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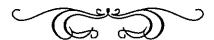
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President's Letter



Well folks, it's hard to believe but another year has gone by and our Annual Meeting at the Lafayette Hotel is close at hand. We are back on the threeday schedule this year. We can begin setting up on Friday, April 1 at 3:00 pm. At 6 pm we will have our buffet and birthday party. Saturday and Sunday we will have our Exhibit for the public. As usual, please contact Rod Frazer or Jim Claggett for table reservations.

We will be having a guest speaker at the Banquet this year. Tom Schiffer is a longtime historian, author, and past president of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. He will be speaking on the early years of the NMLRA.

We are continuing to sell raffle tickets for the finely crafted Ken Netting full stock percussion rifle. All proceeds go toward the printing costs for our upcoming full-color book presenting Ohio longrifles that have not been featured in any of our previous books. To that end, we are mailing five raffle tickets to each of you along with this Newsletter. Each ticket is five dollars, or five for twenty dollars. You may sell them to your friends or purchase them yourself. Additional tickets may be had by contacting Mark Herman or Ron Yerian. Bring the completed tickets and the money to Marietta, or mail the completed tickets and money to Ron Yerian, AOLRC Treasurer, 3321 West Point Road SE, Lancaster, OH, 43130.

We still have copies of the Spiker/Whisker book that was to be provided free for each member. If you have not yet picked yours up, please do so at Marietta or make arrangements with a Board member to have yours mailed for five dollars. New members will also receive a free copy.

Our "Featured Gunsmith" display this year will be "The Gunsmiths of Franklin County". Please contact Bob Poch about placing your best Franklin County rifles in the display case in the front of the hall.

The "Buy-Sell-Trade" tables set up in the rear of the hall continue to be popular, but we are asking table holders who place items on the tables to include their name and cell number on the hang tags so that interested parties can contact them without bothering the exhibitors who may have tables close to the trade tables.

Ladies, please check further in this Newsletter for details on the Saturday tour. It promises to be very enjoyable.

Looking at the year ahead, our August picnic/ shoot is scheduled for August 13. The projected attendance last year was too low to cover the cost of renting the facility, so the Board made the decision to cancel the event. This year, in order to make the picnic a bit more attractive for all members, the Board agreed to make space available for those who wish to do a bit of selling or trading. You never know what bargains may show up!

Jim Claggett is once again making arrangements for the Newark Buy-Sell-Trade show. The date has been set for September 24, but details for the location are still being worked out Each member should thank Jim for his skillful negotiating.

As President, it is my duty to inform the membership of the passing of Charles Ebright, Dean Scott, and Ron Whisler. Our condolences go to their families.

I hope to see you in Marietta. Tom Oakes.





41st Marietta Exhibit



As in the past we are inviting anyone who has documented Ohio made rifles produced prior to 1900 to display them. In order to avoid any confusion as far as space allotment is concerned, we are asking interested parties to please let us know how many tables they will need. In doing this the association will be able to provide adequate table accommodations on a first come basis. So, please be prompt. Mail table requests to Rod Frazer, 11815 Streamside Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147.

Remember the major portion of your display must consist of antique Ohio made rifles and accessories. Ohio made contemporary rifles must not exceed more than 10% of your total display. This rule will be strictly enforced and all contemporary rifles must be so marked.

Set up of exhibits will begin on Friday, April 1.

Banquet

Our annual membership meeting and banquet will be held April 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the LaFayette Hotel. This meeting will be preceded by a hospitality hour at 6:00 p.m. and a banquet at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will consist of prime rib, stuffed chicken breast, or glazed pork loin and all the trimmings with tickets costing \$20.00 each, payable to the secretary no later than

March 25. Banquet space is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Please get your reservation in early. The Board has invited Thomas Schiffer to speak at our Banquet this year. He will entertain us this year with an overview of the early years of The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

Lodging and accommodations

The LaFayette Motor Hotel has been generous enough to provide exhibit space for our show. They have also offered our membership a generous discount on their room accommodations. We strongly urge our membership to take advantage of this special rate and the fact that the show, the banquet, and the membership meeting will be held in the same location. For reservations telephone 740/373-5522. Be sure to mention that you are coming to the AOLRC Exhibit.

For security reasons, no rifles may be brought into the exhibit hall after 9:00 a.m. Saturday, or leave before 3:00 p.m. Sunday, unless prior arrangements have been made with the sergeant-at-arms.

Also, no rifle(s) may be brought into the exhibit hall by a non-member without first signing in with the sergeant-at-arms during public hours.

Schedule

Friday, April 1

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Set up for exhibit

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reception for all

> exhibitors and members. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday, April 2

8:00 a.m. Exhibit hall opens

> to exhibitors and members only.

9:00 a.m. Show opens to public.

5:00 p.m. Exhibit closes.

6:00 p.m. Hospitality hour.

7:00 p.m. Banquet.

8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting.

Guest Speaker.

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Exhibit hall opens

to the public.

3:00 p.m. Exhibit closes.

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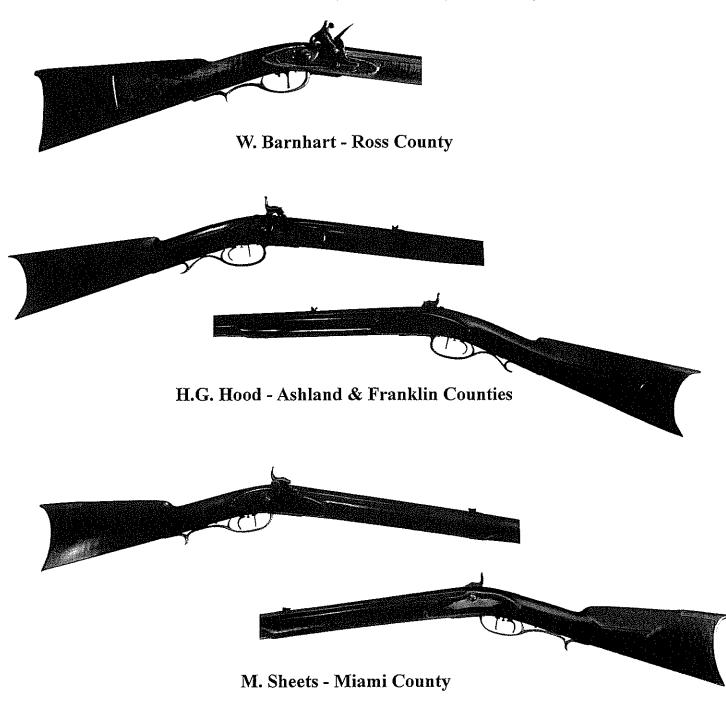
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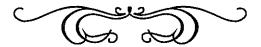
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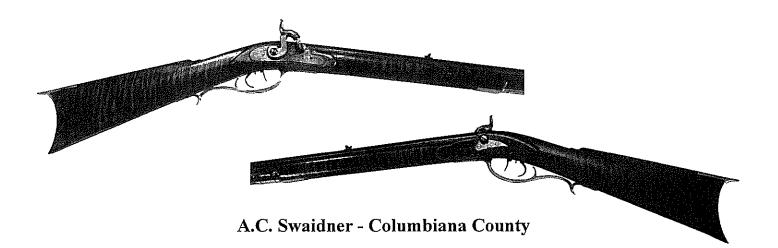
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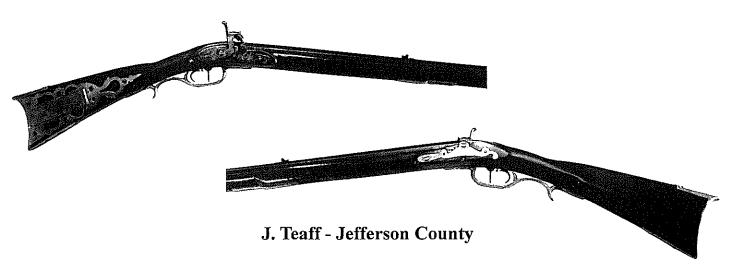
John Shultz of Montezuma, Iowa, submitted photographs of six of his fine Ohio longrifles for the August 2015 issue of this Newsletter. He has provided photographs of six additional signed Ohio-made rifles for this issue. Five of the six are fullstocks, with the only exception being the H. D. Zigler.













The Other Side of the Longrifle



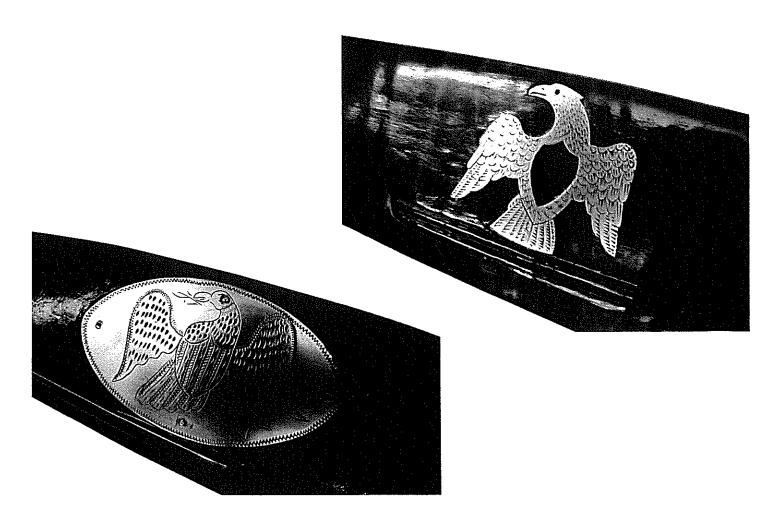
Edited by Ron Yerian

Photos Courtesy of Old Barn Auction

Virtually all members of this organization are familiar with Old Barn Auction, located in Findlay, Ohio. Many, many fine antique firearms are offered by this auction company in its periodic sales. The manager, Vicki Sorgenfrie, and the gun consultant, Steve Klien, have worked with many members of this organization in helping to "move along" fine collections of Ohio longrifles.

At the auction last August I asked Steve about the pictures in the catalog announcing the auction, as they were very clear, and the close-ups emphasized the finer points of the firearms. It turned out that Steve had taken the photographs, and he graciously provided me with a flash drive containing many photos of the Ohio rifles in that auction. The photographs in this article were on that flash drive.

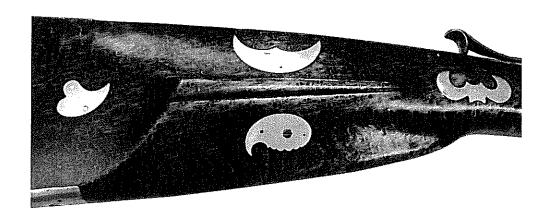
I decided to present the "other side" of these fine rifles. Most of us present our rifles with the patchbox toward the viewer, but often the cheek piece side is where the maker displayed his originality. At any rate, these photographs are worthy of study by anyone who collects or attempts to build longrifles.

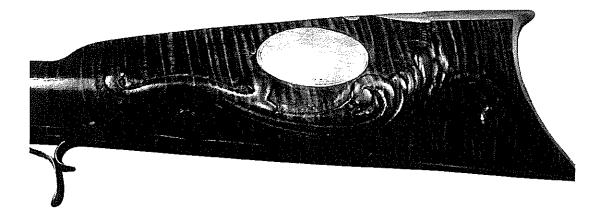


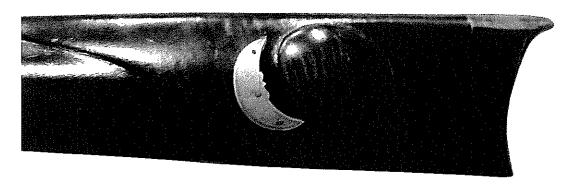




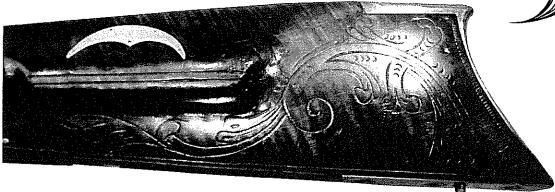


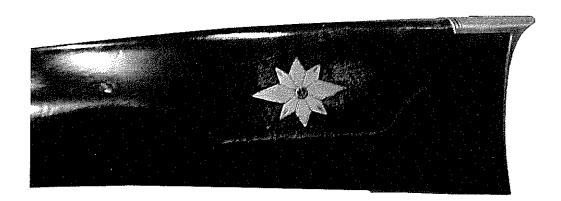




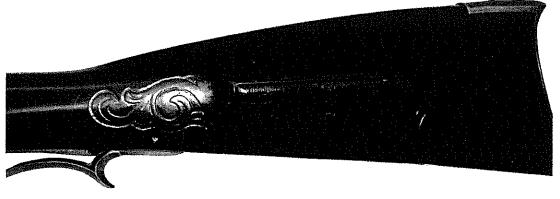








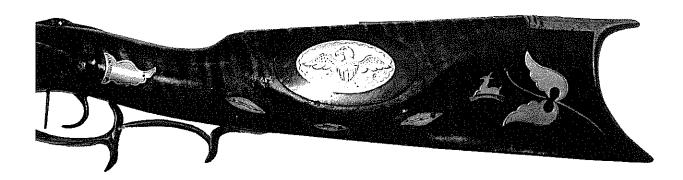


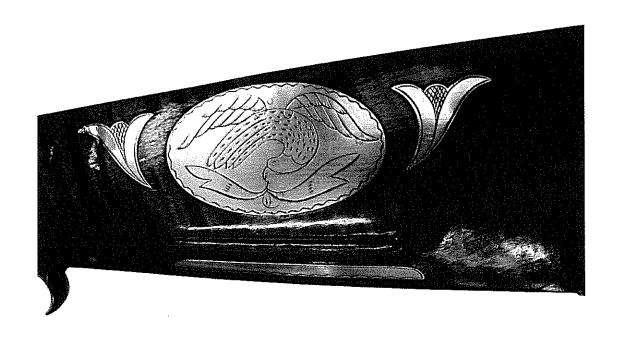








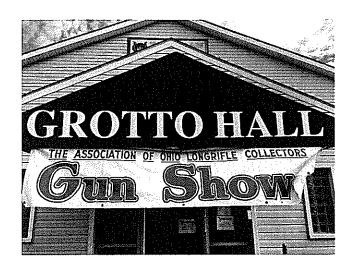




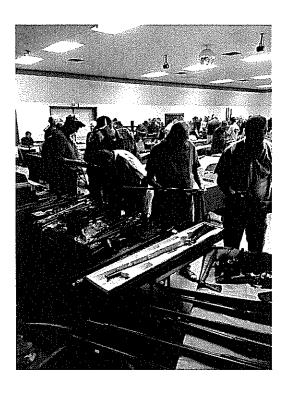
17th Annual AOLRC Antique Gun and Arms Show

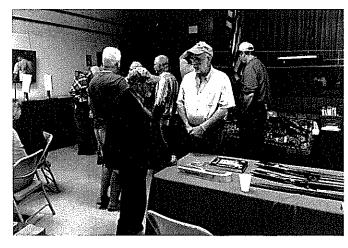
It's getting harder to find superlatives to describe the "Newark" show. Our annual "Buy, Sell, and Trade" show, held on September 26, 2015, was again a success, both for the table holders and for the AOLRC. The show is more or less located in the center of Ohio, and is within a two hour drive of anywhere in the state. We do, however, have many attending from other states as well. The show is not limited to Ohio items, and many rifles and related accessories from surrounding states have been presented by our vendors. Call Jim Claggett if you wish to get a table at this show. This is an excellent show to move a few items to new stewards.

More information regarding this show will be forthcoming.



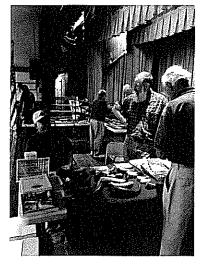


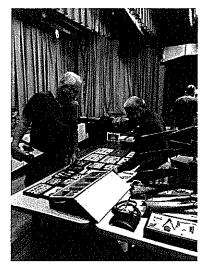


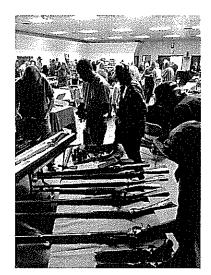




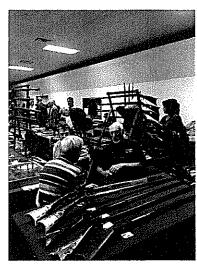


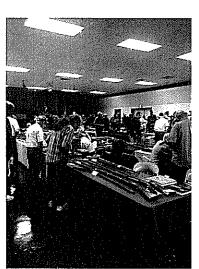




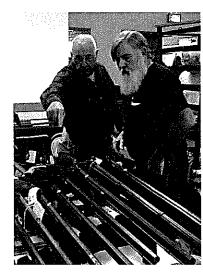


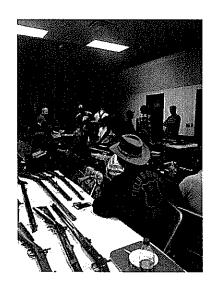
















LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

Springtime in Marietta may not be Paris but I am really looking forward to being there. We do have to be a little careful and look for April Fool's jokes on Friday the first. We have many jokers in the AOLRC. Fridays though are always a great reunion and time of fellowship. As always we will set up tables in the afternoon and then at 6:00 enjoy the meat and salad buffet and birthday cake. A free will donation bucket will be on the table to pay for the food.

I have great news for our ladies' luncheon on Saturday. We will leave promptly at 10:45 to car pool then travel to the Blennerhasset Hotel in Parkersburg, WV. At 11:30 we will be seated in a private room and served a wonderful luncheon at a cost of \$15 which includes everything (meal, drink, dessert, tip, and tax). After our lunch the hospitality manager, Adam Dotson, will lead us on a tour of the hotel explaining the history and significant events of the past. It should be a very great afternoon.

I do need reservations by Thursday, March 31 for the ladies' luncheon. I have made tentative reservations for 20 but they need the exact number by the 31st. I will also need to collect the \$15 from each of you that make a reservation on Friday the 1st. The hotel wants only 1 check to pay for all the reservations.

Our Saturday evening meal and meeting will again be casual dress. However, as you saw on the previous pages, there will be a guest speaker this year.

I am looking forward to our reunion and seeing you in Marietta. Please email me at ronjudyyerian@gmail.com, or phone me at 740-746-8965 or send mail to me at 3321 West Point Rd. SE, Lancaster, OH 43130 with your reservation for the ladies' luncheon. I need to give the number attending the luncheon to the hotel on March 31. I don't think I will be able to add too many additional reservations after that date. Please let me know.

We have tried for many years to have our luncheon there and it is finally happening and I hope we can have a large turnout.

See you this SPRING! Judy Yerian



