

GUN COLLECTORS NEWS

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NMGCA
Membership
Dues:

Annual renewal for
regular members,
under age 62, is
\$30.00.

Renewal for spouse:
\$15.00.

Annual Renewal for
senior members,
over age 61, is
\$25.00.

Renewal for senior
spouse is \$10.00.

Albuquerque Old West Show

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse,
August 6th and 7th at the
EXPO NEW MEXICO (New
Mexico State Fairgrounds)
Creative Arts Building,
Central Ave. & San Pedro,
Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$65.00 (Member \$55.00)

10 X 10 booth -- \$200 (Member \$170)

For Table & Booth Reservations,

Contact Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00
am.

Open to the Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Admission:

13 and up \$6.00 - Children under 12 - Free with Adult

NRA Members with Card \$5.00

SASS Members with Badge and Costume \$5.00

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

A Call to Arms

Support Lawful Commerce Bill

By Paul C. Lisle

One of the reasons that gun prices have soared skyward in the past few years are the many lawsuits against gun manufacturers for the criminal misuse of their products. To stop this abuse two bills titled "Protection of Lawful Commerce" have been introduced in the house, H.R. 800 and S.397 in the Senate. Please call, write or e-mail your Senator and Representative and urge them to support and vote for these bills without anti-gun amendments.

Concealed weapons instructors are telling me they are seeing 10 semi-auto guns to every revolver being used to qualify for concealed carry. For the person that shoots often, at least two trips a month to the range, who can easily go through the required check list for semi-autos and is proficient at clearing jams like stove pipes, a round not chambering, slide not going into battery, etc., the semi-auto is a good choice.

The checklist that I am referring to is:

- ✿ Is the magazine loaded?
- ✿ Is the magazine in the gun?
- ✿ Is a round chambered?
- ✿ If there is a mechanical safety, is it off?

The checklist for a revolver in good mechanical condition and loaded with factory ammo is simple - pull the trigger.

For many people that do not go to the range often, have trouble pulling the slide back on a semi-auto and don't practice clearing malfunctions, the revolver might be a better choice.

The checklist for a revolver in good mechanical condition and loaded with factory ammo is simple - pull the trigger. The average firefight lasts only a few seconds with a combination of both parties firing 5 to 7 rounds. According to the statisticians, a revolver with 5 or 6 rounds is very

adequate for most live fire encounters and in 98% of encounters, the presence of a firearm ends hostilities.

Because law enforcement has gone to semi-autos followed by most of the civilian shooters, there are many good revolvers on the used market. Since many new revolvers are in the \$500 to over \$600 dollar range, a good used revolver for around \$300 is a good buy. Many people are not comfortable buying a used gun because they do not have the expertise to tell a good gun from a defective one. The following is a guide that I use in purchasing a used revolver.

When I say, "check or inspect," I mean look for bent, broken, missing, extensive wear, etc. Blue wear or stainless steel marring can mean extensive holster use but not necessarily heavy wear from shooting but the gun requires a very close examination.

1. Inspect the crown, sights, forcing cone and breech face.
2. Check the cylinder chambers and bore for signs of pitting and extensive lead fouling.
3. Check for bulges in the barrel by running fingers along the barrel.

4. Check cylinder detent retention. Do the detents hold the cylinder in place?

5. Check for cylinder wobble. There should be no detectable cylinder

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wobble when the firing pin is visible through the breech/cylinder space.

6. Check the extractor star.
7. Check the sear by cocking the

Call to Arms... From page two hammer and with the finger off the trigger, pushing forward on the hammer. If the hammer releases under pressure it indicates a very worn sear or someone has incorrectly filled the sear to lighten the trigger pull. Pass on this gun unless you have a good gunsmith available.

8. Check cylinder lock-up when hammer is cocked. There should be no movement. A revolver that passes this test could still be out of time. The best test for timing is firing the gun and testing for bullet shaving.

9. Get permission to dry fire.

10. Check trigger operation and smoothness

11. Check firing pin travel to primer area by looking through

breech/cylinder space and pulling trigger.

12. Open cylinder, pull/push cylinder release latch back to closed position and hold it there. Pull and hold trigger back while checking condition of firing pin, if firing pin is part of the hammer.

13. With the cylinder closed and finger off the trigger, check the internal safety by pulling the hammer back to just before the cocked position. Release hammer and insure that the firing pin does not pass the breech face.

It takes a while to read the above revolver checklist, but in practice, I check out a revolver in about a minute. I carry a revolver. I have a very bad back and am in constant pain so the lighter the gun the better

for me. My titanium S&W weighs only 11 ounces and is easy for me to carry and conceal. Also, in times of high stress, I prefer my revolver checklist - pull the trigger - to the longer semi-auto checklist.

Against my better judgment, I have sold people, especially women and seniors, a semi-auto and then had them come back to purchase a revolver. I have also noticed that a large semi-auto is too often left at home because it is too heavy and hard to conceal.

My recommendation is get a gun that you are very comfortable and accurate with and that is easy for you to carry and conceal. Get a concealed carry permit and CARRY the gun.

Shoot safe - Paul

2005 GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION OF GUN SHOW	SHOW HOST	PHONE
August	6-7	Albuquerque Fair Grounds	Mark Covell (505) 262-1350
	6-7	T or C	Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738
	13-14	Santa Clara - National Guard Armory	George Shepard (505) 388-2360
	20-21	Albuquerque Fair Grounds	Mark Covell (505) 262-1350
September	3-4	Ruidoso - Convention Center	Jackie Powell (505) 257-6171
	10-11	El Paso, Texas	Dwayne (208) 468-4017
	10-11	Farmington - Civic Center	Wayne (505) 326-6397
	17-18	Los Alamos - Pueblo Gymnasium	Rick (505) 672-3411
October	24-25	Artesia Fair Grounds	Robert Ellis (505) 746-3309
	1-2	Albuquerque Fair Grounds	Mark Covell (505) 262-1350
	8-9	Clovis - Armory	Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738
November	22-23	Las Cruces - Dickerson's Auction Barn	Joe Triste (505) 746-3309
	5-6	Deming - Armory	Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738
	12-13	Aztec	James (505) 334-6684
	19-20	El Paso, Texas- Shrine Temple	Jack Thompson (915) 751-1919

NMGCA Minutes: May

By Laws Revisions Due in September

The NMGCA Board met on May 11, 2005 at Calibers. The meeting was chaired by Board President, Mike Hernandez.

Gun Show Host, Mark Covell, reported that preparation for the June Gun Show was proceeding nicely. The Board authorized George Edgerly to purchase prizes for the show that would appeal more to families attending. A limit of \$250.00 was set.

The advertising budget for the Byars agency was also discussed.

Treasurer, Leonard Urban, submitted a Treasurer's Report. The board approved the report. The April Board minutes were accepted by voice vote. Mike Hernandez indicated that

revisions to the NMGCA By Laws were due in September.

Secretary, Carl Bartlett, will provide NMGCA Board Meeting agendas via e-mail.

The NMGCA Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at Calibers. Meetings are at 6:00 pm and members are encouraged to attend.

2005 NMGCA Board of Directors: Carl Bartlett, Darlene Couchman, Jim Covell, George Edgerly, Alan Guthridge, Mike Hernandez, Al Hotz, Gerald Illgen, Ken McCorkle, Dan Brovant, Ron Rymarz, Ron Smith, Leonard Urban, and Ed Van Hoven.

Wanted: Gun Show Displays

The NMGCA offers free tables for displays at both the March and October Gun Shows.

The NMGCA Board of Directors would like to see more displays set up at our shows. Display rules may be obtained from George Edgerly. All displays are judged and winners receive monetary awards. Displays provide important educational value to the shows.

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