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Letter From the President

I'd like to open my letter with a "thank you." Thank you to Randy Davis, outgoing secretary of Michigan Open Carry, Inc. Randy has resigned his post for personal reasons. During his tenure of over two years (among the longest serving board members in MOC history) Randy has been a great help with many of the "behind the scenes" tasks that are above and beyond that of secretary such as merchandise fulfillment, membership processing, and just generally keeping the rest of us to task. While some of us are more the face of the organization, it was Randy's efforts that have helped keep the organization running. While he will remain on for a while to help us with some of these tasks, I will miss Randy and his input on our Board of Directors. My hat is off to you, sir.

Replacing Randy as Secretary is a member of our Leadership Team who was already a member of our Board of Directors, Mike Perchard. Filling Mike Perchard's Board of Directors vacancy is another member of our Leadership Team, Tom Lambert.

In other business, these past few months have seen a fair amount of publicity for open carry, much of it to do with the **Deffert Case in Grand Rapids**. Mr. Deffert was detained despite the prior efforts of MOC's Tom Lambert to educate the City of Grand Rapids and its leaders about the lawfulness of open carry. It does give some peace of mind to know that as open carry becomes more common, these unfortunate interactions with law enforcement are happening less and less.

While Mr. Deffert chose to bring suit against the City of Grand Rapids (and we support his right to do so), it is the goal of our organization to prevent these interactions from ever happening through outreach and education. Often times when we reach out to a community to help them understand the lawfulness of open carry, they are receptive and appreciative of our message. Sadly, in the case of Grand Rapids, Mayor George Heartwell has stubbornly refused to listen to reason. To him I say this: it's not too late to be a champion of the rights of the people of Grand Rapids or Michigan. I hope you will choose to do the right thing.

Also in the news these past few months, the Michigan Supreme Court has declined to hear the gun control lawsuit brought against us by the Capital Area District Library. By refusing to hear the case, the state high court allows the Court of Appeals decision to stand. Over a year ago the Court of Appeals decided the Capital Area District Library (and all municipal authorities such as bus/transit authorities, metro park authorities, airport authorities, downtown development authorities, and other district library authorities) are preempted under state law from regulating firearms. What does this mean? The policies of all of these

ALSO OF INTEREST

Disarming Victims Saves Lives?



Opinion from MOC Vice President Adam Yancer

Arkansas Gun Rights Group Tests New Law With Open Carry Walk



Open Carry as Political Speech



I carry a firearm for political purposes

IN THE NEWS

Sean Combs Update



Federal judge rules against Birmingham, MI open carrier due to youthful appearance

Detroit Police Chief: Legal Gun Owners Can Deter Crime



"If more citizens were armed, criminals would think twice about attacking them."

Michigan: Senate approves bill to lift ban on short-barreled shotguns and rifles



Sen. Mike Green at his home in Mayville

"municipal authorities" are null and void. For more information about the case and its history, see <http://miopencarry.org/cadl>.

Another thanks goes out to Dan Griffin, the editor of our newsletter. Without his efforts, we probably would not have a newsletter. I know Dan is always looking for people to write content. Won't you consider helping him out by writing an article for our next newsletter? For more information, contact DGriffin@miopencarry.org.

Stay safe and "Carry On."

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Current Firearms Legislation Pending in 2014

This is a subset of firearms and weapons bills currently before the Michigan Legislature. Michigan Open Carry does not take a formal position on many of them. This information is given here as an aid to the reader so he can contact his or her representative and voice his support or opposition as appropriate.

SB 213 modifies many aspects of carry, including CPL class certifications expiring after five years, eliminates some establishments from PFZ restrictions, and replaces the County Gun Boards with the MI State Police. This bill has only been introduced in the Senate. MOC strongly supports this bill.

HB 4774, HB 4775, and HB 4776 propose to change the regulation of selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of firearms. These have only been introduced in the House. MOC strongly opposed these bills.

HB 4262 proposes new restrictions to the carrying of knives. This bill has been passed by the House.

SB 407 proposes to modify MCL 28.425o to add language defining "Gun-Free Zone" signage. This bill has only been introduced in the Senate. MOC opposes this bill.

HB 4872 proposes changes to the law affecting people who have been ordered by a court not to possess firearms. This bill has only been introduced in the House. MOC opposes this bill.

HB 4332 provides for members of the military to obtain a CPL at 18 years of age. This bill has only been introduced in the Senate.

SB 63 declares that personal firearms, accessories, and ammunition that are manufactured in Michigan and do not leave the state are not

MI Lawsuit Says Open Carry is Political Speech



Police knew open carry was legal

The Legality of Open Carry



A difficulty for some folks, including law enforcement

MOC Member Asked to Leave School



Actually he volunteered to wait outside

"Those who live by the sword are usually shot by those of us who don't."
— Anonymous

Colorado Open Carrier Sues Cops, \$23,500 Settlement



Police say, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse," yet they are the ones that were ignorant of the law

Markey Calls for Ban on Assault Weapons



Sen. Markey (D-MA) used the Sandy Hook shooting to call for a ban on "assault weapons" and "high magazine clips."

Obama Calls For Transformation of Nation's Gun Laws



Demands gun curbs, laments gun rights in Navy Yard shooting speech.

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

— Ronald Reagan

Obama Blames NRA For Gun Violence



Claims groups fighting to make it easier for dangerous people to get guns

subject to Federal regulation. This bill has passed out of committee. MOC supports this bill.

HB 4457 declares that personal firearms, accessories, and ammunition that are manufactured in Michigan and do not leave the state are not subject to Federal regulation. This bill imposes criminal penalties against federal officials who violate this law. This bill has only been introduced in the House. MOC supports this bill.

SB 49 and **HB 4349** add a FOIA exemption to the pistol registration database, and have been amended to eliminate pistol registration. **SB 49** has passed out of committee. MOC supports this bill.

HB 4027 gives Michigan workers the right to store a firearm in their car on private property, i.e. their employer's parking lot or garage. This bill has only been introduced in the House.

HB 4104 and **HB 4105** add public libraries to the list of pistol free zones, and **HB 4104** prohibits open carry in pistol free zones. These bills have only been introduced in the House. MOC strongly opposes these bills.

HB 5085 adds a person who has certain training (safety course or training required for a CPL) to the list of people a minor is allowed to possess or shoot a pistol with. This bill has only been introduced in the House.

SB 610 allows manufacture, sale, and possession of a short-barreled shotgun (SBS) or short-barreled rifle (SBR) in Michigan. This bill has currently been passed by the Senate.

SB 572 allows tasers in pistol-free zones for CPL holders. This bill has passed out of committee.

HB 4283 allows certain rifles to be used to hunt deer in the southern part of the state. This bill has passed the House.

HB 4134 creates a special class of people by creating CPL training exemptions for peace officers and active duty or retired military. This bill has been passed by the House. MOC strongly opposes this bill.

HB 4350 creates another special class of people by allowing prosecutors and former LEOs to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. This bill has been passed by the House. MOC strongly opposes this bill.

HB 4133 creates another special class of people by allowing active or retired corrections officers, probation officers, and parole officers to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. This bill has been passed by the House. MOC strongly opposes this bill.

SB 984 eliminated the contiguous state requirement for long gun purchases. This bill has been enacted into law.

HB 5091 and **HB 5092** clarify the definition of brandishing and explicitly state that the lawful open carry of a holstered pistol or slung rifle is

Street Robberies and You—The Basics



From a LEO-Investigator via AR15.com

"An armed society is a polite society"

— Robert A. Heinlein

Women Explain Why They Own Weapons



Because bad things happen to good people

More Women Carry Guns



Trade show items now appeal to the ladies

Women Must Embrace Handgun Carry for Personal Defense



4,000 American women are murdered each year.

Obama Enraged Gun Control Couldn't Pass Democrat-led Senate



Will of the people blocking him for now

Blame The Homicidal Maniac, Not the Guns



Not a single gun-control law could have prevented Navy Yard massacre

The Impossibility of Gun Control



The Navy Yard Massacre won't revive gun debate in Congress

Gun Control's Dead End



The Left, if it's honest, will find no reason for gun control in Navy Yard tragedy

not brandishing. These bills have only been introduced in the House. MOC strongly supports these bills.

CADL v. MOC, Finally Settled



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:

CADL v. MOC Court of Appeals Ruling

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. In January 2013 CADL filed a Leave to Appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Women and the Changing Face of Shooting Sports



How you can help

Giving Guns a Shot: Women and Firearms



Part 1: 25% of women nationwide own guns

Part 2: Self-defense

Part 3: From protection to recreation

Studies Show Mothers Carrying Weapons On the Rise



More and more California women are getting carry licenses

"The world is filled with violence. Because criminals carry guns, we decent law-abiding citizens should also have guns. Otherwise they will win and the decent people will lose."

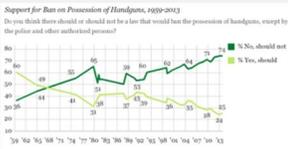
— James Earl Jones

Poll: One Year After Newtown, Public Still Not Interested in Gun Control



Public support for stricter gun control fading

Poll: No Support For Handgun Ban



Opposition to banning handgun ownership remains at record-high 74%

Joe Biden Makes Gun Control Plea



Biden claims progress on gun control

Biden Renews Administration Goal of Further Gun Control



"If Congress won't act, we'll fight for a new Congress. It's that simple. But we're going to get this done."

CADL v. MOC Leave to Appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court

In February 2013, twelve public and district libraries and a library cooperative filed an Amicus Curiae brief in support of CADL.

CADL v. MOC Libraries Amicus Curiae

The Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Association of Police Chiefs filed an Amicus Curiae brief in support of CADL in May 2013.

CADL v. MOC MML and MAP Chiefs Amicus Curiae

MOC filed to Deny Leave. On November 20, 2013, the Michigan Supreme Court denied CADL leave to appeal.

CADL v. MOC Leave to Appeal Michigan Supreme Court Denied

CADL declined to file a motion with the Michigan Supreme Court to reconsider, so the case is closed and the law is settled. In short, we won. Thank you to all of you who have supported Michigan Open Carry in this long and expensive fight.

Selling Open Carry to the Masses

Skip Coryell (Skip Coryell)

For the past month I've been getting treatment for a shoulder injury. I call my Physical Therapist "The Dungeon Queen" and I affectionately refer to her business as "The House of Pain". Twice a week I go there and she lays me on a table. Then this little five foot two blonde wrenches on my arm until my joints pop and my muscles scream in revolt. You might say the two of us have a love-pain relationship. (She just loves to cause me pain.)

Usually when I go to the doctor I carry my pistol in a fanny pack. I can easily take it off and set it on the chair if I'm asked to disrobe or bend over and grab my ankles. (You're going to feel a little pinch.) It's just convenient and practical under the circumstances. Today, I didn't want to use the fanny pack, so I wore my Glock Model 22 in a strong-side Serpa Level 2 retention holster. I had a long-tailed shirt over it. The Dungeon Queen asked me to remove the shirt so she could more effectively torture and pummel me into a pain-induced coma. When she saw my pistol, there was just a slight hesitation before she commenced her abuse. It was there; it was obvious and undeniable; but she continued her work as if the gun didn't exist.

That's the way all of society should treat law-abiding gun owners. It's no big deal. Now, I happen to know the Dungeon Queen is not a gun owner, because she blabs on incessantly while hurting me. Perhaps she tells me all about her personal life to keep me from passing out. I don't know for sure. (It works by the way.) The thing is you never know for sure how people will react when they see a gun. Some freak out (usually city folks) while others take notice and then continue on their way.

I just finished a series of radio interviews all about "How to deal with gun

Firearms and Feminism



Female gun ownership has surged over the past five years, and it's easy to understand why

What We Learned When We Sent a Female Reporter Shopping For a Home Defense Handgun



Glock, S&W M&P 9mms were high on the list

Thousands More Women Arming Themselves



More Michigan women are choosing to carry a firearm

Women Arming Themselves a Growing Trend



Ever greater numbers of women are buying and learning to use guns for self-defense

Bloomberg Teams Up With Moms Demand Action to Pressure Businesses for Gun Control



McDonald's next target

Cuomo's New Gun Control Law Targets Gun Makers



Gov. Cuomo's tough new gun law has put a target on the state's gun makers

"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves"

— Edward R. Murrow

Democrat Bill Would Trigger Huge New Taxes on Guns and Ammunition



Bill doubles tax on handguns, nearly quadruples tax on ammunition

intolerance". When my publicist asked me to do this I was hesitant. Truth is I don't like dealing with intolerant people. I guess I just don't have a lot of "tolerance" for "intolerance". But I'm glad I did the interviews because it forced me to think it through and refine the ways I deal with anti-gunners.

All gun owners have to deal with some level of intolerance, but it's most true when talking about open carry. Like my Glock to the Dungeon Queen: open carry is obvious and undeniable.

Here are some types of intolerant people.

The Hoplophobe – "Hoplophobia is an irrational fear of guns." Some people get nervous and start to sweat and shake when they know a gun is present. They can experience an adrenaline dump into the bloodstream and their heart rate elevates. There is only one known cure for hoplophobia, and that is intensive gun powder therapy. The therapy session must be conducted in a nonthreatening environment (gun range) and must be repeated until the irrational fears give way to tears of joy and feelings of empowerment. (Usually one session is all that's needed.)

The Ignoramus – "An extremely ignorant person." Of course, in this case, the ignorance is limited to anything related to firearms. (Many of these ignoramuses are highly educated academicians.) These people are positive firearms are bad, but have never touched nor studied firearms. Their severely strong bias against guns is based mainly on ignorance or misinformation disseminated by the mainstream media. The only cure for ignorance is information. The problem is many of these people aren't open to the truth. With the ignoramus, a long-term approach is usually necessary. I prescribe daily doses of facts and old-fashioned common sense. Stay patient and dig in for the long haul.

The Ideologue – "One given to fanciful ideas or theories; a theorist; a spectator." The anti-gun ideologue is often obsessed with "control". They tend to be self-righteous and know beyond the shadow of a doubt their ideas are superior to others despite their lack of experience concerning firearms. Therefore, by virtue of their superior intellect and moral compass, their ideas must be embraced while all others are ridiculed and squelched. These people push hard for gun control and will not rest until every citizen is disarmed. (Except for their security details.) Barring a cataclysmic event in their life (like a mugging, rape or home invasion) the ideologue will seldom be converted.

So how do we deal with these people? Let there be no mistake about it. The hoplophobe is a sheep and he's terrified of open carry. The ignoramus is a fool and will plug their ears and hide whenever you're around. The ideologue is the worst of all. When they see an open carrier, they wring their hands together and chuckle maniacally while dialing nine-one-one. "Oh God, please help me. There's a man here with a gun! Hurry! Come quick before we all die!" Then they stand off to the side and watch the SWAT team prone you out and disarm you.

It all comes down to public perception, and we have a lot of catching up to do. It will take decades to sway public opinion, but it can be done.

Anti-gun wife uses husband's gun to scare off home invaders



Once the men saw the woman was armed, they fled back to their waiting truck.

Magpul Announces Move Decision



Firm relocating to Texas, Wyoming

ATI Leaving New York for South Carolina



AMERICAN TACTICAL IMPORTS

Manufacturer, importer, distributor of domestic firearms also chooses to relocate south

Ithaca Expands to South Carolina



Joins other firearm manufacturers in the South

John Tierney (D-MA) Introduces New Gun Control Bill



Requires handgun manufacturers to personalize their weapons to make them impossible to fire if they fall into the wrong hands

"25 States allow anyone to buy a gun, strap it on, and walk down the street with no permit of any kind: some say it's crazy. However, four out of five US murders are committed in the other half of the country: so who's crazy?"

— Andrew Ford

Colorado Recall Stifles Gun Control Effort in Congress



Recall will make it harder for Congress to tighten firearms laws

Waking a Sleeping Giant in Colorado



Colorado recall a "national referendum" on guns

Here are a few ideas.

I like the concept of preplanned open carry events where a group of people get together for lunch or a picnic. This gives people a chance to experience open carry in a nonthreatening, family environment with less chance of police intervention.

I like lawsuits too. Every time an open carrier has his civil rights violated, police and municipalities should be held accountable in federal court. (Sometimes you just have to take a spoiled child to the woodshed for more intensive education.) It would be great to see an open-carry defense fund set up to help open carriers defend their right to keep and bear arms in court.

I also like the idea of free introductory-level classes for the general public. I teach an introduction to handguns class primarily for people who have never shot a pistol. Many of my students begin the class as hoplophobes or ignoramuses, but after 2 hours on the range register for a concealed carry class. (Their journey from the dark side is complete.)

You can help sway public opinion by being on your best behavior every time you open carry. Dress nicely, be clean-shaven, and always smile. Open doors for people. Show them the best side of humanity. I have found that hoplophobes and ignoramuses are surprised when they discover I'm a gun-rights activist. Here is their thinking: "But, you're a nice guy. I like you. How can you be one of them?" Get to know as many people as you can. Live your good side. Then, on the occasion they see you open carrying, their irrational and incorrect paradigm will be challenged.

Always remember that many anti-gunners don't think logically.

"Guns equal crime, therefore, gun owners equal criminals."

They are victims of an invalid syllogism. Guns do not equal crime when they are in the hands of a law-abiding citizen. Now, go with God and the gun of your choosing. And here's an important safety tip: "Stay away from the House of Pain."

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LaserLyte Takes Dry Fire to the Next Level

Dan Griffin (gryphon)

As most of us know, dry fire is a great way to build up certain skills like trigger control. But it can be boring getting in shoot-outs with bad guys on TV or pretending your mother-in-law's picture across the room is a terrorist.

Stag Arms to Leave Connecticut



Contemplates move to South Carolina or Texas

PTR Industries Finds Warm Surroundings in South Carolina



HK-91 clone maker: "In Connecticut, we always felt like a dirty little secret. Down there, it's very much the opposite."

Lewis Machine & Tool Leaves Illinois



Firearms manufacturer moves to Iowa

Major Firearms Conglomerate Cancels Colorado Expansion Due to Gun Control



FGI includes Remington, Marlin, Bushmaster, DPMS, Barnes Bullets, Para, and AAC among others

Colorado Recall Energizes Connecticut Gun-Control Foes



Gun-rights groups vow to oust gun-control lawmakers at the ballot box

Looks Like Weimar Germany



Connecticut gun owners rushing to register guns and ammo before they will be considered illegal contraband in the new year

Connecticut Grasping for Amnesty Deal After Realizing Just How Many Refused to Register "Assault Weapons" and "High Capacity Magazines"



Compliance is estimated at four percent

Along comes LaserLyte, a company that makes a series of laser trainers that can assist you in developing and honing certain skills from the comfort and safety of your own home.

The TLB-1 is LaserLyte's interactive trainer target that records where a laser hits the target. The target is approximately 8" x 10" containing a 6" diameter target area containing 62 laser-activated LED lights, and two smaller target switches below. It operates with three AA batteries good for about 6,000 shots, and can register shots up to 50 yards away. To use the Laser Trainer Target simply aim at the target and dry fire the weapon as many times as you wish with any of their Laser Trainers installed. To display impact, fire the laser at the red display circle on the face of the Trainer Target and your "hits" light up. When finished, simply dry fire the laser aimed at the red reset circle to begin again with a fresh target.

Since there is no felt recoil when shooting, even if you have a pistol that allows you to fire repeatedly, it won't be the same as shooting live ammunition. However, this system still allows you to practice critical shooting skills such as unsighted fire, grouping (repeatability), trigger control, and first shot accuracy from a draw. Indeed, it is the last item that I find most useful. The Laser Trainer Target offers anyone the ability to practice shooting skills at almost any location, even, as they say, from your favorite recliner.

The caliber-specific Laser Trainer Cartridges are the most realistic training option. Designed to match popular calibers in .380 Auto, 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP, the Laser Trainer Cartridge fits inside the pistol chamber and features a firing-pin activated switch that indicates bullet impact with a bright red laser dot.

Each Laser Trainer Cartridge easily installs into the firing chamber in seconds, works regardless of barrel length, and does not stick out of the barrel. The cartridge activates for 100 milliseconds each time the firing pin strikes the cartridge. This modified cartridge is rimless, so it is not expelled during dry fire, which allows for tap, rack, bang or malfunction training drills. A hardened rubber plunger on the laser also acts as a built-in snap cap to protect the firing pin and two rubber rings on the laser help ensure a proper fit in order to best replicate bullet impact for accurate training. The Laser Trainer Cartridge requires three 377 batteries, good for approximately 3,000 shots.

LaserLyte also makes a universal trainer that fits into the muzzle of the barrel and utilizes a sound activated switch. This can be used for rifles or smaller caliber pistols such as .22LR or 5.7x28. They also make lasers and adapters for some common rifle calibers and shotguns.

I purchased my trainer about a year ago, and they've continued to add training products to their lineup ever since. LaserLyte now makes some smaller, 3" square targets called Reaction Tyme that allow you to shoot them in a regular mode where it will react when you hit within the target area, or a reaction mode that will signal you when to shoot. They also have Trainer Target Plinking Cans that fall over by means of a base plunger when you hit them with the laser. They are sold in sets of three,

Kahr Relocates



Moves to Pennsylvania after NY restricts sales

Ruger to Stop Selling Semis in California



RUGER

Microstamping law drives gun sales out of state

S&W to Stop Selling Semis in California



Smith & Wesson

Microstamping law drives gun sales out of state

Gun Control Debate: Five Reasons Millennials Should Teach Their Children to Shoot



The best time to teach people is when they are young

Mississippi: Mess With Our Guns...



...We'll send you packin'

Gun Free But Not Violence Free

GUN-FREE



ZONE
GUARANTEED
100% DEFENSELESS VICTIMS

Emotional, unworkable, and unconstitutional anti-gun ownership legislation will not prevent tragedies

We should not blame a gun itself for any crime or any acts of violence, any more than we can blame a pen for misspelling a word.

— Senator Wallace Bennett

Dems Vow Passage of Background Check Bill



Bill requires private sellers to perform background checks like FFLs

and when I first saw these my immediate reaction was, "I've got to get a set or two!" But then I realized that I would have to keep resetting the plungers and setting the cans back up again after every shot, so that dampened my enthusiasm somewhat, but it's still a neat idea.

MSRPs on the LaserLyte products aren't cheap, but the actual street price you'll pay from a retailer should be less, and in some cases considerably less if you shop around. So stop aiming at your TV and the light switches in your house, and start having fun practicing your draw stroke and first shot placement this winter with LaserLyte products. Besides, we know that Christmas money is burning a hole in your pocket.

<http://www.laserlyte.com/>

Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Parallels on Open Carry

Dan Griffin (gryphon)



I open carry a firearm quite simply for comfort, convenience, deterrence, and activism—to normalize it among the general populace. While many people may agree with the concept of open carry, they often choose not to do it themselves because of the perceived potential conflicts with law enforcement or the general population.

In their March 1963 issue, Reader's Digest printed a story about a black man who was admitted to the Arkansas School of Law in 1949. The Dean set him up with a room in the basement in which to stay between classes. The Dean ordered law library books delivered to him, commanded him to not wander around campus, and mapped out a back route for him to strictly follow to get in and out of his basement hideaway. Out of sight, out of mind. Keep the peace. Hide yourself from others.

He could have chosen to attend a law school in the north where he wouldn't have to live like a pariah, but he didn't. His and his father's belief was that segregation wouldn't end until beachheads were opened wherever it existed. What he was doing was legal, yet he and his legal activities were looked down upon. Even fellow blacks disapproved of what he was doing and avoided him. They thought he walked a knife edge and they didn't want to be around him. He was harassed and threatened, yet he tried to maintain the correct temperament and persisted, year after year.

One day he was invited to a meeting of fellow travelers, people who in theory should have been supportive. They asked what they could do. He told them they could treat him normal, like everyone else. He expanded on that, and afterward there was acceptance with them. Over time a slight thaw began to take place with others at the university. He still experienced fear and hate, but slowly, little by little, the general populace began to accept him.

For Blacks, Gun Control Raises Echoes of Segregated Past



Some African-Americans say tighter restrictions on guns rob them of their civil rights

Black Gun Owners: Between a Rock and a Hard Place



For many shooters in the black community gun ownership makes them a pariah

How To Be A Better Gunfighter



Ten training tips for the budding defender

How To Shoot a Handgun Accurately



"Shooting well is simple. It just isn't easy."

Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Introduced in Senate



Would mandate states with carry laws treat firearm carry permits similar to driver licenses

“Stand Your Ground” Opponents Mangle Law and Trayvon Facts at Senate Hearing



SYG opponents big on emotion, small on actual facts, law, or data

Congressional Study: Murder Rate Plumets as Gun Ownership Soars



While gun ownership climbed from 192 million firearms in 1994 to 310 million firearms in 2009, crime fell sharply

By his last year he had been asked to write for the Law Review. The faculty chose him to be a moot court defense attorney, and his Law Review colleagues picked him as comments editor. At the end of the year the distinguished alumni returned for a faculty banquet that included a salute to the Law Review staff. He was the last to be introduced. The Law Review editors stood and applauded. Then the faculty stood up and added to the cheers and applause. Then the alumni stood, the judges, lawyers, and politicians from the Deep South. The ovation became thunderous.

Let's take that story and substitute the firearms open carrier for the black man, our everyday surroundings for the Arkansas School of Law, and all the other people we encounter in our everyday life who look askance at or fear gun-owners in general and open carriers in particular for the other students. The other blacks that shunned him for being too prominent are now fellow gun-owners that believe the open carrying of a firearm is just asking for trouble. The fellow travelers are ones who claim to represent and defend liberty and freedom, yet are still standoffish. And although not brought out in this particular story, law enforcement will sometimes mistreat each for perfectly legal activities.

People who choose to carry their firearms openly sometimes suffer ostracism from society, as did this black student. Don't misunderstand, I don't mean to equate the two, for they are not equal. They do not have the same gravity. They do not have the same milieu. They do not have the same consequences. One is chosen, one is not. Yet a parallel can still be drawn, and with the right attitude and persistence maybe—just maybe—we can turn people's minds around on the idea of open carrying for self-defense, just as that young black man did on the campus of the Arkansas School of Law, and it will one day receive widespread social acceptance. Some may never accept the open carry of firearms, or for that matter the concealed carry of firearms or the civilian ownership of firearms in general, but we need to do our part to ensure those activities remain legal.

Oh, the black student's name was George Haley. He became a respected attorney, Deputy City Attorney, diplomat, and policy expert. He helped found a number of business firms and was Vice President of the state Young Republicans. He served in national administrations under Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush. You might have heard of his brother, Alex Haley.

Safariland ALS Holster Review

Daniel Davison (sircapsalot)



In my open carry journey I've always wondered one question: "What's the perfect holster?" It didn't take long for me to find out that not one holster is a one-size-fits-all solution. But one holster in particular comes pretty close. That holster would be the Safariland ALS.

The main thing that I personally enjoy about the Safariland ALS is the security that it provides. I've always had a fear that somebody could

Being Ready For a Training Class



In short, have your gear squared away before you show up. If untested gear fails you, you lose training time. (Do you see anything wrong with this picture?)

Training For A Training Class?



If you are heading to a training class, it is pretty well established that you should shake out your gear. What else should you be doing to get ready for the class?

Press Check?



Maybe you shouldn't do them

Some Realities to Consider Before Passing More Gun Control Bills



Technological advances and practical problems mean the laws are increasingly likely only to disarm the law-abiding

Ohio AG Sees Right to Carry Becoming Mainstream



After 10 years, skepticism turns into support

Gun Control, the Jews, and the Third Reich



The difference a gun makes

come up and take my pistol. With the ALS, I feel confident with my Level 3 retention holster that this is not going to happen.

Another reason that I particularly enjoy the ALS is that it allows me the ability to conceal under a jacket. Sometimes, if you're like me, it's easier just to conceal and not worry about any confrontations. The ALS is perfectly concealable under a jacket, and it has a very slick finish that doesn't snag on anything, so that makes it attractive for both open and concealed carry.

No matter what holster you get, one property that is necessary is comfort. With the ALS, you can interchangeably wear it as a belt loop or paddle holster. This allows you to carry however you prefer, and what is most comfortable for you.

Here are some of the properties and benefits that I have found going with a Safariland ALS holster:

- Slick finish
- Concealable, yet suitable for open carry
- Interchangeable carry methods, paddle or belt loop
- A cloth-type inner lining that protects your weapon from blemishes and scuffs from holstering and un-holstering
- Ability to switch between 1, 2, and 3 retention levels very easily depending on your personal philosophy and preference
- The retention locks on the slide of the weapon, meaning that you need not worry about an unwanted discharge

The one thing that I had noticed in particular with the Safariland ALS is its profile. When I switched holsters to the ALS, I found that—due to its high profile—I received many more looks and stares than using my other holsters.

Overall, the Safariland ALS holster has provided my Glock 19 a cool, effective, and suitable place for both open and concealed carry. I'd recommend it to any person looking to buy a new holster.

*A review of the Safariland SLS holster can be found in the **No. 1** — Jan 2013 issue of the MOC Newsletter.*

MOC Member Profile

with Brian Jeffs (venator)
Director of Research, Michigan Open Carry



MOC: This month we're interviewing Brian Jeffs, the first president of Michigan Open Carry. Brian, tell us a little bit about yourself!

Brian: I work as a senior geologist for the state of Michigan. I'm married, and have a daughter who's a sophomore in college.

MOC: You have quite a bit of history in the Michigan firearms community, at least compared to a lot of us, so let's address it chronologically and

The Best Bad Choice



When is something tactically unsound?

Why Good People Should Be Armed



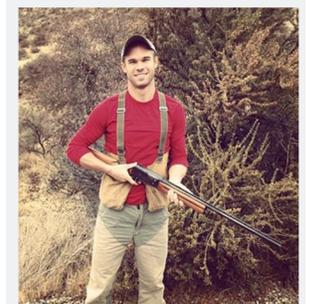
Josie the Outlaw explains

To the Director of Mayors Against Illegal Guns



Policies like yours killed my aunt

Runner's World Magazine Promotes Handgun Ban



Citizens should only be able to own shotguns and rifles for hunting

How the Nazis Used Gun Control

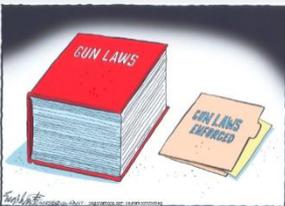


The Weimar Republic's well-intentioned gun registry became a tool for evil

There are two ways to sleep well at night... Be ignorant or be prepared.

— Simon Black

Gun Crime Prosecutions Down Under Obama



Yet the administration still calls for more gun laws

CA Court of Appeals: 2A Doesn't Apply to AK Platform Rifles



Assault weapons 'are at least as dangerous and unusual as the short-barreled shotgun'

start at the beginning. How did you first become interested in firearms?

Brian: I was raised with firearms. My father was a hunter and an outdoors person, and so, like a lot of people who are introduced into the gun culture, I had a BB gun when I was probably ten years old or so, had a shotgun by twelve, and was out hunting small game with my father. When I was old enough to hunt white tailed deer I had a rifle. I took the hunter's safety course, probably one of the first ones in the state in 1968 or so, and have been hunting ever since. And so that was my first introduction to firearms. I've been interested ever since, but I wouldn't say I was a fanatic about it. I was a strong believer in the Second Amendment, and understood what that was about even from a young age. I can remember being in high school and having liberal teachers in the early 70's being anti-gun, and getting into discussions with them in class about it.

MOC: When did you begin carrying a pistol? Were you able to obtain a CPL?

Brian: I've had a handgun since I was 18, and open carried a little bit while hunting because that usually wasn't questioned. But I got my concealed pistol license in 1997 or 1998 and started carrying concealed then. I had my concealed pistol license through our county before "shall-issue" became law. They were issuing licenses along the shall-issue type thing. You would take a course that the county set up that was basically the same one that the state had, because Alan Cropsey was the senator from my area, and he was one of the first legislators in Michigan to start pushing that. He talked to the sheriff, the sheriff agreed with it, and as an experiment trying to get data to show that there wouldn't be "blood in the streets," the sheriff began issuing CPL's five or six years before shall-issue became law. So I had my concealed pistol license longer than a lot of people in that regard. And then it went to shall-issue in 2001, I think, and so I was involved in concealed carry and bought a few handguns.

MOC: When did you begin open carrying? Why?

Brian: In 2006 or 2007 I found opencarry.org and began getting involved in that forum community. I really was getting sick and tired of all the anti-open carry stuff by people. "You'll be arrested," "Sure, it's legal, but you can't do it," and I decided that the only way to keep these people quiet is to actually go out and do it and come back with some real world data, and so this is what we did and look, nothing happened.

MOC: When and why did you start Michigan Open Carry?

Brian: In 2007 I wrote an article for the Lansing State Journal talking about open carry, and in the article discussed how it was legal and the appropriate laws that apply and so forth, and that week we also coincidentally had our first sort of open carry meeting as a group at the Brighton McDonald's. We had four people total show up for that, because people were still reluctant. We open carried in McDonald's, ordered, and sat down for an hour or two as we had our lunch and had a meeting. That's when the idea for Michigan Open Carry was discussed, because I had

Translating Ten Anti-gun Propaganda Phrases Into English



Translating the Children's Defense Funds' latest offering, "Protect Children, Not Guns, 2013."

Guide to Flying With a Firearm



Excellent advice from GlockTalk

Packing And The Friendly Skies



Comprehensive talk on flying with firearms from the LayerOne 2009 conference

"No Kingdom can be secured otherwise than by arming the people. The possession of arms is the distinction between a freeman and a slave."

— James Burgh

FROM THE FEDERAL COURTS

SCOTUS Ruling Could Limit Obama's Radical Gun-Control Aims



BATFE using straw purchase law to expand government control of private firearms transfers

Federal Court Voids 7-Round Mag Limit of New York's SAFE Act



Allows rest

SAF Files Writ With US Circuit Court of Appeals to Force Lower Court to Issue Ruling



They have been delaying for four years on ruling on Palmer v. District of Columbia

talked about trying to develop an organization just for Michigan where we would have coordinators throughout different parts of the state, and have memberships, and try to put together educational material. It took a couple of years to develop. It wasn't until 2009 that I and a couple of other people actually incorporated Michigan Open Carry with the state of Michigan and had an organization that we started working and getting memberships with.

Even before Michigan Open Carry was founded we had a lot of informal meet-ups that we used opencarry.org to coordinate. Through that website and forum, we posted that we were going to meet at some restaurant or some park and have a potluck, and more and more people started coming to these and open carrying then. We went into some bigger cities, too, because that was an issue. People said, "Well, you won't be bothered in these small towns," but we went to Warren, the Detroit area, Lansing, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo. And it wasn't just me, but anybody who wanted to organize would post something on opencarry.org and have a sign-up sheet there, informally, to bring this or that, just like you have for an office potluck. I started printing out little sheets of paper with some of the basics that sort of turned into the brochure that Michigan Open Carry uses now that had the statutes involved, Attorney General opinions, the brandishing law, how to interact if you were stopped by the police, and basically had that as a hand-out. I was just printing those up at home, taking a few dozen with me and handing them out, talking a little bit about open carry, answering questions that people might have, and it just grew from there. It started out very informally. It was a lot of fun to go to those places and meet a lot of great people.

We wanted something a little more formal so that we could work with the legislature, because they probably wouldn't take serious an individual—who are you, you're just one person, what power do you have? We wanted to have an organization that could say, "We're the president and vice president of this organization. We have members all over the state." We wanted to present it and make it more legitimate in that regard so that we could better react and interact with law enforcement and the legislature, so we wanted to get something formal. In the beginning there were four officers that signed on that first document, and that was in March or April of 2009, but that's when it started officially.

We offered a charter membership as a fund raiser to the first 50 people. We raised \$2,500 so we could start printing out brochures, get banners for picnics, et cetera, so that's how it started.

About the time I and a few others formed MOC, I was asked to be a board member for the Second Amendment March that organized a pro-gun rally in Washington, D.C., so I was very busy at the time promoting both organizations.

MOC: A while back I read an interesting exchange between you and another person online named Jared. You were discussing an incident you had early on open carrying in the Capitol Building.

Brian: Jared is a Border Patrol agent. Early on in 2006 or 2007, he was the one who was saying that you could open carry in gun-free zones.

Should a Gun Carrier Get Involved in Someone Else's Fight?



You may misunderstand the situation

"People who object to [privately-owned] weapons aren't abolishing violence, they're begging for rule by brute force, when the biggest, strongest animals among men were always automatically 'right.' Guns ended that, and social democracy is a hollow farce without an armed populace to make it work."

— L. Neil Smith

The "Weapons of War" Big Lie



Sometimes fellow gun owners are our worst enemies

Confessions of a Former Cuomo Supporter



The story of an anti-gun Democrat who became a pro-2A conservative

27 States, Territories File Amicus Brief With SCOTUS



West Virginia leads states supporting citizens' right to buy and sell guns

U.S. District Judge: Open Carrying a Handgun Reasonable Suspicion of a Crime



Evasive answers lead to trespass charge, **ruling**

9th Circuit Judge Issues Injunction Against Army Corps of Engineers



US Army Corps of Engineers®

Carry of loaded firearms now allowed on dams and surrounding recreation areas managed by Army Corps of Engineers

My argument was, yeah, it exempts concealed pistol holders, but that was in the old days when those guys could carry anywhere at any time and we didn't have gun-free zones. When they added gun-free zones they wanted to exempt those people who had CPLs, because at that time they were mostly police officers, or retired police officers and special people, so they exempted CPL holders. I said, "Yeah, that's in there, but really it's a loophole and that wasn't the intent, and you would get in trouble if you open carried in a bar or a school or whatever." It was over several months that I really looked at all of that and listened to his arguments and thought, 'He's absolutely right.' It doesn't matter what the intent is, that's what the law says. And that was addressed by Attorney General Granholm's opinion when she was asked if people with concealed pistol licenses could carry in gun-free zones, and she said, "Yes." Then I was absolutely convinced. I had the Attorney General's opinion, we had the logic of the law, we had the meaning of the law, but we were still getting people saying, "Yeah, open carry might be legal, but, but, but..." and I said, "I'm going to open carry in the state capitol and we'll see what happens there, because I know I'm right, and I was willing to risk getting arrested, or not, so I could say to people, 'If I can walk into the state capitol open carrying without getting arrested, then you should be able to open carry anywhere that is legal.'" And so that's what I did.

I accompanied some people on a capitol tour and sat in the lobby waiting for them. It was busy as you can imagine. There were several classes of students going back and forth, and I'm just sitting there and the woman who was working the desk asked, "Is that what I think that is? Is that a gun?" I replied, "Yeah, it's lawful to open carry a gun in the capitol." "Are you a police officer?" I said, "No. It's not against the law." "Well, I think it is." I got up and went over to her and talked to her a little bit, and I explained the law to her and she said, "No, that can't be. There is no way you can carry a gun into the capitol. No way." I said, "Well, you can call the capitol police, I know you're going to, I'm just going to go back and sit down." She said, "Darn right I'm going to call the police."

So I sat back down and waited, and two police officers came out and asked me what I was doing there. I explained what I was doing, and that open carry was legal. One officer said, "Well, I'm requesting," and he said requesting, "can I see your ID?" I said, "Yeah, I have a concealed pistol license, and since you asked nicely I'll show that." I wouldn't do that today, but then I did. He then talked to me about all the children there and how it was terrifying everybody, and it was just ridiculous, and 'you just want attention,' and all of the typical things that you hear all the police officers say in almost every video, and even today you still hear that, which I find amazing. I told them that I really didn't want to hear this, and that they were kind of bothering me. I told them I was waiting for others, I had a legitimate reason to be there. One officer said, "Well, I'd like you to leave, and cover it up." "Well, I'm not going to do that." He said to me, "Well, you didn't come in like that. You uncovered that once you got in here." I said, "No, I didn't do anything. This is how I came in, open carrying." I think he was upset because, how could he have missed this, how could he have not known that this guy was carrying a gun? Well, that's the point, a lot of people don't notice. So he asked me to wait and he went back into his substation. He was gone a long time,

Junk Science Drives Administration's Gun Policies



Wayne LaPierre, NRA
Executive Vice President

No Duty to Protect



James W. Porter II, NRA
President

Fact-Free Crusades



If tighter gun control laws don't actually reduce the murder rate, then why are we being stampeded toward such laws after every shooting that gets media attention?

FIREARM LEGISLATION FROM THE STATES

Alabama

Concealed carry permits rising in wake of new law

California

California Court of Appeals confirms ruling striking down ammunition sales restrictions

Lawsuit filed against San Francisco ban on possession of standard capacity firearm magazines

Sunnyvale Gun-control measure triggers lawsuit from gun industry, dealer

Colorado

Colorado Senate President John Morse, state Sen. Angela Giron ousted

House, Senate GOP aim to repeal gun laws

Governor to Gun-Control Groups: "Stay Away!"

Gun-related ballot measures to again make Colorado political battleground

Slew of new pro-2A bills introduced, including the repeal of private sales prohibition and expansion of the "Castle Doctrine"

Connecticut

Senate Bill 1160 requires people to obtain a \$35 "ammunition certificate" to purchase ammunition and magazines

"Fewer People Than Expected Have Registered Weapons"

but when he came back he was very apologetic and very nice. "Mr. Jeffs, thank you very much for carrying, and if I was ever in a bad situation I'd want guys like you there to back me up." I said, "You're blowing sunshine up my skirt, aren't you?" He replied, "No, no, I mean it." He did this complete turnaround.

The manager of the facilities then came out and asked what I was doing. He said that he wanted to follow the law, definitely, and that's when the person behind the desk there called me a liar, because I said that I was just sitting there not doing anything until she started yelling at me about having a gun. She just started screaming and stuff. The manager said, "Lewanda, go back into the back room and be quiet." So she was the one who was really angry because I wasn't the one who was being taken out in handcuffs. And so I talked to the manager and suggested that he should probably write a memo to all his staff, informing them that this is lawful, and how to handle it, which is do nothing. And he was very receptive to that, and I think he did, because we've never had any problems since then.

After this incident spread through the capitol, there were some freshmen legislators who didn't like that at all, and they were going to propose rules prohibiting guns inside the capitol. But a lot of the legislators who carry guns in the capitol said, "No, we're not going to pass any rules banning guns in here because we carry, and if we're carrying then the citizens can carry."

"The charge of every citizen of a free state is to be ever vigilant of the government's role as their servant and not allow it to become their master." — Brian Jeffs, 2008

MOC: On MOC's facebook page, the question was asked: "How did you find out about MOC?" One answer was:

I was on OCDO in 2008 before MOC was formed and watched MOC evolve from a small club to a statewide political force to be reckoned with.

Would you like to comment on the evolution of Michigan Open Carry since you started it?

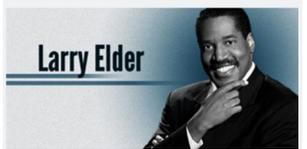
Brian: I think it's developed into a darn good, active organization, and I think it's one of the only gun groups in the state — even though its small — it's probably the most active and it's had a lot of success. In the last six or seven years, no other gun organization has been very active in expanding gun rights in the state of Michigan. Michigan Open Carry has gotten a lot done, and one of the things is the Capitol Area District Library v. MOC which I think was a big, big win for gun owners, because it really clarified in case law what an authority's power was, and it's no more powerful than the municipality's, and that state preemption does

And I Carry



Video of everyday citizens of Minnesota

Deadly Combination: Political Correctness In a Gun-Free Zone



Political correctness can get people killed

Government Gets Poor Marks On Protecting Gun Rights



Americans are questioning the government's stewardship of the right to bear arms

Gun Safety, or Gun Control?



Colion Noir explains the Left's latest tactic

Florida

"Stand Your Ground" survives

Florida appeals court rules that universities can't regulate guns

Bill to prohibit insurance companies discriminating against gun owners moves out of committee

Georgia

Federal suit challenges Georgia "stand your ground" law

Illinois

Conceal carry applications overwhelmingly outpace Obamacare enrollment

Officials can't keep up with CC applications

Kansas

Considers outlawing loaded guns in cars

KU students don empty gun holsters in protest

Maryland

Marylanders buying guns at rate of 1,000 a day

SCOTUS won't hear arguments against Maryland's gun law

Trial date set for case challenging new Maryland gun laws

Massachusetts

Massachusetts abusing citizens by 'slow-walking' gun license approval

apply to authorities.

The membership is growing, they put on seminars all over the state for free, which is fantastic, and they've also expanded out with MCRGO—they're under new management—as well as MGO. These three groups have been doing a lot of events together. I tried to do that a little bit when I was president, but I really couldn't get these three groups to come together very well because we were the new kids on the block, and we were rabble rousers, and we were causing all kinds of problems, so nobody was really much listening to us, yet. But we've established and shown that we aren't going away, and that open carry isn't going away, and that we are actually getting more gun rights. Phil Hofmeister has done a wonderful job in coordinating our three groups together as well as working with the legislature. It's come a long way, it's what I anticipated and dreamed about, and I'm glad that it's continued to grow under good management.

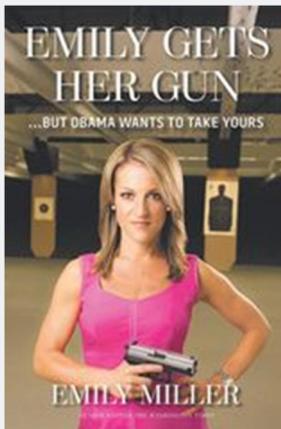
MOC: What do you see for MOC's future?

Brian: I anticipated when I was drawing up the bylaws with the four or five people we had, we had a good, small group in the beginning, when we did the bylaws, I knew that MOC was a niche organization. When open carry became so common that you didn't need the group, I put in the bylaws that we could do open carry and any kind of gun rights legislation or any kind of gun rights struggle, or anything that related to gun rights, our organization could get involved with. We could get involved in constitutional carry, anything that has to do with firearm rights within the state, our group has through its bylaws the authority to branch out, so even though we are Michigan Open Carry, we could still go on and do other stuff, and we have. The focus was open carry, but eventually at some point, maybe five, ten, fifteen years into the future, we're not just limited to open carry. We could do a lot of things.

MOC: In 2011, you also wrote and published a book. Tell us a little bit about it and why you did it.

Brian: Nathan Nephew, one of the co-founders of Michigan Open Carry, and I decided we wanted to write some kind of kid's book because we didn't really find any pro-gun kid's books. There are some Second Amendment-type books, but nothing that really deals with the carry of a gun for self-defense, and so we thought there was a need out there for a nice kid's book that the parents could read to the kids, or young kids that could read, could read themselves. We developed this story called My Parents Open Carry which talks about open carry in particular, but also it's pro-concealed carry because there are some characters in there that just carry concealed. It's a device to talk about the pros and cons of both of those types of carries. We talk about the meaning of the Second Amendment, the right to self-defense, we talk about gun safety. It's about a thirteen year-old girl named Brenna, and her mom and dad who open carry, and it takes place during one day, on a Saturday. They start off the day in the morning at breakfast, and they're going to go out to run some errands. It's really their interaction with various people throughout the day as mom and dad are open carrying with their daughter. They go to the grocery store, they go to the bookstore, and they go to the hard-

Book Review: 'Emily Gets Her Gun



...But Obama Wants to Take Yours'

"Assault is a type of behavior, not a type of hardware."

— Unknown

Gun Test: Smith & Wesson's Sub-Compact Shield



Good for civilians and law enforcement alike

"Suppose the Second amendment said 'A well-educated electorate being necessary for self-governance in a free state, the right of the people to keep and read books shall not be infringed.' Is there anyone who would suggest that means only registered voters have a right to read?"

— Robert Levy,
Georgetown University
Professor

Michigan

SBS/SBR bill passes Senate, sent to House

Kettering University student club wants concealed carry Flint campus

Mississippi

State Supreme Court upholds state's open carry gun law

Montana

HB 459 prohibits health care providers from inquiring about a person's firearms ownership

SB 145 ensures confidentiality and privacy protection for concealed weapon permit holders

Nebraska

Judge orders Nebraska to allow concealed-carry permits for legal non-citizens who qualify

New Jersey

Handgun permits surge
Centerpiece gun-control bill is dead after conditional veto

New Mexico

HB 44 criminalizes non-dealer firearm transfers

New York

Seven bullet limit no longer enforceable

ware store, and I don't want to spoil the end because it ends with a nice surprise. It uses the dialogue between the mom and the dad, and even with Brenna and a WWII veteran talking about the Second Amendment. She asks some questions of the vet, and he talks about what the Second Amendment really means and what it's about. That's one of my favorite parts of the book, where Brenna is interacting with this older gentleman who is a veteran. It's just this nice story line that outlines why people carry firearms. I would recommend it for anybody, even adults that want to learn more about open carry in general.

MOC: You also have a radio show.

Brian: Yes. We talk about not only guns, which we talk about a lot, but civil rights, politics, anything to do with freedom and liberty. It's growing, we're getting a bigger audience. We're on Red State Talk Radio three times a week. You can listen to us any time at our website which is www.atoddsshow.com, and you can listen to us live on Thursday night at 8:00 PM. It's a call-in show, and we have a number where you can call in and ask questions or make comments about anything that's related to our topics or specifically what we're talking about. We interview authors and political people and gun rights people from all over the country.

MOC: What is your preferred carry gun?

Brian: For open carry I like my S&W M&P 9mm pistol with a Safariland retention holster. When I conceal I carry a S&W Centennial Air-weight .38+ revolver inside the waist.

MOC: Tell us a little more about your personal life. What do you do for enjoyment?

Brian: I'm pretty busy with the talk show. I'm reading a lot, I try to do research into different topics, so I work on the show a lot more than just the hour we're on the show. But I love hunting and fishing, I love deer hunting. I particularly like small mouth bass fishing and lake trout fishing up north. I like to read. I also do heraldry. I create and design coats of arms for people. The history of that is fascinating. I like art. I also paint occasionally. I've done illustrations of trout flies. I was selling those, and that was interesting. And I'd like to start writing more. I've written for Clash Daily, and they're actually asking for more stuff.

MOC: Is there anything you'd wish we'd have asked but didn't? This is your last chance to tell us anything about yourself that we didn't know enough to ask you about.

Brian: No, but I'd just like to say that I'm thankful to all the people who are carrying the torch. They're doing a great job.

Get Brian's book **My Parents Open Carry** at www.myparentsopencarry.com. Listen to Brian's talk show **At Odds** at www.atoddsshow.com or at Red State Talk Radio <http://redstatetalkradio.com/>

SELECT 2A AND MOC EVENTS

Detroit Gun Rights Advocates Stage Successful Protest At 'Guns For Groceries' Event



Approximately 50 gun rights activists attended a "Guns for Groceries" event, rescuing guns from destruction in Wayne County

MOC/MCRGO/MGO Picnic In Belleville



September 21, 2013

Cabella's NRA Days Sep 14-15, 2013



Michigan Open Carry was there!

North Carolina

Most comprehensive pro-gun reform bill since 1995 takes effect

Ohio

Expanded "stand your ground" proposed in Ohio

Oklahoma

Firearms manufacture liability protection signed into law

Pennsylvania

Two anti-gun mayors aligned with "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" defeated by pro-gun candidates

South Carolina

Bill to allow guns in bars, restaurants headed for Gov. Haley's desk

Tennessee

Handgun carry permit applications double, tech measures to help not working

Texas

Many pro-2A law changes take effect

Washington

Pro-gun candidate defeats anti-gun incumbent in Senate special election

Seattle lifts public library gun ban

Book Review: The Law of Self-Defense

Jason Gillman (jgillmanjr)



In his book **The Law of Self Defense, 2nd Edition** (which I'll further refer to as LoSD), Massachusetts attorney Andrew Branca has taken the core legal aspects of self-defense and presents them in a way that is easy to read and comprehend. However, don't mistake the fact that this book is easy to read as a sign that the information provided is merely cursory. Indeed, it would be hard, if not impossible, to have a single book that covers all laws concerning self-defense for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. However, LoSD contains enough information you'll certainly want to keep it around for reference.

LoSD discusses five main legal tenets of self-defense: Innocence, Imminence, Proportionality, Avoidance, and Reasonability. These principles are discussed in a generally locale agnostic manner. With that said, he does point out where a state or group of states significantly differs with others. An example of this is when he mentions that Ohio is the only state in the Union that requires the defendant to prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that his action was performed for self-defense. Another example is where he mentions the states that require a duty to retreat vs. those that don't. Further, he does briefly reference example court cases (most of which are relatively recent) to solidify a concept being addressed.

Even though the five principles are discussed in an abstracted manner, the end of each chapter discussing them contains a table or two that references state laws related to the concepts being discussed. As I mentioned earlier, it would be difficult to make a book that addresses specific state law (and could become outdated quickly), but the tables make a good launching point for state specific research.

If LoSD only contained the chapters needed to discuss these principles, I would have felt I got my money's worth (which I think was about \$30-35 at the time). However, Branca includes other information relevant to self-defense law that doesn't fall under any one of the principles discussed. Such topics include defense of others, defense of property, actions after a self-defense situation, and crafting a legally sound strategy.

I'd like to now make a few free flowing thoughts about the book.

Although I'm not an attorney, the information presented in LoSD seems extremely legitimate to me based on my classically liberal (not to be confused with modern day Democrats) philosophies and subsequently analyzed in a logical manner.

One of the things that make this book great is that it should cause you to think. After reading the book (if not already), you should be wargaming — thinking of various situations you may be in and what lines would need to be crossed before you would pull the trigger.

Obviously, there is no guarantee that you'll stay out of cuffs or even

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"To my mind it is wholly irresponsible to go into the world incapable of preventing violence, injury, crime, and death. How feeble is the mindset to accept defenselessness. How unnatural. How cheap. How cowardly. How pathetic."

— Ted Nugent

MOC Seminar in Traverse City



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Washington, D.C.

Every D.C. firearms owner must be fingerprinted for gun registry

Dick Heller challenges D.C.'s gun registration scheme, files for quick ruling in Heller II

ACROSS THE BORDER

Canada

Quebec wants to start its own gun registry, Supreme Court to hear Quebec's appeal

dodge a conviction despite your best attempts to follow the principles put forth in LoSD and locale specific legal requirements. However, doing so should mitigate the chances, and that's the point of this book—mitigating legal exposure in the unfortunate situation you're involved in a self-defense situation that involves deadly (or even non-deadly) force. In fact, Branca even advocates thinking about these things so that they can be identified quickly in the event things heat up.

When I was asked to write this review, I had grand visions of discussing the details of the five principles. However, as I was reading the book, I quickly realized that this was a futile effort. If I attempted a discussion of the principles and other information in LoSD, while trying to keep this review at a decent length, I would be performing a horrible injustice not only to Mr. Branca, but the rest of the community interested in the legal aspects of self-defense as well.

I would highly urge those interested in the legal aspects of self-defense (which should be everyone) to pick up this book. I even think attorneys would get something out of it. I especially think those that have an unwarranted disdain for stand your ground laws should read this book — then they might actually realize that stand your ground laws don't actually serve as a free ticket for murder.

To me, I would consider the LoSD the quintessential hornbook for self-defense law for our time.

<http://lawofselfdefense.com/>

“Gun Control”: The Soft Pill For The Intellectually Lazy To Swallow

Paul Markel (reprinted with permission)

For as long as I've been alive the social elitist has been floating the term “Gun Control.” The first serious or official use of the term in the U.S. came from “Gun Control Act of 1968.” That act added to the previously existing Federal Government firearms restrictions put in place by the National Firearms Act of 1934. In both cases, opportunist politicians used a popular crisis to persuade the ignorant and mentally lazy that more laws would make the nation a ‘safer’ place. In 1934, the crisis was gang-land violence brought on by Prohibition and in 1968 we were still dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy. . .

Nothing New

From a historical perspective, the term Gun Control is relatively new, but the concept and practice are as old as man himself. It is the determination of who can and cannot possess arms by whatever government happens to be in place. Civilian Disarmament in the history books dates back to the time of the Roman Empire. Fearing disobedience by the conquered Jews, Rome forbade them from owning swords.

Moving to the Far East, in 1587 Toyotami Hideyoshi unified the various political factions of Japan and instituted the “Sword Hunt.” Farmers, or the peasant class, were forbidden to own swords, bows, spears, or any

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firearm. This ensured the continued separation of the ruling class from the peasants; the rulers from the ruled.

Great Britain has a long and storied history of disarming those it feels unworthy or peasant class. British Parliament passed several versions of the Disarming Act from 1715 through 1746. Early on, the Scots were first forbidden to carry a sword in public then they were forbidden possess the sword or “any weapon of war.” Similarly, hoping to ensure absolute control over India, the British applied the Disarming Act to the Indian people forbidding them to own firearms.

During more recent history Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party passed their own version of the Gun Control in 1938 and forbid Jews and others they considered to be “undesirable”, or peasants, from owning firearms. If you don't know how that turned out there is no hope for you.

Keep in mind that during everyone of these instances, the ruling class put forth the laws as “reasonable” and “necessary.” Politicians consented and cast their vote to disarm those deemed unworthy of possessing arms.

Modern Times

In the United States you cannot use the word “disarm,” instead the more deceptive and “reasonable” term “gun control” has been substituted. The words ‘gun control’ seem to the moderate or intellectually lazy to be rather innocuous. After all, who could argue against the “reasonable” and “rational” control of weapons?

“Gun Control” is a soft pill, one that is easy for the distracted masses to swallow. The term implies that only certain types of guns will be “controlled” and that the citizen will not be disarmed but merely restricted for the safety of the greater good.

The modern argument over the shape, style, accessories, ammunition capacity, and configuration of this firearm or that is merely a smoke-screen to cover a very old agenda, Civilian Disarmament. Step number one in discussing the issue is to set the ground rules and reject the term “gun control” as both deliberately misleading and illegitimate. Refuse to accept that term.

If someone says “gun control” stop them right there and correct them. “You mean disarmament.” If they protest and claim gun control is not disarmament there are either a woefully naïve or a purposeful liar. Either way you have established the baseline.

A person either favors civilian disarmament or they do not. It is no more complex than that. Those who wish to disarm you will deliberately cloud the issue with hyperbole about magazine capacity, action-types, etc.

Never mind the fact that cities in the United States with the strictest gun control also have the highest violent crime rate or that areas where concealed carry by citizens is prevalent have the lowest violent crime. Those facts be damned. The first murder in recorded history was committed

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with a rock. Murder and suicide existed long before the invention of the firearm and will continue until this world stops turning.

The question on the table is this: who should possess weapons, the government or the citizenry? Two-hundred and thirty years ago that question was answered in the United States very plainly and clearly. Innumerable documents written by the nation's founders, not just the Bill of Rights, spell out the need for the citizen to be the final authority in a free nation.

During the time of the British Coercive Acts in 1774 Josiah Quincy wrote

"No free government was ever founded or ever preserved its liberty without uniting the characters of citizen and soldier in those destined for the defense of the state. The sword should never be in the hands of any, but those who have an interest in the safety of the community... Such are a well regulated militia composed of the freeholders, citizen and husbandman, who take up arms to preserve their property as individuals, and their rights as freemen."

It was understood at that time that the government derives its authority from the consent of the governed and only by having parity in arms with that government could men return that power to the citizen should it be abused.

During the two centuries that followed the founding of the United States, we have become the most prosperous and thereby most comfortable people on the planet. That comfort has turned to sloth and sluggishness. The populace has forgotten the hard fought lessons of their fathers and fallen into a state of illusion where the nature of man has somehow changed from the previous thousands of years.

We are expected to believe that unchecked governmental power is now preferable and beneficial to society. That the citizen no longer has the right to hold the government accountable and certainly no longer maintains the right to return that power to the citizen.

Frustration and Quandary

For those who have yet to sell their principles and their very souls for the offer of a free phone or the unattainable nirvana of government mandated peace and safety, these are most trying times. The modern patriot is confronted on all sides by the comfortable slave and the social elitist. The citizen is extolled to be reasonable and accept rational limits to his liberty for the common good and an empty promise of security.

The first step in the process of legitimate debate is to refuse the offer of "gun control." Call a spade a spade and inquire from the elitist or useful idiot whether they favor civilian disarmament or not. Ask them if they believe their fellow citizens have the right to possess arms or whether the government has the authority to disarm them.

If you weaken and fall prey to the seductive talk of compromise you have already lost and very soon will fall in line with the rest of the "civilized" world. You will be forced to take your place in the ranks of the comfortable slaves who inhabit the majority of this planet.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

**Santa was good to
Ralphie this year!**



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Paul Markel has been a firearms industry writer for twenty years. He's the author of the new book "Student of the Gun; A beginner once, a student for life." Paul hosts and produces "Student of the Gun" a show dedicated to education, experience, and enjoyment of firearms. You can view episodes of SOTG at www.studentofthegun.com

Ammo: How Much Is Enough?

Dan Griffin (gryphon)

When I get down to 1,000 rounds of any caliber, I consider myself out of ammo for that caliber. However, that's not what I'm talking about here. When carrying a gun for self-defense, how much ammo should you carry on you? How much is enough? How much is too much?

Let's start with the easy question first. If you ever find yourself in a self-defense situation, you'll quickly realize that you can never have too much spare ammunition. No survivor of a gunfight has ever said, "I wish I hadn't carried those extra magazines."

Should one really bother carrying spare ammunition? The simple – and only – answer is emphatically "Yes!" I have heard and read more people than I care to remember state that they only carry a small compact semi-auto or revolver, no spare ammunition, and laughingly say "if I can't get it done in six rounds, something's wrong" or "I deserve what I get" or something equally absurd.

So how much ammo do you need? The fact of the matter is, you will never know how many rounds you need until you need them. You might read someplace that "statistically" the average self-defense encounter involves only two or three rounds fired. The problem is that "statistically" the standard deviation is so large that the average is a pretty meaningless number. It sure would suck to fire your six rounds only to find out you needed a few more.

***"If you knew you were going to be in a gunfight,
what would you carry?"***

"If I knew I was going to be in a gunfight, I wouldn't go!"

One year ago this month, a man named Paul Slater broke into a Georgia woman's house while her husband was at work and chased her and her two children into a crawl space leading to their attic. When he opened the access door and attempted to enter the attic after them, she emptied her .38 revolver in his direction, hitting her attacker five times in the face and torso. That's pretty good shooting by anyone's standards, much less for a frightened woman crouching in a confined space trying to protect her two young boys. That didn't kill him. She told him to stop or she would shoot him again, knowing that it was an idle threat as her gun was now empty. But fortunately for the family he did stop his attack that day,

and after the mother and her sons ran past him to get away he was able to leave the house and drive away. He lived to stand trial.

But what if she had not been as accurate? What if he hadn't stopped his attack? What if he hadn't been alone? The woman's revolver was empty, having hit Slater five times out of the six she fired. She no longer had a weapon sufficient to defend herself with from her attacker who was armed with a crowbar, and had Slater had an accomplice that day, the newspaper story of the attack likely would have read entirely differently.

In a firearms online forum I read a story of a man who had his own self-defense encounter while out one evening. Fortunately for him it turned out okay, but that night caused him to rethink his "six shots is enough" strategy and he traded in his carry revolver for a high-capacity semi-automatic and two spare magazines. He was so shaken up about the "what-if" possibilities that he determined to never be in that same position again.

If you are carrying a semi-auto, there are additional reasons for carrying spare magazines besides the extra ammunition capacity. If you are unfortunate enough to begin experiencing failures, you can drop your gun's magazine and insert a new one. If you become engaged in a protracted fight, but experience a lull in the action, or even if you are just pausing and covering while your lone attacker is down, you can quickly perform an administrative reload by dropping your partially-loaded magazine and inserting a fresh one, and you are once again working with a fully loaded gun with one already in the chamber and no need to rack the slide. And if your pistol doesn't have a magazine disconnect, you can still cover the threat with an operable weapon while you reload. In any event, if you are carrying a single stack pistol that only holds six, seven, or eight rounds, you can see how advantageous it would be to trade a magazine with maybe only a round or two left in it for a fresh one rather than wait until the threat resumes, and then trying to reload an empty gun while avoiding becoming a bullet sponge.

One suburban cop by the name of Tim Gramins now carries 145 rounds of 9mm ammunition on his person on the job, as he says, "every day, without fail." That is because he survived an encounter with an attacker that would not go down, even though he was shot 14 times with .45 ACP — six of those hits in supposedly fatal locations. Gramins had to fire 33 times to get those 14 hits. And even then his attacker survived the ambulance ride.

So, how much spare ammunition should one carry? Maybe 145 rounds sounds excessive, but Gramins says it's not paranoia, but rather preparation. We would do well to pay attention to these stories and the hundreds more just like them. Gun magazines and police departments are full of tales where the bad guy was shot multiple times and was still able to seriously injure or kill the good guy. Don't depend on one or two shots being enough to stop a threat. Don't assume a lone attacker. If you are not carrying spare magazines, you should consider carrying at least one, and probably two if you're carrying a single-stack. In my opinion, if you are openly carrying your pistol, there's really no need to conceal your

spare magazines, and it's just as easy to carry two spares as it is one. If you carry a revolver, carry a couple of full speed loaders. It's better to be prepared than, well, not prepared.

Remember, no survivor of a gunfight has ever wished he had gone into the fight with less ammunition.

Upcoming MOC Events

Open Carry Seminar in Flint, Friday January 31 at 7:00 PM

Never open carried before? Curious about it? Join us for an Open Carry seminar at Gander Mountain in Flint! These seminars, presented by Michigan Open Carry, are an excellent opportunity to learn about the laws and myths that surround the Open Carry of a handgun in Michigan.

Bring a friend and find out more about Open Carry in Michigan and Michigan Open Carry, Inc.

Lawful open carry of a holstered firearm is encouraged but not required.

When: Friday, January 31, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Gander Mountain

Address: 5038 Miller Rd, Flint Township, MI 48507

RSVP here: [Link](#)

For more information: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3539.0.html>

Cabela's NRA Days in Dundee, Saturday—Sunday February 8-9

Michigan Open Carry will have an information table at the Dundee Cabela's February 8 and 9. Come on by and show your support. Bring a friend and introduce them to Michigan Open Carry.

As with the NRA Days we had in the past, any volunteers to help work the table are welcome.

Lawful open carry of a holstered firearm is encouraged but not required.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 8 AM until 9 PM

Sunday, February 9, 2014 from 10 AM until 8 PM

Place: Cabela's

Address: 110 Cabelas Blvd, Dundee, MI 48131

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3615.0.html>

Speaker schedule:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

NRA University
10:30am – 12:00pm in our Conference Rooms on 2nd Floor
NRA-ILA staff members discuss how you can take on a more active role in your community to advance and protect our 2A freedoms.

Gun Rights Panel Discussion and Q&A
1:00pm in our Conference Rooms on 2nd Floor
Panel of experts discuss gun laws in our area and answer questions.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

CPL Update
1:00pm – 2:00pm in our Conference Rooms 2nd Floor
NRA Firearms Instructor Wayne Blank will cover changes in CPL laws.

Woman On Target
2:00pm – 3:00pm in our Conference Rooms 2nd Floor
Representatives discuss how woman can become more involved with the NRA.

Refuse To Be A Victim
3:00pm – 4:00pm in our Conference Rooms 2nd Floor
NRA Instructor Sandra Blank will cover personal safety tips and techniques to help you avoid dangerous situations and becoming a victim.

Open Carry Seminar in Caledonia (Grand Rapids), Thursday February 20 at 7:00 PM

The River City Patriots have asked Michigan Open Carry to hold a seminar at one of their meetings, and has invited the public to join.

If you have questions about the laws or best practices of open carrying a handgun, or just looking for a refresher course, then this is a great opportunity for you. These seminars, presented by Michigan Open Carry, are an excellent opportunity to learn about the laws and myths that surround the open carry of a handgun in Michigan.

As usual, entry is FREE. Lawful open carry of a holstered firearm is encouraged but not required.

When: Thursday, February 20, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Steffens Enterprises

Address: 4045 Korona Ct. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3607.0.html>

Open Carry Lunch in Howell, Saturday February 22 at 1:30 PM

Never open carried before? Well here is your chance! Just curious? Here's a great opportunity to come get some questions answered and see other open carriers "in action." Michigan Open Carry is inviting you

to come have lunch with us at All Star Coney Island in Howell. Lawful open carry of a holstered firearm is encouraged but not required.

When: Saturday, February 22, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: All Star Coney Island

Address: 934 S. Michigan Avenue, Howell, MI 48843

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3631.0.html>

Open Carry Seminar in Novi, Friday February 28 at 6:30 PM

Never open carried before? Just curious about it? Join us for an Open Carry Seminar at Gander Mountain in Novi. These seminars, presented by Michigan Open Carry, are an excellent opportunity to learn about the laws and myths that surround the open carry of a handgun in Michigan. Bring a friend and learn more about open carry and Michigan Open Carry, Inc.

Lawful open carry of a holstered firearm is encouraged but not required.

When: Friday, February 28, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Gander Mountain

Address: 43825 West Oaks Drive, Novi, MI 48377

Map: [Link](#)

RSVP here: [Link](#)

For more information: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3540.0.html>

Open Carry Breakfast and March in Grand Rapids, Sunday March 2 at 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Michigan Open Carry will be holding a demonstration of every day open carriers, the day before the one year anniversary of Johann Deffert's detainment for lawful open carry. Our goal is to demonstrate in force what the typical open carrier is like, and to show that there is nothing to be concerned about. We will be walking the same route, at the same time, on the same day of the week as Mr. Deffert was when he was unlawfully detained by Grand Rapids police.

Therefore, we ask that you carry the same gun that you carry every day. The objective is for people to look at us and realize that we are not so different, and understand that there is no cause for alarm when they see us in the grocery store, gas station, or any other place they may encounter us in our everyday lives.

When: Sunday, March 2, 2014

Breakfast

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: New Beginnings

Address: 1455 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

March

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Start at Fuller Park

Address: 250 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids 49503

Route map: [Link](#)

Facebook event: [Link](#)

For more information and background on why we are doing this: <http://forums.michiganopencarry.org/index.php/topic,3647.0.html>

Second Amendment March in Lansing, Tuesday April 29 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Michigan's Second Amendment March will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at the Michigan Capitol. The march will begin at 9:45 AM with a sidewalk procession from the corner of Michigan and Pennsylvania to the Capitol. Speakers and entertainment are TBD.

The Michigan Legislature is in session that day. We'll be showing them the political strength of Michigan's legal gun owners. The march is being organized by Skip Coryell's **Second Amendment March** and jointly promoted and funded by Michigan Open Carry, Michigan Gun Owners, Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, Michigan Students for Concealed Carry, and Young Guns of Michigan.

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Place: Michigan State Capitol

Address: starts at the corner of Michigan and Pennsylvania in Lansing (or if you prefer, just go directly to the Capitol Building)

Flyer: [Link](#)

Map: [Capitol Area and Parking](#)

Changes in MOC Leadership

It is with a heavy heart I announce Randy Davis (Onnie) has decided to resign the position of Corporate Secretary of Michigan Open Carry, Inc. Randy has served this organization as a member of the board of directors since November 2011. His tenure on the Board of Directors is among the longest in Michigan Open Carry, Inc. history. He put countless hours into the organization. Randy will continue to serve as our membership director/coordinator, processing membership applications — a job that goes too often unseen and with too little gratitude. Thank you, Randy, for all you have done and continue to do to help us advance our cause here in Michigan.

I have appointed and the Board of Directors has unanimously confirmed Michael Perchard (Ezenharden) as our new corporate Secretary. Mr. Perchard has been serving as our SE Regional Coordinator for approximately one year and a Board Member At-Large for approximately six months. Mike has shown the dedication and hard work that makes me and the rest of the Board of Directors very comfortable with this appoint-

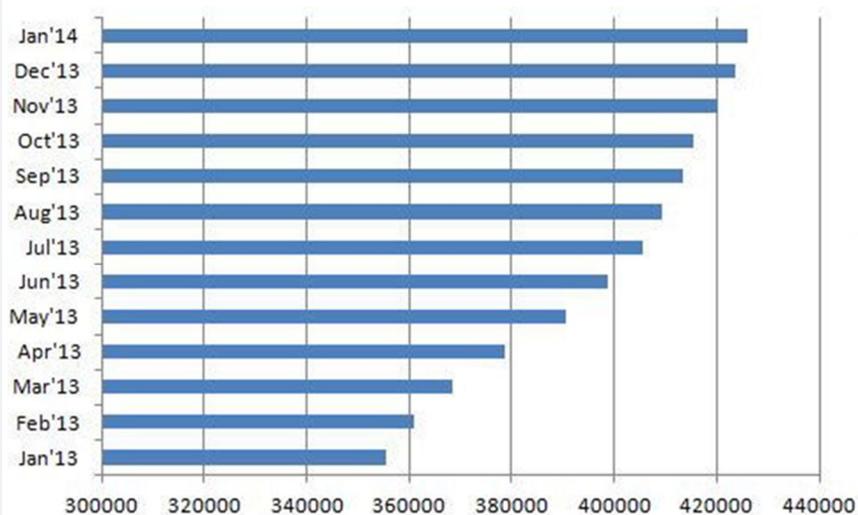
ment. Mike will serve the remainder of Randy's term, which is set to expire after the annual membership meeting in 2015. Randy will continue to help Mike as he transitions into his new role. I hope you will join me in welcoming Mike to his new role.

Mr. Perchard will be resigning his role as Board Member At-Large to assume his new role as Secretary. I have appointed and the Board of Directors has unanimously confirmed Tom Lambert (bigt8261) to fill Mr. Perchard's Board seat. Mr Lambert has been serving as an assistant SW Regional coordinator for over a year. He is also well known in the greater Grand Rapids region for his persistent efforts to bring the City of Grand Rapids in compliance with State Law. Tom has been serving under me as the Assistant Legislative Director for Michigan Open Carry, Inc. for the past four months. I hope you will join me in welcoming Tom Lambert to the Board of Directors. Tom's term will expire at the annual meeting in 2014.

In order to give time to his new role, Mike Perchard is also stepping down as the SE Regional Coordinator. Pat Dunbar (CV67PAT) has expressed interest in resuming his duties in this role. I have appointed Pat as the SE Regional Coordinator and the Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to confirm my appointment. Pat served previously as the SE Regional coordinator until he decided to attend classes at Macomb Community College. Pat's classes at MCC have come to a conclusion and he is eager to get back into his previous role. As regional coordinator, Pat had setup and attended events throughout SE Michigan. I hope you will join me in welcoming Pat back!

Phil Hofmeister

Firearms Fact



Statistics from the Michigan State Police. Graph courtesy of MCRGO.

As of January 7, 2014 there were 425,972 concealed pistol license holders in Michigan.

Your Voice Matters

As a firearms owner and open carry advocate, we know you have opinions on existing laws and upcoming legislation. Have you voiced your opinions to both your legislators and to members of the appropriate committees to get certain legislation out of committee and onto the floor for vote?

Your voice makes a difference. We urge you to take advantage of MOC's resources as well as other public resources to make yourself aware of potential and upcoming legislation and make your voice heard. Join MOC's Legislative Alerts. Read MOC's forums and other Michigan firearms forums dealing with legislation. Read the text of the bills themselves on the Michigan legislature's web pages that we have linked in this newsletter, and contact the members of the committees they are before as well as your own representatives.

Your voice does make a difference.

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 and we will work with you to write it. Everyone has a story. We want to hear yours.

Letters to the Editor and Other Changes to the MOC Newsletter

The Michigan Open Carry Newsletter is still rather new. Please help to make this newsletter better by offering your suggestions as well. We would like to begin a 'Letters to the Editor' section. If you have a response to anything we have written, or otherwise have an opinion, please email it to the editor at DGriffin@miopencarry.org.

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We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter. Can I ask you one more thing?

Help MOC!

I know we all have limited resources to fund our lives. I'm also pretty sure that almost everyone in the Facebook Group has benefited from the work of MOC in one form or another. Won't you consider becoming a dues paying member of MOC? Your dues help ensure that we have the financial resources needed to continue:



- Educating the public, law enforcement, and others
- Fighting lawsuits such as CADL v MOC and other future civil right suits involving 2A
- Fund picnics and other fun activities

MOC is the only 100% volunteer 2A organization in Michigan with a strong lobbying arm in Lansing that uses our mailing list (when required) to push our legislators to make the right decisions.

Won't you stand with me as we continue to stand for our rights?

Join (or renew) right now: <http://miopencarry.org/join>

If you have technical problems joining, please email board@miopencarry.org and we will help you through the process.

I truly appreciate your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Hofmeister". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Phillip Hofmeister
President (and a dues paying member)
Michigan Open Carry, Inc.