

GrassRoots GunRights Legislative Tactics Seminar  
a HUGE Success!



Rob Butler (left foreground) GrassRoots VP and Legislative Director discusses LTS points during a break with (from left to right) Walter Rolandi (Columbia), Paul Shealy (Fort Mill), Terry Hicks (Swansea), Joe Baumie (Greer), Leon Faircloth (Ladson), Tom Glabb (Charleston).

Are you sick and tired of watching your so called “leaders” in the gun rights movement conning you into more and more surrenders of your rights? Then, adding insult to injury, they tell you it is the best that can be done. Do you really believe that losing is the best we can do?

The first GrassRoots GunRights Legislative Tactics Seminar (LTS) was held on October 18, 2003. The people who attended now know why we have been losing for so many years. They also learned how they can start winning instead of losing.

Now, they know they *can* win. But, only if they have the *will* to win. You have the power to be

winning back your gun rights, instead of continuing to lose more and more of them. But, you must make the hard decision that winning is more important to you than being praised as a “good loser.”

Do you have the will to win? If so, then you need to know

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how you can win. You can learn how at the next LTS. If winning is what you really want to do, then be sure to attend the next LTS. The LTS is too long and complicated to

put into the newsletter (the notes were 55 pages alone). If you want to know the hows and whys of what GrassRoots GunRights is doing, if you want to know why what we are doing is the right thing to do to start winning, then come to the next LTS.

If we continue doing what our so called “leaders” have been telling us to do for the last 75 years, then we will have no gun rights. The future of our gun rights – if there is a future at all – depends upon you knowing and doing the right things to be effective.

Probably the best way to tell you how things went at the LTS is to let a GrassRoots member who was there tell you what he thought. Dr. Walter Rolandi spent 15 years as a political activist, but admitted he accomplished very little. He now knows why – he was not using *effective* tactics. Please read Dr. Rolandi’s letter about the LTS. Then, you will see why you need to attend the next LTS.

Dear Ed,

October 18, 2003

I am writing you today because I can scarcely contain my enthusiasm over the GrassRoots Legislative Tactics Seminar (LTS) that I attended today in Columbia. It is difficult to express how impressed I am. Never have I experienced a more compelling seminar and never have I obtained more valuable training on how to become politically effective.

I feel like I have been “let in” on all sorts of secrets!

Rob Butler did an outstanding job presenting (all in the scope of just a few hours!) a massive amount of facts, figures and piercing political insights about the real mechanisms of the political process. I learned much about the legislative process that I did not know. I also learned much about the motives and interests of all the actors in the political arena. For example, until today, I did not understand the motives, interests and actions of paid political lobbyists. But most importantly, today I learned what it means to “win” in the political arena and precisely how people like us can go about doing so.

I called one of my friends this evening and recommended that he attend the next seminar. When he asked me why, I described some of the many things that were covered in the presentation. He was particularly captivated with the all the specific information I conveyed on how to perceive and relate to politicians. He was also very impressed with all the pointers on how to talk to the press. I went on and on but finally stopped singing the praises of the seminar. You can imagine the satisfaction that I experienced when, after a brief silence, my friend exclaimed, “Damn! You guys are really playing to win and you obviously know exactly how to do it!”

We have got to find ways to get this invaluable information out to more of our people. Perhaps you would consider printing this letter in the next edition of The Defender. I believe that others among us would appreciate why the seminar was especially significant for me.

I have been “politically active” for almost fifteen years. But the truth is that I have never been politically effective. All of my previous efforts have led to frustration and burnout. And after taking this seminar, I now know exactly why: heretofore I have been talking about ideas instead of taking decisive actions. As Rob said in the seminar, “Ideas do not have consequences—only actions have consequences”.

I wanted to attend the seminar because, like so many of our members, I feel like the time to fight for our Second Amendment rights is upon us. But the fact is, I walked into that seminar seeing myself as a worn out, frustrated political loser.

Six hours later, I walked out of the seminar seeing myself as an empowered activist, one who was invigorated with the knowledge of effective methods and confident that those methods will lead to our success.

This seminar is an absolute must for any and all of our members who want to make a difference. What’s more, the seminar is an absolute must for all of those who are sick and tired of losing in the political arena. The GrassRoots Legislative Tactics Seminar contains all the secrets of **winning**. Please let me know how I can help to get the word out. To quote Rob again, “The key to victory is mobilization”.

Walter Rolandi, PhD

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Ed Kelleher

# President’s Message

## Do you really want to win? Here’s how!

If it’s October, there must be a GrassRoots meeting going on somewhere. Last year it was the Great GrassRoots Gathering with Suzanna Hupp, David Mustard and Kenn Blanchard. This year saw the **Legislative Tactics Seminar** held Saturday, October 18, from 9 am to 3 pm at the American Legion Hut in Cayce, South Carolina. It wasn’t as grand a production, but it was well attended and, if truth be known, most likely of more benefit to GrassRoots than the GGG was.

The LTS might also have been called a “Leadership Training Seminar” because it’s required for those who want to take leadership positions in GrassRoots. People who attend the LTS are going to know what to do and have the confidence to go do it – i.e., they’ll be leaders. But, whatever it’s called, all GrassRoots members will benefit

immeasurably from attending a LTS. The name “Legislative Tactics Seminar” might have put people off. They might have thought, “I don’t play politics.” Well, I’ve got news for you; we *all* have to play politics, especially in the gun world. If you say you don’t play politics, all you’re really doing is playing politics badly. If you are serious about protecting your gun rights (and if you are a member of GrassRoots you likely are) then you need to attend the LTS

and learn *how* to play politics – **TO WIN!**

Those who take their self defense seriously look to acquire the right tools and training. We

choose firearms because they are better tools for self defense than whistles, or cell phones (to call 911), or keys, or baseball bats, or whatever.

So, in protecting your gun rights, you don’t need tools and training? You do! And they’re available. There are principles and techniques that have been *proven* to be very effective in the political arena. They’re what you’ll get at the LTS.

Here’s a recent post on our SCFirearms Email Group:

*“Polls about gun rights are a waste of time and make people think they are actually doing something, when they are not.*

*Education is not the key to winning.*

*Polls are not the key to winning.*

*Books are not the key to winning.*

*If you want to know the key to winning, then come to the LTS.”*

But only come to the LTS if you’re serious about wanting *to win!* Some people carry a gun just for show. Others (like GrassRoots members) have seriously considered their circumstances and carry a firearm as a necessary tool to meet their responsibilities. Likewise, the LTS is a tool for those who are *serious* about protecting and regaining their rights.

Collectively we can accomplish a lot. We’ve done so already. Our different abilities complement one another. But often times our actions must be *individual* - we’re all alone with no one to ask. The LTS will show you *what* actions win and give you the confidence necessary to get in the game and play to win, *even by yourself* without a team to support you!

But we don’t want you to have to act alone, though sometimes it happens. That’s not what GrassRoots is about. The LTS will also make you a better *team* player because you’re going to learn the play book we use. GrassRoots in that sense is just like a football team: We benefit and win when all know the playbook, but we lose when members don’t know the plays and go in different directions.

The LTS is not statistics on “2.5 million defensive uses per year” or “38 states have shall-issue CWP laws” blah blah blah. The LTS will teach you the *principles* of effective political action. You’ll be able then to judge what actions are *best* for different situations. This is something we *all* are faced with every day if we are at all involved in the fight to regain our freedom. Often we’ll be alone with no one, or no time, to ask. We must know what’s been proven to work. The LTS arms you with this information so you aren’t defenseless. If you want, the LTS can be held in a town near you! See the article on Page 7.

A firearm protects your life. The LTS protects your freedoms – you need both!

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# GrassRoots Members Getting Things Done!

## *Greenwood Republicans, Listen Up!*

In the last issue of *The Defender* we published a sample resolution and encouraged members to bring it to their county precinct meetings to be approved.

Many did. But, Joe Dan Elliot, a GrassRoots member in Greenwood got not one, but two approved! They’ll be voted on at the Greenwood County Republican party convention October 23, 2003. That’s outstanding! By the time you read this (early November) the resolutions will have already been voted on and hopefully passed.

His resolutions are outstanding because they require **ACTION**! Many resolutions just say something like, “Apple pie is

good!” Politicians don’t have any problem at all agreeing with *anything* that doesn’t require them to do anything. But when you tell them to take a position and *act* upon it, that’s where the rubber meets the road and you can get some traction.

When these resolutions, and other like them, pass, write your local papers praising these resolutions of good sense so we can get even more mileage from them.

Bravo Zulu! Joe. Well done! Thank you!

Ed Kelleher, President  
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Below is what Joe wrote me:

*Dear Ed,*

*Enclosed are two resolutions that any true American should not have any problems with. I know that any member of GrassRoots would not. The two resolutions are now being printed, with the other resolutions for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Republican Convention.*

*I am also enclosing an article that I wrote with my view and the experience I have had with firearms. You may use none of it, part of it, or all of it.*

*I joined the Republican Party in 1960 and was a poll watcher that year and many times since. Have served as committeeman from City for a number of times and have served as a delegate to the state convention. I do not belong to any of the splinter groups. I am just a Conservative American.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe Dan Elliot*

## White House Gun Stance Absurd

by Joe Dan Elliot

A few years ago, I don’t remember when and I am too lazy to look it up, a law was passed that lowered the age to vote from 21 to 18. The assumption was if a person was mature enough to fight for his country, he was mature enough to vote.

Now from a personal standpoint, this did not hold true because of my own experience. This does not mean it does not apply to others.

I enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II at the age of seventeen and was taught the use of many weapons. But when I was discharged, I did not know a thing about voting. I must have missed class that day in school.

I was 21 in 1948 but I don’t recall voting, but I did in 1952 and have since.

The point I am getting to, I don’t understand the president and his bunch wanting a person to reach age 21 before they can buy a weapon. It does not add up for a person to vote and help decide the future of our republic, but not be mature enough or responsible enough to buy a weapon. Not a machine gun even, but just a hunting rifle. Which is a bigger threat to our country?

The tragic killings in schools and elsewhere need to be give top priority, but to put on a big show and pass laws by people that don’t know a water pistol from an assault weapon is not the answer.

The president, the leader in this farce, did not have the guts to serve his country and carry a weapon and some hero of Vietnam has his name on the wall in Washington that might be there because the president did not go. He sure as heck doesn’t mind sending our people in harm’s way though. Besides, he is to be protected the rest of his life at our expense.

Let me explain my experience with an assault weapon and ones that are for defense. A semiautomatic weapon is not necessarily an assault weapon. In fact, a 38 caliber, double action revolver may not, in the purest form, be an automatic, but they will fire a round every time you pull the trigger without having to cock it. Heck, some of these “experts” might call a 38 an assault weapon.

I was trained at Parris Island, South Carolina, as a rifleman and in the use of the hand grenade and bayonet. I was sent to

machine gun school at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This was the 30 caliber Browning automatic machine gun.

At Camp Pendleton, California, I went to school on the 50 caliber Browning automatic machine gun and the M1 Carbine. By the time I was assigned, when I went out into the Pacific to a marine infantry regiment, the 9th Marines I knew used most of these in combat, except for the bayonet. This was used in the movies and not much in combat.

The point is the carbine was not an assault weapon. As a machine gunner, I carried a carbine. It was about 3 pounds, lighter than a Garand and when you are having to move out with a machine gun, you don’t want a lot of extra weight.

The carbine held a 15 round magazine and the Garand a 8 round clip, both semiautomatic, but the big difference was muzzle velocity. The Garand had a much higher muzzle velocity. That meant how fast the bullet travels, how accurate it is, and how much damage it will do when it hits. This separates the men from the boys in the rifle world.

Some people are going to be irresponsible, whether driving a vehicle on the wrong side of the road or D.U.I. and people will be killed, but we won’t outlaw the auto. The same with a weapon. There are some that won’t use these responsibly, but we cannot outlaw all dangers we have in life. Let’s quit frightening people with the semiautomatic word.

Toward the last of the Iwo Jima campaign, during the mopping up phase and the machine gun wasn’t practical, I used the M1 Garand because I knew what it would do to a person when it hit and knew *what* a carbine would not do.

There are too many people in Washington, Hollywood and on talk shows that don’t think most of us have sense to come in out of the rain and I resent it.

*“It isn’t a mistake to have strong views, the mistake is to have nothing else.”*  
— Anthony Westo  
*A Rule-book for Arguments*

*Joe Dan Elliot is a veteran and GrassRoots member. He lives in Greenwood.*

### Resolution for Greenwood County Republican Party Convention October 23, 2003

**Whereas**, In 1994 former president Bill Clinton and the Democratic Congress enacted legislation banning certain semiautomatic firearms, and also ammunition magazines with a capacity greater than ten rounds; and

**Whereas**, According to Bill Clinton “the fight for the assault-weapons ban cost (Democratic) members their seats in Congress” thereby enabling the Republican takeover of the U.S. House; and

**Whereas**, the Bill Clinton gun ban contains a sunset provision, causing it to be automatically removed from federal law in September 2004 unless it is reauthorized; and

**Whereas**, White House spokesman Scott McClellan recently told a Knight-Ridder reporter:

“The president supports the current law and he supports reauthorization of the current law”; and

**Whereas**. The announcement of President Bush’s support for the Bill Clinton gun ban politically threatens Republican control of the Congress and the Presidency in the 2004 elections, as pro-gun Democrats and independents from key states such as West Virginia, Florida, and Tennessee will have no incentive to vote Republican; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Greenwood County Republican Party emphatically urges President Bush to oppose The Bill Clinton gun ban of 1994, and to not betray gun owners who have been loyal to the Republican Party and his candidacy in 2000; and be it further

**Resolved**, That Representative Barrett and Senator Graham are implored to directly contact President Bush and urge him to drop his support for reauthorization of the Clinton gun ban; and be it finally

Resolved, That this resolution be transmitted by the Greenwood County Republican Party to President Bush, Senator Graham and Representative Barrett.

### Resolution for Greenwood County Republican Party Convention October 23, 2003

**Whereas**, the purpose of the Bill of Rights was to specifically forbid the national government from infringing the God-given rights of the citizens of the United States, and

**Whereas**, the right of the people to defend themselves against other individuals and against government tyranny is one of the basic rights which the Bill of Rights was intended to protect; and

**Whereas**, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States plainly prohibits the Congress of the United States from passing laws restricting the private ownership and defensive use of firearms;

**Whereas**, legislation has been enacted banning certain firearms and ammunition magazines, contrary to the Second Amendment to the constitution; and said legislation is due to expire in September 2004,

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Greenwood County Republican Party urges the South Carolina members of Congress:

1. To work for the repeal of all existing laws restricting the buying, ownership, or defensive use of firearms by citizens of the United States, except by convicted felons;
2. To refrain from supporting legislation restricting the buying, ownership, or defensive use of firearms by citizens of the United States, except by convicted felons;
3. To refrain from enacting any law establishing or maintaining a registry of owners of firearms, or appropriating any money to be used for such a registry;
4. To be vigilant in their oversight of the executive branch to prevent any executive branch agency from using information collected from various sources to create its own database of owners of firearms.
5. *And* be it further resolved, that the Greenwood County Republican Party emphatically calls upon Republican Elected Officials to not betray gun owners who have been loyal to the Republican Party and
6. Resolved, that Representative Barrett and Senator Graham are implored to directly contact the President and urge him to drop his support for the reauthorization of previous gun bans; and be it finally
7. Resolved, that this resolution be transmitted by the Greenwood County Republican Party to President Bush, Senator Graham and Representative Barrett.



# McCarthy & Schumer Duping Pro-gunners Into Supporting Gun Control – *Bill to Bar Millions More from Gun Ownership*

**ACTION: Please urge your Senators and Representative NOT to cosponsor the Schumer-McCarthy bill. Don't think that just because your congressman is "pro-gun" that he won't sign onto this bill. Some relatively good legislators have been duped into cosponsoring it. So your elected officials need to hear from you.**

**After reading the alert, please send them the pre-written letter at the right. You can contact your Representative and Senators by visiting the Gun Owners Legislative Action Center at [www.gunowners.org/activism.htm](http://www.gunowners.org/activism.htm) to send them a pre-written e-mail message.**

Remember the so-called "Our Lady of Peace Act" from last year? Well, Our Lady is back, but under a new name.

Two notoriously antigun legislators have teamed up again to deny millions of additional Americans their right to keep and bear arms. They are Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY).

What makes this bill so dangerous is the fact that many Congressmen who are perceived to be "pro-gun" are supporting the bill as well.

According to *CNS News*, a current NRA Board member, together with a former board member, appeared at a press conference last week to support the Schumer-McCarthy legislation. Specifically, Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) and Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) lent their visible support on Thursday in favor of the "NICS Improvement Act."

NICS, of course, refers to the National Instant Check System – a key component of the Brady Act which forces honest citizens to prove their innocence to the FBI before they can purchase firearms from gun dealers. The Brady Act, named after antigun lobbyists Jim and Sarah Brady, requires gun purchasers' names to be given to the FBI, thus creating the potential that the feds could keep an illegal registry of firearms owners.

As of today, this new bill still does not have a number. However, it is expected that it will be almost identical with its earlier incarnation, H.R. 4757, from last year.

As such, the bill could require states to turn over vast numbers of records (on potentially all Americans) to the FBI for use in connection with the Instantcheck. These records – often containing sensitive, personal information – could include ANY state record relevant to the question of whether a person is prohibited from owning a gun.

This starts with a large volume of mental health records, but the FBI could also require that a state forward all of its employment and tax records in order to identify persons who are illegal aliens. It could require that states forward information concerning drug diversion programs and arrests that do not lead to prosecution, in order to determine whether a person is "an unlawful user of... any controlled substance..."

GOA opposes adding mental health records because psychiatry is one of the most antigun professions of all. Consider the recent study published by the American

Psychological Association. In the press release announcing the study, two Berkeley professors likened "right-wing conservatives" like Rush Limbaugh and Ronald Reagan to Hitler and Mussolini. Huh? These shrinks are the people we want to determine who should own a firearm? The Second Amendment should never be in the hands of this profession.

Regardless, one must realize that this bill is NOT about keeping bad guys and wackos from getting guns. Bad guys and wackos will ALWAYS be able to get guns, no matter how many restrictions there are.

The bill would also help FBI officials to effectively stop millions of additional Americans from purchasing firearms, because they were guilty in the past of committing minor misdemeanors. You might remember the Lautenberg Gun Ban which President Bill Clinton signed in 1996? Because of this ban, people who have committed very minor offenses that include pushing, shoving or, in some cases, even yelling at a family member have discovered that they can no longer own firearms for self-defense.

But the antigun nuts in Congress are upset because many of the states' criminal records are incomplete. As a result, the FBI does not access all of these records when screening the background of someone who purchases a firearm from a gun dealer. The McCarthy-Schumer bill would change all that and keep millions of decent, peaceful citizens from owning firearms because, in each case, of nothing more than a single, minor offense committed long ago.

This bill is all about control. Schumer and McCarthy want to keep pushing their agenda forward, making it impossible for more and more Americans to legally own guns!

Already, the Brady Bunch is crowing that passing this bill "would represent the first substantial piece of federal gun legislation since at least 1996" and that such passage would "explode the myth that nothing can be achieved on guns in [a Republican] Congress."

They might well get their way since prominent Republicans like Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah are supporting the bill.

The Schumer-McCarthy bill is an anti-self-defense piece of legislation that will only make the country safer for criminals while opening the door to invading the privacy of all Americans.

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## Pre-written message

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

I urge you NOT to cosponsor the Schumer-McCarthy bill, which has been dubbed the "NICS Improvement Act."

The Brady Act has been a complete failure, and it does not need to be improved. Not only does this bill violate the Second Amendment, it creates the very real potential that the FBI would illegally maintain a gun owners registry — despite existing prohibitions in the law. (Remember how the FBI illegally provided files on prominent Republicans to President Bill Clinton in 1996?)

More to the point, the Brady Act has not stopped criminals from using guns in crime. One of the nation's leading antigun medical publications, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (August 2000), found that the Brady registration law has failed to reduce murder rates.

It's no wonder. Criminals don't obey gun laws. Plus, laws such as the Brady Act have utterly failed to put criminals behind bars. In a fact sheet entitled "Instant Registration Check Threatens Gun Owners' Rights," Gun Owners of America notes that in the first five years the Brady Act was in force, eight people were prosecuted under the Act and only three were sent to jail. So while the Brady Law has been a failure at stopping bad guys, it has succeeded in giving gun owners' names to the FBI.

Regardless, you took an oath to uphold the Constitution – a document which includes a protection stating that the right to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed." But the Schumer-McCarthy bill is an infringement! Among other things, this bill will result in millions more Americans not being able to own guns, simply because they committed a Lautenberg-type offense, such as pushing, shoving or, in some cases, even yelling at a family member.

Finally, I am very uncomfortable with the idea that this bill could give the FBI access to all of my private tax and financial information. This is a dangerous expansion of federal power, and it is decidedly un-American.

Again, I hope that you will NOT cosponsor this bill. And I would like to hear from you about whether you support this massive increase in gun control.

Sincerely,

NRA Board member Sen. Larry Craig and NRA former board member Rep. John Dingell are **praising** Schumer and McCarthy as "patriotic". They **all** are enthusiastically **supporting** this **anti-gun owner bill**. It really should be called the "**Medical Records Disclosure Act**". It will provide \$1.25 **billion** to help states submit additional data into the FBI's gun buyer background check database including **personal, private medical records** to prevent their buying firearms. If this becomes law, telling your doctor you feel "depressed" might well prevent you from purchasing guns in the future! – Editor

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## GrassRoots Electronic Communication

Our newspaper is our basic means of communication with our members, but it only comes out once a quarter. Direct mailing to our members is effective, but it still takes about two weeks to compose, print and mail – and costs us several thousand dollars a pop!



Electronic communication via Email is the timeliest and most efficient way for us to get the word out to our members. But many of our members still don't have computers. If you're thinking of getting a computer, please do! Then sign up for our GrassRoots Email Action alerts and ENewsletter and join the Email discussion groups where people's firearms related questions are answered, often with lively discussion.

We send out Email Action alerts when immediate action is necessary. We might send several in one week, as when we successfully fought the doubling of CWP license fees. Or, we might go several months without an alert when things are quiet. Every GrassRoots member with a computer should be on this list. The ENewsletter is put out periodically with items of interest to gun owners. You can sign up for either, or both, by sending an email to:

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Mr. Kelleher,

I enjoy each issue of The Defender as it always contains information of interest concerning firearms, firearms safety, and other issues of interest to firearms owners. However the most recent issue contained something which I found quite disturbing coming from the GrassRoots organization. On page 6, in the continuation of the article "Training, Training, and More Training", I noticed something about the photographs. None of the shooters in those photos were wearing eye protection. The caption of one of the photos even went so far as to point out the use of E.A.R. hearing protection by one shooter and the ejected shell casing in the air.

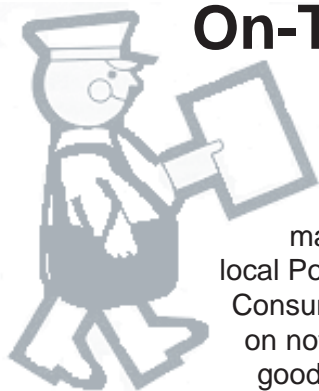
How dare GrassRoots, an organization which prides itself on firearms safety, publish photos such as these which violates one the most important rules of personal safety for the recreational shooter. Hearing and eye protection are two things I have drilled into my son just as much as safe firearms handling practices and safe range practices.

Again, thank you and GrassRoots for publishing The Defender and for the articles which often make me think about my rights to keep and bear arms and the freedoms which we enjoy today. I hope that in the future, someone will edit future editions of The Defender and not allow anymore "bad" photos to be published.

Sincerely,

James E. Adams, Jr.  
Heath Springs

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# Gun Shows and GrassRoots

Gun shows so far this year have been very good and thanks to our volunteers GrassRoots has done very well. John Clarke is the new GrassRoots coordinator for the Florence Shows. Mike Kent, GrassRoots supporter and promoter of Land of the Sky Gun Shows, says the Spartanburg Shows at the Spartanburg Expo Center (formerly Waccamaw) are back starting Jan. 2004 – Watch for dates. We need volunteers to man tables so please let us know if you can help. And Good News! Terry Hicks is up and around and doing better than ever after a successful kidney transplant. THX -Mike W.

With the support of our members GrassRoots plans to have a table at each of the 22 Gun Shows listed below in 2003. We are also looking into requests from other parts of SC to promote GrassRoots at similar events there. It is our volunteers who make it possible for these good things to happen. Keep checking our website [www.scfirearms.org](http://www.scfirearms.org) and future issues of “The Defender”, for announcements and updates.

More and more of our members are giving their time and talents by volunteering to work a shift at our GrassRoots tables at GunShows. Many of these folks find they enjoy the experience and sign up again and again, but there’s always room for new members to help. If you would like to volunteer for a shift just contact your area GrassRoots GunShow Organizer (see the list below), a week or so prior to the show date and ask to help. You will probably be paired with an experienced show worker for one of the half – day shifts, and you can see how you like it.

When you’re at one of these shows please tell the promoters “Thank You for giving GrassRoots a Table”, so we can promote SC GunRights, and stop by our table to tell the volunteers thanks, too.

Volunteers should read Gary Atkinson’s excellent set of tips on how to work a gun show. [www.scfirearms.org/Gary’s Show Tips.doc](http://www.scfirearms.org/Gary’s%20Show%20Tips.doc)

## South Carolina Gun Shows Scheduled for 2003

<b>Greenville</b>	<b>Palmetto Expo Center</b>
Feb. 22-23	May 17-18 Sept. 13-14 Dec. 13-14
<b>Spartanburg</b>	<b>Spartanburg Expo Center (formerly Waccamaw)</b>
CANCELLED - Resuming in January 2004	
<b>Columbia</b>	<b>Jamil Shrine Temple</b>
Jan. 11-12	Apr. 5-6 Aug. 2-3 Nov. 1-02
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# GrassRoots Legislative Tactics Seminar! *Coming to a Place Near You...*

The LTS is so important for GrassRoots members to attend that we want to take it on the road. Find a place where 30 or so people can meet on a Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm and we'll bring it to you. Churches, American Legion Posts, motels, chambers of commerce, town halls, are all likely places. It's best for people to have tables to sit at, three people per table, depending on what's available.

Find a place, set a date at least 1 month ahead, and have a local contact person for people to call. GrassRoots will advertise the meeting to GrassRoots members in the area and have them call you. Charge what you have to – to cover cost of a lunch and the meeting room (if any charge). GrassRoots will provide the Seminar leader, handouts and sound system. The class runs from 9 am till 3 pm with breaks every hour and 30-45 minutes for lunch. Lunch can be pizzas or sub-sandwiches ordered that morning when you have a final count, or you could provide cold cuts, bread, chips and drinks from the local Wally World. Get creative! The LTS will give you the tools *to win* in the fight to protect your rights!

## What Attendees are Saying...

"I wanted to drop a note thanking Rob, Ed and all others who made the LTS possible. This seminar really opened my eyes on how the political process can best be made to work for us. Thanks again!"  
- Richard Stephens, Pamplico

"I'll second that!"  
- Ben Davis, Ph D, Greenwood

"The meeting was a great success. I liked everything about the meeting, including the frequent breaks. This was a great educational tool and I would probably attend a second time just to make sure I did not miss anything important."  
Thanks again,  
- Terry Downey, Lexington



GrassRoots VP Rob Butler tells you how TO WIN! at an LTS near you.

"Rob's presentation was one of *\*THE\** best I've attended in several years. This includes technical, business, and other political functions I've attended. GrassRoots has a winning operating model for the gun rights space. The organization does things the way they do for very, very, very good reasons. Principled and simple. Nearly amazing."  
- Brian Mitchell, Irmo

"As I commented to Ed at the end of the program, everything Rob said made perfect sense in it's simplicity of application and the psychology of approaching the problem as 'access' versus 'confrontation' methodology. Especially considering "friends" in high places and the limited degree of influence that this 'access' gets me. Great analysis, and as a 'BIG' third party advocate, Rob's commentary on voting was the best argument I've heard regarding the "wasted vote" analogy of the electoral process. As others have said, the GR-LTS was a real eye opener in playing hardball with these critters. The question: "Are you here to win? Or are you here just to play?" comes to mind. Rob certainly described how the game is won. Thanks to Rob & Ed for putting on this event."  
- Joe Lolli, Edisto Island

"I wanted to let you guys know how impressed I was with the presentation today. I have attended many other political action seminars before but never have I seen so much good advice, sound reasoning and astute strategy, and all so succinctly organized. My hat is off to you both. I also want to get more involved with the group. I can write and have successfully published 5-6 guest editorials in The State and The (Greenville) Times. Please consider my writing abilities to be at your service. Additionally, I want to initiate a membership drive with a goal of at least 10,000. I'll be sending you a proposal following up on this within a few days. Thanks again for a wonderful workshop!"  
- Walter Rolandi, Ph.D., Columbia

"I am adding my "many thanks" to those who organized & put on the tactics seminar. Very enjoyable and a real eye-opener!! Another benefit was the personal contact & rubbing elbows with others active in the group. There was a lot of discussion outside about other gun groups dying on the vine because of "all blow and no go". GrassRoots SC will continue to be a viable group to be contended with as long as we have the actions taken to match the talking we do. This seminar was great & Rob did an outstanding job of both writing and presentation. ... Gun owners will have to realize we are the place to be."  
- Mike Kirk, Chapin



Photo by Paul Peters

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# GrassRoots South Carolina Legislation Watch: 2003-2004

**H. 3482 and S. 301**  
**The GrassRoots GunRights proposed gun law reforms**

The GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda (H. 3482 and S. 301) to amend current anti gun laws in South Carolina favorably passed a House subcommittee at the end of the legislative year. Unfortunately, it got stuck behind the budget bill and did not get a hearing before the full House Judiciary Committee. Our bill is now before the full House Judiciary Committee, and it should be taken up in January. Then, it will be sent to the Senate.

Current South Carolina law (Section 16-23-20) makes it a misdemeanor to possess a pistol unless you fall into one of the listed exceptions. There is an exception for members of gun clubs, but *no* exception for guests. Thus, if you took a guest to the gun club and let them shoot a pistol, they broke the law. But, so did you.

Current South Carolina law (Section 16-17-410) makes it a felony for two or more people to conspire to commit a misdemeanor. So, when you invited that new shooter to come to the gun club as your guest, you conspired to commit a misdemeanor. That makes both of you felons. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current South Carolina law does not allow you to possess a pistol except on your own real property (unless you have a CWP). There is *no* exception for

possessing a pistol on some one else's private property, even with the permission of the private property owner. So, if you shoot pistols at Uncle Joe's farm, then you have broken the law even if you do have a CWP. Even worse, you and Uncle Joe would have conspired to commit a misdemeanor, which is a felony. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law makes it a crime for a concealed weapon permit holder to disarm and put their pistol into the trunk, glove box, or console when they need to enter a prohibited carry location such as a publicly owned building, private residence, unauthorized location, or posted business. Why?

Because at some point the pistol is no longer concealed when disarming, and it is not yet in the glove box. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law allows a pistol to be carried in the closed glove box, console, or trunk of a vehicle. Some of the most popular vehicles sold today are mini vans, SUVs, and pickup trucks. These vehicles do not have trunks, and many do not have consoles either. Thus, the only lawful place that a pistol can be carried is in the glove box. Many glove boxes are too small to hold larger pistols. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law does not protect people for possessing a pistol while

Here's what we have on the burner, simmering until the start of the final half of the two-year legislative session that begins January 2004.”

by Robert D. Butler, JD

carrying it between a gun show and their vehicle, or while carrying a pistol between their vehicle parked on the street and their home or a friend's home, or while carrying a pistol between their vehicle and an indoor shooting range. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law could be used to kill our gun rights culture. Most people learn about firearms from friends and family. If it is illegal for a private property owner or member of a gun club to invite friends and family to shoot, then private property owners and gun clubs will stop introducing

new shooters to the shooting sports and guns. Grandfathers will stop teaching their grandchildren to shoot. Gun owners will stop teaching their neighbors to shoot. This would threaten the future of our gun rights. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law could be used to kill most pistol shooting sports. Gun clubs and shooting ranges rely upon non members to swell the ranks of competitors at shooting matches. If only members could participate, then the matches would die out. This would threaten the future of our gun rights. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

Current law could be used to shut down those shooting ranges that refused to prohibit non members from shooting at their shooting ranges. All

an enterprising anti gun bigot would have to do is file complaints about illegal shooting activities occurring at the shooting range. Then, the investigating police officer would find violations of both Section 16-23-20 and Section 16-17-410. An anti gun prosecutor could then close the shooting range as a public nuisance because of the illegal shooting activities. This would threaten the future of our gun rights. H. 3482 and S. 301 will fix this problem.

With so many people wanting “zero tolerance” enforcement of our gun laws today, it is crucial that our gun laws be reasonable. These GrassRoots proposed gun law reforms are common sense reforms. These reforms only amend existing law to turn the law into what most people thought the law already was. Only extremist, anti gun bigots could oppose these reasonable reforms.

We will be sending postcards to you in the next issue of The Defender for you to send to your elected representatives asking them to quickly pass the GrassRoots GunRights bills. These postcards are very important because they show that you – the supporters of this bill – are determined, and part of an organization. Politicians do not like to fight an organized constituency when they can easily do the right thing instead.

Then, after we get this legislative agenda passed, we will go on to get even more pro gun legislation passed. Lets make winning a habit!

With ... ‘zero tolerance’ enforcement of our gun laws today, it is crucial that our gun laws be reasonable. These GrassRoots-proposed gun law reforms are common sense reforms.

# Who Gets your Beer Money?

## Anheuser-Busch drops support of Holden over guns

by Jo Mannies ©2003, Post-Dispatch Political Correspondent  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc., the top corporate player in Missouri politics, is no longer backing Gov. Bob Holden - in large part because of their differences over concealed weapons.

Republican and Democratic sources say the brewery's decision not to support the governor's re-election next year is highly unusual in light of its long-standing reputation as a donor which gives generously to both parties and their candidates, regardless of their views.

Before Holden vetoed the bill last summer, sources say, a brewery lobbyist showed up at the governor's office to tell him that such action would end the long-standing support he'd enjoyed from Anheuser-Busch and its executives. Holden confirmed that position later in phone conversations with Anheuser-Busch Cos. Chairman August A. Busch III and corporate group vice president Stephen K. Lambricht, sources said.

The brewery wouldn't confirm or deny the account, and the governor's office declined to comment. But Republican and Democratic sources familiar with the incident say it's among several recent dealings between the brewery and top state officials that underscore Anheuser-Busch's strong support for the bill to allow most Missourians the right to carry concealed weapons.

The Legislature overrode Holden's veto last month, and the measure will become law Oct. 11.

"This is a huge deal for Mr. Busch," said one high-level political source. Several who know Busch say he's an avid sportsman who also has strong concerns about personal security.

The brewery's decision could mean a big financial loss for Holden's re-election campaign. In his bid for governor in 2000, documents show that Holden received at least \$50,000 from various Anheuser-Busch entities or executives. His Republican opponent, Jim Talent, received a similar amount.

State Auditor Claire McCaskill, a Democrat challenging Holden, disputes any ties between concealed weapons and the support she is getting from the brewery. The matter didn't come up in her initial meeting recently with Busch



and brewery executives, she said. "My sense was ... there wasn't one issue or two issues driving their decision."

But after that meeting, an Anheuser-Busch official telephoned McCaskill to ask her position on concealed carry. "I told him that as a former prosecutor, I never thought it was a good idea," she said. "I also said that my focus now has changed, and that I want to work to make sure the restrictions (in the new law) are enforced."

The brewery declined to confirm or deny the accounts of its dealings with Holden and McCaskill. It also wouldn't comment on who it was supporting for governor.

In a written statement attributed to Lambricht, the company said: "If such conversations occur between Anheuser-Busch and elected officials, they are considered private, and it is not our policy to comment on private conversations."

A spokesman later said the brewery would offer no further comment on its stance regarding concealed weapons.

In 1999, the brewery backed the concealed-carry measure - known as Proposition B - which Missouri voters narrowly rejected because of overwhelming opposition in urban and suburban areas.

In a statement at the time, Lambricht explained that the company had always supported responsible gun ownership.

"For several years, rumors have been perpetuated among consumers that Anheuser-Busch supports gun control legislation. ... For some consumers and retail customers, hearing this rumor is enough for them to boycott our products."

As a rule, issues haven't been the defining factor in Anheuser-Busch's dealings with candidates. Most major candidates in both parties who run for office make sure they stop by the brewery's complex on Pestalozzi Street and seek an audience with top executives. Most of those candidates leave with a

# Guns in Cars! *Gasp!*

The below was forwarded by a GrassRoots member whose brother lives in that neck of the woods. A CWP law passed in Missouri, but they still can’t carry. After the Missouri legislature overrode their Governor’s veto, a judge ruled the law “unconstitutional” and issued an order blocking the law. A report from Neal Knox follows. Here in South Carolina we’ve been carrying guns in cars for years and I don’t recall any shootouts in the Wal-Mart parking lots at Christmas time. If those bleeding heart types in Missouri want to see something *really scary*, they should take a look at what we have here in South Carolina.

## Motorists with guns in cars don’t need permit

by Terry Ganey - Post-Dispatch Jefferson City Bureau

JEFFERSON CITY - A motorist transporting a concealed weapon in a car should **advise police officers** of that fact in the event the driver is pulled over on the highway.

That’s the advice from the **Missouri Highway Patrol** as law enforcement officers and motorists prepare to deal with the concealed weapons law that goes into effect Oct. 11. While the law sets up a permit system for people to carry hidden guns on their person, it also allows anyone over 21 years of age who lawfully owns a weapon to carry it concealed in the driver’s compartment of their vehicle without a permit.

“We’ve been getting an enormous amount of e-mail on this subject, and a lot of it concerns **carrying the weapon in the car without a permit**,” said Capt. Chris Ricks, a patrol spokesman.

That aspect of the law has not received heavy attention.

“We want to educate the public that they’ve got to notify the officer if they have a loaded firearm in the vehicle,” Ricks said, “And make sure they keep their hands where we can see them.”

Ricks cited the example of a driver reaching into a glove compartment – where a handgun is stored – for an automobile registration document.

“**The policeman needs to know that**,” Ricks said. “As you are talking to a person and getting information and all of a sudden the driver opens a glove box and there’s a weapon in there, that’s a dangerous situation.”

Ricks said that under such circumstances the officer is trained

to remove the gun and then let the driver get the registration.

“It’s nothing to say that the person is not legal or law-abiding,” Ricks said. “It just protects our officers.”

Ricks said the new law has not prompted the patrol to change the training of troopers. He said each road-patrolling officer is advised to **approach a car as if there is a weapon in it** until the situation is stabilized. However, Ricks said that once the new law goes into effect, there is a greater likelihood that weapons will be concealed in cars.

The Republican-controlled Legislature approved the concealed weapons law over the veto of Democrat Gov. Bob Holden on Sept. 11.

It is scheduled to go into effect 30 days later - Oct. 11 - which is a Saturday. It is unclear at this point whether all sheriffs’ offices, who are responsible for processing the permit applications, will be open on that day for that purpose. And Monday, Oct. 13, is the Columbus Day holiday. Some concealed weapons advocates say Tuesday, Oct. 14, may be the first practical date when applications may be processed.

The law requires applicants to be over 23 years of age, pass a background check and complete an eight-hour gun safety course. The permit application fee is \$100.

The fact that no permit is required to carry guns in cars has shocked some Missouri residents.

“The very thought of some people having a gun in their car makes me want to quit driving,” said

Martha Hulse, who lives in Kennett, Mo. “With all the road rage going on, this makes for a deadly situation. Will all drivers now have to have a handgun in their vehicles to protect themselves?”

According to the October 16 Neal Knox Update, Rep. Larry Crawford (R), a primary sponsor of the Missouri concealed carry licensing law is concerned that the Missouri Supreme Court may uphold Judge Steven Ohmer’s ruling last Friday that the law is unconstitutional.

He pointed out that most were appointed by Democratic governors who have opposed such laws.

Missouri’s Constitution says that “the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property ... shall not be questioned; but this shall not justify the wearing of concealed weapons.”

That final phrase was the basis for Judge Ohmer’s decision against the law last Friday.

Though Gov. Bob Holden had vetoed the law, and was overridden, his chief legal counsel, David Cosgrove, said a few days before Ohmer’s ruling:

“The fact that there is not a constitutional right to carry concealed weapons does not mean that it is unconstitutional for the General Assembly to grant them the power to do so.”

Anyone capable of reading the English language would say he was right.

Let’s hope that the Supreme Court of Missouri can read.

The law – now on hold because of Judge Ohmer’s ruling – specifically allows anyone over 21 who is not prohibited from firearms ownership to have a loaded gun in his or her vehicle for protection.

Chief Wolf, who is sworn to uphold Missouri’s laws, had absolutely no compunctions against ignoring a legally enacted law he opposes.

He is not an unschooled police officer from a hick town. He signed the order both as Police Chief and as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

– From the October 16 Neal Knox Update

## But Wait! That’s not all!

The extreme reaction to the Missouri law is shown by the outrageous orders of Hazelwood, MO, Chief of Police, Carl Wolf.

Last Friday, the day before the law was to go into effect, he sent a directive instructing all officers to ask the driver of any car stopped:

- (1) To inquire if he or she had a firearm in the car,
- (2) To summon backup if the answer was yes,
- (3) To require “all occupants to exit the vehicle while the officer retrieves the firearms,”
- (4) To unload and “inspect the firearm to see if it has been defaced or altered (this would make it an illegal weapon),”
- (5) To “conduct a REJIS/NCIC check of the serial number to check for lost or stolen,”
- (6) To “seize the firearm and forward to the St. Louis County Firearms Lab, to determine if the firearm has been used in the commission of a crime.”

Presumably, the gun would be fired and a ballistic image of the case and bullet retained along with serial number and owner’s information.

“Officers should exercise extreme caution while approaching vehicles and controlling the occupants” and “be in a tactical response posture of a mindset that they could be confronted with lethal force on any traffic stop and be prepared to respond with lethal force.

“Any complaints about an officer’s tactical approach to a vehicle shall immediately be forwarded to the Chief of Police. These are dangerous times.”



Missouri

## Service! ... Service?

At one time in my life, I thought I understood the meaning of the word “service” – *the act of doing things for other people*.

Then I heard the terms:  
Internal Revenue Service  
Postal Service  
Civil Service  
Service Stations  
Customer Service  
City/County Public Service

And I became confused about the word service. This is not what I thought “service” meant.

Then one day, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull service a few of his cows.

WHAM!! It all came into perspective! Now I understand what all those “service” agencies are doing to us.

It may be funny but consider: Not only does our government abuse us, they *condition* us to believe that EVERYONE else is out to abuse us also. Thus, people fear honest good citizens who are armed.

Many of us would be happy to be good Samaritans, but be prepared: others might not see our actions in the same light.

– From the Internet



## WANTED

### Software Gurus

Our webmaster needs some help setting up new features, like a “Member’s Only” section on our website.

He knows what needs to be done and how to do it, but is swamped and needs some assistance!

If you have ability and experience in **www programming**, please contact our Webmaster, Sean Stogner, [Webmaster@scfirearms.org](mailto:Webmaster@scfirearms.org).



GrassRoots  
CWP Instructor  
Members!

Here’s the letter we sent to all we had listed as GrassRoots CWP Instructor members, almost 300. With the letter we sent a package of 25 Defender newspapers and some membership flyers. If you’re a member of GrassRoots and a CWP instructor, but didn’t get a package it’s either because we don’t have you down as an Instructor member (Instead of Mr./Mrs. on your address label, instructors are addressed as “Inst.”) or the post office messed up. Instructor members pay \$25 per year and get some extra benefits including a listing on our website.

September 9, 2003

Dear GrassRoots Instructor Member,

First, let me thank you for being a CWP instructor. It’s a big responsibility and we know you aren’t in it just for the money. GrassRoots wants you to succeed, and be profitable, because we believe society is better when good citizens choose to be armed – and **you** are a vital part of that process. Below we discuss a *special incentive* program that will help us **both** succeed!

As of July, 2003 there are over 38,000 active CWP holders in South Carolina. Thanks for doing your part in helping us get there. But that’s only about 1% of our state’s populations. Other states have from 3-7% CWP participation. GrassRoots has set a goal to **double** the number of **SC CWP holders** in 5 years. We want to get a lot more students for you!

One thing that is hindering us in achieving that goal is that there are many limitations on concealed carry in South Carolina. In *polls* we’ve conducted, 33% of the respondents said the reason people **don’t get CWP’s** is that they don’t think they are very useful – they’re *too restrictive* and aren’t recognized in many other states.

We’re working to change that. We’ve already succeeded in getting some of the laws changed. The recent SLED training class for Instructors went over changes in the law that GrassRoots got passed. The September issue of *The Defender* newspaper announced the fact that **NC now recognizes South Carolina CWP’s!**

But more, much more, remains to be done. To do more, **we need more members**. It’s that simple. You can help us get these changes made and achieve our goal of doubling the number of CWP holders in South Carolina **by getting your CWP students to join GrassRoots!**

CWP Instructor Barney Limehouse of Johns Island has signed up over **250 of his CWP students in GrassRoots**. He has his students complete their GrassRoots application along with their application to get a Concealed Weapon Permit. Then **he** mails the completed applications to GrassRoots. You can help by doing the same thing.

SPECIAL INCENTIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

The last page of this letter is an **application** for individuals to **join GrassRoots**. Please make copies, have your students complete them, and then **you** mail them back to us. As a **special incentive** for you to do so, we’ll give you a \$5 credit for each new member you send **this year**. This credit can be applied to dues, instructional video’s (when available), or GrassRoots hats, shirts, cups, decals and other merchandise that you can either use or resell. Or, you can return the credit to GrassRoots as a contribution if you wish. To receive the credit, you’ll need to be a paid up GrassRoots Instructor Member. We’ll give you a \$5 credit for each completed application and payment for a new member you send us for the remainder of 2003. The credits won’t expire as long as you remain a GrassRoots member in good standing. If you let your membership expire, we’ll use your credits to extend your membership as long as they hold out. Sorry, no cash refunds of credits, but they’re good as gold for anything you might pay GrassRoots for.

To help you sign up new GrassRoots members, we’ve enclosed a bundle of 25 of our **Defender** newspapers. This paper is published quarterly. On joining, people receive copies of the last 2 issues in their new member packages. **Please give a newspaper to each of your students and encourage them to join GrassRoots**. If you need more newspapers, let us know and we’ll send them. Pass them out at gun clubs and gun shops too!

We also have a **special GrassRoots membership application** that emphasizes the **benefits** of joining GrassRoots. They are blue, 4 pages letter folded and will help you sell your students on the benefits of joining GrassRoots. You can order them if you’d like on the material order form on page 3. A copy is available on the Internet at: <http://www.scfirearms.org/flyers/flier2.pdf>

We plan on sending you a package of **25 Defenders every 3 months** – each time we print them. If you can use more than 25, please let us know. Maybe you have more students than that per quarter, or maybe you can **pass them out at gun clubs or gun shops** or where ever – do it! We want to send you as many newspapers as you think you can get out to people. Let us know if you

want 25, 50, 100, 200 or more – however many you think you can get into the hands of people. We’ll send them to you.

Your GrassRoots Instructor Membership expiration date is printed on the mailing label of this package. If you membership has **expired**, please renew. You’re an important part of our plans.

The “Guns Save Lives” **bumper stickers** are popular and sell well for \$1 at gun shows. As an Instructor, you can get them for \$.50 and double your money for each one you sell.

There are about 250 GrassRoots Instructor members (FYI, this mailing cost us about \$2200). That number gives us political muscle to get things done. Let us know what issues concern you as an instructor. Would you be interested in an email discussion group for just GrassRoots CWP Instructors? If so, let us know by returning page 3 of this letter.

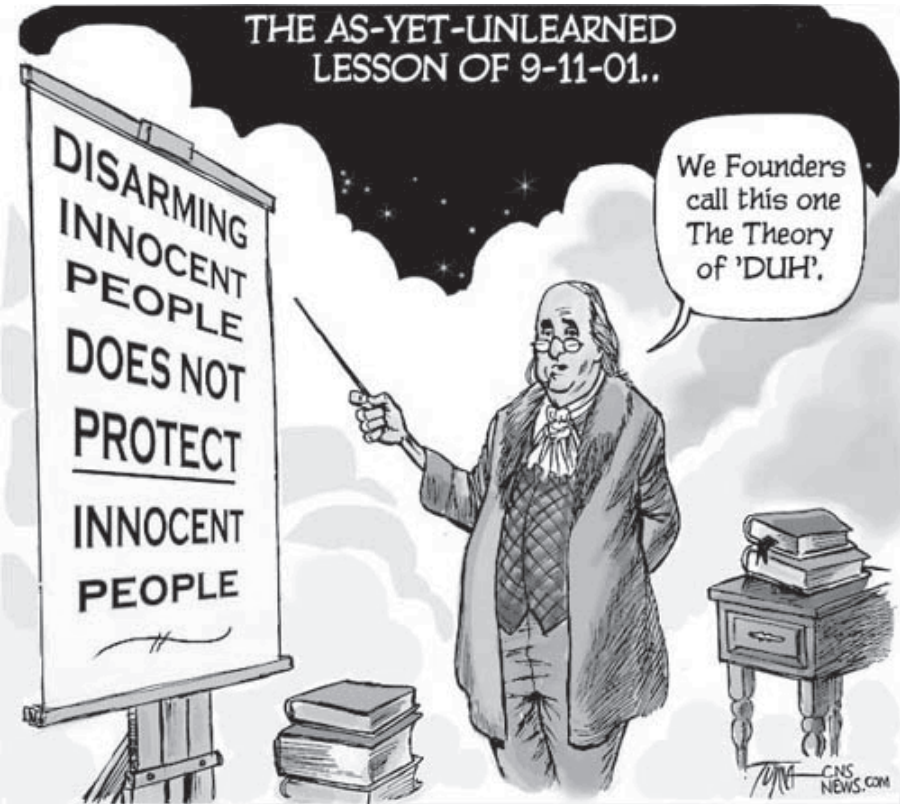
We’re working on a new **SC CWP Instruction video** which includes the most up to date changes in our CWP laws.

We like to have **South Carolina content for our newspaper**, so send us something! We’ll give careful consideration to articles you write for printing in *The Defender* newspaper. Tell us what you think it’s important to teach, or of problems you’ve overcome, stuff that **you’d** like to read as a CWP holder. Good, color photos are very helpful also.

One last thing. **SLED has no way of tracking CWP “saves”!** There’s no block to check on police reports for “CWP”. To get some good stats, SLED would like for Instructors to have their students notify their instructors if they ever have to use their concealed weapon. Instructors could then pass the stats on to SLED. GrassRoots would like to know also so we can show that indeed, “Guns Save Lives”. Details are on Page 4 of the September issue of *The Defender* in our Law Enforcement Liaison report. Let us know what you think of the idea, pros and cons.

Folks, we know you’re serious about your CWP classes. We’re serious about growing GrassRoots. **Help us help you!** By helping each other, not only will **we** be winners, but our children and the rest of the people in this great state will benefit as well. Thanks for helping and taking part in that.

Ed Kelleher, President GrassRoots GunRights South Carolina Inc.



Please use GrassRoots  
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are listed at:

[www.scfirearms.org/  
TrainingCWPGrassRootsCWPTraînerList.htm](http://www.scfirearms.org/TrainingCWPGrassRootsCWPTraînerList.htm)

If you know someone needing a CWP  
class, please check the above internet  
location to find an instructor near you...  
or write us, and we will send you a list  
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# Swiss Miss Policy-Makers Aiming in the Wrong Direction

By John R. Lott Jr.

Two years ago – on September 27, 2001 – a lone gunman shot and killed 14 people in the cantonal parliament in Zug, near Zurich. To the Swiss justice minister, Ruth Metzler, the country’s liberal gun laws were responsible. Joined by the Swiss People’s party, the Radical party, and the Swiss business federation, Metzler has called for registering guns, banning others, and tightening controls on buying guns as obvious solutions to make sure nothing like that happens again.

Ever since Switzerland’s founding in 1291, an armed citizenry has been a cornerstone of its defense. The Swiss Militia also inspired American revolutionaries from John Adams to Patrick Henry and served as the model for the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, which reads: “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.”

The tradition still lives in Switzerland today. All able-bodied males from 20 to 42 years of age are required to keep rifles or handguns at home. Gun shops are everywhere. A Zurich tourist brochure recommends people visit September’s Knabenschiessen (a young person’s shooting contest): “The oldest Zurich tradition... consists of a shooting contest at the Albisguetli (range) for 12 to 16 year-old boys and girls and a colorful three-day fair.”

Yet, Swiss gun laws have already started to give up some of this freedom that they are so well know for. In January 1999, nationwide regulations greatly restricted people’s ability to carry

concealed handguns. But the new proposals – including registration – represent the greatest challenge to Swiss traditions. As some Swiss point out, registration in other countries has often preceded confiscation.

Registration could supposedly help identify criminals and prevent them from getting guns. For example, if a gun is left at the scene of the crime, registration could allow it to be traced back to the criminal who used it.

Nice theory, but it just doesn’t work. Despite spending tens or even hundreds of thousands of man-hours by police administering these laws in different areas of the United States (such as Hawaii, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.), there is not even a single case where the laws have been key in identifying someone who has committed a crime.

Other countries have experienced similar problems. In Canada from 1997 to 2001, only in 3 percent of

While tighter controls on purchasing guns may allay some people’s fears, there is not a single academic study showing that background checks reduce violent crime. What really deters criminals are higher arrest and conviction rates and longer prison sentences for the crime, not increasing penalties for how the crime was committed.

The irony is that to stop crime Switzerland is seeking to emulate the strict gun-control regulations of its neighbors, when the reverse should be the case. Neighboring Austria, France, Germany, and Italy, all with stricter gun-control laws, had murder rates during 2000 that were 21 to 112 percent higher than Switzerland’s. With the exception of Austria, they all also have far higher robbery rates. Only Italy had fewer reported rapes. In England and Wales, where handguns are totally banned and few people are allowed to own rifles or shotguns, the murder rate was 68 percent higher, the rape rate 188 percent higher, and the robbery rate a staggering 493 percent higher.

If Switzerland has made any mistake, it is that their gun-control laws are already too strict. After Jan. 1, 1999, Swiss concealed-handgun owners were required to have a permit and had to demonstrate to the authorities that they needed a weapon to protect themselves or others against a precise danger. The folly of taking comfort in regulation is clear, however: Was anyone made safer by the fact that the Zug attack took place in an area where guns were banned, a so-called “gun-free safe zone”?

If even one of the people in the Zug parliament had been armed, could the attack have been stopped?

This should not be too surprising: Suppose you or your family is being stalked by a criminal who intends on harming you. Would you feel safer putting a sign in front of your home saying “This Home is a Gun-Free Zone”?

It is pretty obvious why we don’t put these signs up. As with many other gun laws, law-abiding citizens, not would-be criminals, would obey the sign. Instead of creating a safe zone for victims, it leaves victims defenseless and creates a safe zone for those intent on causing harm.

American politicians also understand this. From congressmen at the U.S. Capitol to state representatives and city councilmen in state capitols and city halls, politicians across most of the county allow themselves to carry guns for protection.

My new book, *The Bias Against Guns*, examines multiple-victim public shootings in the United States from 1977 to 1999 and finds that when states passed right-to-carry laws, these attacks, while fairly rare, fell by 60 percent. Deaths and injuries from multiple-victim public shootings fell on average by 78 percent. When attacks still occurred in right-to-carry states, they overwhelmingly happened in the special places within those states where concealed handguns were banned.

While the emotional response to passing even more gun laws is understandable, laws that primarily disarm law-abiding citizens relative to criminals can have perverse effects. Switzerland has long had one of the lowest murder rates in Europe and part of that may be precisely because they trust their citizens to defend themselves. Even more perverse is how gun control can create problems that lead to calls for still further regulations. Instead of making citizens safer, gun-control laws can leave them as sitting ducks.



John R. Lott Jr., a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

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handgun murders there was it even possible that the weapon might have been registered to the perpetrator and no evidence is available on how helpful registration was in any of those cases.

The difficulties are very simple to understand. Criminals very rarely leave their guns at the scene of the crime. In the few cases where guns have been left at the crime scene, they are not registered. It should come as no surprise that would-be criminals virtually never register their weapons. They are simply not that stupid, and try their best to keep away from authorities.



In a discussion on the SCFIREARMS Email List, one member made the following comment:

“I thought #2 was buckshot.”

Nope, #2 shot is .15" diameter, #2 buckshot is .27" diameter. See the chart below:

Shot Sizes													
	F	T	BBB	BB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7½	8
Pellet Diameter													
Inches	.22	.20	.19	.18	.16	.15	.14	.13	.12	.11	.10	.095	.09
mm	5.59	5.08	4.83	4.57	4.06	3.81	3.56	3.30	3.05	2.79	2.54	2.41	2.29
Buckshot Sizes													
	No. 000	No. 00	No. 0	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4						
Pellet Diameter													
Inches	.36	.33	.32	.30	.27	.25	.24						
mm	9.14	8.38	8.13	7.62	6.86	6.35	6.10						

# Czechs: Victims of “Reasonable” Gun Control

by John M. Sutton EdS, MCSE

I was trained as a Czech linguist by the US Army. I studied Czech history for their paths to freedom, both political and religious, are very similar to ours. I also have studied Christian history extensively, and found that the Czechs have played an important role in both political and religious freedom, especially as it applies to our history!

In 1995, while I was traveling in the Czech Republic, I stopped at a small antiques store near Plzn away from the normal tourist paths. I found this poster for sale there. It is printed on one side in Czech and on the other in German. Immediately recognizing its significance, I purchased it for the sum of 200 Czech crowns, which was just under \$2 US. I conversed with the proprietor, an older gentleman in his ’70s, inquiring as to its origin. He began to tell me of some of the horrors perpetrated upon the Czechs by the Nazis (they still have a great deal of animosity to Germans, even to mere tourists to this day). He explained that the punishment for being caught with a firearm was at first just a steep fine, and then later it became imprisonment, but eventually became punishable by death. This fine gentleman, who as most Czechs do, loved America’s principles, cautioned me to never let the government take away our guns, for it was in them that we have genuine freedom to vote, and to believe as we choose. I couldn’t help but think how he so closely paralleled the writings of our Founding Fathers. He understood the value of the freedom to believe and to think differently than the government.

Our government schools do not turn out thinkers like this - so where is our future? I returned there to visit again in 1998, but his store was closed, for he had passed away. Is our generation of freedom lovers the last, giving way to lovers of government? I hope not!

At the risk of being pedantic, I would like to relate some highlights of Czech history. They may seem unimportant, but they all fall back to the right to believe as one wishes without government control, which, in turn, is defended by the right to keep and bear arms.

Jan Hus, the great Czech preacher and evangelizer, became Dean of the University of Praha (Prague to the Germans) in 1402. This position conferred upon him the responsibility to preach at Bethlehem Chapel in Praha. As a result of his preparations for preaching, and having received Wycliffe’s writings, he came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He began to teach that each man has freedom before God, not before any religion or government, and that the Word of God is the only source authority for life. His teachings also included the concept of religious freedom and tolerance, that neither church nor Government can coerce religion, for it is a personal matter between a man and his God. He was arrested and burned at the stake for heresy during the Council of Constance in 1415. There is to this day a huge monument to him, and to the religious and political freedom he sought to bring to Bohemia, in downtown Praha. Note that the great reformer Martin Luther wasn’t even born until 1485, and indeed, Luther called himself a disciple of Jan Hus.

His followers became known as the Hussites, and still exist in some small fashion today there in the Czech Republic. I have had the honor to teach and preach to some of these fellow believers. From 1415 to 1620, under the leadership of capable generals such as Jan Zizka, the ongoing fight for religious and political control of Czechoslovakia continued, but culminated in the Battle of White Mountain in 1620, just outside of Praha. The Hussites

were defeated, and most of the Protestant nobility of Czechoslovakia was executed. Czechoslovakia thus degenerated into what became known as the AustroHungarian Empire. Their native language was forbidden, their true history was obscured, and both political and religious freedom disappeared.

Fast forward to 1918, at the end of World War I. The nation of Czechoslovakia arose from its ashes like a phoenix, and was founded

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upon the dual pillars of religious and political freedom, such freedoms being secured by personally owned firearms. Tomas Masaryk was their first president, and helped formulate their new constitution. The Czechs used our American Declaration of Independence and our Bill of Rights as a pattern for their country. Their own legacy of political and religious wars obviated the need for the people to protect themselves from their own government.

However, with the Nazi dogs of war on the horizon in 1938, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain treated with Adolf Hitler in Munich, September 1938. Hitler demanded the Sudetenland, part of Western

Czechoslovakia. Hitler based his demand upon the fact that most of the residents of the Sudetenland spoke German – but most of them were German speaking Czechs. They spoke German because of the centuries-long occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which forbad speaking or teaching the Czech language.

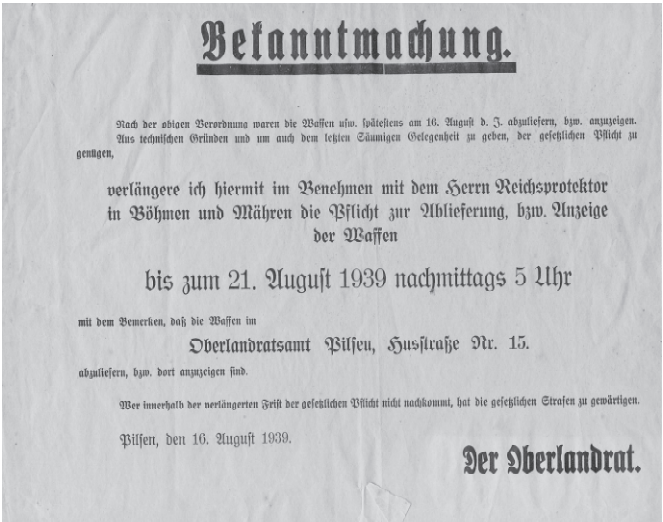
Chamberlain appeased Hitler by negotiating the Munich Treaty of 1938, ceding the Sudetenland to Germany. In essence, Chamberlain promised that Britain would not go to war with Germany if they occupied Czechoslovakia – which they did in March, 1939. Chamberlain gave away what he did not own to one who had no right to take it.

Nearby are translations of the poster. I did the Czech side. The translation of the German poster was done by a native German speaker, who worked as a German linguist and Interrogator for the US Army. Notice how long it took to initiate gun confiscation – just a few months.

The ReichsProtektor referred to in the poster is none other than Reinhardt Heydrich – a cruel and evil man, as attested by his activities. Heydrich was head of the Nazi Security Police, head of the Security Service and chief of the Gestapo – the Secret Police. Reinhard Heydrich was one of Hitler’s most ruthless Nazis and second in importance only to Heinrich Himmler in the Nazi SS organization. He was the principle planner of the “Final Solution” – the plan to exterminate Jews. There was even talk of his one day succeeding Hitler. In September of 1941, the ever-ambitious Heydrich had achieved favored status with Hitler and was thus appointed Deputy Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia in former Czechoslovakia and set up his headquarters in Praha. Soon after his arrival, he established the Jewish “model” ghetto at Theresienstadt in Bohemia.

Few know that the entire Czech nation was the subject of a Holocaust plan. Reinhard Heydrich, who planned the “final solution” for the Jewish people, also prepared similar plans for all Czechs, except a few with the blue eyes and blond hair traits of the “master race.” Hitler, himself, called Czechs subhumans.

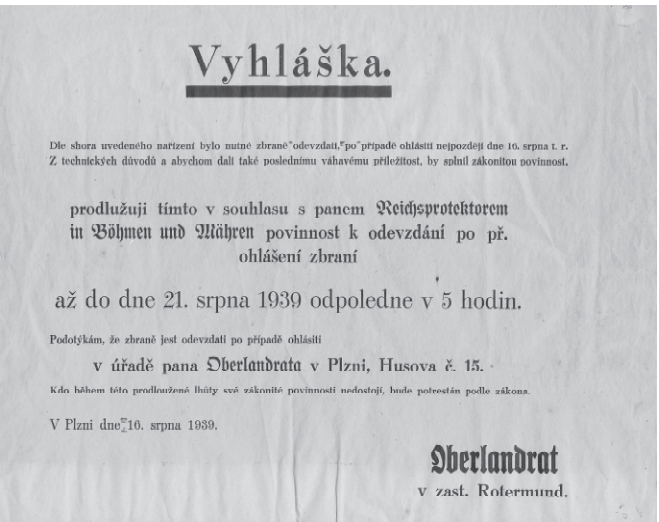
SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich was a supremely arrogant young man who liked to travel between his country home and headquarters in Praha in an open top green Mercedes without an armed escort as a show of confidence in his intimidation of the resistance and successful pacification of the Czech population. In 1942 the Czechs assassinated Heydrich in Praha, saving their nation, but thousands of innocent Czech lives had already been lost in their Holocaust executions. And there was more to come. Nazi Germany destroyed an innocent Czech village - Lidice - to avenge the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE (German)**  
In accordance with the above mentioned decree, all weapons were to be turned-in or registered by Aug. 16 of this year. For administrative reasons and to give latecomers a chance to fulfill their legal obligations, I am herewith In Agreement with the Protector of Bohemia and Moravia Extending the Time Frame for the Turning over or Declaration of all Weapons Until 21 August, 5 p.m.

With the note, that these weapons have to be turned-in or declared at the District Office in Pilsen, Husstra?e #15.

Who at that time still has not fulfilled his legal obligations, will have to face the full consequences of the law. Pilsen, 16 August 1939 The District Commissioner



**PROCLAMATION (Czech)**  
In accordance with announced decrees forcing surrender of registered guns, which, upon proclamation, were to be surrendered no later than 16 August this year. For reasons of a technical nature, and to give reluctant ones an opportunity to fulfill their legal responsibility,

We are extending, with the agreement of the Reichsprotektor in Bohemia and Morava, the duty to surrender registered guns Until 21 August, 1939, 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Be advised that registered guns must be surrendered

At the office of the Lord Oberlandrat in Plzn, Husova Street, Number 15.

Who avoids the extended deadline by not complying with legal responsibility will be punished according to law.

Who Gets your Beer Money

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generous donation check, or the promise of one.

Before the state’s campaign-donation limits went into effect in the mid-’90s, the brewery often was the largest single contributor to candidates running for office.

For more than a decade, Anheuser-Busch has issued the same statement to explain its reasons for financially backing candidates in both parties. “We support the political process,” the brewery said in virtually identical statements issued in 1992, 1998 and 2002. “... In doing so, we support candidates for local and state office from both sides of the aisle. ...”

The brewery’s political clout is undisputed. Said John Hancock, spokesman for the Missouri Republican Party: “They are obviously a very important corporate leader in the state. Their support is extremely important to candidates and parties.”

Added Mike Kelley, spokesman for the Missouri Democratic Party, “Anheuser-Busch has been a strong supporter of the Missouri Democratic Party and Democratic candidates, in the past and present.”

The spokesmen added that they’ve seen no difference in dealings with the brewery. But other sources in both parties disagree, and say that the concealed-carry issue appears to have taken on more significance - especially in the brewery’s dealings with Holden.

At least two other candidates for other statewide offices say the concealed-carry issue came up in their meetings with Anheuser-Busch officials in the last few weeks. One declined to be identified. The other, state Senate President Pro Tem Peter Kinder, R-Cape Girardeau, said, “We touched on the issue briefly. ... They knew where I stood.”

Kinder, who is running for lieutenant governor, helped amass the Senate support needed to override Holden’s veto. He said the brewery’s position was well known among legislators, and not a major factor among legislators backing the override effort.

A spokesman for Secretary of State Matt Blunt, a Republican who expects to run for governor and backs gun rights, said he also has met recently with brewery officials and has been told that the brewery will support him. Blunt doesn’t recall the concealed-carry issue coming up, the spokesman said. Blunt took no public position on the bill that Holden vetoed.

McCaskill said Busch and other brewery executives made clear to her that, in the contest for governor, they may support Blunt as well as her. “Anheuser-Busch is one of the largest and most important companies in St. Louis,” she said. “I think their support speaks for itself.”

*The above was forwarded by a GrassRoots member who said, “Here’s another story about something nice Anheuser-Busch has done for gun owners in general and concealed carry in particular. If you appreciate their support of our interests, you might give them a call at 1-800-342-5283 and tell them so.” Buying their beer would be useful too.*

Czech Victims

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On June 9, 1942 just five days after Heydrich’s death, ten truckloads of the Security Police came and quickly surrounded the village. No one was allowed to leave the village; a 12 year old boy and a peasant woman were shot as they tried to escape. All the men and boys over 16 years old, 172 in all, were rounded up and locked in a barn. They were then shot the next day in groups of ten, which lasted from dawn until 4 in the afternoon. 19 men who were working in the mines during the shooting were also rounded up and sent to Praha where they were killed. The women as a whole fared better than the men, but still faced cruel situations. Seven of the women were taken to Praha where they were shot. The rest, numbering 195, were sent to the Ravensbrueck concentration camp in Germany. There 49 of the women died; 7 by gassing, and the rest from cruel treatment. The children, 90 in all, were taken to a concentration camp at Gneisenau. The children were then selected according to the “racial experts” and distributed to German people with new German names to be raised as their own. The village itself was completely destroyed. The village was burned, the remains dynamited, and then bulldozed so that no structure was left standing. Lidice became a symbol of Nazi barbarism.

In the Czech mind today, the name LIDICE is a battle cry for freedom, and its location an open field, a monument to freedom.

The right to keep and bear arms is inextricably tied to both political and religious freedom. The Czechs lost it, regained it but lost it again, paying a heavy price in innocent lives.

This poster proves that the goal of gun registration is gun confiscation, and the beginning of a long night of terror. Heydrich would never have been able to use intimidation, nor would he have been able to pacify the Czechs had he not confiscated all their guns.

May we never lose sight of this!

He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose!  
(cf Mt 16:25,26)

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Watch out  
South Carolina!

*The following was forwarded to us by a GrassRoots member. Turns out the GrassRoots member, and the guy in NC who wrote the following letter, shot with GrassRoots president Ed Kelleher at a FAL rifle match in Charlotte, July 4, 2002. These things could easily happen to YOU! Pay attention! We’ll be watching, but we can’t do it alone – we need your help also. Watch for GrassRoots alerts, in particular get connected for Electronic Communication (See article on Page 5).*

Subj:    **Need some assistance, guys.**  
Date:    9/12/2003 6:49:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
From:    XXXXX

Hey guys, sorry I've been out of touch lately. Because of my ongoing legal battle, I've been trying to keep a low profile. However, I'm about to “counter attack” and need a bit of assistance....legal, moral, etc...

Quick recap: My ex-wife and I fought each other for custody of our children. During the course of said legal battle, my ex applied for, and was granted a restraining order against me. I had done absolutely nothing wrong, but was later informed that issuing a restraining order in a custody fight is a regular occurrence...keeps the parents from playing the “hide the children from the other spouse” game. As a result of said ex-parte order, the Mecklinburg Co. Sheriff’s office “thoughtfully” removed 13 firearms from my safe.....with the understanding that when the order is cancelled/expired, my firearms would be returned to me. I didn't like it.....but had no choice. We went to trial and my ex was awarded custody (pro-woman judge....big surprise there), though in her “findings of fact” from the trial, he stated either household was appropriate. My ex’s slimy lawyer tried like hell to find a problem with the fact that I’m a shooter/collector (wanna guess how many times a slimy lawyer can say “AK47” in one breath??? Forgetting the fact that I don't \*OWN\* one???)

HOWEVER, the judge \*ALSO\* stated that “the father is a gun collector” and for some twisted reason, decided to rule that “I CANNOT POSSESS A FIREARM UNTIL THE CHILDREN ARE 18!!!!!!” I did absolutely NOTHING wrong or inappropriate, either with or without a firearm! Nor was I even accused of doing such! But this obviously antigun judge decided to enforce her opinion of guns on my civil rights! When asked by my attorney afterwards about that particular ruling, she replied to him “Let an appeals court overturn it.....I’m letting it stand!”

Now, my attorney is currently filing an appeal on the grounds that the judge has no authority to suspend/forfeit my civil rights.....I have not been convicted of, tried for or even accused of \*ANY\* crime! And yet, here I sit.....with my right to bear arms in limbo.

Guys.....I need legal advice. My attorney is working on/researching the appropriate info regarding the 2nd amendment and such, but any info y'all can provide would be greatly appreciated. What organizations can I turn to for help? This is absolute BS.....and yet, it's getting heaped on me! I've been keeping off the FAL Files because my ex-wife follows me on the board.....I don't want/need her in my business (especially this business). If any of you need to discuss this with the Files people, please omit my name and home state.....unless it's in a “PM” and not on the public forums. Guys.....I’m broke.....I’m frustrated.....I’m disheartened that you don't need to be a criminal to be treated as such. I'm at my wits end here.

I appreciate any/all help y'all can offer.

*The above was posted to our SCFIREARMS Email list. The following comment was received from a GrassRoots North Carolina leader who also belongs to GrassRoots South Carolina. He has a **serious** warning:*

From NC, we can attest to this being HIGHLY relevant. We got rolled by a bill that fronted as a domestic violence prevention bill recently. Long story, but NRA was unhelpful (they bought off on it), some very pro-gun legislators even voted for it out of fear, and now we have a full-blown court-mandated gun confiscation program. All it takes is an accusation of violence from a partner/spouse and guns are seized by the sheriff. No due process necessary.

It now becomes a vehicle to launch yet more assaults on other “bad” people, too. IMNSHO [Internet shorthand for “In My Not So Humble Opinion], this is one of the nastiest gun control tactics going around. Spread the word to other states that you think can benefit from this warning, also.

I suggest extreme vigilance whenever the term “domestic violence” comes up (believe me, they will leave words like “guns” and “firearms” out of it except for the body of text in their bill) as the antis will take all steps to conceal this bill from you so as to catch you off guard. We know how they did this in NC in some amount of detail and I am willing to discuss off line with any interested parties.

Learn from our mistakes.

John, North Carolina

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# Special Gifts for the GUNOWNER on your List

by RK Campbell

## A Look at the Best Gifts

There is nothing wrong with a serious handgunner receiving guns and ammunition for a gift on his birthday or during Christmas. However, I would be deeply remiss and unthankful if I did not mention that gift giving is not the big thing around my home during the month of December. I think that this is a time we should all be thankful for what we have.

Still, this is a time of love and if you have been looking for an excuse to gift a loved one this is as good an opportunity as any. Our personal freedom safety and dignity often hinge upon what weapons we have. A quality handgun and a well-turned out holster are gifts that last.

They are sources of pride of ownership and last far longer than a tie or cologne!

Here are a few of my choices. I hope this guide hits the press before Carol finishes her shopping:



Blazer 9mm Practice Ammunition

### Practice ammunition

Recently I had the opportunity to test several quality 9mm Luger caliber handguns. I used over one thousand rounds of CC I Blazer ammunition, 124 grain weight. Accuracy was good, the load gave a clean powder burn, and function was good. And I didn't have to save my brass!

Most of us are not handloaders and if we are, time is demanded to handload the right way. Check out the attractive price on Blazer ammunition.



Author's personal Taurus 85

### Taurus 85 .38

I am often asked what an affordable but good quality carry gun is, and if they are generally available. There are two revolvers that fit that category well.

For concealed carry, the Taurus 85 snubnose .38 has good sights, a smooth action and overall good performance. Mine has enjoyed an action job by Teddy Jacobsen, Actions

by T. It is quite accurate and is a good field companion. I chose the bobbed hammer version for snag free use. I have found that the 85 strikes to the point of aim at 15 yards with the Speer Gold Dot 125 grain +P so this is the present load of choice. Overall, a good reliable handgun.



The reliable Taurus 82 .38 Special

### Taurus Model 82

I suppose a fixed sight four inch barrel blue finish .38 Special is as proletarian as it gets. Still, a heavy barrel .38 points well in the hand and is controllable with the heaviest loads. If you wish to make a gift to a beginning shooter or someone who needs a solid defense gun, the Taurus 82 is a first class choice. I have used several extensively and they make the grade without breaking the bank. Mine is often on duty as a home defense gun, since all of my family can use the simple to manipulate revolver well. The accuracy load is Federal's 125 grain JHP, for less than two inches at 25 yards. This is a good solid handgun.



Graham holster with author's newest Taurus - a stainless steel Model 85 holster and all the others Graham makes get the nod. Good protection and fast into action.

### Graham Gunleather

If I have a vanity it is good looking holsters. No excuses, but a well tanned and molded holster is a joy both to the eyes and in action. I have had excellent luck with Graham Gunleather. These holsters are perfectly molded to the gun and give a good to excellent fit. When you purchase a holster that is painstakingly handmade, it comes with a vial of the maker's sweat and a healthy dose of his opinions on personal defense. This

### Colt Single-Action Replicas

I enjoyed a very pleasant visit not long ago with the wonderful Donna Douglas, perhaps better known to most of us as Ellie Mae Clampett. She really can whistle and loves critters but there is a lot more to her than that. But the friend she brought along stole the moment, at least in my eyes. The quiet lady with quite a presence was Mrs. Lash LaRue. I was overawed being quite a fan of cowboy movies, and Mrs. LaRue is a fascinating person to meet. Lash was using the bullwhip long before Indiana Jones, and with good effect.

## Bring a Knife to a Gun Fight, too!

A knife is an adjunct to the handgun, whether we like to admit it or not. The edged weapon is man's oldest tool and one that strikes a primordial chord when displayed. The knife is a tool first but I believe that the edged weapon's role in personal defense in America is vastly understated. Most knife fights go unreported and unnoticed. As my friend Belcher described his last battle, 'I cut him a little, I got cut, he ran.' In a fist fight you will be hit, in a knife fight you will be cut, and in a gunfight you may well be shot. That is reality. The alternative is to face a conflict unarmed. I carried a knife through thirteen different countries and was glad to have it. Even this type of carry is now illegal in Britain, where the good people are ever subjects, and never citizens, but in most of the world we are still able to carry a simple folding tool with a sharp edge.

When a peace officer tells you he saw his share of mayhem, he means he arrived just after the action was over. That being qualified, I saw more than a little knife action during my time behind the badge. One thing beyond question, most of our protein fed ex con criminal class is motivated by profit. There is no profit in attempting to

invade a slashing defensive circle. Females are especially well suited to carrying a knife for defense. Their personal style makes a hooked blade sort or knife especially effective in their hands. Even a short knife can work. In my home town a

batterer was killed in a defensive action by a woman who had suffered long trails of abuse. She used an edged weapon. The better examples of folding knives express the need for blunt striking, respecting the continuum of force. But if need be they can strike quickly in our defense. I



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carry my knife in a manner that it is handy to draw in case I need help retaining my weapon. Many fights turn into gun grab attempts and the availability of a good knife, quickly deployable, makes a difference in such a situation.

For most of us, the knife is a handy tool that opens boxes, cartons and envelopes on a daily basis. But sometimes the knife must be used as originally intended. When that happens, you will never be sorry you have purchased quality. Gun and Knife shows are a good place to go look for a knife.

This brings us to my final entry in the gift guide. Just because something is old doesn't mean its out of style or of less worth than something new. Recently, at a national trade show, a Navy Arms Gunfighter was cycled, cocked, and the trigger pressed 40,000 times by a special machine. This is a pistol based upon the Colt Single Action Army, but made of modern materials. My pistol has a German Nickel Silver grip frame and beautifully case hardened receiver. It will group five rounds of Black Hills Cowboy loads into one and one half inch at 25 yards. Wouldn't it do the business today? In a recent assignment that required drawing and firing quickly at a target placed at twenty one feet, three pistols excelled in pointing and aiming ability. These were the Colt 1911 automatic, the three inch barrel K frame revolver and the "SAA in Gunfighter form". I really would like another for Christmas, please.



On the left, the Colt 1911, on the right, a replica Colt Single Action Army, both in .45 caliber, both worthy of the highest respect.

Sources: Graham Gunleather 2306 SE Hogan Rd Gresham Oregon 97080; Gun and Knife Shows, See Page 6

[RK Campbell is a professional gun writer whose work appears in many national gun publications. He lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina and is a member of GrassRoots. He writes, "As I mentioned, The Defender is very important. I am a firm believer that the states must begin and maintain the fight." He donated this article to GrassRoots and plans to do so in the future as his part in supporting our work. We're glad to have him and appreciate his support.]

# Second Amendment

## Do You Really Understand the Bill of Rights?

by Larry P. Arnn  
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In our country the term "right" is a powerful thing. If something is a right, then it is the whole purpose of our country – of any decent country to protect it. In that case, the definition of rights matters very much. To help us understand the foundation of our rights, we should consider what is said in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

According to America's Founders, a right is a claim that a person may rightfully make against someone who would deprive him of what

is his own. If you own something, like your car, then you have a right to it. If someone takes it from you, then you have a legitimate claim against that person. He owes you back your car; he has a duty to give it back--or rather not to take it from you in the first place.

A "natural right" doesn't have to be acquired, like buying a car. You own it by

birth, by your nature as a human being. Natural rights belong to all people, in all times and places. Whenever they are taken from us, we are deprived of something that is naturally our own, something that cannot belong to another.

The Declaration of Independence says,

"To secure these rights, governments are instituted among men . . ." Three rights are named specifically: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Life and liberty belong to us at birth because every person is born free, and he remains free unless someone deprives him of that freedom. A person may only rightfully be deprived of his life or liberty if he neglects his duty to recognize the rights of others. A criminal who steals or kills may justly be deprived of his liberty, or even his life.

The Declaration also speaks of a right to the "pursuit of happiness." No one can have a right to happiness itself. Happiness is an achievement. It encompasses the right to acquire property. Both happiness and property ownership depend upon our efforts and work. They depend, sometimes, upon good fortune. If we expect to keep our liberty, we must pursue the fulfillment of these rights ourselves. Government cannot give us happiness. It can give us property, but only by taking it from someone else.

The Declaration says that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are "among" our natural rights. We have others. Among the most important of these are the rights of conscience, including freedom of religion, speech and press. These appear in the Constitution as the "Bill of Rights"--the first ten amendments. These are specific rights, preventing specific abuses of government power with which the Founders had become familiar through study or direct experience.

Before the Constitution was ratified, every state governed itself through elected representatives. A national Congress was elected by the state legislatures. But governments were not protecting equal rights. The rights of property--sometimes even life and liberty--were being violated by the state governments. For example,

state legislatures routinely overturned court decisions in order to give special treatment to individuals. They failed to enforce contracts. Many also sided with debtors against lenders by printing worthless currency.

The protections outlined in the Bill of Rights were, in part, a response to these abuses. They are specific or "positive" rights because they are made by a positive act of human beings. We recognize these rights because we perceive them necessary to the preservation of our natural rights.

This can be seen most clearly in the Ninth Amendment: "The Enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Today, we do not hear much about the Ninth Amendment. That is because many judges and people in government have forgotten that we have rights which are not granted by government, but only protected by government. Government cannot take them away. Today, government again infringes on our rights. It discriminates between people according to their race. It deprives us of our property through zealous environmental regulation. It abridges speech through campaign finance laws, broadcast licensing, and bizarre definitions of "discrimination" and "harassment." To reclaim our rights we do not need to amend the Constitution. The Bill of Rights is sufficient as it is. It simply needs to be enforced.

For that to happen we must properly understand the foundation of the Bill of Rights. We must understand that the positive rights of the Constitution are designed to protect our natural rights, as proclaimed in the Declaration--those rights that belong to us by our nature as free and equal human beings.

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## Second Amendment

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shall not be infringed.”

# GRASSROOTS LARRY COBLE ACTIVIST AWARD

## Julie W. Holling – Outstanding GrassRoots Member, Great American

The influence of women in protecting the Second Amendment, advancing firearms ownership and improving the security of our society cannot be overstated. Women are very powerful and lawmakers well recognize the fact. During any election cycle political candidates pay keen attention to women voters because of the significant influence they have on election results. And, just in case you doubt for a moment the huge impact women have in areas traditionally regarded as “male dominated” consider the impact Mother’s Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) had on the adult beverage industry. That motivated group of ladies changed laws, attitudes, behaviors and an entire industry!

As firearms owners, we should be well aware of the power generated by women, especially that one antigun female fanatic by the name of Sarah Brady. With much hard work and investment firearms owners have been able to hold Ms. Brady and her ilk to some level of check. But, it’s not getting any easier because she has many equally fanatical friends in high places who have the collective ear of some eager political opportunists. That’s why it is so vitally important that firearms owners count within their ranks equally motivated, right-minded women who value their Constitutionally protected freedoms. And, GrassRoots South Carolina is fortunate, indeed, to have such an active lady member, Larry Coble Activist Award winner, Julie W. Holling.

A lifelong South Carolina resident and Charleston native, Julie lives with her husband, Tom Thompson, in the Columbia area. Both are

GrassRoots South Carolina members, concealed weapon permit holders and compete regularly in IDPA and USPSA matches in the Southeast. In fact, Julie met her husband for the first time at Shooter’s Choice in Columbia where Tom worked part time. Since 1999, Ms. Holling has kept the 500+ member Mid-Carolina Rifle Club (MCRC) organized in her capacity as club secretary. She also maintains the club’s excellent newsletter. In her “day job” the Clemson graduate works full time for South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as the agency’s data manager for the Heritage Trust Program, maintaining vital information on a wide range of SCDNR initiatives.

Besides working directly with literally hundreds of shooters Julie is actively involved in recruiting new female firearms enthusiasts through her organization of MCRC “Ladies’ Days” held at the club’s range near Columbia. Julie explains that like many women she didn’t grow up around guns and believes that far too many women are missing out on some great fun. But on the practical side, Julie is a firm believer in the benefits of concealed

develop high quality carry gear for women, especially holsters that fit the female anatomy. Carrying in a purse is better than nothing but not nearly as effective as having the gun on your person, according to Julie. Asked about the best way for a lady to pick out a handgun Julie explains, “Find some friends who have many different



Julie discusses shot gun shell construction and shot sizes with a young girl and her obviously happy mom before they try them out on the range.



Julie and her husband Tom enjoy some time together “busting caps”. Julie is shooting a Para Ordinance P-14 45. Tom is shooting a Smith & Wesson 625. Both in .45ACP.

carry and would like to see more women obtain concealed weapon permits (CWP). “A lot of women seem to believe that men and the police will always be around to protect them,” Julie explains, “But women need to accept a certain amount of personal responsibility for their own protection.” Clearly, Julie is serious as the Colt Officer’s Model .45 on her hip attests, elevating the term “feminine protection” to a whole new level.

On the subject of concealed carry Julie has some additional observations. She would like to see more companies

handguns and try them out before spending your money. Be careful of just buying on the recommendation of a boyfriend or salesman. Attending one of MCRC’s Ladies’ Days would be a great place to start.”

GrassRoots South Carolina is proud to have Julie Holling as an active member and we are especially grateful for her work in recruiting lady members through MCRC Ladies’ Days events. According to Ed Kelleher, president of GrassRoots South Carolina and the Mid Carolina Rifle Club, Julie’s efforts have been of great benefit. “Julie provides an outstanding mix of enthusiasm and down to earth practicality. She has the vision to see things that need doing, the practicality to choose what can be done and the initiative to see them through to completion.”

Julie W. Holling – Outstanding GrassRoots member, Larry Coble Activist Award Winner,

*Each issue of The Defender will include an article featuring an active GrassRoots member who is directly involved in advancing the cause of fully restoring our Constitutional and God-given rights to self-defense and the protection of those around us. This quarterly feature is named for founding GrassRoots member and activist, Mr. Larry Coble.*

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**Attendees at First GrassRoots Legislative Tactics Seminar.**  
From left to right, seated: Joe Baumie, Mike Walguarnery, Ed Kelleher, Norm Price, John Phillips, Bob Merrit - First row standing: Janet Clark, Bill Kusy, Carol Kusy, Ralph Baker, Susan Scouten, Claire Riewaldt, Rob Butler, Terry Downey, Pat Huffman, Ben Davis, John Brown  
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