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When History Is Made

What is the old quote? Some are born to greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them? Well, the State of Missouri has made history! Didn't hear that on CBS, ABC or NBC?? Not CNN? Really? Well, since it involves the good guys (gun rights activists) winning one, I guess that isn't too surprising is it? But it happened just the same. Think of it as the Glock gun clock. The one that tells how many times during the year a gun is used for defensive purposes, the figures that are never on the news. Only the times they are used in a crime, which is a far smaller number than the defensive uses.

The history that has been made in Missouri, goes back to the override of One Term Bob's veto of concealed carry. The lawsuit that followed that which was filed by Alvin Brooks, who apparently likes seeing innocent people defenseless, despite his posturing for the cameras and newsprint about being against crime. The attorneys were Newman & Miller who said they were doing the lawsuit for free "for the good of all". Uh, sure.....

Tim Oliver, a Second Amendment activist from Columbia received information regarding the pending injunction and went to work taking steps to do what he could to save our new law. He retained lawyers, found a client that was going to be affected by the injunction and started marshaling our defense. While it would seem that J. Nixon, our Attorney General would have defended the law, he has been such a vocal opponent of Concealed Carry that there should be reason for concern as to the job he would have done. Rather like hiring the local fox to guard my pet chickens. So a \$250,000 bond was posted by the anti-gunners, which cost them around \$1500 a month in interest payments, since oh, say October of 2003. Well, the case has now been "resolved". Remember all those lawsuits against the gun manufacturers and the legal challenges that have been mounted against our 2nd Amendment rights? The ones the antis are using to try to bleed us to death by "a thousand cuts"? Well, this is the FIRST TIME that we have EVER got money back! According to terms of the resolution requested by the "bad guys" about all that can be said is one day the Legal Defense Fund owed around \$54,000 dollars, the next day the bill was paid off, and WMSA, GCLA and MSSA, who all contributed are getting MONEY BACK! The first time the antis have ever suffered a financial set back due to their actions, and MSSA was part of making it happen. History was made in Missouri! How cool is that!

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Mission Statement Of The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

The mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the state of Missouri. MSSA will work for the rights of the gun owner, shooter, collector, hunter, archer, black powder enthusiast, and trapper. MSSA will support the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms and related topics.

Quarterly Meetings Of The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

The MSSA will conduct quarterly meetings to conduct association business. Meetings will be held at the MO Department of Conservation-Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City, MO. (next meeting in bold)

March 4, 2006 at MDC-RNA, 12:00 p.m.
June 3, 2006 at MDC-RNA 12:00 p.m.
August 26, 2006 at MDC-RNA 12:00 p.m.
December 2, 2006 at MDC-RNA 2:00 p.m. (Annual meeting)



The President's Podium *By Kevin L. Jamison*

Our new president is Kevin L. Jamison, a Kansas City area attorney. Kevin is past president of the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance and current president of Missourians for Personal Safety. He is a Life Member of the NRA and a member of various veterans groups. He is the author of Missouri Weapons and Self-Defense Law. Before law school he was an Infantry officer and a Team Leader in the 5th Special Forces Group ("Green Berets"). He is a long time activist for gun rights.

NEW FACES

K. L. Jamison

Late last year Dave Jones, my predecessor, put out an appeal for a new newsletter editor, a new web master and new members. I recruited some people I knew as gun activists who also did some recruiting and as a result we had twice the number of people at the December meeting as ever before. Also as a result, new faces were added to the Board; as well as a Web master and a new Newsletter Editor who will uphold the standards established by Mitch Peters. All of these people have experience working in guns rights organizations. As a final result, I was elected president.

Some referred to the process as a "coup". There are enough new faces to make this impression understandable. However, only six of the eighteen Board members are new and some of them have served on the Board before. All of the remaining twelve Board members and program officers are still with us and will provide continuity and experience. The intention is not to change MSSA, but to improve existing programs. For example, long-time member Joe Marsillo initiated an MSSA youth shotgun program which relies on donated shotguns. John Leinberger has devoted himself to Smallbore instruction with 4-H and other youth organizations. Both these men, and many others, teach young people who will be the future of our sport and our right to continue owning guns. Both men require donated material to encourage participation. The new faces on our board have new contacts we can put the arm on for new materials and have new plans for supporting existing programs.

For almost two years there has been discussion about forming a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation. Such a foundation provides a tax deduction to persons or businesses which contribute money or materials to the foundation; which can then funnel the materials to the appropriate program. Our existing organizational form does not lend itself to becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, it is actually easier to form a new foundation than to amend our existing organization. Together with some of the new faces I have formed "The Missouri Sport Shooting Foundation Inc" a Missouri not-for-profit corporation. This new organization will have a sales tax number by the time this is published. Application is being made to the Internal Revenue Service to recognize it as a 501(c)(3). By spring, we should be able to offer tax deductions for contributions. This will help the new faces support our existing programs.

I have spoken to the new faces; they are all in agreement with the need to support existing programs. We have a year to demonstrate that we can produce for the organization, however, this is a process, not a goal. We have all been activists long enough to know that the process never ends.



Mark Your Calenders

Conventional Pistol Notes Upcoming Matches

Green Valley R&P Club Indoor 1800 Matches

Jan 15th & Feb 19th
Mo State Indoor Match
March 19th

Contact Kent Finlay at 573-682-2853
or finlaykm@socket.net for info.

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Mar 11, Indoor 3 gun 2700
Mar 12, Open Conv. Pistol Sectional
Contact George Monahan at
816-697-2221 for info.

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April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29,
Aug 26
Contact Bill Warren at
314-846-4808 for info.

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April 29-30 Spring prone 3200
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3200

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2400

Contact Harold Miederhoff, 5108 S.
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2006 Gun Rights Rally

February 23rd, 2006
9AM to Noon
Capitol Rotunda

MSSA Meeting

March 4th, 12PM

Membership Renewal, Recruitment And Change Of Address

Included in every issue of the newsletter is a membership application. Please take note of the code on your address label. IT IS NOT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER! The first two digits represent the year in which your MSSA membership expires. The middle two digits represent the month of expiration. For example, "A 010401" denotes an expiration in April 2001. It is very helpful to the MSSA Secretary when members fill out the application and send in their renewals without having a reminder sent. Renewal only uses one of the four applications during a year's publication. An excellent use for the other three would be the recruitment and recommendation of new members for MSSA. The shooting sports and gun ownership has been an important part of Missouri's heritage. However that doesn't mean that those freedoms will always be around for you and your children to know and enjoy. The future of shooting sports, hunting and gun ownership will be determined by the actions that you take today and tomorrow.

Please address all inquiries regarding: **membership, renewals, recruitment, change of address, and newsletter delivery** to the **MSSA Secretary, Lee Koester**
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ELECT DAVID JONES TO NRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

K. L. Jamison

Dave Jones has devoted himself to the interests of gun owners for all the years that I have know him. He has been a leader in competition shooting, gun collecting, big game hunting, law enforcement, and the right to keep and bear arms.

During the long fight for License To Carry in Missouri, Dave Jones brought the St. Louis Police Officers Association into the fight on our side. When a lawsuit was filed against LTC, he was president of MSSA and was instrumental in that organization contributing \$5,000, the bulk of their available funds, to the Legal Defense Fund.

First elected to the NRA Board in 1997, David Jones has a perfect attendance record at Board meetings. He has gone out of his way to help grassroots organizations coordinate with the NRA. He has my absolute support. When the election ballot appears in the January NRA magazines, please join me in voting to David Jones.



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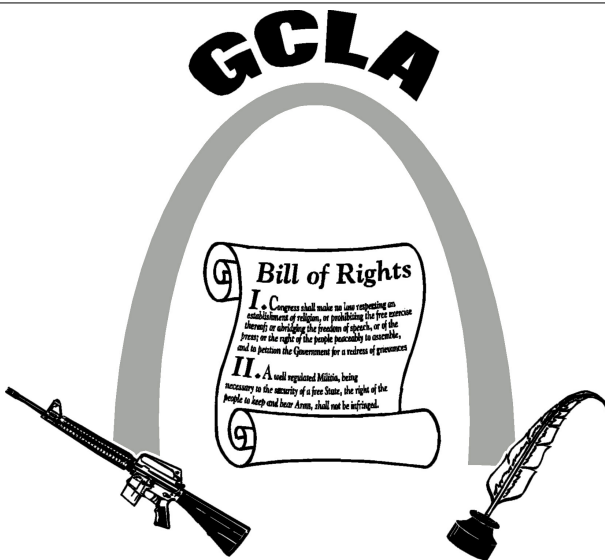
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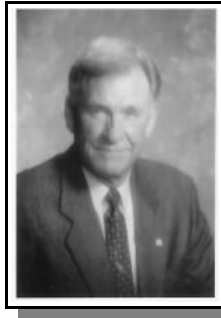
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Re-elect

David C. Jones

NRA Board of Directors
January-February 2006 Ballot



- Past President-Missouri Sport Shooting Association
- Elected to the NRA Board of Directors in 1997 100% Attendance at all 41 scheduled NRA Board & Committee meetings
- Political Activist. Worked with NRA/ILA & MO legislature to achieve 2nd Amendment rights in MO. 2004
- Competitive shooter- Proficient in 7 national & international disciplines. Distinguished Pistol, Bronze Rifle Shot Badge & The President's Hundred
- Camp Perry 33 years
- Collector- Serves on the BoD Missouri Arms Collectors Association
- Former Marine
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- Hunter-Family owns big game hunting lodge in Colorado.
- Education: B.S. Political Science, Criminal Justice & MBA.
- Your Support will be greatly appreciated
- **Visit David at:**
<http://pages.prodigy.net/daviejones/main.htm>



M-1 GARAND RIFLE WINNER

By Harold Miederhoff

This is the seventh year that MSSA has held a raffle with the help of the CMP offering an M-1 Garand to benefit junior shooting. Up until last year, I always had the pleasure of calling the winner to inform them of their good fortune. It is great to hear their reaction to the news. It is even better, like last year, to see the reaction, as the winner was present at the awards dinner drawing. What are the odds that this year's winner would be present at the dinner? I was really surprised when handed the ticket drawn as it held the name of John Leinberger. John is MSSA's junior director as well as representing USA Shooting, the CMP, and the NRA in coordinating junior activities in Missouri. He has put on junior shooting camps since the mid-1980's with many of the participants going on to shoot with the 4-H, colleges, or the military. John and his wife, Grace, have a son, Lucas, who is a senior at West Point participating on their rifle team. They were NCAA Champions in 2005 with Lucas earning All-American status in air rifle. John and Grace live east of Linn where he has set up a range facility. John, now retired, has worked all over the country as an electrician mostly in the building of power plants like the Callaway Nuclear facility. Each year this raffle has netted about \$1000.00 to benefit juniors. It is very fitting that John now receives an award in the form of the Garand to recognize his work with junior shooting in Missouri. Congratulations, John.



A longtime, loyal Second Amendment supporter is in need of our assistance. This person has been working in second amendment rights for many years. Due to unforeseen, uncontrollable circumstances, some help is needed. To see what you can do, contact the Dick at moflyboy@juno.com. He will give you the details.

The Saddle Soap Box

This is going to be my editorial home. An Editor's column is a soap box, since another one of my driving forces is our horses, you get: The Saddle Soap Box.

I am very honored to have this chance to serve the MSSA, and look forward to helping The Missouri Shooter to be a must read publication. I've heard people say that when The Bullet (the WMSA's newsletter) comes, they stop what they are doing to read it. I would love for TMS to have that sort of reputation. I will do all I can to help it achieve that.

What an exciting time to become Editor! History was made this fall when the Legal Defense Fund was paid off and returned money to the contributing organizations. The 2006 Gun Rights Rally will be coming up in the Spring, and I hope to cover that. In the "Check your Calender" section, there are some upcoming matches and we will have reports for you.

There is a new column for legislative updates by Greg Jeffrey called "The Gavel", and you will see a few other new columns. If some of them don't pan out, well, I will try something else until we've got it.

I want to thank Melissa & Grace for their warm welcome aboard, their offer of help & especially Melissa, for helping make the transition smooth. She is one very cool person!

As we get ready to start 2006, I hope that it brings all manner of happiness to you & yours.

Sheila

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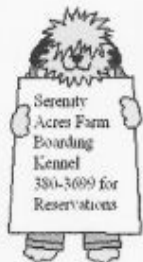
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If you are on active duty, and receiving The Missouri Shooter and feel so inclined, send us a letter. This column is **YOURS!**

2005 MSSA AWARDS DINNER

by Harold Miederhoff

The evening of December 3, 2005 saw about 40 members and friends gathered at the DAV facility in Jefferson City to enjoy some good food and the opportunity to recognize shooting achievement. Present and receiving a championship award included Jeff Chosid, Kiki Chosid, Irona Cliver, Ken Spears, Harold Miederhoff, Paul Noles, and Frank Harles. John Leinberger was presented a plaque recognizing him as MSSA's "Sportsman of the Year" for all his work with junior shooting programs. Another special "Appreciation Award" had been prepared to be presented to State Senator Michael Gibbons, who had been scheduled to speak at the dinner. It will be properly presented to him at a later date. As a speaker in place of Senator Gibbons, Tim Oliver gave a presentation on part of the historic struggle to obtain the right to carry concealed in Missouri. Through the efforts of Joe Marsillo and his New York accent, several tables of door prizes had been obtained. Everyone had an opportunity to go home with a little something.



Liberty Notes
15 December, 2005
Kevin L. Jamison
It is a good day for Liberty

We have one year and 11 months before Hilary Clinton begins her presidential campaign. Last July I wrote that terrorists in Iraq have shifted their focus from the US Military, to the Iraqi military and police, to the Iraqi government, to the Sunnis, then allies from Sadaam's Baath Party, to foreign Ambassadors. Since then they have declared war on the Shi'ite majority and attacked Jordan, a neighboring Sunni nation. Their mission focus continues to slip; they continue to antagonize groups which would be neutral, if not sympathetic. They gain support only from Democratic politicians. If that mob had been running the Democratic Party during WW II, we would have surrendered after the Germans defeated us at Kasarine Pass in North Africa. The Iraqi government is doing things the South Vietnamese government never did, establishing a constitutional government, reaching out to minorities, and trying to establish a professional military. We could still lose this war, but only if we defeat ourselves.

Some of our members may disagree with my position on the Iraq War. I have listened attentively to arguments for retreat. I would be more tolerant of them if they could point out a single instance where retreat in the face of an aggressive ideology has worked out well. Unconventional wars are time consuming. The Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya was undertaken by elements of a single tribe, operated from an unpopulated area, had no outside support at all, and possessed very few guns. A successful raid by Mau Mau consisted of capturing a quantity of water pipe from which to make zip guns. Ammunition trickled in from various sources. The governor of the colony found that cartridges were stolen from his gun locker. Prostitutes charged from three to five cartridges for their services. Even this trickle was nearly cut off when a massive fortified ditch was dug separating the insurgent camps from the population.

Even so, it took six years to break the back of the revolt, and at the time of independence six years after that there were still Mau Mau operating. All things considered Iraq will take longer.

In a Smithsonian article and interviewer questioned a British citizen who had been trapped in France during WW II. The man, and his wife, appear to have been natural unconventional operators and gunfighters. He was captured once by collaborative French police who, he says, found two of his guns, but not the third. He shot his way free. The interview closed with the operator advising not to shoot someone in the head with a small caliber pistol.

Seemingly he had a bad experience; perhaps the bullet did not penetrate the skull. It is frustrating that the interviewer did not know what questions to ask.

Few survived operating behind enemy lines as long as this man, especially without support. Few survived his record of gunfights. The operator is now dead, and we have as many answers as we shall ever get.

I read another article concerning an early 20th century marshal in the Oklahoma Territory who took a (then) new .32 rifle with jacketed bullets to a shootout with a local cult. After the gunfight a reporter asked if the marshal had been afraid. The marshal denied fear, but said that he had "fretted" a little. The reporter asked what had fretted him. The marshal explained that he had shot one man five times with those .32 jacketed bullets, and he did not go down. The marshal advised taking a .45 for such business. I agree. Regrettably the lessons of the old gunfighters were not well recorded.

A lady in Gary, Indiana was robbed at knife point while putting gas into her car. She fled into the station and asked the clerk to call 911. The clerk refused. The station has a policy of not making emergency calls out of fear of retaliation.

Sometimes we are on our own. I remember a study which found that gun owners were more likely to come to the aid of persons in distress than non-gun owners. *Cont. Page 9*

The beauty of associating with our people is that we not only come to the aid of persons in distress, we have the means to address the cause of the distress.

Our Sheila got into a conversation about the advantages of mules over horses. Mules have a reputation for stubbornness, but it appears that mules are smarter than horses, which is mistaken for stubbornness. This explains a great deal.

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." -Albert Einstein

I strongly believe that anyone who carries a gun should also carry a cell phone. Very often the first person to call the police is considered to be the victim, and the other party is the suspect by default. I see that operators for cellular companies can tell the location of a cell phone user within 330 yards; but only if the cell phone is turned on. This causes some privacy concerns; however, it may also assist in getting help in unfamiliar locations.

Annie Oakley, an expert with a variety of guns said "Nobody should trust their lives behind a cheap gun." This is excellent advice. I am informed that students in LTC classes show up with cheap guns on a regular basis. Most LTC applicants are long time shooters and already have a carry gun; however, novices apply false economy to the purchase of their first handgun. Cheap guns have their place; however, they do not hold up to the amount of practice required for effective self-defense. After spending \$100 for an LTC and another \$100 or so for a course it is unwise to economize on a handgun. Makarovs from the old Soviet Bloc are low priced, quality guns, and good self-defense ammunition is available for them. It is advisable to have a relationship with a gun shop. Buying from Wal-Mart and the like saves some money, but the staff often is not conversant about their product. I once tried to buy some #4 shotgun shells at Wal-Mart. God bless them, they brought me every box in the store with a "4" on it, including .410 shotgun.

Tim Oliver spoke at our November general membership meeting. He spoke on the history of

our LTC effort and the "resolution" of the \$250,000 bond issue. After winning LTC in the Supreme Court our side put in a claim for the \$250,000 bond the prohibitionists had put up. After protracted litigation the matter wound up in Judge Ohmer's court, the judge who initially issued the restraining order. This was not a good sign for us. The prohibitionists had already spent a young fortune in interest on the bond money (they used their homes to borrow the money) and to hire a bond recovery specialist to litigate our side's claim. This created one of those situations where both sides were motivated to resolve the case. The details of the "resolution" are sealed. A reporter asked the prohibitionists if they gave us anything of value for the "resolution", "No comment," was the reply. It is public knowledge that the day before the "resolution" our side owed approximately \$54,000 in legal bills. The day after nothing was owed, and the Legal Defense Fund has distributed thousands of dollars back to WMSA, Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance, and Missouri Sport Shooters Association. These are the major organizations which contributed to the Fund. I have never heard of such a Fund returning money to contributors, Hell may not have frozen over, but many have remarked on the bitter cold. This is a historic moment. Prohibitionists have filed suit against us before; however, never before have they been forced to say "no comment" about the resolution. Never before has litigation cost them. The next prohibitionists with a bright idea for a lawsuit may have trouble getting the checkbooks open.

Dave Jones is running for re-election to the NRA Board of Directors. He is a Missourian and has made himself available whenever we needed him. He has a perfect record of attendance at NRA Board meetings. He is someone on whom we can rely.

New Orleans has proven that we cannot count on the police to protect us. It has also proven that prohibitionists will confiscate all guns from good guys. Every time they claim that they only want "reasonable" restrictions, we need only say "New Orleans". *Cont. Page 10*

The Tenth Mountain division has field-tested the C-More shotgun for adoption as the Modular Assault Shotgun System. It has a straight pull action because of space limitations. This gun attaches underneath the M 16 rifle or with its own stock and has an approximately 10-inch barrel. This answers the Supreme Court's dilemma in the 1939 Miller case, and proves that a sawed off shotgun is a legitimate militia weapon.

The ATF "advises" gun dealers that Native American tribal ID cards not good ID for buying guns. The rationale is that tribal IDs are from a sovereign nation, and Indians are eligible for state IDs. Perhaps they think that this will stave off another Indian uprising, who knows?

I saw an article about an Apache Indian uprising in the late 1920's and early 1930's. It appeared to be more banditry by a desperate people. An Arizona border town in the area advertised for volunteer Indian fighters and was overwhelmed by the response. The Apaches had taken the precaution of living on the Mexican side, and the Mexican authorities were unwilling to have an independent, Gringo military force in their country. A Mexican rancher who had lost family to the Apaches continued the fight alone with his vaqueros and Gringo volunteers. Militias come in all sizes.

The Missouri Highway Patrol has a pamphlet "Missouri Concealed Weapons Law" which sets out the basics of our law. It is also on their web site. It is reasonably good. It is not as complete as the text on my web site

www.KLJamisonLaw.com, and it is not as handy to carry around as our "Stay Out of Jail Card". Still, it is a useful guide.

I am often asked about carrying concealed in Kansas. That state has no license to carry system and therefore one cannot carry regardless of how many licenses one has. There is a movement to pass a License To Carry, and twice it has presented a bill to the governor, only to have the right vetoed. Their strategy is to build a veto-proof majority before taking another run at it. They are gaining ground but are hampered by the states three major political parties: Democrats, liberal Republicans, and conservative

Republicans. These last two are referred to as "moderates" and "radicals" by the media. The two spend their time fighting each other, and the Democrats watch and laugh. Forming a coalition is difficult under these circumstances. WMSA will assist any effort by our Kansas friends but we cannot stop their family squabbles.

Wisconsin is moving a bill to establish a License To Carry system. They have been forced to take undesirable amendments to pass the bill. This is unfortunate, but necessary. The governor has made it clear that no matter what compromises are made, he will veto the bill. They need a veto proof majority, and probably a Legal Defense Fund. Once they pass the bill prohibitionists will go to a carefully selected judge to litigate the restored right to death. The law in Michigan has been challenged by the usual suspects and some religious leaders. They complain that the law requires them to post their churches "No Guns" or some other specific language. They claim that this violates religious liberty and their faith requires them to post a sign to the effect of "Peacemakers Only". A Peacemaker is a fine revolver, Jim Supica has a good supply of them in his Old Town Station catalogue, however, the prohibitionists think they are prohibiting guns. I am sure that if the legislature had required "Peacemakers Only" the prohibitionists would have objected to that.

I was recently asked why we must obey unconstitutional firearms laws. Well, mostly because they are the law and have not been ruled unconstitutional. Anyone who wants to challenge these laws needs to get a 55 gallon drum, stuff it full of \$100 bills, and wheel it into my office. Without money to challenge the law, complaints are just air. I have had a number of people volunteer to be the plaintiff in The Great Second Amendment Lawsuit, I have seen few willing to get a second job, collect recyclables, or put his cigarette money into a legal fund. Regrettably it takes our money to keep our rights.

We shall overcome.



The Secretary's Notebook

MINUTES-MSSA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

December 3, 2005

The meeting called to order at 2:07 pm by president Dave Jones.

Board members present included Jones, Kent Finlay, Melissa Mata, Harold Miederhoff, John Leinberger, Grace Leinberger, Lee Koester, Bob Sliger, Marvin Behnke, Mitch Peters, Jeff Chosid, Kiki Chosid, Joe Marsillo, Paul Bass, Kevin Jamison, and Roscoe Morris.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The item reading "Under new business, the matter of tax-exempt status for MSSA was brought up. Jamison will look into getting a federal ID number for MSSA." Was amended to read "Under new business, the matter of tax-exempt status for the MSSA Foundation was brought up. Jamison will look into getting a federal ID number for the MSSA Foundation". After amending the minutes were approved by motion and second.

Treasurer Koester presented a financial report. A motion and second to accept was made. The motion passed.

XO Finlay reported on the status of state championships and shooting equipment held by MSSA. He also had obtained 100 pounds of bullets from Sierra at no cost for use by junior shooters. A motion and second were made to accept the report. The motion passed.

No old business was brought up.

Under new business Finlay made a motion to purchase four 8 pound kegs of rifle powder at \$92.63 or better per keg to be used by junior shooters. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jamison reported that a federal tax ID number for the MSSA Foundation to be a 501 C-3 organization should arrive in the next week. All that was needed was a letter from the IRS.

Tim Oliver reported that LTC bond recovery case was resolved in October. The forfeited money was enough to satisfy remaining expenses with a little left over. The decision had been made to refund the excess to organizations that had supported the cause. MSSA received a check for \$1519.00.

Joe Marsillo reported that the Texas county shotgun program has been successful and they will be expanding into other shooting disciplines in 2006.

Jeff Chosid made a motion to transfer the \$85.00 donated for a junior high power camp be transferred to the SB program. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

After a short break nominations were taken to fill 6 board positions to expire in 2008 and one vacant seat to expire in 2007. Twelve candidates were presented. Elected to 3 year terms were Zachary Bauer, Gregg Jeffrey, Michael Meyer, Tim Oliver, Sheila Stokes-Begley, and Gary Davis. Elected to a 2 year term was Donna Struse.

Motion and second to adjourn the members meeting at 3:55. Motion passed.

A board meeting was called to order by Lee Koester at 4:00 pm.

Nominations were accepted for officers of MSSA. The results are: President-Kevin Jamison, Vice-President-Grace Leinberger, Secretary-Donna Struse, Treasurer-Lee Koester, and XO-Kent Finlay. President Jamison appointed Gregg Jeffrey to be Legislative Liaison, Sheila Stokes-Begley to be Newsletter Editor, and Zachary Bauer to be Webmaster.

Board meeting dates were set for 2006 pending availability of space. They are March 4, June 3, August 26, and December 2. The later is to be the annual members meeting with a start time of 2:00 pm. All others are to start at noon.

A motion with second was made to adjourn. The motion passed at 4:20 pm.

A Woman's View
S. Stokes-Begley

The Longest, Last 15 minutes of Your Life

I was talking to my Mom last weekend when she told me she had been given quite a scare early that morning. Seems around 4AM her Brinks alarm went off. She got out of bed and her phone started ringing. It was the Brinks company wanting to know if everything was alright. She told them NO, NO it isn't! My alarm is going off. They told her they would call the Independence Police Department and she should also. So she called 911. She said the dispatcher was nice, but one of them (either Brinks or IPD, she thinks it was IPD) asked her if she had gone through the house to see if everything looked OK. She told them NO, I AM NOT LEAVING THIS BEDROOM! She told me this and I about bounced through my ceiling. I swear, WHAT are these people thinking? She said the dispatcher stayed on the line with her. Mom asked if the patrol unit would be able to find her house, she lives in a cul-de-sac, in one of those housing editions where all the houses look the same, you even have to have the same color storm doors and garage doors. The dispatcher assured her, oh yes. Pretty soon the dispatcher asked her, now you live off of this street, right? Mom said yes, pretty soon the dispatcher asked her, now what color is your house? Finally dispatch told Mom they were there and would be coming to her door with flashlights. Mom said when they got there, they went all through her house, upstairs and down and all around it. She said they offered to call someone for her. She said by then it was close to light, so she passed. I asked Mom how long it took for the IPD to get there, she said "Oh, about 15 minutes". I was silent for a minute (yeah, I know, hard to credit) but I was. Then I quietly asked her if she felt very vulnerable and defenseless. She said "Oh, YES". I asked her if she please, please wouldn't consider letting me get her a nice shotgun. She was thinking about it, but is worried about her two Grandsons that she keeps sometimes, sometimes over night. Now my Mom has NEVER been one of those silly soccer type Moms.

She grew up on a farm, and is a excellent rifle shot, she grew up with guns and knew how to use them. When I was growing up, Dad kept a .38 Colt in the chest of drawers and a shotgun in the closet. I knew where they were, and I knew not to touch them. I knew that if ANYONE, EVER tried to break into OUR house, MY Dad OR MY Mom would have the means to protect us, and wouldn't think twice about doing so because they LOVED us, and we were the most important things to them. I know of course, that most parents would fight to the death for their children, but mine would hopefully, fight and LIVE on to raise us, because they were prepared with the tools to do the job.

A couple days later, my "Spirit Sister" Celeste (Spirit Sister=someone that you are closer to than some of your blood kin, related by Spirit, rather than blood. Not an imaginary friend) and I were talking, she told me about her husband Bill's interesting event. After she finished I called Bill, got the story & permission from him to tell it. Bill's family lives on a farm near Odessa. He was outside at around 2200 (ok, 10 PM) There is an abandoned trailer house across the road that a fellow uses to store plumbing supplies, and he will sometimes come and back in and get his supplies. But this time Bill noticed someone was over there because it was dark and he saw the back up and brake lights flash by the trailer. He then heard what sounded like a woman crying, either in pain and or fear. A sound as though someone was being hurt. He used his son Jake's cell phone to call the Sheriff, who got there in, for county, what is considered pretty quick time of about 15 minutes. However, whoever was there left about 5 minutes before they got there, and the Deputies couldn't find anything. If the situation is what it sounded like, I guess that is one of the things that can happen to crime victims that are defenseless. I have no desire to see my Mother among them. I have every intention of doing everything I can to get Mom to take some kind of defensive firearm and help her stay proficient with it. *Cont. pg 13*

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I love my Mom, and I promised Dad I would look after her. I will do what I can to help her be safe. And if my liberal sisters don't choose to see reality, tough! I do NOT want to see MY MOTHER a crime statistic because of their Ivory Tower opinions. They want to take chances with their families safety, fine, I stay out of it. But not with my MOM! She & I have way to much fun together.

I was telling this story about Mom at a WMSA BOD meeting, and my Editor, Bob Hanson, commented it could be the longest, last 15 minutes of your life. It could, couldn't it?

From President Kevin Jamison

MSSA BOD,

A new Board member sent the following message to me as a plan to expand on MSSA's service to the shooting community. I believe that this is an excellent concept and if the Board agrees I shall begin to implement the plan.

We have taken the first step to set in motion a powerful coalition. Competitive shooters and gun rights activist have been in two separate camps for too long. In the competitive shooters' world, every discipline is a kingdom and life unto itself, only looking after their own interest. The hi-power shooters don't have much use for the small bore shooters who have no interest in the pistol contingent.

The common thread? Competitive shooters have little interest outside there own discipline *or* in gun rights politics.

The truth of the matter is, we cannot survive without all sides working together. Young shooters are the future for both competition and for gun rights. If young people do not learn the love of the shooting sports, they will not care when our gun rights are eroded in the legislature. If we fail to secure future gun rights in the legislature, youth not be able to participate in shooting. Failure to transfer the knowledge and love of shooting to just one generation will mean the extinction of the sport in 20-30 years.

Our mission, is to build a big tent that welcomes and encourages all shooting sports disciplines from air guns to IDPA. To have all shooters active in working to preserve gun rights. To take back ground that was lost in 1968 and indeed lost 1934. The phrase "who needs *those* kind of guns" should not exist in any of our minds. This requires change.

In Missouri, MSSA will be that big tent. We must reach out and bring in new members. We will write articles, have match notices published, along with results posted from all disciplines. We will have members who will write letters and call their elected representatives and show up for legislative hearings and rallies supporting gun rights for all of us.

We will make this our task and not rely on someone else to do it!

Our opponents are made up of tree huggers, PETA, the UN, institutes for peace, million misguided moms and others who all come together to fight as allies on this one issue. Now is the time for us to change old ways and form a united front. It's the only way we can win.

We need your help. We need you to participate in the shooting sports in a new and different ways than in the past. We must **all** look out for **all** our interests* involving guns/rights to survive. If you are a member of a gun rights group, like WMSA, GCLA or MissouriCarry.com, join MSSA and help with youth programs and competitive shooting. If you are a MSSA member/competitive shooter, get active in gun rights groups, there is one in your area. 2006 is an election year.

By joining forces, we can secure the future for our children and their children and all who love to shoot, hunt, compete and carry concealed.

Please get started today.





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Why were guns fired on New Year's Eve?

The idea of making deafening noise is to drive away the evil spirits who flocked to the living at this climactic season with a great wailing of horns and shouts and beating of drums. This is why at the stroke of midnight we hear the deafening cacophony of sirens, car horns, boat whistles, party horns, church bells, drums, pots and pans - anything that serves the purpose of producing a devil chasing din.

This practice is strongly discouraged, as it has been said, that the projectile fired into the air will come down to visit remote & dis-interested parties.....

Thoughts to keep in mind for 2006

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a potential victim.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. Colt: The original point and click interface.
4. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
5. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
6. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
7. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
8. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
9. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
10. The United States Constitution (c) 1791: All Rights reserved.
11. What part of "... shall not be infringed ..." do you not understand?
12. The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.
13. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
14. Guns only have two enemies: rust and liberals.
15. Know guns, know peace and safety. No guns, no peace nor safety.
16. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
17. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
18. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
19. Criminals love gun control -- it makes their jobs safer.
20. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
21. Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
22. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
23. Enforce the "gun control laws" we have, don't make more.
24. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
25. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.
26. "... a government of the PEOPLE, by the PEOPLE, for the PEOPLE..."



THE GAVEL
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY GREG JEFFERY

January 1 is the start of a new year... a chance to start over... make resolutions on what we will improve about ourselves in the coming year. As someone interested in firearms and the shooting sports in Missouri, I hope that you will take this time to add a new "resolution" to your list: That you will pay attention to activities in Jefferson City and you will act to help preserve and/or expand your firearm rights within this state.

As the newly elected Legislative Chairman for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, I will do my best to keep you up to date on what is happening within our state capitol and how you can best help MSSA achieve its legislative goals.

For those who don't know me let me begin with a short introduction: My initiation into the world of shooting sports came after graduating from college and purchasing my first two guns: a Ruger Mark II bull barrel pistol; and a Ruger 10/22 rifle. From there I was introduced into high-power shooting at the club where I work. That was 1985. From there my interest in shooting and gun rights evolved and expanded. In 1989 I began to get involved in the politics of gun owner rights. I got involved on the ground floor back in 1991 to pass License-To-Carry [LTC] for the state of Missouri and stuck to it throughout the long thirteen-plus years it took to pass LTC. I am the Legislative Chairman for the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance [GCLA], Legislative Coordinator for the Missourians for Personal Safety [MPS] and a Designated Part-Time Spokesman for the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance [WMSA]. And now, I have been elected by the MSSA Board to help the members of MSSA become more involved and educated about the efforts going on to protect your rights.

To many shooters who read this newsletter, the passage of LTC for Missouri may not have seemed important since it doesn't appear to have a direct link to skeet-shooting, deer hunting, high

-power rifle competition or any other shooting sports. But the link and the importance is there.

When we began our efforts to pass LTC back in 1991, Missouri's shooters had no real voice or power in the halls of Jefferson City. If you went back to those days and walked the halls there were numerous proposed laws that could directly impact are ability to own firearms and impact the shooting sports we all know and love. But once we arrived... and started to push back with proposed laws of our own... the anti-gun-owner bills began to run into a wall.

After we began our push, anti-gun-owner bills that would normally walk through the process began to slow down... and NOT get passed. Proposals to turn YOU into a criminal if a criminal youth broke into your home and stole your gun and then used it to commit a crime were DEFEATED. Proposals to ban your ability to own your high-power rifle were DEFEATED. On top of that, the anti-gun-owner organizations now had to spend their money fighting OUR bills and spend their time trying to stop OUR proposals.

In the many years I have personally been fighting for gun owner rights, I have had the chance to personally meet and talk to leaders from the anti-gun-owner movement. Make no mistake - the ultimate goal of the anti-gun-owner leadership is simple: to remove your ability to personally possess firearms. That is why I call them "anti-gun-owner" not simply anti-gun.

Besides promoting the shooting sports, one of the many functions of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association is to stop the anti-gun-owner movement and to advance the rights of gun owners and shooters when and where possible. One of the best ways for MSSA to perform these legislative tasks is to coordinate with other groups around that state to assure that we are working to coordinated purposes.

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MSSA will coordinate its legislative efforts with groups such as the Missourians for Personal Safety [MPS]. Missourians for Personal Safety is a state-wide organization of grass-roots pro-gun-owner groups that was established to coordinate their legislative efforts. This coordination was one of the fundamental reasons we successfully passed License-To-Carry legislation for Missouri. MSSA will become a part of this coordinated effort.

Missourians for Personal Safety also holds an annual Gun Rights Rally in our state capitol in Jefferson City to promote our rights and the legislative agenda for the year. The 2006 Annual rally will be held on 23 February, 2006 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City from 9 to Noon. The theme is Common Sense (for Missouri Gun Laws). This is also one day shy of the two year anniversary of the Supreme Courts ruling upholding the constitutionality of our LTC.

2006 Legislative Agenda

Passage of the License-To-Carry law was not the end of our activities. There are many areas in which Missouri's laws need to be revised and improved.

Some of the items that MSSA will be helping to push in the coming legislative session are as follows:

- 1) A revision to existing law that prevents you from being sued by someone [or their family] who criminally attacks you and you successfully defend yourself with or without a firearm. Under current law, if you are attacked and you defend yourself and the prosecutor and courts rule that you were justified in your defense, you CAN be sued in civil court for "damages" your attacker received as a result of your lawful defense.
- 2) A revision to existing law to clearly state that you are allowed to defend yourself and that you do not have a "duty" to retreat from a criminal attack. Under current law/court interpretation, you could be attacked in your own home and may have a "duty" to retreat. If this "duty" is interpreted to exist, your shooting a knife wielding attacker in your bedroom at 3am may NOT be

"justified" if a jury believes you had time to climb out your window. [Not kidding]

- 3) Repeal/Revision of the Permit-To-Acquire [PTA] law. Under current law, anyone who is to receive a handgun must get a PTA from their sheriff in all cases. With your application for a PTA, the sheriff does a background check to make sure you can lawfully possess a gun. The current version of the law is poorly written to include the requirement to run a background check on an LTC permit holder who just had his background run by the FBI.

- 4) Remove the prohibition on concealed guns on public transportation buses. Current law does not allow persons holding valid LTC permits to carry on buses. This puts lower income citizens who have met the stringent requirements to be issued a LTC at a disadvantage. This law should be corrected.

The above is a short summary of some of the legislative items we hope to push this coming year.

Currently Files Bills for 2006

MSSA, coordinating with MPS, will push a pro-gun-owner agenda. But we must remember that the anti-gun-owner movement has not gone away. We must keep our eyes on their efforts and do what we can to stop them.

Below is a current list of bills that have been pre-filed before the start of this year's legislative session that begins the middle of January and runs to the second Friday in May. [NOTE: pre-filing has no impact on likelihood of passage]

Pro-gun-Owner Bill(s)

SB 731 - Sponsor: Cauthorn - Eliminates the requirement that one must obtain a concealable firearm permit before acquiring a handgun
<http://www.house.mo.gov/bills061/bills/sb731.htm> -

Anti-Gun-Owner Bill(s)

SB 699 - Sponsor: Bray - Creates the crime of negligent storage of a firearm
<http://www.house.mo.gov/bills061/bills/sb699.htm> -

SB 628 - Sponsor: Wilson - Makes possession or discharge of stun guns/taser guns an unlawful use of a weapon
<http://www.house.mo.gov/bills061/bills/sb628.htm> -

How To Help MSSA's Legislative Activities

In order to help you stay informed and active, we will be adding a "Legislative Alert" link to the website.

At this link you will find information on what is happening and how you can help us stop anti-gun-owner legislation and help us pass our pro-gun-owner proposals.

2006 will be a very important year in the continuing effort to protect our rights and the efforts to regain some that have already been lost or compromised. This is also the year in which "mid-term" elections will occur. At stake this year is not only the potential passage of the agenda we listed above, but the future make-up of our state and federal legislatures.

MSSA will make every effort to keep you informed of what is happening and provide you with the tools necessary to make educated efforts to positively impact your rights.

Greg Jeffery
Legislative Chairman – Missouri Sport Shooting Association
Legislative Chairman – Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance
Legislative Coordinator – Missourians for Personal Safety
Designated Part-Time Spokesman – Western Missouri Shooters Alliance

NRA Board Elections

It is time again for the elections of the Board of Directors for the National Rifle Association.

If you are qualified to vote, you need to take this responsibility seriously. The people who get elected to the Board have a direct say in the actions of this nation's largest pro-gun-owner organization.

Missouri has been able to have one of our own on the Board for many years. His voice on the Board of Directors has assured that Missouri will not be forgotten.

Please remember to cast your vote to re-elect David Jones to the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association.

Thanks,

Greg Jeffery
Legislative Chairman -- Missouri Sport Shooting Association.

Warning Words

"The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing."
-- **Adolph Hitler**, *Hitler's Secret Conversations 403* (Norman Cameron and R.H. Stevens trans., 1961)

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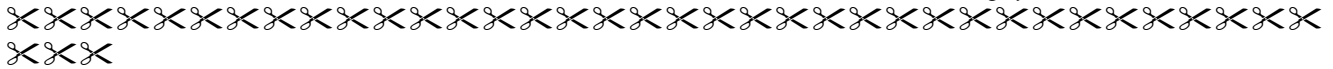
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