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## IN THE NEWS

### Why Does Anybody Need a 30-Round Magazine?



Here are some very good reasons why.

## Letter From the President

Greetings, and thank you for reading the first issue of our newsletter. A special thanks goes to Dan Griffin, one of our members, who has stepped up to put this newsletter together on a regular basis.

This past year has seen some exciting times for Michigan Open Carry.

1. We've seen a growth in dues paying membership year over year. If you're not yet a member and would like to join please visit here for more information.
2. Our following on Facebook has more than doubled.
3. We've grown a formidable email list that assists us in pushing a legislative agenda to advance and/or defend gun rights.
4. With the help of key players in the Legislature, you in the grass roots, and other organizations such as Michigan Students for Concealed carry and Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO) we got a piece of legislation passed that enhances rights for every CPL holder in Michigan (SB 59). Unfortunately, the Governor saw fit to veto this pro-gun bill, an action we'll not soon forget.
5. We won our case against the Capitol Area District Library (CADL v. MOC) in the Michigan Court of Appeals. This case sets binding precedent state-wide that says "Authorities" cannot ban firearms as the legislature has "occupied the field" of firearm regulation. It appears that CADL plans to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, so this battle may not be over yet. If it moves forward we will be reaching out to you again for your very generous donations. I hope we can count on you. Please stay tuned for more details on that.
6. We've seen increased participation on our Web Forum. You can participate too—for free!
7. We're in the process of forging alliances with MCRGO, Michigan Gun Owners, Michigan Students for Concealed Carry, and other state gun rights organizations so we can work together as a stronger, cohesive team to advance Second Amendment rights in Michigan.

We've accomplished many things, and I look forward to our opportunities to come. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

You can feel free to reach out to me at any time by writing [PHofmeister@miopencarry.org](mailto:PHofmeister@miopencarry.org)

*Phillip Hofmeister  
President  
Michigan Open Carry, Inc.*

## ALSO OF INTEREST

### Should Christians Carry Firearms?



Essay on Christianity, self-defense, and the Bible.

### Vaccinations as a Model for Eliminating Gun Free Zones



Applying the theory of immunization to gun-free zones.

## 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

### MOC and NRA Weekend at Cabellas



## Why Good People Need Semiautomatic Firearms and "High Capacity" Magazines



Massad Ayoob weighs in.

## NRA-endorsed Senator calls for assault weapons ban



NRA's A-rated West Virginia Senator calls for a ban on assault weapons.

## Summary of 2013 Feinstein Assault Weapons Legislation



From Senator Diane Feinstein's website.

## Legislation and Legislative Initiatives in 2012

There were a number of firearms bills presented to the Michigan Legislature in 2012. Not all bills passed nor were signed into law, but it is important for Michigan's firearms community to know what they were because many did not receive widespread coverage in the media. Michigan Open Carry's resources are limited, and we supported the following bills:

**SB 59** would have eliminated the county gun boards and transferred their authority to the county sheriff. In addition, it would have eliminated the pistol free zones for CPL holders willing to undergo additional training. Unfortunately, at the very last minute language was added that prohibited open carry in those PFZs without explicit permission. Michigan Open Carry had very little time (hours) to make a decision whether or not to support the final incarnation of this bill before it came up for a vote in the legislature. Since Michigan Open Carry, Inc. is first and foremost a firearms rights organization, and overall the bill was good for the Michigan firearms community, MOC's leadership team voted to continue support of SB59. However, Governor Snyder vetoed it citing his opposition to the lack of language allowing public entities (schools, sports stadiums) the ability to prohibit firearms.

**SB 29, 30 & 93** which legalized the civilian use of tasers for CPL holders. These were signed into law.

### ***MOC took no position on the following firearms bills:***

**HB 5225** eliminated the need to obtain a purchase permit for firearms purchased from an FFL. Purchase permits are also now good for 30 days. The ten question pistol safety exam requirement has also been eliminated. Furthermore, purchasers can now apply for a purchase permit at any law enforcement agency rather than only where the applicant resides. HB5225 was signed into law.

**SB 525** changed the renewal application for a concealed pistol license (CPL) to be submitted up to six months before the current license expires, and the new effective date of the renewed license is the expiration date of the current license or the date the renewal application was approved, whichever is later. This allowed CPL renewers to get a full five years on their CPLs. SB 525 was signed into law.

**SB 760, 761, 762**, to be in agreement with federal law, changed the definition of a pistol to a firearm of 26" or less. It previously was 30" or less, which defined a "Michigan pistol." These were signed into law.

**SB 984** allows a Michigan resident to buy long gun from any FFL in any state, and provides for reciprocity to residents of other states. SB 984 was signed into law.

## MOC Annual Member's Meeting in Ingham County



## MOC Picnic in Bishop Park



## MOC Dinner at Holiday's in Ann Arbor



## MOC Dinner in Saginaw



## Biden 'Guarantees' Obama Will Pass Gun Control Legislation By End Of January



'Tommy, I guarantee you, we'll get it done by the end of January,'"

## Gun Control Has a Clear Record of Failure



The previous assault weapons ban failed. It had to. Tom Gresham of Tom Gresham's Gun Talk weighs in.

**HB 5282** eliminated the list of places and reasons for which a person may lawfully transport a firearm. HB 5282 was signed into law.

**HB 4371** eliminated the minimum hunting age. HB 4371 was signed into law.

**SB 58 and HB 4009** would have eliminated most pistol free zones. These bills were not passed by the legislature nor signed into law.

**SB 779, 780,781** dealt with toy firearms. These bills were not passed by the legislature nor signed into law.

**HB 5064** would have allowed employees to store firearms in their private locked vehicles parked in an employer's parking lot. This bill was not passed by the legislature nor signed into law.

**HB 5644** would have eliminated Michigan's Stand Your Ground law. This bill was not passed by the legislature nor signed into law.

### ***Michigan Open Carry Legislative Initiatives for 2013***

Michigan Open Carry intends to pursue the original intent of SB58 and SB59 in 2013. That is, to eliminate county gun boards and pistol free zones.

Michigan Open Carry also intends to pursue additional legislation, including the lawful carry of a pistol in a vehicle without a CPL and Constitutional Carry (the legal carry of firearms, openly or concealed, without a license).

Michigan Open Carry has joined the "National Coalition to Stop the Gun Ban" along with dozens of other State and National organizations aimed at defeating further federal gun control regulation.

*For the latest and most up-to-date information on current or future firearms bills and Michigan Open Carry initiatives, keep in touch via MOC's online forum or facebook page. Also, make sure you are added to our email list to receive timely updates.*

**Forum:** <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/>  
**facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/MichiganOpenCarry>  
**Email list:** <http://eepurl.com/lsAWP>

## MOC Dinner near Grand Rapids



## MOC Dinner at Bimbos in Kalamazoo



## MOC Dinner in Wyoming



## MOC Dinner at Denny's



## MOC Dinner in Warren



## Open Carrier Sues City of Birmingham



18-year-old Troy resident who was arrested in April for openly carrying a firearm in downtown Birmingham has filed a lawsuit alleging the City of Birmingham and three officers from the Birmingham Police Department violated his civil rights.

## CADL v. MOC



In an effort to prohibit the lawful carry of firearms in the Capital Area District Library (CADL) system, in February 2011 CADL filed a lawsuit against Michigan Open Carry seeking both a declaratory judgment establishing the validity of its weapons policy and injunctive relief to enforce the policy. Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Aquilina immediately issued an Emergency Ex-Parte Temporary Restraining Order prohibiting the public from carrying a firearm on CADL property.

CADL moved the court for summary disposition, arguing it is within their authority to prohibit weapons, and that they are not subject to MCL 123.1102, Michigan's firearms preemption law. MOC opposed the motion, arguing that CADL's policy was in fact preempted by state law and also violated the right to bear arms of the United States and Michigan Constitutions. The Circuit Court found in favor of CADL.

MOC appealed the ruling to the Michigan Court of Appeals. This case was heard in July 2012, and in October 2012 a reversal was issued by the Court of Appeals. The Court held that, in light of MCL 123.1102 expressly prohibiting local units of government from regulating firearms, state law *completely occupies* the field of firearms regulation, and that CADL, as a quasi-municipal corporation, remains subject to the constitution and the laws of this state, is subject to preemption, and thus has no authority on its own to ban firearms.

Furthermore, the Court of Appeals stated that the trial court (Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Aquilina) erroneously granted summary disposition in favor of CADL and *abused its discretion* by granting CADL's request for permanent injunctive relief by permanently banning MOC members and the public from entering CADL's buildings and branches while carrying a firearm.

The Michigan Court Of Appeals decision can be found here:  
[http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov:81/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20121025\\_C304582\\_65\\_304582.OPN.PDF](http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov:81/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20121025_C304582_65_304582.OPN.PDF)

What does this decision mean for Michigan's firearms owners? The courts not only upheld Michigan's firearms preemption law, but clarified that the state *completely occupies* the field of firearms regulation, and that quasi-municipal corporations, authorities, and other subordinates to local units of government are covered by this law. Thus, the Court of Appeals seems to indicate that all of the local K-12 school districts that have banned open carry are preempted as well.

In November 2012, CADL filed a Motion to Reconsider with the Court of Appeals. In December 2012 that motion was denied. It is expected that CADL will appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. CADL has until the end of January 2013 to make that appeal.

## MOC Dinner at Tony's in Birch Run



## MOC Dinner in Grand Rapids



## MOC After Dinner Gathering in Lansing



## MOC Dinner at the Roseville National Coney Island



## MOC Dinner in Freeland



## What's Happening Around the Country

An Illinois Senate Committee approved legislation (HB815 and HB1263) that bans all semiautomatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns as well as bans all pump shotguns, other rifles, and high capacity magazines, and sent the bills to the full senate. In comments made during testimony, committee Democrats stated plainly that HB815 and HB1263 were good "first steps."

In Iowa, a State Representative and caucus chair is advocating that Iowa lawmakers ban semi-automatic guns and "start taking them" from owners who refuse to surrender any illegal firearms through a buy-back program. He has said flatly that he's not frightened politically by the National Rifle Association or the Iowa Gun Owners.

In New York, new legislation (S1422-2013) has been introduced that redefines and bans "assault weapons" and high capacity magazines, and Governor Cuomo has publicly indicated that "confiscation could be an option."

## Governor Snyder Says Open Carry is Broken

Skip Coryell

I was impressed with the way Michigan Open Carry handled the fight to pass Senate Bill 59. It showed a willingness of the few to sacrifice for the many. It's just a shame that it had to come to that. Governor Snyder, in his written statement after vetoing the bill, showed all the wisdom and courage of a flock of sheep. In his statement he said:

"More important, SB 59 looked at a feature of Michigan law that needs fixing - Michigan's open carry law. The law currently prohibits a concealed pistol license holder from carrying a concealed weapon in a "pistol-free zone," which includes a school, a day care center, a sport stadium, a bar, a church, a hospital, an entertainment facility, and a college classroom or dormitory. Ironically, current law does not prevent a concealed pistol license holder from openly carrying a pistol at these places.

My original hope with Senate Bill 59 was to reach a compromise by prohibiting the open carry of pistols in the above-mentioned pistol-free zones in exchange for lifting the prohibition on the carrying of concealed weapons in these zones -- subject to the approval of the public or private property owners."

It wasn't enough for Governor Snyder that open carriers were willing to give up their constitutional right to carry in schools and other pistol-free zones so that more people could carry there concealed. He wanted more. He insisted on gutting Michigan's firearm pre-emption law by allowing schools and colleges to remain pistol-free zones. Fortunately, Senator Green saw the harm and refused to allow the compromise.

Question: Why does the governor consider it prudent to carry concealed in a school but not open carry?

Answer: Because Governor Snyder is a sheep.

Sorry to put it so bluntly, and I certainly mean no disrespect toward the governor. After all, there's nothing wrong with being a sheep, especially considering that 95 percent of the American population are sheep in human form. I wouldn't expect everyone to have a warrior (spelled "sheepdog") mentality; it's just a shame we can't be led by someone who cares more about protecting children and less about the annoying bleating of the anti-gunners.

The big question is: What is Governor Snyder going to do to "fix" open carry?

I think we all know the answer to that. If he could ban open carry carte blanche, I believe he would. And he's planning some type of restriction on open carry. He wants it. After all, the guns scare him and the rest of the flock.

## MOC Lunch in Kalamazoo



## MOC Lunch in Battle Creek



## MOC Dinner and Seminar in Jackson



## MOC Seminar in Battle Creek



## MOC Seminar in Taylor



Don't get me wrong, Governor Snyder has a pair of cajones. After all he just recently took on the unions and won. And he did so because he believed it to be the right thing to do. So why didn't he stand up to the anti-gunners? Why did he veto SB 59? The answer is simple. He couldn't stand up to them, because he was too busy standing up to us! He's one of those politicians who believe in "reasonable" gun control. And there's no need for you to decide what's reasonable when you have a governor who can do it for you.

America is in trouble. Michigan is in trouble. The sheep are leading the flock, and that's tantamount to the blind leading the blind. If ever there was a time to stand up for your principles it's now. I expect Senator Green to re-introduce his legislation soon, and we have to be ready to speak up wisely and boldly. Both open carriers and concealed carriers have to speak as one voice. We have to find the common ground and stand shoulder to shoulder or we'll be divided and conquered. Anti-gunners see open carriers as the weak link in the Second Amendment chain, much the way the humane society saw dove hunting. In that case the hunters didn't stick together, so they were defeated. It will be the same with the Second Amendment community if we don't support one another.

Back in 2010 I led a Second Amendment March on Washington DC and in over a hundred cities across the country. This spring I'll be leading a coalition of pro-Second Amendment groups all across Michigan as we meet at the State Capitol and show the governor that open carry is not broken. It is alive and healthy exactly as God intended it to be. No more squabbling. No more fighting. It's just wall-to-wall, shoulder-to-shoulder Second Amendment warriors marching on the Capitol. Now is the time to make your stand. Stay tuned for details of the rally in later issues.

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## **Safariland SLS Holster Review**

Dan Griffin

For people who openly carry a firearm, weapon retention should be a priority. Although there are some people who will argue that if you allow your weapon to be taken from you, you need further training, I do not think that is a mindset we should be cultivating.

Sixteen years ago I bought a Safariland 5181 open top paddle holster for my carry weapon. I loved it, but I rarely used it because I rarely openly carried. Oh, maybe to the range or to the woods, but certainly

### **MOC Seminar in Battle Creek**



### **MOC Seminar in Grandville**



### **MOC Seminar in Saginaw**



### **MOC Seminar in Utica**



### **MOC Seminar in Flint**



### **MOC CPL Class**



never in the city. I thought open carrying would get me arrested. Thankfully it is different today. Open carry is widely recognized in Michigan and most states. For those who choose to openly carry a pistol, I think it is wise to wear an active retention holster.

When I first began openly carrying daily, I wore that 5181, but I soon transitioned to a Blackhawk CQC Serpa, mainly because it was one of the few Level II retention holsters that was made for my new current choice of carry weapon, the FNH Five-sevenN. Although I do not have the same level of heartburn with Blackhawk holsters that some do, I did long for a Safariland again, but they make few holsters for the Five-sevenN. They do not make an ALS, but they did make an SLS in belt-attachment version only. I had some reservations about both the SLS design and the belt only option, but I purchased one. My misgivings were largely unfounded.

First allow me to address the belt issue. I am not a fan of belt holsters for several reasons. Not only are they harder to put on and take off (and that matters for some people's lifestyle), but they can actually be less stable. Their stability is dependent on your belt and the placement of the belt loops on your pants. Your belt is a vital component of your weapons system, and while I will only recommend a good, wide, sturdy belt for any type of firearm carry (I wear belts by RG Leathers here in Michigan), I still found that the movement allowed with a full sized handgun in a belt holster was much more than a good paddle. A good paddle holster's hooks will grab your belt and pants fabric and hold your holster more firmly, preventing forward-and-backward motion. So I purchased a paddle attachment that Safariland sells separately. For \$11 I hoped that would solve that problem. It did not.

I had a myriad of problems. The accepted belt width was too narrow, which in itself was inconceivable from a manufacturer that primarily makes duty products for law enforcement, but the major problem was that due to the design of the SLS, it raised the pistol's height to an unacceptable level ergonomically, and by doing so also raised the center of gravity of the pistol way above the pivot point of the belt. I immediately abandoned that idea and went back to the belt attachment.

As to the SLS hood, my fears were 100% unfounded. In fact, the SLS hood design is far superior and has a distinct advantage over many other active retention holster designs. Unlike the ones that are designed for you to release the firearm when you are ready to draw, if you find yourself in a potentially dicey situation, if you wish you can surreptitiously reach down and unlock your hood ahead of time. This is accomplished by pushing down on an inside thumb extension, then pushing the hood forward. At this point your holster becomes an open top Level I holster. If the situation corrects itself, you can quietly pull the hood back into the locked position.

As with many other Safariland holsters, you can also adjust the open retention fit via an allen head screw. Safariland supplies the appropriate allen wrench with the holster to adjust this as well as

### MOC East Side Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up



### MOC Southwest Region Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up



### MOC President Phil Hofmeister at the State Capitol testifying in support of SB59



### We're on youtube!



Did you know Michigan Open Carry has a youtube channel?

reposition the belt or paddle attachment for your correct cant (if you purchase the "concealment" version).

I did purchase the concealment version of the holster, the 6287, because I like my gun to ride relatively high and tight to me. The belt crosses the pistol about mid-length. The SLS also comes in a "mid-ride" model, the 6280, where the belt crosses the stock, and a "belt-drop" model, the 6285, where the entire gun is at or below the top of the belt.

The SLS design is extremely secure. If you do not unlock and reposition the hood, there is no way a Bad Guy™ is going to take your weapon from you without rendering you incapacitated first. The same cannot be said of many other holsters. Safariland even offers an added option to turn the SLS into a Level III holster, but because of the SLS's superior retention system, I haven't found this necessary. Still, it is available for a modest cost if you desire.

As with other Safariland holsters, they are lined and will protect your gun's finish. Personally I have never worried about that as I consider my sidearm a tool, and tools get used. But if that is a consideration for you, you will welcome this enhancement that other holsters don't offer.

I have been wearing my SLS for over three months now. I regularly practice releasing and drawing and can recommend this holster to other open carriers who want one of the best retention platforms available. Although they are reasonably priced (I paid \$81 at Optics Planet), I find the peace of mind while carrying securely more than worth it at any price.

## MOC Member Profile



MOC: Tell us a little bit about yourself!

gryphon: Well, to begin with, my name is Dan Griffin, and I was born and raised in the Indiana suburbs of Chicago. I go by the forum name "gryphon" on every forum that will allow it. I currently live in Okemos, a suburb of Lansing. I have a Computer Engineering degree from Michigan State University, and work as a project manager for General Motors. I am married and have five children, one a SSgt. in the Marines.

MOC: How did you get from Chicago to mid-Michigan?

gryphon: I was an industrial electrician for the steel industry in northwest Indiana, and I saw that the industry was going downhill, so I moved to Michigan to work for GM. I hadn't gone very far in my Electrical Engineering schooling at Purdue and had hired into the steel industry to make money to go back to school. But you know how that goes. I met a girl, and we got married and had kids. Moving to Michigan actually allowed me to finish my engineering degree. I began my master's degree but because of travel for work I never completed it. But I do not



regret it. I have held several positions in GM, but right now I build and refurbish automotive plants in North America, including Canada and Mexico. That is, I am responsible for installing the equipment inside them, not the buildings themselves.

MOC: How did you become interested in firearms?

gryphon: My father owned a Belgian Browning Light 12 shotgun, and he used to go duck hunting each year when I was young. He had pretty much quit hunting when I got old enough to hunt myself, but he let me use his shotgun to go with friends, and we'd hunt rabbit, quail, and pheasant. But before long I was married and gave that up, too. It wasn't until President Clinton signed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban in 1994 that I started buying.

MOC: Did you carry for self-defense? Did you get a CPL?

gryphon: I did apply to get one. The Ingham County Gun Board and I went round and round on that. They kept bringing up excuses why they couldn't or wouldn't give me one and I kept shooting them down. When they told me they required a concealed pistol class, I pulled out my Michigan Concealed Pistol training certificate from Delta College in Saginaw. They didn't expect that! But in the end they would not issue me an unrestricted license, just a restricted one. It wasn't until "shall-issue" became law that I received a regular CPL.

MOC: When did you begin open carrying, and why?

gryphon: I had run across open carry web sites on the internet. Because I had open carried on a very limited basis I decided to research it further. I had been told that open carry would result in me being arrested on brandishing charges. With the help of MOC and OCDO I actually began researching the laws for myself. I watched youtube videos and listened to audio encounters with LEOs. I read the laws again and again. And I began open carrying almost daily over a year ago.

MOC: Was it easy for you? Did you have any problems?

gryphon: It was very easy, and I have to thank all those that have gone before me for paving the way. I have yet to have a negative encounter from anyone, including police, and I have open carried in some non-traditional places. Way back in 1994 I wanted to open carry. Now I finally do.

MOC: What is your preferred carry gun?

gryphon: When I began carrying, I carried an SW40F, better known as a Sigma 40. After many years I switched to a Para-Ordnance .45 ACP LDA. But now I carry an FNH Five-seveN. I absolutely love it. When I carry a backup, it is usually a Kahr K40.

MOC: What, if anything, are you looking forward to in 2013?

gryphon: I plan on taking some firearms training this year, in both handgun and carbine. I also hope to become more involved in firearms legislation. In fact, I just received a reply on some 2013 legislative proposals I put forth. It was non-committal, of course, so I have my work cut out for me!

MOC: What other things are you interested in besides firearms and self-defense?

gryphon: Years ago I used to write software. I have, or at least had, several programs in use across the world, and two had been written up in either scientific journals or consumer magazines. I really enjoyed that time in my life, but that was a while ago and I no longer do that. I do miss it. I also hike, and have backpacked one thousand miles on and around the Appalachian Trail, and six hundred unique AT miles. Although today I mostly play music--piano, hammered dulcimer, guitar, and banjo. Work seems to always get in the way. At least that's what I tell myself.

*The MOC Member Profile will be a regular part of future MOC newsletters. Our aim is to give a behind-the-scenes look at other MOC members. If you would like to be the subject of a future Member Profile, or would like to nominate another member, contact [DGriffin@miopencarry.org](mailto:DGriffin@miopencarry.org)*

## Upcoming MOC Events

### Lunch in Monroe, Jan 12 at 1:30 pm

Michigan Open Carry is having a lunch meet and greet at Dena's Family Restaurant. Bring a friend and join us for some good food and conversation about Michigan Open Carry. We will be discussing the Veto of SB59 and new changes in gun registration.

Lawful Open Carry of a holstered handgun encouraged but not required.

When: Saturday January 12, 2013

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Dena's Family Restaurant

Address: 15391 S. Dixie Hwy, Monroe, Michigan 48161

Phone: (734) 243-1833

For more information:

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2514.0.html>

### **Dinner in Madison Heights, Jan 19 at 5:00 pm**

Join us for dinner and an evening of good food and pleasant conversation at Col's Place in Madison Heights. We will be discussing open carry and answering any questions you may have about it. Bring a friend.

Lawful Open Carry of a holstered handgun encouraged but not required.

When: Saturday January 19, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Col's Place off of I-75 and 12 Mile

Address: 29022 Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Phone: (248) 542-5090

For more information:

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2537.0.html>

### **Grand Rapids City Commission Meeting, Jan 22 at 7:00 pm**

The city of Grand Rapids has a few ordinances that are preempted by state law and they are refusing to do anything about it. Please support MOC and Michigan firearms owners by attending this meeting. Mayor Hartwell has said that he is in favor of people being confused about their rights and that he does not care if the City of Grand Rapids is violating state law. You do NOT have to be a resident of Grand Rapids to attend the meeting or to speak. Please see the following thread for much more information if you plan on attending the meeting.

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2573.0.html>

### **Dinner in Romulus, Jan 23 at 7:30 pm**

Michigan Open Carry is inviting you to come to the Romulus House Restaurant for dinner. We'll be there having good food, pleasant conversation, and answering any questions we can. They do not have a liquor license so those without a CPL need not worry about being able to bring their holstered pistols.

When: Wednesday January 23, 2013

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Romulus House Restaurant

Address: 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Phone: (734) 326-7177

For more information:

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2580.0.html>

### **Open Carry Seminar in Battle Creek, Jan 27 at 3:00 pm**

MOC will be holding an open carry seminar Saturday, Jan. 27. Bring a friend and find out more about Michigan Open Carry.

When: Sunday, January 27, 2013

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Freedom Firearms

Address: 539 Capital Avenue Southwest, Battle Creek, MI

Phone: (269) 968-4229

For more information:

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2344.0.html>

### **Cabela's NRA weekend Feb 9-10, 2013**

MOC will have a table at the Cabela's NRA weekend in Dundee. We need volunteers to help man it. We are also trying to coordinate a seminar at the same time. If you can help us out for two or (preferably) four hours, please contact us. For more information:

<http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,2418.0.html>

*For all these events and more, see [miopencarry.org](http://miopencarry.org) for more details! There are always new events being planned, and we expect a lot of activity for 2013.*

## **Call for Authors**

Are you a writer? Do you have a story to share with other Michigan open carriers? Perhaps it is a firearm review, a holster review, a book review, a story of the first time you open carried, or your first LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) encounter. Maybe you'd like to relate some of your experiences open carrying across this great fruited plain. Or maybe you have some thoughts on current laws, proposed legislation, or news. Perhaps it is a safety caution based upon an incident you experienced first- or second-hand, or an essay of your thoughts on a particular subject. Are you an artist who draws political or firearms-related cartoons or art? We are a community, and we are particularly looking for first-person stories that will entertain or benefit us all in one way or another, although we will also accept third-person stories you write. If you have a story to tell, but don't want to write it yourself, please contact [DGriffin@miopencarry.org](mailto:DGriffin@miopencarry.org) and we will work with you to write it. We want to hear YOUR stories.

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