

# UPPER MICHIGAN GUN OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**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 OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>***

**President and Vice President of the association will both be out of town on business and medical.**

**The club will meet at the County Board Meeting to support our board members that support the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment**

**@ 5:15PM @ DELTA COUNTY SERVICE CENTER**

**2920 College Av. Escanaba**

Meetings are held at Mead Rod and Gun Club at 5523-5559 County 420 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2023***



## Announcements & Notices

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment March:



The 2nd amendment march was held Thursday Oct. 5th in Lansing in a pouring rain. 9 UMGOA members were in attendance plus the over 100 others that attended. Several state congress persons addressed the very moist crowd. It was pointed out that the democrats do not care about your civil rights. State Rep Angela Rigasa's fiery speech on the fight to preserve our civil rights. (Remember she was the barber that cut hair on the capital steps during the lockdown.) Several lawyers had a question and answer session on the capital steps. It says a lot that a large number of supporters attended

during the heavy rain.

Several TV cameras were there but if you look at their web pages they buried the story. Only TV 10 has any video to watch. It becomes very obvious that the liberal Lansing politicians DO NOT want the citizens to know that their civil rights are being infringed and I suspect they media was told to suppress the story. The Lansing Journal has a pretty good report.

### UMGOA MEETING NOTES

The meeting was opened at 6:31PM, After the reading of the last meetings minutes and the treasurers report, a discussion of updating our brochure and list of grants. Brian reported the new consolidated storage unit is now complete. A cook out is planned for October 14th to thank the volunteers that helped with the booth at the fair. The receipts from the U.P. State Fair and the Dickenson Fair were very good. Brian reported the Republicans from Dickenson were very interested in our organization now that it is more than Delta County. Word is getting around in that the Cadillac fair would like our attendance. There was also interest from Baraga, Sioux Falls, and Iron Wood counties. We may be organizing a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment march in Marquette in the future. The Banquet committee will start meeting asap. There was a discussion of increasing incentives to large donors for our banquet and expansion of the prizes. We will be renting a van for the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment march in Lansing on OCT 4<sup>th</sup>. Brian reported on the registration and trade marking of the UMGOA logo. A discussion of the future of gun shows with the pending legislation that requires an FFL to sell a gun for a profit. (See ATF's pending ruling on private gun sales. This power was given to them by the bi-partisan "Safer Communities Act").

### UMGOA

As the citizens that own firearms become aware of the laws that the Lansing legislature has passed violating our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights, Brian has been contacted by groups in the Upper Michigan that have concerns about the future of the second amendment. He will be traveling to talk to Dickenson, Chippewa, Baraga, Schoolcraft, Otsego counties and more. Our goal is to have a large enough membership that we will represent a large voting block the politicians can not ignore. As the laws passed were instigated by down state incidents we feel the one size fits all laws do not fit in the sentiments of the Upper Michigan voters.

## 2A Legislature news

### STATE legislature:

**SB 471 HB 4946** Increases the penalties for persons convicted of domestic violence is the possess use transport, sell, carry, shipping, receiving or distributing a firearm. This will apply for 8 years. However the bill targets non-violent acts like using a cell phone to annoy another person.

### Federal:

**H. Res 44** Resolution to block the pistol brace ban.

**H.R. 48** Adds 200 new ATF Agents

**H.B. 5467** Gun Suicide Prevention Act. Prohibits the sale of a firearm unless the firearm or packaging carries a label that provides the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

**H.B. 5110** Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act. (Passed 424 to 1, needs the president's signature). Will ensure that critical enrichment programs for millions of students are eligible to receive federal funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and will resolve the funding limitations under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA). BSCA prohibited hunter training in schools.

**H.B. 5135** Applies 1000% tax on AR15 parts and rifles.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment news

Researcher John Lott finds the FBI under reports instances where armed citizens stopped active shooters. He found that CPL holders stopped active shooters 41% of the time. (<https://crimeresearch.org/>) The media uses the "Gun Violence Archive" (GVA) as a source for statistics on gun crimes. The Biden Regime had the CDC contact the GVA to not report legal concealed carrying citizens stopping a criminal shooter as it will make gun control laws more difficult to pass. They go so far to report a person with a CPL stopping a crime as a "security guard" to the news.

Webster's definition of Propaganda: "ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person." The KGB has a manual on how to create propaganda that states to use a minor truth as a seed then embellish it with half truths and outright lies. The media has reported a shooter in a church that was stopped by CPL holders as stopped by a security guard. The minor truth was that the pastor told the parishioners that they could carry as if they were security guards.

Oklahoma's State rep wants the OK atty. General to investigate the ATF's illegal abuses of the constitution. He alleges the ATF committed perjury to obtain search warrants. This stemmed from an ATF SWAT armed invasion of a pastor's home who is also a FFL. The pastor was handcuffed on his front porch in front of his 13 year old son. (The ATF must be slipping: they could have had a better media image had they arrested the pastor at his church.) The ATF stated pastor Fincher was a terrorist threat as he sold guns at gun shows. Special Agent Theodore Mongell in charge of the home invasion stated "**You tell all your FFL buddies we are coming for them. We are shutting the gun shows down,**" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKuYsVFauHQ>)

In related news seven Republican Senators have sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland asserting the ATF's definition of "engaged in business" is an attack on the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. This is the new regulation that private sales where the seller makes a profit is defined as in business and must have an FFL.

Liberty Safes has caved to the FBI when asked for the "backdoor" code to get into a January 6<sup>th</sup> suspect. Needless to say don't buy a Liberty Safe and if you own one get rid of it.

Michelle Grisham New Mexico's governor had suspended all gun carrying in the county of Albuquerque for safety. It's so much easier to disarm citizens that passed background checks and were finger printed than actually arresting criminals. When asked directly by a CNN reporter if the governor thought the criminals will follow this she stated "NO". Liberal thinking I guess. Hey criminals you now have free reign to murder rob and pillage in Albuquerque as no citizen will have the ability to stop you. (*Almost makes Whitmer look smart ~ed*). Guess the bill of rights is only a suggestion in NM. She also stated more guns more crime, someone show her John Lott's research please. Under pressure from even her own party she had to back down.

Now that VP Harris is running the Office for gun violence prevention all criminals are running to turn in their guns. Note that the news conference they held never mentioned criminal control. They infer this office will support the disarming of lawful citizens. According to the press releases they will respond to gun violence like FEMA responds to disasters. (Wonder what the citizens of Palestine OH feel about FEMA response.) This is just another government office to waste your tax dollars to negate the bill of rights by funneling money to gun control groups.- Fortunately Kamala has failed every job she was given. Want to bet they won't open an office on the west side of Chicago? Wonder why they didn't mention removing the democrat prosecutors that release criminals that are arrested for gun violence.



Nation wide gun registry is coming. "Under the "bipartisan Safer Communities Act " which prohibits any funding in schools for firearm training among other things, the ATF is building a digital database of 1 billion gun transactions. They want to require all credit card companies to report gun related transactions (Bank of America has already done so). Universal back ground checks for all sales private and through FFLs is coming. This will add to the database registry. To crack down on straw purchases through FFL's any mistake on the 4473, like not dotting an I, will now result in loss of the FFL. "We are not going to confiscate your guns" famous democrat mantra.

Biden quote: "I'm the only guy that ever got passed legislation, when I was a senator, that made sure we eliminated assault weapons. The idea you need a weapon that can have the ability to fire 20, 30, 40, 50, 120 shots from that weapon — whether it's a — whether it's a 9-millimeter pistol or whether it's a rifle — is ridiculous. I'm continuing to push to eliminate the sale of those things,...."

Other gun news:

- Judge ruled the California 10 round Magazine limit unconstitutional.
- Second Amendment sanctuary counties spread in South Carolina.
- Judge Issues preliminary Junction against CO's minimum firearm purchase age law.
- NAGR sues ATF over the forced-reset trigger ruling.
- Anti-gun Philadelphia sheriff lost 185 guns including 76 duty guns.
- Biden claims guns are the no. 1 cause of death FACT: in 2016 11,000 were by guns 64,000 by drugs.
- In Hawaii if you have sleep apnea you will require a medical wavier for a CPL
- New Zealand gun ban results in a 53% increase in gun crime.
- NY governor Hochul: "anyone carrying a firearm is presumed to be catying unlawfully until proven otherwise. (Hmm innocent until proven guilty unless you are a gun owner I guess ~ed)

## Editorial

For those that do not know what an editorial is:

**editorial** ăd"ī-tôr"ē-əl

**noun:** An article in a publication expressing the **opinion of its editors** or publishers.

*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.'"*

**The editorials are strictly the opinion of the editor and in no way the official opinion of the UMGOA.**

Dear gentle reader if you are offended by these editorials I would suggest you do not read them. The 1<sup>st</sup> amendment is still, the last time I looked, in the bill of rights. The democrats believe your rights come from the government not God, and therefore can suspend them at any time they decide. (see NM Governor's statements about the constitution not being absolute). FYI gun deaths in NM for 2022 = 481 but Abortions approximately 4000. If we can save just one infant! So which is a medical emergency?

The progressive plan is to disarm law abiding citizens and not arrest criminals. Increasing crime to the point that the people will beg the government to "do something". (Ala New Mexico's governor "emergency order"). This will allow the elites in government to further restrict freedom and solidify their control. Don't think so look at other countries that went communist, Venezuela for example. As ol' Rham Emanuel said: "Never let a crisis go to waste."

To "increase safety", Canada has banned most modern firearms from possession by their citizens. Note that to own a gun in Canada one had to have an extensive background check and a license. In Michigan, those with a CPL have been totally vetted and are the most law abiding. Ask your local state patrolman about the weather the CPL law was good for them. Being law abiding they will be the only ones that will turn in their guns. Look at New Zealand that did confiscate guns from their citizens, crime is up 50% since the ban. (look it up).

We now have a government where un-elected bureaucrats (ATF, EPA, IRS, etc.) can make laws and a single judge will uphold these regulations as law which is unconstitutional (see chevron doctrine). (What ever happened to the "democracy" that the libs are always touting?) For example of regulation becoming a defacto law, U.S. District Judge Nina Morrison in Brooklyn said the Department of Justice was likely to prove that the 'forced-reset triggers' sold by Rare Breed Triggers LLC and its owners were "illegal machine guns under federal law." Note that she was a Biden appointee.



## Editorial Continued

What is more dangerous? A politicians that has no respect for the constitution with the full power of the government or an armed citizen? A firearm can only harm a limited number of people vs a politicians that can harm millions. Look at history Lenin, Stalin and Mao to mention just a few. Yet to carry a firearm you must pass a class and buy a permit to exercise your constitutional right. May be we should require politicians to pass a test on the constitution and economics.

Delta County Sheriff Ed Oswald has stated he plans to retire. With the assault on the bill of rights in blue states it has never been more important that we elect a Sheriff that will uphold the constitution and not unconstitutional laws from Lansing. Even the democrat sheriff in NM stated the governors ban was unconstitutional and he would not enforce it.

Who needs the courts to punish victims, the social media will try and convict any one that the elites say, to no evidence is necessary. Just accuse a person of a crime and if it fits the communist agenda you are guilty until proven innocent. Red flag laws are the prime example. The "believe woman" movement is another. BUT if your name is Biden, you are untouchable. If you are following the Gabriel Metcalf trial from Billings MT you will see what red flag laws can do. All it takes is for someone to accuse you of being mentally unstable to have your property confiscated. **Remember in Communist Russia to criticize the government is considered a mental disorder.**

The Office to Prevent Gun Violence ??? Am I the only one that finds it wrong to create an office to take your tax dollars and funnel it to groups that want to remove your constitutionally guaranteed right to self defense under the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment? The office is staffed with anti-civil rights-anti 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment personnel from groups like Everytown for Gun Safety.

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### Quotes of the month:

[W]here in history is any civilization guaranteed stasis? Has not despotism and mass destruction plagued every civilization that preceded ours? Is it not, in fact, still commonplace throughout the globe? By what suspension of reality, by what denial of the observable and the probable, by what art, device or magic are we sheltered few immune from catastrophe? Are we certain, from our brief and privileged vantage point, that such things will ever remain headline curiosities? Is it not just plain stupid to proclaim that our familiar way of life will forever be the norm, when everything that has gone before us shows we are, instead, the extremely lucky beneficiaries of a rare and fortunate convergence of circumstances; and one, by the way, that has only been preserved under force of arms?

We will not disarm.

David Codrea @ Firearms News

Thomas Jefferson said, "Those who expect to be both ignorant and free, expect what never was and never will be."

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## Events And Gun Shows



### GWINN GUN & KNIFE SHOW



BUY, SELL, TRADE

**FRIDAY OCT 13TH NOON-7PM**  
**SATURDAY OCT 14TH 9AM-6PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**GWINN VFW**

54 N. MITCHELL STREET

GWINN, MI 49841

VENDORS: \$25 PER TABLE

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## Negaunee Township Gun & Knife Show

**Sponsored by**  
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**Buy, Sell, Trade**

**Negaunee Township Hall**  
**42 State Highway M35**  
**Negaunee, MI 49866**

**Friday, November 3rd - 3 to 7 PM**  
**Saturday, November 4th - 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Admission: \$5.00**

**Children under 16 free**

**\$25 per table - Limited # of tables**  
**Dealer set-up Friday Noon to 3:00 PM**

**For table reservations call or text:**  
**Robin Turner: 906-869-2406**  
**rjturner1@icloud.com**



# Useful Links for Firearms Owners Info



## Upper Michigan Gun Owners Association

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

<https://www.imgoa.org>

**Open carry information** State Police information site.

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MSP\\_Legal\\_Update\\_No.\\_86\\_2\\_336854\\_7.pdf](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](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/>



**The results  
are a secret**

It is enough that the people  
know there was an election.  
The people who cast the votes  
decide nothing.  
The people who count the votes  
decide everything.  
—Joseph Stalin

