

History of the Marlin Model 1895 MFCA 40th Anniversary Rifle

The beautiful rifle that is being raffled for the MFCA Anniversary didn't start out looking as it does today. This rifle started its life in 1999 as a Model 1895 from Davidson's as an exclusive non-cataloged rifle. The Davidson 1895 LTD III featured a blued receiver, barrel and magazine tube. The caliber was 45-70 Government with a 5 round full length tubular magazine and an 18 1/2" octagon barrel with a semi-buckhorn rear sight and a front post. It came with a plain unchecked straight stock and forearm and with a black hard rubber butt plate. It was serial numbered as III0488 with Davidson's total production of 1,000. A letter of authenticity from Marlin will be supplied to the winner of this rifle.

In July, 1999 the late Richard Rohal sent this rifle back to the Marlin Firearms Company to have it converted to pistol grip and fitted with 1895 Century Limited deluxe walnut checkered stock and forearm. He also had the rifle fitted with a steel butt plate. Everything else on the rifle was left original. These revisions truly made this rifle one of a kind.

In 2011 this rifle was donated to the Marlin Firearms Collectors Association by the family of the late Richard Rohal for use in the celebration of our 40th anniversary. In addition to the Marlin Firearms Company creating a one of a kind rifle, the association hired master engraver Tony Tuscano of Willoughby, OH to engrave the rifle with traditional Marlin style engraving. In addition, a custom action job was personally done to the rifle by MFCA member Badlands Bill Oglesby and donated by the prestigious Oglesby & Oglesby Gunmakers Inc. located in Springfield, IL.

This rifle is truly ONE OF A KIND and currently valued at \$4700.00 - \$5,000.00. Owning it would be any collector's dream come true!!