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An Apology

I once again find myself in the position of having to apologize for a late newsletter. Due to the illness of our President, Steve Raacke, the one who provides the lion's share of the newsletters content, and my brain's inability to work as well as it once did, this newsletter will be both late and short on content. I take full responsibility on both counts and will endeavor to get ahead of it in the future.

Speedy Mercer, Sec/Treasurer/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor 

November Meet Ups

Nov 3, New Orleans Home Defense Foundation, at the **Subway Shop** at 2500 St. Claude Ave, **New Orleans** at **7 PM**.

Nov 14 & 15, LOCAL table at **Gonzales Gun Show**.

Nov 15, LOCAL Meet up at **Gonzales Cracker Barrel Restaurant**, **8 AM**.

Nov 21, Florida Parishes Meet Up, **Slidell IHOP** next to **Acadian Sports** at **6:30 PM**. 

Gun Shows

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

Nov 7-8, Slidell, Northshore Harbor Center, 100 Harbor Center Blvd, Slidell, **Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4**

Nov 14-15, Gonzales, Lamar Dixon Expo Hall, 9039 St. Landry Rd, **Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4**

Nov 28-29, Alexandria SAI Convention Center, 2301 N MacArthur Dr, **Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4** 

Breakfast and a Final Gun Show Nov 14

LOCAL members are invited to a meet up at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at the Gonzales Tanger Outlet Mall on Sunday, Nov 15 at 8 am. This is an informal gathering where we can socialize and discuss politics, gun rights or any subject that comes up. After breakfast we can head over to the Lamar Dixon Expo Center to attend the Gonzales Gun and Knife Show where LOCAL will have a table display.

Volunteers are needed to help man the LOCAL table at the gun show on both Saturday and Sunday. If you are a current dues paying LOCAL member and would like to help out by sitting at the LOCAL table please let us know at contact@laopencarry.org.

This will be the final gun show table that LOCAL is planning on having. LOCAL President Steve Raacke decided two years ago that he would spearhead the efforts begun several years ago by the Publicity Committee to host tables at gun shows throughout the State. Starting with tables in Slidell, Ponchatoula and Gonzales we had a handful of members turn out to help with shaking hands, distributing pamphlets and answering questions from gun show customers. The goal was to eventually have active members manning tables at gun shows in Lake Charles, Shreveport and Lafayette on a regular basis. The activity never got off the ground and Steve found that he was often left working the Gonzales events alone. Tables at other shows didn't happen. After giving up weekends off, taking vacation days off from work and missing training classes and family obligations to spend the weekends at the gun shows, Steve has decided that the what little reward LOCAL was getting from the Gonzales gun show is no longer enough to justify his efforts. Steve extends his gratitude to those members who came out to sit at the gun show tables with him.

You Have To Show Up To Make a Difference 

Caddo Gunners Win This Round

In the October issue of the LOCAL Newsletter we told you about an ordinance in Caddo Parish which was being proposed. If passed it would have barred hunting within 1 mile of any subdivision, including those which were proposed but didn't even have any houses built. We asked our members in Caddo Parish to contact their elected officials and to show up at the meeting. The good news is that citizens showed up to the Commission meeting in force. Over 100 residents, hunters and pro-gun types, packed the meeting hall and lobby to speak against this bill. In the end the ordinance was dropped but the fight is not over. The Commission stated that it plans to

evaluate the current State laws and see if there needs to be a Statewide Amendment proposed.

Often we are told, "Nobody is after your guns." or "Nobody is saying you can't hunt." The facts are that this is simply not true. The Anti-Gun movement is constantly attacking your rights. The self defense and tactical gun guys must stick together with the hunters and sport shooters. We are all in this fight together. And you MUST be active at the local and State levels. Just having a yearly membership to the NRA isn't enough. When this ordinance was presented we did not receive any alerts from the NRA. It was local, grassroots groups, like LOCAL which got the word out.

We saw the same thing happen in St Tammany Parish where local gun groups put out the word of anti-gun efforts there and the people showed up to prevent those efforts from becoming law. And we saw how the lack of publicity in Abbeville allowed the City Council there to pass anti-gun ordinances completely unopposed.

LOCAL is trying to push back against the gun banners in Louisiana. We need your help. We need you to be active. To let us know what is happening in your city or Parish. We need you to help organize your areas pro-gun efforts to prevent these restrictions from becoming law.

Congratulations to the citizens of Caddo Parish. Don't let your guard down.



Firearms Training for November

NOLATAC LA Concealed Hand Gun License

Nov 14, Arabi, LA @ St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center

Nov 22, Arabi, LA @ St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center

<http://stbisc.mybigcommerce.com/nolatac-concealed-handgun-permit-class/>

Bearco Defensive Focus Handgun Class

Nov 12, Arabi, LA @ St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center

<https://bearcotraining.com/register/?date=11%2F12%2F2015&coursename=DFS1>

Estrada Tactical Firearms LA Conceal Carry Class

Nov 14, Carencro, LA. Cost \$130

Questions or to register: 337-288-5314

Phobus Solutions

Low Light Handgun 101 & 201

Nov 7 & 8, Plaquemines, LA

Split Day Defensive Handgun 101

Nov 11 & 14

Tactical Reactive Movement

Nov 21 & 22, Covington, LA

More info: <http://phobossolutions.com/calendar.html>

Project Appleseed Rifle Class

Nov 14 & 15, Amite, LA

http://appleseedinfo.org/search-statesflocation.php?locationid=117&id_event=3992

VATA Slidell, LA

Nov 7, Low Light Pistol

Nov 8, Low Light Carbine

Nov 14 & 15, Advanced Conceal Carry

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

Agoge, LLC

Nov 7, LA Conceal Handgun, Covington

Nov 14 & 15, Rifle Gun fighting 2

Nov 21 & 22, Force On Force

<http://agogeusa.com/calendar.html>

The "Safe Act" and its implications

As most of you know, The "SAFE Act" is a gun regulation law in the state of New York passed in the middle of the night bypassing the state's 3 day required review period and was signed into law by Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo on the next day. The act contains a number of firearms regulations, and a severability provision, in case the broad prohibitions against weapons are invalidated by the courts.

The Safe Act can be reviewed here:

http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/NYSP_Safe_Act_Field_Guide.pdf

Wiki summarizes the provisions as such:

Bans possession of any "high-capacity magazines" regardless of when they were made or sold. The maximum capacity for all magazines is 10 rounds. .22 caliber tubular magazines are exempt from this limit. Previously legal "pre-1994-ban" magazines with a capacity of 30 rounds are not exempt, and must be sold within one year to an out-of-state resident or turned in to local authorities. The magazine limit took effect April 15, 2013. Originally the law allowed only seven rounds to be loaded into a magazine, but this provision was struck down by a federal judge on December 21, 2013.

Ammunition dealers are required to do background checks, similar to those for gun buyers. Dealers are required to report all sales, including amounts, to the state. Internet sales of ammunition are allowed, but the ammunition will have to be shipped to a licensed dealer in New York state for pickup. Ammunition background checks were scheduled to begin January 15, 2014, but were put on hold indefinitely because the required "seamless" technology that would not inconvenience vendors or customers could not be put in place. The superintendent of state police, charged with creating such technology, is working on development, but a release date is still unknown. So while out-of-state vendors are required to ship ammunition to a NYS licensed dealer, the buyer can still pick it up with no check of any kind required, or walk into any registered ammunition dealer (now required under the act to sell ammunition) and buy ammunition providing he/she is over 18.

Requires creation of a registry of assault weapons. Those New Yorkers who already own such weapons would be required to register their guns with the state. Registration began on April 15, 2013 and must have been completed before April 15, 2014.

Requires designated mental health professionals who believe a mental health patient made a credible threat of harming others to report the threat to a mental health director, who would then have to report serious threats to the state Department of Criminal Justice Services. A patient's gun could be taken from him or her.

Stolen guns are required to be reported within 24 hours. Failure to report can result in a misdemeanor.

Broadens definition of "assault weapon" from two identified features to one. The sale and/or transfer of newly defined assault weapons is banned within the state, although sales out of state are permitted. Possession of the newly defined assault weapons is allowed only if they were possessed at the time that the law was passed, and must be registered with the state within one year.

Requires background checks for all gun sales, including by private sellers - except for sales to members of the seller's immediate family. Private sale background checks began March 15, 2013.

Guns must be "safely stored" from any household member who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence crime, has been involuntarily committed, or is currently under an order of protection. Unsafe storage of assault weapons is a misdemeanor.

Mandates that all purchases of firearms go through a licensed firearm dealer (FFL), unless it is an exempted transfer between family members

Increases sentences for gun crimes, including upgrading the offense for taking a gun on school property from a misdemeanor to a felony.

The state Penal Law section on aggravated murder was amended to increase penalties for murdering a first responder (the "Webster" provision) to life in prison without parole.

Limits the state records law to protect handgun owners from being identified publicly. However, existing permit holders have to opt into this provision by filing a form within 120 days of the law's enactment. There also may exist issues with respect to "registered" owners in the new regulations vs "permit" holders under previous law.

Requires pistol permit holders or owners of registered assault weapons to have them renewed at least every five years.

Allows law enforcement officials to seize regulated types of firearms from an individual, provided the individual has been certified by a medical professional to be too mentally unstable to safely possess "spray" firearms, shotguns, or rifles.

This is headed to the SCOTUS folks and if this doesn't scare you, you aren't paying attention! We are ONE justice away from losing a lot of the rights so many have fought and died to protect.

Hearing Protection Act

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3799>

A bill entitled the Hearing Protection Act would remove a \$200 tax stamp requirement for gun suppressors, often wrongly referred to as "silencers." Sponsored by U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Arizona, the bill has been endorsed by the American Suppressor Association and the NRA.

Currently, suppressors (misleadingly referred to as "silencers" in federal law) are subject to the NFA's cumbersome and lengthy application, "CLEO sign-off," and \$200 taxation provisions. This is so, even though the devices themselves are completely harmless. Their primary function is to reduce the muzzle report of the firearm to which they are attached, protecting the hearing of the firearm's operator and reducing noise and disturbance to those in nearby vicinities. Unlike their portrayal in popular movies and television shows, the devices do not render firearms all but soundless. They do, however, make them safer and quieter to operate, reducing the sound that reaches the shooter by about the same degree as a pair of earplugs or earmuffs.

Although they have been subject to heightened regulation under federal law since 1934, suppressors have become increasingly popular in recent years, as more and more hunters and firearm enthusiasts have discovered their benefits. Suppressors may be legally obtained in 41 states, and they are lawful for hunting in 37. Ironically, regulation of suppressors is one area where American gun owners are at a relative disadvantage to their counterparts in other countries. Many European nations, for example, place no regulations on their acquisition or use. Here in the U.S., it is inconsistent, to say the least, that while mufflers are legally required or commonly included on a various noise-producing tools – including cars, lawn mowers, and chainsaws – the law discourages their use on firearms.



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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**