

L. C. Smith Speaks for Itself

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The Second Time Around

By Frank Finch, Jr. Executive Director of the LCSCA

Your organization is experiencing the opportunity to do it again, only better...

As our 2004 season comes to a close, I hope the "LCs" have filled the larders with game and your upcoming Holiday Season and New Year are happy and healthy. As of this writing, the 1st Annual LCSCA Turkey Shoot organized by Bill Winter will be held in Maryland with the winners of the 5 Stand and Sporting Clays Events bagging turkeys for their Thanksgiving tables.

During 2004 President Bush and incumbent members of our board of directors were re-elected, membership more than doubled, treasury increased, organization's events during the year doubled, monthly website activity more than doubled, LC Smith Team won over the Parker Team at the Southern Side by Side, and with your help we can take this opportunity to do it again in 2005.

With the election of **President Bush** and other pro-gun legislators, collectors, hunters and shooters won a huge gun rights victory. Fine American made double barrel shotguns, especially LC Smiths are too wonderful to be confiscated.

Board of Director Members

Tom Archer and **Bill Winter** were reelected from a field of highly qualified nominees. Thank you to all who participated in LCSCA election process.



As of the beginning of November

our membership count was 218 and has been increasing each month, along with the dues, to keep our organization solvent. The number of events attended this year was twice as many as the previous year; hits to our Website **lcsmith.org** has increased each month with approximately **479,305 hits** since its inception in April, 2003. The addition of "Year of Manufacture" and the LC Smith "Forum" has been very active

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creating many hits. The “Forum” has provided an online opportunity for gun enthusiasts to ask questions and receive answers relating to their LC Smiths. Others have used the contact names and addresses on the Website to forward questions to specific members of the organization for response. As an example, I usually respond to an emailed LC Smith question each day originating from the website. Questions which are more technical I forward to other members for their help in resolution.

Your organization is working on making the collection and processing of **Baker and early Syracuse guns** more user friendly. A data capture and forwarding page is now available on our Website. Both **Russ Ruppel** and **Daryl Hallquist** ask that members forward information to them on Baker and early Syracuse guns for inclusion in our data base. Our quarterly newsletter continues to provide a means of communicating events, classified ads and interesting articles on LC Smith guns and history to our membership. Your leadership is working diligently to increase everyone’s knowledge and appreciation of the L.C. Smith Shotgun.

The proposed Event Schedule for 2005 contains 10 events. Beginning with an exhibit and participation at the Louisville Gun Show and continuing with Baltimore Show followed by sporting clays, Tulsa Arms Show, Southern Side by Side, Annual Meeting, National Side by Side, Ohio Gun Collectors Show, Vintage Cup and finishing the year with the 2nd Annual LCSCA Turkey Shoot. Additionally, the BOD is examining the means to provide support for local participation at shows and events.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote “Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”. What can you do to make a difference? What would you do if you knew it couldn’t fail? In preparation for the coming year, take time to renew, refresh and rethink where you and your organization are heading.

Let us not forget those service personnel and their families who are separated and may have special needs. **May the peace of this joyful season remain with you throughout the year.**

L. C. Smith Maker, Syracuse, New York-Part IV, The Baker Challenge

By John N. Davis

As we examine our classic American side by sides today we admire such things as the lines and curves of the gun, the intricate engraving, or the degree of original case color, bluing and stock finish remaining. Mechanical soundness and smooth, shiny bores are also important features we notice as we study the gun. If we intend to shoot the gun, we may consider the amount of drop, length of pull and how the gun is choked. But when it comes to the method by which the gun was choke-bored, well that is not even a consideration. This has not always been the case however. To say that the sportsmen of the 1880's were obsessed with the close shooting attributes of their guns can hardly be considered an overstatement. In fact, it was the method of choke-boring and the resulting close and even patterns produced that made for one of the great selling points of these guns. Bear in mind that the process of choke-boring as we know it was not perfected, or least not accepted, until the early 1870's. Today, of course, we take all this for granted and assume all guns to be basically fine shooters, throwing good even patterns. The only thing we may worry about is how the gun is choked, not the method by which it was choke-bored. If you have been

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UNION SPRINGS, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1879.

I am very much pleased with the gun you have just made for me. The shooting qualities are all that I can ask for, and the general get-up of the gun pleases me very much. I think the breech action and manner of unlocking the gun the best in use. I have formerly used a gun made by one of our most celebrated Eastern manufacturers, but can recommend your gun as superior to it in shooting and working qualities. In the trial test Frenchy Johnson accompanied me with his gun, which is one of the best of imported make, but I beat him in penetration, evenness of distribution and pattern, so that he acknowledged that he thought your gun did the best shooting that he had ever seen. Upon the whole I am very much pleased and think the Baker Gun is the cheapest and best gun in the market for the money.

Yours Truly,

CHAS. E. COURTNEY.
 (11-2-1y)

Send stamp for Descriptive Circular.

following this series, you may recall a description of the department at the Syracuse gun factory dedicated to the boring of barrels and mention of the system of multiplied choke-boring, which was the original idea of L. C. Smith, Maker. In the last article we discovered a Parker gun that had been sent to the Smith works to gain the advantage of the Smith method of choke-boring, and there is the 1886-87 catalog which is full of claims concerning the company's expertise in choke-boring and the resulting close shooting properties of its guns. The importance of the close shooting qualities was true as well for the Baker Gun, made by L. C. Smith. This can best be illustrated by a series of short articles or letters which appeared in the *American Field* magazine over the course of some three months during 1881. And it was Lyman Cornelius Smith who fired the first shot.

American Field, July 23, 1881

"A Challenge to Mr. Hasdell.
 Syracuse, N. Y.

Editor American Field. - In the last few issues of your paper our attention has been called to the target purporting to have been made by one of Mr. T. R. Hasdell's make of guns, which leads us to make the following statement:

Firstly. We will wager Mr. T. R. Hasdell fifty dollars (\$50) that he cannot produce with one of his make of guns, bored by himself, one target in five attempts as good as the targets advertised in your paper over Mr. T. R. Hasdell's name; distance forty yards, thirty-inch circle; the circle to be made before the target is shot at: 1 1/4 oz. No. 8 shot, not to exceed 542 pellets to the 1 1/4 oz.; the shot to be placed in shell in

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the ordinary way (loose); the shells to be loaded by parties hereafter agreed upon; also the targets to be judged by competent judges, which we will agree upon.

Secondly. We will wager Mr. T. R. Hasdell fifty dollars (\$50) that we can select from our stock of Baker guns a gun costing \$40, \$45, or \$55, that will shoot equally as well as any gun that Mr. Hasdell can produce of his make: distance forty yards, circle thirty inches, 1 1/4 oz. No. 8 shot; the shot to be placed in the shell in the ordinary way (loose); the same manufacture of shot to be used by both parties; the shells to be loaded by parties hereafter agreed upon; also judges to be decided upon.

L. C. Smith, Maker of the Baker Gun.”

Mr. Smith’s challenge would not go unanswered and was followed by a reply from Border Ruffian.

American Field, August 22, 1881

“The Baker Challenge. - Macon, Mo.- Editor American Field: - I notice in a late number of the American Field, that Mr. L. C. Smith, maker of the Baker gun, Syracuse, N. Y., pitches into Mr. Thos. R. Hasdell about the target published in Mr. Hasdell’s advertisement in your paper. I shall not say anything about the Baker gun, its workmanship or shooting qualities, but will say what I know about Mr. Hasdell’s work. I had Mr. Hasdell bore a fine W. & C. Scott & Sons breech-loader. I requested Mr. H. to make it give a pattern of 400 No. 8 shot in a thirty-inch circle, at forty yards, using 1 1/4 oz. of shot. The targets sent back with the gun were 412 and 415, and I found upon trial that I could make from 380 to 430 with the gun, which was very satisfactory. I also had Mr. Hasdell bore a muzzle-loader to make same pattern. This gun had very thin muzzles, but that seemed to make no difference, and the work came up fully to what Mr. Hasdell promised. As to Mr. Smith’s ability to select a gun from stock, price from \$40 to \$55, that will make as good a target as any gun Mr. Hasdell ever made or bored, I doubt very seriously if he can do so. I will wager Mr. Smith any reasonable sum that he never made or bored a gun that did kill nineteen out of twenty wild pigeons at forty yards rise. It is a well known fact that Mr. Hasdell did bore a \$45 Remington gun to do that very thing, and Mr. E. T. Martin did the shooting at Nashville, Tenn., not many years ago. The price of a gun, however, has very little to do with its shooting for a short time, as a \$50 gun can be made to shoot as well as a \$300 gun for part of a season. Let us have a gun trial, and find out who can make the closest shooting gun.

Border Ruffian.”

But the Baker gun had its proponents and they would not be silenced.

American Field, August 27, 1881

“Captain Mitchell’s Opinion. - Richmond, Va., August 10, 1881. - L. C. Smith, Esp., Syracuse, N. Y. - Dear Sir: - I received the B grade, ten bore, thirty inch barrel, nine lbs. six ozs. Baker double gun, manufactured by you, and am greatly pleased with it, as I never saw a better handling or a neater finished piece, and can’t see, taking into consideration prices charged by other makers, how you can sell a weapon of such material, shooting qualities and workmanship, for \$55. Your system of boring is, I am satisfied, the best known, the shot always striking the target around the center covered by the sight, not jumping to one side, as is generally the case with close choked bores, and for evenness of distribution has no equal. My gun, loaded with five drams of Dupont’s No. 2 ducking powder, with a hard cardboard and two of Ely’s pink edge wads on it, and one and one-quarter ounces of Tatham’s No. 8 chilled shot; 496 to the one and one-quarter ounce by actual count; gives me an average pattern in ten shots to each barrel, R barrel 462 pellets, L barrel 445, at a thirty inch circle, forty yards, measured from the muzzle of the gun, and I am so well satisfied that I cannot

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get a better gun, that I intend to shoot it in my match with Captain Bogardus for the championship of the world, if he sees fit to accept my challenge. See my challenge to Captain Bogardus in American Field of August 6, 1881. Owing to the party failing to furnish the requisite number of birds I was forced to postpone the shoot for the state championship until some time in September, but killed thirty birds straight with my gun while at Lynchburg, making some remarkably long shots, one of which was killed out of bounds after being missed by a shooter. This bird quartered to the left, and I was standing within ten yards of the score, not raising my gun until he crossed the boundary, but to the surprise of myself, as well as the crowd, it fell stone dead at the crack of the gun. In conclusion, let me say that I shall advise all who are in need of a gun to buy a Baker, as I know of none to equal it.

*Yours etc.,
W. T. Mitchell."*

Perhaps the most interesting reply in this bantering of the best shooting gun is the one that follows, not so much for what it says but rather because of who wrote it.

American Field, September 3, 1881

"A Challenge. - Scott, N. Y. - Editor American Field: - Shortly after I ordered my Baker gun I saw a target published in your paper, over Mr. T. R. Hasdell's name. It was my intention to procure a very close shooting gun, and I think I have satisfied myself in that respect; but if Mr. Hasdell can excel my Baker gun, I want one of his make of guns. To settle the question with me, I now offer to wager Mr. T. R. Hasdell \$100 that he cannot produce one of his make of guns that will excel my Baker gun in point of closeness of pattern, penetration and evenness of distribution at thirty-five yards, in a twenty-four inch circle, or at forty yards, in a thirty inch circle, as Mr. H. may prefer. Neither gun to exceed twelve pounds weight, gauge not to be larger than ten or smaller than twelve. (My gun is ten gauge). The shot to be placed in the shell loose, and one and a quarter ounces to be used. Both contestants to use the same manufacture and same size of shot. I will deposit the \$100 with the manager of the American Field, and if I go to Chicago, Mr. H. to allow me \$50 for expenses, and if Mr. H. comes here, I will allow him the same. I earnestly desire to own one of Mr. Hasdell's guns, if he can excel the shooting qualities of my gun, and I take this, perhaps, very expensive way of deciding.

Alex. T. Brown."

And of course Mr. Smith could not take Border Ruffian's comments lying down and fired back.

American Field, September 17, 1881

"Mr. Smith to Border Ruffian. - Syracuse, N. Y. - Editor American Field: - In the American Field of August 27, my attention is called to an article by Border Ruffian, commenting on my challenge to Mr. T. R. Hasdell, to which I wish to make the following reply:

I have never questioned Mr. Hasdell's ability to produce very close shooting guns; to the contrary, I knew that Mr. Hasdell had a reputation for making good shooting guns, therefore I took that opportunity of proving the shooting qualities of the Baker gun. But I did question Mr. H.'s ability to produce a target, as advertised over his name in the American Field, and I will say further, that I will pledge myself to pay one hundred dollars (\$100) on the receipt from Mr. Hasdell of a target made by one of his guns (allowing five trials) as good in every way as the target in question; 1 1/4 oz. No. 8 shot to be used, and placed in shell

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loose, or in the ordinary way; distance forty yards, circle thirty inches, to be made before shooting; judges can be agreed upon.

In regard to my ability to select from stock a \$40 or \$55 gun, that will shoot as well, or make as good a target as any gun Mr. Hasdell ever made or bored, I hold myself in readiness to wager from \$100 to \$500 that I can; and, in order to test the durability of both guns, will agree to the average of from 1,000 to 5,000 shots; judges to be agreed upon hereafter.

In regard to my making a gun that will kill nineteen out of twenty wild pigeons at forty yards, I would say that that is another subject altogether, as it rests more in the skill of the sportsman who is manipulating the gun, than in the extra shooting qualities of the gun. I will dispose of this question by calling attention to the following score, made by R. C. Bamford of West Fairview, Pa., using a Baker gun, B Grade, \$55. Said score was made July 5, 1880, at Harrisburg Park, Pa., and is on record, and can be referred to with but little trouble.

	<i>Balls Broken.</i>
60 glass balls at 21 yards rise.....	60
40 " " 40 " "	38
	<i>Birds Killed.</i>
10 wild pigeons at 21 yards rise.....	10
5 " " 40 " "	5
3 " " 50 " "	3

I would say to friend Border Ruffian, you are nearly correct in saying that the price of the gun, however, has very little to do with its shooting qualities; you would have been entirely correct had you stated, that the price of a gun should not have anything to do with the shooting qualities. If your neighbor, who may be a poor man, has coursing through his veins the blood of a sportsman, he can appreciate a good shooting gun as well as yourself, although he has but \$40 or \$50 to expend for one; while on the other hand you can lavish in fine guns to your heart's content. We are all human, and those who enjoy sporting, enjoy it alike, irrespective of financial rank. In conclusion allow me to give the targets of six guns, not made to order, but selected from stock, and shipped to Foss Bros. & Co., 43 So. Clark Street, Chicago, August 27, 1881. We had no especial directions for close shooting guns. Gun No. 4253, L. 372, R. 387; No. 3992, L. 427, R. 400; No. 4198, L. 470, R. 435; No. 4254, L. 388, R. 320; No. 4200, L. 398, R. 337; No. 4302, L. 346, R. 310. All guns having thirty-two inch barrels, and weighing from ten to eleven pounds, grade B, (\$55).

L. C. Smith,
Maker of the Baker gun."

But in this instance Lyman may have over-stated his case before he had all of the facts and in the end the debate was squelched as was, presumably, the challenge.

American Field, October 1, 1881

"A Correction. - Harrisburg, Pa. - Editor American Field: - In your issue of September 17, my attention was drawn to an article from Mr. Smith of Syracuse, to Border Ruffian, in which the former gives an account of a score made by R. C. Bamford of West Fairview, Pa., in a shooting match held at the Harrisburg Park, July 5, 1880, which is altogether incorrect. In the first place, there were no wild, but only domestic birds used for the match. In the second place, there was but one match of ten pigeons each, shot at twenty-one yards rise, in which twenty-eight persons took part; the only straight scores that were made, being two; one by Mr. S. S. Peace, a member of the Social Gun Club of Harrisbug, and the other by a Mr. Buck of Lebanon or Reading, I forget which; the former using a Nichols & Lefever, ten bore gun, and the latter a common muzzle loader. There was no other match shot, either at forty or fifty yards rise, nor were there any ties shot off, as it was late in the evening when the match was finished. As for glass balls, there were some small matches

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in the forenoon for sweepstakes, but at not more than eighteen yards rise. If any person sent Mr. Smith such a score as that published in part in your paper, it was certainly manufactured, and intended to deceive him. Justice”

Board of Directors Election

By Len Applegate

The Board of Director election for 2004 is history and once again the incumbents have been returned to office for another three year term. Tom Archer and Bill Winter received 73 and 62 ballots respectively. 31 ballots were cast for Bob Devlin

and we thank him for supporting the organization by running for a seat on the board. We mailed a total of 200 ballots out with the September newsletter. A total of 83 were returned for a rather disappointing 41 percent return.

Membership Dues for 2005

By Len Applegate

Included in this mailing is a bill for annual dues of \$25.00. Please remit your payment to **The L.C. Smith Collectors Association** C/o

Bob Trefry
5104 Salima ST
Clinton, MD 20735

Please remember that dues must be paid before February first 2005 for your name to be included on the membership list for 2005, and that at any time during the year you can convert your membership to a life membership by paying the balance of the \$300.00 Life Membership dues.

At any time, you can tell what kind of membership we believe you have and through December 31st of what year we believe you have paid for by looking at the mailing label on your newsletter. For example.

Mr. Lyman C. Smith is an Annual member whose dues are paid through the end of 2004. If at some time in 2004 he had decided to become a life member by paying \$275.00 the “Annual 2004” on

his mailing label would change to “Life”.

Annual members joining during the year may feel that they are short changed for the first year. The reason that dues run from January first to December thirty first is purely for ease of record keeping. This is an entirely volunteer, not-for-profit organization. Most of us do have a day job and not having to keep track of when each annual membership expires and mailing out individual bills makes the process of running the L.C. Smith Collectors Association more simple. We hope you understand. We include all newsletters that have been mailed

with each new membership packets so that each new member has all club information up to the point he or she joins.

If your mailing label doesn't reflect what you believe your membership is or if your newsletter doesn't arrive in good condition please contact

Len Applegate at the address on the last page.

In summary, if your mailing label says “Annual 2004” you should have gotten a bill. If it says “Annual 2005” or “Life” you should not have gotten a bill with your newsletter.

Lyman C. Smith
165 Clinton St
Syracuse, N.Y 13202

Annual 2004

The L.C. Collectors at the 2004 Vintagers

By Andy Anderson

The Order of Edwardian Gunners held their eighth annual "Vintage Cup" event on Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 19, 2004. It was held, as usual, at the Orvis-Sandanona shooting grounds near Millbrook, N.Y. There were numerous competitive events for various types of double guns, various vendor displays including H&H and Purdey, a banquet and more. The L.C. Collectors were, of course, well represented.

My good buddy, Odvar Skadberg, met me at the site on Wednesday prior to the event. We arranged and squared-up our tables, placed our table covers, then placed, shimmed, clamped, cranked and took down and put up again our backboards.

Thursday Morning Odvar and I met Len Applegate, Frank and Mary Anne Finch, and Jim Stubbendieck to set up the display items. The theme was "One of Each Grade 1890-1913" and we had 'em from "OO" to "A3"; 12 different grades. The display included guns from the collec-

tions of Andy, Len, Frank, Mary Anne, Bob Morris, Don Nickerson and Rich Beyer. We also displayed "The L.C. Smith vs. Parker Challenge Cup" and several turn of the century Hunter Arms shooting trophies.

Thanks to Frank, Len, Jim, Mary Anne and Bob Morris and his son-in-law for helping to tear down and pack up on Sunday.

It was good to see members and friends Charlie Brooks, Drew Bowman, Steve Morris, John Bleimaier, Bob Behrend, Ken Waite 3rd, Steve Farfaro, and J.D. Shank. I hope I remembered everyone. A good number of our members tried their hands at one or more of the shooting events and a few of us picked up new treasures. Despite a variety of inclement weather conditions, I think we all had a great time.

Our organization has participated in many gun shows and "Vintager" events this year. Everyone who participates seems to have a great time. We sure would like to meet you at an event in 2005.



Mary Anne Finch, Andy Anderson, Jim Stubbendieck, Len Applegate and Frank and Tammy Jo Finch



Bob Morris and our Display



One of each pre 1913 grades



John Bleimaier, Andy Anderson, Steve Morris, Len Applegate, Mary Anne, Tammy Jo, and Frank Finch

Bringing Home the Bird!

By Bill Winter

The attached reports the 1st Annual LCSCA Turkey Shoot held November 20, 2004, at The Prince Georges Trap and Skeet Range in Glenn Dale, MD as told from the eyes of event organizer and shooter Bill Winter.

November 20th started out like many autumn days here in Maryland with rain in the forecast and the leaves still falling and a slight wind about.

By the time I got to the range several of our club members had arrived and were enjoying the muffins, bagels, doughnuts and coffee that Bob Trefrey and his wife Sylvia provided. The guns that were laid out on the tables spoke of how serious the participants of this event were about their collecting and shooting LC Smith guns. Many conversations were held concerning condition and shootability of the fine old double barrels.

The drizzle let up as more of our folks arrived. By the bowls and dishes that were coming in the door, I could tell that this pot luck lunch would put some more pounds on my ever expanding belly (oh well, guess I can work some of it off chasing grouse this winter!).

By ten thirty our 1st squad was off to the 5 stand field and the drizzle had started again. But, the participants walked to the field and did not complain! I stayed at the five stand field long enough for the drizzle to stop (again!) and went back to the club house to start putting the 2nd squad for 5 stand together. The 2nd squad

got off without a hitch as we pointed the 1st squad to the sporting clays course.

The 2nd and the 3rd squads completed the 5 stand shoot and then began the sporting clays course. Somewhere time was lost in the excitement and we didn't stop for lunch. I thought the consensus was that people wanted to shoot more than eat.

Competitors told me that the 5 stand provided quite the challenge and stated that the sporting clays course was ever varying in the presentation of the targets. I must commend Mark and his staff at "Prince Georges Trap and Sheet" for their help and professional attitude in making us feel very welcome.

After a good meal featuring home made dishes by members, such as venison chili by Drew Bowman and pumpkin pie by Charlie Brooks, we awarded the prizes to the winners! Kevin Brooks took home the turkey for the five stand contest with a score of 19/25 and Drew Bowman was the lucky winner of the bird for the sporting clays with a score of 40/50. Congratulations to the winners and all participants.

All in all, I think we can chalk this one up as a success! Having had 20 participants with 12 shooters, it's a good start to make this into an annual club event. The event doesn't need to be held in Maryland. I would love to travel to a similar event held by a group of our members in their geographic area. (hint, hint).

P.S. Please be sure to check out the website for photos of the shoot.

Member Rich Beyer has published a book on Hunter Arms. It is 80 pages and full of information and photos on Hunter Arms and the employees. Rich has lived in the Sterling valley of Upstate New York near Fulton for a long time and has spent a lot of that time compiling this history and interviewing the few surviving employees of Fulton's most famous employer. He will gladly send you a copy of his book if you send \$20.00 plus \$2.00 shipping to him at 1560 Co. Rt 4, Central Square, NY 13036. I'm going to get my copy signed by the author.

"Primus Inter Pares" in Maryland's Field

by John Kuhn Bleimaier

Down to Glenn Dale we Elsie aficionados did scoot
For an old fashioned November turkey shoot.
With a round of five stand and a round of sporting
The goats from the sheep we commenced to sorting.
Now this fine shotgun range and club
Is Maryland's premiere shooting hub.
On their trap and skeet fields of glory
Are seen the finest guns, nary a pump or a lowly Citori.
Here one could hardly expect to show off
With the newest Perazzi or priciest Krieghoff.
Yet when they saw our Smiths their jaws did drop
And many a jaded eye from its socket did pop.
The spirit of Elsie was beaming and proud
At the "ohs" and "ahs" heard from that sophisticated crowd.

November 2004

2005 Events

By the LCSCA Board of Directors

2004 was a very busy year for the L.C. Smith Collectors Association. We went to many gun shows to talk to collectors and attended two Vintagers events. 2005 promises to be equally event full. The following is the tentative schedule for 2005. Again we encourage members to do a display of their favorite Smiths at a local gun show or shooting event. We can help with advice and consul on how to run a gun show display. Please contact a director for help. You can get contact information for each of the directors at www.lcsmith.org.

Date	Event	Location	Arrival Date
2/22 - 2/23/2005	Louisville Gun Show	Kentucky Fair and Expo Center	2/21/2005
3/19- 3/20/2005	Maryland Arms Collectors Show	Maryland State Fairgrounds - Timonium, MD	3/18/2005
3/21/2005	L.C. Smith Sporting Clays Event	TBD	3/21/2005
4/2/ - 4/3/2005	Tulsa Arms Show	Tulsa Fairgrounds—Tulsa, OK	4/1/2005
4/22 - 4/24/2005	Southern Side-by-Side	Deep River Shooting School Sanford, NC	4/21/2005
4/23/2005	Annual Meeting	Sanford, NC	4/23/2005
5/13 - 5/15/2005	National Side-by-Side	Northbrook Sports Club Hainesville, Ill	5/12/2005
7/16 - 7/17/2005	Ohio Gun Collectors Show	Roberts Center Wilmington, OH	7/15/2005
9/22 - 9/25/2005	Vintage Cup	Orvis Sandanona Milbrook, NY	9/21/2005
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L. C. Smith Collectors Association Membership Application.

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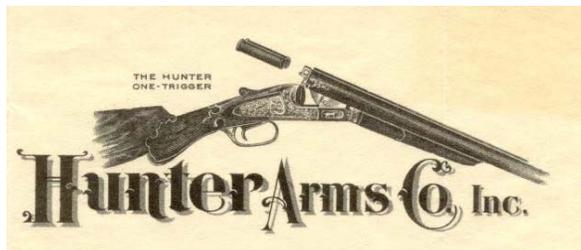
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Greetings L.C. Smith enthusiasts. I'm a great-great-grandson of the Hunter family who owned the Company at the turn of the century, and beginning to do research for our mutual benefit. I would be interested to hear from anyone with historical information and/or memorabilia for this study. I can be contacted at: Ken Baumgardt, 49 N. Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702, 302-286-6223 kendig-ger@aol.com

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L.C. Smith the gun that speaks for itself

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1. To Stimulate and educate members and the public in their knowledge of the history and production of the L.C. Smith shotgun.
2. To support the Cody Museum in utilization of the surviving L.C. Smith records.
3. To encourage creation of a L.C. Smith museum.
4. To encourage the value of good sportsmanship to members and the public.
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