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Picturesque CAMP PERRY

A PICTORIAL BY JEFF SCHOTLAND

On Sunday, July 9th, on our way to Camp Perry, we stopped in Valparaiso, Indiana and shot our "Pre-Perry Warm-Up". Twenty-one other shooters showed up for this Pre-Perry Match. Chris, Paul and I were pretty luke warm for this match. Eric was the Hot Gun – he won the Expert class with a 2587-96 (a Master Score) and placed second overall besting the scores of two high masters and four master class shooters. Eric is READY for Perry!



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NRA Secretary Jim Land To Speak at MSSA Awards Banquet

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY

Our speaker this year will be NRA Secretary Jim Land! Mr. Land is a Benefactor member of the NRA and has served the association in many areas as director, including membership and grassroots activities as manager of field services director.

An avid shooter and competitor, Mr. Land has won distinguished badges in both pistol and rifle marksmanship, and he has set seven national shooting

records in competition. During his 24-year career with the

United States Marine Corp, Mr. Land served as the Captain of the USMC pistol team, Officer in Charge of the First Marine Division of Scout-Snipers, and USMC marksmanship coordinator.

In addition to Mr. Land's company, we will also be entertaining Dennis Eggers, who is the Central Region Director for NRA Field Operations Division.

Mr. Eggers will be sharing information with everyone about the NRA Annual Meeting and volunteer information.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

A YEAR LATER

A year ago my predecessor, David Jones, asked for new faces for the Board, a new newsletter editor, and a new web site manager. New faces were needed to replace those who had moved or been worn down in the service of MSSA. I recruited some, and they recruited others. Some said that I did so out of ego, in order to make MSSA my personal plaything. Of course, anyone who tries to give orders to the shooting community will wind up like the medieval English monarch who stood on the beach and ordered the tide to go out, with wet feet and a red face.

In the past year, we have filled the vacancies on the Board, revamped the web site and the newsletter. We have formed a charitable foundation, the Missouri Sport Shooting Association Foundation, and have made progress in obtaining 501(c)(3) status. This status will allow donors to give money and property to the foundation and receive a tax deduction in return. We anticipate that this will encourage donations. Cash is easy; people can also donate guns, ammunition, and services and receive a deduction for their reasonable value. People can remember the foundation in their wills, and the estate will receive a tax deduction and thus evade a portion of the death tax.

We have attracted members to the quarterly Board meetings. This gives members an opportunity to ask questions. We have also received some valuable suggestions from members at these meetings. The more people we have active in this association, the more we can get done.

In the spirit of getting things done, we have established a committee to host the next NRA convention which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from 13 to 15 April, 2007. Daniel C. Smith is chairman of the committee. We are fortunate that he has experience in working with conventions. He says that we shall need 250 volunteers to carry it off. Anyone who wants to be part of a successful NRA convention should contact him at 314-422-9893 or concealedcarry@earthlink.net.

We have increased our affiliate clubs so that we now reach thousands more Missouri shooters, and our emphasis has been on encouraging youth shooting programs. Our John Leinberger has been a tremendous asset in this endeavor. We are in the process of affiliation with Cowboy Action shooting organizations. Cowboy action is the fastest growing of the shooting sports and is a non-threatening way to introduce young people to shooting.

This has the appearance of a moderately successful record. However, it is successful only as a basis for work to be done next year. If anyone wants to be part of MSSA programs, I hope to see you at the December meeting, or contact one of the Board members.

MSSA MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Picturesque Camp Perry

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The match at Valpo was sponsored by the Northern Indiana International Shooting Association. This is a wonderful range where the target frames "MOVE TO THE SHOOTER" for scoring. Now you might say, "Big Deal, a lot of indoor ranges have moving targets..." Well folks, this is an outdoor range, and thirty target frames moving from fifty yards to just in front of the firing line is pretty darn impressive. Sadly, there is rumor that we might have shot the last Bullseye Match there.

On to Camp Perry...

At Camp Perry in 2005, three Missouri shooters made the honor of making the USA Civilian team. The USA Civilian team is composed of the ten best shooters in each class. Paul Noles was the top Civilian Master, with Chris Guerrero also making the top ten cut. Kent Finlay made the cut of top ten in the Civilian Expert class. Shooters who make this cut are invited to shoot the NRA/USA International Civilian Team match the following year. Ten shooters and one alternate are selected for this event.



Chris and Paul were selected for the team and did the "Show Me State" proud! (Kent did not attend Perry this year.)

Chris finished second in this group, Paul tied for third. The amazing thing is, they beat last year's team score by 121 points!

Hopefully, we beat the other international teams that compete in this match.

This match follows International Rules, so it is pretty difficult match to shoot. It is a .22-only match, and you shoot at 25 meters with a target that has no X ring and a VERY small ten ring; Rapid Fire is shot from the starting position with pistols resting on the bench...

Chris and Paul take the awards stage Saturday night for their participation in the NRA/USA International Civilian Team efforts. Sharp dressers us Missouri Shooters!



Teams!

Our Missouri Team finished in Second Place in our class. Here is the team t-shirt logo...



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MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY HAROLD MIEDERHOFF

Smallbore Prone

Bucksnot range welcomed 25 competitors, including 10 juniors, on the weekend of September 9-10.

Saturday's iron sight competition started off with some threat of rain, but it held off and the days shooting was completed without anyone getting wet.

The iron sight aggregate was very close with Jim Miller from Onarga, Illinois having a one point lead on Eric Martin, also from Illinois. Gary Tittle from Lee's Summit was tied with Martin, but had fewer X's. Two points back were Al Wilson and David Mayfield, both from Arkansas, and Paul Villmer from Potosi.

Wilson won the any sight aggregate by one point over Martin. They were tied for score, but Martin had 4 more X's to claim the overall championship.

Among the residents, Villmer managed to shoot 3 points better than Tittle with the scope and came away with the Resident Championship.

The resident juniors were no match for Caitlin Morrissey from Kansas for high junior. Among the resident juniors, Kellie Zurowski from Pleasant Hill came out on top and claimed the resident junior title.

A feature of this tournament is an any sight match fired from 200 yards using pit-operated targets on Saturday afternoon. Villmer showed his skill in using scope sights with a one point win over Tittle. Jack Johannes from Saginaw was the high iron sight shooter.

The shooting conditions for the weekend were outstanding with 5 competitors having scores sufficiently high to put them well on their way toward reclassification upward.

Smallbore 3-Position

The weekend of September 23-24 saw 13 competitors, including 8 juniors, come to Bucksnot range for this year's 3-position championship. Saturday was a little dark due to some thick cloud cover, but no rain. Sunday was a little breezy.

The juniors dominated the competition with Caitlin Morrissey from Kansas winning the iron sight aggregate by one point over Kellie Zurowski from Pleasant Hill.

On Sunday, Zurowski showed that she has the

talent to compete with the best shooters in the country. She won the prone and kneeling stages on the way to a 13 point win over the closest competitor. This domination gave the high school senior the match and state championship as well as the junior championship.

All of this fine shooting climaxes a summer where Zurowski placed among the best at state and national 4-H shooting championships.

Best wishes to Kellie Zurowski in her shooting future.



TEAM WYSIWYG AT CAMP PERRY

Chris Guerrero, Mike Gaddis, Paul Noles, Jeff Schotland, and Eric Pearson

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We were rained out during the Center Fire Team Match.

We had to shoot the rapid fire portion of the National Match Course the following morning, before we started the Individual 45 Match on Saturday. Shooting Rapid Fire is not the easiest thing to do first thing in the morning without a warm-up!

My scores attest to that!



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Mike Gaddis and Eric Pearson, during the 22 Slow Fire Team Match.

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Every morning the National Anthem played. This was the start of the Center Fire Team re-fire.



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Paul Noles and Chris Guerrero, kicking back and waiting for their turn at the 22 Team Match.

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Eric Pearson, returning to the firing line. Eric and I shot the same relay about 4 benches down from each other. Eric fired a MasterClass score for his first trip to the National Matches, which placed him first Civilian Expert!!

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Paul could be found at the end of the day, stealing the last Lime ice cream bar!



The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

Danger at the Range

Imagine one bright sunny Sunday you get up, and think, "Wow, today is a great day to go the range and shoot." When you get there, there's a sign up, but it's not "Welcome." Instead, it says, "Closed," and there is a chain across the drive. You're baffled, you've shot there on Sunday before; in fact, you know there's a competition scheduled for next Sunday, you saw it in the last newsletter. You call around until you find someone who knows the story, and it's a story that won't be giving you sweet dreams.

Turns out a new couple from the city just moved out to the country for "peace & quiet." Your range, that has been there for 50 years, and was there when they bought the property, is interfering with their "peace & quiet," so they decided they'd just *make it go away*. And THAT is the danger at the range!

Don't think they have a snowball's chance against YOUR range? You might want to think again. When John & Grace Leinberger were giving their report on the NRA training conference they attended, they mentioned that one of the topics was a new range technician program. A Range Technician is trained to evaluate noise levels, environmental hazards, and safety design; they conduct policy and procedure evaluations and make sure ranges are up to EPA standards. Board member Tim Oliver expressed an interest in this program and asked for more information. It seems one of Missouri's "Rod & Gun" clubs is facing just this situation now. This club is well established and located in a very rural area, but a recent neighbor has complained about the noise. Tim stated that if *this* range wasn't okay on the noise level, he didn't see how *any* of them could pass.

This has also become the anti-gunners' new ploy, to claim noise/environmental pollution and file complaints or lawsuits against ranges to try to force them to close. I ran a Google search on *complaints of shooting range noise* and one of the top results that turned up was a link to the Violence Policy Center's [A Poisonous Pastime](#). Reading it makes one want to either laugh or cry. If you compete in an event that factors in time, you're a "Rambo." YOUR type is "pushing" hunters off the ranges. They claim Range Attendees are trashing the outdoors by littering and vandalism, and destroying trees and nature...

Those of us in the Second Amendment Rights community have long been familiar with anti-gun groups like the VPC and their tactics of lying and spreading mis-information. But it seems they are now drawing a big bullseye on ranges in an effort to regain lost ground (so to speak). After all, if shooters have no place to practice, and no place to take the next generation of shooters to learn and practice, it will all go away; the world will be beautiful, and we will all get along...according to them.

To help prevent this from happening, MSSA is most likely

going to be sending board member Zac Bauer to Range Technician school. A Range Technician would also be of benefit to those wanting to open a range. MSSA realizes the serious danger that range loss poses and will take a *proactive stance* in protecting our ranges and our shooting sports.

And that's the view from my saddle.

Sheila Stokes-Begley

St. Louis State Of Mind

The NRA Annual Meeting is drawing closer! At the last MSSA meeting, David Jones shared the following St. Louis fun facts:

- St. Louis is called the Gateway to the West.
- The Gateway Arch is the world's tallest man-made monument.
- Auguste Chouteau founded St. Louis in 1764.
- Peanut butter was discovered here by Dr. George Carver.
- 7-Up was invented in St. Louis.
- The ice cream cone was invented at the 1904 World's Fair.
- The largest collection of mosaic art in the world is at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. It covers 83,000 square feet and has 41.5 million pieces of glass tesserae.
- St. Louis is home to the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River-St. Louis University.
- The first Jewish congregation west of the Mississippi was founded here, as was the first library west of the Mississippi.
- Famous writers including T.S. Eliot, Maya Angelou, William Gass, Tennessee Williams & Eugene Field were from St. Louis.
- The first kindergarten in the U.S. was founded in St. Louis by Susan Blow.
- St. Louis was the first American city to host the Olympic Games in 1904.
- The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space capsules were built in St. Louis by McDonnell Douglas, now Boeing.
- The world's first skyscraper, the Louis Sullivan's Wainwright Building, was built here in 1897.
- Jefferson Barracks is the second largest military cemetery in the U.S., and was the site of one of the bloodiest battles in the Civil War with 25,000 killed.
- The first successful parachute jump made from a moving airplane was made by Captain Berry in St. Louis in 1912.
- Missouri's oldest community, St. Genevieve, was founded as early as 1735.

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 Sheila Stokes-Begley
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Reach for the Sky, Pardner!

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY

MSSA member Bob Hanson recently invited me to Pioneer's McBride range for a competition. But this wasn't your standard competition. Oh NO! Bob knew my cowgirl soul would be fascinated by Cowboy action shooting. He was so right! I drove out to McBride, which is not too far from Bates City, after looking at my next project horse which was living not too far from there. I was in a cowgirl state of mind. I pulled up and parked and felt like I had stepped back in time. Let me share my time capsule with you.

I parked, got out and started walking toward a few women sitting under a shelter on the cool, grey day. A beautiful blond lady with a great hat and split skirt (hmm, just perfect for riding, I wonder if my new horse would like mounted cowboy action?) was sitting in a chair visiting with a lady in a t-shirt and another lady in jeans and a old west style shirt. She asked if she could help me. I told her I would like to talk to them about Cowboy Action Shooting. She offered to get the men for me to talk to them, but I wanted to start right where I was, with the ladies.

I found out very quickly that this is a very special group of people, and a very special sport. They know each other mostly by their alias. They may not know your real name, but they know people from different states, all by alias.

Choosing the right alias is very important. It can be something or someone from a movie, or a nickname, but it needs to be something that has meaning for you. The beautiful blond turns out to be "Miss Hallie", from the movie "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance". Her husband is "Big Muddy". In real life they are Dan & Cindy Waters, now you see the "Big Muddy". Lonesome Ryder & Cherokee Half Breed (Joe & Sharon Burton) I already knew from gun shows. Joe makes fabulous holsters. Sharon really is part Cherokee, and was called that most of her life. Schnickelfritz and Mrs. Shots are Scott and Deana Siegfried. Schnickelfritz was Scott's nickname when he was younger. In

the beginning you could have variations of a name. When Lonesome Dove came out, there were Augustus McCray, Gus McCray, different spellings. Now the names need to be very original. Creativity gains high marks.

People get into Cowboy action for different reasons. Big Muddy always loved wearing cowboy hats. Some like going back in time. The Scenarios for Pioneer are written by Cherokee Half Breed. They may involve a saloon, a cheat at a card table, or whatever her fertile imagination comes up with. There are great stages, real saloon fronts and windows for props. In the script it will tell which order you are to shoot which gun, so that everyone is shooting the same. From there you compare accuracy and time. Like any other competition, there are "gamers". People that are more concerned about winning than the fun they could be having. This can lead to less than honest practices. The classes are divided by age, firearm used (adjustable vs. non-adjustable sights) and a few other things. The classes have names like Juniors, 49ers, Seniors, Elder Statesman and Grand Dame.

The clothes look like such a fun part to me. They can be procured from catalogs or made yourself, some stores now carry a selection, and some of the women in the group sew. Even though they are competing against each other, they still help each other. Some clubs are very strict, some are more laid back about what you can and can't wear.

The firearms need to follow certain guidelines. The revolver needs to be a .32 or larger centerfire. Either an original, or a reproduction of a firearm made before 1899. The rifle should be .25 caliber or larger and .45 and .38 are popular. The shotgun needs to be a 20 gauge or larger, though youth may use a .410. It may be a double barrel or a pump, but it can not have ejectors.

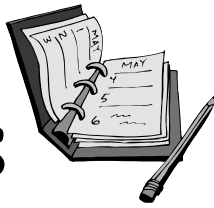
The "fellers" had wandered over when the discussion was on names and about everyone there was a couple. So, is the a family sport? Oh YEAH! Very much so! I had the pleasure of meeting AJ Slickshot. AJ is 10 years old, and it was his first shoot. The whole group felt that is was a very positive and wholesome experience for their children. They learn safety, safety, safety and more safety. They see firearms in a positive light, which with the way schools now portray firearms to kids, is a saving grace for the shooting sports. And they just have a darn good time dressing up and stepping back in time.

One of the things that just really surprised me is how open and friendly everyone was. When Bob first invited me out to watch, he offered, come on out, I'll let you shoot my guns. When I got ready to leave the whole group invited me back for the shoot in October, and several offered, come on out, I'll let you shoot my guns. These folks have a warm friendly attitude reminiscent of days gone by and an eagerness to welcome others into their sport. So, if you are looking for a family friendly activity to check out, check with one of our affiliated clubs to see if they offer Cowboy Action Shooting, or Pioneer's was started when Lonesome Ryder read an article in the Dillion Leather catalog and got to talking to Schnickelfritz at a different type of competition. Two people were the start of a now thriving group!



From L to R: Big Muddy, Miss Hallie, Lonesome Ryder, AJ Slickshot (in front), Cherokee Half Breed, Schnickelfritz

Mark Your Calendars



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Wild Game Feed
Ozark Shooters

9-10

Ugly Bird Shoot
Ozark Shooters

17

IDPA Pistol Match
Bench Rest

22

Rimfire Silhouette
Bench Rest

31

New Year's Blast
Ozark Shooters

OCTOBER

26-29

Cowboy Action Shoot
Ozark Shooters

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600-Yd Bench Rest Match (IBS Reg)
Bench Rest

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Witches Brew
Ozark Shooters

NOVEMBER

3-5

Ozark Mountain Classic
Ozark Shooters

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Cowboy Action
Pioneer Gun Club

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22 Rimfire Silhouette
Bench Rest

5,12,19,26

Shotgun @ 9 pm
Pioneer Gun Club

6,13,20,27

Bullseye @ 6 pm
Pioneer Gun Club

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IDPA Pistol Match
Bench Rest

25-26

Turkey Blast
Ozark Shooters

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High Power Silhouette
Bench Rest

DECEMBER

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MSSA ANNUAL MEMBERS MTG
2pm (BOD elections, bring mbr card)
MSSA Awards Banquet
6pm, after Meeting - \$15 per – RSVP

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Cowboy Action @ 10 am
Pioneer Gun Club

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ATA Trap
Ozark Shooters

3,10,17,24,31

Shotgun @ 9 pm
Pioneer Gun Club

4,11,18

Bullseye @ 6 pm
Pioneer Gun Club



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CMP Vintage Military & M-1 Garand MATCHES

At Owensville Gun Club, Owensville, Missouri

BY JOHN LEINBERGER

The Owensville Gun Club has, for many years, had competitive skeet and trap available to its members. Three years ago they started a .22 silhouette match. This silhouette shooting, under the leadership of Jim Miller, has been very successful. Jim has developed several categories of competition to fit the interest of club members. There is half and half, where both off the bench and standing are used for scoped or iron sighted rifles, all standing for scoped or iron sighted rifles, and pistol.

Starting in July 06, the club offered their big bore shooters competition in the form of Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) registered matches with vintage military rifles, defined as bolt action rifles in original military configuration as might have been used in WWII.

With the 27 August match, shooting was extended to include the M-1 Garand. The vintage rifle and M-1 Garand matches will be fired into December 06. Big bore shooting is coordinated by LTC Don Merritt, US Army (RET), with Mark Ehlert as line captain.

The plan of the big bore shooters is to start 2007 with CMP and NRA registered matches, possibly in March. The club will attempt to

attract as many junior shooters as possible by offering a CMP Junior Directors Plaque to the high junior shooter of the year. Given a mix of seasoned and junior shooters.

LTC Merritt hopes to form a big bore team to represent Owensville in the various statewide matches.

We are very fortunate to have LTC Don Merritt residing near Owensville, Missouri. He is very active promoting these matches and this program in the Owensville area. LTC Merritt (RET) joined the California National Guard in 1953. Commissioned a 2nd LT in 1957, he is a graduate of the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, the Transportation Officer School at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Department of Defense, Systems Management College, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. LTC Merritt holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, a BA in Economics, and a MA in Management Systems.

LTC Merritt is qualified as both an airplane and helicopter pilot. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. LTC Merritt holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars (one for Valor), four

Matches will be held at the Owensville Gun Club in Owensville, Missouri on the following dates:

- December 3, 2006
- December 17, 2006

JUNIOR SHOOTERS (14 YRS+) AND ADULT SHOOTERS ARE WELCOME

For information, contact:

LTC Don Merritt

Email: d7236@fidnet.com

Meritorious Service Medals, thirteen Air Medals (one for Valor), the Purple Heart, and four Army Commendation Awards.

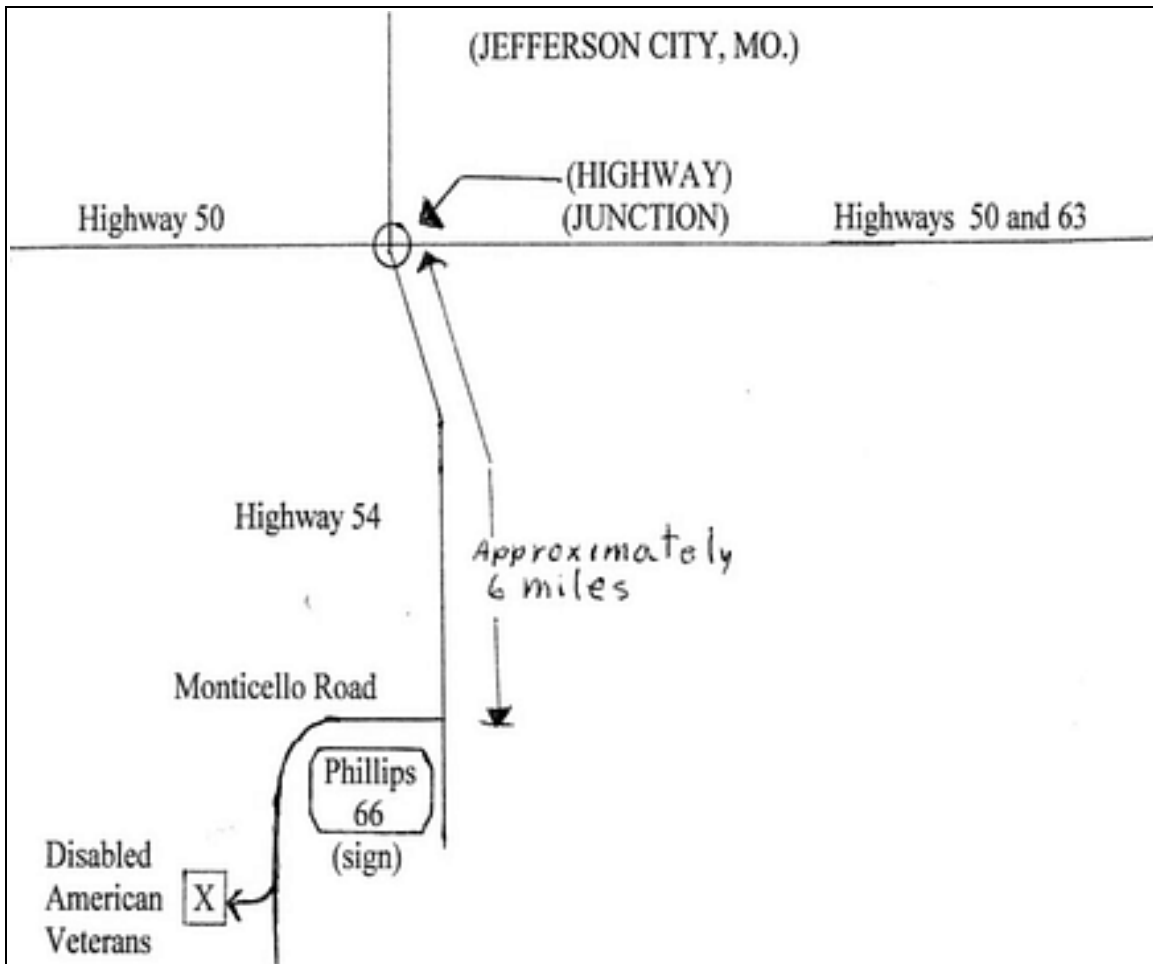
LTC Merritt's shooting experience started in high school, where for four years he was a member of the varsity rifle team. He was first certified as an NRA Rifle and Pistol Instructor in 1955. LTC Merritt was a member of the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard rifle team till he entered active duty in 1966. On active duty, he shot on various post/station teams and coached an Explorer Scout Post in rifle marksmanship at Ft. Hood, Texas.

LTC Merritt retired in 1984 and was an active member of the Aurora Sportsmen Club in Illinois prior to moving to Owensville in 2004.

HEADS-UP! Three Position air rifle rule changes – read Gary Anderson's summary of the changes here: www.odcmp.org/0906/default.asp?page=3PRULES (We'll try to cover this in the next edition.)

MSSA ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING **December 2, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**

MSSA Awards Banquet – 6 p.m. at the same Location!



LOCATION: The Disabled American Veterans Building

FROM the Junction of Highways 50-63-54 in Jefferson City, Missouri:

GO SOUTH on HWY 54 for ABOUT 6 MILES.

You will see a large Phillips 66 sign. Just BEFORE you get to the sign:

TURN RIGHT onto MONTICELLO ROAD.

PROCEED 2 TENTHS OF A MILE to the D.A.V.

*The Disabled American Veterans building is on the RIGHT SIDE of the road.
It's a white building with blue trim, with **Chapter 17 D.A.V.** written on it.*

For any additional information, you may call (573) 943-6632 or (573) 291-3180.

More Info About...

The MSSA Members' Meeting & Banquet

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY

This year's MSSA Annual Members' Meeting and the Awards Banquet are rapidly approaching. There will be some changes, and some things will be the same.

First off the changes: The meeting and banquet will **both** be held at the Disabled American Veterans building on Monticello Road in Jefferson City. That way, we can attend the Annual Meeting (elections!) at 2 p.m., have a little break, and then attend the Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. without having to drive to another location.

For Board elections this year, members will be provided "official" ballots (paper specially marked for this election) to write in votes. Memberships will be checked prior to voting, too, so be sure to bring your MSSA membership card with you when you come.

The things that will be the same: The banquet is in the same place, the Disabled American Veterans Building. The food is being provided by the same company that did such a great job last year, Osage Catering. (For those who missed it last year, the food was great.) This year's spread will be fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, jello salad, garden salad, rolls with butter, ice tea, coffee...and, also this year...*drum roll please.....ta da!!* Dessert! A choice of chocolate cream pie or coconut cream pie. The price is still the same as last year: **\$15!** Now, you just can't beat a deal like that!

There will also be door prizes, in addition to the raffle drawings, so wear your lucky boots and carry your lucky penny!

Come prepared to cheer for the winners of this year's competitions, including Smallbore Rifle, Highpower and Pistol.

We hope this year's Banquet will be the best yet! So send your reservations and \$15.00 each for the dinner to:

**Missouri Sport Shooting Association
P.O. Box 10170
Columbia, MO 65205-4002**

Thanks to John Leinberger for providing the map!

MSSA RAFFLES

Help Support Junior Shooting

CMP/MSSA M-1 GARAND RAFFLE

MSSA, with help from the CMP, will conduct our 8th annual raffle* for an M-1 Garand. The CMP provides us with the rifle at a discount, and all funds raised from this activity go toward the support of junior shooting in the state.

The GARAND raffle will be the same as the past several years, with a maximum of **250** tickets offered at a donation of **\$5.00** each.

Take advantage of this opportunity to win a piece of military history, and at the same time, help the junior shooting programs in Missouri.

This offer has usually been posted in the July issue; but due to a miscommunication, it was delayed to the current issue.

MSSA M-1600 ARMSCO RAFFLE

MSSA will also conduct a raffle* for an M-1600 ARMSCO .22 caliber rifle. MSSA provides the rifle.

The ARMSCO raffle will be a maximum of **400** tickets offered at a donation of only **\$1.00** each.

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***We thank all that have supported this program in the past
and hope that you participate again this year.***

Harold Miederhoff and Lee Koester

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COLUMBIA, MO 65205-4002**

Be sure to include your phone number.
The stubs will be returned to the purchaser by mail.

You can also get tickets through the website:
www.MissouriSportShooting.org/tickets.htm

*The drawings will be held at MSSA's Awards Banquet on December 2.



THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Greg Jeffery

ELECTIONS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Here we go again... another two years have passed and another frustrating election with a bunch of politicians that make most Americans just plain tired of their antics is upon us. It is enough to make you want to just tune it all out and stay home. BUT... this could very well be the most important election of YOUR lifetime.

Here is why.

WHO WILL CONTROL CONGRESS

The prize of this election is that there is a chance that control of the Senate and/or the House may change from the Republican Party to the Democrat Party. [The comments that follow after this are solely my own and are not an endorsement of one party or candidate over another... just my assessment of the world we live in today... and what our future might look like dependant on how you vote this November.]

The answer to who will control congress will not be known till after the election. But this election well be one of the most critical elections in your lifetime... and your right to own, to carry and to use firearms will hang in the balance with the results.

This election is THAT important. You NEED to go vote. But more importantly... you need to think very carefully and vote very wisely.

ENTER THE MEDIA

If you sit back and listen to the common major media [network television news, Hollywood celebrities, etc...], our world is in the dumper... and it is all because of the evil Republican Party and the "incompetent" administration of George W Bush.

I will not attempt to defend President Bush because I'm not too sure he needs it. Not everything has gone perfect, but I will point out this: Almost since the first election, George W has been constantly criticized and attacked by every traditional "news" source. To listen to them, you begin to believe that George W has done nothing right. I think George W now knows what it feels like to be a gun owner... under constant attack by the media.

Here is a little reminder to all voting gun owners. THE MEDIA IS BIASED. Be VERY CAREFUL before you believe ANYTHING the major media tells you.

We no longer have a "free" press that provides only facts to the public. Most major news sources are controlled by people with ideological agendas and the left-wing bias is now nearly institutional. The media could no more tell the American people the truth about how the war is going or why oil prices got high... any more than they can tell the American public the truth about guns and gun owners.

Listening to all the attacks on this administration reminds me of the way gun owners are constantly portrayed. Or have you forgotten that your deer rifle is a high-power "sniper" rifle that shoots "cop-killer" bullets and that citizens are too incompetent to carry guns to defend themselves.

Think back to the last anti-gun "news" program that you saw put on by ABC/CBS/NBC... etc. Do you remember how mad you got when they lied? The media constantly misrepresent the facts about guns because they have an agenda to convince the public that gun ownership is bad. The media ALSO HAS AN AGENDA FOR THIS ELECTION... get rid of the Republicans.

Listening and watching the constant daily bombardment of the current congress and administration reminds me of ALL the constant negative "reporting" over guns, gun ownership and about us... the gun owners. And how the media purposefully ignores any good news about guns and gun owners. Do you really believe that nothing has gone right for six years? Even though the economy is amazingly strong given all the world crises?

I hope you haven't forgotten how YOU as a gun owner have been and still are portrayed in the news. We are drunken red necks who carry guns because we just want to go kill people. To the media and the Hollywood elite, we are the town drunk who is an embarrassment to "enlightened" society and need to be locked up. Do you want the Hollywood types setting the agenda again?

THE LESSER OF TWO UNDESIRABLES

Many elections before this one have routinely been described as a choice between the lesser of two undesirables. But this election is about more than the individual races that you will be voting on. This is a vote for CONTROL. And you need to keep that in mind when you go to the polls.

There are many good pro-gun Democrats in the state legislature and a few at the federal level. There are some anti-gun Republicans at the federal level as well. But what is important is to pay attention to the people who control the party [Democrat or Republican] and who the Party would put in control of the agenda.

THE FEDERAL LEVEL

Republicans may not be perfect. They have not advanced the cause of gun rights at the federal level. But they have maintained a defense of those rights even though the media constantly bombards the public for more "gun control." The Republican leadership, in general, believes in American autonomy and the desire to preserve our country's ability to act independently in our own interests.

The Democratic Leadership has a distinctly different world view. If the Democrats take back control of the House and/or the Senate, the people that have been positioned to take the power seats, who will decide what legislation will be introduced and passed, are not your friends. They believe in gun control and taking away your firearms.

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Mathew Brady photograph of the color bearers and color guard, 7th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, armed with Henry rifles.

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Legislative Update

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THE STATE LEVEL

Again... there ARE many pro-gun Democrats in this state. But it took Missouri twelve years to pass our License to Carry Bill because the Party was controlled by anti-gun owners. The Party leadership... those who controlled the legislative agenda... were not our friends.

When the Republicans took control of the House and Senate, they took up and passed the License to Carry bill. They overrode the veto of the anti-gun governor with the help of those same pro-gun Democrats.

But this is about who will be in control. Do we want to return to fighting state level ammunition taxes, gun bans, etc?

ABOUT MORE THAN GUNS

What about issues like the war in Iraq and the nuclear threats from North Korea and Iran? What about gas prices and other issues? These are important issues, too.

In 2001, our nation and our people were viciously and brutally attacked in a manner that was so evil as to be considered unimaginable. It was a wake up call to all Americans that there are people in the world who hate us. Not because of what we did or do... but because of who we are.

In this case, there is a clear difference between the leadership of the two parties. One party understands the dangers and is attempting to do difficult tasks to handle these new and dangerous problems. The other party believes we are at fault and that if we leave "them" alone, they will leave us alone.

The world is a dangerous complicated place. You decide which party is right.

YOUR VOTE COULD DECIDE THE FUTURE

Will the Democratic Party attack your gun rights if they take back control of Congress? You only need to review their history to get that answer. Other articles have attempted to remind you of the details of those numerous attacks: gun bans, ammo bans, licenses judicial rulings etc... so I will not detail the attacks here. I will remind you that IF the Democratic Party takes control of the House and Senate... the attacks on your guns will begin again.

I would also point out that the Democratic leadership believes that our country should be more subservient to the will of the United Nations. Do not forget that the United Nations is behind a world-wide campaign to ban the possession of "small arms." According to the IANSA [UN sponsored anti-gun organization], a "small arms" includes a double barrel shotgun and your Smith and Wesson .38 revolver.

If Republicans stay in control of Congress, your guns rights might not advance... but they will not be under attack.

The November elections will be here before you know it. You need to go vote. But more importantly, you need to cast your vote wisely.



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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

18 September, 2006

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have one year and two months before Hillary Clinton begins her campaign for president.

A rapper known as "C-Murder" is under house arrest awaiting a second trial on a murder charge. If a man came to me with a murder charge, and he was named "Murder", or any variation thereof, I would charge more.

Astronomers have declared that Pluto is no longer considered to be a planet. It is now merely an object orbiting the sun to no particular purpose. I know some people like that.

I was called by a Jackson County man who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. This has become less common in my practice; the really unusual thing is that he was charged with carrying a handgun in his glove compartment, which is specifically not a crime anymore. He was arrested in December of 2003, while the law was still in litigation. However, the car carry provision was never challenged. He was not formally charged for at least six months, after the Supreme Court found the law constitutional. The real problem was that he called me three days before his trial was scheduled to start. I spoke to his lawyer who confirmed the sequence of events and said that he could get a plea to something minor. Of course he could, the man did not commit a crime, major or minor. I learned later that the man had pled to a minor charge because he did not want to roll the dice on a felony.

A man in the St. Louis area called me to report that he had been arrested for "brandishing a firearm in an angry and threatening manner". This one is a problem. He was pulling out of a parking place when another driver almost hit him. They pulled back, tried again, and again almost hit. The other driver began screaming curses, the caller reports having given him the finger and driving

off. The other driver followed him, which was alarming. Stopped at a crossing, the other driver reportedly approached his car screaming curses and pounding on his door. He opened his glove compartment and indicated his gun. The guy ran off, just far enough to call the police and report a lunatic brandishing a gun. The police found a gun which indicated to them that the rest of the story might be true as well. The man's wife reported that the incident happened at an intersection covered by traffic cameras. The camera did not show any such incident. This may have been due to a stress-induced mistake. The real problem is that people who carry guns cannot give people the finger, or anything similar, and they **MUST** carry cell phones and use them whenever the gun is used, no matter how minimally. This is a swearing contest, so to speak, and the man is reluctant to roll the dice. His lawyer tells me that the local police do not care what the law says, if anyone carries in a car, they will be arrested. It looks like a fertile field for lawsuits.

These cases demonstrate that people who carry guns must have better manners than anyone else, especially in the presence of people with no manners. Secondly, everyone who carries a gun must carry a cell phone and must be the first one to call the police if the gun is used or even referred to, no matter how minimally.

A man has been sent to the Western Missouri Mental Health Center after three years in an isolation cell in the City jail. He was homeless before his incarceration for random attacks on people, which he continued when he was jailed. He is thought to be insane. There is no room in the mental health system for such persons, so he was sentenced to the municipal jail which is hardly a treatment plan; I feel my sanity slipping when I must visit a client there. The triumph is that he will be in Western Missouri Mental Health for 30 days observation. After that he may be released, to socialize with the rest of us in the only way he knows how, or some long term treatment plan may be found, perhaps election to the City Council. It is

said that half the inmates of the city jail have mental problems, and they are going to get out.

Kansas City has revised its decision that it was unnecessary to have an evacuation plan. The City now has a plan which claims that it can evacuate the downtown area in 1.96 hours. This seems remarkably precise for a plan which must be carried out, if at all, under extreme stress and threats from some quarter. I am constrained to point out that it takes better than two hours for the City council to decide when to have a meeting at which to discuss what consultants to hire to advise an evacuation.

A client is an expert in cleaning up contaminated sites. I quizzed him about lead contamination at shooting ranges. He agrees that if children were to eat bullets, they would have serious medical consequences. However, they are not likely to eat bullets. The claim is that run off from ranges contaminates the soil, leading to health problems. He says that in order to have health consequences, a child would have to eat contaminated dirt ten hours a day, 365 days per year. This seems unlikely, but the opposition does not deal in likely, they will scream cancer, and toxic and dead children. We will not scream. We will simply say they prefer superstition to science.

President Bush came to Kansas City and our Gary was one of the people who was introduced to him as he came off the plane. The photo is on page A-4 of the 9 September, 2006 Kansas City Star.

I have a new dog, a black Labrador female named Max; just Max, not short for Maxine. People object that Max is a male name. I say that this is America and Max can have any name I say, and it is easy to spell. I took Max to Congressman Sam Graves' picnic; Max, an aggressively friendly dog, tried to jump on the Congressman. Assaulting a Congressman with a canine has to be some kind of crime. Fortunately, Sam is one of us and loves dogs.

As of July 2006, there are 27,700 Missouri LTC's, and thousands of out of state licenses.

The leading candidates for president in 2008 are Republicans ex-New York

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THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

August 26, 2006

*tentative; subject to Board approval

The meeting was called to order at noon by Kevin Jamison. Board members present were Kevin Jamison, Lee Koester, Kent Finlay, Tim Oliver, Grace and John Leinberger, Dave Jones, Bob Sliger, Terry Struse, Sheila Stokes-Begley, Zac Bauer, Tom Zenthofer, and Roscoe Morris; absent were Gary Davis, Kyle Lairmore, Greg Jeffery, Larry Crawford, Michael Meyer, and Harold Meiderhoff. The minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Missouri Shooter* were approved by the Board.

Lee Koester provided the Treasurer's report: In brief, there was \$11,219 in checking, the CD was at \$5500, things were looking good financially. The Treasurer's report was then approved.

Zac passed out samples of pins and advised he was ready to order pending approval on type, number and cost. A discussion followed on pin sales and distribution, and pin type was decided. There was consensus there should be pins to sell at the NRA Annual Meeting in St. Louis; given this, there was a motion to order 10,000 pins, which was passed; up to \$3000 was allocated for purchase. Lee advised we have caps and shirts in inventory.

NRA Annual Meeting matters continued being discussed; Tom relayed some convention details, such as the MSSA table would be 10x10 and was to be located prominently just inside the door alongside Illinois' NRA State Association. A question arose regarding a speaker at MSSA's Annual Meeting; Bob advised we were in contact with NRA Secretary Land's office, among others.

Kevin provided an update on obtaining 501(c)(3) status: We now have an EIN; 501 paperwork is still due back from the IRS. We are slowly making progress.

MSSA had sponsored attendance at an NRA seminar in Ohio; John and Grace attended. They provided an excellent report along with information packets to the Board. Topics included: 1) NRA-ILA action and participation; 2) Education & Training, with emphasis on youth, women, instructors; 3) Membership, with details on the recruitment program especially; 4) NRA endorsed insurance; 5) Range Services, including the range tech program, the range source book, the national range grant program, OSHA and EPA requirements; and 6) Community Service, which included the Eddie Eagle and Refuse To Be A Victim programs. Grace related there had been concerns and ideas about getting more junior shooters into competition. Grace

noted MSSA has one of the best camps in the country and the only smallbore, thus we also get juniors from out-of-state; MSSA also charges less for camps (Ohio's is \$250), and we have good 4H participation (MO 4H has sent a team for each discipline to the national championships for the past three years). Lack of 4H participation was one of the concerns discussed at the seminar.

Interest had prompted further discussion on the NRA recruitment program: MSSA could make \$5 per NRA renewal and \$10 per new NRA member; Bob provided first-hand knowledge of the program and also encouraged MSSA participation.

NRA range services had also prompted a deeper discussion on that topic: Grace had learned noise and environmental pollution complaints against ranges had become a new antigunners' venue; Tim was interested in the service as there was a lawsuit against a long-established rural rod & gun club for noise. To protect the ranges, NRA range techs were being trained to inspect ranges to help with OSHA & EPA requirements and methods of noise abatement. There was discussion on whether someone from MSSA should take range tech training so MSSA could provide this service; the general consensus was we should; Zac expressed an interest in it. Further discussion was needed next meeting.

John reported needs, especially for indoor range facilities for state 3P smallbore rifle championships, preferably on the eastern side of the state; Tom knew of two new ones in the Imperial area.

Sheila passed out draft brochure; ideas and discussion followed.

New business: Zac reported the current host of the MSSA website would no longer be available, it would be moved to a new host; Grace advised there might be a grant available for the website. Raffles: Tickets would be on the website, and the raffles needed to be announced in the next newsletter; Grace thought MSSA should broaden ticket sales and not limit numbers sold, relating Ohio was having great success in this area; upon discussion, future ticket sales may be expanded. Lee reported Henry Rifles' purchase of newsletter ad-space had included a donated rifle!

Somehow missed earlier, Kent gave the XO's report. He further advised he had someone in mind who would be good for the Executive Officer's position; he still needed to make contact.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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WE WANT YOUR STORIES! MSSA is soliciting true and original shooting, hunting or firearms related articles by MSSA members and other interested parties for publication in THE MISSOURI SHOOTER.

Junior members may submit school compositions and reports. We will also publish a range or club's upcoming events, matches, and gun shows. Graphics and photos may be included with your article (image files preferred). Please indicate if you would like photos returned, and we will do our best to do so; however, neither MSSA nor its members shall be liable for loss or damage of submitted materials.

All submissions should include name, address, and phone number so we may contact you regarding questions or editing. Articles may be sent via email as attachments. (Most document types are acceptable: Word, Wordperfect, OpenOffice, AportisDoc, etc., or plain text files.) Send all submissions to be considered for publication to Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, at the physical or email address provided on page 2 under "MSSA Board of Directors." *We look forward to hearing from you. Feel free to contribute regularly!*

Liberty Notes

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Mayor Gulianni and Senator McCain, and Democrat Hilary Clinton. All of these people hate us. We need to have a Congress that will be on our side, men like Sam Graves in the 6th District and Jacob Turk in the 5th District and Senator Jim Talent.

A new gun shop, Moore Outdoors, is at 14115 Earthworks Drive, Smithville, MO 64089, phone 816-532-BANG (2264). This is south of Smithville on the east side of 169 Highway, by Conoco and In-a-Tub. He carries camping equipment as well as firearms, so this might be a good place to shop before the meteor strikes, the zombies attack, and Kansas City carries out its precisely timed evacuation.

In the "Road Warrior" movie, a member of a refugee group wants to negotiate with marauder leader "Humungus," claiming, "He's a reasonable man." "Humungus" uses members of their group for hood ornaments, yet the character claims that he is "reasonable" when all evidence is to the contrary. Simply wishing or hoping that someone must be reasonable does not make it so. We are constantly presented with politicians we are told are "reasonable," and what they find reasonable is to make hood ornaments of our rights. That's why we keep track of these people.

I remember a "Three Stooges" episode in which the Three are dressed as Hitler, Tojo and Mussolini at a peace conference. "We want peace," declares Moe/Hitler. "Yeah," joins in Curly/Mussolini, "A piece of this country, a piece of that country . . ." This is the approach many have to our rights, a piece here, a piece there.

There has been much controversy over how to deal with the millions of aliens who are illegally in this country. The scope of the problem is indicated by the constantly escalating estimates of how many millions are here. Regardless of what action is taken, in my opinion, millions of aliens, chiefly Mexicans, will remain in this country. There is no economic opportunity for them at home and they cannot be blamed for wanting a better life. There are repeated proposals that would put these aliens "on a path to

citizenship." This causes some agitation as citizens can sponsor other relatives. However, the "path to citizenship" begins with "permanent residency," takes five years to travel by law, and there is government paperwork and a citizenship test at the end. I find it a simple test, but many native Americans could not pass it. The permanent resident of Mexican nationality could apply for a spouse and unmarried children, if willing to wait seven years and sixteen years respectively for them to arrive. The new Mexican-American citizen can then apply for immediate family members; a wife is eligible for an "immediate" visa, as the government defines these things (I have one client facing a processing time of over a year for his wife's visa). Other relatives face a delay of from thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years depending on how immediate the government defines their immediate family relationship to be. None of this seems to be a good thing, no matter what one's opinion of immigration might be. As an immigration attorney, I should rejoice in complexity, but I do not know a single immigration attorney who rejoices in red tape. The Chinese claim that in every crisis there is an opportunity. The opportunity here is that we have time to educate the new residents in the value of gun ownership. Mexico has a tradition of revolution against tyranny, largely unsuccessful. However, their peasant militias threw out two European powers. We can build on this, and I think we have to. If some of our people would help teach English classes, teach citizenship classes, and encourage these new residents to come out to shooting events, we may end up with a float in the Cinco de Mayo Parade, and a voting block that is for us instead of against us.

At a gun show, I overheard a man refuse to join the NRA on the grounds that it "only supported republicans" and his union told him that was a bad thing. On the other hand, if all the Democrats had won, he wouldn't have been standing in a gun show getting a good deal on a semi-automatic carbine. On yet another hand, what he was told is not true. The NRA has supported Democrats; I have seen it, I have sat on committees that gave NRA endorsements to Democrats. WMSA has supported Democrats; I have handed them the check.

A judge just ruled that the Democratic machines in St. Louis and Kansas City can have one more chance at election fraud. This makes the Talent race that much more difficult. It means that we have to ask people to Vote Freedom First. No matter what economic, social, religious, or scientific issues they might have, we have to vote our Liberties. If we can keep the opposition on the defensive for just two more years, we may be able to generate enough momentum that they cannot stop us. The claims that re-electing Senator Talent will mean the end of our financial interests are not credible. We heard these claims when President Reagan first ran, when he ran for re-election, when Bush One ran, when "W" first ran, and when he ran for re-election. Our economic abilities are intact. However, when anti-gun politicians were elected, our rights took hits from which we have not yet fully recovered. One more "Freedom First" vote may convince politicians that anti-gun policies are practical and political losers. The WMSA endorsements are at www.WMSA.net. Tell your friends, one more "Vote Freedom First."

I saw a Chinese movie "Mountain Patrol." It concerned a group of Tibetans who formed a volunteer militia to protect a sacred antelope herd from poachers. The volunteers took casualties from the poachers, and the harsh Tibetan wilderness, but were successful in protecting the herd and getting international bans on the pelts, which discouraged poaching. Confronted with success, the Chinese government controlled it, took it over and disbanded the volunteer militia; it can't have mere citizens being successful.

The Great Rivers Habitat Alliance (see www.grha.net) is an NRA supported conservation program to preserve hunting habitat near St. Louis.

Many claim that gasoline prices are dropping only because of the coming election. If the price could be dialed up and down at the will of politicians, I doubt they would have allowed it to approach \$3 a gallon in an election year. They were afraid to deal with gun issues, much less gas prices.

We shall overcome.

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Kansas City, MO

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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

WE are MSSA

MSSA is a non-profit organization of Members united to protect and promote shooting sports and youth programs, hunting, and gun rights. Organized in 1928, MSSA is today Missouri's premier shooting sports and gun rights group. We're affiliated with the Conservation Federation of Missouri and are the official State Affiliate for the National Rifle Association, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, and USA Shooting.

MSSA MEETINGS IN 2006

December 2 at 2 p.m. (BOD Elections!)

The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business. Meetings are open to the Members, and the next meeting will again be at the MO Dept. of Conservation-Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City. **NOTE: The Dec 2nd meeting has been moved to the DAV (details to follow in next issue).**

Dec. 2 includes the *Annual Members Meeting* for the elections of MSSA Board members, so attendance is especially encouraged. Remember, the MSSA Banquet will also be held after this meeting!

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Ad Policies and Opportunities

Free Advertising

"For Sale/Wanted" by MSSA Members

MSSA will offer free advertising space for our members. All items should be gun, shooting or hunting related. Each member may post ads of 60 words or less per issue, space available, on a first-come basis. Ads MUST be sent to the Editor by U.S. Mail or email and arrive before the publishing deadline. Email should be in plain text, Microsoft Word, or OpenOffice format. All correspondence should include your return address, which will not be published, and your phone number. Due care and diligence will be used to type and print your ad accurately; however, THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, MSSA, the officers, and volunteer editors will not be held liable for errors, misprints, typos, or other mistakes. Any deals struck shall be between a buyer and seller, THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, MSSA, the officers, and volunteer editors will not be a third party to any transaction. Participants shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, codes, and regulations, etc. governing that type of transaction. Let the buyer and seller beware. We will not accept any ads that we find objectionable or immoral or anything we suspect to be illegal. We will not accept ads for Class 3 firearms, silencers, sound suppressors, explosives, and destructive devices, spy, surveillance, or police equipment. The editor without prior notice may amend, create, revise, or rescind policies and rules as required by circumstance.

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Our Reasonable Rates:

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1/4 Page	\$50/issue	\$200/year
1/2 Page	\$100/issue	\$400/year
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MSSA will send a free one-year membership including "THE MISSOURI SHOOTER" to any active duty service member from Missouri. Here's how the free one-year membership works:

- ✓ Be full-time active military duty.
- ✓ Be a current or former Missouri resident, and register MO as your state of residence.
- ✓ Be recommended by a current MSSA member, or request your free one-year membership in writing to:

MSSA
P.O. Box 10170
Columbia, MO 64205-4002

If you qualify or know someone who qualifies, please fill out an application from either the MSSA website or from the back of this publication, "THE MISSOURI SHOOTER."

Instead of a membership dues check, please send a signed note and pledge that you/they are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your/their state of residence.

If you are on active duty, and receiving THE MISSOURI SHOOTER and feel so inclined, send us a letter for publication! We've got a column reserved just for you. (*Stars & Stripes*)

For more info regarding MSSA, visit:

www.missourisportshooting.org

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