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Newsletter March, 2020

2020 SHOW DATES

Jan 12	May 17	Sep 20
Feb 09	Jun 21	Oct 18
Mar 21-22	Jul 12	Nov 14-15
Apr 19	Aug 16	Dec 13

NEXT SHOW

March 21 9:00AM - 5:00PM
March 22, 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Heritage Park
44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, BC

OUT OF TOWN SHOWS

March 1 – Duncan Eagles, 2965 Boys Rd. 250.701.2231

March 13, 14, 15 – Saskatoon
Prairieland Park Exhibition Grounds,
306.253.4367.

April 4-5 - Dawson Creek, Encana
Events Centre, Brenda 250.782.2111

April 4-5 - Penticton Curling Rink.
Brenda, 250.809.9163, email
bburchell57@gmail.com

April 4-5 - Swift Current in The
Stockade. Info, Box 1443, Swift
Current, Sk, S9H 3X5, phone Henry
306.778.6884

April 5 - Duncan Eagles Hall, 2965 Boys Rd., phone Steven 250.701.2231

April 10-11 - Calgary at BMO Centre,
Stampede Grounds, 1410 Olympic
Way SE, 403.771.8348, www.
calgarygunshow.com

April 18-19 - Kamloops, McArthur Island
Sports Center, Don 250.319.1916, email
damit22@telus.net

Ron's Report

Hello boys and girls. I'm going to tell you how I started the 2020 show year – by having a BAD LUCK day. As you remember it was foul weather. Lots of snow and ice. The news at 6 p.m. showed a lot of accidents and vehicles in ditches, however, HACS show was on the 12 of January. I had the current newsletter to take out for mailing as well as the mail and a couple of rolls of plastic for covering the guns that are leaving the show. We had about 5 inches of snow and it was snowing. Finally, through the night I decided to cancel my tables, shovel my walk and try to slowly get out to Chilliwack and deliver the mail, etc. I phoned Art and made the arrangements. When I got to the No. 1 freeway, the speed I could travel was 30 km per hour which finally increased to 50. It was BLACK dark and the snow was falling like chicken feathers. I couldn't tell where I was at most of the time. It was impossible to read the road signs. Finally, there was less snow on the ground and I drove at 60 km per hour. I thought I was at the exit I needed to get to the show. Oh how wrong. I really was lost. It turned out I had to get gas so I asked the attendant for directions. I was over 30 miles from where I was heading. However, she gave me good directions and I got there after blundering around for 2 hours. The show looked like it had its teeth pulled. There were quite a few cancellations. I sure was kidded for cancelling! I don't think there were any visitors. It only took a few minutes to see everything. Then I left for home after my deliveries. The road was better, just wet and we could drive the speed limit. I followed three cars passing a slow car and got a speeding ticket! It was getting late and I was hungry. Breakfast of 2 slices of toast was at 4:30 a.m., it was now 11 a.m. Continuing home, I arrived to find the garage door wouldn't open. I had to lift it to get it to open. So, I figure I started 2020 with a Bad Luck Day! I hope the rest of the year is better.

Now, boys and girls, here is some history. It was half a century ago that Mike Gillespie and I formed this club. We wanted to call it BC Arms Collectors but we had to change. The government said it would seem to be a government sponsored club so we changed it to what it is now as a compromise. We started with 24 members! Al Amundson is about the only founding member that I can think of besides Mike and me. As is today, Winchesters were the most popular. They were also less expensive. An 1873 would run you between \$40-\$50! There are a lot of makes I just don't see in shows now, like a Hamilton, a 22 cal. single shot rifle that was a top break, like a single barrel shot gun. Of course there are many others. These small 22 cal. rifles were called boys' rifles. I had about 150 of them. I don't see any around the shows now. I sold most of mine to a cattle raiser in Saskatchewan a long time ago. Shortly after, he came down with dementia. Luckily one of his sons was interested and took over the collection. His wife used to collect Winchester tools. I haven't seen any of the family for a long time because I haven't done a Saskatoon gun show for years.

What I started to tell you is: this is the last newsletter I'll be writing. As mentioned, 50 years ago we started the club and, except for a couple of breaks, I've held some position in the club. That includes doing many newsletters. It seems that when I was only 40 years old, I had more energy than I have now. So, I've decided it's time for me to retire. In March, at the elections, I plan to step down and let some of our able-bodied younger members take over. I'll just follow!

I've even had an offer from a member to buy me out. I don't know about that just yet. I don't think he realizes the maze of parts that I have on hand. The last two collections I bought cost me over \$12,000. However, for just now, I will try and cover my table for the immediate future. As I've said, the shows are more of a social gathering for most of us. So, if anyone has any suggestions, please give me your advice. Right now, I'm at a stand-still.

Now boys and girls, I reminded you before, I hope you booked your March 21-22 tables! There are only 600 and no room for anymore. I've booked my tables, not only for March 21-22 but all of this year. I learned today (February 9) that the show is sold out!

Well the February show is now over. Those of us who thought the good weather and the fact that the show in January was snowed out, would make for a landslide of visitors this month were wrong! We had the usual amount of visitors. I was too late when I asked for the count. What I did find out though was that over 20 guns were checked out. That's not too bad. That means a few vendors went home with their pockets jingling. The rest of us are looking forward to the March show. It's always a good show. I always enjoy the social aspects of a show and a not too busy show provides more time to socialize, so this show I did a lot of visiting.

I was thinking about the early shows and it struck me there are lots of guns I don't see anymore. Maybe they are in collections now. We don't have display shows anymore. That was generally all the wall tables were reserved for displaying collections. They were a lot of work to put together but usually very interesting. Some of the displays covered four tables. Of course there were awards for the best display, the people's choice was another. The visitors were asked to vote on the display they liked best. Sometimes there was an award for the best gun. The first Chilliwack show was put on by Ed Hall and Phil Moore. In order to have a trade table at their show, you must always put in a display for which there were the usual awards. My late wife, Jan, used to take reservations for them so she always got the "Best Helper Award". The show was held in the high school since Phil was a teacher there. If you had a table at the show you got a free lunch. Ed was also a teacher at the school. Both were retired army officers; Phil was a Captain the Service Corp, a cook. Ed was a Major in the Engineers Corp. I think he taught manual arts. Anyhow, it was a very good show to participate in. A fair crowd and a good lunch. I remember that Phil collected multi-barrel shotguns, that's 2 and 3 barrels as in side by side 16 gauge and below them a 7 mm barrel. After his death his son sold off most of his collection. I believe he kept the really special ones though. I can't remember what Ed collected, though I saw them many times. The displays then could include different Ballards, flintlocks of different types, various military guns of older types also. I used to collect what they called boys' rifles and had 150 different ones. It's been ages since I've seen even one of them in a show. One example is a Hamilton, a single shot .22 rifle that broke for loading as a single shot shotgun. The barrel was bronze with a steel cover. There were a few Canadian makers before WW I. I had one by a Canadian shotgun manufacturer. It was made in 1911 as a give-away with a magazine subscription. The few that were left were sold off for \$5 each. The one I had was in excellent condition. I got it from a friend in Seattle. He got it in an auction from London, England. Later I found an original flyer that advertised the remaining stock left over from the "give away". I knew a couple of other collectors in Washington who

had the same interest. At that time I belonged to the Washington Arms Collectors so once a month we could exchange any new information we came by. One of these fellows was Chief of Detectives in Renton, Washington. Another gun I haven't seen for a long time is a J. Stevens 1860 tip up. It was an early single shot rifle that loaded like a single shot shotgun. Those years ago Lee Enfield rifles had almost no interest. There were always some in a show. If any were sold they went under \$15 but now look at the prices they bring! I've seen some sell for nearly \$1000! I guess that's part of evolution. I can remember once, in our show, seeing a "naval short model Brown Bess" musket. I've never seen the "long land pattern". Now the guns I see seem like it's like a game of musical chairs. The same type of guns just keep moving around the shows. So that's the way I'm seeing things nowadays.

Well boys and girls, as I've told you before, this is my last newsletter to you. So remember to be good to each other. I'll see you all at the shows.

Cheers,
Ron

RIFLE & SCOPE STOLEN FROM HACS SHOW DEC. 8TH 2019 AT EVERGREEN HALL

One of the show vendors was packing up his firearms after the show and loading them into his vehicle at the rear of Evergreen Hall. He left some firearms on a rack beside his vehicle.

The rifles were all cased with trigger locks. He went back inside and a male suspect rode up beside his vehicle grabbing one of the cased rifles and rode off. The owner of the firearm gave chase but the suspect escaped on his bicycle.

We have to be very aware of our surroundings outside the hall when we are loading our firearms after the show ends. This was reported immediately to the Chilliwack RCMP right after the theft. If you have any information of value please contact the RCMP.

Stolen: Winchester Model 70 Super Express Serial # G279129
Cal. 375 H & H Magnum
Zeiss Diavari 1 1/2 x 4 1/2 Dangerous Game Scope
Rifle case & trigger lock
Retail value - \$3000.00

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Do you want your newsletter mailed? Yes _____ No _____
Please fill out and return with payment, \$40, or drop off at the next show.

HACS NEWSLETTER AD SPACE

FOR SALE | Larry Lee 604-298-2070 (Burnaby, BC)

WW II edged weapons, bayonets, fighting knives, swords. Sporting & military long guns, hand guns, first gen. Colt revolvers, large & small, metal & wood ammo boxes. Misc. helmets, webbing, belts, ammo etc., hats. Still a few books on military weapons, ships, guns, planes. Military manuals, assembly & disassembly of many guns. Phone for inventory remaining. Model planes, tanks included. Very reasonable prices. Moving in January . . . downsizing.

FOR SALE | Colin Stevens 604-341-1917, seaforth72@gmail.com

Ross sniper rifle CLONE 1915 Ross MK III, M1913 Warner & Swasey scope on mount, Canadian scope case \$3,800; Black power REPLICIA Trade Gun LEFT-HANDED \$900; Sharps black powder rifle .54 CAL set triggers REPLICIA \$1,000; Colt Government Model made in 1914 with Canadian issue marked magazine, spare mag and holster \$2,800; Inglis No. 2 Mk. 1* near mint with decal, spare mag, cleaning rod, P-51 holster \$3,250; British 1944 airborne helmet \$1,100; German M42 helmet battle damaged relic, no liner, dug up from Battle of Kurland \$225; More items such as uniforms, military books, edged weapons on my web site <https://captainstevens.com/militaria-for-sale-and-wanted>

FOR SALE | Robert 604-700-9554 or robertdomc@gmail.com

- AMMUNITION for Sale: Winchester/Western & Remington: .270 and 30-06 in Various Bullet Wts. \$15.00 per BOX; 12Ga. & 20Ga. Various Shot Sizes; \$12.00 per BOX. (Located in Vancouver)
- "GUN TRAVEL CASE"--Heavy Gage Aluminum for 2 or 3 Long Guns w/3 Lockable Hasps & Carrying Handle; 132 cm (52") Long, 35 cm (14") Wide, 11cm (4 5/8") Deep & Lined w/ Rubber Foam Pads. \$110.00
- BROWNING Light-12 made in Belgium in 1971, MINT: COLLECTOR/HUNTER SPECIAL: 2 VR Barrels; 28" Mod. C; & 24" IC w/ BROWNING Hard Leather Custom Travel Case; ORIGINAL QWNER: Lists in USA for \$2500+; REDUCED TO CDN \$1995.00
- ITHACA M-500 SKB 20Ga. 3" VR O/U (Circa 1970); Like New w/Soft Padded Case. ORIGINAL OWNER. REDUCED TO CDN \$1045.00 (SOLD)
- KERSHAW Vintage Knives Mfg. in Lake Oswego, OR, RARE and No Longer in Production There
- KERSHAW; Folding M-2040 (Stag); Locking 3 1/4" SS Blade & Handle w/Inlaid Rosewood & w/ Original Leather Sheath, MINT: \$115
- KERSHAW; Folding M-2050 (Rancher); 3 1/4" Locking & 2 1/2" Clip SS Blades & Hdl. w/ Inlaid Rosewood & w/ Gerber Leather Sheath, MINT: \$110

FOR SALE | John 604-620-0652

CZ 455 LUX .22 WMR barrel. only 20 shots through it. \$175.00.

FOR SALE | Ole 604-847-9355

- Mossberg o/u shotgun .410 cal., Grade Silver Reserve, \$525.
- Armed single shot folding shotgun 12 ga., New. \$225.
- Browning Semi-Automatic Rifle. 30/06 cal., Grade II, made in Belgium. Like new, \$950.

FOR SALE | Contact akldf@hotmail.com

- Several parker hale rifles, safari 1200, 30/06, one det. magazine for each. Fair to good condition. Open to offers.
- Parker hale rifle, safari 1200, 35 whelen, good condition, c/w bausch/lomb 3x9 scope, two det. magazines, loading dies and lots of good brass and bullets. Very good shooter.
- Box of leather and synthetic holsters (~15), for semi pistols and large revolver, shoulder rigs.

BUY & SELL OR TRADE

SA Finnish Marked SVT-40, or non refurbished SVT-40 or SVT-38. Please contact: CollectingMilitaria@gmail.com

Outdoorsmanship in Lower Mainland (40+). Interested in hunting and fishing. I am looking for a partner with mentor or living legacy outlook. I do have my life experience and willingness to provide transportation, share costs and to acquire new and to reinforce, existing knowledge, behavior, skills, values. I outing, fish and hunt with a dog. I am European with a family and ethical values have all licenses and most gears. Email demonofchoice@outlook.com

Complete gunsmithing, metal work, wood work, checkering, all types of blueing and high tech metal finishing, rebarreling, etc., Gary Flach, home - 604.329.6176 or email garyandtammy@shaw.ca

Canadian Firearms Safety Courses & Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education Courses & Exams – certified examiner – contact Al Simmons, 604-291-1952. Burnaby.

Gun Stocks Refinished – hand rubbed oil finish, 1st class job, reasonable rate, excellent references. Contact Mike at 604-552-1254 or cell 604-833-5574.

Military items from all eras such as autographs, helmets/headgear, uniforms, decorations, & edged weapons. Single items, estates, or collections. Contact George at 604-841-0710, or Bill at hughes@militaryautographs.com

Wanted: Original NO4 Mark 1 Lee Enfield Rifle Manual. Call Lyle at 604-824-0059

FOR SALE OR TRADE | Dave (Salmon Arm) 250-832-4123 snapcap@telus.net

*BSA-LEE SPEED, s/n 16907. #2 Lee-Speed Factory Sporter. .303" Br. w/ Charger Bridge, Mag. Cut-Off, Carbine Bolt, Express Sights, QR Swivels & Factory Chequering. VG. \$2000.00 + Shipping.

*RUGER M77/Mk. II. 7.62 x 39. All-Weather, Stainless. s/n 780-60633 (1991-2000).

Includes Ruger Scope Rings. EXC. \$1100.00 + Shipping

*ESSENTIAL AGENCIES LTD (EAL) #2, .303 Br., Flip Rear Sight & Post Front. 5 round magazine. NEW not Surplus # 4 Long Branch Action. Former museum exhibit. VG. \$1100.00 + Shipping.

*RUGER SUPER BLACKHAWK, .30 M1 Carbine. 7.5" barrel, transfer bar & Pachmeyer grips. VG. \$750.00 + Shipping.

*FEG P9R/Hi-Power, s/n R06967. 9mm Para., Single & Double Action, De-Cocking Lever, Target Trigger, Fixed Sights. Uses Browning Hi-Power Mags. VG. \$450.00 + Shipping.

LEE ENFIELD #4/1/3 (F) FTR 'S', #4 Mk. 1 SAVAGE. Sporter by Churchill/London. .303" Br. with 10 round magazine. Monte Carlo stock with Roll-Over Cheek. s/n 83C1769. Great 1st Hunting Rifle or Back-Up. VG. \$250.00 + Shipping

*MAUSER/YUGO Model 48. 8 x 57. Original military, no after-market accessories.

Non-Matching #'s but headspace tight. Appears as arsenal non-issue, awaiting transport to Israel. Includes leather military sling & hooded front sight. Rear sight to 2000 m. VG. \$550.00 + Shipping.

*SWISS Model 1911, 7.5 x 55. Original battle rifle. All #'s matching. Appears as never issued or fired. Still retains original cosmoline. EXC. \$550.00 + Shipping.

*ARMINIUS MHW38. .38 Spl. revolver, 6 rounds, 102mm barrel. VG. Prohibited 12-6. \$80.00 + Shipping.

*BERETTA 950B. .22 rimfire short, 60mm barrel, 2 magazines & leather pocket holster. Prohibited 12-6. \$200.00 + Shipping.

*H&R 733, .32 S&W Long. 100mm barrel. 6 round revolver. Brushed/matte nickel finish. Unusual & odd collectable. VG. Prohibited 12-6. \$50.00 + Shipping

*MAUSER 1914, .32 acp, s/n 484783. 87mm barrel, 8 round magazine. VG. Prohibited 12-6. \$150.00 + Shipping

*SAVAGE 1905, .32 acp, 95mm barrel, 10 rd magazine. G. Prohibited 12-6. \$150.00 + Shipping.

*SAVAGE 1905, .32 acp, 95mm barrel, 10 rd magazine, Original box, 2 mags & owner's manual. EXC. Prohibited 12-6. \$250.00 + Shipping

*SQUIRES BINGHAM, Model M100TC, .38 Spl., 6 round revolver, 102mm barrel. EXC. Prohibited 12-6. \$80.00 + Shipping.

WANTED

*BERETTA MP38/42 Magazines

*MOSSBERG .22 Rifles, Scopes & Parts from 'wood-steel' eras.

*MOSSBERG BROWNE PISTOL

*MOSSBERG ROY ROGERS Lever Action Rifles

*MOSSBERG Chuckster Rifles (.22 WMR)

*MOSSBERG Jack Rabbit Special Rifles

*MOSSBERG Palomino Lever Action Rifles

Entire collection or single pieces of military, mountain, camping, fishing, hunting/target (rifle, carbine, shotgun, pistol, knives), surplus and factory amo, scope, range finder, binocular and alike, parts-remains, artifact, publications, new clothes, junk for parts. Ethical service, licensed collector. State what you are looking for or what you have, the condition, your general location, and your best price. Contact Adam at 778-223-3335, email adamhome@live.com

Wanted: Colin seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917 Canadian WWII sniper related items such as parts, scope brackets / mounts, scope cases, wooden transit chest for No. 4 (T) sniper rifle. Maxim M.G. 08/15 parts especially lock, sling, pistol grip and trigger assembly, flash hider/booster, fusee spring assembly with cover and feed block.

Wanted: British and Canadian Swords; Also Weapons and Militaria of the East India Company. Email g.strahl@telus.net or telephone Gary @ 604-858-7869.

Wanted: Aperture Sight - Williams For Model 94 BigBore - 375 Calibre. Mike Bishop 604.462.7263

Wanted: Poco Military is looking for all your used firearms, ammo and other surplus military equipment. We buy, trade and consign. We can collect anywhere in the Lower Mainland with pleasure. Please contact Paul at 778-278-2205 or email pocomilitary@gmail.com

Wanted: Gewehr 98 All matching collectable example. PTRS/PTRD anti tank gun and deactivated guns. Call Dave 604-856-7579 or davidelchuk@gmail.com

Wanted: Inglis Hi Power, any condition deactivated for my WW2 Canadian display. Will pay cash. Call David 604-552-1713.

Wanted: Colt 45acp Government 1911's and 1911 A'1 or variations. Call Jim at 604-290-1911 or jimmygunns@gmail.com