GE), R&D engineer, project & design engineer, manager of plant services, licensed steam engineer and environmental mgr.

Director Nomination Form Deadline Extended to Sept.

Director nominations for the 2021-2023 term are available now by calling **Sherman Kirkland, III** Nominating Committee Chairman/1st VP, at (440) 479-7839 or emailing **smk3@sbcglobal.net**. The deadline to return the form and documents is extended from the May meeting to the Sept. meeting by 4 pm Sat. Sept. 12th due to the coronavirus. Complete instructions will be provided. Our goal is to encourage you to put your "hat in the ring." Interviews will be held Sun. Sept. 13th at the Roberts Centre complex and the election will be Sat. the 21st at the Nov. 2020 meeting.

Autographed USA Hat Raffle

OGCA PAC will run two raffles this year to raise much needed funds for pro-gun Political Candidates. One raffle is for a USA hat signed by the President of the United States. Ticket donation level is just \$1/ticket or \$5 for 6. Mail a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) today with a check made out to "OGCA PAC." We will return your numbered ticket stubs in your SASE. OGCA PAC, P.O. Box 670406, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. The hat drawing will be held at the Sept. meeting after the big Annual 2020 PAC raffle drawing

Annual PAC Raffle

Look for Tickets in next Mailing

Six Great Prizes:

- 1st M-1 Garand CMP Korean War Springfield Rifle
- 2nd Walther P-38 WWII Pistol
- 3rd Winchester Model 70, 7mm
- 4th Colt Mustang Plus II .380
- 5th Double Tap 9mm Pistol
- 6th Colt Knife

Free Ohio Hunter Education Course July 18th

We will hold an Ohio Hunter Education Course on site during the July meeting on Sat. July 18, 2020. The cost is free and the course will run from 8 am – 6 pm (1 hour lunch break) in the Hamilton Conference room of The Roberts Centre. Member, Al Overholser, will be the lead instructor.