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## Welcome to the Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association

*MWCA contributes to a wide variety of local youth-oriented firearms safety and skill development organizations, and the National Rifle Association.*

The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association was established in 1954 by a group of collecting enthusiasts. The intent of the organization was not only to provide an opportunity for collectors to gather for the purpose to buy, sell, and trade, but also to provide a forum for social interaction and fellowship between those interested in the hobby of arms collecting.

The Minnesota Weapons Collectors name was agreed upon due to its coverage of a broad spectrum of arms collecting, including aboriginal weapons through antique arms and edged weapons, up to modern day arms including ammunition, accessories and accoutrements. The wide diversity of interest is viewed as one of the strong points and benefits of the group.

Today, the membership of the MWCA stands at about 1,000, with charter members still actively involved. The organization currently sponsors up to eight meetings per year throughout greater Minnesota. Individuals from throughout the United States commonly participate.

The premier event of the MWCA is its Annual Trophy Show. Members as well as participants from other states throughout the country compete for trophies and cash prizes in a wide range of categories.

The MWCA membership entitles you to enter all meetings (shows) at no charge during the calendar year of your membership along with your spouse and children under 18 years of age.

We publish a newsletter which goes to the members at least 5 times per year. It keeps you informed of association activity. It includes application forms for table space, and all the rules and regulations regarding our shows as well as any changes.

We sponsor membership and exhibitor appreciation functions during the year.

**The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association is governed by Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. We are affiliated with the National Rifle Association and are also a member of the National Association of Arms Shows.**

**The Board of Directors of the MWCA encourages your participation and input.**

**Visit our Website:**

**[www.mwca.org](http://www.mwca.org)**

**Phone/Fax: 612/721-8976**

Membership is not required to attend the shows. There is an admission fee for nonmembers, but if you are considering renting table space the table rental will be less if you are a member.

MWCA shows range from 200 to 600 tables.

Our biggest, most popular all-around show is held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds building in March of each year. We have record breaking attendance.

All of the past MWCA publications are still available and brought to the shows periodically during the year by our club Historian for your enjoyment. Recent years can also be viewed on our excellent web site.

We are not only a Buy-Sell-Trade organization these days. We continue to accept the challenge of the founding fathers: To build fraternities of Gun Collectors, men (and women) who love old guns and the history they made.

MWCA remains the largest and oldest weapons collecting group in the state of Minnesota.

We welcome your involvement in the MWCA. Please fill out the form on the other side and include your payment.

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# Application for Membership

(Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Member of other Collectors Associations  
\_\_\_\_\_

Special Collecting Interests \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Club Member References

(signatures of two current MWCA members)

(members for more than one year)

	Membership #
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____

## Amount Enclosed:

New Membership            \$35.00

Renewal after first year    \$30.00

(Dues valid for calendar year)

Forward Application and Make Checks payable to:

Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association

P.O. Box 662, Hopkins, MN 55343

All membership applications must be approved by the Board of Directors and each member shall be subject to review annually in accordance with the Association Bylaws. New members can not vote at the first annual meeting following their admission to membership nor can they run for the Board of Directors at the first election following their admission to membership.

I hereby state that I am a citizen of the United States and that I have never been convicted in any court of the United States, its territory or possessions or the District of Columbia, of a felony. I will comply with all Federal, State & Local laws pertaining to firearms.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Card number \_\_\_\_\_

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# Your Membership Invitation



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