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Attention MCRGO Members . . .

Dear Fellow Member,

Last fall, a handful of MCRGO members placed their own personal agendas ahead of the truth. False, defamatory press releases targeting MCRGO staff and Directors were distributed. Senators received phone calls. To this day, anonymous or third-party websites host complete fabrications.

Given MCRGO's legal and legislative mission, this behavior could have damaged our reputation. Fortunately, MCRGO's successful track record is well established. As a result, this reckless, self-serving behavior was quickly dismissed. Of course, MCRGO's Board then acted quickly to expel the offenders.

At that time the rumored theft of your membership database continued to swirl. Witnesses to the downloading of your database began to step forward. Then in February your database was downloaded to certify ballots in the Bylaw election. Despite numerous requests, that hardcopy has yet to be returned to MCRGO.

Rather than absorb the expense of prosecuting individuals, the Board chose to dedicate member dollars to the Ferndale lawsuit. A wise choice. MCRGO has since won the Appellate decision and is busy preparing for the Supreme Court.

This Spring, your Election Committee's first decision was to prohibit the use of MCRGO's database for campaign purposes. No e-mails, addresses or phone numbers were to be used. Your Board agreed despite knowing that bootleg copies of the database were readily available to candidates choosing to use them.

Today, a few of the individuals previously expelled for public defamation are attempting to influence this Board election. As a result, your Election Committee – in partnership with your Board of Directors – has agreed to a single 'rule':

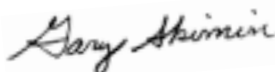
"The content of MCRGO's database is personal and confidential. No one is permitted to use this information for any campaign purpose."

If you or someone you know receives any information via e-mail, regular mail or phone related to candidates or the campaign itself, please contact MCRGO's office immediately. We will then notify membership of the violation.

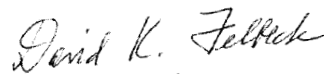
There is little we can do about third-party websites. Since the rules governing the member forum on MCRGO's own website are limited (no personal attacks, information posted should be based on fact, etc.), only those wishing to violate rules of decency or fair play would choose to campaign elsewhere.

Your Election Committee has worked to ensure that you have enough information to make an informed decision. Several candidate forums are scheduled. Candidate bios are printed in this issue. The 'members only' forum on MCRGO's website is also available. We wish to thank you in advance for helping to ensure that the process of this election is a complete success.

Respectfully,



Gary Skimin
Chair, MCRGO Election Committee



David Felbeck
Chair, MCRGO Board of Directors

Report from Your Executive Director



By Chuck Perricone

Former Speaker of the MI House,
Life Member: MCRGO and NRA

My Turn ...

Welcome to the mountaintop! After months of improvements, we've succeeded in transforming an award-winning newsletter into Michigan's newest magazine!

What better way to cap months of legislative and legal successes than to place a stunning view of our State Capitol on our inaugural cover! After all, that is where MCRGO came of age. Then-President Brad Foster, Board member Dr. David Felbeck, NRA liaison Todd Adkins and good friend (now Senator and MCRGO Board member) Alan Cropsey worked night and day with me carving out the content and strategy for Michigan's CCW law. The press – in the year of Columbine – was having a field day.

Today, Michigan's 90,000 CPL holders have a *cleaner record than law enforcement*. It is only a matter of time before that success morphs into simpler, less obtrusive concealed carry regulations.

Since agreeing to serve as your Executive Director last December, we've been blessed with a number of breakthroughs. First was State Representative Scott Hummel's Bill. He continues to acknowledge MCRGO by declaring, "I couldn't have passed this Bill without you!" Thank you, sir. And we couldn't have capped fees, lengthened license periods and enjoyed eating and drinking establishments without you.

Then came our victory in the Ferndale case. MCRGO's legal counsel extraordinaire Carol Bambery won a *unanimous decision* at the Appellate level ... and she did it alone. Looking ahead, MCRGO is now working closely with Secretary of State Terri Land to move legislation eliminating gun boards altogether. I've known Terri for years; if anyone can do this, she certainly can!

Sadly, all of the above is not good enough for a few past and present members of your organization. Last year, this organization lost \$52,000. New members were told they'd have to wait *8 to 10 weeks* for processing. Less than \$2,500 was generated by advertising *the entire year!* Your database was stolen and some personal reimbursements were (and remain) undocumented. Luckily, your Board discovered all of this in time to save MCRGO from becoming just another bobber in an ocean of non-profit organizations.

Today, MCRGO is in the black – and has been for months. And it will stay that way; I hired a CPA to handle your dollars. Memberships are processed within *seven days*. *On Target* generates nearly \$4,000 in ad revenues *each issue*. We have a new website. A new office with assigned parking and exciting partnerships with other organizations. Our new CPL classes for Legislators are a raging success.

If you care about what we've done and where we're going, please take a moment to vote. There is a quiet, organized misinformation campaign already underway advocating a slate bent on taking us back to where we started. Review the open letter to members on the opposite page. Your rights are too important to roll back our hard-earned transition and return MCRGO to the under-performing coffee klatch of old.

Oh, and don't forget to purchase a ticket to MCRGO's First Annual Family Day on August 9th! Our special guest will be Attorney General Mike Cox. Food, games, entertainment, raffles, auctions and a concurrent gun show compliments of the Huron Gun Collectors are all scheduled. It is also MCRGO's most important fund raiser!

Enjoy!

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MCRGO Open Board Meetings

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2003

Time: 10 a.m., –

closed meeting with Chapter Chairs and Directors

1 p.m., doors open for general membership

1:30 p.m., gavel falls and meeting comes to order

4:30 p.m., Board candidates address membership

Place: Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club

7533 N. Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Directions for the June 21 Board Meeting in Kalamazoo

Take Sprinkle Road Exit (# 80) from I-94 and turn North.

You'll soon encounter a detour (they're rebuilding a bridge), but the route is brief and well-marked. Once you've crossed Gull Road (the largest intersection), you'll cross two more streets. The Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club is on your left (@ 8 miles N. of I-94).

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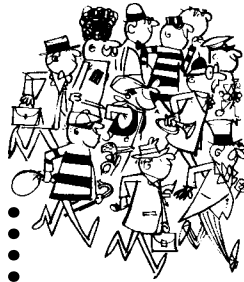
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MCRGO Membership Drive

EVERYONE'S COMING...

Kicks Off!

Unlike the city of Ferndale, law-abiding citizens don't have an insurance policy that pays for lawsuits. MCRGO has to pay its own way. That requires membership dollars. With Ferndale on its way to the Supreme Court, we need money. With an aggressive legislative agenda hanging in the balance, every dollar counts. *We need your help.*

This issue contains a membership application on page 7. Photocopy the applications and share them with the folks you are attempting to recruit. Write your name somewhere on the application you hand out to get proper credit!

What: MCRGO's March to the Supreme Court Membership Drive

Win: Recruit at least five new members and your next renewal is FREE!

Top three 'recruiters'* eligible for the following prizes:

- MCRGO Life Membership
- MCRGO Commemorative Pistol
- \$500 Jay's Gift Certificate

*1st, 2nd
and
3rd Place
Winners
Choose
in Order
of Finish

Rules: Keep your own list of whom you recruit. Write your name in the margin of the applications you hand out. Your list and your applicants' forms are due by Labor Day!

Spread the word! Our rights are taking a beating! Did you know:

- That Kent County requires a Doctor's slip before granting a CPL?
- That one city has implemented a 'waiting period' before honoring CPL applications?
- That another city has declared that if you don't apply within 30 days of training, you are ineligible?
- There is a Gun Board now requiring two notarized character references to issue?
- That one county forces sloppy ink pads on CPL applicants but scans inmates' fingerprints?

The battle is underway and we can't do it alone.

Help us help you by recruiting members.

Your children will thank you for it!

*A minimum total of 500 new members must be recruited to cover the costs of the prizes offered.

Affidavit of Frederick S. Pallas

8721 N 2nd St., Brighton, MI 48116
810-225-8197 home • 517-552-3483 work

The undersigned deposes and swears:

I am an officer (Vice President) of SkillTech Automotive & Employment, a tier one supplier to General Motors. I reside at 8721 N. 2nd St., Brighton, MI 48116.

On Sunday evening on the night of Sunday, June 1, 2003 around 10:00PM as I was retiring to bed, there were loud noises (music) in the apartment complex adjoining my house. Assuming the windows were open, I went to close them. I found that the windows were closed and that loud music from next door was keeping me awake; therefore, I opened the windows and shouted to the men from my bedroom window in front of a vehicle: "Either turn down that music or I will call the police."

I retired to bed along with my wife. My 17 year old daughter was already in bed. All lights were off in the house and the doors were locked. I usually fall to sleep within minutes and this night was no exception. Somewhere within the next hour, I'm not sure of the exact time; both my wife and I were awaked by someone that appeared to be kicking the front door in. There is only one lock on this door and it opens to the inside; therefore, one swift kick someone would be able to break into the house. I got on some shorts and gazed through the front blind from in front of my room and could see someone that appeared quite large with the front storm door open.

My wife is from Siberia in Russia where it is common place that people break down doors to steal property or rape women or kill the occupants. As a matter of fact, the flat (apartment) doors have entry doors that are a couple of inches thick and are either steel or wood with at least three deadbolts on each and people still break into apartments or flats. In addition, during the Soviet times the secret police would roust people from their homes to never be seen again. She was terrified to say the least. I was also terrified and feared for the lives of my family. Upon any entry, my daughter's room is the first room to the side after entering the house.

I grabbed the shotgun and two shells.

Since I have not fired this weapon for some years, I was unable to load the two shells in the dark into the weapon. Even though I was trained blindfolded to tear down M-14s and 30 caliber and 50 caliber machine guns; I was too terrified to load these two shells.

Note: I was trained in the military during the late 60's that surprise of any person is your benefit since when they are attacking you, that is basically what they're counting on. I was also trained in the Reserves that I have a right to protect life and property with any force I deem appropriate at that time. (Army ID = NG27113761)

I wearily approached the front door with the shotgun and I don't recall which hand those shotgun shells were in. I opened the door and pointed the shotgun at the people (there were two of them, rather large individuals). I do not recall ever seeing them at a prior time. I had no idea of who they were or why they were there. They were basically in the home since they had the storm door open. I believe I said: "Who in the f*** are you or something to that effect." I don't recall what they replied as the adrenaline in my body put me in a fight or flight situation. I looked the one boy to my right in the eye and I said: "Get the f*** out of here now!" The large youth to my left again said something that I can't recall and I again told the two: "Get the f*** out of here now!"

The boy to my left while leaving said: "I am calling the police" to which I replied: "I welcome the police at this point."

I went back to bed telling my wife that everything was under control and she didn't need to worry about anything. She was still terrified.

A short time later there was a knock on the front storm door and I again grabbed and put on my shorts. I gazed through the window from the front of my room and saw a police emblem, so there was no need to grab any weapon. After opening the door, I requested to go and put on a shirt. I then told the same story verbally to the officer; however, I did not mention that my wife was from Russia, nor did I mention that they were in the storm door or that I had been in the

military. My weapon was confiscated by the Brighton City Police.

Frederick S. Pallas

Date

The following notary states that the aforementioned individual signed this statement in his/her presence. ■

Initial Update

I have requested that the shotgun be returned from Brighton City Police on Monday, June 2; however, the secretary told me that I could not get the weapon back until I go to court. I asked her what she meant by it and she replied that the Prosecutor is reviewing; therefore, maybe she was implying that I would be charged.

The name of the investigating officers of Brighton City Police were Sergeant Rayment, a 26 year veteran and Officer Flood.

Bottom line, still no charges and no weapon returned to me.

(EDITOR'S COMMENT: Mr. Pallas contacted MCRGO seeking legal assistance and his situation was immediately passed on to Legal Counsel. We will keep readers posted as events unfold. - CP)

Current Situation

On Wednesday, June 11, the Brighton City Police notified Rick Pallas of 8721 N. 2nd St., Brighton, MI that the Prosecutor was not going to file any charges and that he could pick up his weapon (shotgun) at any time. At the pickup, the officer stated that the two boys that wanted to press charges of felonious assault, were drunk and only 20 years old. They were arrested for MIP and given a lecture that they learned a difficult lesson the easy way; i.e., they were still alive.

Seems they mouthed off to the Brighton officers and one of them was slurring his words to which the officer requested that they come to the station to file charges where one of them was drunk (.16) and the other was slightly intoxicated. They were then arrested for MIP (Minors in Possession).

When Members Work Together, It's Truly "For the Children"

By Bill Rutledge

When I learned from one of the fourth grade students at East-side Detroit's Guyton Elementary School that a child had found a gun in an apartment his family had recently moved into, I was curious. I volunteer at the school and decided to poll the whole class and was shocked when eleven hands went up in response to my query, "How many of you have ever found a gun while playing?"

The children related that they had come across guns in vacant lots, in the homes of relatives and friends and, on occasion, lying in the streets in plain view.

As an MCRGO member, a retired attorney and teacher myself, I asked the instructor, Mrs. Ellena Totty, if she would consent to a presentation of the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle program in her classroom. I anticipated resistance but the veteran teacher responded, "When can you do it?" She had heard similar gun-finding incidents in the past and was eager for any assistance she could get with the issue.

In the winter of 2002, I decided, as a life member of the NRA, to contact that organization's Virginia headquarters and was provided, free of charge, Eddie Eagle firearm

safety educational materials. This included printed matter, a video, stickers and pamphlets featuring the Eddie Eagle character delivering his simple, but effective message: Stop! Don't Touch! Leave the Area! Tell an Adult!

After I made the initial presentation to the class, word spread to other teachers throughout the building. Several of them requested that their classes also receive the safety training. The response prompted me to approach the school's principal, Mrs. Cheryl McKanders, and suggest a school-wide Eddie Eagle Gun Safety assembly. Principal McKanders was enthusiastic about the idea, especially when I said I might be able to arrange an in-person visit from Eddie Eagle himself.

I approached Ms. M. Carol Bambery, MCRGO's Corporate Counsel and President of the MCRGO Foundation Board of Directors, and discussed it with her. We made some preliminary arrangements and Eddie Eagle was set to appear.

After that, I contacted MCRGO Foundation Board member, Neva Li, of Royal Oak, who is also a Detroit Public School

teacher and asked for any advice she might have on the "nuts and bolts" of presenting Eddie Eagle. We discussed ideas for a bit on the phone and then she cordially invited me to her home and showed me how easily the program can be presented by anyone willing to do it. She provided all necessary materials purchased by the MCRGO Foundation for the program, then lent me most of her own materials, pictures, posters, etc. and explained how everything worked to the last detail. I came with lots of questions and left with many excellent ideas. I can't say enough about the kind of help that the Foundation Directors provided!

Arrangements were made with Ms. Gerri Nespitt, an administrator in the Eaton County Sheriff's Department for Eddie Eagle to "fly" into Guyton Elementary on April 17, 2003. Eddie Eagle "lives" at the Eaton County Sheriff's Department thanks to MCRGO Foundation grants obtained for the purpose.

Eddie delivered his message that day to over 200 Guyton students, from First through Fifth grade, in the school's auditorium. The children listened to my corny jokes, watched Jason Priestly in the NRA produced video presenting Eddie's message of gun safety and then Eddie made his grand entrance.

The kids loved Eddie. He performed for a few minutes and made his message clear. As he left the auditorium pantomiming his message of: "Stop! Don't Touch! Leave the Area! Tell an Adult!" to the eager children, he posed with the young people for pictures, gave big hugs and continued to deliver his timely message as he retreated and flew away.

After the assembly, each teacher was provided, courtesy of MCRGO's Foundation, copies of the publications, "Learn Gun Safety With Eddie Eagle", a workbook, "Be Safe When You Play", an educational comic book, Eddie Eagle stickers and other safety pamphlets for the children to take home. They also received large posters for each of their classroom bulletin boards. All of these materials were provided free of charge by the MCRGO Foundation.

Anyone interested in presenting the program to their area school or youth group should contact Neva Li or Carol Bambery at neval@mcrgo.org or carolb@mcrgo.org for supplies, assistance in presenting or arranging for the appearance of Eddie Eagle. ■

Solicitation for Pictures

We are looking for current pictures of MCRGO-related events and activities. Digital is best.

E-mail them to Rod Collins at:
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It is easier and quicker than you might think. And you will receive your membership card faster.

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ATTENTION!

Affiliate Club Members:

We are pleased to invite you to raise dollars for your club while assisting MCRGO in the fight for your rights in the State Capitol and in our Courts.

WHAT:

MCRGO March to the Supreme Court Membership Drive

HOW:

Recruit 1/2 your club at 1/2 our rate and waive your entire club fee!

Example: 50 members of a 100 member club pay 1/2 the \$20 fee to join MCRGO

WIN:

1. Waiver of your club's entire standard affiliation fee.

2. State Rep. Sue Tabor and Senator Alan Cropsey will headline fundraisers for the two most successful clubs.*

**To make it fair for clubs both big and small, success will be measured by figuring the percentage of your club's overall membership recruited on behalf of MCRGO.*

Affiliate clubs will be sent recruitment materials in the days ahead.

MCRGO: We fight so you don't have to!



Membership Application

Name _____
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 State _____ Zip _____
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 Home Phone # _____
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 Birth date _____
Required for Senior Life Membership

Membership is: New Renewal

Membership Options (Circle Choice)

	Adult	Youth Member (Under 17)
<u>1 Year</u>	\$25.00	\$15.00
<u>2 Year</u>	\$45.00	\$25.00
<u>3 Year</u>	\$65.00	\$35.00
<u>Life Membership</u>	\$500.00	
<u>Senior Life Membership (Age 65 & Over)</u>	\$250.00	
<u>Annual Family Membership</u> <small>(Eating Member, Spouse & Children Under 17)</small>	\$40.00	

Pay by: Cash / Check / Money Order / (Made payable to MCRGO)

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Mail To: **MCRGO**
PO Box 14014
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The Life of an MCRGO Director

By David Felbeck

The newly appointed Election Committee has asked me to describe what is involved in being an MCRGO director, in addition to the formal requirements that are listed in the Bylaws. I shall try to respond to this request as accurately as possible.

The first and surely foremost requirement is commitment to the cause of firearms rights, for without this it would be impossible to make the personal sacrifices that are necessary. If the sole goal of all our efforts is the support and improvement of firearms rights for Michigan's citizens, then it's all worth while. Directors must place the 'team' ahead of themselves *especially* when their instincts tell them otherwise. Times of trouble and turmoil are when the 'team' (the Board) is needed most. Nothing that we do here is more important: not personal aggrandizement, power, or fame (none of which is likely anyway), but only the satisfaction that when you are finished you know you have done all you can do for present and future generations.

Directors must realize that as individuals they contribute to, not direct, the organization. The Board of Directors is empowered by the Bylaws to set policy for the Coalition. Not all directors will see things the same way, so it is not unusual that the ideas of any one director may not prevail. For any organization to operate smoothly requires trust, particularly trust as to the motives of other people. The present Board of Directors has learned, through working together these many difficult months, to trust each other and our Executive Director, for it is he who must put everything together and execute the policies of the Board. In his position he is the only one who has a handle on everything that is going on; that's his job. As volunteers, Board members cannot achieve that level of awareness; MCRGO has simply become too big. We all share a common goal, to make MCRGO into the kind of organization that Michigan needs, and with this kind of cooperation we will achieve our goal.

In an organization that has grown at a fantastic rate – equivalent to more than doubling in membership every year since our founding – there are countless adjustments and organizational changes that must be made, and the problems are compounded because so much of the effective effort is carried out by volunteer members. This volunteer effort is, of course, our power, but much must be accomplished behind the scenes in order to help volunteer efforts be effective.

Constant communication has been vital to the success of our operation. Most directors check their e-mails several times in a typical day. The Board frequently votes on many minor matters between

regular meetings, a process that often involves considerable discussion of the issues prior to voting. Until recently, the Board has been meeting approximately monthly, but in 2003 we have shifted to open quarterly meetings to be held in several areas throughout the state. Attendance at meetings is mandatory, and a director who misses more than two consecutive meetings is automatically removed from the Board.

The financial commitment is relatively small, but not trivial. Directors must pay their own travel expenses to meetings of the Board, committee meetings, chapter meetings, and meetings with affiliated clubs. Directors must pay hotel and meal bills when two-day meetings are scheduled; we hope that two-day meetings will be held no more often than quarterly.

As a director you must be able to check your emotions and await 'the rest of the story' that you are not aware of before jumping to conclusions, no matter what it is you are hearing. As a Director, you will quickly learn that there are few new ideas and there is always, always more to the story than you know.

Finally, one of the best aspects of service on the Board of Directors is in the knowledge that the Coalition is achieving its goal of improving firearms rights for every Michigander – this is why we are here, and we wish for every future director the same level of satisfaction that we have been privileged to share.

In summary, the list of strengths or skills I would include here would be the following:

1. Ability to trust others (you're a volunteer; paid staff is what keeps this organization alive and thriving)
2. Patience (when attacked, you will not always be able to respond)
3. Tolerance for change (MCRGO is growing and in the midst of major change)
4. Time (communication is constant, and you're expected to chair a committee)
5. A supportive spouse (see #4)
6. The money to fund your own expenses (travel, phone calls, internet service, occasional contributions to activities, expenses, etc.)
7. Communication skills (oral and written.....the demand is constant!)
8. A thick skin (you will be criticized, deserved or not) ■

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- **Business card size ads** are \$125.00 per issue.
- **Discounts for multiple issues available.**

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Board of directors candidate Biographies

Upper peninsULA

Terry M. Alderton

I am an advocate of hunters rights. I have been hunting and fishing all my life. I am a firm believer that the right to bear arms is the right of all law abiding citizens. This includes concealed weapons with the proper permit. I believe that responsible gun owners should be represented by people who believe in their rights.

I have been married to my wife Marlene since 1969. We have four children and five grandchildren.

I graduated from National Mine High School, National Mine Michigan in 1966. I served in the United States Marine Corps from June 14, 1966 to June 13, 1969. I am a life member of the AMVETS.

The Upper Peninsula is a very pro gun area, and it is my hope that if elected, I would be able to represent the interests of the MCRGO in the U.P. I also feel that the Upper Peninsula is a good area to recruit new membership and would concentrate my efforts in that direction as a Board Member of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners.

Thank you for consideration of my application. ■



northern Lower peninsULA

David L. LaBeau



My name is Dave La-Beau, I live in Arenac County and I am running for a position on the MCRGO Board of Directors.

Michigan has been my dwelling place from birth and guns have been a part of my life since early

childhood.

Hunting and shooting with my dad and older brothers are a treasure of memories to me. I in

turn passed this love on to my family.

My high school sweetheart and I have been married for forty plus years, we have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Education:
 Graduated from Arthur Hill High School
 Millwright apprenticeship GM
 Associates Degree from Delta College
 Bachelors Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University

Employment:
 Work ethics were instilled in me by my dad at an early age.
 Part time jobs through high school
 Worked for GM for 30 years

Civic Action:
 Coached youth baseball and flag football
 Served as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor
 NRA Rifle and Shotgun safety instructor
 Spent 4 years working with the American Indians
 Currently I am pastor of Bentley UMC

MCRGO Affiliations:
 I am a life member of MCRGO along with the NRA and SASS. I appreciate the concept of MCRGO and the countless hours so many members have put in to regain our right to pack a pistol for self defense. I hold dear the US and Michigan Constitutions which clearly point out our rights. My vision for the future would include continued interaction with the Michigan Legislature, obtaining reciprocal carry laws with other states, and instruction of safe gun handling for the youth of Michigan. ■



Dale Shantz



I grew up on a dairy farm in northern lower Michigan, between Fairview and Mio. Both of my parents were firm proponents of gun control ... How else can you hit what you're shooting at?! My Dad and I would practice with an old H&R .22 revolver on the

birds that raided the corn cribs, and by the time I was 15 I carried it while working in the fields, to keep the woodchucks in line. My Mother was always the best shot, however, and is still after elk and moose in her 70's.

I started paying attention to gun rights when the Clinton Administration extended the Brady Act to involve all firearms. I joined the NRA, and Frank Finch recruited me to MCRGO, after reading a letter I had sent to the Detroit News. I was asked to join the board of directors in February of last year, and am proud of what MCRGO has accomplished in Michigan.

I have three core goals for our Michigan Coalition: Maintain and broaden our influence in the legislature; extend that influence to local units of government; and provide an umbrella organization for all Michigan citizens seeking to regain the fundamental right of self defense to work together to achieve that right. We will not always agree on ways and means, but we surely agree that the founders of this nation and of this state had it right the first time, and shall not be infringed, set-aside, or otherwise ignored. ■



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David W. Aviles



I have retired from the US Navy after 22 years of service and have made MCRGO my full time hobby. I have been an MCRGO Board member for 4 years. I am the current Chairman of the MCRGO Political Action Committee. I set up and work the gun

shows in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. I have attended gun boards in the following counties to monitor their compliance with PA 381 of 2000, Allegan, Barry, Kent and Van Buren. Kent County still has problems that need to be addressed. I have attended city and county meetings to oppose their plans to pass anti-CCW ordinances.

My vision for the future of MCRGO is to encourage increased MCRGO member participation in their local County Chapters. To encourage Chapters to continue to recruit members and Affiliate Clubs. I also wish to encourage our members to become Precinct Delegates and become active in the Political Party of their choice in support of Michigan gun rights. We have had great success in the past helping our friends in the legislature get elected. We will continue to go to the legislature and work to reduce the restrictions against gun owners in Michigan.

We must educate our youth in the Hunting Spirit because with less people becoming hunters each year in time we will lose the strength to fight off anti hunting and anti self defense laws. Together we have made a difference and in the future we will again. ■

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Ken Cooper



Hello, my name is Ken Cooper; in 1962, I was born in Holland Michigan. I served my country for 4 years as an A-6E Intruder aircraft Safety-Equipment-Mechanic (MOS-6083) in the US Marine Corps. I am married and have two children. I am a parish-

ioner of Christ our Savior Lutheran Church. I attended night school studying Computer Information Systems. For the past sixteen years, I have worked at Herman Miller holding many jobs, presently as a technical machine operator. I have several years experience as a group leader, directing, training, and organizing. I helped to successfully implement a 50 million dollar Enterprise-Resource-Planning system within three internal companies.

I am a member of the NRA, and joined MCRGO in 2001. I encourage my legislators and others to support pro-firearms legislation and candidates. My vision for MCRGO is that we restore the member-driven allegiance that nurtured our explosive growth, and with it improved communication and activities in every Chapter. It is at the critical Chapter level where MCRGO is the strongest, and representation by every county must be attained. Raising money can be entertaining, with bowling pin shoots at local clubs, and raffle tickets for guns, amid your ideas. Our members are the most essential asset we boast in this organization, and I will never overlook that. Collectively we can accomplish much, as I will be receptive to your ideas and encourage your suggestions. This is my contact information: KenC@chartermi.net (616) 786-0829. I ask for your vote. ■



James M. Kliemann



An incumbent member of the Board since 2001, and a member of MCRGO since 1998, attending many board meetings during the years prior to my appointment as a Director. Also Chapter Chair of the Southwest Michigan Chapter which includes

Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties, meeting on a monthly basis.

- National Rifle Association, Life Member
- Member, "Keep And Bear Arms" website
- Member of a local gun club
- Military service: U.S. Army, active 1959-1962

Initiated activities to find a chapter chair for Kalamazoo County, and still looking. Other activities include working gun shows and signing up many fine affiliate clubs, one of my favorite activities. Organized and managed various meetings, training sessions, and public relations events. In my home area, make efforts to be in touch with local legislators and law enforcement who have an influence on gun legislation. Participate in election activities the outcomes of which can influence gun legislation. Monitors local gun boards. Worked with local gun board in 2001 to facilitate transition to new CCW system. Qualified NRA trainer for basic handgun classes.

An outspoken advocate of the right to keep and bear arms by all citizens of state and country.

As a Director and an individual, I believe I have made a positive difference towards enhancing MCRGO's strength and image both to the public and the legislative bodies in Lansing and elsewhere.

Both strength and image are necessary in order to fulfill our Mission Statement, and I will continue to work towards those goals. ■



David F. Stark

My name is David Stark. I was raised as an avid sportsman. Hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors have been a very important part of my entire life. I believe strongly in our 2nd amendment rights that one should be able to keep and bear arms, and be allowed to carry a concealed pistol if you are a law abiding citizen of this great country, especially during these trying times of terrorism attacks.

I graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central High School in 1971 and joined the United States Navy shortly thereafter. I spent two years of active duty, some of which was in the South China Sea during the Vietnam conflict and was honorably discharged.

I currently live in Fruitport, MI. I am married with 6 children and 3 grand children. As you can see, I have a vested interest in the future protection of the 2nd amendment for my family and the citizens of Michigan.

In closing, I strongly believe that the MCRGO is, and will continue to be, a very influential political group for the gun owners of Michigan now and for the future. I appreciate your consideration of my application to serve as a Board Member to represent you with the utmost respect for each and every member. ■



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Gary C. Bengtson

My name is Gary Bengtson and I am an attorney with a solo practice located in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Long before I became an attorney I had a strong commitment to our federal and state Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Law-abiding and well-trained armed citizens are a net benefit to society. Where people have the right to own and carry, the crime rate is suppressed.

In my practice, I have represented numerous clients who have been faced with legal issues related to their ownership or carrying of firearms. Examples include CCW denial appeals, brandishing disputes, illegal confiscation of firearms, etc. In addition, I teach the legal portion of CCW training for a number of organizations. I have also given presentations at the first MCRGO regional training seminar and before the Wayne County chapter of the MCRGO.

I see the MCRGO as an instrumental and indispensable part of our fight to protect our right to keep and bear arms.

To that end, I believe I can help MCRGO to grow even stronger and more successful. I believe it is important for the MCRGO to be represented in numerous professions, but it remains an unfortunate truth that there are too few lawyers dedicated to our right to keep and bear arms. It is my hope that by adding my legal experience to the leadership of the MCRGO, I can help in my own way to make our organization more influential and more responsive to our legislative needs.

Thank you. ■



Glen S. Griffith

The growth of MCRGO, especially in the last two years has been phenomenal and it has been very exciting to be a part of it.

MCRGO is the most effective pro firearms organization in Michigan and we have the potential to grow even larger and more powerful.

To achieve this vision the decisions that are made by the Board of Directors are crucial. A Board of Directors seat is a position of trust and responsibility that should be earned with a record of support and commitment to the mission of this organization. As a current member of the

Board of Directors I am seeking your continued support in this election for a seat from the South Central Region.

For those of you who I have not met during the myriad of Board meetings, Chapter meetings, town hall meetings, gun shows, or other special events: I live in Pinckney with my wife Elizabeth and our three cats, Smokey, Esmerelda and Perdita.

Since retiring from General Motors in 2000 after 32 years, my main focus has been MCRGO and the fight to improve the firearm laws of Michigan. I have demonstrated my commitment to MCRGO and I am asking for your vote. ■



Richard J. LeBeau



With the exception of a few years spent living in Alaska, I have been a lifelong resident of Midland. I have enjoyed hunting and the shooting sports all of my life and still do. I have also been a member of the NRA for most of my adult life and am a life member of the

North American Hunting Club.

I learned to shoot a pistol while in Marine Corp Boot Camp and have been partial to the 1911 ever since. I purchased my first handgun in 1961 and have owned handguns ever since. I had an unrestricted CCW thru the 1980's and early 1990's. This has given me even greater appreciation for our "Shall Issue" law. Considering what I had to go through to get a CCW back then, the new law is wonderful.

As you can see, I believe in "Responsible Gun Ownership" and have lived it for the better part of the last 30 years. The "Shall Issue" law us just the first step for us in Michigan. We must continue to work and educate the non-shooting public so as to protect our right to "Keep and Bear Arms" and to go forward in promoting these rights, not only in Michigan, but also in all 50 states.

If I am elected to the board, I will work tirelessly to that end. Thank you for your time and consideration. ■



John M. Muller



I'm 40 years old, a resident of Davison Township with my wife of 15 years, Joan, and our two daughters, Kathryn 13 and Kristine 10. I have a business management degree from the University of Detroit. During my four years there I was a member of the varsity

rifle team, being captain for two years. I'm a NRA life member, a four-year MCRGO member and member of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. I was the Republican's 2002 nominee for State Senate District 26, and 2000 nominee for State Representative District 47, with planks in both elections supporting CCW. I organized and held gun raffles as fundraisers for election. I'm an avid hunter in numerous disciplines.

I am deeply committed to the Constitution, particularly the 2nd Amendment. During my recent campaign for State Senate, I attended gun shows all over Michigan, raffling off guns and making personal contact with concerned citizens and promoting MCRGO and NRA. I have volunteered for tables for the NRA, MCRGO and have participated in Friends of the NRA fundraisers and Women on Target programs.

MCRGO has grown into a sizable organization and by holding to the mission statement, will continue to grow into the future. More members translates into greater opportunities to educate the general public about the importance of gun ownership and safety as well as more eyes watching our representatives and being a positive influence on important issues. I believe with my commitment and background, I will be an asset to MCRGO's Board. ■



Barbara A. Stockford



I am a Buyer for an automotive supplier, and have a BA in Management and Organizational Development. My business experience and education have given me extensive training in leadership, operations, and negotiation. These skills will be an asset to the BOD.

I have been involved with MCRGO since 2000 when I volunteered at the first Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk. Since then, I have been active in other capacities. I am currently the vice-chair for the Hillsdale County chapter.

I am also the webmistress, and newsletter editor, for the MI chapter of SAS, and belong to the NRA. I have participated in the Shop & Shoot and other events, which introduce "non-traditional" people to shooting. Introducing new shooters to the sport, and seeing them overcome

their fear of firearms, is something I love, and would like MCRGO to focus on.

MCRGO is the largest and most effective gun-rights organization in the state. We have had great success and tremendous growth in the past several years. Our core strength has always been, and must remain, our members. A grass-roots approach, the member's willingness to go the extra mile, has been what has made this organization great. I want to continue that tradition, while moving forward in an organized, ethical, and professional manner.

I would be glad to answer any question members might have. I can be reached at home at 517-437-1273, or via email at djfab@dmci.net to discuss what you would like the future direction of MCRGO to be. ■



Rolland (Rollie) Brengle



My name is Rollie Brengle, currently Vice Chairman. I was first appointed to the Board when Brad Foster was MCRGO President. I was elected to the Board in 2001. Illness, accident, and getting lost, are the only Board meetings I have missed.

I was Chapter Chair for Oakland County and Oakland County West. I resigned in 2002. As Chapter Chair, **I conducted the MCRGO booth at three MUCC OUTDOORAMA shows, 1999-2002.** In 2003, I, along with many others, assisted Doug Berg, the current Oakland County Chapter Chair at that event.

I have always done what I thought best for MCRGO, as a whole entity. Many of you know that I will "tell it like it is", then having to remove my foot from my mouth!

I would like to run for one, of the six one-year terms, for the Board of Directors. I currently live in what has been designated the SE (Southeast) region.

I would like to assist in the continuity of the new Board. They will need to see that goals are met. I will warn you, if elected for a two-year position, I will resign at the end of the first year, and the then current Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy created or replaced at the next election in 2004.

For allowing my to serve YOU for the past three years, I thank you!

I ask for your support in the upcoming election. ■

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Douglas C. Buckler



My name is Doug Buckler. First and foremost why I am running for the Board of Directors is that I'm a proud American. I believe in the rights that our forefathers risked their lives over. One of which is the right to bear arms.

I not only believe in this right, I preach and live it every day. I am also an avid hunter which has taken me to countries such as Canada and Africa. During these hunting trips I have seen what government can do. Just look at Canada having no pistols or semi-automatic weapons. There are many other anti-gun movements and legislation in process as we speak. Lastly, I also believe in the right to protect our families and property from imminent danger.

I have been a hunter for 35 years and I am 47 years of age. I bought my first gun at age 14 from money which I earned by mowing lawns and shoveling snow. I still own that gun today. The experiences I have had in the field and at the gun range with my family and friends should not be taken away. It is up to us to fight for the youth of this growing country.

In closing I would like to represent the MCRGO and fight for the rights of all gun owners including recreational shooting, personal protection, and hunting. ■



Richard S. Dillard



A proven leader, Richard started his career in 1984 as a United States Marine, serving in logistics, recruiting, aviation electronics, quality assurance, and environmental health and safety positions, eventually attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and receiving the

Navy Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy for meritorious service.

After an Honorable discharge in 1994, Richard moved through various global mid-level management positions in Safety, Process Improvement, Office and Information Management, and Product Development within the retail, meat, and automotive industries. Currently, Richard is a Program Launch Manager for MSX International, a global Collaborative Enterprise Services company headquartered in Southfield, MI.



Most notably, Richard received an Award of Commendation from the National Safety Council, and major US corporations Like Callaway Golf and American Home Products have benchmarked some of his work. Richard has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Safety Engineering from Columbia Southern University and is a certified Black Belt in Six Sigma "Breakthrough" Improvement Methodology.

Richard held an appointed position on the Wayne County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board (2001-2003) and a Chairmanship for the Wayne County Chapter of MCRGO (2000-2001).

Richard says that his commitment to gun owners in Michigan and MCRGO is self-evident to all who have served with him, and his vision for its future is simple, but not easy: "Mission Accomplishment through Leadership . . . everything rises and falls on Leadership".

An avid golfer, hunter, and firearms trainer/student, Richard lives with his wife and two daughters in Wyandotte, Michigan. ■



Ian David Kinder

A volunteer since 2001, Ian Kinder is a member of the Education Committee and Wayne County Chapter (WCC) Officer for Education & Training / Police & Judicial Relations. He established the MCRGO Law Enforcement Training Team, Regional Training Conference (RTC) and Advanced Training Clinics. He conceived and worked with fellow volunteers to develop and organize the May 2003 WCC Town Hall Meeting, the largest since the 2002 election. An active instructor since 1990, his teaching credentials include the NRA, National Police Training Council, National Criminal Justice Training Council (OCAT), Ohio Law Enforcement Training Center, and the Police Science Technology Division of Hocking College. Memberships include MCRGO (life), NRA, American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, and the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors.

Ian is a proven activist, working with the law enforcement community and MCRGO volunteers to bring the best law enforcement-quality self-defense training to Michigan gun owners while raising needed funds to support and protect our gun rights. Through the RTC alone, he raised \$5,000 (MCRGO's largest fundraising event without a raffle) and over \$1,200 for Eddie Eagle, achieving national recognition for the MCRGO. As a self-employed person, Ian is an experienced decision maker with a reputation for getting results; he current works with a ten person staff and is very skilled at organizing and working with teams.

"My goal is for MCRGO to become a world class training organization and to see education become a primary force in defending both innocent life and gun rights." ■

Neva Li



A wife, mother and grandmother, I am also a high school science teacher, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor, Range Safety Officer, Refuse To Be A Victim Instructor, active with the education arm of MCRGO, the MCRGO Foundation, and Thumb

Area Chapter Chair. My husband, Felix Li, is extremely supportive of the hours I put in, the travel I must do, and the financial commitment that significant volunteerism takes.

I am politically active, believing that legislation and the changes we can make are our best direction for the future. I have worked to organize Legislators' CPL classes in hopes of educating our legislators to the practical effects of the laws they pass. I have taught Eddie Eagle seminars to young people in hopes of bringing the issue of firearm safety to families and children. As a life member of MCRGO, I believe education about firearms, firearms rights, and the historical role of firearms in our Society to be vital issues. "What one does not understand, one fears."

I have shown my commitment to gun ownership, putting in many hours of volunteer time, traveling across the state on more than one occasion, working gun shows and activities such as assisting in teaching free CPL classes to low-income women. I have been instrumental in seeing MCRGO's name in local newspapers on more than one occasion and work constantly to improve the image of MCRGO.

I am committed to a member driven organization moving toward a positive future. ■



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State Senator Alan L. Cropsey



Senator Alan Cropsey is currently a member of the Board of Directors. He has served 10 years in the Michigan House of Representatives and is in his fifth year in the Michigan Senate. While he has a long record of legislative achievement, his most impressive accomplishment was the introduction and advocacy of the CCW bill which Governor Engler signed into law.

In 1996, the National Rifle Association honored Senator Cropsey with the *Defender of Freedom Award*.

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At the 2001 MCRGO Annual Meeting, he was honored by MCRGO as "the father of CCW reform." If you have recently acquired a concealed pistol license or are currently awaiting final approval, you have Senator Alan Cropsey to thank.

Senator Cropsey is chairman of the Judiciary Committee where he controls the gun related legislation in the Michigan Senate.

When asked about MCRGO and the future, Senator Cropsey said:

I want to thank the members of MCRGO for allowing me to serve on the Board. The past few years have been filled with monumental accomplishments. However, the Second Amendment is constantly under attack. MCRGO was the only statewide gun organization that fought the gun grabbers in Ferndale to stop their illegal anti-gun ordinance.

My goal for MCRGO is to make the organization bigger and stronger so that we may have the strength to fight for our rights in the legislature, in the courts, and in the media. ■

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Anthony M. Hogrefe



Patriotism is not a fashion statement. I was brought up to stand on my principles. I have given the last 10 years of my life to my country in the United States Marine Corps. The principles I stand by are Liberty, Honor, and Integrity.

I am currently serving in Iraq. I have seen first hand on several occasions, over three deployments, what happens when the "common man" is disarmed. Born in Adrian and raised in Alanson, I joined MCRGO in 2002, while I was stationed in California.

I took leading roles in the effort to amend California's Constitution to include a "right to keep and bear arms" clause. While that effort was not successful, I gained valuable experience in the gun rights arena.

My vision for MCRGO is one where every member wants to be involved in the fight for our rights. Grassroots activism requires maximum participation. Booths at gun shows are fine and dandy, but we all know that is preaching to the choir. We should be looking for ways to reach out to those people who aren't getting our message. We will never convert the die hard antis, but those who either don't care one way or the other, or those who are unsure, should be our targets.

MCRGO's future rests in the wisdom of your vote. If you share the vision that I have expressed, then we already have that common focus. It is with that commitment and focus that I ask for your vote. ■

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James Moore

My name is Jim Moore. I have always been an avid hunter and sportsman, and truly believe in the right to bear arms and the right to hunt and fish. I feel strongly that in order to maintain or gain rights, it takes activism. Having a voice in government is essential, along with being involved with the next generation of future sports persons. I also believe that gun safety starts in the home. Having the experience of raising two daughters and teaching both to respect guns and the right to be able to hunt and fish was a valuable experience for us all.

I was very fortunate to have great parents who adopted me at the age of four. Both parents were a major influence on my desire to be an active sportsman and sport shooter. I grew up in a great era where a walk through a field or a walk in the woods could bring about many good memories.

After graduation, I chose to enter the military and served a three year enlistment with a one year tour of duty in Viet Nam. After the military, I came home and started working as a Carpenter.

I reside in the Laingsburg area, a small suburb north of Lansing. I am married to my wife of twenty-seven years and have two grown daughters. I am a graduate of Holt High School.

In closing, I feel that my experience with firearms and being a lifelong sportsman, that I would be a valuable Board Member of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners.

Thank you. ■

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Thomas A. Stockwell

First my name is Thomas A. Stockwell in Middleville, Michigan, Barry County. I am a life member of the:

1. North American Hunting Club
2. United Sportsmen of America (Ted Nugent)
3. Am going to be a Life Member of M.C.R.G.O.
4. I also am a member of the NRA. (Life membership)
 - A) IPA Pistol
 - B) ISA Shotgun
 - C) IHA Home Firearm Safety
 - D) IVA Personal Protection
 - E) RSO Range Safety Officer

All Certified Instructor

5. I also teach Michigan Hunter Safety

I am also a member of the Barry County Gun Board.

I am also an avid gun collector. I will quit fighting for Michigan gun rights when I draw my last breath. I am also a conservative Republican and a member of the Barry County Republican party.

I am a born again Christian and am a member of the Frist Baptist Church of Middleville, Michigan.

I will also do all I can to further MCRGO goals. ■

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State Representative Susan Tabor



Susan Tabor is currently serving her third and final term as state Representative for the 71st District, which includes almost all of Eaton County. She is chairman of the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee and is the House Republican co-chair of the Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus.

Sue is a life member of the NRA and currently sits on the Board of Directors for MCRGO. She is an active member of many outdoor organizations, including Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and the National Wild Turkey Federation's Women in the Outdoors.

Representative Tabor was named Legislator of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Club in 2001 and was recently named honorary state spokesperson for the Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

Her commitment to MCRGO is undaunted as she has been instrumental in its growth and success during its early days. She has shepherded legislation important to MCRGO, such as the CCW reform legislation, the Year transport bill, and the legislation to prohibit local governments from suing gun manufacturers.

Rep. Tabor sees a bright future for MCRGO as its membership increases and its credibility and influence on the legislative process is strengthened. Her wealth of knowledge on the issues that are important to MCRGO is immense and her sphere of influence on the legislative process is invaluable. ■

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Volunteers Needed To Count Ballots for 2003 Election

The Election Committee is seeking 10 volunteers and 2 Alternates to assist the committee in counting ballots for the election of the Board of Directors of MCRGO beginning at 9:00 AM on August 2, 2003. Counting is expected to take approximately 6 hours and will be done at the offices of A&E Printers 3303 N. East St, Lansing, MI. Lunch will be provided.

The following are the qualifications to be selected as a volunteer:

- (1.) Membership in good standing through August 9, 2003
- (2.) Able to be in attendance for the entire period required to count ballots on August 2, 2003.
- (3.) Good attention to accuracy and detail necessary to tabulate counts and check results.
- (4.) Willingness to sign a statement attesting to the accuracy of the counts and certify the results of the election as well as a "Confidentiality Statement" that the results of the results of the 2003 Election for board of Directors of

MCRGO will be held in strict confidence and not discussed with anyone until the Annual Meeting to be held on August 9, 2003 at 3 P.M.

- (5.) Candidates will not be permitted to count ballots or to observe the ballot counting.

Members who wish to volunteer must send their request either via email to [MCRGO 2003EC@aepinters.com](mailto:MCRGO2003EC@aepinters.com), or in writing to MCRGO Election Volunteer C/O A&E Printers 3305 N. East St Lansing, MI 48906. Provide your name, member number, e-mail address and contact phone number along with your request. Requests must be received by July 18, 2003.

Volunteers will be selected according to the order in which their requests are received. All selected volunteers will be confirmed by July 25, 2003. Volunteers who cannot be reached for confirmation will not be accepted.

Your help is appreciated and necessary to the completion of the duties of the Election Committee. ■

To cast a ballot in this election you must be a member in good standing at the time the ballots are actually counted.

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By MCRGO Director
Rollie Brengle

A Michigan concealed pistol licensee who wishes to carry a concealed pistol in another state is responsible for complying with the laws of that state. Michigan's concealed pistol law expressly recognizes permits issued by other states to its residents. M.C.L. 28.432a. However, Non-residents are subject to the Michigan law while carrying a pistol in Michigan, including those restricting where pistols may be carried, the implied consent provision, disclosure to a peace officer when stopped, and carrying while under the influence. A non-resident should acquaint himself or herself with the Michigan law before carrying a concealed pistol in Michigan. Similarly, a Michigan concealed pistol licensee who wishes to carry a concealed pistol in another state is responsible for complying with the laws of that state. In an effort to identify which states recognize Michigan issued concealed pistol licenses, each state was contacted by the Attorney General.

Those that recognize Michigan issued permits are:

Alabama • Alaska • Arizona • Florida • Georgia • Idaho • Indiana
Kentucky • Montana • New Hampshire • North Dakota • Pennsylvania
• South Dakota • Tennessee • Utah • Vermont (does not require carry permits by residents or non residents) • Virginia • Wyoming

Again, anyone traveling in one of these states needs to check their laws, which in many instances are available on that state's website.

Those states who do not recognize non resident permits are:

Arkansas • California • Colorado (Mich A.G. preparing reciprocity papers 6/4/03) • Connecticut • Delaware • Hawaii • Illinois • Iowa • Kansas • Maine • Maryland • Massachusetts • Minnesota (Mich A.G. preparing reciprocity papers 6/4/03) • Missouri • Nebraska • Nevada • New Jersey • New Mexico • New York • North Carolina • Ohio • Oklahoma • Oregon • Rhode Island • Washington • Wisconsin

Several states have indicated that they will recognize Michigan permit upon entry of a reciprocity agreement. Those are:

Louisiana • Mississippi • South Carolina • Texas • West Virginia

We have advised those states that we wish to enter into such agreements and will sign them as soon as they are received.

Some states allow for the application for a temporary CCW permit issued by that state or local unit of government. Others exempt law enforcement officers.

Federal law expressly provides that persons may carry a firearm in their vehicles while traveling through another state provided that the possession of the weapon is legal in both the states of origin and destination and the weapon is unloaded and carried in the trunk of the vehicle or a locked container other than the glove box. See 18 U.S.C.926a. ■



Members In Action!



← Secretary of State Terri Land and former State Representative Eileen DeHart strike a pose



→ MCRGO Corporate Counsel Carol Bambery working hard on the Ferndale case

Scenes from MCRGO's 2002 Annual Meeting ...



← NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre



→ Dick Posthumus was the 2002 candidate for governor



Secretary of State Terri Land



↑ MCRGO Executive Director Chuck Perricone with Wayne LaPierre



→ MCRGO counsel and NRA Director Carol Bambery



← MCRGO President David Felbeck addresses the crowd of 900 members and friends

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More Scenes from MCRGO's 2002 Annual Meeting ...



NRA Incoming President Kayne Robinson at the podium



Cindy Dingell, Wayne LaPierre, and then-senator Chris Dingell



Representative Scott Hummel, Wayne LaPierre, and an unidentified young man



→
Wayne LaPierre with Representative Gene DeRossett



← *Wayne LaPierre with former MCRGO President Brad Foster*

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ASK THE LAWYER

By Daniel Bambery, Bambery Law Office P.C.

Q. What is the exact statute for carrying onto someone's private property? I know that anyone can forbid dogs, cats, guns, etc, onto their property, but can't remember the statute. I want to take a look at it.

A. I doubt that there is a statute. This all goes back to the fundamentals of our legal system that a person's home is their castle. You can certainly say that you won't let someone into your home who has a cat or who has red hair. Any person can deny entry to any other person.

Before you ask. The difference between what you or I can do and what the government can do is huge. Our constitutions (federal and state) require a governmental entity to justify its actions. Individuals do not have to justify their actions. They can act on their personal prejudices. You or I can deny entry to all red haired people, but the government cannot.

If you want to check the general trespass statute, it is MCL 750.552. You can find it at the legislature's website <http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>.

Q. Can a person possess but not use armor-piercing ammo for rifles? Thank you for your time and help.

A. Yes, in fact you can possess and use armor-piercing ammunition for rifles.

The United States Congress and Michigan legislature passed bans on 'cop-killer' *pistol* bullets that could penetrate a bulletproof vest. These bullets were never marketed to the general public and there is no evidence that an American policeman was ever shot with such a bullet.

The only armor piercing ammunition that is illegal is armor piercing ammunition that can be used in a hand gun and is made entirely of steel, brass and selected other hard metals.

Stephen Holbrook, in his *Firearms Law Desk Book* states that the only possible bullet that might be classified as illegal under the Federal or State law is 7.62mm by 39 steel core rifle ammunition. A manufacturer advertised, but never produced, a handgun in that caliber.

Q. Dan, I will have to renew my CPL in 2005. With passage of the new provisions, will I have to do the "full blown" training exercise all over again? (Expensive!!!) Thanks.

A. MCL 28.4251 states that "The educational ... for an applicant who is applying for a renewal of a license ... are waived except that the applicant shall certify that he or she has completed at least 3 hours' review of the training ... and has had at least 1 hour of firing range time in the 6 months immediately preceding the subsequent application."

So you have to have a 3-hour review and one hour of range time. Because the only certification required is by the applicant his or herself, you will not have to go to a formal training. The NRA has a nice selection of videos and books you can use in your own home.

The one-hour of range time is a requirement. So tell your spouse that you would like to help, but the law says you have to go to the range – sorry dear.

Q. I am confused about the law of CCW pertaining to state parks. Is it illegal to carry in them? What about lakes with public access for fishing? Do we consider a conservation officer the same as a law enforcement officer as far as disclosure is concerned? Is it legal to carry while fishing on a river? I don't want to break the law but I feel a need to carry at these places especially coming off the lake late at night. Thanks.

A. These are all tough questions. Taking them in order:

1. You can carry an unloaded firearm in a state park. Attorney General Cox has issued an opinion on this topic,

A person licensed to carry a concealed pistol may possess a pistol while hiking or camping within a state park provided that the *pistol is not loaded*. A person licensed to carry a concealed pistol may possess a loaded pistol within a state park only during established hunting seasons on lands designated open to hunting or at a target range established by the Department of Natural Resources or during an officially sanctioned field trial. (Attorney General Opinion 7123 issued February 11, 2003)

Admittedly this is not consistent with the intent of the CPL statute. I understand that legislation has been introduced to change this but it is not yet close to passage.

2. Yes, you must disclose to a sworn conservation officer. The disclosure section applies whenever a person carrying a concealed weapon is stopped by a "peace officer". Peace officer has a technical meaning. The term "peace officer" means every sheriff or sheriff's

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Is It Legal For Us To Affiliate With MCRGO?

By M. Carol Bambery, Corporate Counsel

Occasionally I am asked the question of whether or not it is legal for a conservation club to affiliate with MCRGO. The answer to that question is Yes! The question typically comes from a club that has received a recognition from the Internal Revenue Service that they are tax-exempt under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The majority of conservation clubs have not qualified under section 501c(3), so the issue of whether affiliating with MCRGO would jeopardize their nonprofit status does not arise. This article provides some guidance for those clubs that have received this special 501c(3) recognition. A 501c(3) organization is a charitable, educational club that is limited by federal law as to the amount that it may spend on lobbying without

penalty. A c (3) club may not contribute to political candidates or engage in any political activity.

MCRGO is a tax-exempt organization that has received its recognition from the Internal Revenue Service under section 501c(4). MCRGO does not have limits on lobbying on behalf of its exempt purpose. MCRGO's exempt purpose is to promote the responsible, legal ownership and usage of firearms through litigation, education and legislation. MCRGO was formed to protect and defend the rights of Michigan citizens to own, keep and bear arms for any purpose including self-defense as guaranteed by Article I, section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and the Second Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The two kinds of tax-exempt organizations are different. A 501c(3) and c (4) organization can do different things. The U. S. Supreme Court has looked at the necessity of keeping the two kinds of organizations separate. In *Regan v Taxation with Representation of Washington* (1997), the issue of whether a c (3) could set up its own c (4) was discussed. While this is not the same thing as our question of whether a c (3) can affiliate with a c (4), it does provide important guidance. The Supreme Court said that all the IRS can require is "that the affiliate be separately incorporated" and that it "keep records adequate to show that tax-deductible contributions are not used to pay for lobbying." Therefore, the IRS would examine to what extent the dues that the c (3) organization pays to the c (4) subsidizes lobbying activities. It is also important to note that it is permissible for a c (3) to engage in limited lobbying activities. Any dues that a c (3) organization would pay to the MCRGO would be insignificant in amount in relation to its total operation as to normally fall within the c (3) permitted lobbying expenses. Also, any dues that a c (3) club would pay to MCRGO would also be spent on other permitted c (3) activities. Examples include the concealed pistol training required under Michigan's concealed pistol license law. MCRGO also provides important education to the public, legislature and political candidates on firearm issues. This is a permissible c (3) activity, too. The dues money could go towards litigation expenses on our important firearm lawsuits. There are many examples of activities that MCRGO engages in that c (3) dues could be used for which would not be counted towards the c (3) limited lobbying expenses. A c (3) affiliate can designate that its membership dues only be used for educational or litigation purposes. Therefore, MCRGO encourages clubs of all types to affiliate, including 501c(3) conservation clubs. Come join us and join the good fight! ■



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Gun Test – Uberti 1866 Yellowboy

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By Rod Collins

This gun test started off like my previous gun tests I have presented on these pages. But this one took some dips and curves along the way so I will let you know when to buckle your seat belts.

When people talk about very handsome or stylish rifles sooner or later the 1866 Yellowboy will come up in conversation. The glaring feature of this rifle is the brass frame, where from the nickname “Yellowboy” derives.

The 1866 Winchester Yellowboy was an improve version of the brass framed Henry rifle. The Henry was the first successful lever action repeater rifle and was used in limited numbers in the last years of the Civil War. The improvement the 1866 had over the Henry was that it could be loaded through a side gate on the right side of the receiver. Henry rifles were loaded from the front magazine tube. The side loading gate is still used today on newly made lever guns from Winchester, Marlin and other manufacturers.

Nowadays, reproductions of 1866 Winchester Yellowboy rifles are available. The major company making these is A. Uberti from Italy and imported into this country. They are available in either a 20 inch barrel short rifle or 24 inch rifle versions. The calibers available are .38 Special, .44-40, 45 Colt and a few in .32-20 and .44 Special.

I tested two Yellowboys for this article. The first I bought used several years ago and is a 24 inch octagon barreled model in .38 Special. The second is a new short rifle in .44 Special caliber. Fit and finish on both these guns is superb. The wood on both guns is very nice, the bluing is deep & consistent and the brass frame really sets these guns off. These rifles sell new in the \$700 to \$800 price range and it dam well better be nice!

The .38 Special rifle has really smoothed out with age and is very slick. I am able to get 12 .38 special cartridges into the long tube magazine. I did have to replace the rear sight on this gun. It came with a flip up ladder type sight with a smaller v-notched integral sight when the ladder is flipped down. The ladder though was loose in the dovetail and was easily movable with just finger pressure. Before I discovered this my groups of course were drifting all over. I replaced this with a simple semi buckhorn sight and it fits tightly in the rear dovetail.

This gun is very accurate. The sight distance along that long 24 inch barrel helps in sight alignment. It sets up very nice on the shoulder and my only minor complaint is that it is a little barrel heavy. Also this gun has proven very reliable. With over 1000 rounds now through it from cowboy action shooting and practice, I have never had any feeding or extraction problems.

Now we come to the second rifle. The .44 Special has always been one of my favorite cartridges. It is very mild to shoot for a big bore but also the .44 Special has a much deserved reputation for inherited accuracy. When I heard that Uberti was going to make a limited number of the 1866 in .44 Special I went on the search to find me one. A couple of weeks ago I picked up a new one from my local dealer that was imported by Uberti USA.



Out to the range I went with some of my favorite loads and a box of BlueMax 200 grain lead cowboy loads. With 30 shots I had it sighted in and packed it up for a cowboy shoot the next day.

In the middle of the first stage, with just 5 rounds shot, the gun froze right up. There is a small tab on the inside of the loading gate that holds the rounds in the tube magazine. This tab had broken off and rounds from the tube backed up into the bottom of the receiver and blocked everything up. The only way to clear this is to remove the side plate. Oh well I thought, even new cars sometimes breakdown and I just need to contact the manufacturer about a repair.

This is where we buckle up our seat belts. The next Monday I called Uberti USA, the name and number on the box my rifle came in, only to be told that Uberti USA is out of business. Uberti USA was a separate company that imported A. Uberti firearms from Italy. A. Uberti was recently bought out by Beretta – Stoeger. Beretta – Stoeger will directly import Uberti firearms under the Stoeger label. There is no Uberti USA to

honor warranties and Beretta – Stoeger will not honor any warranty on firearms they themselves have not imported. Did you stay with me on this ride?

Well at least while I was up this creek I did have a paddle. In talking to some knowledgeable gunsmiths around the country I find that there is a replacement new and improved gate (referred to as a ladle in the parts diagram) for this rifle. The tab is reinforced and the gate is also slightly redone to aid in loading. Normally a \$15 to \$20 part, Gray Granger of Frontier Classics firearms in Connecticut graciously sent me one at no cost. It is a simple task with a screwdriver to remove the old broken gate and install the new one. Gary did tell me that he has seen these gate tabs break frequently on recently imported A. Uberti rifles. Older rifles do not seem to have this problem. Back in business and I have put several hundred rounds through this gun with no problems.

This rifle is also very accurate and the shorter 20 inch barrel balances just right for me. I was able to push 11 rounds of the bigger .44 Special into the magazine tube of this rifle. The action is still stiff and I may spend an extra \$100 or so for an action job. Usually when a gunsmith performs any action work on a firearm the manufacturer is then reluctant to honor any warranty problems that arise, wither related or not to the action work. But then again I don't have to worry about the warranty from this gun anymore.

This cowboy really likes these rifles. I still think that these are very good firearms. They are certainly one of the more beautiful guns around and they have a lot of nostalgic appeal. You should not have the gate tab problem on a gun in this price range but I expect it to be sorted out by the new owners. The one warning I do have is before you buy any Uberti firearms check and see if there is a warranty and who is going to honor it. Get it in writing. New Uberti guns will be marked with the Stoeger label and Stoeger will take care of those. Older Ubertis', imported through Uberti USA may not be covered under warranty. The good news is that you may be able to negotiate a big discount on them and replacement parts, if needed, are available at this time from several sources. ■

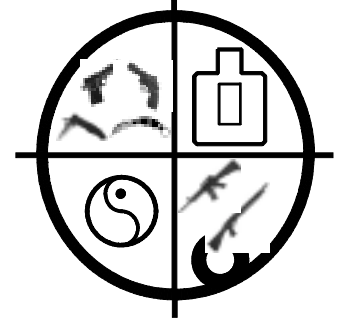


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<u>Advanced Handgun Instruction</u>				
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<u>Shotgun Instruction</u>				
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Gun fighting is something of a politically incorrect word in society today. Many in society do not even condone a fist fight for any reason at all, so it should come as no surprise that having a person be in the position where use of a firearm is a concept they do not fathom. Many of us do understand this possibility though. Many more of us use firearms and/or carry them with CCW licenses daily as part of our job requirements or lifestyles.

For us, simply because we carry a firearm, the possibility of it's use is a fact and most of us prepare for that eventuality in the best sense that we can. This training should, in my opinion, entail a two level training regime:

1. You should have the best training in Use of Deadly Force that is available. This point is not negotiable to me, as many times people do not even have the barest conception of what kind of storm they face with any use of force, let alone that "which can cause grave bodily harm or death" to that individual or another innocent. In the case of the Criminal and the Civil law an individual who is innocent will still have a sever cost attached to that innocense, both mentally and financially. To not prepare for this is to endanger you and your loved one's futures.
2. You need to have advanced training in techniques and tactics of firearms use. While many will disagree with me, I view this second to the deadly force training. This is because in the process of use of force, your mind makes the decision to employ the force before it becomes a fact. But, once the decision has been made your next goal in life is very simple. Survive.

With these points in mind lets deal with the second one. Using a firearm, in this case a handgun, in a fight. Gun fighting. Fighting with a gun, while including them, is beyond the five basics of shooting, strong stance, high hold, crush grip, sight alignment and smooth trigger control. We are talking about what happens when the gun is drawn and you are shooting or trying to shoot. It involves movement, cover and training for the problems that can come up when Murphy is on your back with a club. This is what we are talking about.

Gun fighting is simple really, you make hits on target before the other person hits you. If you can do that most of your problems in the survival area are taken care of. But it is not that easy and I for one can tell you even training for it can make a fool of you.

With this type of training in mind I hosted and attended a class by Ken Hackathorn called "Advanced Tactical Handgun" on May 10 and 11 in Albion, Michigan at the Spectacle Lake Outdoor Club. It has been two weeks since I tried to write down what the class gave the other students and myself because two days of shooting and coaching by one of the best in the business is not something you write about the day after. That is because you are still processing the information and trying to come up with some kind of way to express one of the best courses I have ever heard about let alone been part of.

I guess if I were to give descriptions of the course we went thru it firstly would test my vocabulary for the events, But what the heck, lets try "Advanced", "Out of the Box" and "Ultimately Useful to Every Day Situations".

Ken was straight forward and to the point with the first brief on Saturday Morning when he said quite bluntly to the effect: " If you are here to have me make you better shooters, you need to leave. At this stage of your abilities I can not make you a better shooter, I can only give you techniques to increase your abilities if you practice

them and incorporate them into your training . Ultimately noone can make your level of shooter better in two days when you have been practicing for years the way you shoot now." At that moment I knew this was going to be a great experience. I was not disappointed.

This class was advanced. By that I mean the students, myself included, were graduates of at least a 40 hour course previously and some of us could count the hours in training way up in the triple digits. A couple of the SWAT cops there could even claim four digits if we tried to count them all. These were hard chargers and definitely not the beginners of shooting and we were here to push our personal envelope, to become better at something that for many of us was a job related danger: gun fighting.

Ken began us with the basics to warm up and to get a feel of where we were all at in the levels of shooting. It quickly progressed from "O.K., lets do slow fire" to "on my mark, draw and do El Presidente in under 10 seconds". Alright! Shooting time is here! And shoot we did.

Movement is a key on Ken's list of "things to do in a fight" and noone disagreed with him. After all, if someone is trying to shoot me, my first thought is "where is the cover at, man.....How fast can I get there?" Actually it would be somewhat derogatory for the first second of "Oh (fill in your favorite here)"! and then I would be looking for the biggest, thickest what ever I could find. This makes sense to us, at least I hope so, because the days of standing in the street and "shooting it out" went out a long time ago. Remember the goal of point number two....Survive.

Thru the first day Ken put us into movement drills that keep us on our feet and made us use all our past training over and over again to score hits on the targets while moving to safety. Forward, backward, sideways, on and on. For the most part we did fairly well, but then something happened... Competition.

Now lets be honest here. When was the last time you went to any kind of class with the intent to "just get by" and pass? Alright, all those of you who just said "me" please sign off now, because I don't believe you. Every class has its dominant students, and as the classes get more advanced the students become more and more advanced which usually means the phrase "friendly competition" has some vagueness on the "friendly" and more emphasis on the "competition". So it began.....8 alpha males on a range with one of the best instructors in the world and nothing to do but excel....praise the Lord and pass the ammo.

I will only use the first names here be cause some of the class are in law enforcement and they are now in doing their jobs in real life, which means for one of them it is under cover. Good luck, amigo.

Mark, Scott, Al and I have been together for a couple of classes now. Mark and Scott were actually in two previous classes I put on, so the friendship was cemented well in advance. Add to that the good natured bantering between both Scott and I on either his sniper's wank on the trigger or my amphibious...oops, ambidextrous shooting and you have the makings of a great time on the range. Mark and Al keep up, to say the least as they continually gave both Scott and I a ration of it when ever one of us made mistakes. Scott's were of the shooting kind, mine were trying to keep my feet from tying themselves in knots while on the move (lets be realistic, I looked like my 6 year old doing the Mackarana out there sometimes...two left feet is too kind of a description).

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“Advanced Tactical Handgun Course” *(Continued from pg. 21)*

In addition to these jokers....oops, fine students, were Ernie, Archie and Brian. A doctor, ex police/paramedic and a Detroit police officer. We had it all, guys. Someone to put band aids on us, someone to direct the IV's and more than enough people to arrest the rest of us, i.e. me. The fact that we bypassed the arresting and IV's are also highlights of the course.

As the first day wore on, and it was a long one, folks we branched into flashlight techniques for handguns in addition to the movement techniques. Ken is also very pro “low light shooting” and it makes sense. Up to 85% of the documented shootings from police, military and civilian come about in less than fully lighted circumstances. Quite simply, if you carry a gun, carry a light of some type because you will probably need it some day soon. We revisited the classic techniques using a flashlight, the Harries, the Chapman and even Mas's technique. Then we broke them down into the usages during movement and around corners. This one caught some of us as we had never really used a light in “slicing the pie” or around weak and strong side corners. The techniques vary here and it became obvious that with every new technique leaned Ken was very proactive on us trying it out and finding what worked best for us best. The tool box theory here was used many times. Well, with flashlight techniques you need conditions for flashlights. We broke for a long dinner and came back just before sunset to review and use the techniques on the range.

Low light shooting went on for the next couple of hours as Ken put us back on the line and drilled us on shooting on the move with lights, the techniques of identifying the target, engaging it and moving to keep them from targeting you all were used together. It made a learning experience for all of us as some of the rumors and misconceptions concerning use of flashlights during a gunfight are outright dangerous to the user. The movement techniques we learned during the day, the draw, move and fire sequences were all reenacted with flashlights now. Believe me, if it didn't work we found out why and how to make it work before we left. The day ended at around 11pm. We were exhausted. At least I was. I fell asleep on the couch after a hot shower that night and didn't wake up until my father spilled me into the floor at 7am the next morning. I didn't even have the energy to find the Coors I hid the night before.....That's tired, folks.

The last day we buckled up for more of same and we were not disappointed. Ken began with an explanation of why movement needs to be in every training session, and after me making a fool out of myself with my feet competing with each other I was making permanent memory notes on what to add and what to get rid of in this area. Scott and Mark were even making notes on how these techniques and drills could be used for the Tac Team in their department. We upped the round count on targets and everyone began to group better than the previous day with simple clarifications and explanations on what worked and what didn't in this area of shooting.

We progressed to the point of what many would consider the “vague” techniques of altered sight picture, or point shooting. I will not go into the pros and cons of point shooting here because if you think one way about it no words will convince you otherwise. You need to work with it, it's limitations as a viable technique and with your own limitations of hand/eye coordination. Simply put, everything has it's place in the training world and in the real world. Deal with it.

Ken's last gift to us was to keep us realistic with what was working in the world and what was not. Many questions came to him about the different thoughts on double taps vs. one round on each target as well as other things that had come up in our lives with using firearms. The one thing that stand out in my mind is that never did

Ken simply state that one way was the best way. He stayed true to his opening introduction to us in that he was not out to give us commandments with the firearms, but to offer us the techniques to make us better and to allow us to make the decisions ourselves as to what was a better way for us personally. He gave us methods to analyze what worked better for us and what did not. If you asked him what was better between two competing techniques he would bring out a drill that gave you the answer in actions, not words. You made the decisions for yourself.

As with all things, the day of training ended even though we really did not want it to. But in all, this class taught us to be more confident in our abilities, ways to polish our techniques, and most importantly how to face a firearm being used against you, stack the odds in your favor and hopefully survive it. Ken took us out of the box and showed us where we stood in our skills, then gave us a way to push that limitation back further than many, even I, would have expected. If you wonder how Ken was able to do these things you should know something about Ken Hackathorn, he is one of the best in the world at what he does and no less than many of the premier special operations operators in the world can attest to this. Any time you can find this kind of instructor you should run, not walk, to the class and prepare to be amazed.

Right now I can tell you that three of us in that class for certain, if not all of us, are better able to handle a firearm in a fight more confidently than when we went to this class. All of us came away a better instructor, police officer, shooter, defender and protector of our family than when we showed up that Saturday. For many of us that is an accomplishment and a testament to Ken's ability as an instructor. ■

Ask The Lawyer *(Continued from pg. 17)*

deputy, village or township marshal, officer of the police department of any city, village, or township, any officer of the Michigan state police, any peace officer who is trained and certified pursuant to the Michigan law enforcement officers training council act, or any conservation officer.

The DNR employs some park officers, who are not peace officers and to whom disclosure is not required. If the person has a badge and a gun – it a good bet that they are a ‘peace officer’.

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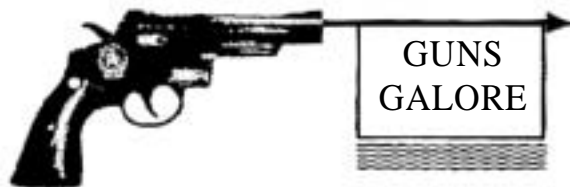
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The long-term future of MCRGO depends on the core values held by its members. Nearing our seventh anniversary, we have benefited from the dedication to the cause of firearms rights of many activists, people who have put the cause for which we fight above many of life's other demands. We have been most fortunate in having had men and women who persevered in the early years when faced with very discouraging progress. It is this sharing of the core values of the group that has given us collective strength, and it is my hope that this culture of dedication will continue, for without it we shall fail in our quest. No organization can survive the stresses of change and emerge victorious unless its members share the same purposes and goals and are willing to sublimate themselves to the objectives of the group. It is my hope that with the dedication of every member we can continue to be Michigan's rational voice for firearms rights.

It is vital that the membership elect to the Board of Directors people who have demonstrated that they share the values that have made MCRGO so successful. By this I mean people who have supported our efforts rather than people who have publicly and vociferously opposed the operations of the Coalition, for it would be unwise to expect that such people, given the power, would cease their past destructive actions. You, the members of MCRGO, have the power to support the enormously successful efforts of our organization by electing people who share the core values that have made us strong. If people are elected who are more interested in achieving positions of power than in supporting our goals, we will not be able to continue as we have in the past.

We must pause from time to time to assess how far we have come and what we have accomplished. The record is impressive, especially when one examines the prior seventy or so years in which virtually no improvement in firearms rights occurred in this state. Since its formation on November 25, 1996, MCRGO has been influential in the passage of the following pro-firearms legislation:

- Tabor bill for lawsuit protection for firearms manufacturers and retailers, 2000 PA 265
- Green bill for shall-issue concealed carry reform, 2000 PA 381
- Veal bill to liberalize transportation of firearms, 2002 PA 82
- Hummel bill for improvement of concealed carry reform, 2002 PA 719

In further support of firearms rights, MCRGO and its members have taken the following legal and political actions:

- 2001, Supreme Court 4-3 decision in our favor, which negated a constitutionally illegal referendum aimed at halting implementation of 2000 PA 381
- 2001, MCRGO members persuaded Washtenaw County gun board to drop an illegal fee for plastic coating of CPL licenses.
- 2002, MCRGO filed suit against cities of Ferndale, East Lansing and Saline to block their illegal ordinances prohibiting concealed carry on city property.
- 2002, MCRGO members persuaded Washtenaw County Commission to table an illegal ordinance prohibiting concealed carry on county property.
- 2002, MCRGO member Jim Shaeffer single-handedly persuaded the Attorney General of South Dakota to grant CPL reciprocity to Michigan.
- 2003, Appeals Court 3-0 decision in our favor, to prevent the City of Ferndale from illegally prohibiting concealed carry on city property
- 2003, reached agreement with City of Saline to have its ordinance put on hold pending outcome of Supreme Court appeal in Ferndale case.
- 2003, MCRGO member Jim Simmons, using Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's ruling, persuaded BATF to accept Michigan's expunging of felonies so that a person with an expunged felony conviction can possess firearms under federal law.

In closing, I would like to salute the people who have preceded me in guiding MCRGO as presidents:

James McQuad, January 31, 1997 to February 1997
 Rod Collins, February 1997 to 1998
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 Brad Foster, April 1999 to January 2001
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We owe where we are today to these men and to all the men and women who have worked with great dedication because they believed in what they were doing and wanted to make a difference. We have indeed made a difference, and we can achieve much more in the years ahead. ■

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