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More than a month has gone by since I launched the gallery and it's looking a lot fuller now than it did then! Most of the content has come from the three creators, and a few others who have generously provided numerous pics of their collections. But there are many others who have supplied pics, in ones or twos or in regular batches, who also deserve thanks for their kind contributions.

So where are we now? Well on the way is probably the best way to describe it. The rate of contributions has slowed, which is not entirely a bad thing from the point of view of the time it takes to upload them to the gallery!

There are plenty of makes and models not covered yet, and hopefully they will be in time. Some models are represented by pics apparently taken in the pre-digital age, when of course the cost of film and processing meant you couldn't have as many 'goes' at getting it right as you can today. In time these pics will be upgraded, with luck.

One thing I have realised - and I should have known it already, I suppose - is the incredible range of airguns made across the past two centuries. From glorified pea-shooters to elaborate recoilless match airguns, at root the aim is the same - to push a projectile forward with accuracy from a device that requires no explosive propellant. But the ingenuity employed over the years to achieve it is extraordinary.

To sum up, I would say "so far, so good", but please keep on sending pics of your rare (or not so rare) items wherever you see a gap in the gallery. It is a potentially massive undertaking, especially when in due course it comes to adding factual information about the guns displayed, which in most cases hasn't begun yet. But as they say, 'Rome wasn't built in a day'...!

Thank you to everyone who has supplied pics so far. 😊

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