



G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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NEW MEETING LOCATION

Members' meetings are
on the first Thursday of
each month at 7:00 p.m.

Gateway Gun Club

13547 Missouri Bottom
Road

Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Off Exit #9, 141 (Earth
City Expwy) from 370

(see map on page 7)

President's Corner

Time has arrived to start planning for our annual "Gun Rights Rally Day". This is to be held in the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City on Wednesday April 19th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We would like to pack the seats to show our elected people our support on the issues related to "Gun Rights" in Missouri.

Next year is election time and many good people are testing the water for support in running for Governor of Missouri. I have attended a couple of Meet and Greets and there seems to be some sound thinking people.

A good example is Attorney General in Missouri, Andrew Bailey. He is taking on the job of removing Kim Gardener from the office of St. Louis Circuit Attorney for incompetence. He is very focused and direct. It's wonderful to have a good person like Andrew Bailey looking out for the good people of Missouri and our quality of life. The people of St. Louis need to have adults running the Circuit Attorney Office after seven years of Kim Gardener.

State Senator Bill Eigel has come out in support of a bill to pre-empt any future Red Flag legislation in Missouri. We need to call and write Senator Eigel and support him in these efforts. Missouri has gotten a federal grant to encourage passing of Red Flag laws and he wants to nip any future consideration in presentation of Red Flag law that lets law enforcement confiscate a persons firearms without any due process from a court.

See you in Jefferson City.

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx

President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2023

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday – April 19th, 2023 – 10:00 AM 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**

Wed., April 19th, 2023

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

NO to Red Flag Laws

**NO To Repeal MO 2nd Amendment
Preservation Act! (SAPA)**

YES To Transit Carry on Bus Systems

Celebrating 19 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



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Tracking List from Missourians for Personal Safety

HB32 - Modifies the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm
Sponsor Rep. Richard Brown (D)

HB55 - Changes the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by allowing persons who have completed their sentence for a nonviolent felony to possess firearms
Sponsor Rep. Ron Copeland (R)

HB70 - Modifies provisions relating to school protection officers
Sponsor Rep. Chris Dinkins (R)

HB109 - Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence
Sponsor Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

HB208 - Prohibits the selling or purchasing of semi-automatic and fully automatic firearms by anyone under twenty years of age
Sponsor Rep. David Tyson Smith (D)

HB282 - Changes the law regarding firearm concealed carry permits
Sponsor Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)

HB299 - Changes the law regarding concealed carry permits by lowering the age requirement to eighteen or older
Sponsor Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

HB319 - Changes the offense of possession by adding high-capacity firearm magazines
Sponsor Rep. LaDonna Appelbaum (D)

HB413 - Establishes extreme risk protection orders and gun violence seizure warrants and prohibits certain persons involved in domestic violence from possessing a firearm
Sponsor Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

HB421 - Establishes the "Firearm Violence Prevention Act"
Sponsor Rep. Patty Lewis (D)

HB455 - Modifies provisions for receiving a concealed carry permit
Sponsor Rep. Jeff Coleman (R)

HB458 - Establishes procedures for petitioning for and issuing risk protection orders
Sponsor Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

HB459 - Modifies the offense of unlawful use of weapons by prohibiting a person under the age of twenty-two from possessing a firearm, with certain exceptions
Sponsor Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

HB485 - Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit
Sponsor Rep. Ben Baker (R)

HB533 - Requires the Missouri State Highway Patrol to host a web page where the public can determine whether a serial number of a firearm has been reported stolen
Sponsor Rep. Don Mayhew (R)

HB554 - Changes the law regarding firearms by repealing certain stand your ground provisions and requiring a permit to purchase firearms
Sponsor Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

HB571 - Modifies the offense of unlawful use of weapons by exempting commissioned school officers who carry a firearm on school property from the offense
Sponsor Rep. Bill Allen (R)

HB602 - Modifies the offense of unlawful use of a weapon by clarifying circumstances of firing from a vehicle legally and by adding Blair's Law, which adds the discharging of a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality to the offense

Sponsor Rep. Rodger Reedy (R)

HB620 - Authorizes a tax credit to offset amounts paid on gun safety items
Sponsor Rep. Jo Doll (D)

HB633 - Modifies provisions governing school employee training requirements
Sponsor Rep. Ann Kelley (R)

HB701 - Establishes the Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act
Sponsor Rep. Bill Hardwick (R)

HB749 - Exempts sales of new and used firearms from sales tax
Sponsor Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

HB765 - Modifies provision relating to the prevention of violent crimes
Sponsor Rep. Lane Roberts (R)

HB831 - Specifies that the seller of a firearm must verify the age of the purchaser
Sponsor Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

HB979 - Requires that all sales or transfers of firearms and ammunition be processed through a licensed firearms dealer
Sponsor Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

HB980 - Creates the offense of unlawful possession of an ammunition feeding device that holds more than ten rounds
Sponsor Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

HB1135 - Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence
Sponsor Rep. Del Taylor (D)

SB59 - Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms
Sponsor Sen. Doug Beck (D)

SB65 - Modifies provisions relating to the offense of unlawful use of weapons
Sponsor Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

SB131 - Modifies provisions relating to firearms tax relief
Sponsor Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

SB142 - Modifies provisions relating to firearms
Sponsor Sen. Doug Beck (D)

SB200 - Creates provisions relating to firearms discrimination
Sponsor Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

SB217 - Creates the offense of unlawful possession by a minor
Sponsor Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

SB224 - Modifies provisions relating to the carrying of firearms on public transit systems
Sponsor Nick Schroer (R)

SB225 - Creates provisions relating to the liability of businesses prohibiting firearms on the premises
Sponsor Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

SB244 - Modifies the exemptions from licensure required for certain homes for children
Sponsor Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

SB254 - Modifies provisions relating to the offense of unlawful use of weapons
Sponsor Sen. Brian Williams (D)

SB305 - Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms
Sponsor Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

SB330 - Modifies provisions relating to firearms

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Sponsor Sen. Angela Mosley (D)

SB399 - Creates the "Keep Our Schools Safe Act" regarding school protection officers

Sponsor Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

SB431 - Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms

Sponsor Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

SB439 - Creates the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun

Sponsor Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

SB441 - Creates provisions relating to firearms

Sponsor Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

SB442 - Modifies provisions relating to concealed firearms

Sponsor Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

SB444 - Creates provisions relating to reporting requirements of law enforcement agencies

Sponsor Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

SB469 - Creates the Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act

Sponsor Sen. Denny Hoskins (R)

SB502 - Modifies provisions relating to criminal laws

Sponsor Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

SB566 - Modifies provisions relating to the possession of firearms

Sponsor Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R) .

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SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF SHOTGUNNING

By Joe Kessler, GCLA Mamber.

These are a few of my thoughts about shotguns. I've enjoyed shooting shotguns all my life. The shotgun is the gun of action.

Shotguns come in various sizes called gauges. From largest to smallest: 10Ga, 12Ga, 16Ga, 28Ga, and .410Ga. The 410 should be illegal for game hunting. It will wound more game than any other gauge. The hands follow the eyes. Ninety percent of all game is taken 30 yards and under.

Ninety-nine percent of things shot with the shotgun use pellets. The common shot sizes are numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7½, 8, and 9—larger shot sizes down to smaller. The choke is the constriction in the barrel muzzle for controlling the spread of the pellets. The basic chokes are Full, Modified, Improved Cylinder, Skeet, and Cylinder.

When I talk shotguns, I mean pellets. I also mean flying or running game and clay targets. Moving targets is what makes the shotgun so much fun.

If a person can only own one shotgun it should be a Twelve. It is the most versatile of all the gauges. In my opinion it does it all.

While I'm talking gauges, I will never bad mouth the little deadly Twenty gauge. It's a fine game gun. Light weight, light recoil, and excellent handler.

Checking my crow shooting of over 50 years indicates I bagged approximately 80% with the 12 and 20% with the 20. I used the 12 the most, period.

Shotguns are short-range game getters compared to rifles. Forty yards is considered about maximum for most of us. I've shot everything from full choke to cylinder bore. I've hit and missed with all of them. A long barrel has no ballistic advantage over a shorter one.

If I would have hunted only with the improved cylinder choke I probably would have no regrets. I believe the majority of game has been taken from 15 to 35 yards for me. Most will wound or

miss more game at 40 yards and over.

In double-barrel (side-by-side) guns I would use 28- or 30-inch barrels. With pumps and auto loaders, 26- or 28-inch. These barrel lengths afford sufficient balance and inertia for smooth pointing. In an over-under, shoot the bottom barrel first. I've shot much shorter barrels, and they are very fast.

I have hand loaded in excess of 40,000 shot shells. I have no idea of the factory loads. Reloading teaches shooters and hunters about ammunition they would never know. If one hasn't hand loaded for shotguns, rifles, and handguns he has missed a lot.

One ounce of shot weighs 437.5 grains. There are 7000 grains in a pound. One ounce of shot will bag a lot of game.

The average velocity of a 12Ga shell is 1200 fps. Converted to mph, this exceeds 800 mph. Few shooters and hunters know that.

Extra hard pellets penetrate and pattern best over softer shot. The plastic shotgun hull and wad has been the greatest improvement in the shot shell.

Heavy recoil is no fun. Recoil will ruin all shooters young and old. Don't quit shooting. Move to smaller gauges and calibers.

In my opinion the ventilated rib on the shotgun barrel is a great asset to shooting when focused on your target. You see your rib in your peripheral vision. It aids in pointing. It should help every shooter. Always shoot with both eyes open. Our eyes work in unison. Also depth perception is the ability to perceive the world in three dimensions and the distance to an object.

I'm convinced the number one rule to being an excellent shot is sharp focus on your target. Without it we will never shoot our best.

I make no excuse for hunting. All game will die, hunted or not.

The shotguns the best for home defense: short-barrel 20 to 24 inch; light loads: 6, 7½, 8, or 9 shot.

ENJOY THE SHOTGUN, I DID.

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Drawing Winners

We had a drawing at our March 2nd, 2023 members' meeting. The winner of the first prize, a Smith & Wesson 642 Centennial Airweight .38 special+P, 1.875" barrel, stainless steel, light weight, black rubber checkered grips, was Marris Casey from Imperial, MO. Second prize, a Bushnell Red Dot Electro-Optics, was won by Gene Dultz of St. Louis County.

Our next drawing will be for a S&W M&P Shield Plus 9mm Pistol w/10lb Trigger and a Caldwell Shooting Supplies E-Max Electronic Hearing Protection.

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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 2023 & 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 7,8 Pacific Eagles Hall, Pacific MO

February 11,12 St. Charles Convention Center

February 17-19 MACA, Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold MO

March 17-19 The Big St. Charles Gun Show, St. Charles MO

April 1,2 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

May 12-14 The Big St. Charles Gun Show, St. Charles MO

June 23-25 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

July 8,9 St. Charles Convention Center

July 29,30 Pacific Eagles Hall, Pacific MO

October 6-8 The Big St. Charles Gun Show, St. Charles MO

October 20-21 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

December 8-10 The Big St. Charles Gun Show, St. Charles MO

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

** indicates NRAMembership Recruiting table only

Any Member Who Would Like To Work At A Gun Show

Please Call:

Don Childers 314-288-8881



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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.

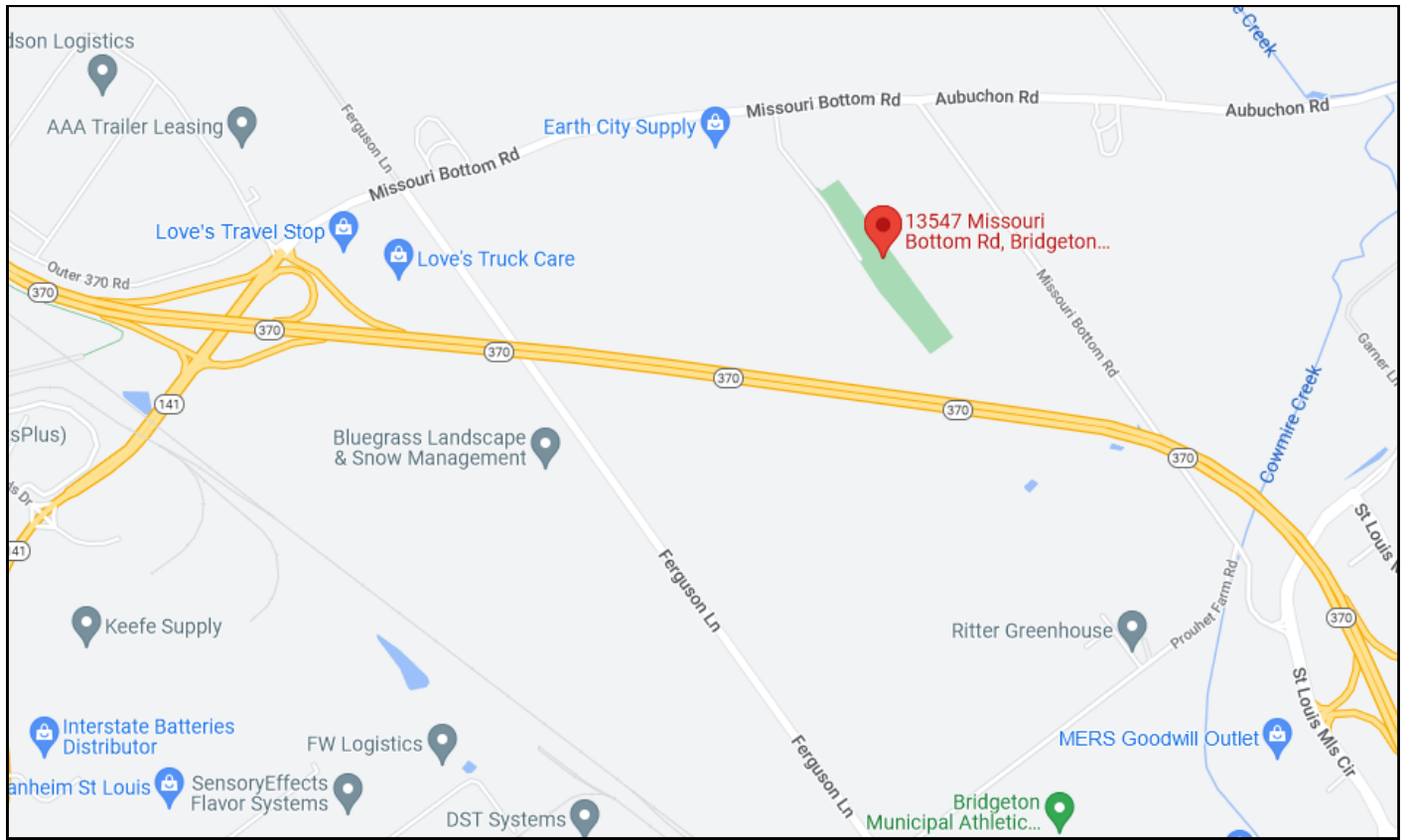
GCLA-PAC

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 2024 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 for our next drawing are: First prize is a S&W M&P Shield Plus 9mm Pistol w/10lb Trigger, 3.1" barrel, 10 round magazine. Second prize is a Caldwell Shooting Supplies E-Max Electronic Hearing Protection. There are only 250 tickets. The drawing will be held at the members' meeting immediately after all 250 tickets are gone.

Meeting location - Gateway Gun Club .13547 Missouri Bottom Road,
Bridgeton, MO 63044.
Member meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

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: _____

Annual: Adult Membership Dues are \$24.00. Youth (under 16) Membership dues are \$10.00.

First year membership can be pro-rated.

Membership: \$24.00 [] \$10.00 [] Donation: \$ _____ []

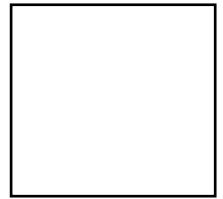
NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

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

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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