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in Louisiana!*



Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League October 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

The **Northwest** area **LOCAL** is meeting Wednesday, October 8 at the Southfield Grill, 1810 Benton Rd, Bossier at 6:30 pm.

The **Lake Charles** October meeting will be held @ 530pm on 6 October, 2014 at the Moss Bluff Burger King. Discussion will continue on the local 2nd amendment lawyer I have contacted, attracting new members, getting all members more active, & various Open Carry topics.

**For the most up to date list of meetings dates and times please see our website at <http://laopencarry.org>*

***NOTE:** I haven't heard from any of our meeting organizers yet this month. When I hear from them, I will post their meeting dates, times and locations.*

Gun Shows for October 2014

Oct 11th - 12th, 2014, **Lafayette** Event Center, Lafayette, LA
Oct 25th - 26th, 2014, **Pontchartrain** Center, Kenner, LA
Oct 25th - 26th, 2014 **Sulphur** Event Center, Sulphur, LA
Nov 15th - 16th, 2014, **Lake Charles**, LA at the Lake Charles Civic center

Elections Have Consequences

In a little over a month we will be faced with an election which will potentially affect our rights for the next several decades. No doubt you have already seen the commercials on TV or heard them on your car radio. The US Senate is up for grabs and Louisiana is a battleground State. Three term Senator Mary Landrieu is in a neck and neck race with former Congressman Bill Cassidy and Tea Party favorite Rob Maness. With both Landrieu and Cassidy polling in the mid 40% range and Maness getting about 9% of the vote it is almost a certainty that we will see a December runoff election.

A runoff election is good news for us since they traditionally attract fewer Democrat voters than primary elections. The bad news is that we are going to see an unprecedented amount of support for Senator Landrieu from antigun groups such as Everytown and their billionaire backers. Without a doubt every minute of TV and radio air time will be bought up by the deep pockets of Bloomberg and his pals in an attempt to keep Ms. Landrieu in office.

Why is Democratic control of the Senate so important to our enemies and why is it so important to us that the Republicans get control? Probably the best thing we can point to is the Senate approval of Judges to the Appeals Courts. Quoting the Washington Post:

"When President Bush II left the White House in 2009, the 13 U.S. courts of appeal were firmly under Republican appointees' control. Ten appeals courts had majority GOP judges, two were evenly split and only one had a majority of Democrats.

President Obama's 49 appeals court appointees have dramatically altered the landscape. As of the Senate's recess on May 23, nine of those courts had majority Democratic appointees and four had Republican majorities. (There are 10 vacancies in the circuit courts. One Obama nominee is awaiting a Senate vote and three nominees pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee.)

The change, much feared by Republicans, is not necessarily shocking. But the transformation, in just 5 1/2 years, said University of Pittsburgh law professor Arthur D. Hellman, an authority on the federal circuit courts, marks 'a huge shift in a very short period of time.'

You can read more at the source for this at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/wp/2014/05/29/obama-judges-tip-appeals-courts-to-democrats/>

These judges rule for life and their decisions become law and are used as precedent in other circuits. We have seen the Senate approve several Judges who are radically antigun. We need to put politicians in the Senate who will block these appointments. Otherwise you get Judges like US District Court Judge Catherine Blake, appointed by President Clinton, who declared that AR and AK style rifles "fall outside of Second Amendment protection as dangerous and unusual arms".

Source: <http://gunssavelives.net/blog/court-cases/breaking-federal-judge-rules-ar-15s-are-dangerous-and-unusual-not-protected-by-2nd-amendment/>

Next month, when the polls open, show up and cast a vote to protect your right to keep and bear arms. Vote for Cassidy, Maness or any of the other candidates running against Landrieu. Tell the antigun Astroturf groups and their billionaire bosses that we refuse to stand by and let them tell us to give up our rights.

Gonzales Gun Show Table A Success in September

LOCAL manned a table at the Gonzales Gun and Knife Show on September 6 and 7. As we have reported after previous gun shows, we met numerous people who were unaware that Open Carry is legal in Louisiana and who had never heard of **LOCAL** or our efforts to educate the public. Hundreds of pamphlets and business cards along with other items were passed out to people who came by our table. We answered the usual questions such as "Can the gun be loaded" and "Where can I carry my gun." We told people about our networking with firearms trainers, attorneys and other gun rights groups. Several people came by and told us that they follow us on Facebook or read our forum. That was great and we thank them for supporting us.

While there is no Gun Show scheduled for Gonzales this month, **LOCAL** will be back at the Lamar Dixon Center for the next show on November 22 and 23. If you are in the area and feel like attending the gun show please look for our banner over our table and drop by to chat. We would love to see you there.

Port Allen Restaurant Offers Discount To Customers Bearing Arms

We have seen Demanding Moms strong arm businesses such as Target into asking customers not to bring guns into stores. Some small, independently owned stores and restaurants are fighting back and welcoming gun owners and their pistols. Earlier this year we saw a chicken restaurant in Shreveport have a special for anyone with a Conceal Handgun Permit.

Just this past week a small restaurant in Port Allen made national headlines when it offered customers who are legally carrying their firearms a 10% discount. Kevin Cox, owner of Bergeron's Restaurant, told reporters *"If you have a gun on you, I'm going to give you a discount."* More can be found at <http://www.wafb.com/story/26639099/port-allen-restaurant-offers-discount-to-gun-carrying-customers>.

It is important that when we have the choice of places to eat or shop that we support those who support us. For every place which posts a No Guns sign there are plenty of other places which welcome our guns and most importantly our money. When you spend your money at these gun-friendly businesses please take a moment to let the owner or manager know that the reason you are there is because they support your fundamental civil right to defend yourself.

Who knows, maybe Bergeron's will be the location of a future **LOCAL** meet up for our Baton Rouge members and supporters.

Talking About Guns On The Radio

Keeping up with gun rights and everything from new laws being passed to lawsuits overturning those laws can be difficult. There are many ways to stay current with gun sports, what the gun manufacturers are coming out with and getting answers to your gun related questions. It can be as easy as tuning to a local radio station or downloading a podcast. This month we look at two weekly radio shows that can help keep you up to date with everything going on in the world of guns and gun rights.

First on our list is Gun Talk Radio. Hosted by Tom Gresham, this three hour weekly radio show has been on the air for 20 years. That's right. Two decades of talking about guns. Broadcasting from right here in Louisiana, Tom interviews guests such as Alan Gottlieb of the Second Amendment Foundation and Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America. Other guests may be representatives of well-known firearms such as Ruger or Springfield. You may hear attorneys such as Alan Gura who led the Heller V DC case discusses upcoming or current legal battles to protect or regain our rights. If they are a mover and shaker in the gun rights community then they have probably been on Gun Talk. When not interviewing guests about gun related issues Tom takes phone calls from fans and answers their questions. These can range from "Where can I find a barrel for my old pistol" to "what type of powder do you recommend for this load I'm using". Gun Talk has a website at: <http://www.guntalk.com/site.php> where you can learn more about the show. It airs on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm on radio stations from coast to coast. A list of stations can be found on the website and if there isn't one near you airing the entire three hours you can stream the show over your computer. Busy on Sunday afternoons and can't get to your radio? No problem. There are apps for your phone which allow you to listen to the show live or download the recorded podcast later. You can find the podcast on iHeart, Stitcher and other sites or go to YouTube and listen to the shows there.

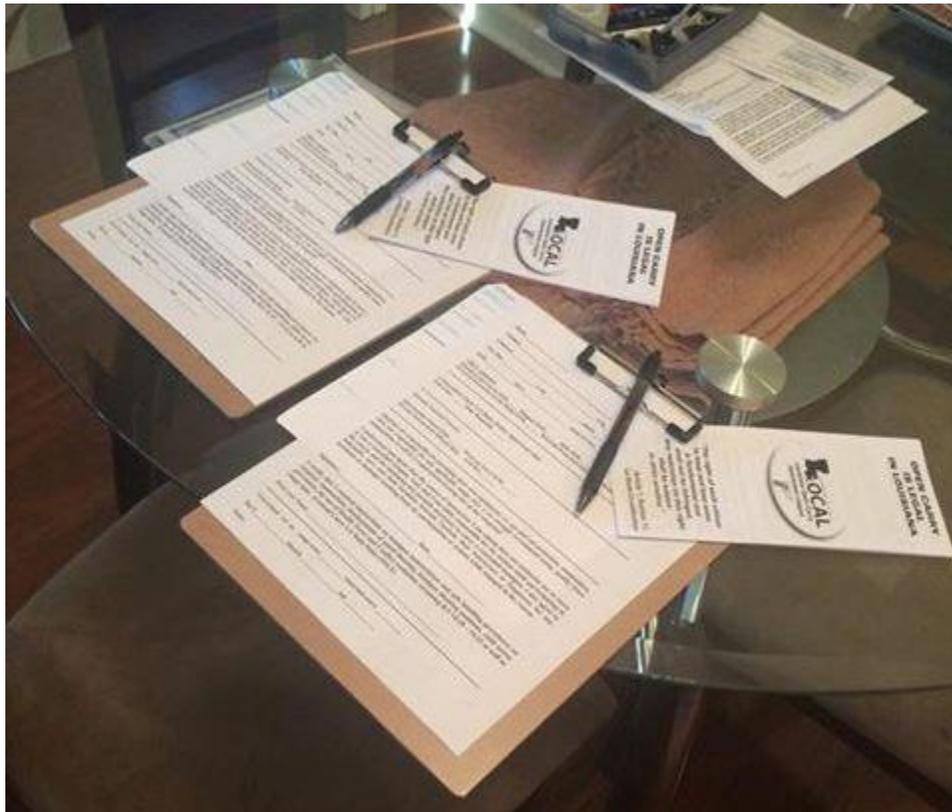
Next is Armed American Radio. Mark Walters is on the air for three hours every Sunday evening from Atlanta. Along with his producer Sean "Seanto" Young in Texas, Mark fills your prescription for freedom with a no compromise attitude. As far as Mark is concerned, the gun control debate ended over 200 years ago. He doesn't take calls from fans during his show but instead talks about the "boneheads" who are spending millions of dollars to take away your right to keep and bear arms. Like Tom Gresham, Mark interviews the guys and gals in the trenches fighting to protect your rights. He brings on guests like Neil McCabe or Alan Korwin who are some of the guys with "toothpicks under their eyes" who are standing up to the antigun forces and calling them out for the liars and criminals that they are. Guests such as Ted Nugent and Massod Ayoob give entertaining and informative interviews. Firearms trainer Rob Pincus may drop in to tell you about the latest in defensive firearms instruction. Mark may jump rapidly from one guest or topic to another or may devote an entire show to a particular subject. Whatever his plan, the three hours flies by and Mark keeps it lighthearted but relevant. On Sunday, October 19, Mark will host an exclusive interview with George Zimmerman. Armed American Radio hasn't been around as long as Gun Talk but in the five years that they have been on the air they have spread to hundreds of radio stations around the world including KFLO in Shreveport from 7pm to 10pm every Sunday. Can't hear AAR locally? Just like Gun Talk,

AAR can be heard live, via podcast, phone apps and more. Go to the AAR website at: <http://armedamericanradio.org/> to find out how to tune in every week.

Help LOCAL Get The Word Out.

If you own a business or work in a gun friendly place please help us spread the word about **LOCAL**. Contact us and get a stack of pamphlets or business cards to display to your customers. If you are a firearms instructor who teaches Conceal Carry or Defensive Pistol or Rifle classes please pass out our pamphlets to your students when you discuss legal carry in your classes.

We would like to extend a special word of thanks to Pablo Estrada who passed along this photo taken as he was setting up a private CHP class for a husband and wife who took off work so they could attend his training class during the week.



As you can see, Pablo makes sure that every one of his students receives one of our informational pamphlets so that they may learn more about their rights to bear arms.

Thanks to all of our members and those who support us and our efforts to educate the public. If you are not a member and want to join us please go to our website at: <http://laopencarry.org> and click on the Join tab and fill out the online membership form. There is even the option to join the NRA for only \$25 a year which is a \$10 savings and you get a free **LOCAL** membership when you join. If you don't want to join as a member or are already a member and want to help us pay for things like gun show tables and printing costs for pamphlets and business cards, please click on the Donate tab on our website and send a couple of bucks our way. **LOCAL** is 100% volunteer and every cent goes toward the costs of running our website, printing handouts and otherwise accomplishing our mission of spreading the word about the right to keep and bear arms in Louisiana.

A quick note from Lake Charles Rep. Riley

Meetings have slowly been dropping off in attendance, but hope reigns eternal. One is enough to have a meeting & pass out tri-folds to onlookers. There is a rumor about another gun show in Sulphur, La. the weekend before the Lake Charles show. If there is a show in Sulphur, I will attend & pass out information about our group. I will let you know I find out.

A big thank you to our President Steve Raacke for getting the data for this month's newsletter together!

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