



G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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Members' meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd. (see map on page 7)

President's Corner

The 2020 "Gun Rights Rally Day" will be April 7th. There are several Missouri regional gun rights groups gathering in the capitol rotunda. This day is a good time to visit your state representative and state senator. Tell them your gun rights are important. The "Red-Flag Law" being pushed, has to be stopped with more calls and letters to your senator and representative. The premise that a person is guilty until proven innocent goes against our way of justice.

Senator Bob Onder is once again introducing "Transit Carry Bill". If you can show up for the hearing on SB-700, please do. You will be needed to show support of this important bill. If you can't make the hearing sending a letter of support and a phone call of support helps too.

The large state rally in Virginia shows what can happen to a once gun friendly state when a lot of the normal people stay home from voting. The Virginians will have a hard time getting rid of the rotten legislation that is going to be passed. What a price to pay!

Missouri is a very strong "Gun Rights" state. When going to Jefferson City Capitol Building you may carry your concealed carry firearm. You are required to have a Missouri Concealed Carry Card and a valid driver's license or state ID. These are the things that help keep Missouri a strong free state.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2020

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Tuesday – April 7th, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to noon for the Annual Gun Rights Rally Day.

Join us! Come spend the morning at the capitol to help save our guns and protect our rights.

The anti-gun crowd is always working hard to ban guns and restrict our gun rights.

Your attendance at the rally is critical. Only a strong turnout can help make the difference. Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem. Our rights are not what is wrong.

Be there! Bring others! Tell your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.

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GCLA's Purpose

GCLA's purpose is to preserve and protect the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America by:

- Monitoring and acting on pending legislation at the local, state, and federal level.
- Encouraging voter registration and participation in the political process.
- Promoting public and personal safety, education and training, and the defense of the nation.

GCLA holds a monthly members' meeting which often features a guest speaker, the fielding of open questions, sharing of news and information, and intelligent discussion.

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“Stand Up For Your Constitutional Rights!”

Attend This Year's

GUN RIGHTS RALLY DAY



In the **CAPITOL BUILDING**
in **JEFFERSON CITY**

Tues., April 7th, 2020

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

STOP 'RED-FLAG' LAWS!
Transit Carry on Bus Systems

Celebrating 16 years of Missouri Concealed Carry.

**TELL OUR LEGISLATORS THAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT.
MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE.
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

For all other information about the Rally call:
GCLA at (314) 385-GUNS (4867)
or Email GCLA at
questions@gclastl.org

Rally sponsored by:
MPS (Missourians for Personal Safety),
GCLA (Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance),
WMSA (Western Missouri Shooters Alliance),
Missouri Firearms Coalition
MSSA (Missouri Sport Shooting Association)
and other Pro-Freedom Groups

www.missouricarry.com • www.missourisportshooting.org
www.gclastl.org • www.wmsa.net • www.moccw.org

Election Time is Here

The 2020 campaign season is upon us. It is more important than ever to keep pro-gun legislators in Jefferson City and Washington DC. We need to support our friends who are in office and make friends of those who we want in office.

We can do this by donating to the candidates that we agree with. Donate money, donate time, volunteer at the campaign offices. They remember those who support them.

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Red-Flag Bill in Missouri Senate

Senate Bill 543, sponsored by Senator Jamilah Nasheed, allows the seizure of an individual's firearms on baseless accusations without a hearing or other opportunity for the person to be heard in court. It permits the government to seize firearms based on weak evidence and nebulous standards of evidence.

A person subject to a suspension of a Constitutional right should be entitled to high evidentiary standards, an

opportunity to be heard, and the right to face his or her accusers. Civil liberties advocates from across the political spectrum have expressed concerns on these "red flag" bills and how the procedure might lead to abuses of the process because of insufficient due process protections.

Please contact committee members, your Senator and Representative and ask them to OPPOSE SB 543.

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Public Transit Bill in Missouri Senate

Senate Bill 700, sponsored by Senator Bob Onder, removes the prohibition on law-abiding citizens carrying firearms for self-defense on public transit property and in vehicles. In addition, it allows law-abiding citizens to transport unloaded or non-functioning firearms on buses. This repeals an arbitrary "gun-free zone" that does nothing to hinder criminals while leaving law-abiding citizens defenseless. It ensures that

citizens with varying commutes throughout their day and of various economic means are able to exercise their Second Amendment rights and defend themselves.

Please contact committee members, your Senator and Representative and ask them to SUPPORT SB 700.

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Rally Day

Each year in the spring, Second Amendment advocates gather in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda to "rally" the gun-rights grassroots base and lobby the legislature on gun-rights issues and pending legislation. Rally Day also offers an excellent opportunity for gun owners and pro-gun legislators to get better acquainted and forge stronger alliances.

Most important, a strong turnout is critical to countering the anti-gun political pressures being brought to bear on our state legislators. Our legislators need our support to strengthen their resolve, to stand firm against bad legislation and pass good law.

Take off work! Join us at the Capitol for a couple of hours. Maybe even take your kids out of school, and let them get a great firsthand civics lesson they will never get in the classroom. Bring your hunting or shooting buddy along who wouldn't ordinarily come out for such an event. Bring others, or come alone, but come to the Rally. Help restore and preserve our Second Amendment Rights.

The rally is a non-partisan event, and pro-gun legislators do reside on both sides of the aisle. Rally-goers are encouraged to act respectfully at all times and to dress appropriately.

"Military style" attire, political-party t-shirts, etc., are not recommended and don't help the cause.

The Gun-Rights Rally is usually presided over by a designated

emcee who introduces guest speakers and, as they arrive, any legislators who may come to address the crowd. (During the rally, legislators are in chambers, working, and can only make an appearance as time permits to take a break from the legislative body.)

Rally-goers are encouraged to go speak with their elected officials after the rally. (See Legislator Lookup.) Talking points, especially as it relates to pending legislation, will be recommended during the rally. The office room numbers for House and Senate members are available online or at the information desk located at the entrance to the rotunda.

There are currently checkpoints at every entrance to the Missouri State Capitol. As indicated by the signs, persons entering the Capitol are subject to search. The general public is prohibited from bringing weapons of any kind inside; however, persons having a valid CCW permit may carry concealed firearms.

In order to carry a concealed firearm into the Capitol:

At the entrance checkpoint, YOU MUST DECLARE THAT YOU ARE CARRYING. You must also show a valid CCW permit and photo ID.

Do not display your firearm, keep your firearm concealed at all times.

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John Purcell, GCLA Charter & Founding Member Passed Away

Just to let you know, John Purcell, a Founding Member of GCLA, passed away on Friday January 23. I can safely say that the Organization would not have been formed had it not been for John.

John was present at the meeting at which we formed GCLA

and was our first corresponding secretary. John helped in developing our By-Laws and was instrumental in the activities in the early days of GCLA.

Our condolences and prayers go out to John's family.

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Former St. Louis County Chief of Police Passes Away

Jerry Lee, who headed both the St. Louis County Police and the Missouri Department of Public Safety in his 44-year career in law enforcement, died Friday, November 22, 2019 after a lengthy illness. He was 71.

Chief Lee was a 38-year veteran, led the St. Louis County Police department from June 2004 until his retirement in 2009.

Chief Lee was deeply committed to the men and women of this department and the citizens of St. Louis County.

Chief Lee's department handled the initial phases and ongoing processing of concealed carry endorsements in an efficient & impartial manner that won him the respect of those of us in the Second Amendment community in St. Louis County.

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Anti Second Amendment U.S. House bills

Anti-gun Democrats made good on their promises this week, advancing two extreme gun control bills through the U.S. House.

While there remains a slim pro-gun majority in the upper chamber, your U.S. Senators need to hear from you NOW to ensure the Second Amendment firewall stays intact and stops this legislation in its tracks.

The first of the bills to pass was H.R. 8, which proponents falsely portray as a "universal" background check bill. Supporters of the bill want Americans to believe that criminals who currently obtain firearms through illegal markets and straw purchasers will somehow stop when all private transfers are banned. H.R. 8 would make innocent conduct like lending a shotgun to a neighbor so he could borrow it for skeet shooting a federal crime.

The other bill, H.R. 1112, seeks to do away with a critical provision of federal law that prevents the FBI from effectively vetoing retail gun purchases by indefinitely delaying firearm background checks.

The whole point of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was to quickly and accurately screen out retail firearm purchasers who have disqualifying criminal convictions or adjudications.

The system, however, has largely failed to deliver on its promises, either by stopping the perpetrators of America's most infamous firearm-related crimes or by protecting the rights of those who are unjustly delayed or denied a firearm purchase because of bureaucratic missteps like mistaken identity. People

who are incorrectly delayed or denied currently face years-long waits for corrective action by the FBI.

And even those who the system correctly turns away as disqualified are almost never subject to federal prosecution for attempting illegally to obtain guns.

Under current law, a licensed dealer can release a firearm to a purchaser three business days after initiating the mandatory NICS check if the FBI has failed to render a decision on the check.

H.R. 1112 seeks to make NICS even more burdensome and intrusive by abolishing this safety valve and establishing a new three-step procedure for unresolved NICS checks.

First, the dealer would have to wait 10 business days after the NICS check is initiated for a response from the FBI.

If the FBI did not resolve the check in that time frame, the purchaser could submit a formal petition asking for a decision.

If the FBI still did not render a decision, the dealer would have to wait a minimum of 10 additional business days before deciding whether or not to transfer the gun.

The original NICS check might well expire before this three-step process is complete, sending the purchaser back into the same loop of waiting, perhaps again and again.

Please contact your Senators TODAY and tell them to oppose H.R. 8, S. 42 and H.R. 1112.

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Gateway Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction

Saturday, April 4th, 2020 - doors open at 5:30 p.m.

MOOLAH SHRINE CENTER

located at 12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63042

For information contact Chris Brown

Phone: 314-346-5816 or Email: c.brown285@sbcglobal.net

Annual Membership Renewal

All current members of GCLA should have received their renewal letter in the mail. If you haven't done so already, please return the renewal form for 2020 & your annual dues in the return envelope. Your membership is vital to the success of GCLA in the pursuit of our primary goal, fighting for your Second Amendment Rights.



GCLA Gun Show Schedule

Show times are generally 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. for Sat.
and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.

When a show has a Friday date it will be open from
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

January 11,12 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *
January 17-19 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

February 8,9 Pacific Eagle's Hall *
February 14-16 Arnold Eagle's Hall, Arnold

March 7,8 Cabela's & Bass Pro Shop **
March 14,15 St. Charles Convention Center
March 14,15 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *
March 20-22 Olympic Athletic Event Ctr.,
49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

June 5,7 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

July 11,12 St. Charles Convention Center

August ?? Cabela's & Bass Pro Shop **
August 22,23 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

September 18-20 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

October 3,4 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *
October ?? Olympic Athletic Event Ctr.,
49 Lawrence St., St. Charles
October ?? Arnold Eagle's Hall, Arnold

* indicates GCLA will **not** have a table at this show

** indicates NRA Membership Recruiting table only

Any Member Who Would Like To Work At A Gun Show

Please Call:

Don Childers 314-288-8881 –or– 636-677-6104



	<p>4075 West Outer Road Arnold, MO 63010 (636) 464-GUNS www.topgunss.com</p>	 <p>Accurate Press 1.800.374.4049 www.accuratepress.net</p>
		
 <p>56,336 Shooting, Reloading, Gunsmithing, Hunting & Outdoor Products www.midwayusa.com</p>	 <p>Steve Lednick Owner Type 7 FFL* Class 2 SOT Dealer & Manufacturer of Firearms and NFA Weapons Phone: 636.465.0741 Fax: 636.465.0743 107 Walnut St. Festus, MO 63028 showmetactical@yahoo.com</p>	
 <p>8205 Gravois Road Saint Louis, MO 63123 (314) 631-3130 - sales@midamericaarms.com</p>	<p>(314) 821-3999 DAVID J. HART Concealed Carry Classes (president) Buy, Sell, Trade and Consignments  518 MADISON STREET ST. CHARLES, MO 63301 kirkwoodoutfittersinc.com Guns, Ammo, Knives and Collectables</p>	

Associate Membership

GCLA will send a free annual Associate Membership including "GCLA NEWS" to any active duty service member from Missouri. Here is how this free annual membership works:

- Be full-time active military duty.
- Be a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your state of residence.
- Be recommended by a current GCLA Regular Member, or request your free annual Associate Membership in writing.

If you qualify or know of someone that qualifies please fill out an application from the back of the "GCLA NEWS".

Instead of a membership dues check please send a signed note or pledge that you/they are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident & register Missouri as your/their state of residence.



Have you joined MSSA?

MSSA is the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. MSSA seeks to support and promote the shooting sports in Missouri, and to encourage participation. Are you participating?

See <http://www.missourisportshooting.org>

MSSA Mission Statement

The mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the state of Missouri.



GCLA is an NRA Recruiter

Don't forget that GCLA is also an NRA recruiter. Help your organization and renew your annual, two year or three year membership through GCLA. We can do the annual membership for a discounted rate and give you a new hat to boot.

If you are not an NRA member and you want to become one, we can also do that.

GCLA earns money through commissions for every new member and renewal application that we send in to the NRA. This is a good deal for both you and GCLA



GCLA-PAC

Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2020 elections.

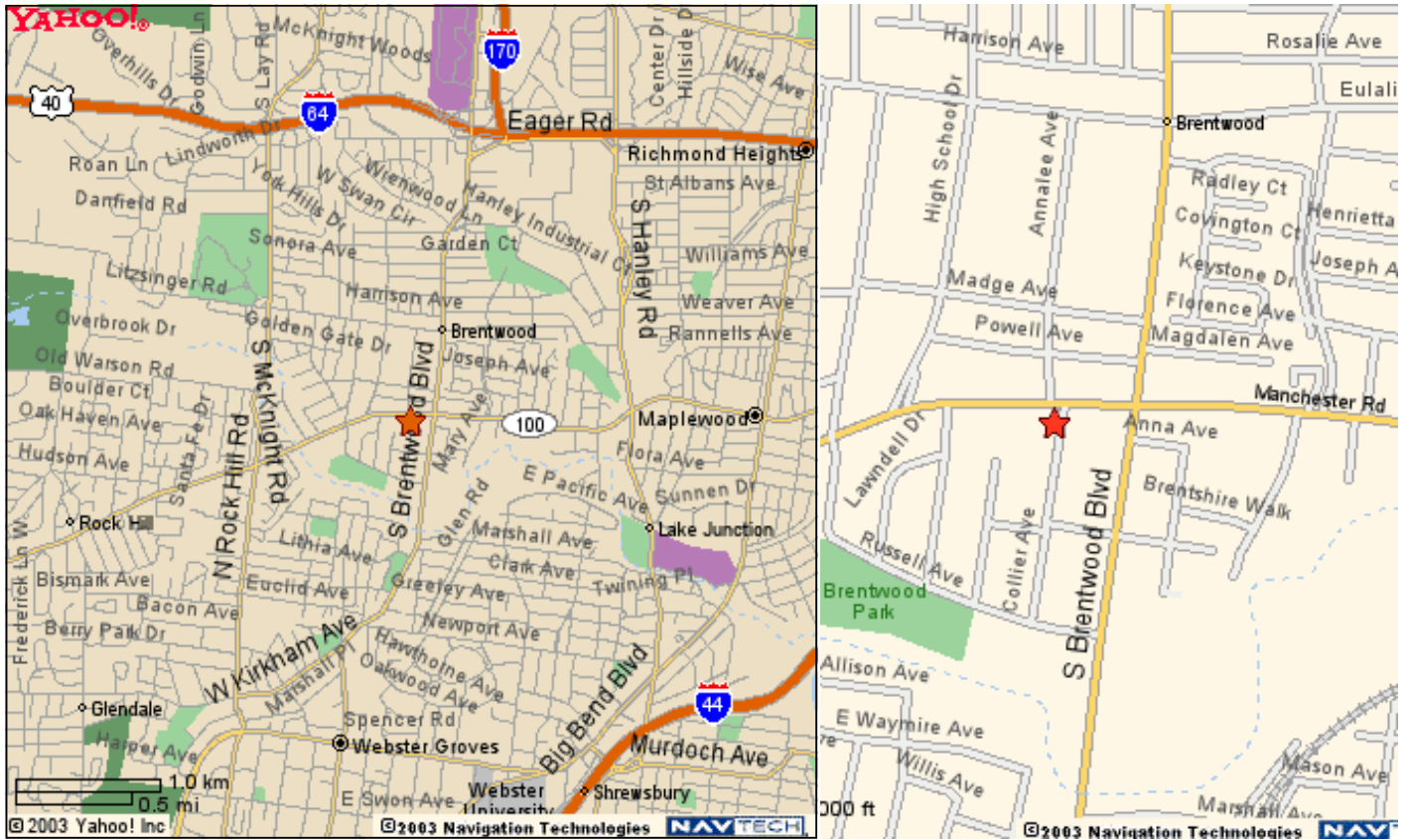
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280 , St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a Henry Lever Action Frontier rifle with 20" Octagon barrel .22 S/L/LR. Second prize is a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the blade. The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 5th, 2020.



Member meetings location - American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 at 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO
 just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

GATEWAY CIVIL LIBERTIES ALLIANCE
 P.O. Box 440280
 Brentwood, MO 63144

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 City/State: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
 Zip Code: _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Membership Dues are \$24.00 per calendar year (first year can be pro-rated).

Membership: \$24.00 [] Donation: \$_____ []

NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

MSSA Member: Y / N Sponsor (optional): _____

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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