



MICHIGAN ANTIQUE ARMS COLLECTORS' NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As always, we enjoyed seeing everyone at our November show and sharing our enthusiasm for gun collecting. Once again, all of our table rentals for the show have sold out.

We are looking for participants to display their collection. If you are interested, please see Greg Zemsta, our business manager.

We focus very heavily on safety at MAAC. For a complete list of our rules, please check our website. Check our website at www.michiganantiquearms.com for further information.

In closing, we have had great attendance at our past shows, but we are hoping for more. Please spread the word to your friends and family and invite others to check out what we have to offer.

Below is what our attendance was for Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday – 270 Paid	Sunday – 93 Paid
445 Members	238 Members

Please welcome our new members who signed up during our November show:

Jeff Boni	Sterling Heights, MI
Thomas Danckaert	Roseville, MI
Kyle Scheel	Shelby Twp, MI

I would like to thank everyone who attended our November show and for making it another success. Hoping everyone had the best of holidays and best wishes for the upcoming new year.

DANNY'S CORNER ABOUT FRACTURED TALES:

We all like to remember the good old days, but most of the time, they weren't. A prime example was back in 1971; in our membership, we had a bunch of WWII veterans, some of whom had seen or done things that they would not talk about. They became our grumpy old men. They were hardened by the war and did not make friends easily. My dad was one of them, and I learned how to deal with them. That was how I learned to be friends with Richard (Dick) Stein; he was moody and growled a lot. His grumpy manner was just normal. The true story was that he had lost so many friends in combat that he was afraid to make any more. He had a heart of gold. We became close friends because I always treated him with respect.

At our May 22, 1971, show at the Community Arts Bldg. in Detroit, Dick got into a heated debate over the value of a Remington O/U Deringer Pistol. He knew that I liked the gun but could not afford to buy it. As he and this buyer got hotter and louder, the whole show got quiet. Dick yelled out that before he would sell to this cheap scab, he would throw the gun away, and that was just what he did. He threw the \$200 gun across the aisle right at me, and I caught it. He proclaimed no one could yell at me and get away with it. You keep it, Danny. I still have it 54 years later.

Dan Kurkowski, Historian, MAAC 2026

MICHIGAN ANTIQUE ARMS AND MAUMEE VALLEY GUN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

In 2026, we will be continuing with the Maumee Valley Gun Collectors (MVGC), which provides our members with complimentary entry to MVGC shows upon presentation of a valid badge. This privilege is reciprocated by MVGC members at our events.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Time flies – Renew your MAAC membership early!

If you have not paid your 2026 dues, please renew at the February 2026 show or mail a check to MAAC at 2424 Highland Ct, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Download the Membership Renewal Form from our website at www.michiganantiquearms.com, under Forms, Membership Renewal.

- One year \$40.00
- Two years \$80.00
- Three years \$120.00
- Life membership \$400.00 (see Life Membership Form for further information)

Failure to renew your membership will result in you having to pay the general entrance fee at the door.

OUR 2026 / 2027 SHOW DATES

2026 Show Dates:

February	7 – 8
April	25 – 26
September	19 – 20
November	28 – 29

2027 Show Dates:

February	6 - 7
April	24 - 25
September	25 - 26
November	27 - 28

Remember to reserve your tables early, since available tables are limited.

TABLE HOLDERS' INFORMATION

We only have a certain number of tables available, so do not forget to reserve yours in advance. Please call Greg Zemsta at (248) 556-6590 to let them know if you will not be able to occupy your table or tables.

Friday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm is when setup takes place. During these hours, life members will also be permitted to enter the hall.

Saturday: 7:00 am to 9:00 am is when setup takes place. Exhibitors and life members at 7:00 am, annual members at 8:00 am and the public can arrive at 9:00 am. The show ends at 5 p.m., and everyone must leave the hall by 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: The show begins at the same time as Saturday and ends at 3:00 pm. By 5:00 pm, the entire hall must be completely vacated.



Cameras and recording devices are prohibited within the hall. This includes use of a cell phone, camera, or video.

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