

The Inalienably Right

Newsletter of the

UPPER MICHIGAN GUN OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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UMGOA
Upper Michigan Gun Owners Association



UMGOA 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 MARCH 12TH

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 April 9th 2023



Announcements & NOTICES

UMGOA Banquet is April 27

at the Ruth Butler Building, U.P. Fair Grounds

Applications for the banquet are being mailed out. There will be an early bird drawing for those that return the reservation before April 5th. Watch your mailbox and email.

License to purchase law is being challenged by UMGOA and MOC with Tom Lambert. They need citizens that wish to acquire a firearm that do not have a CPL. The purpose is to show that this law is a barrier to those that can not afford the CPL and the licensing cost yet want a firearm for self defense or sport. Their name will be added to the law suit. Contact Brian Godfrey if you wish to help in this infringement of your civil rights.

UMGOA MEETING NOTES

The meeting opened at 6:33PM After the Secretary's and treasurer's reports, Brian updated the banquet committee's progress. The new Michigan gun laws were discussed. Seems the authorities are not sure how to process the new licensing to purchase. The new Web site is progressing. The bylaw changes were reviewed and passed. Jim Groos Memorial Youth Shoot is still on schedule for May 18. Nominations for the position of vice president was opened. No one other than Paul C. was nominated. A motion for the secretary to cast a unanimous vote in the record for Paul. Brian has plans to send a mailing to all county residents informing them of our presents. A report on the county board meetings was given . It was reported the democrats want to pass a total gun ban in the county if they can replace Petersen, Moyle, and Barrens.

2A Legislature news

STATE legislature:

HB 4127 4128 Passed by the house 2/7/24 Bans firearms within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place including early voting places, drop boxes and mail boxes. This includes 40 days before an election at a clerks office that accepts early voting. These provisions would not apply to a peace officer acting during the officer's duties, a person who possessed a firearm in that person's residence or on that person's private property, or a person carrying a concealed pistol if that person were licensed by the State or another state to carry a concealed pistol.

HB 5450 Requires the Michigan depart. Of health and human services to clarify the safe storage rules to the Mi. Dept of Education.

HB 5451 Requires school districts to educate parents on the safe storage of firearms

HB 5453 Prohibits the raffling of firearms on school property.

HB 5467 5469 would provide a CPL reciprocity web site

HB 5468 Adds a QR code to CPL licenses

FEDERAL legislature:

H.R. not assigned Rep. Stefanik (R-NY) introduces "Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act" bans the use of merchant category codes for firearms by credit card companies. The U.S. Treasury admitted to congress that they will- ing and knowingly violated the fourth amendment's prohibition against illegal search and seizure when it collected credit card purchase history from banks and credit card companies of individuals who purchased firearms. (So if the Biden regime ignores the bill of rights, what hope they will obey this act?)

Gun Storage Laws: The Biden regime wants a federal gun storage law like California and now Michigan has passed.

2nd Amendment news

The Michigan democrats have promised to remove the right to bare arms from the state constitution. As reported in the "Detroit Free Press" Rep. Felicia Brabec A Pittsfield Township democrat has promised gun buy backs and "ghost gun" restrictions. She wants the "stand your ground" legislation repealed. She feels to save lives this must be repealed. *(Is she afraid too many criminals may be killed with this stand your ground law. I wonder how much she spends on private security? ~ed)*

U.S. tort law has long held that a person or entity cannot be held responsible for a third party's criminal acts. Simply put: people are responsible for their own behavior, not the behavior of others. Therefore, if a violent criminal acquires and misuses a firearm to commit a crime, it is the criminal who is liable for the conduct, not the company that produced the firearm. Just like how Chevrolet isn't responsible for the actions of drunk drivers. Yet democrats will hold firearm manufacturers responsible for what a criminal does. It also holds to question the Michigan law that holds the parents guilty of murder if the child murders someone.

Coming soon to a state you live in: California legislators introduced a bill to require firearm owner to disclose to insurance companies how many guns they own, and where and how they are stored. This information must be reported to the California Dept. of Insurance which in turn will report to the legislature. Illinois is considering a similar law. Gun registration by proxy.

Take note democrats: only 2 percent of gun owners in Illinois have registered their firearms that was required by law January 1st. This gives the Illinois State police the right to confiscate the non registered guns. The Illinois democrats just awarded the Illinois state police 10 million dollars to create task force to "reduce crime". It is suspected this is a confiscation task force.

The NRA is pursuing a lawsuit against NY for the "financially blacklisting" the NRA. The state threatened financial institutions with retaliatory actions if they did business with the NRA.

To quote Mark Twain *"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics."* According to the anti second amendment organization "Everytown" there were over 600 mass shootings in 2020. The FBI shows only 50. The problem is that statistics can be easily manipulated. Another problem is how the data is collected. The anti gunners count any shooting with more than 3 victims, all gang related shootings, domestic violence. They also use newspapers social media and other non reliable sources if it fits their agenda.

The Supreme Court is hearing the bump stock ban case. Can an un-elected bureaucracy make a device that was legal to own a felony overnight. This is part of the Chevron Deference ruling where congress and the courts defer rule making to "experts" in a bureaucracy. One day the device was a legal accessory the next it was a "machine gun". After the ATF ruled they were "machine guns" the Cargil company had a warehouse of the devices that were now required to be destroyed. Justice Katanji Brown Jackson (affirmative action hire that could not define what a woman is) asked "Why would even a person with arthritis, why would Congress think they needed to shoot 400 to 7 or 800 rounds of ammunition under any circumstance?" (Why would anyone need freedom of speech? Need has nothing to do with a God given right.)

The Supreme Court will hear a case on the ATF's ruling on receiver blanks. These are blocks of steel or aluminum that are 80% finished into a firearm receiver. Similar to the case above one day they were legal the next not.

In direct violation of the law the ATF released information from the Firearm Tracing System to the USA Today a known propaganda rag for the regime. This exposes the FFL dealers that were sent a firearm trace request. If a firearm is recovered at a crime scene the ATF may request from an FFL who the firearm was sold to. This exposes owners that most probably had their firearm stolen. So a dealer sells a firearm legally but is now subjected to a shame and blame story in the USA today. Write your congressman today to stop the illegal ATF activity.

Editorial

Supreme Court of the United States: Ashcroft v. ACLU, 535 U.S. 564 (2002)

"[A]s a general matter, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content."

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Socialist democrat: "the only use of a gun is to murder." Fact: the military and law enforcement use guns to **DEFEND** the country and the people not to murder. By definition gun control exempts criminals and only applies to law abiding citizens. When a 100 pound woman is being attacked by a 300 man what tool would suggest as the best defense? (God created man (and woman) but Samuel Colt made them equal.)

Ever notice that during black history month the libs never mention the first infringement on the second amendment was the "Jim Crow" laws denying blacks the right to self defense against democrats that promoted and supported slavery but lost the civil war and started the KKK? One of the ways the democrats restricted blacks from owning firearms was to require a license to purchase from the sheriff. Needless to say no

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blacks were issued a license. Look up the National African American Gun Association's website for more democrat oppression of black's owning guns.

Speaking of which, a whole month dedicated to black history, a whole month to gays, why do we only have a single day for veterans who have defended our freedoms?????????

Not related to the second amendment, but if the NY court's fine of \$400 million to Trump holds, it it a precedent that will allow the government to steal your money and property. No one was harmed in what Trump did yet he has to pay for his non crime. This is just like the "red flag" laws that Michigan has passed. Your civil right to self defense can be removed and your guns stolen by the government for what some judge believes is a valid reason even if no one was harmed. See the movie "Police State".

The state of Michigan has taken one more step towards communism and centralized control of everything. The first was to remove the local citizens voices on "renewable energy" locations. Now they just took the voice of the locals on environmental rules away and gave it to un-elected bureaucrats. Fuhrer Whitmer has signed 3 bills removing the environmental rules review Committee from our legislators. The socialists claim this will remove obstacles and streamline the process by utilizing Lansing's "experts". Obstacles like the citizens being affected having a voice in the process.

A court in New York ruled the NRA was victimized by insiders and vendors. The attorney general Letitia James did not deliver on her promise to destroy the terrorist, criminal enterprise known as the NRA. I have to say that the NRA management spent way too much money on things that were not in the core mission of the organization. I also blame the board for not reigning in this excessive spending. The final verdict may cause the individuals responsible for the spending to reimburse the organization. We will see.

Is the Biden regime testing a back door shutdown of the second amendment. The NICS background check system was off line for a day. Next the ATF eForm system to register NFA devices like short barreled rifles and suppressors was taken down. This means no one could purchase a firearm during this shutdown. Biden has promised he will infringe on the second amendment. The agencies say it was caused by a software upgrade error.

Now the DOJ is arresting or threatening any reporters that report the unconstitutional acts of the bureaucracies. Reporters that expose the ATF, FBI, etc. are being arrested. The reporter that is exposing the governments involvement in inciting violence on the Jan 6 protest was arrested. Internet gun sites have been threatened because of the reports on the ATF's unlawful activities. (See the movie "Police State")

The regime through their propaganda outlet MSNBC has claimed that white rural rage class, AKA conservatives that support Trump and are Christian are the largest terrorist groups in America. These groups have the audacity to believe their rights are inalienable, that they come from God, and not the government. These groups also believe in the second amendment. Therefore they say these groups want to overthrow the government. Gee I have never seen rural white folks riot and burn down a town, a police station, or business. But I have seen Antifa and BLM do that in democrat run urban areas. Don't believe your lying eyes.

Hmmmm, the government environmental department is very concerned with invasive species in our lakes, forests, and grasslands. I would make the argument that the illegals coming over our borders are an invasive species and should be removed.

All governments bear the seeds of tyranny with in them. Which is why the constitution has the bill of rights. Our forefathers knew we would eventually see what we are seeing today: the weaponizing of the government agencies against political opponents and it's citizens. To quote Biden "God save the Queen".

Quotes of the month:

"A man's rights rest in three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box and the cartridge box."

-Fredrick Douglas

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."

~Clarence Darrow



Useful Links for Firearms Owners Info



Upper Michigan Gun Owners Association

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

<https://www.umgoa.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 Open Carry

<https://www.miopencarry.org>

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/>

Second Amendment Foundation

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

