

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's a changing world out there. Sometimes I think I'm with it and other times I know I'm not. The media bombards us daily with so much information ( about abnormality ) it becomes hard to focus on the reality of normality. An event that would be merely recorded in the newspapers 30 or 40 years ago as a news item is now blasted at us for days on end through the radio, TV and newspapers.

Maybe that's why people collect stuff. Does it give us a lock on normality? My neighbor has a great collection of firehose nozzles, another has hundreds of Matchbox cars. The lady across the street from where I work has the world's greatest collection of hat pins. Perhaps collecting gives us a glimpse of simpler times, real craftsmen, more basic materials, different ways of doing things. Is it why we collect?

I know damed well that 119 year-old Winchester was made with some pretty fine material, by some talented craftsmen, and designed about right, or it wouldn't have survived. Someone else has taken good care of a 109 year old holster to get it this far. I'm going to keep it in good shape as long as I have it. How about the 80 year-old BAR. It still puts out 600 rounds per minute. The guys that built that did it right.

My 8 year old grandson and I were up in the woods behind Cannon Beach with the old Red Rider carbine. It still works well after 60 years, and the kid has a good eye. We had a great day.

Anyway I like that old stuff and the

folks that collect it. they're just as solid and interesting, and dedicated to preserving our history as anyone you will find. Come to Oregon Arms every month and bring a friend. Take a table and show us what you collect. Sell it or show it, the choice is yours.

Best regards, Harry

OAC's BEGINNINGS by Harold McCallum

Over the past several years there have been different opinions when OAC was organized. I hope the following will settle this.

It was organized 43 years ago today, March 15, 1955. We met at the armory at 10th and Couch in Portland. At the close of the meeting the following officers were elected; President was G.J. Wickman; Vice President was Harry Huppenbauer; Sec/Tres George Windom; Sgt at Arms was Victor Atiyeh; Directors were Jack Brickell, Roy Edgerton, W.E. May, Harold McCallum, and James Rodman.

From my diary I find that my wife and I left the meeting the afternoon of the 15th and headed for Alaska in my '48 Chevy, stopping for the night at Goldendale Washington. We stopped at Revelstroke B.C. the night of the 16th and Slave Lake the night of the 17th. The 18th was my birthday and we stopped at Whitehorse for my birthday dinner. That pretty well confirms that we were at Portland on the 15th of March.

Not sure if Jack Brickell is still living. If not then Victor Atiyeh and I are the only charter members still in OAC.

Oregon Arms Collectors, Inc. is a Non-Profit, Mutual Benefit Organization, which exists to bring its membership together to further the collection, preservation, historical education, fellowship and enjoyment of arms and related accouterments and memorabilia.

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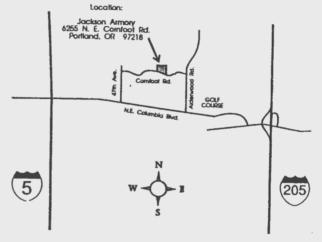
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### Questions and accountings

Information on membership or treasury status is open to members only at any time. Latest bank statements and membership lists are always available for examination at the shows. This your club and membership participation and a feeling of involvement are welcomed and encouraged if we are to grow.

### 1998 Meeting Schedule

Jan 25	Apr 26	July 19	Oct 25
Feb 22	May 24	Aug 23	Nov 22
Mar 22	Jun 21	Sep 27	Dec 20*

All meetings are every fourth Sunday of each month - ( \* except December )

#### RULES WE LIVE BY

Our Bylaws state that no arms or accessories shall be displayed or offered for sale in violation of federal or state firearms statutes.

Ninety percent of the items on the table at any meeting of the members must be arms related.

Under **no** circumstances shall a live round be inserted in the mechanism of any weapon within the confines of the meeting place. Magazines must be removed from those applicable weapons.

Dealing with non-members is allowed on a trial basis for an indefinate period. Members of recognized (NRA affiliated) collector clubs have honorary membership privileges upon presentation of acceptable identification.

Above all, Use Common Sense. Check any and all firearms on your table when you put them out and each and every time before someone else handles them.

The Oregon Arms Collectors, Inc. requires compliance with and obedience to all applicable Federal, State and Municipal firearms laws and ordinances within and in the proximity to its meeting area. Further, the Oregon Arms Collectors, Inc. disclaims any liability for any of the acts of its members, member's guests, or other visitors which might be construed to violate any laws, ordinances or regulations. It is the responsibility and obligation of each member to becom e familiar with all laws pertaining to firearms and ammunition and abide by them at all meetings of the Oregon Arms Collectors, Inc.

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