

The obvious reason for the decline in vintage airgun collecting is because old coots like me (who want to relive our fondest childhood memories with vintage airguns) are dying off. Of course the vintage airgun market contracts with the loss of enthusiasts.

Vintage-collectable airgun values also depreciate as those collectors' survivors flood the shrinking audience with "Dad's old pellet guns". Hey; we ain't talking '57 Chevys here. Rather, supply-and-demand market realities; harsh though they sometimes may be.

Many airgun collectors in 2020 might not realize or even consider themselves collectors. Cutting-edge oriented airgunners well enough off to acquire any airgun du jour they want (but perhaps too busy to bother selling yesterday's wonder-guns) sometimes accumulate a collection. 'Vintage' collectors often have specialized in vintage BB, spring-piston, multi-stroke pneumatic, CO₂, American, European, Japanese, or specific-period guns. However, Millennial collectors are more likely to specialize in springers, bull-pups, hunting, or competition oriented airguns; mostly PCP. In this evolution, steel and walnut are succumbing to alloys and synthetics. Primary exceptions are ever fewer 'heirloom quality' models.

Chronicling the values of every airgun between antique and (the flood of) new offerings is a huge undertaking, especially in these times, where a year seems like an eternity. Hence, what you now hold in your hand, or perhaps are viewing online, is nothing less than an absolute wonderment of publishing and human endeavor. But the human perpetual motion machine pulled it off... with aplomb! Hats off to Miss Lisa Beuning, y'all.

The times they are a-changin'...! The state of airgunning, equally fast. Which bears pointing out a common mistake made by many folks wondering, "what's this worth?" Folks, asking prices on classifieds and auction sites often bear little to no resemblance to REALITY.

Which bears repeating an old adage in these uncertain and rapidly-changing social and economic times. "It's worth what(ever) you can get for it".