

DCGOA FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



DCGOA MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the safe and legal ownership and use of firearms as expressed in our inalienable rights under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America so that those who are legally permitted to purchase and sell firearms may collect and use firearms for self defense, competitive events, other sporting uses in the community, and for preservation of our constitutional republic.

Also preserving and defending the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and Article I, section 6 of Michigan's Constitution: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS ON February 14th

Agenda:

Pistol Brace rulings and other violations of our civil rights

Meetings are held at Mead Rod and Gun Club at 5523-5559 County 420 21st Road on the second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM unless notified.

Weather permitting we can shoot at the range between 5:00 and 6:30, bring targets eye and ear protection!

Next month's meeting is March 14th 2023

Announcements & NOTICES

Banquet is April

DCGOA NEWS

Notes from the January Meeting: Meeting opened at 6:30PM After the secretaries report and treasurers report the Youth shoot was announced to be May 20. The grant will be awarded to the Honor Flight when Scott Knoff get back from winter vacation. A report on the Jim Groos Scholarship fund was given. Anyone interested in attending the County Board it meets at the County Center next to the jail on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:15. There will be a limited time for the public to speak and ask questions.

2A Legislature news

Due to the Holidays not much was introduced during December

STATE legislature:

HB 4010: (Phil Green - R) Amends the General sales tax act by exempting sales tax on “gun safety items”.

SB 22: (John Damoose – R) Amends the Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan making it a felony to possess a weapon in sterile areas of a commercial airport.

Federal:

H.R. 38 (Rep Richard Hudson-R-NC) “Concealed carry Reciprocity”: Would make any state issued concealed carry permit valid in all states that issue permits. This bill will protect law-abiding gun owners like Shaneen Allen – a Philadelphia mother of two and concealed carry permit holder who was jailed for 48 days simply for driving across state lines into New Jersey.

H.R. 374 (Rep Matt Gaetz R-FL) “Abolish the ATF Act”: Would abolish the rogue agency from making laws which they call “regulations”. Only Congress can make laws. The recent “redefining” of pistol braces is just the latest example of the agency’s violation of the second amendment. Rep. Gaetz says he will push for defunding the ATF if this does not pass. He is also calling for hearings on the ATF’s overreach. (More and more 2nd amendment groups are pushing the abolishing of the ATF).

H.R 53 (Rep Bergman D-MI) “FIND Act” Forbids the federal government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm trade associations or businesses that deal in firearms, ammo, or related products.

SHORT Act: (Rep Andrew Clyde (R-GA) “ Stop Harassing of Rifle Owners Today” act was a 2022 bill H.R. 4986 Rep Clyde will reintroduce the act to repeal the pistol brace regulation which is a civil rights violation. He also will introduce a resolution of disapproval, under the Congressional Review Act to override the ATF’s overreach in making what effectively is a law with a felony punishment. (Only Congress can make laws.)

2nd Amendment news

Bump Stock Ban Unconstitutional: The fifth circuit court of appeals ruled the ban a violation of federal law. The ATF had for years ruled that bump stocks were just an accessory, then literally over night the redefined them as a machine gun. The Chevron deference allow an agency charged with upholding a law to interpret any ambiguous parts of the law any way they want. As bump stocks were not specifically mentioned in the law defining machine guns they arbitrarily made them a machine gun. The ruling stated the ATF violated the Administrative Procedures Act by overstepping its authority and that only Congress could make owning bump stocks a felony. The supreme court ruled in the past that the power of punishment is vested in the legislative department.

Turn them in boys: Pistol Braces. In a reversal of past rulings the ATF has redefined pistol braces as short barreled rifles making thousands of lawful gun owners felons overnight. You have 120 days to register them as short barreled rifles or turn them in. As this is not an outright total ban like the bump stocks was, the courts may not reverse this violation of your civil rights as this is a tax. All you have to do is apply for a NFA tax stamp for \$200.00 send in a photo and fingerprints and fill out a form registering your short barreled rifle.

A lawsuit brought by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty to stop this regulation on behalf of a group of former Marines.

Turn them in part II: Now 90 year old California Senator Dianne Feinstein is again introducing a bill to outlaw all modern sporting rifles (MSR). It specifically lists the banned modern rifles on 100 pages. It includes confiscation of large capacity magazines. (Wonder if her assistant who was outed as a Communist Chinese Spy, put her up to disarming the American public.) However by the supreme courts ruling common use firearms are protected. So what is common use? By looking at sales it is estimated 24 million MSR's are in use and some 273 million magazines are also in "common use". In a survey of 16,708 firearm owners, 66 percent of them said they owned AR15 rifles for target shooting, 61.9 percent said they owned them for home defense, and 50.5 percent said they owned them for hunting. The statistics for crimes committed will show only 2.2 percent of crimes are committed with rifles of any type. What is she afraid of?

Bill of Rights Insurance: A proposal by the democrats is to require liability insurance to exercise your 2nd amendment right. Next you will need insurance to speak words that may offend anyone.

Forbidden Knowledge: From a new paper from John Lott, 2% of Democrat Counties had 56% of the murders. 52% of US counties had ZERO murders. Those democrat counties had some of the most restrictive gun laws "to make them safer". Murders mostly occur in small urban areas. The democrats will state states with weaker gun laws have higher firearm violence rate. However those states are mostly rural with low population counts. So if there is a state with 100,000 population and they have 10 murders that is a rate of 10 per 100,000. But if you take California with a population of 40 million has 21,570 murders that rate is 5.6 per 100,000 (2020 statistics). So depending on how you present the facts you can make a small number seem huge. *Figures Don't Lie, But Liars Do Figure* ~ Mark Twain

Constitutional carry: Only the 2nd amendment right is infringed by the requirement to get a permission slip from the state government. 25 states have realized that if you are not a felon, mentally unstable, or a juvenile, you have a God given right to bear arms. Now Florida is joining the ranks of states that believe in your civil right to protect your self with a firearm. Those that are against this freedom are saying it will only make it easier for criminals to carry concealed. What makes them think criminals are following the concealed law today by getting a permission slip from the state to carry concealed to commit crimes? Only a defective mind or a completely evil one would come to that conclusion. Only 24 more states to go.

Gun confiscation doesn't work: New Zealand is three years into the semi-automatic firearms confiscation "buy back", to make the country safer. Some 56,000 firearms were turned in to the government and destroyed. Bad news is that gun crimes are up 53% from the last decade. Seems criminals didn't turn in their guns. Criminals like laws that disarm citizens. They can rob and pillage with no fear of some crazed legal gun owner shooting them. Go figure, who would have thought?

Weaponizing the Federal Trade Commission: Lying Senator Chuck Schumer is calling for the FTC to investigate firearm manufacturer for "illegally" marketing to minors. Never mind marketing to minors is NOT illegal. He wants to target ads for youth rifles used for target shooting training and firearm safe responsible use of firearms training. This is a well planned effort to stigmatize firearms in the minds of youth as the FTC did with their campaign against the tobacco industry.

Editorial

We have strayed from the founding fathers idea of a constitutional republic. One where laws are made by the legislative branch and not by the executive branch or the judicial branch. The progressives believe the bill of rights and the constitution are a road block to their idea of government. Their idea that non elected officials in the bureaucracies like the ATF, FCC, EPA, IRS, etc. make the laws (they call them regulations) because it expedites control of the populace. It's faster than having congress debate a law and pass it. The progressives also believe these bureaucracies, to quote them, are "directly accountable to the people". Really? When was the last time you got to vote for any bureaucrat in any of the alphabet agencies? This is why why firearm owners have to spend millions of dollars to defend their civil rights.

I'm reading the book: "The Man Behind The Curtain" by Matt Palumbo. It exposes all of George Soros' influence in elections, propaganda, news etc. His meddling in the criminal prosecutor elections in dozens of states has caused the increase in crime. By their actions and words these prosecutors believe "criminals have more right to bear arms than law abiding citizens". They refuse to prosecute anyone with a criminal record for gun violations, but will rush to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any CPL owner that violates any gun law. Their justification: equity for criminals twchich are disproportionately minorities. They state allowing them to commit crimes is reparations for past poor treatment. You must be demented to come up with thinking like that.

Illinois has made most crimes (murder, drugs, kidnapping, etc) no bail catch and release, but just made hundreds of thousands of law abiding gun owners felons with their draconian total semi automatic gun ban.

Anti-gun legislation is racist and sexist. The highest crime ares are in the minority areas of large democratic cities where gun laws are the most strict. Women not having the body mass and muscle mass of males are at a disadvantage when physically attacked. Why haven't the race pimps used this argument? Oh yeah North Carolina requires a permit BEFORE you can purchase a gun. This was enacted in the Jim Crow days to deny minorities from owning firearms as they would automatically denied a permit by the local sheriff. No noise from the race baiters again.

In cities like Chicago and New York, where owing a firearm to protect your life is criminal without a permit, BUT if you are a criminal you don't need a permit, and if caught using the gun to commit a crime the Soros bought prosecutors will let you go with no bail. Therefore democrats are supporting criminals. Just like they supported slavery versus human rights in our history. Their motto should be "*Support your local criminal, we do*".

The left's logic: Gun control saves lives. The proof is that cities like Chicago and NY, with strict gun control, they have no crime. **NOT!** Anyone with a properly functioning brain knows by observation: Gun Control causes death. The majority of mass shootings are in "no gun zones". More leftist illogic: "I don't feel safe around civilians with guns". So do they feel safer around criminals with guns? Must be as they let them go with no bail.

If we allow the government to have non elected bureaucrats make owning a pistol brace a felony overnight, we are giving them the right to ban gas stoves, gasoline automobiles, plastic bags, red meat, pipelines, and anything else they want.

From Atlas Shrugged: "*Did you really think we want those laws observed?*" said Dr. Ferris. "*We want them to be broken. You'd better get it straight that it's not a bunch of boy scouts you're up against... We're after power and we mean it... There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. Well, when there aren't enough criminals one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws.*"

Quotes of the month:

"God created all men and Sam Colt made them equal" ~ Anon. (Made women equal to men too.)

There is a cult of ignorance in the United States [that] has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that "my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge."— Isaac Asimov

Useful Links for Firearms Owners Info

Delta County Gun Owners Association

<https://www.dcgua.net/>

Michigan Open Carry

<https://www.miopencarry.org>

Open carry information State Police information site.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MSP_Legal_Update_No._86_2_336854_7.pdf

Michigan CPL Laws State Police information site.

http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1591_3503_4654---,00.html

Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners

<https://mcrgo.org/>

Michigan Gun Owners

<https://home.migunowners.org/>

National Association for Gun Rights

<https://www.nationalgunrights.org/>

Firearms Policy Institute

<https://www.firearmspolicy.org/>

Great Lakes Gun Rights

<https://greatlakesgunrights.org/>

NRA

<http://home.nra.org/>

USCCA

<https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/>

National Shooting Sports Foundation

<https://www.nssf.org/>

Civilian Marksmanship Program

<https://thecmp.org/>

Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA)

<https://www.ccrkba.org/>

1 million moms against gun control

<https://www.1mmagc.org/>

Armed American Radio

<https://armedamericanradio.org/>

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We are fast approaching the stage of ultimate inversion: the stage where government is free to do as it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission.

~ Ayn Rand





"We do not need more gun control. We need more idiot control."

-Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)