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## A Surge In Concealed Carry By Zachary Bauer

It seems that the past election sure has had at least one positive effect on the gun industry if not more than one. We have probably all by now read the news reports of the increase of ammo and firearms sales across the nation.

However we are also seeing a huge increase in the amount of concealed carry permits across the state and reports are coming in that this is the case across the country as well. We don't have hard numbers yet for the state of Missouri but we know for a fact that instructors around the state are booked solid for concealed carry classes based on the info we get from the website [Missouricarry.com](http://Missouricarry.com).

I talked to a couple of instructors this past month. John Ross and Dan Smith who are both instructors in the St. Louis area told me that they have their classes book solid. Dan Smith ([www.concealedcarryfirearms.com](http://www.concealedcarryfirearms.com)) who operates his classes out of Top Gun Shooting Sports near Arnold, MO has at least 20 students per class, the most the room will hold.

John Ross ([www.john-ross.net](http://www.john-ross.net)) who runs his classes out of the VFW hall in Brentwood, MO fits about 40 people in his class in a lecture hall type setting. Both say the demand for people getting their concealed carry permits is at an all time high.

"We see a variety of shooters come through the class. Some are first time shooters and some are people who are more familiar with firearms. Many are women" says Dan Smith. "People just want a way to protect themselves."

Myself as founder of [MissouriCarry.com](http://MissouriCarry.com), I am asked on a regular basis how someone can best go about becoming a concealed carry instructor. With the demand so high right now, its doesn't take a genius to understand that you can make money giving classes and as long as people walk away from the class knowing that they have learned something valueable, the word-of-mouth advertising is sure to bring in more clients.

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# The President's Podium

## Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

The new administration has inadvertently provided us with new friends. A fear that guns will be restricted, coupled with a fear that guns might be needed has sent a wave of new faces into gun shops. However, owning a rifle does not make one a rifleman any more than owning a piano makes one a musician. The Appleseed Project ([www.rwva.org](http://www.rwva.org)) is devoted to teaching new rifle owners to be riflemen. These brand new gun owners need mentors. This gives us an opportunity to make new friends.



These new gun owners will want instruction and this provides an opportunity to bring them into the fold. If they have a good experience at the range will continue to shoot and become a new generation of members to preserve our sport. Members are encouraged to keep an eye out for these prospects in gun shops, gun shows and the range. I frequently see articles reporting on the person who introduced the writer to shooting. You may achieve a measure of immortality. At worst, you can pick up their empty brass, they are new, they don't reload.

There is some bad news. In 2008 RSMo 571.070 was amended to prohibit knowing possession of any firearm (including muzzleloaders) by any person who has been convicted of any felony in any state or the federal system. This creates a problem. It is not clear if this law applies to persons whose rights to own guns were restored by the BATF. The restoration program has not been funded for a very long time and this was not considered when the statute was proposed.

However, now convicted felons can no longer possess muzzle-loading firearms. Previous law prohibited possession of concealable weapons for five years after release from the Department of Corrections. Then the legislature changed RSMo 571.070 to prohibit possession of any firearm. The definitions section of the firearms chapter includes muzzle-loaders but subtle changes removed the exception for possession of a muzzle-loader from the statute. On the surface this new statute only appeared to repeat federal law. At the time it was passed we were concentrating on range protection and we missed it. I missed it. The anti-gun faction hates us so much they will prohibit a small part of the shooting community from possessing an inoffensive type of firearm. This will remove only a small part of our community. However, we hate to lose even wayward members of our family.

In the waning days of the Bush administration the National Park Service changed its rules to allow persons to carry concealed in National Parks. The change was initially proposed in order to allow license holders to transit National Parks without stopping to unload and lock up their guns. The usual suspects filed a lawsuit claiming that the rule change failed to consider the environmental impact of license holders. The lawsuit assumed that license holders would idly shoot at animals. The court found that there was no evidence of such behavior in state parks or other federal wildlife areas, but ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. The decision is based on complete speculation of a trivial impact. However the administration has decided not to appeal the ruling. Fortunately the NRA has intervened in the lawsuit and will be appealing the ruling.

In Jackson County Missouri the Lake Lotawana gun range has been shut down for forty-five days. Persons moving into the vicinity of the range were outraged to find that shooting was going on. A neighbor complained that gunshots had damaged his satellite dish. The Sheriff's Department determined that the damage could not have come from the range. However the county legislature forced an agreement on the range to shut down. The range has an attorney working on the problem and we wish them well.

There are opportunities within problems, but that is the only good news.

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Since our last board meeting, I think I have referred at least 5 people to MSSA board member, Lee Koester. He is very much qualified by the NRA to teach students who wish to learn more about becoming a CCW instructor.

So the question now is why all the hype? Why are the classes filled to the max?

To quote John Wayne from the "Alamo", "Its like the sheep have smelled a wolfpack."

Today as of this writing, North Korea has just conducted another underground nuke test along with a short range missile test. Also as of this writing, Iran is sending 6 naval ships into international waters. The dollar continues to fall as the treasury printing presses run on overtime promising future inflation. The word "recession" is common place today and we even hear "depression" in the media from time to time. On top of all that it looks like unemployment is set to top 10% nationwide in just a few short weeks.

There is a lot happening and people are nervous. Sometime the best way to ensure your safety in a not so certain world is to get back to basics. What is more basic than ensuring your own safety by arming and protecting yourself and those that you love and care for?

If your interested in learning about a concealed carry instructor in your area, MissouriCarry.com list for free instructors on its website. Just select the area of the state you live in and then browse through the list of instructors you see for that area.



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# NRA

## ST. LOUIS 2012

### They're Coming Back...

By Zachary Bauer  
MSSA Board Member



MSSA member Dan Smith of Concealed Carry Firearms Training was first to report on MissouriCarry.com that the NRA will indeed be coming back to St. Louis in 2012. *The dates for the 2012 convention will be April 12-15.*

You may remember that all past NRA meeting attendance records were shattered when the NRA last visited St. Louis in 2007. We are hoping for another huge turnout this time around and already people in gun groups around the state are prepping for the arrival.

Even if you don't live in the STL metro area, an NRA convention is worth driving to see. So no excuses to our members who live in other parts of the state. The MSSA board is talking about getting a tradeshow booth soon as well so make sure you stop by and see us this time around.

#### AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association has *NRA Instructor* training opportunities through NRA Training Counselors and Senior Training Counselors. There are active MSSA members who are qualified for such duties. NRA shooting disciplines include Instructor training in:

- **Basic Pistol shooting**
- **Basic Rifle shooting**
- **Basic Shotgun shooting**
- **Muzzleloading Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun**
- **Personal Protection in the Home**
- **Home Firearm Safety**
- **Metallic and Shotgun Reloading**
- **Range Safety Officer and Chief Range Safety Officer**

*And for the more advanced*

- **Training Counselor**

*training can be acquired.*

Training is available on site. For qualifying Affiliate Clubs, financial aid is available to help offset the costs. For info, contact:

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**or, call Lee at 573-449-2849**

Though MSSA may not be able to help with finances, non-affiliated and out-of-state clubs can also contact Lee for training information.

#### MSSA AFFILIATES

- 67 Gun Club
- Arnold Junior Shooters
- Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
- Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis
- Big Game Hunters
- Boeing Employees Rifle & Pistol Club
- Bucksport Shooting Club & Jr. Div. Inc.
- Bullseye Gun & Rod Club
- Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club
- Clark County Long Beards
- Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports
- Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (GCLA)
- Gateway Claybusters
- Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
- Hunter Trailers
- Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club
- Lambert Field Rod & Gun Club
- Learn To Carry, LLC
- Missouri 4H Shooting Sports
- Missouri Gun & Quail Club
- Missouri Valley Arms Collectors Association
- MissouriCarry.com
- Outdoor Adventures Sport Show
- Osage Orange Sharpshooters
- Owensville Gun Club
- Ozark Shooters High School Trap
- Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
- Piasa Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
- Pioneer Gun Club
- Pony Express Pistol League
- St. Joseph Rifle and Pistol Club
- St. Louis Antique Arms Association, Inc.
- St. Louis Assn. of Firearms Training Instructors
- U.S. Reserve & Special Operations Group
- United Sportmen's Club
- Vienna Gun Club
- Western MO Shooters' Alliance (WMSA)
- Wil-Nor Hunt Club
- Women's Recreational Shooting Assn.

**By John Lienberger P1.**

# Junior Shooters

**Making A Mark**



**To MSSA Board of Directors and the MSSA Membership:**

**THANK YOU!** I am taking this opportunity to thank the MSSA Board of Director's and the membership for the continued support by MSSA for the Junior Program. At the April meeting Lee Koester presented John Leinberger (Junior Director) and Phil Anderson (Junior High Power) each with a check for \$1150.

\$500 was also presented to John Leinberger (Junior Director) to provide lodging for Junior Shooters attending the Small bore Clinic sponsored by the United States Army Marksmanship Unit at Ft. Benning, GA.

**The junior program is growing annually and more junior shooters are competing than before. These juniors are the adults, leaders, and voters of tomorrow. Your support has made this growth possible.**

**For this summer we have the following programs available:**

1. MSSA/NRA Junior Three Position Smallbore Rifle Camp, June 18 – 23, 2009.
2. MSSA/ NRA Junior Three Position Smallbore Rifle Camp, July 9 – 12, 2009.
3. Civilian Marksmanship 3 Position Air Rifle Camp July 27 – 31, 2009.

**All of the above are still accepting junior shooters.**

**For information on any of the above please contact John Leinberger – P. O. Box 303 – Linn, MO. 65051. Phone 573-943-6632 or 573-291-3180.**

**Thank you,**

**John Leinberger**

## **MIDWAY USA DONATES TO MISSOURI 4-H**

**By John E. Leinberger**

Midway USA, the central Missouri shooting supplies company, has an active mission to support youth shooting sports. For 2008, Midway USA elected to donate Caldwell Shootin' Galleries to 4H clubs and recently made a donation of Galleries to Missouri 4 H Shooting Sports Clubs.

The Gallery is a fast – paced action shooting gallery that will hold the attention of young shooters that have grown up on video games. It will also teach trigger control and accuracy to young 22 caliber rifle shooters.

The 4-H instructors and the junior shooters appreciate this generous donation. John Leinberger, Junior Director for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, commends this type of junior shooting support. Midway returns 10% of its pre-tax profits as donations to causes related to firearms and youth shooting education.

Remember to support this generous Missouri shooting sports company.

**By John Lienberger P2.**

# Junior Shooters

## Making A Mark



### Missouri Junior Shooter Qualifiers Compete

### United States Olympic Training Center

Eight junior shooter qualifiers from Missouri recently competed in the 2009 USA SHOOTING Junior Olympic Championships held at the United State Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO. All the competitors for this competition had qualified earlier at a state level championship for an invitation to compete at this national competition. This competition was held April 3, 2009 through April 20, 2009.

Christine Manhart of Washington, MO. and Kelsea Hunt of Ozark, MO. qualified to compete in Women's 10 Meter Air Rifle. Both young ladies shot a score of 750.

Christine Manhart of Washington, MO. also qualified to compete in the Women's 50 Meter Three Position Smallbore Rifle competition. Christine shot a score of 1117.

Garret Spurgeon of Canton, MO. and Jason Neinhaus, Mitchel Jones, and Dan Hermsmeier from St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, MO. all qualified to compete in the Men's 10 Meter Air Rifle. Following are their scores. Jason Neinhaus – 1143, Garrett Spurgeon

– 1140, Mitchel Jones – 1136, and Dan Hermsmeier – 1131.

Dan Hermseier from St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, MO. also qualified to compete in the Men's 50 Meter Prone Smallbore Rifle and the Men's 50 Meter Three Position Smallbore Rifle competition. In the prone match Dan shot a score of 1152 and in the three position match he had a score of 2218.

This year in addition to having Missouri represented by rifle shooters we also were represented in the Men's 10 Meter Air Pistol Competition.

Clayton Hinton of Canton, MO. and Houston Barber from St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, MO. both qualified at the state level to compete in the national competition. Clayton shot a score of 1041 and Houston shot a score of 1023.

I am very proud of the juniors and their performance at this national competition. They represented our state very well. This is an annual competition and it is an achievement for each junior to qualify and receive an invitation to the USA SHOOTING Junior Olympic Championships.

I was at the 2009 Junior Olympics for the Men's and Women's Rifle competition and regret I was unable to stay for the Pistol Competition. I do appreciate all the efforts of the Junior Shooters, their coaches, and

their parents in making it possible for them to attend this national competition. Thank you. I am looking forward to next year's competition in 2010.

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# MISSOURI SENATE LETDOWN

YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE MISSOURI SENATE  
IGNORING WHAT THE VOTERS WANTED!

BY ZACHARY BAUER

It was just a few years ago that Missouri State Republican Senator Jack Goodman decided to turn his back on the wishes of Missouri gun owners. We made very clear to him that we wanted protection for all law abiding Missourians when passing the Castle Doctrine in 2007. Instead he ignored us and followed the wishes of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and withheld that part out of the bill. So now you and I are covered under the Missouri Castle Doctrine law only in our homes and in our cars but not in other places we are legally allowed to be in such as the market parking lot or the gas station fill up.

Again this year, the Missouri House passed legislation to correct this language and yet again, we saw more Senators holding it up in Committee. During the committee hearing for this bill, over 30 people showed up to support it and NOBODY showed up to protest its passage. Not one! Yet these senate committee members decided it wasn't important enough to pass.

Its my opinion that the Missouri Senate as a whole has a giant ego problem with anything that comes from the Missouri House. You see, some senators seem to think that anything coming from the house side of the state capitol needs to always be reworked and rewritten with the wisdom only a state senator has the ability to possess. So now with the fact that over 30 Missourians took time during a work week to travel short notice to our state capitol to let our wishes be known, and many hundreds called in and emailed urging the passage of this important bill, we were sidelined and brushed aside.

I think sometimes state politicians forget that they are the kids on the farm team. If they fail to act on what the people want down in triple A, what makes them think they will get the call-up to go play in the big leagues later on in their career?

Make sure they know we are paying attention no matter what party they come from.

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## Board Member Shout Box

### **Treasurer:**

1-Osage Orange Sharpshooters, an MSSA affiliate, donated \$100 to the Juniors Program. Thank you Osage Orange Sharpshooters.

### **Secretary:**

2-Wayne Wright from Plato Mo. just became our latest Life Member. Wayne, please feel free to come to board meetings anytime.

3-We just found a lost MSSA life member, membership is restored for Mike Talcott. Appears change of address was the culprit. Please keep us informed of any address change, we do not want to lose members that way.



# ByLaw Changes!

## Just an FYI from your MSSA Board of Directors

At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 18, 2009, the Board voted to amend the Association By-Laws as follows:

### Article IV - Purpose

Added an “s” to the word objective. Revised language is:

The purposes and objectives of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association are:

### Article VIII - Officers

#### E. Duties of the Executive Officer

Deleted “D.C.M. and” and “assigned to his office” in 3). Revised language is:

3) Shall be responsible for the annual inventory of all Association equipment.

### Article IX - Membership

Added “junior members shall be under 18 years old” in B). Revised language is:

B) Individual Annual Junior Membership (no voting privileges, special membership category for junior shooters). Junior members shall be under 18 years old.

### Article XI - State Championship Matches

Added “In the event the Executive Officer is unable to perform this duty, the approval may be made by the MSSA Secretary, Vice President or President.” in 1). Revised language is:

1) Application to conduct and sponsor a Missouri Championship Match must be made in writing to the attention of the Executive Officer of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. It must be accompanied by a preliminary program and proposed dates for approval by the Executive Officer. In the event the Executive Officer is unable to perform this duty, the approval may be made by the MSSA Secretary, Vice President or President.

Deleted the word “before” and added “at the time the tournament is conducted” in 5). Revised language is:

5) All competitors receiving the title of “State Champion” must be a resident of the State of Missouri at the time the tournament is conducted.

Added new paragraph 7) to this article. It reads:

7) The Match Sponsor shall submit the fees collected for Association new members and renewals, Association tournament fees, two copies of the results, including a roster of participants with addresses to the Executive Officer within 30 days of the completion of the tournament.



# TIME TO RENEW...?

**If your MSSA membership expiration is close, please use the application on the back of this issue and renew now!**

Hint: the newsletter envelope's label includes the expiration date in YYMMDD format.

## **MSSA MEETING NOTICE:**

The next MSSA Board of Directors meeting will be held at NOON on **October 17, 2009**, at the Department of Conservation's Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

All MSSA Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

## **THE MISSOURI SHOOTER**

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- ✓ Be full-time active military duty.
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If you qualify, or know someone who qualifies, just fill out an MSSA membership application, obtainable from either the MSSA website [www.MissouriSportShooting.org](http://www.MissouriSportShooting.org) or from the back of this publication.

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

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### **AD/ARTICLE DEADLINES**

**Feb 1 • May 1 • Aug 1 • Nov 1**

**THE MISSOURI SHOOTER** newsletter is published quarterly and normally mailed in the first half of the month following a quarterly Board meeting. **DEADLINES:** Articles and advertisements are due by Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, and Nov 1 for inclusion in that month's publication.

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**MSSA is soliciting true and original shooting, hunting or firearms related articles by 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 the Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, at the postal or email address provided above.



# Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

18 March 2009

It is a good day for Liberty.

I continue to see bail bonds set based on the “this kind of case” standard rather than the likelihood of appearing for trial. If charged with a crime after a self-defense shooting, expect a bond in the tens of thousands of dollars. My last client involved in a killing is in jail on a \$250,000 bond. A bond reduction was denied based on the “this kind of case” standard.

A suspect has been arrested in the “Craig’s List” killings. His fiancée stuck by him until it was discovered that he had women’s panties under his bed. Everyone has their limit.

A very pregnant woman took a License To Carry class. Her doctor gave written permission for her to do the shooting portion. The instructor wisely had her shoot alone on a range which had not been used in 24 hours. This minimized the risk of inhaling lead. During the legal portion she asked me what she should do if someone kidnapped her baby. I told her to fire warning shots into his head. That was a tad flippant so I clarified that she should shoot him stone dead. In teaching these classes simple declarative sentences are critical to communication. A flippant response can lead to misunderstandings. We cannot afford misunderstandings in these classes.

A number of students in my LTC class have expressed doubts about actually getting the license. This is good. This shows that people are thinking about the consequences of carry. They think first. This is good. The senior instructor tells me that some people have waited two years after taking his training before going to the sheriff for their license. There is no expiration date on the training. They can wait that long if they feel the need.

Some advocate criminal charges against members of the Bush administration for actions taken during the war. The advocates must not stop there. No member of the Roosevelt administration was punished for putting Japanese-Americans, some Italian-Americans and a small group of German-Americans into concentration camps during WW II. No member of President Wilson’s administration was punished for persecuting German-Americans, pacifists, socialists and others during WW I. Kit Carson was the Angel of Death to the Navajo nation and was never questioned much less punished. President Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus during the Civil War and his administration went unpunished. President Andrew Jackson sent the Cherokee nation on a death march to Oklahoma and was never punished. Jefferson was

## Joplin Rifle and Pistol Club 2009 Calendar

### Highpower Rifle 200yd Red.

Match starts 8:30am  
June 21th  
July 19th  
August 16th  
October 18th

### Military Bolt Action B/R

Match starts 8:30am  
June 6th  
July 4th  
August 1st  
September 5th  
October 3rd  
November 7th  
December 5th

### CMP Sanctioned John Guarand

Match starts 9:00am  
July 11th  
October 17th

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Match starts 8:30am  
August 22nd  
October 24th

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4th Sunday of the month

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never called to answer for the Alien and Sedition Act. We never did get even with the Founders who owned slaves. I realize that a number of these men are dead and must be dumped from their coffins and pilloried for acts which sounded like a good idea at the time. That they may have some defense means nothing to victor's justice. I realize that the above list is incomplete and I am not positive if it was Jefferson or Adams who was guilty of the Alien and Sedition Act. But, there is plenty of guilt to go around. I'm sure that Jefferson did something and in the current climate that is more than enough.

I have a new book entitled Crossing Hitler. In the early 30's a couple of Storm Troopers attacked a man and were charged with assault. Hitler was subpoenaed as a witness and examined by the prosecutor. Hitler did not like it. The attorney died in a concentration camp. When I heard of the book I knew that I had to read this transcript. I also have The Nuremberg Interviews. This book concerns a psychiatrist's interviews of German war criminals and concentration camp victims. This is interesting. It is remarkable that sixty years after the war such history is still coming to light.

When I travel by air my handgun has to go in checked baggage. The law requires that the ticket agent check my gun to see if it is loaded. The agent frequently does not know what a cartridge looks like, it doesn't have to make sense, it's just the law. Recently they simply relied on my signature on a card certifying that the gun was unloaded. I hand the agent a letter stating that I am carrying an unloaded gun and small amount of ammunition. This avoids saying GUN in an airport. A low profile is called for when armed, more in some places than others. One of our members is an airport police officer. I really do not need him taking me down.

President Sheila saw a program on the History Channel about the building of the pyramids. Now she wants us to build her a pyramid. Fortunately Cass County is not zoned for pyramids, so we luck out. Just don't tell her I said so.

I attended the NRA convention in Phoenix Arizona, recently christened the "kidnap capital of the United States". I took my gun. At the time of the convention there was a debate in the Arizona legislature over allowing people to carry into places where alcohol is served. The media presented ominous stories about the consequences of allowing license holders into establishments with liquor licenses. This did not allow them to drink, only be in the establishment. While I was there I went looking for dinner and passed two establishments which obviously had liquor licenses. It would appear to be in the business interests of these establishments to change the law.

The Convention was interesting. Arizona is an open carry state and I saw a number of people with exposed guns. This is not to say that the practice would transfer to other states. I fear that it would only scare people in other states and they will demand that Congress do something, and we do not want this Congress doing something relating to guns. At the Convention Rick Poe of the Missouri Valley Arms Collector's Association had an exhibit of PIGs; Politically Incorrect Guns. Every gun exhibited was banned in at least one state for purely cosmetic features. It won the prize for best collector's exhibit. I tried to get a photograph of the award, but every attempt was met with a glare in the middle of the shot, which I blame on light reflected from Rick Poe's big smile.

A Libertarian spoke at the National Firearms Law seminar. His topic was the criminalization of private acts. He made some good points. Of course he insisted that drug addiction is a private matter which does not affect others. I have represented drug addicts and I beg to differ. At times it appears that drugs were involved in every criminal case I have defended. People commit crimes under the influence or in order to get money to buy drugs. One driver had a PCP flashback ran over and killed a woman. And it must be pointed out that addiction is a sickness which burdens social security and medical care. I do not have a solution but I would sooner deal with a society full of zombies than one full of addicts. Zombies are slow, speed addicts are; well, speedier than I am.

In my youth I associated with a group of people who did not know me well, so they liked me. One night we stopped at a restaurant and the more graceful members of the group fed the jukebox and prepared to dance. The

manager ran up protesting that he did not have a license for dancing. Imagine, a license for dancing. It is like a license for singing or for laughter. The Libertarians have the right concept. It is application of that concept that is the tricky part.

Going through the gun show materials we found an Afro-pick. It belonged to the late, great Gary Davis, he was always leaving such things in the gun show box. We also found materials left by the late, great Dean Johnson. Both men are sorely missed. When they joined this organization I remember them protesting that they did not have the abilities to do very much. But they plodded on and found that what they did was not only enough, it was great. Lots of people would like to become active but fear they do not have the talent. Once started, they surprise themselves.

The Tea-Parties have been a great success measured by the turn-out and a HUGE success measured by the howls from the left. The left insists on calling them “T-bag” parties. It was explained to me that “T-bag” refers to a homosexual practice. I do not understand the pleasure in the act (as it was described to me) but the course of true love often passes understanding, my divorce practice relies on this fact. There may be a streak of homophobia in the left when they refer to us with this term. When attending these Tea-Parties carry some WMSA materials and pass them around.

The Gun Right Policy Conference will be in St. Louis Missouri at the Airport Renaissance Hotel on 25-27 September, 2009. Blocks of rooms are available at a reduced rate. The Conference itself is free as is lunch and a small library of books. I met Allan Gottlieb, the event’s sponsor, at the NRA Convention. He told me that he relied on me to promote a big attendance. I replied modestly but he fixed me with a steely eye and said there would be a big turnout “or else”. He pointed to his bow-tie and said that this could happen to me if there was not a large turnout. The Gun Rights Policy Conference is an invaluable training event and provides bags full of books and materials. It is well worth attending. I hope there is a record turnout. I do not want to wear a bow-tie.

September 5th, 2009 is the twentieth anniversary of the founding of WMSA. A picnic is planned at Crossfire Range in Independence. I have not been threatened over attendance yet, but there is time.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the Second Amendment must be respected by the states. The Heller decision only ruled that the federal government cannot violate the Second. This is huge. This is a case out of California. With a case proceeding against Chicago this increases the chance of another Second Amendment case going to the Supreme Court. Chicago’s gun law is not only severe, it is selective; the politically powerful are exempt. This fundamental unfairness makes it a prime target for litigation.

The current administration is trying to get the United Nations treaty on small arms ratified by the Senate. If this happens the opposition will have a tool to restrict firearms beyond their wildest dreams. The federal government has used treaties to gain jurisdiction over subjects before. This does not trump the Constitution, but it clouds the issue and sells American sovereignty in the process.

Jeff Knox is putting out a book of his father’s writing on the gun movement. The late, great Neal Knox was in the middle of all the gun rights battles of the last forty years. I told him that he should write a book, but he was taken from us before he did so. Putting his papers together will give us an invaluable history of our movement. The book will be out this July. Expect a book review somewhere nearby.

We shall overcome.

# Got Fur?

By Zachary Bauer

I think we forget sometimes that the MSSA Mission Statement also mentions the fur trapper. I myself love to get in the creeks to lay down a trapline and pull in some of Missouri's fur bearers every winter. Of course with June approaching, us fur trappers are in summer hibernation, right? WRONG!

Now is the perfect time to get interested youngsters involved with a MDC trapping class or a class put on by the Missouri Trappers Association. There will be a number of clinics this year and don't forget the upcoming rendezvous to be held in September in Salem, MO.

Training clinics for the kids include learning the different styles and sizes of traps, the different lures, baits and their applications, equipment, dispatch and care for the animal fur. It is also very comforting to know that the Missouri Department of Conservation is very much supporting these clinics and the children that attend them.

Recent fur auction numbers from February 2009 have the fur prices kind of low compared to what I have seen them in recent years but they constantly are fluctuating based on demand. Dry beaver pelts were close to \$11, raccoon pelts close to \$11, coyote were around \$9, otter pelts were way down from a couple of years ago now down to \$31, bobcats also way down around \$23, mink around \$5, and fox around \$15.

Even though the prices were lower than normal last year, its still a fun activity your kids may love to get involved in. **For more info, visit the [www.missouritrappersassociation.org](http://www.missouritrappersassociation.org)**



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