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Report from Your Executive Director

By *Chuck Perricone*
Former Speaker of the MI House,
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Dear Member,

What a Summer! First we slog through a Board election then slip right into MCRGO's first Family Fun Day. Hard to believe anything else could have been squeezed in, but it was: the ban on lawsuits against firearms manufacturers was upheld in court the day before our party!

We forget that not-so-little nugget of litigation against the backdrop of the Ferndale appeal and the implementation of Rep. Hummel's Bill (our cover), etc. That lawsuit pre-emption bill was a real bear to pass. State Rep. (and MCRGO Director) Sue Tabor's bill was swept under the rug for awhile; we had to hold other legislation hostage to force it through the Capitol. Doc Felbeck recalls the whole affair much more fondly than I do; butting heads with other elected leaders is never easy. The bottom line? MCRGO's string of legal and legislative victories continues!

I should also point out that the Annual Meeting generated a nice profit and was well attended. The concurrent gun show featured 96 tables and we were visited by Senator (and MCRGO Director) Cropsey, Senators Patterson and Basham, along with

Representatives DeRossett, DeWeese, Caswell and Tabor. Attorney General Mike Cox received a standing ovation for his keynote address. Thanks to Brad and Pam Benzing for accepting the challenge of pulling this together. Bravo!

This issue is jam-packed, but I must address the importance of our cover: State Representative Scott Hummel did a tremendous job crafting and steering his legislation last December. He met with MCRGO's Board before introducing the Bill. He recognized immediately that the right to carry is not an easy issue. Rep. Hummel's commitment to our cause and skill in working through a labyrinth of complexities is a rare combination. It is for that reason that we have awarded him our 'Legislator of the Year' and placed him on our cover this month. Congratulations, Scott!

We've recognized our newest Directors elsewhere in this magazine, so allow me to pay brief tribute to the work, commitment and true friendship of our departing Directors: David 'Doc' Felbeck, Rollie Brengle, Brian Pieske and Glen Griffith. Doc was the man that first introduced me to MCRGO. He sold me my first membership. I recall fondly those many nights he, then-President Brad Foster and I worked to finalize the CCW bill. Doc also helped write and deliver the ban on lawsuits against gun manufacturers. An engineer by trade, he is a technician at heart and contributed significantly to that model

legislation. This past year he orchestrated the transition within MCRGO despite the jobs we knew would follow. To he and his wife Inka, I say "Thank you". Your passion for MCRGO is unparalleled. We covered a lot of linear acres these past several months, my friend.

Time did not allow me to get to know Mr. Pieske well, but I can vouch for his passion for the issue. We appreciated his defense of our hard-fought transition during this past year. Best of luck to him and his family as he tackles a new position within his company. And then there's Rollie. There isn't much he hasn't seen and, thanks to his slapstick e-mails, I've learned that there is a whole bunch I hope to never see again! All kidding aside, he eats and breathes our cause. You will never know the extent to which he contributed personally and financially to MCRGO's success. Glen Griffith also worked tirelessly cleaning up our database, managing our merchandise and orienting me to the many ins and outs of our unique membership dynamic. I know he's looking forward to riding his beloved cycles and sleds now, but I will dearly miss his guidance and contributions. We all will.

Now we welcome our newest Directors and congratulate Dale Shantz for his election to the position of President and Chair. He has the skills, experience and demeanor to coalesce this Board. Here's to hoping that he is given that chance. Your right to self defense depends on it!

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MCRGO Open Board Meetings

Date: Saturday, October 18, 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

Place: Elk Rapids Sportman's Club
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Directions for the October 18 Board Meeting in Elk Rapids

Elk Rapids Sportman's Club is located 2 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31 North. Turn right on Williams Drive and take the first road – Woodland Dr. South – to the club. GPS coordinates are 44 55.65 N, 85 23.79 W, and a map can be found at:
http://www.ersc.org/Maps/ERSC/MICHIGAN_MAP.html

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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

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

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- è That one city has implemented a 'waiting period' before honoring CPL applications?
- è That another city has declared that if you don't apply within 30 days of training, you are ineligible?
- è There is a Gun Board now requiring two notarized character references to issue?
- è 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.



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 • Colorado • Delaware (*In process 7/17/03*) • Florida • Georgia • Idaho • Indiana • Kentucky • Minnesota • Montana • New Hampshire • North Dakota (*CANNOT COMMIT UNTIL 8/15/03*) • Oklahoma • 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 • Connecticut • Delaware (*In process 7/17/03*) • Hawaii • Illinois • Iowa • Kansas • Maine • Maryland • Massachusetts • Missouri • Nebraska • Nevada • New Jersey • New Mexico • New York • North Carolina (*CANNOT COMMIT UNTIL AUG 15TH*) • Ohio • 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. ■

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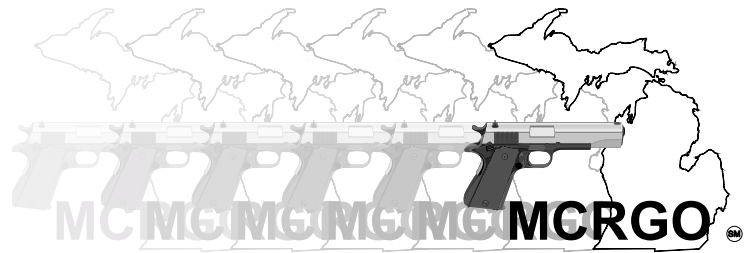
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ASK THE INSTRUCTOR

David Bieganowski

AKA the "Marine Lawyer," David Bieganowski is a general practice attorney in Traverse City. He is the MCRGO Chapter Chairperson for Northwestern Lower Michigan, Secretary of the Cedar Rod & Gun Club, MUCC Director, and former Marine Embassy Security Guard.



I feel honored to write the first *On Target* "Ask the Instructor" column. The purpose of this column is to address the most common, non-legal, questions that beginning students receiving handgun instruction ask instructors.

For most instructors, it seems the most frequent questions students ask are law related. (e.g. Use of deadly force, where I can carry, permit application process, contacts with police, etc.) But ask any instructor what the most common, non-legal questions are, and they will tell you it's usually; (1) What gun do I buy?, (2) What ammo do I buy?, and (3) What holster do I buy?

While these topics are tempting, there are instructors more qualified than me to get into detail on these issues, so I will leave these subjects to future writers of this column. But, I would like to address just the basics of the first question.

Q. What kind of handgun should I buy?

A. First let me begin by stating that for an anticipated combat, a handgun is one of the last weapons I would chose. A fellow instructor of mine puts it this way. If you know you are going to be in life and death battle, your first choice should be to call in an air strike on your opponent while you sipped rum drinks by the pool. If that weren't available, you would call for an artillery barrage on the bad guy from 5 miles away. If you had to get in closer, perhaps a mounted .50 cal machine gun would do the trick. Next would be to shoot it out with a nice battle rifle like an M-14 or AR-15 from 300 yards. If you need to see the whites of his eyes, a combat shotgun might do the trick. But the last thing you would want to do is get up close and personal with a handgun. Compared to the above, handguns are inefficient weapons of last resort. A famous gun writer was once quoted as saying that the only need he saw for a handgun, was to fight his way to a rifle.

Now back to reality. For those of us who don't knowingly go into combat on a daily basis, handguns are a sensible choice for personal defense. We can't realistically carry rifles or shotguns with us. Handguns are portable, concealable and capable of stopping an attack instantly. But for it to be useful, it must be with you. So, I think the best gun is the one you have with you. Look to future columns for details on choosing a particular handgun for self-defense. (e.g. revolver vs. semi-auto, barrel length, caliber size, etc.)

Q. What is the most crucial aspect of using a handgun in self-defense?

A. Some may think it strange, but the most important aspect of self-defense has nothing to do with hardware. I believe your brain is the most powerful weapon you have. The NRA Refuse to be a Victim course does not teach any weapons, no karate chops, no kicks holds or flips. It teaches mental preparation, awareness, and avoidance.

Your mind set and mental conditioning are more important than caliber or magazine capacity. We live in a violent world, you may be called to defend yourself at anytime. You need to prepare yourself in advance to survive. We all know that action is faster than reaction.

The key is to conduct mental rehearsals and create plans of action for various realistic scenarios. In the unlikely event that one of your deadly scenarios comes to life, you will be able to put your plan into action, and not lose valuable time reacting and trying to make up a plan on the spot.

The police and other professionals train this way all the time. They have trained and programmed themselves to deal with most situations they are likely to encounter. When that situation presents itself, they are putting their pre-made plan into action. They don't "make up" plans and tactics on the spot. A pilot knows exactly what to do when his engine quits because he has prepared for that event hundreds of times in training. You need to know what you are going to do when someone forces their way into your car, home, or confronts you with a weapon. Think, plan, practice and survive.

Q. How come I can't get good hits on the target as quickly as other students?

A. Could be many reasons, but the most common is that the other students have already grasped the concept of and are gaining their skills in using a "flash sight picture." To properly aim any kind of firearm, the front sight post must align with the rear sight notch, and both must align with the target. The human eye cannot focus at three different distances at once, so we must pick one of them to concentrate on knowing the other two will be somewhat blurry. You must learn to focus on the front sight. It is the most important. With practice you will be able to draw your gun, bring it up to eye level, and quickly find the front sight and put it on target. With this skill you are half way there.

Now we add the other components of the sight picture. The NRA Personal Protection in the Home class has a course of fire drill that demonstrates that perfect sight alignment is not critical at typical self-defense shooting distances (21 feet or under). The drill has students purposely not center the front sight post in the rear sight notch in order to demonstrate that at those distances, you will still get hits on a 8.5 x 11 inch piece of paper as long as the front sight is somewhere in that rear sight notch. That is "flash sight picture." When bring your gun up on target, and you see that front sight anywhere in that

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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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rear notch, squeeze (don't jerk) the trigger. With just a little practice, you will see your speed and accuracy improve with this method. ■

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Election Committee Wrap Up

Gary Skimin, Election Committee Chair

I was asked to prepare a quick report of how things went in the Election Committee and what we did. It turned out to be more work than we thought at the start (most things seem to turn out that way), but it was an enjoyable and gratifying experience.

The duties of the Election Committee are described in the MCRGO Bylaws, and include three things: Select the candidates, hold the election and count the votes. Pretty simple! The fun part was in the details. This was the first Board election of this type so we had to start from scratch for most of the process. We knew that what we did could be used as the “way we’ve always done it” in the future and wanted to get it right.

Our first task, asking for volunteers to run for office, had to be done quickly. We had only a few days from our first meeting to get the application to the printers so we dug into that as a high priority item. The application had to meet all of the Bylaws’ criteria for Directors’ qualifications, so those qualifications had to be designed into the application. We put that together and asked Dr. Felbeck to write an article describing what is involved in actually being an MCRGO Director. Potential applicants should understand what they’re in for! We met the deadline and began discussing the ballot design.

We spent quite a bit of time on the ballot design, reading and rereading the Bylaws to make sure we structured it properly to conform to all the rules. Details included how to divide the ballot sections, the order in which to list the candidates, the proper form of address of the candidates’ names and how to implement the required security mark. We finally asked MCRGO’s attorneys to review the ballot form and layout to ensure we had it right and then crossed that off our list.

After the deadline for the applications had passed we got together to review them and begin confirming, per the Bylaws’ requirements, that they were still interested in running. It was heartening to see that twenty-two people considered the job important enough, and worth the personal sacrifices involved, to ask for members’ votes. We did confirm that every applicant was still interested and met all the requirements, and we officially announced the candidates.

As the deadline for the ballot issue of *On Target* was quickly approaching, we had to make sure that the candidates’ bio’s, their pictures (if included), the ballot itself and our request for volunteers to help count votes and observe the count all made it in on time. Putting all of that together kept us busy, but again we were able to meet the schedule and enjoyed seeing our efforts distributed to the members. We were pleasantly surprised that the printers included a pre-addressed ballot return envelope with the issue. It was now up to our members to do their part, to take the time to learn about the candidates and support those they felt were most qualified to serve.

While the members were voting the Election Committee discussed how to handle the vote count. Again, it’s all in the details. Tally sheets had to be designed, procedures developed for opening the envelopes, making sure they met the Bylaws’ criteria (not in pencil, not defaced, not copies), validating the security mark and passing them to the counting tables. Once there we had to have a system laid out to get the ballots’ marks onto the tally sheets and plan for the final count. More details to think about and handle.

We contacted the members who had volunteered to help us count the votes and be observers, but at this point we did find out that some information was lost. It seems that the email address that was to be used for volunteers to get in touch with us was not active and we lost several people who wanted to help us. I apologize for that and will take that as a lesson learned on things to double-check in the future. We did wind up with enough people to help us, though, so we could have a successful count.

We arranged for the printers to set up the rooms where we’d be counting and several of us brought video equipment to record the process. The videos, ballots and tally sheets will all be retained per the Bylaws’ requirements in case anyone wants to review them.

The vote counting went very well. While the Confidentiality Agreement we signed prohibits us from describing the methods we used to count until the Annual Meeting takes place (and I am writing this about a week before that), suffice it to say that everyone attending was satisfied that we had done a good job and we’d recorded as accurate a count as possible.

Our next job will be to write up a brief announcement for the Meeting, to thank all of the candidates for their interest in running, to introduce the winners and wish them well with their new responsibilities.

Finally, we plan on providing the new Board with an “after action” report containing outlines of the procedures we’d followed, suggestions for improvements in them and the documents we’d used (application for candidacy, the tally sheets, etc) and thoughts on how the Bylaws could be clarified. We hope to have that ready to submit within two weeks after the Annual Meeting.

In conclusion, I can personally say that I was honored to be asked to help MCRGO in this way. I’m sure I can speak for the entire Election Committee when I say that we sincerely believe we provided an election with the highest integrity possible and that followed the Bylaws in letter and intent. Finally, I am pleased to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone that voted. ■

MCRGO Advanced Training Clinic

Lou Chiodo returns for third MCRGO Advanced Training Clinic!

Ian Kinder

The Wayne County Chapter is proud to announce the return of Lou Chiodo for the third MCRGO Advanced Training Clinic (MCRGO TC). Organized in conjunction with Ian Kinder of the Education Committee and Wayne County Chapter Officer of Education & Training, this event will consist of three separate one-day training sessions featuring Lou's "PHASE ONE, PHASE TWO and PHASE THREE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS". As with the MCRGO Regional Training Conference and previous MCRGO TC, the goal is to provide access to the best of law enforcement quality self-defense training to Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) holders.

LOUIS M. CHIODO is the founder of GUNFIGHTERS Ltd. (www.gunfightersltd.com), a private training company that provides instruction to law enforcement and military. Lou is also a 19-year veteran of our country's largest state police agency. He served as a Captain, United States Marine Corps (Regular) before entering law enforcement. Lou is well known in the LEO training community for developing the current firearm-training program of our nation's largest state police agency. The national average for hits by LEO's in officer-involved shootings is between 10% and 20%. Lou Chiodo's program has resulted in a 90% hit ratio; saving many innocent lives. Lou's training system uses both target-focused methods of engagement and, when appropriate, sighted methods of engagement. He has worked directly with Col. Rex Applegate and has trained hundreds of officers nationwide in the use of his system. Throughout his 19 years of experience as a police firearm instructor, he has emphasized training methodologies that are relevant to real world encounters. Lou is a member of the MCRGO Law Enforcement Training Team (MCRGO LETT), and with the exception of the MCRGO, works exclusively with law enforcement and the military.

His PHASE ONE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS seminar will assist the student in developing his or her ability to use target-focused shooting methods for close-quarters encounters. Assaults with a firearm generally occur without warning, in dim light and oftentimes; the individual must engage the assailant while under the duress of hostile gunfire. The methodologies covered in this course are designed to increase the operator's proficiency in the conditions that are found in combat, not just on the range. This course will take place on Friday, 9-26-03.

Training in PHASE TWO COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS builds on the skills developed in the PHASE ONE program. In PHASE TWO, the operator begins to apply his/her skills developed in previous training in a training protocol that will allow the operator to fluidly use his/her pistol in scenario based shooting drills involving movement of both operator and target. Speed of engagement without sacrificing combat accuracy is stressed throughout this course. This program will take place on Saturday, 9-27-03.

In PHASE THREE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS, the student will apply the training received in the first two phases of training in SIMULATED GUNFIGHTING. In this program, the student will apply the methods learned on the range in simulated gun fighting through interactive training with other students. By using prearranged scenarios, stimulus/response training is used to hone the gun fighting and reactive shooting skills of the student. Force-on force training using Simmunitions or Gas-Blowback AirSoft will allow the student to apply the shooting skills learned on the range in a realistic manner that is consistent with the way his/her weapons will be used in real world combat shooting situations. This workshop will take place on Sunday, 9-28-03.

The PHASE ONE program is limited to the first thirty qualified individuals that submit a complete registration. The PHASE TWO class is limited to the first twenty qualified individuals that submit a complete registration; the PHASE THREE seminar is limited to the first twelve qualified persons that submit a complete registration. Students must successfully complete the PHASE ONE program to participate in the PHASE TWO workshop and the PHASE TWO program to participate in the PHASE THREE class; you can sign up for all three workshops simultaneously, individually or in pairs, so long as you meet the prerequisites of the program(s). Cost per student per program is \$110.00. Participants must be Michigan Holders of a General CPL, LEO, or Military Personnel w/proof of handgun training. The date of this event is September 26, 27 and 28 of 2003; the location will be affiliate club Livingston Conservation & Sports Association (<http://www.lcsa.info/>) in Livingston County. Details, including registration information, will be posted on the main page of the MCRGO website (www.mcrgo.org) and Wayne County Chapter page as soon as possible. Until then, please contact Ian Kinder at IanK@mcrgo.org or 586.771.8487 for additional information.

NOTE TO MEMBERS: If you represent a training facility or Gun Club and would like to host a future event or if you are a business and would like to become a sponsor of this or future events, please contact Ian Kinder. Please also note that we are looking for a MCRGO member that owns, operates or works with a food vender to make box lunches or other meals available to members for purchase during the 9-03 MCRGO TC; if you can help, please contact Ian. ■

“Our firearms program is not about shooting. It is about fighting. When the concept of fighting is taken out of firearms training, we have forgotten the purpose of our training.”

– LOUIS M. CHIODO, GUNFIGHTERS Ltd.

Who: Participants must be one of the following:
 Concealed Pistol License (CPL) holder
 Law Enforcement Officer
 Military Personnel w/proof of handgun training

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Where: MCRGO Affiliate club, Livingston Conservation & Sports Association; for directions, please visit their website:
<http://www.lcsa.info>
<http://www.lcsa.info/directions.htm>
 Livingston Conservation & Sports Association is located in Brighton (Livingston County) at 8532 McClements Road, 48116. For additional directions, please visit: <http://www.mapquest.com>

When: PHASE ONE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS
 Date: September 26 of 2003
 Time: 7:30am to 4pm

PHASE TWO COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS
 Date: September 27 of 2003
 Time: 7:30am to 4pm

PHASE THREE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS
 Date: September 28 of 2003
 Time: 7:30am to 4pm

How: Pre-registration is mandatory; to Pre-register, mail the requirements listed below to:
 MCRGO TC
 P.O. Box 725038
 Berkley, MI 48072
 Or fax to: 586.279.5222

NOTE: The requirements listed below **MUST** be received together; do not fax unless paying by credit card, do not e-mail, do not send incomplete:

- 1.) Completed MCRGO TC Pre-registration Form w/full payment
- 2.) Signed September 2003 MCRGO TC Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

And one of the following:

Copy of Post P.A. 381 CPL
 Copy of Pre-P.A. 381 General CPL w/Driver's License
 Copy Police Identification
 Copy of Military Identification w/Proof of Handgun Training

NOTE: You need Adobe Acrobat to open the MCRGO TC Pre-registration Form and Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, you can obtain it free online here: <http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html>

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Student Fee (Make Payable to MCRGO):

PHASE ONE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS: \$110.00
 PHASE TWO COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS: \$110.00
 PHASE THREE COMBAT SHOOTING METHODS: \$110.00

Confirmation: Once your registration is received and processed, you will receive an e-mail titled "Confirmation, MCRGO TC". This e-mail will contain all necessary details for your program(s), so please read the entire document carefully.

NOTE: Please allow 24 hrs for processing registrations sent by fax and four mailing days for registrations sent by mail. Please do not inquire about the status of your registration until the above processing time has elapsed.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: Home: (____) _____ - _____ Work: (____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

Referred By: _____

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Method of Payment:

Make Payable to MCRGO and send to MCRGO TC at P.O Box 725038 Berkley, MI 48072 or fax to 586.279.5222

Pre-registration fee is non-refundable after September 5, 2003

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Money Order: _____

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Signature (Credit Card Only): _____

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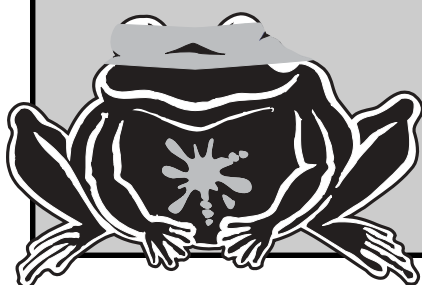
Release and Hold Harmless Agreement – MCRGO TC, September 2003

I, _____ in recognition of the fact that both recreational shooting and self-defense training have the potential to be inherently dangerous activities, and for and in consideration of the MCRGO, MCRGO TC staff, Louis M. Chiodo, Gunfighters Ltd., Livingston Conservation & Sports Association, allowing me to participate in the MCRGO TC, May of 2003, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, release the MCRGO, the MCRGO TC staff, Louis M. Chiodo, Gunfighters Ltd., Livingston Conservation & Sports Association and their agents, servants and employees from any and all liability claims accruing to me as a result of the use of Livingston Conservation & Sports Association or participation in the MCRGO TC.

Further, for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, I agree to hold harmless and covenant not to sue the MCRGO, MCRGO TC staff, Louis M. Chiodo, Gunfighters Ltd., Livingston Conservation & Sports Association and their agents, servants and employees from any and all liability to third parties as a result of my conduct at the Livingston Conservation & Sports Association or while participating in the MCRGO TC.

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Pictures from MCRGO's First Annual Family Day



Election Committee Chair Gary Skimin presenting the results of the election.



MCRGO Foundation Chair Carol Bambery presenting the current status of the Foundation.



Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox presenting a report on his accomplishments in his first seven months in office.



Chuck Perricone reporting on the state of MCRGO.



MCRGO Counsel Daniel Bambery and activist Felix Li.



David Felbeck and Senator Alan Cropsey.



Brad and Pam Benzeng, who were responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting.



As part of this family day, Jordan Benzeng and Sam Perricone worked the entire day selling pop and ice cream.



The attentive and responsive audience at the Annual Meeting.



Executive Director Chuck Perricone and Director Glen Griffith at the merchandise table.



Executive Director Chuck Perricone, Senator Ray Basham, activist and major contributor Jim Shaeffer, and Senator Alan Cropsey.



Many family groups were present, such as Benjamin and David Schreiber.



"What kind of barbecue sauce Jim?"
Jim Kliemann and David Aviles standing with Eddie Eagle.



Monroe County MCRGO Chapter Chairs Sandy and Wayne Blank.



The newly elected members of the Board of Directors who were present: Neva Li, Dale Shantz, David Aviles, Representative Sue Taber, Senator Alan Cropsey, Barbara Stockford, Ian Kinder, and Jim Kliemann.



Activists Jim Simmons and Jessica Thayer working for the Foundation raffle and auction.



Rollie Brengle and Sue Tabor share a laugh.

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ASK THE LAWYER

By Daniel Bambery, Bambery Law Office P.C.

Q. I was informed during my CCW class that if there is a way for you to escape your home, you are required to leave, unless a member of your family is or could be in danger.

A friend of mine has had the CCW class at a different location and a different instructor, which told him that you do not have to leave your home. He was informed it was under the home is your castle law. Which is correct?

A. The short answer is that a person NEVER has to retreat if assaulted inside their home.

Because there is so much confusion about self defense and the duty to retreat, I will go into some detail. The Michigan Supreme Court has recently clarified the law of self defense. You can read the entire decision on the Court of Appeal's web site (<http://courtofappeals.mijud.net/resources/opinions.htm>). The decision is *People v. Riddle*, decided July 31, 2002.

In a nutshell the court ruled:

First, a person is never required to retreat from a sudden, fierce, and violent attack; nor is he required to retreat from an attacker who he reasonably believes is about to use a deadly weapon. In these circumstances, as long as he honestly and reasonably believes that it is necessary to exercise deadly force in self-defense, he may stand his ground and meet force with force.

Second, Michigan law imposes an affirmative obligation to retreat only in one narrow set of circumstances. A participant in a voluntary mutual fight must retreat as far as safely possible. One who is involved in a physical altercation in which he is a willing participant – referred to at common law as a “sudden affray” or a “chance medley” – is required to take advantage of any reasonable and safe avenue of retreat before using deadly force against his adversary.

Third, regardless of the circumstances, one who is attacked in his dwelling is never required to retreat where it is otherwise necessary to exercise deadly force in self defense.

When a person is in his “castle,” there is no safer place to retreat. The obligation to retreat that would otherwise exist in a voluntary mutual fight is no longer present, and the homicide will be deemed justifiable.

Three words of warning:

First, to use deadly force in any circumstance there must be an immediate and deadly threat. An illegal and violent entry to your home is not enough. There must be a reasonable belief that you or a member your family is about to be killed or seriously harmed.

Second, the “castle” in which there is no duty to retreat is inside your home. It is not your porch, lawn, or detached garage.

Third, in all circumstances, you cannot be the aggressor and must honestly and reasonably believe that you are in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.

Q. Could you please help me with the following questions?

1. What under law constitutes a police stop? Is it technically any contact with a police officer?
2. Does a business that is not included in the pistol free zones as defined by law but yet posts a no weapons sign become a pistol free zone and does their parking lot therefore become exempt?
3. Can the University of Michigan which currently bans weapons on all University property continue to prohibit employees from storing firearms in their vehicles parked in university parking lots?

A. 1. A stop has different legal meanings in different contexts. Sometimes it means an arrest; sometimes it means a traffic stop; sometimes it means an investigatory stop for questioning, etc. In this context, I believe it has the literal dictionary meaning of being stopped or accosted by a peace officer.

2. No, the phrase ‘pistol free zone’ is not found in the statute. Rather there is a list of places where a person cannot carry a concealed weapon (MCL 28.425o). Only the legislature can add to that list.

Because we all have control over our private property, a private business can decide not to allow firearms. This is not a law, but a business decision by a private business. When a business posts a “NO WEAPONS” notice, the parking lot is neither automatically exempted nor automatically included in the notice. For example, if only one business in a strip mall posts such a notice on its premises the status of the parking lot is not changed.

3. Yes, the University can ban guns, not because it is a ‘pistol free zone’ under the CCW law, but because it is a constitutional entity. The University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University are established in the Michigan constitution and not by legislative acts. Our Supreme Court has ruled that MSU is not subject to the Open Meetings Act passed by the legislature because it is co-equal with the legislature when it comes to managing its affairs. The same logic applies to UM and weapons.

While the law bans pistols in university classrooms and dormitories the three universities can go further and ban guns on their entire campus including parking lots. This does not apply to any university in Michigan other than WSU, U of M, and MSU.

The same logic does not apply to cities and other municipalities because cities and other municipalities are established by legislative acts. They are not established by the Michigan Constitution. Cities, villages, etc. are subject to regulation by the legislature. ■

SENATOR McMANUS



As an avid outdoorswoman, I am privileged to serve as the State Senator for the 35th District in northwest lower Michigan. Growing up I was fortunate to have almost limitless opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation, and I took advantage of as many as possible, although I admit that it wasn't until this year that I bagged my first wild turkey. I started accompanying my father on hunting trips before I was old enough to shoot and to this day I look forward to spending the second half of

November at deer camp in Kalkaska where my husband and daughters go today. To me, shooting sports mean quality time with family and good friends.

Hunting and shooting sports aren't simply recreational choices in Northern Michigan; they are part of our outdoor heritage. Personally, I mainly hunt whitetail, with my largest rack being an eight point. I most often take my bolt action .308 Browning, though I hunt during blackpowder season as well using my .50 cal Thompson/Center Muzzleloader. I am also an avid sporting clay shooter and I just purchased a 20 gauge Sigarms, but I also have a 12 gauge Beretta, which was a gift from my husband on our first anniversary. I belong to several sportsmen's clubs, maintain a lifetime membership with the NRA, and have been an enthusiastic MCRGO member for several years. My "Friends of the NRA" plaque hangs proudly on my office wall. In addition to serving as chair for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DNR and DEQ, I am also the Senate Republican Vice-Chair of the newly formed Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus (MLSC) and part of the Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation (MLSF).

I so thoroughly enjoyed the NRA personal protection course I took with my husband in 1995 and in 2002 my MCRGO self-defense refresher course. As soon as I was qualified I applied for a CCW permit. I rarely miss an opportunity to practice with my favorite pistol, a .357 magnum Taurus. I regularly recommend the self defense course to people who aren't interested in becoming CCW permit holders because I really think that education is the key to eliminating the baseless stereotypes perpetuated by the anti-gun crowd. Next time you go to the range I would encourage you to take along a friend or family member who has never had the opportunity. In my experience many novices rave about how they never thought shooting could be so much fun.

Gun owner rights is one of the issues that drew me to politics, and it remains a high priority issue for me today. As a legislator I've worked closely with MCRGO Executive Director, then Speaker of the House, Chuck Perricone and MCRGO Directors Senator Alan Cropsey and Representative Sue Tabor to reform Michigan's CCW law. Since joining the Senate in January I have co-sponsored Senate Bill 111 which seeks to require state parks to prominently post a notice that states whether or not firearms or hunting are allowed within the park that day to help avoid unintentional legal violations. I also co-

sponsored Senate Bill 221 which would eliminate the requirement for CCW permit holders to have a hunting license in their possession when traveling through an area frequented by wild animals.

Unfortunately, our enthusiasm for the shooting sports isn't shared by everyone. As fewer citizens have personal experience with the shooting sports, too many Americans have become apathetic about maintaining our Second Amendment rights. Their ignorance of the issues makes it easy for them to fall prey to false anti-gun arguments, and all too often that ignorance is reflected in polls and at the ballot box. That is why MCRGO performs such an important service to Michigan citizens by focusing on education and legislation. Efforts like the Outdoorama booth, the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk and the recent MCRGO Family Day at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds are important educational opportunities.

This emphasis on education also applies to your legislators. From my experience, personal phone calls, letters and emails really do make a difference, and are one of the most powerful tools to influence our legislators. This is especially true at a time when some local governments are trying to overturn our gains and subvert state law by enacting their own more repressive local ordinances. I encourage you to invite your legislators to a shooting event.

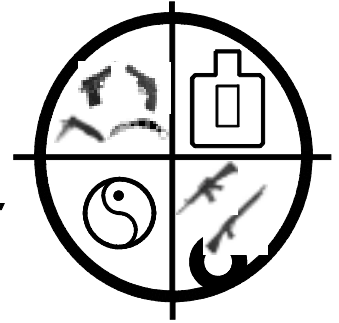
As the only gun owners' organization focused solely on studying and improving Michigan gun laws, MCRGO has been a key legislative player since its inception in 1997. I want to thank you for the time, effort and money you have donated to preserve my gun ownership rights and those of my family. ■





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<u>Deadly Force/Use of Force Training</u>				
LFI DF "Judicious Use of Deadly Force"	September 6-7, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Massad Ayooob
<u>Handgun Instruction</u>				
StressFire	July 5-6, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Jeff Williams
	August 23-24, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Jeff Williams
Tactical Handgun	August 2-3, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Chuck Taylor
Women's Only Handgun Course	July 19-20, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Gila Hayes
<u>Advanced Handgun Instruction</u>				
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Advanced Tactical Handgun	Sept. 13-14, 2003	Albion, MI	\$400	Chuck Taylor
Advanced Tactical Handgun	August 16-17, 2003	Albion, MI	\$350	Ken Hackathorn
LFI 2 "Threat Management for Civilians"	Oct 1-5, 2003	Albion, MI	\$800	Massad Ayooob/Jeff Williams
<u>Shotgun Instruction</u>				
LFI 2 "Threat Management for Civilians"	October 1-5, 2003	Albion, MI	\$800	Massad Ayooob/Jeff Williams
<u>Edged & Contact Weapon Instruction</u>				
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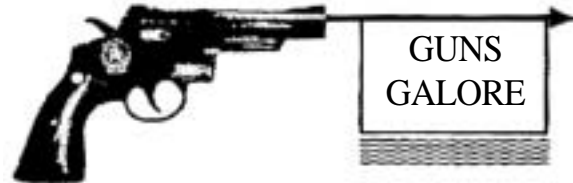
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A Message From Your Interim President

By Dale Shantz



I would like to thank the MCRGO membership for participating in the recent board election, and for the trust and confidence demonstrated in picking this group of people to serve as your representatives in the struggle to preserve our rights as individuals, and as a free people. We will be meeting soon to orient the newer members of the board, and to focus ourselves and this organization on moving forward in this struggle. Please know that your thoughts, ideas, help, and prayers are needed and welcome.

We have come a long way since a small group of people said “enough,” and pulled together to build what has become one of the most effective, and respected, civil rights organizations in this state. We have a long way to go. Those who would deny the basic, fundamental right of self-defense, and those who do not really believe in freedom, have not gone away. The fact that MCRGO has become so effective, and so respected, is keeping them relatively quiet for the moment, but we should have no illusions about what would happen if we become complacent, because we have already seen the result. As before, our rights will be whittled away, until once again, an ever narrower group of the elite will be allowed the “privilege” of basic human rights. We cannot let that happen.

I commend you all for your commitment to this cause, and call on you to enlist your family and friends, your neighbors and colleagues, your business associates and fellow sporting club members, your PTA and “Curves” and workout acquaintances, your church memberships, all the people you contact regularly to come join us in this effort. A goal we all share is to build our Michigan Coalition to the point where no one, no matter how glib, no matter how powerful, can ever again peel these rights away. Together, with your help, that goal can be attained.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you on the board, and I am looking forward to the weeks and months to come. MCRGO has repeatedly triumphed over our opponents in the legislature and the courts, in the press and city halls, and with the help and dedication of you, our members, we shall continue to do so. We have much to be proud of, and much to do. There is legislation needed to continue the recovery of our rights, and court action needed to preserve and protect them. Some county officials just do not seem to have gotten the message, and some business people are still being fed the wrong message. We have just begun to get our message to the press. Thanks to you, we are being heard. We have accomplished one of the most amazing turnarounds in the politics of this state, and folks, it’s going to get better than this! ■

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MCRGO Open Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 18, 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
Place: Elk Rapids Sportman's Club
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Directions for the October 18 Board Meeting in Elk Rapids

Elk Rapids Sportman's Club is located 2 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31 North. Turn right on Williams Drive and take the first road – Woodland Dr. South – to the club. GPS coordinates are 44 55.65 N, 85 23.79 W, and a map can be found at:
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