



*Open Carry is Legal
in Louisiana!*



Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League November 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

The **Lake Charles** area group will be held Monday 10 Nov, 6 pm at CiCi's on Ryan St. in Lake Charles.
The **Northwest** area is meeting Wednesday, November 12 at the Southfield Grill, 1810 Benton Rd, Bossier at 6:30 pm.

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

NOTE: *When I hear from our meeting organizers I will post their meeting dates, times and locations.*

Gun Shows for November 2014

Nov 1-2 **Houma**, Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd.270
Nov 8-9 **Shreveport**, Riverview Hall 600 Clyde Fant Parkway Show Hours – Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5.
Nov 15-16 **Lake Charles**, Lake Charles Civic Center Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4 Adm \$8.00 Children under 12 Free
Nov 22-23 **Gonzales**, LA (Baton Rouge area) Lamar Dixon Expo Hall 9039 St. Landry Rd. Show Hours – Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5.
Nov 22-23 **Mandeville**, Castine Center, 63350 Pelican Dr.
Nov 29-30 **Alexandria**, SIA Convention Center 2301 N. MacArthur Drive

Lake Charles Group

We will meet Monday 10 Nov, 6p at CiCi's on Ryan St. in Lake Charles where we will have tri-folds to pass out, information on the 2nd amendment lawyer who has agreed to work with us & reports from recent police visits. We will get a report from Nolan on his Sulphur gun show visit, & will we encourage members to set up tri-fold stands in their neighborhood businesses. I will also suggest we network on any firearms wanted to be sold or traded. Gun guys are always on the lookout for a new toy.

Rifle

LOCAL Table at Gonzo Gun Show

Once again LOCAL will be at the Gonzales Gun and Knife Show at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center. The event will be held on the weekend of Nov 22 and 23. Admission is \$8 at the door. All LOCAL members are invited to come by and sit in on the table with us if you have some time to spare. If you need to renew your membership or are a supporter who has not yet joined LOCAL we will have membership forms at the table. You can pay your \$10 annual dues and help LOCAL inform the public about the right to carry in Louisiana.

Report from Rifle

Recently I was in Alaska & British Columbia. I had the chance to talk to several different law enforcement officers. (Didn't think it prudent to hand out tri-folds) In Juneau, Alaska one particular officer I talked to carried a 9mm S&W. He had zero problem with anyone carrying a pistol any way except in your hand. Concealed, open carry, shoulder or chest holster was fine with him. In fact, he stated he hardly even notices anymore it is so common. Ditto for several other Alaskan towns.

However, in Vancouver, B.C., it is an entirely different situation. No handgun is allowed to be openly, concealed or hand carried. The RCMP. carry S&W sidearm but do not like civilians to have pistols at all. Obviously, crime never happens in Canada, so folks never need personal protection. They did not seem to be delusional, but I wonder.

In Portland, Oregon, the Police I talked to carry Glocks & had mixed views/opinions about folks being able to have, carry or posses pistols. I don't know what the law requires there, but it was obvious, the Police have their own ideas of what is acceptable. And, by the way, they stated a S&W is a sissy handgun. I have a S&W 586 that disagrees.

We, in Louisiana, are so blessed our state is recognizing & supports the basic human right to be able to defend ourselves. I can not imagine living anywhere that would deny me that right. I will do whatever I can to protect that right, even if it means frequent meetings with our law enforcement people. If we conduct ourselves like civilized citizens, the right should never be in jeopardy. But, once again, it's the uncivilized ones who require us to have & exercise the right.

Riley Belile

Felon Open Carries into State Police Troop

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/26736784/armed-tx-man-arrested-in-lobby-of-louisiana-state-police-building>
Armed TX man arrested in lobby of Louisiana State Police building

LAFAYETTE, LA (WAFB) - By Amber Stegall

A 29-year-old man from Cedar Hill, TX walked into Louisiana State Police Troop I in Lafayette, LA on Monday, open-carrying a Glock pistol in a leather holster, and told troopers he wanted to turn himself in, according to officials with Louisiana State Police.

It happened just before 1 a.m. Troopers say Allen Norris walked through the front doors of Troop I and approached the front desk. Norris told troopers he wanted to turn himself in because he had warrants out from other states.

When troopers saw he was carrying a weapon, they quickly took him into custody. It was later learned Norris is a convicted felon with active warrants out of several states. During the investigation, troopers learned the Glock pistol had been reported stolen from the New Orleans Police Department.

Norris had an active warrant out of Alabama for attempted arson, and active warrant out of Missouri for a probation violation, and another warrant out of Virginia.

Troopers placed Norris under arrest for the active warrants, and also charged him with illegal possession of stolen things and possession of firearm or carrying concealed weapon by a person convicted of certain felonies.

Norris was booked into the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center and is being held on a \$25,000 bond.

Woody Jenkins Gets Open Carry

From a recent issue of the Central City News is this article from former Senator Woody Jenkins who talks about the good and the bad in our State and finishes by mentioning that he is happy with our Open Carry law.

IS BATON ROUGE THE BEST, THE WORST, OR WHAT? According to the experts, Baton Rouge and in fact the entire State of Louisiana are either the best possible place in America to live and work or the worst, and there seems to be little in between. Consider this: Baton Rouge is the 4th Happiest City in America and the 3rd Best City to Retire in the nation. Too bad it is located in the Saddest State with the Highest Murder Rate in America.

Louisiana is full of quirks. We are the state with the Highest Church Attendance (tied with Alabama and South Carolina) and the 4th Most Courteous State. Unfortunately, we have potty mouths! According to the Marchex Institute, we have the 4th Foulest Language in all 50 states.

We are No. 1 in Natural Gas Reserves, which represents great wealth and the 4th Most Obese people in America. Perhaps with all this wealth, we don't have to exercise. Indeed, we do not exercise and are the Most Sedentary Population in the 50 states (now that's saying something!).

While we are good about attending church (58 percent attend regularly), we are not so good about attending school and have the 4th Worst Graduation Rate in America (83 percent), perhaps because we have the 2nd Worst Public Schools in America.

But we have a great business climate! We are the Best State to Start a New Business and indeed we are the 5th Most Business Friendly State in America. Perhaps that's in part because we have the 2nd Lowest Property Taxes and are the 5th Lowest Taxed State in the country!

Unfortunately, we apparently don't take advantage of our great business climate and low taxes, because we have the 2nd Highest Rate of Poverty in America!

This may be the reason we are the 10th Most Miserable State in the nation and the Saddest State. It could be that we have the nation's Highest Murder Rate because we have the nation's Worst Drivers and 4th Dirtiest Mouths. Bad mouths and road rage can get you killed!

At least we are a great place to retire! Everyone agrees on that! Forbes says Louisiana is the 2nd Best Place to Retire in America and Liveability.com says Baton Rouge is the 3rd Best City to Retire!

Retirement is a great option, because it could allow us to do what we apparently do best.

We can sit around (Most Sedentary State) and eat (4th Most Obese State) while we curse (4th ugliest mouths) our bad public schools (2nd Worst Schools in America) and our rotten politicians (Most Corrupt in America)!

Most of us who live here and love it can console ourselves that most of these ratings are based on statistical models that may or may not reflect the reality of our day to day lives.

As for me, I agree with Liveability.com which declared Baton Rouge to be the 3rd Best Place to Retire in America!

Here's why, according to them:

- Low taxes
- Warm weather
- Great cultural activities
- LSU
- Great music
- Great food
- Excellent medical facilities

They neglected to mention the most important of all: Great people!

I'm happy too with Louisiana's open carry law, which allows me to carry my pistol right here on my holster in case somebody decides to be "unfriendly."

At least we can all agree on one thing: We are indeed the Flattest State!

By Woody Jenkins in the Capital City News

Thank you to our President Steve Raacke for getting most of the data for this month's newsletter together!

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