



October 2015 Newsletter



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October Meetings

The **Lake Charles** group will meet Oct. 1st @ 5:30 pm at the Burger King on Samson St. in Westlake.

The **Florida Parishes** Group meeting will be on the 17th at the IHOP in Slidell at 6:30 pm. 

October Gun Shows

10th - 11th **Lafayette Event Center**, 4607 Johnston St. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4

17th - 18th **Monroe Civic Center** 401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway

17th - 18th **Ponchatoula Lions Club** Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4

24th - 25th **Kenner Pontchartrain Center**, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

31st - Nov 1st **Shreveport Riverview Hall**, 600 Clyde Fant Pkwy. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4 

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Training for October 2015

Bearco -Covington

<http://bearcotraining.com/>

October 16- Defensive Focus Handgun
October 17- Into To Defensive Handguns
October 18- Intro to Conceal Carry and Permit Certification
October 23- Defensive Focus Carbine
October 28- Intro to Conceal Carry and Permit Certification

St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center -Arabi

<http://stbisc.mybigcommerce.com/training/>

October 10- NOLATAC Concealed Handgun Permit Class
October 18- NOLATAC Concealed Handgun Permit Class

Phobos Solutions- Plaquemines Parish

<http://www.phobossolutions.com/courses.html>

October 14 & 17- Defensive Handgun 101

VATA- Slidell

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

October 3- Intro to Tactical Pistol
October 4- Tactical Pistol Level 1
October 24-25- Advanced Force on Force Pistol (with Simunitions)

Agoge- East Baton Rouge Parish

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

October 3- Vehicle Gun Fighting Intro
October 17- Personal Protection for Women
October 24- Concealed Handgun

ATAT Development Group- Baton Rouge

<https://www.facebook.com/ATATDG>

October 9-11- DVM Mobile Scout School

Details at <http://www.deathvalleymag.com/dvtc/mobile-scout-school-i/>

Kuyper Consulting- Kinder

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

October 3- Conceal Handgun Permit

Complete Tactical Solutions- St Francisville, La

<https://www.facebook.com/CompleteTacticalSolutions?ref=fnf>

October 10- La Concealed Pistol Class

Competitions for October 2015

October 3-4 Holmwood: NRA Conventional Pistol State Championship

October 17-18 Zwolle: 2015 High Power Rifle Silhouette State Championship

October 24- Donaldsonville: NRA Outdoor Pistol 1800 Match

For more info see Coming Events at <http://www.louisianashooting.com/>

Rush Biossat, CHP Instructor, LOCAL Member

One of the benefits of having a table at each Gonzales gun show is meeting the regular vendors there. I always enjoy stopping by to visit with Rush Biossat.



Rush is a long time LOCAL supporter and is also a paid LOCAL member. Rush teaches classes of 1-8 people, is able to teach during the week and will not give you a bunch of misinformation like some CHP instructors have been known to do. Rush holds his classes in Mandeville and is a long time supporter of LOCAL. Each of his CHP students gets a copy of our tri-fold informational pamphlet as part of his hand outs. If you are looking for a good CHP class which can fit with your schedule give Rush a call at 504-220-6769. Support those who support you.

LOCAL Prez and VP at Sept Gonzales Gun Show

Thanks to LOCAL Vice President Philip Heustis for helping man the gun show table in Gonzales on Sept 6. Philip brought along an AR rifle being raffled off by his American Legion post. During the weekend, Philip and LOCAL President Steve Raacke spoke with dozens of people about gun rights. Some signed up as LOCAL members.



The gun shows have been great places to inform people about our organization and answer some of their questions. The next Gonzales gun show is in January on the 2nd and 3rd. If you would like to help out please let us know.

Three Men Cited for Closed Season Turkey Violations

Source - <http://www.ammoland.com/2015/09/three-men-cited-for-closed-season-turkey-violations-in-louisiana/#axzz3n8S9Nn4J>

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited three men for alleged closed season turkey violations on Aug. 16 in Bienville Parish.

Agents cited James Kearney, 29, of Ringgold, Daniel Hollis, 25, of Arcadia, and Michael Foster, 51, of Sibley, for hunting from a public road. Kearney was also cited for taking a turkey illegally during a closed season. Hollis and Foster were also cited for possession of an illegally taken turkey.

Responding to an anonymous tip, agents were able to make contact with Hollis and Foster at Hollis' residence. Upon questioning, the two men admitted to be in a truck when Kearney shot a turkey from Pietsch Road near Ringgold on Aug. 15. The two men also told the agent that the turkey was in an ice chest in Hollis' front yard.

Agents involved in the case are Bryant Coburn, Jared McIver and Mike Kelley.

Taking turkey during a closed season brings a \$900 to \$950 fine and up to 120 days in jail. Possession of an illegally taken turkey carries a \$400 to \$950 fine and up to 120 days in jail. Hunting from a public road brings a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail.

The turkey season for Bienville Parish ended in late April of 2015 and won't reopen until March 26 of 2016.

Find Your Gun Before TSA Finds It For You

TSA is looking at another record year for people who forget that they have a firearm in their bag before they reach the security checkpoint. Last year they found 2,212 firearms in people's carryon baggage. This year, in the first 37 weeks, they have found 1,756. More people are travelling by air, and the number of people with concealed carry permits is skyrocketing. In 2014, the average number of firearms found in carryon baggage was a bit more than six per day. From tsa.gov:

TSA had a busy year in 2014, screening more than 653 million passengers in 2014 (about 1.8 million per day), which is 14.8 million more passengers than last year.

2,212 firearms were discovered in carry-on bags at checkpoints across the country, averaging more than six firearms per day. Of those, 1,835 (83 percent) were loaded. Firearms were intercepted at a total of 224 airports; 19 more airports than last year.

This year, the average is a bit short of seven per day, 6.78 firearms found in carryon baggage each day. TSA says that the vast majority are simply people who forgot the firearms were in the bag. From wmbfnews.com:

TSA says 99.9 percent of the cases aren't malicious.

A lot of travelers just forget to follow the rules, especially this year as the number of people traveling by air is on the rise and more travelers are opting for carryon bags.

Given the large numbers of people travelling, the numbers of guns in airports found in checked bags are statistically insignificant. People with concealed carry permits follow the rules rather conscientiously, 9,999 times out of 10,000. But there are so many concealed carriers (nearly 15 million by some accounts) that the one in 10,000 that forget, through distraction, momentary emergency, or action of a family member, amount to nearly seven a day.

Surveying the firearms impounded by TSA, it is clear that the vast majority are quality arms, legally carried for self defense.

TSA mentioned that 83% of the firearms in these cases are loaded, which reinforces the observation that the vast majority of these weapons are carried for self defense. Here is the TSA definition of loaded:

As defined by **49 CFR 1540.5** a loaded firearm has a live round of

ammunition, or any component thereof, in the chamber or cylinder or in a magazine inserted in the firearm.

Here are the TSA guidelines for transporting firearms as checked baggage:

- Comply with regulations on carrying firearms where you are traveling from and to, as laws vary by local, state and international governments.
- Declare all firearms, ammunition and parts to the airline during the check-in process. Ask about limitations or fees that may apply.
- Firearms must be unloaded and locked in a hard-sided container and transported as checked baggage only. Firearm parts, including firearms frames and receivers, must also be placed in checked baggage and are prohibited in carry-on baggage.
- Replica firearms may be transported in checked baggage only.
- Rifle scopes are permitted in carry-on and checked bags.
- All firearms, ammunition and firearm parts, including firearm frames, receivers, clips and magazines are prohibited in carry-on baggage.

Read more: <http://www.ammoland.com/2015/09/record-number-of-guns-in-airports/#ixzz3n8UYWldN>

Restaurant Carry, If It's Legal, Do It, Always

Recently I was out having breakfast with some friends. A buddy who is a long time gun owner and CHP holder rode with me to the restaurant which was open carry friendly. After breakfast I noticed that he wasn't open carrying and wondered if he was concealing. He told me that he had left his pistol at home. I asked why he would leave his defensive tool behind when going out to eat. He replied, "Because you are carrying yours."

This is not the proper mindset to have when it comes to self defense. You don't leave your gun behind just because someone else in your group may choose to be armed. I explained to my friend, depending on me and my gun to protect him is wrong. I may be unaware of a threat or my gun may malfunction. I may be shot and unable to defend myself let alone anyone else. Heck, I may be in the restroom when the threat occurs. How much help am I going to be to you at the table while I'm in the bathroom? What if there are multiple assailants? I may depend on you and your gun to back me up.

This isn't something out of fantasy land. We are seeing reports in the media of customers and employees at restaurants and bars being robbed by teams of criminals.

Gunmen storm Atchafalaya Restaurant Thursday night; rob customers, employees - http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2015/09/atchafalaya_restaurant_robbed.html?hootPostID=35c49a011d20f428b3aab3d73027115#ncart_breaking

Monkey Hill bar, patrons robbed at gunpoint - <http://uptownmessenger.com/2015/09/monkey-hill-bar-patrons-robbed-at-gunpoint/>

If you can legally own a gun, get training, practice that training and carry your pistol everywhere you can whenever you can. Don't depend on someone else to protect you. Don't fall into the mentality that you are only going to carry when you think that "something may happen" or you are going to "the bad part of town."

You are your own first responder. Take the responsibility seriously.

Steve Raacke, LOCAL President.

David Cox's Caddo Rifle Hunting Ban Proposal

<http://www.ksla.com/story/30147360/caddo-parish-gun-proposal-concerns-hunting-community>

"A proposed parish ordinance that could impact where it is legal to shoot firearms in Caddo Parish has many hunters worried. The proposal has been a hot topic within the hunting community and would ban the shooting of a certain guns within a mile of a subdivision."

"The ordinance sponsored by Commissioner David Cox would make it illegal to fire a .17 caliber gun within one mile of a subdivision. A subdivision is considered a neighborhood with 5 or more lots filed on record at the courthouse."

"I alone with some concerned people are proposing a 1,000 yard buffer around plated areas that is registered as subdivisions with the Caddo Court house and with in the 5 mile MPC," Commissioner Cox said in a statement. "This simply put, if you're in the woods near the city of Shreveport and there is a subdivision you need to be over 1,000 yards away before you are shooting," he said.'

"Some homeowners have heard shots fired then see the beams from the gun running along their house," Cox said.' (ED: WTH does THAT mean?)

Here is the full ordinance:

<http://ftpcontent4.worldnow.com/ksla/webdocs/5512%20Discharge%20of%20Firearms.pdf>

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ORDINANCE NO. 5512 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32-48 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the discharge of firearms in proximity to residential subdivisions poses a significant threat to the safety of citizens;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to provide for the safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has adopted an ordinance governing the discharge of firearms in certain areas of the parish to address that threat; and

WHEREAS, recent events require amending that ordinance to make it applicable to certain subdivisions previously not included;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the parish to make the ordinance apply to residential subdivisions regardless of where situated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 32-48 of the Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows to-wit:

Sec. 32-48.- Discharge of firearms.

(a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Dedicated residential subdivision means a platted subdivision with five or more lots filed of record at the parish courthouse.

(b) It shall be unlawful to intentionally discharge any firearm of .17 caliber or larger within the geographical limits of any dedicated residential subdivision with this parish.

(c) It shall be unlawful to intentionally discharge any firearm within one mile of any dedicated residential subdivision that lies within five miles of the city

limits of Shreveport within this parish.

(d) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed so as to prohibit any person from discharging a firearm in the defense of his person, family or property.

(e) Exceptions:

(1) Within a dedicated residential subdivision:

a. Public shooting galleries now lawfully established hereafter as provided by law or parish ordinance;

b. Target practice ranges or shooting galleries required and maintained by the sheriff's department or municipal police departments and target practice ranges of organizations which have presently established and approved target practice ranges in the parish;

c. The use and discharge of blank pistols and blank cartridges only where the use and discharge thereof is conducted in formal ceremonies conducted by recognized organizations, such as the VFW and American Legion;

d. Any duly legally constituted law enforcement or animal control officer while acting in his official capacity.

(2) Within one mile of a dedicated residential subdivision that lies within five miles of the city limits of Shreveport that is within this parish:

a. All exceptions listed in subsection (e)(1) of this section;

b. BB guns, shotguns, pellet guns.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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Guys, the time to get in front of this is NOW. Call, Write or go by and see Cox and let him know what you think of his proposed ordinance!

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Home Defense Foundation of New Orleans News

Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy will be speaking at Tuesday Night's meeting of the Home Defense Foundation. He will address the topic of crime in New Orleans and also "STOP AND FRISK," a crime prevention measure he supports.

This is a FANTASTIC speaker for our organization, and we have to do everything we can to make sure the room is overflowing. Please come and BRING FRIENDS.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, at 7PM, at the large Subway Shop at 2500 St. Claude Avenue. This is a VERY large shop (the size of a McDonalds) with a big parking lot.

I hope to see you all there, with friends!!

P.S. We will also schedule some more free firearm classes at the meeting, which is another reason for your friends to come.

Mike Weinberger
<http://www.hdfnola.org/>

NOTE: We hold free classes, organized by citizen-volunteers, on privately owned ranges, where you can SAFELY fire a home defense firearm. Classes can be held evenings, weekdays or on weekends. This gives you the opportunity to learn in a safe and supervised environment. If you have no experience with firearms this class is perfect for you.



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



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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**