



## *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association*

# ***NEWSLETTER***

*Next Show:*

*March 3-4, 2018*

*Saturday: 9 AM-5 PM Sunday: 9 AM-4 PM*

*Pullman Square*

*100 Pullman Sq., Butler, Pa. 16001*

### *January Show Report*

Our return to Pullman Square produced mixed results. Table rentals were down due to a combination of factors. Illness, injury and conflicting shows caused a number of regular vendors not to attend. However, attendance by the public was good with over 3000 attending. Saturday morning saw a large crowd filling the isles of the show.

Problems evident at this show included the lack of a food vendor, the icy condition of the parking lot and the rest rooms. The regular food vendor had other commitments and we could find no other alternative in the given time. We are trying to secure a food vendor for the March show. The cold temperatures and drizzle on Sunday morning caused great concern that there would be some fall injuries. A quick response by the Mall in salting the area as well as rising temperatures prevented any serious incidents. Unfortunately, portable rest rooms are needed at this site because of the limited facilities the building offers. To improve the situation, we will provide a designated ladies only unit as well as a full time attendant for the existing rest rooms.

The big question asked at the show was: "How long will we be at Pullman?" It is certain that we will hold our March show there. However, the location of the May show is now in question. We are determined to return to Clearview. However, the construction at the mall, scheduled to begin by the first of December, has not yet begun. This delay may result in PGCA holding the May event at Pullman or some alternative site. We will keep all informed.

### *The Search for Other Show Sites*

Each show, we receive a number of leads from our membership on possible locations for our shows. The Board of Directors investigates every possibility. Over the years, it has become quite evident that Western Pa. is sorely lacking in venues for larger shows. With the exception of the Pittsburgh and Monroeville convention centers (both of which are not available to us) there are none that meet the requirements needed for an event. A successful show requires: sufficient floor size, sufficient parking, adjacent highways, nearby hotels, availability for selected weekends only and price.

We will continue to search for a proper long term home for our shows. PGCA will not be able to grow until we find such a site.

### *Federal Carry Legislation*

One issue that should concern all second amendment advocates is that of a federal law providing for the reciprocal recognition of state licenses to carry. The existing crazy quilt pattern of laws from state to

state can create a legal nightmare for gun owners traveling across the nation. With a Republican majority controlling both houses of the legislature, now is a perfect time to push for the passage of this needed legislation. We ask all members to contact their representatives and demand that they support this common sense proposal.

### ***NRA Carry Guard***

For PGCA members that possess a firearm for protection and are concerned about the often fickle and politically correct court judgments, the NRA now offers Carry Guard. This is a comprehensive and far reaching insurance program geared to the protection of individuals who may be forced to use a weapon for self protection. More information can be found at: [NRACARRYGUARD.com](http://NRACARRYGUARD.com) or at 1-866-NRA-5050.

### ***PGCA Dues***

PGCA dues are currently \$25 per year. Members can pay up to two years ahead. Veterans receive a 20% discount with proof of service (DD214, ID card, etc.). Dues are good through the second show of the following year. Therefore, a current 2017 membership is valid through the March, 2018 show. Dues can be paid at the show or by mail to the below listed address for the Membership Secretary.

### ***Old PGCA Signs***

We ask that any members with old yard signs in their possession contact Director Mike Sauers. He would like to recycle or reuse any of the old signs where possible. You can contact him through our web site or at the next show.

### ***2018 Show Dates:***

March 3-4 @ Pullman Sq.

May 5-6 @ ?

September 15-16 @ Clearview Mall

November 10-11 @ Clearview Mall

*Phil Dacey, President*

### ***Show Area Hotels***

**Days Inn:** 139 Pittsburgh Rd., Butler, Pa. (724) 287-6761

**Holiday Inn & Suites,** 203 N Duffy Rd., Butler, Pa. (724)841-0103

**Hampton Inn,** 610 Butler Crossing, Butler, Pa. (724)431-2400

**Super 8:** 138 Pittsburgh Rd., Butler, Pa. (724) 287-8888

**Comfort Inn & Suites:** 1 Comfort Ln, Butler, Pa. (724) 287-7177

Association Business & Show Operations:

**PGCA, PO Box 246, Glenshaw, Pa. 15116**

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Membership Questions & Dues:

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