



# May 2015 Newsletter



## Meetings for May 2015

In the Northwest area *meetings are by request*. [Contact us](#) if you would like to meet in the Shreveport/Bossier area

**May 5, 7pm - Home Defense Foundation of New Orleans**, 2500 St Claude Ave (Subway Restaurant) in Marigny.

**May 16, 6:30pm - Florida Parish LOCAL Meeting** at 325 N Hwy 190, (the IHOP Restaurant) in Covington.

**May 16 & 17- LOCAL Table at Gonzales Gun Show**, 9039 St Landry Rd (Lamar Dixon Expo Hall)

The **Lake Charles LOCAL Group** will meet **7 May, 2015, 5:30pm @ Ci-Ci's Pizza** on Ryan St. Lake Charles

*\*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 area representatives I will post their meeting dates, times and locations to our website.*

## Gun Shows

**May 2 & 3 - Monroe**, Monroe Civic Center

**May 16 & 17 - Gonzales**, Lamar Dixon Expo Center

**May 30 & 31 - Alexandria**, SAI Convention Center

## Riley Reports

The Lake Charles Open Carry group met at the Burger King in Westlake, La. Thursday 2 Apr. Although there was only four of our group present, we had a very good meeting. Both Sgt. Ory & Sgt. Brewer in attendance and were very open & candid during the get-together. We discussed relations between their respective departments & private citizens exercising the 2nd amendment rights, in a respectable manner. At no time was there a disagreement. Both departments are fully aware of the right to Open Carry and are very supportive of the practice. By the same token, they expect full cooperation when and if they are called out to investigate. They stated that if they are called, they are duty bound to investigate. No problem here.

We discussed the training law enforcement officers must undergo, and recourse when said officer in in the wrong. Police officers are semi-specialist. Some are well versed in Narco laws. Others are well versed in traffic & motor vehicle laws. Still others are proficient in domestic and family law. Very few are well versed in them all, so sometimes the private citizen will encounter problems when there really is no problem. We agreed all this can be resolved with close relations between the officers and the public. Give each other the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise.

All in all it was another great meeting, where joking, laughter and information flowed freely. The highlight in my opinion was when the Sheriff himself showed up just to shake hands & say hello. I was greatly impressed. As an aside, Sgt Ory told us Sheriff Mancuso has stated he will never enforce laws that infringe upon our 2nd amendment rights, no regard from whence they originated.



Sgt Anderson of the Louisiana State Police has agreed to meet with us &

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foster good relations and engage in a back and forth discussion. He has been assured this is *not*, repeat *not*, an ambush type meeting. Our aim is always to foster good relations with the public and law enforcement. One and all are welcome to attend & join in this meeting with Sgt. Anderson.



Since my last visit to the Westlake Police Dept., a new Chief has been elected, so another get acquainted visit is in the works. Last month our group met with the Training Officer from the Westlake Police, so I am at least known by the department staff. Let's hope the new Chief is as least as welcoming as the last Chief. 🗡️

### Florida Parishes Sounds Off

Hey everyone just wanted to share a bit about April's meeting. It was a great meeting; we had 4 in attendance with Steve coming from the Baton Rouge area. He brought a supply of flyers, Guns Saves Lives stickers, also a few pamphlets from the Armed Citizens Education Foundation. We briefly talked on many subjects including, trying to grow LOCAL, New Orleans Home Defense meetings and how they had helped not only defend a N.O. resident after shooting an intruder but also being very instrumental in having the law changed in favor of home owners when it comes to a shooting in the home. We also talked briefly about the OC'er's experience after a Hurricane in Plaquemines Parish and some lessons to be learned from their unfortunate situation. We also shared about the new info that most did not realize and that is that **you cannot OC on ARMY CORP PROPERTY - CAUTION THIS COULD MEAN RIVER LEVEES ALSO, BE CAREFUL AND DO YOUR RESEARCH!** Also had a brief talk of the St. Bernard Indoor Shooting Range which is a First Class operation. If my memory is correct the owner is an original LOCAL [founding] member, I plan on visiting soon. It was great get together. Remember the best OC'er an educated OC'er!

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### Discussion of HB488 from NRA-ILA and various other sources:

**BayouShooter.com:**

<http://www.bayoushooter.com/forums/showthread.php?142094-HB488-expands-quot-prohibited-persons-quot-Helena-Moreano-s-bill&p=1467962#post1467962>

**488 failed by 1 vote but will surely be back later in the session!**

**Nathan Hale wrote:** The bill was voted down 8-7 in committee today, BUT, Moreno IS going to re-introduce it (she as much as said so after the vote.) There were not many opponents there today, but there were a LOT of proponents. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE THERE WHEN IT IS REINTRODUCED TO STAND IN OPPOSITION TO IT. The proponents were

well organized, they told their stories, and until the vote was taken, I thought we were going to lose.

The Reps need to see the room filled up with opponents of the bill. If not, next time, I don't think we will be so lucky. The session closes in the first week of June, I think. That is about 5-6 more weeks in which it can be reintroduced. I am certain Moreno will reintroduce it.

...Within, I believe, 72 hrs. of the granting of the ex parte protective order, a contradictory hearing (one in which the "restraine" must be present) must be had. In other words the defendant/restraine" has to be given a chance to defend him/herself.

**A big ol' hat-tip to Tbone on [BayouShooter.com](http://BayouShooter.com) who found these links and info!**

Start here: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Home.aspx>

Click on Broadcast Archives on the left panel of the page to go here.

[http://house.louisiana.gov/H\\_Video/2015/Apr2015.htm](http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Video/2015/Apr2015.htm)

Click on Record and Roll Call Vote to go here.

[http://house.louisiana.gov/H\\_CmteRecordRolCallVotes/RollCallVotes/ACRJ\\_04292015.pdf](http://house.louisiana.gov/H_CmteRecordRolCallVotes/RollCallVotes/ACRJ_04292015.pdf)

HB488 by MORENO

Provides relative to domestic abuse

Motion made by: Moreno, Helena

Motion: With Amendments

Vote: 7-8

Vote Date: 4/29/2015 12:39:48 PM

Objection by: Lopinto, Joseph P.

### Nay

Lopinto, Joseph P.; Adams, Bryan; Brown, Terry R.; Hazel, Lowell C. "Chris"; Hodges, Valarie; Howard, Frank A.; Mack, Sherman Q.; Pylant, Steve E.

### Yea

Moreno, Helena; Badon, Austin; Burrell, Roy; Guillory, Mickey J.; Honoré, Dalton; Landry, Terry; Norton, Barbara M.

### From NRA-ILA:

<https://www.nra.org/articles/20150427/louisiana-house-committee-to-vote-on-gun-ban-for-misdemeanor-offenses-on-wednesday>

Current Louisiana law (R.S. 14:35.3) designates any crime of violence in R.S. 14:2(B) committed by one household member against another as an act of domestic abuse for consideration in any civil or criminal proceeding. HB 488 would add any offense involving the use of force or the threat of the use of force to the list of offenses for which a conviction would result in a prohibition on the possession of firearms for 10 years under state law and a permanent prohibition under federal law.

Federal law 18 U.S.C. Section 922(a)(33)(A) limits a firearms prohibition to convictions for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence that have, as an element, the use or attempted use of force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon.

HB 488 includes stalking, which doesn't require any actual force or even a direct threat, among offenses for which a conviction would result in a prohibition on the possession of firearms for 10 years. There is no comparable provision in federal law.

"Stalking" under R.S. 14:40.2(C)(1) & (2) could include harassment via

telephone, electronic mail, sending messages via a third party or sending letters or pictures. No physical contact need take place.

R.S. 14:40.2(B)(2)(A) already provides for felony penalties – and an accompanying 10-year disqualifier on firearms possession – for individuals convicted of the most serious forms of stalking: anyone who is found by a judge or jury to have, beyond a reasonable doubt, placed the victim in fear of death or bodily injury by the actual use or possession of a dangerous weapon OR found beyond a reasonable doubt to have placed the victim in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury.

HB 488 expands the relationships that would factor into a designation of an offense as “domestic abuse” – which would trigger a 10-year firearms prohibition upon conviction – to include a “dating partner.” This could potentially include any person that an individual has ever had a “social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.”

Federal law limits application of the firearms prohibition to misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim. Please contact the below members of the Criminal Justice Committee and urge them to oppose this far-reaching measure.

#### Key Criminal Justice Committee Members:

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**Video of the proceedings posted to YouTube by Louisiana Open Carry**

**Advocates:** <https://youtu.be/N7ZTXjchIE> 

#### Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster's Report

LOCAL currently has 132 active/paid members and obviously, we would like to have more! It's not about money. Heck, when I came in we halved the dues from \$20 a year to \$10 and we offer an [NRA/LOCAL bundle for only \\$25!](#) Try and find a better deal than that!

LOCAL's finances are currently as follows:

Money in the bank: \$2,930.98

Money in PayPal: \$209.17

LOCAL has also renewed our Non-Profit status with state and are good for another year!

*(puts on Webmaster hat)* I have spent considerable time redoing the Menu System on our web site so that it would function properly with Web Phones as the old version was a pain to use. Also, at the user's request, I condensed our forums down to a more manageable format. 

#### Fun and Training with guns.

##### CHP Class, May 2, Kinder, LA

<http://www.kuyperconsulting.com/home.html>

This class taught by LOCAL member and supporter Eric Kuyper is only \$100 and covers everything you need to complete your La Conceal Handgun Permit application. Eric gives a detailed and comprehensive class and will take you from the basics of safely storing and handling a handgun to being aware of the laws regarding where you can carry and when you can use your weapon. Bring your mother to the class and she takes the class for only \$80. What better present can you get for Mother's Day than the gift of training?

##### Small-bore and Pistol Cartridge lever rifle silhouette match.

Bring your lever guns or bring whatever you have if you are a beginner. You can even bring a scoped .22 if you want.

When: Sunday, May 3, 2015- Range opens about 8:30 AM

Where: Ascension Parish Sheriff's Range, Gonzales (Across the street from Lamar Dixon)

What: **Lever rifle silhouette (called Cowboy Lever Action silhouette)** is shot with (mostly) lever rifles and open sights (no scopes). It is NOT Cowboy Action shooting where you have to dress like a cowboy and have a western nickname. It's shot on larger targets than the scoped silhouette game. We are shooting Small-bore Cowboy rifle (any tube-fed .22 rifle but you are welcome to shoot whatever you bring) and Pistol Cartridge Lever guns (rifles chambered in pistol calibers like .357 mag and .44 mag - also .22LR and .22 mag - no hot loads that can damage the targets) The object is to shoot a steel target off a rail. It's lots of fun.

Equipment needed: Any .22 rifle is fine. Also ammo and ear plugs. If you have a .22 mag rifle or a pistol cartridge rifle, bring it. You can even bring a pistol out and shoot it if you want as we shoot the match in conjunction with an IHMSA handgun silhouette match. There is an \$8 entry fee.

##### VATA Intro to Tactical Pistol May 4 and Tactical Pistol 1 May 5.

<http://www.vatatrainingcenter.com/>

Do you work shift work and have Monday and Tuesday off? Got a pistol and a case of ammo taking up space in your safe? Here is a great way to put it to use. The VATA Group in Slidell is having an Intro to Tactical Pistol class on Monday, May 4. Cost is \$200 for a full day of learning to run and gun. You will fire about 400 rounds through your pistol and get the fundamentals to defending yourself. If you sign up for both the Intro class and the Tactical

Pistol 1 class on Tuesday the cost is \$375 for both days. The second day builds on your skills you picked up on Monday and you will fire about 600 rounds of ammo as you get more familiar with your defensive pistol and gear.

### Advanced Pistol Handling May 16 & 17

<http://bearcotraining.com/>

Have you taken the Combat/Dynamic Focus Shooting course from Barrett Kendrick at Bearco? Have you taken other Defensive pistol classes and want to step it up and build on what you have learned? This 2 day class is probably what you are looking for. At the end of the course, the student will have been exposed to (and practiced) shooting positions from all plausible angles while standing, seated, kneeling, prone or supine, as well as properly shooting around cover in order to maximize its protective value. Students will also train one handed firearm handling, reloading, and malfunction clearing. APH students will be forced to deal with a variety of malfunctions in a way that is congruent with the conditions of a dynamic critical incident. The APH course is an intense physically and mentally challenging course that will take any student's confidence and ability to defend themselves with a gun to a higher level. Students will fire a minimum of 650 rounds during this course. The cost is \$400 for almost 20 hours of intense pistol training from one of the top instructors in the State.

### Intro to Vehicle Gun fighting May 23

<http://agogeusa.net/index.html>

We can spend hours a day in our car. So, you should know how to fight with your pistol while in your vehicle. Stuck in a static car is a bad place to be and since most of us use a car every day it only makes sense that you practice how to use the gun while in it. If you find yourself in a traffic jam or in an immobilized vehicle, you may have to fight your way out if you can't drive away. This class will impart the fundamentals of how to fight with your pistol while in your car, getting out of your car and around your car. Cost is \$200 for the day and is held in Zachary (north of Baton Rouge). Get your pistol, at least 400 rounds of ammo and get behind the wheel.

### Intro to Combative Pistol/Carbine May 23

<http://www.advantagegrouptraining.com/>

If you want a basic skill builder and familiarization course and don't have a lot of time or money you may want to check out these half day classes held in Robert (east of Hammond). The pistol class runs from 8am to noon and is only \$100. The Carbine class starts at noon and runs 4 hours and is also \$100. It's only \$150 if you sign up for both classes. You get a basic hands on class with your pistol and carbine and some pointers on the defensive use of these weapons. From here you can build on these skills with more training and gain experience and knowledge which may save your life someday.

### M1 Garand Clinic Monday May 25 (Memorial Day).

[http://www.honeyisland.org/garand\\_clinic.htm](http://www.honeyisland.org/garand_clinic.htm)

Do you own a M1 Garand rifle and want to learn more about it and how to properly use it? Don't have an M1 Garand but always had an interest in getting to know this iconic weapon? This clinic is probably for you. For \$50

you get a full day of instruction on the M1 Garand including a supply of ammo to sight in the rifle and to shoot from the standing position, sitting at the bench and prone positions. You will learn everything from how to load the rifle to how to field strip and clean it. You leave with a Certificate from the Civilian Marksmanship Program which meets the requirements if you want to buy a rifle through the CMP. Bring your own rifle or register and use a loaner supplied by the instructor. This is at the Honey Island range so plan on bringing a bag lunch and wear long pants to keep the bugs away. Bring Eye and Ear protection, a can of bug spray and a mat to lie on when shooting prone.

### Appleseed Center fire Rifle event May 30-31.

<http://appleseedinfo.org/search-states-display.php?qstate=LA&statername=Louisiana>

Do you have an AR or other center fire rifle gathering dust in your safe? Get it out and get to the range for some first rate training.

Project Appleseed will hold its first event at Palo Alto Rifle Club in Donaldsonville on May 30-31. You will shoot at 25M on Saturday and then move out to 200 yards on Sunday. The address of the range is 1393 Hwy 943 (it was initially incorrect on the Appleseed website). The cost is \$60 for the entire 2 days of training. Learn about your rifle and how to properly use it while learning a little American history and the importance of a nation of riflemen. 



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### Please Join LOCAL Today

Since 2009 LOCAL has been informing the public about the right to Open Carry in Louisiana as well as advocating for more gun rights. We have done this with the generous help of our members and supporters. Their donations allow us to keep our website up. The gun show tables and pamphlets we pass out are paid for from the dues our members send in as well as additional donations. We are a small group but we want to be able to do more. We need members who can help us. If you are reading this newsletter and have not yet joined LOCAL please take a minute to go to: <http://www.laopencarry.org/> and click on the Join/Donate tab on the top line just under the State Flag. You can join online or print out a copy of the membership application and mail it in. Annual LOCAL memberships cost only \$10. Are you an NRA member yet? If not we have a better deal. Click the Join Here button on the NRA box on our webpage and sign up for a 1 year NRA membership for only \$25 and we will throw in a 1 year membership to LOCAL for free. Joining LOCAL won't put you on any unwanted mailing lists. You will only receive monthly newsletter announcements or other important email alerts from us as they become necessary. 



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## Membership Application Form

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LOCAL FORUM MEMBER? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SCREEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues can be submitted in person at our monthly club meeting or mailed to the above address.  
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