



TEXAS GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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News of the Association's Affairs Conducted Between Business Meetings

Introduction: Since the Fall 2007 Show in San Antonio the Board of Directors has been fairly active putting some finishing touches to a refreshment of the By-Laws and an associated Policy & Procedure Manual. Also some progress is to be reported on the establishment of the TGCA Foundation, and the production of another club gun to be auctioned at a future meeting.

Richard Overall, President

NRA/TSRA COORDINATOR: Charles Bonney, our newly appointed NRA/TSRA coordinator, will have undergone major reconstructive surgery to his shoulder by the time this Newsletter is published. It is most doubtful that Charles will be able to attend the Spring Show in Houston. Hopefully, he'll be in full swing again later in the summer, and will be with us again in the fall in San Antonio. In the meantime, Charles may be contacted at cbonney@austin.rr.com.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: A By-Laws Review Committee was formed, headed by **Lynn Chenault**, to review the club's By-Laws. No major changes are proposed, but the committee felt that the Board of Directors would be greatly helped in administrating the club's affair if a Policies and Procedures Manual were published. This too has now been addressed, but the interface between the two items has not yet been accomplished. However, this should be achieved in good time to bring to the membership for ratification at the Spring General Business Meeting in 2009.

SHOW PROMOTION & PRODUCTION: With the advance knowledge that the **Texas A&M Corps of Cadets** would be bringing eleven examples of Colt's Paterson revolving firearms to display at this Spring show, **Bobby Vance** has coordinated the solicitation and exhibition of other Patersons from individual Association members and others with a view to supplementing the Cadets' display under the general banner of "A Gathering of Patersons". We have promoted this show emphasizing the Paterson display by mounting a campaign of press releases, posters, informational postcards, and as much internet promotion as possible. We are very optimistic that this campaign will be a great success.

Posters and informational cards were distributed to gun dealers' and gunsmiths' shops throughout the Greater Houston area, and in other cities in East and Central Texas, at antique malls, and at other appropriate facilities. The results may not be very evident, but the importance of this show was considered to be worth the extra expense. TGCA needs an Advertising and Promotions Manager. If you would like more information or are interested in this position, may contact **Richard Overall** at 713-644-4942.

COMPLIMENTARY PASSES: With the mild success of last Fall's program of issuing complimentary passes to table-holders and others, the Board of Directors approved the continuance of the program through this and future shows. Of the pproximately 800 passes distributed last Fall, 59 were turned in at the door ~ not a great number, but enough to believe that these passes do bring paying customers to the show. At the time of this writing (Tax Day 2008), passes have been distributed to the fifty-two table-holders of record. Others will be distributed as table reservations are made.

PHILANTHROPY: The committee responsible for establishing a separate foundation within TGCA to further its philanthropic program has decided on the name for the foundation, and has selected three Directors and a good number of Advisors. Further, **Dow Heard** has submitted the correct paperwork to the State to register this foundation ~ simply, the **TGCA Foundation**. A report will be given in Houston at the Spring General Business Meeting.

ELECTIONS: Two directorships are up for election at this coming Spring General Business Meeting, **Aaron Fagler** and **Wes Tunnell** each having reached the end of their three-year terms. Both gentlemen have indicated their willingness to continue to serve in this capacity, and the Board has unanimously approved their candidacy.

CLUB GUN: The successes of the auctioning of the last two custom built Colt revolvers coupled with the decision that our charitable efforts be self-funding rather than being funded from TGCA's general funds, has led the Board's approving the acquisition of further such custom built firearms. **Bob Eder** is overseeing the work at present on a Colt M-1862 Police with ivory grips, engraved frame and with gold inlays. This wonderful revolver will hopefully be completed in time for the Spring 2009 show which we anticipate sharing with the Members of the **Colt Collectors Association**. Other similar firearms will be announced in due course.

SPONSORSHIP: As you entered the lobby of our show hall this weekend, you may have noticed the seven foot high banner announcing the Colt exhibit, **Samuel Colt; Arms, Art & Invention**, which is touring the country at present, and will be on display at the **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** in Canyon, Texas this Summer. TGCA is Education Sponsor for this very worthwhile exhibit from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art of Hartford Connecticut, and as such the Associations' name will be visible to all visitors to this display, and will be found on all promotional literature. A copy of the PPHM advertisement is shown overleaf.

RECRUIT A FRIEND: TGCA is a fellowship of collectors and guardians of history. Why not share that fellowship and ensure its continuation into the future by recruiting friends and family members? Application forms are available on-line at our website www.tgca.net and from our Secretary, **Kim Overall**.

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