

### Clark County Fairgrounds to Host Summer Meeting New Date, August 9-10, 2025

We are pleased to announce that Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio will host OGCA for the Summer Meeting on August 9-10, 2025. This fairground is located just off I-70 on route 41 (exit 59). It is 31 miles east of Dayton, 40 miles west of Columbus, and is an easy 2.5-hour drive from Cleveland. **Address:** 4401 S. Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45505.

OGCA will use 40,000 sq. ft. in three interconnected buildings that will hold 500+ tables. The Clark County Fairgrounds has been refreshed and updated in recent years, including all new LED lighting and a forced air HVAC system with plenty of A/C for a summer show. They have on-site concessions, plentiful hotels within 10 minutes and most importantly, tons of parking!

OGCA has held a few meetings there, including most recently in December 2000. Although it is still a bit small for OGCA, it is the only welcoming facilities in southwest,

Ohio that had an available date. We are giving it a try on August 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> and ask for your support to make it a success.

Hotels fill quickly during the summer so make your reservation soon and don't forget to cancel all your hotel Reservations for the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. For camping and RV reservations call the fairgrounds at (937) 323-3090.

### Just a Few of the Many Hotels

Hampton Inn Springfield 101 W Leffel Lane Springfield, OH 45505 (937) 325-8480 Check in 3 PM. (9 minutes)

**Courtyard Springfield Downtown** 100 S Fountain Ave Springfield OH 45502 (937) 322-3600 (10 minutes).

**Holiday Inn** 204 Raydo Circle Springfield OH 45505 (937) 505-1670 (7 Minutes). **Red Roof Inn** 155 W. Leffel Lane Springfield OH 45505 (937) 325-5356 (6 minutes).

Country Inn and Suites 1751 W 1<sup>st</sup> St Springfield OH 45504 (937) 322-2200 (10

minutes)

Tables are on sale now. For May or July table refunds or for instructions on requesting a payment be transferred to the June and/or August meeting, please see below.

### Reminder to cancel your Roberts Centre/Wilmington Hotel Reservations.

Stay tuned to for announcements on the November/Late Fall meeting location.

## The Annual OGCA Display Show Has Been Moved to the June 21-22, 2025 Meeting





### SAVE THE DATE! June 21-22, 2025

Mark your calendars for an extraordinary OGCA Display Show event on June 21-22, 2025, at the spacious I-X Center in Cleveland! The last OGCA Display Show held at the I-X Center was back in 2001! There are plenty of trade and display tables available.

The Display Show deadline has been extended to May 26th. You have time to build a display to showcase your special firearm collection. It is always a great opportunity to network with like minds, spread the word on what you collect, and educate others. Display Show Information packets, complete with entry form, are accessible below with just a click!

All members should consider this an invitation to immerse themselves in a vibrant showcase of firearm collecting, creativity and educational experience as members compete for 4 prestigious serial-numbered Minuteman Freedom Bronzes valued at over \$4,500, cash prizes of \$4,000 and other awards. Plus, as a member you determine the outcome of the



### prestigious "Members Choice" Award" by casting your vote for your favorite display on Saturday, June 21, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Bring your family and friends!!! Click the Guest pass button below to print and mail (or save a stamp and reserve online.)

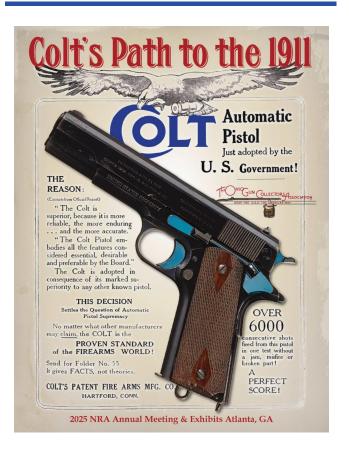
Let's make this event a resounding success together! I-X Hotels and Directions Below

> Send me a Display Show Information Packet

# Major Exhibition"Colt's Path to the 1911"June 21-22, 2025

Also at the June meeting, you will see our 30' exhibit built for the NRA Annual Meeting entitled, "Colt's Path to the 1911" featuring Military Colt Models based on John Browning's patents.

This display is not part of the Display Show competition. It is a year-long collaboration by several talented members. Unless you are attending the 2025 NRA Annual Meeting, this is a **once-in-alifetime opportunity to see it!** 



GUEST PASSES: Bring a guest to the June, August or September meeting Advance Guest Passes via mail or online through the Members Only portal must be received by 10 am on the day before the meeting in order for you to pick it up at the Will Call desk in the Registration area. Otherwise simply pay at the Guest Pass Desk. For your convenience below is a link to print a Guest Pass form or reserve online.

Extra forms are also available in person at the Guest Pass Desk.



Click on the Black to go to Members Only Login

#### "Members Only" Portal

Save a stamp and login to the new Members Only portal. Streamline: Reservations. Table Advance Guest Passes. Dues renewal. Address Changes and other services. If you have trouble logging in for the first time, please contact the Business Office at 330-467-5733 or shoot an email to ogca@ogca.com

# National Rifle Association Offering Deals

Past President Bob Wos wants you to be aware that of the NRA is working to restore trust as it offers discounts to build back its membership base.

If you believe that OGCA and other pro second amendment organizations are better off with a strong, reformed NRA consider joining or re-joining. The link below will take you to a website where you can join for as low as \$18.71 per year or \$750 for Life.

### Join NRA - National Rifle Association



### Donate to the Youth Grant Fund



# Donations Needed for 2025 Youth Grant Funds.

The 2025 OGCA/SAF Youth Grant Fund will

be dispersed in April. The amount awarded depends on the total available dollars. At this time, we are behind recent years... while the



demand continues to rise. Please make a contribution to fund next year's award. Clicking on the button to the right will take you directly to our website where you can make an easy, safe and secure contribution.

Facilitating positive experiences for youth in shooting and hunting promotes responsible gun ownership and fosters a positive image of firearms. Our partnership since 2020 with the Sportsman's Alliance Foundation (SAF) provides financial support to organizations, clubs and teams with projects and initiatives that advance shooting and hunting opportunities for youth under the age of 22 in Ohio.

# NEW RULES IN EFFECT More information in your upcoming newsletter

THE OGCA Board has amended the OGCA Rules to provide in part:

1. Anyone who possesses a loaded firearm at a meeting will be immediately expelled and banned from OGCA for life, this includes concealed carry firearms for which the person has a carry license.

2. Firearms (which are defined as broadly as possible) shall be tied so that the action is open, in accordance with OGCA directives. In the case of revolvers, the hammer is to be secured against the frame. In special cases where it is not feasible to secure the action open, the firearm is to be inspected by OGCA personnel and tied according to their instructions. Together we will work through the mechanics of these requirements. Please show understanding.

- 3. The use of black, brown, blue or other dark colored plastic ties is prohibited.
- 4. Firearms shall be displayed on tables in such a manner that one standing in the aisle can easily observe that the firearm is tied with a plastic tie.

Bolt action guns will be tied with their bolts back. Double barreled and over under guns will be tied with their actions open. In certain instances, the use of a chamber flag held firmly in place by a plastic tie may be the best way to handle the situation. To the maximum extent possible guns will be rendered incapable of firing. One must be prepared with extra plastic ties (always available at the gun tie table) to retie guns after they are inspected. It is understood that these tying requirements are burdensome, will cause firearms to take up more table space, and are not ideal for the display of firearms. These issues cannot be avoided. Display guns in locked cases and at Display Show will be inspected and handled separately.

OGCA will insist on compliance with these rule changes. Failure to comply will lead to exclusion from the meeting.

All table holders will receive with their table credentials updated gun tie instructions. Gun tying will be done in a uniform manner going forward, enabling quick inspection to determine compliance.

Discharges are dangerous to lives and the ability of OGCA to have meetings.

Headquarters Hotel in June: Crown Plaza (IHG)

720 Engle Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (440) 243-4040 Crown Plaza link

#### **Click on Location for Directions:**

June & Sept. 2025 Cleveland I-X Center One I-X Center Drive (Input 6200 Riverside Dr. for GPS) Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Aug. 9-10, 2025 Clark County Fairgrounds 4401 S. Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45505

Visit: www.ogca.com for more information

All Roberts Centre Meetings Are Canceled

### 2025 Meeting Dates and Locations

June 21-22 I-X Center, Cleveland, OH OGCA Annual Display Show

August 9-10 Clark County Fairgrounds 4401 S. Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45505 September 27-28 I-X Center, Cleveland, OH WACA & GGCA

Late Fall - To Be Determined

#### **Attention Tableholders / Refunds and Transfers**

Following are instructions for members to request a refund or transfer payment of prepaid tables to another date.

Regular Tableholders: Members who already reserved tables for the canceled May or July meetings can request a refund, or request the payment be transferred as follows:

- To the June 21-22 meeting at the I-X Center in Cleveland
- To the August 9-10 meeting at The Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, OH
- To the September 27-28 meeting at the I-X in Cleveland

If possible, please email your decision to ogca@ogca.com including your name and/or member number. Your refund or transfer is important to us and having your preference

in writing will help us get it right.

**Annual Tables:** If you are an annual tableholder for all 5 Roberts Centre meetings you can transfer your tables and/or request a refund in the same manner as above. If you are an Annual Tableholder for all 7 OGCA meetings you can transfer your July table to August and receive a refund on May and November, or request a refund for all canceled dates. Note: for those annual tableholders requesting a refund, we will also automatically include a refund for November to simplify accounting. However, once we have a replacement date and location, you may reserve and pay for table(s) at the \$80/table discounted rate for the replacement date/location.

If any tableholder would like to donate their refund to the OGCA/SAF Youth Shooting Sports Fund know that 100% of your donation will go to this important fund.



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