



June 2015 Newsletter



Meetings for June 2015

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

June 2, 7pm - Home Defense Foundation of New Orleans, at the Subway Shop at 2500 St Claude Ave (Subway Restaurant) in Marigny. The Inspector General of the City of New Orleans has agreed to come to our meeting; also, we'll have another FREE RAFFLE!

June 20, 6:30pm - Florida Parishes June Meeting will be at the Slidell IHOP next to Academy Sports just North of I-12

**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

June 6 & 7 - Lafayette, Lafayette Event Center, 4607 Johnston St.

June 6 & 7 - Mandeville Gun Show, Castine Center, 63350 Pelican Dr

June 13 & 14 - N.O. Area, Pontchartrain Cntr, 4545 Williams Blvd. Kenner

June 27 & 28 - Shreveport, Riverview Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Pkwy. 

Riley Reports (Lake Charles area)

Here's a pic of Sgt. Anderson LSP and Nolan at the May "LOCAL" meeting in Lake Charles. We met & ate pizza & talked for an hour.



Sgt. Anderson is another of the outstanding Law Enforcement officers serving our parish. We discussed so many topics; it seemed we had only begun when it was time to go home. Sgt. Anderson informed us he personally knows many officers throughout the state, & none he knows will ever violate our 2nd amendment rights, no matter from where the order came. Good information to know.

Sgt. Anderson is a 100% supporter of our rights under the 2nd amendment, but personally would prefer we carry concealed. He stated Open Carry lets the bad guys know who the immediate threat is. He also stated nothing is more important than constant practice.

I just returned from a concealed weapons class in Sulphur, LA where there were about 15 folks attending the class & I made my pitch for Open Carry. I told the class the advantages I see using Open Carry & explained the purpose of our group. I passed out our trifolds & explained how to join for those interested. After I made my pitch, we had several questions concerning Open Carry, & I explained my views as best I could. I know the ladies will not practice, but several men expressed interest in the practice & asked how to get together with our LOCAL group when we meet. They really like the part of our meeting that involved the local Police.

Riley 

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Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster's Report

Domain Names renewed for the next year:

Transaction	Date:	May,	25	2015
louisianacarry.net		domain		renewal
louisianacarry.us		domain		renewal
lacarry.net		domain		renewal
lacarry.us		domain		renewal

Credit Card Payment: **\$33.80**

\$22.86 paid for Background check (see story at bottom right column)

\$120 paid to Steve Raacke to reimburse him for gun show and printing expenses.

\$400 paid to N.O. Attorney Owen Courreges for his work on our nonprofit paperwork. 

Liberty Sessions (2nd Amendment Rights) Group Meet-Up

Saturday, May 2 my wife Terri and I met at Shane's Seafood and Barbeque, 4726 E Texas St, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111 with the Liberty Sessions group. This group is for locals to get together and talk about our 2nd Amendment Rights as well as legislation.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2ndAmendmentLouisiana/>

My rig for the evening:



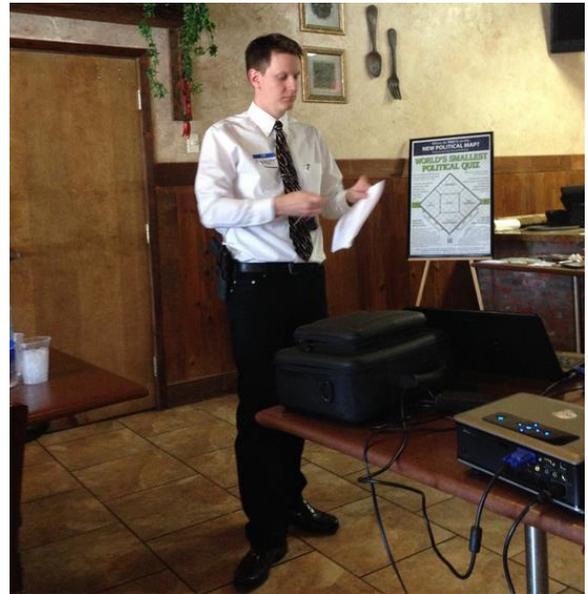
I had it clipped in the main pocket but when I took my bag out of the SUV the whole rig (gun remained in the holster) came lose and clattered to the ground much to my horror! I had tested the way I first had it and it seemed secure so after this experience I clipped it on the handle where I KNEW it wasn't going anywhere! God but I felt like the world's biggest idiot! (The gun didn't have a mark on it after the fall)

MOST attendees carried guns both openly (about half) or concealed and I must say that the staff treated us very well and were quite welcoming.

We had a great time eating and meeting the folks with group and listening to the presentation as well as the good discussion we all had. We WILL be attending more! A Libertarian group to be sure and I am just fine with that. :-)

Here are some pictures I took during the event (with permission of course):

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Speedy Mercer 

Did This City Unlawfully Arrest a Man for Exercising his Rights?

<http://buzzpo.com/gun-rights-update-did-this-city-unlawfully-arrests-a-man-for-exercising-his-rights/>

In short, yes BUT there is more to the story. I was initially made aware of this case over on the OC Dot Org (OCDO) forum:

<http://forum.opencarry.org/forums/showthread.php?129956-open-carry-opelousas>

The poster stated that he was "arrested for Open Carrying" which is *kinda* true. I offered LOCAL's help and contacted him by phone. To verify the guy's background before we committed to help, we ran a background check which came back squeaky clean and this was a VERY thorough check that even included Social media data.

Here's the bad news, he was at a movie theater and apparently asked to take his Openly Carried gun to his car. He refused and stayed in the belief that he was within his rights to do so. At this point the manager called the police. Our advice to everyone is: *"When asked to leave or to take your gun to your car, politely LEAVE right then! Do NOT stay, argue, or quote the law, just leave otherwise you open yourself up to a trespassing charge."*

Here is why we got involved; Opelousas has this law which predated preemption and which they claim makes Open Carry illegal and we disagree.

§ 18-8.1 OPELOUSAS CODE § 18.10

Sec. 18-10. Weapons-Carrying concealed.

Whoever shall carry within the corporate limits of the city, a weapon or weapons **concealed** on or about the person, such as pistols, bowie knives, dirks, razors, or any other dangerous weapons, shall on conviction thereof, suffer fine or imprisonment, the fine not to be less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and imprisonment not to be less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the city judge, provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to sheriffs, and their deputies, constables, city police officers and the city marshal, when in the actual discharge of their official duties. (Ord. No. 1, § 1,1-19-23)

Please note the word Concealed right there in the law. We believe that that restricts this law to ONLY those weapons that are carried Concealed and that it has no effect on Open Carry in the least.

Here's another issue with this case, the police arrested him for "failing to leave when asked" AND "**Carrying a Concealed Weapon**" when he was asked to leave for **Open Carrying** and, according to all reports we can find, never concealed his gun!

The guy is seeking an area lawyer and has deleted his initial posts of the event at the urging of the members of OCDO. He is, like most of us, broke and could use some assistance. To that end, he has set up a donation page at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/defending-the-rights-of-citizens#/story> if you would like to help him fight the bogus charge that Opelousas is using to harass him for "having the gall to carry a gun in their city."

Yes, he had the part where they asked him to take his gun to the car wrong (IMHO) but he was 100% legally Openly Carrying his gun and the city of Opelousas needs to learn a hard lesson about hassling people who are acting within their rights! What are YOUR thoughts on helping him? 

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 (and there are very few) from us as they become necessary. 

Right-to-Carry on Army Corps Land:

Did you know it was illegal to carry on Army Corps Land? Did you know that most levies are under their control as well as many other unmarked lands?

The following's source: NRA-ILA via AmmoLand.com - <http://www.ammoland.com/2015/05/passage-of-h-r-2028-includes-right-to-carry-on-army-corps-land-provision/>

Passage of H.R. 2028 Includes Right-to-Carry on Army Corps Land Provision

On Friday, May 1, 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2028 the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016," by a bipartisan vote of 240-177.

This bill is designed to protect the rights of gun owners on lands owned or managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). This legislation would help end the patchwork of firearm laws and regulations that govern different federal lands managed by different federal agencies.

On May 12, 2009, legislation was passed that greatly reduced restrictions on the possession of firearms for self-defense on National Park Service and National Wildlife Refuge System lands. Under this legislation, rules governing carry on those federal lands incorporate the laws of the state in which the lands are located. This greatly expanded the places where law-abiding Americans can legally carry firearms for self-defense. However, that change in the law did not include millions of acres of recreational land managed by the Corps.

The Corps owns or manages over 11.7 million acres, including 400 lakes and river projects, 90,000 campsites and 4,000 miles of trails. H.R. 2028 would reverse the Corps' policy and restore the right of law-abiding Americans to possess firearms for self-defense on Corps lands. 



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Membership Application Form

Mark one option below

New Membership- \$10 PER YEAR

Renewal - \$10 PER YEAR

Update Information for Current Member

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () - CELL: () -

EMAIL: _____

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.
Please make your checks or money orders payable to: **LA Open Carry Awareness League**