



# TEXAS GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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News of the Association's Affairs Conducted Between Business Meetings

**Introduction:** I have been encouraged by a number of folk to forward this Newsletter for the first quarter of 2009 in order to apprise the membership of some of the decisions affecting the Texas Gun Collectors and its meetings for the future made by the Board of Directors since the September 2009 show which was so badly affected by the hurricane.

*Richard Overall*, President

**CONSISTENT SHOW DATES:** Just a reminder that, after the Spring 2009 show in Houston, our show dates will be fixed as follows ~ Spring: 4<sup>th</sup>. Weekend in April unless Easter coincides in which case the show will be the following weekend. Fall: 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. This allows our members and table-holders to set their agendas accordingly much earlier than in years past.

**SHOW PROMOTION & PRODUCTION:** The Board of Directors has approved the engagement of **Tom and Diane Power** to serve as our joint Show Managers. Tom will be responsible for the promotion of our shows (commencing with the Fall 2009 show) throughout the collecting community, and Diane will concentrate on the management side of things including the Ladies' Program. She will need some volunteer help, so if you are interested, call me at (830) 966-3390. Please join me in welcoming Tom and Diane to this important position.

**SPRING SHOW in HOUSTON with MEMBERS of the CCA** You will be hearing a lot about the new direction we shall be taking with our Fall Show to be held in Fort Worth's Stockyards District in October, but please remember that we do have our Spring Show and Annual Business Meeting at the JW Marriott Hotel in Houston over the weekend of 17-19 April 2009. Your participation in this event is absolutely vital, so please make your table and room reservations now so as to avoid disappointment.

**RESTRUCTURING OF SHOWS:** Not only have we fixed our show dates, but we are also restructuring the format of our annual show program. There are two schools of thought amongst our members, those who like things just the way they are ~ two smallish shows each year in different locations ~ and those who would prefer to see a single annual event once a year in a more robust format. In an effort to satisfy both camps, the Board of Directors has approved a program whereby the Fall Show shall be our major National event housed in a permanent location with themed exhibits such as the Parade of Walkers and Gathering of Patersons, and the Spring Show shall become a lower budget, lower key Spring Meeting held in differing cities in various regions of the state, encompassing the annual business meeting which will allow local and nearby out of state members to participate more frequently in their Association's affairs.

**CLUB GUNS for AUCTION:** **Bob Eder** tells me that the Colt M-1862 Police is now being worked on by the Colt Manufacturing Custom Shop. This revolver has been fitted with carved ivory grips by **Dennis Holland**, and Colt and TGCA have agreed upon the cost of the engraving, gold inlay and refinish work to be done. Colt has assured Bob that the pistol will be completed later in the Fall of this year, and we shall then be able to sell at auction at a subsequent show. We had hoped that it would be ready in time for the Spring show at which we shall be hosting the Members of the **Colt Collectors Association**, but Colt was unable to meet the schedule.

However, we shall have a really exciting TGCA pistol to offer at auction at the Fall Show in Fort Worth. This will be a Walker Colt black powder revolver, extensively enhanced by **Daniel Cullity**, tastefully engraved in the style of the only known period engraved Walker, finished in period style, and with finely checkered grips also in keeping with those on the same original Walker. The back-strap will be decorated to reflect the occasion at which it will be sold. This will perhaps be the most elegant club gun ever auctioned by TGCA. More information will be given as work progresses.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:** The election or re-election of all Officers and two Directors will be held at the Spring Annual Business Meeting in Houston in April. All officer positions are put up for election every two years, as well as two of the six director positions. This year, however, there will be something of a twist in the elections. With the appointment of Tom & Diane Power, many of the show management duties and responsibilities previously carried out by the Show Chairman and Executive Vice President will fall under the Show Managers' purview.

The Board therefore has decided that, at least for the time being, the remaining duties of both the Executive Vice President and Show Chairman shall be combined, and shall be carried out by the person elected to the position of the Vice President & Show Chairman. It should be noted that the Show Managers' position is NOT a board position; Tom & Diane will report to the Board of Directors through the Vice President & Show Chairman.

In addition to all this, I have been approached by a number of members asking that I stand for a second term as President. I am extremely flattered by this request, but I also feel that I should continue to guide the Association along the new route that we have taken, and have notified **Bob Eder**, chairman of the Nominating Committee of my willingness to stand for re-election. I have discussed this with a number of members and board members, and have met with their approval. Of particular note is the enthusiastic message of support I received from **John Vance**, the current Executive Vice President.

Mr. Eder will shortly be announcing his Committee's slate of candidates.

Members are reminded that alternative candidates who are willing and able to serve on the Board of Directors (as Officer or Director) may be nominated from the floor at the time of the elections.

**SHOW TABLES:** In view of the increase in show table rental rates, and in response to requests from many table-holders, I have asked Paul Doggett, our present Show Chairman, to work with Freeman's on providing 8 ft. tables at the Spring show in Houston instead of the 6 ft tables we have used over the years.