



## Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League March 2014 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Northwest area** LOCAL is meeting Wednesday, Mar. 5th at Southfield Grill, 1810 Benton Rd, Bossier at 6:30 pm.  
(Every first Wednesday of the month)

**Lake Charles Group** will meet 11 March, 2014 at the Burger King in Moss Bluff, 5:30PM.  
(Every second Tuesday of the month)

The **Lafayette area** LOCAL meeting will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2014 at Extreme Machine & Urethane 202 E. Angus Dr. Youngsville, LA 70592 at 6:30 pm.  
(Every second Tuesday of the month)

The **Southeast Chapter** of LOCAL will meet at the IHOP restaurant, 220 Belle Terre Blvd, LaPlace, at 6:30 pm on Wed, Mar. 12, 2014.  
(Every second Wednesday of the month)

**Florida Parishes Chapter** of LOCAL will meet on the third Saturday of March (the 15th) at the IHOP in Covington, La at 6:30 pm. The IHOP is just off La 190 North of I-12. So come and meet up with some of LOCAL family.  
(Every third Saturday of the month)

The **Capital (Baton Rouge) area** LOCAL meet up will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:30pm at the IHOP on College Drive in Baton Rouge.  
(Every third Wednesday of the month)

More meetings will be announced as they are scheduled...

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### Coming Gun Shows:

Mar 15-16 Kenner

Mar 22-23 Bossier City

Mar 22-23 Gonzales

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## **New Forums site**

We will be making the old forums Read-Only and transitioning to the [new forums](#) as of **March 1** so please go to the [new forums](#) and **set up your account there** and go ahead and start posting there instead of on the old site.

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## **St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center Grand Opening**

LOCAL member Brannon LeBouef is proud to announce that the grand opening of the NEW St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

This is the old firing range at 212 Aycock St, in Arabi, La which closed after Hurricane Katrina hit. Brannon has jumped through all of the hoops and fought his way through miles of red tape to repair, remodel and reopen a first class shooting center in the Greater New Orleans area.

While this range will be open to the public, Brannon is offering early bird membership rates to those who plan on visiting often. To get in on that deal go to <http://stbisc.mybigcommerce.com/early-bird-membership-to-st-bernard-indoor-shooting-center/>,

Let's all show our fellow LOCAL member our support. Pass the word around to your family and friends about the Grand Opening. Please attend if you can!

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**Riley, our Lake Charles Area Coordinator, writes:** I contacted Alliant Powder Company asking where was all the gunpowder they were producing. I received a lengthy reply stating they are working 24/7 trying to fill all the orders. They blame folks like me for buying all I can find, leaving none for the next guy. They stated without a doubt, the government is not, repeat not, buying any more ammo than they have been doing over the last 6 years. The government buys maybe 10% of the output, 90% being bought by guys like you & I.

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**Eric, our Lafayette Area Coordinator writes:** We continue to spread the word & pass out trifold. I have talked to several police officers & they have no problem with our exercising our right to carry. Still haven't been able to meet with the Sulphur police dept., but will soon.

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**A new IDPA club** (International Defensive Pistol Association ([www.idpa.com](http://www.idpa.com))) **is forming.** IDPA is an action pistol sport that simulates self-defense scenarios and real life encounters. South Louisiana IDPA is in the beginning stages of club formation and is looking for interested shooters to

come out and have a safe, fun time.

Match Dates: Saturday, March 15th, Saturday April 26th, and Saturday, May 21st.

Registration will begin at 10:00am. New shooter safety briefing will be at 10:30am.

Match will begin at 10:00am.

LOCATION: Southern Shooting Center

(979 Hwy 3185, Thibodaux, LA).

Equipment: Handgun (min .38 / 9mm), 3 magazines, holster, magazine carrier for 2 magazines, 100 rounds of ammunition (you will not shoot all of it).

Contact: Kris Walley @ 225-252-3004 or [kwalley23@yahoo.com](mailto:kwalley23@yahoo.com) for more information.

[http://laopencarry.org/print/IDPA\\_Flyer.pdf](http://laopencarry.org/print/IDPA_Flyer.pdf)

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The city of **Abbeville, La has an unconstitutional ordinance** banning the possession and carrying of firearms in that city. LOCAL member Brandon LeBlanc is working to get that ordinance removed. You can help! Please [sign his petition HERE](#).

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## President's Prose

### All politics are LOCAL.

On March 10 our elected representatives will begin the 2014 Legislative session. There are already several bills which have been pre-filed which we should be watching closely.

You can find these bills by going to <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=last> and doing a search for the word FIREARM.

Here are just a few of the bills which we should watch:

- [HB10](#) H. BURNS Provides relative to the exemption for law enforcement officers regarding the carrying of weapons in alcoholic beverage outlets
- [HB20](#) J. THOMPSON Provides relative to the possession of firearms by concealed handgun permit holders in certain alcoholic beverage establishments
- [HB72](#) LOPINTO Provides relative to the possession of firearms by concealed handgun permit holders and law enforcement officers in certain alcoholic beverage establishments
- [HB494](#) IVEY (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the right to keep and bear arms includes the right to carry a concealed handgun without a permit or license
- [HB520](#) IVEY Excludes carrying a concealed handgun from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons
- [SB68](#) KOSTELKA Provides relative to possession of a firearm by concealed handgun permit holders and law enforcement officers in certain alcoholic beverage establishments.

These are just a few of the bills we will see debated when the session starts. From restaurant carry to a Constitutional Amendment to allow what we commonly call Constitutional Carry we have a lot to watch. There are many more including bills to allow the use of suppressors when hunting, bills to regulate the popular exploding targets used by many people and a bill allowing lifetime conceal carry permit holders the right to have short barrel rifles without regulation.

Obviously many of these bills won't make it through debate. Some will be drastically changed or merged with other bills.

Now is your chance to learn what is on the table and to let your opinions be known. Go to the legislative website and read the bills. Then contact your local representatives and let them know where you stand on the issues.

We can discuss these bills and others which show up later in our forum. Just go to <http://laopencarry.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=31&t=62> and let's stay on top of these.

Steve Raacke, President

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#### **From the VP:**

Steve *MAY* have found someone to do our taxes! Mr. Dan Johnson CPA, 832 E Boston St #15, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 893-4123, was suggested to us by the LSA guys who use him to do theirs. More as we find out about this.

We are still looking for leads on gun friendly lawyers guys. Please let us know of any you may know of. The current list is on our forums [HERE](#).

If you have a suggestion for the websites or articles for the newsletter, please [email me](#) with your suggestion/addition and we will see what we can do!

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