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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

Thank you for attending the "Gun Rights Rally" in Jefferson City. There was over 160 in the seats. A tip of the hat to the Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club for bringing a bus full up to the event. Putting people in the seats in the Capitol Rotunda makes a good impression for our cause. Moving forward with these efforts on improving our ability to protect ourselves and family here in Missouri and the next generation behind us.

The friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction event held on May 11th was well attended. A complement to GCLA members who helped set this event up. The problems that were confronted to put on the gathering wouldn't be possible without their dedication.

Please attend our Members' meetings on the first Thursday of every month. If you come early you can shoot at the indoor range. Pistol and .223 or 5.56 can be used. Watching all the Trap shooting before the meeting is a fun way to pass the time. The gun show schedule is picking up, so if you can help work a show contact Don Childers (see Gun Show Schedule page 7), your help is needed and appreciated.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri State Constitutional Provision - Article 1, Section 23.

Missouri State Constitution Article 1 - Section 23. Right to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and certain accessories—exception—rights to be unalienable.

That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms, in defense of his home, person, family and property, or when lawfully summoned in aid of the civil power, shall not be questioned. The rights guaranteed by this section shall be unalienable. Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly from enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those adjudicated by a court to be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity.

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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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Armed IRS Raids Gun Store, Takes All Gun Purchaser Records

By Catherine Salgado June 17, 2023

As usual, Biden's federal government is aiming for the wrong target. Twenty armed IRS agents reportedly raided a Montana gun store, but only for forms filled out by gun purchasers. The Biden administration is apparently compiling data on gun owners.

The Washington Free Beacon reported in January 2022 that the Biden administration had almost a billion of Americans' gun purchase records in an Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) database. It seems the administration is still gathering data on legal gun owners. This comes as Biden and the Democrats push gun-grabbing measures and the IRS is set to hire 87,000 more agents (thank you, Kevin McCarthy). For what purpose will the Biden administration use all this data on gun sales? Are legal gun owners the next target of a weaponized federal government?

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) went on Newsmax's The Chris Salcedo Show June 16, where he provided details to guest host Todd Starnes. "This is stormtrooper-type activity, and we're not used to seeing it in our country whatsoever," Rosendale said, describing how 20 IRS agents with ARs (i.e. ArmaLite rifles) "stormed" Tom VanHoose's store, Highwood Creek Outfitters in Great Falls. "This is the kind of activity that demonstrates why we were trying to, in the House of Representatives, defund those additional 87,000 IRS agents," the representative added.

Rosendale, who spoke with VanHoose, called the raid

"disturbing." He highlighted the odd nature of the raid's goal. "IRS, right? Financial records, accounting, making sure what transactions were taking place? No. They took all of the [ATF] 4473 forms. The 4473 forms are what everyone fills out when they go to purchase a firearm, and it's just a big disclosure to make sure that you don't have a criminal background or other reasons where you should not be purchasing a firearm."

The congressman added, "I am concerned that this is another attempt by the IRS to create a database on people that they can target for being conservatives because they want to own their own firearm."

In a separate statement Wednesday, quoted by Newsmax, Rosendale said, "I'm incredibly disturbed by initial reports that the IRS and ATF closed Highwood Creek Outfitters without any warning. ... This is yet another example of the Biden Administration weaponizing federal agencies to target and harass hardworking Americans." Rosendale added, "We cannot allow Biden to continue expanding these agencies to infringe on our liberties."

As Starnes noted, we've seen multiple peaceful groups of Americans targeted by the federal government for political reasons. These include pro-lifers, traditional Catholics, and parents concerned about woke curriculum — not to mention Donald Trump and many Jan. 6 protestors. Are gun owners the next target for political persecution?



U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres Announces Federal Legislation Banning Ghost Guns, Expanding Gun Free School Zones

BRONX, N.Y. – U.S. Representative Ritchie Torres (NY-15) today commemorated National Gun Violence Awareness Month by joining the family of Angellyh Yambo, local elected leaders, and students from University Prep Charter High School to announce new federal legislation banning ghost guns and expanding the perimeter of gun free school zones.

The "Angellyh Yambo Gun Free Zone Expansion Act of 2023" would ban the transfer and possession of ghost guns and expand gun free school zones from 1,000 ft. to 5,000 ft. for all public, private, and charter schools and early childhood education centers. This legislation would go further than current federal regulations requiring manufacturers of ghost gun kits to become licensed under the Gun Control Act, include serial numbers on the kits' frames or receiver, and run background checks prior to a sale of a ghost gun kit.

Note what Clark said; a teen with a "ghost gun" allegedly killed Yambo near her high school. None of the existing laws in New York City, New York State, or at the federal level prevented the 17-year-old suspect from illegally acquiring a gun, nor did the Gun Free School Zones Act actually stop him from allegedly pulling the gun and firing at several individuals during a dispute about a block away from the University Prep Charter High School in the Bronx last spring. If gun control laws alone were enough to prevent senseless murders like Yambo's death, the straight-A student and beloved daughter

and friend would still be alive today.

Instead of focusing on the person who pulled the trigger, Torres is fixated on the gun that he illegally possessed and the false promise that "gun-free" zones are actually free of firearms. Would any violent criminal be deterred from carrying out their crimes if those gun-free zones were expanded to nearly a mile in every direction from all educational facilities across the country? I highly doubt it. Instead, it would be legal gun owners who would be most at risk, especially in those 27 states where permitless carry is already or soon will be in effect. Lawfully carrying would be a virtual impossibility in large swathes of most cities and suburbs; a bonus for Torres and his anti-gun allies, but a clear infringement on the rights of responsible gun owners.

The legislation not only takes aim at unserialized firearms and incomplete gun parts, but would expand the Gun Free School Zones Act's prohibition on gun possession from 1,000 feet to 5,000 feet; nearly a mile in every direction from every public, private, charter school and early childhood education center.

The Gun Free School Zones Act is definitely in need of some serious revision if not outright repeal, but Rep. Richie Torres (D-NY) wants to make some changes that would make the current statute even worse from a constitutional perspective.



Missouri: General Assembly Adjourns from 2023 Legislative

On May 12th, the Missouri General Assembly adjourned *sine die* from its 2023 legislative session. Once again, the General Assembly failed to pass any gun rights legislation including a bill to reduce arbitrary “gun-free zones” and allow for CCW on Public Transportation, where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless. The House passed this bill, House Bill 282, as they have in previous years, but a filibuster in the Senate on

other issues resulted in time running out before the bill could make it to the floor for a final vote.

On a positive note, no anti-gun legislation passed either.

GCLA will be back in Jefferson City in 2024 to keep fighting for the right to self-defense.

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Biden Claims Americans Would Need A Lot More Than a Gun to Fight the Government

Sarah Arnold June 21, 2023

President Joe Biden once again threatened the constitutional right to own a gun, mocking Second Amendment supporters while discussing violence in the U.S.

While speaking at a fundraising event in California, Biden suggested that the Second Amendment is useless because the U.S. government could crush Americans, saying they would “need an F-16” to take it down.

Claiming he's a “Second Amendment guy,” Biden said the American people don't need “a weapon of war.”

“I taught it for four years, six years in law school. And guess what? It doesn't say that you can own any weapon you want,” Biden claimed. “It says there are certain weapons that you just can't own. Even when it was passed, you couldn't own a cannon. You can't own a machine gun.... No, I'm serious.”

Biden— who, at the same time, claims he supports 2A but calls for more substantial restrictions on gun laws— mocked Americans who exercise their right to own a firearm used to protect themselves against Biden's failed policies which have

brought sky-high crime and illegal aliens into the country.

“You know, I love these guys who say the Second Amendment is — you know, the tree of liberty is water with the blood of patriots. Well, if [you] want to do that, you want to work against the government, you need an F-16. You need something else than just an AR-15,” he continued.

Earlier this year, Biden echoed similar remarks. Saying that Americans would need F-15s to stand a chance in a battle with the government, pledging to ban “assault weapons.”

Again in 2021, Biden claimed that from day one, the Second Amendment “limited the type of people who could own a gun and what type of weapon you could own. You couldn't buy a canon.”

However, the president's statements are false.

According to the Second Amendment, Americans are not limited to who can “keep and bear arms” or what kind of firearms people can keep and bear .

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Need a Good Lawyer? Don't Use Anti-Gun Groups as a Resource

The anti-gun extremists at Giffords and March for Our Lives are running a joint operation to try to convince students in law school to sign a pledge to never represent anyone within “the gun industry or gun lobby.” And while some have accurately pointed out this campaign is little more than an effort to try to limit available “legal talent” to an entire lawful industry—an industry that makes products specifically protected by the Second Amendment—there may be another way to look at this campaign.

The campaign professes:

“Law students have the power to determine their own futures when choosing an employer and should feel empowered to seek one that reflects their core values. Firms make decisions about clients based on a number of factors, including potential consequences that could result from the firm accepting a matter. Law students have a unique power to help firms realize that work on behalf of gun industry clients can impact a firm's ability to recruit the next generation of lawyers.”

Nothing in that statement is particularly groundbreaking, as law students have always had “the power to determine their own future when choosing an employer.” That's always been the case. But the notion that lawyers sympathetic to the anti-

gun cause, fresh out of law school, “have a unique power to... impact a firm's ability to recruit the next generation of lawyers” seems a bit silly.

Sure, some young law school graduates may voluntarily remove themselves from the candidate pool of many prestigious law firms, but there will be plenty of more competent candidates to take their place. Whether they are passionate about the Second Amendment or simply have a better understanding of the basic principles of our legal system than their radically anti-gun counterparts, these young attorneys will prove to be a better fit in any law firm that has not sold its soul to the anti-gun extremists at Giffords/March.

So, the campaign may be thumbing its nose at the concept of justice being blind. It may also be willing to sacrificing the Sixth Amendment—which, among other things, recognizes the right to legal counsel—on the altar of those who worship destroying the Second Amendment. But, in the end, it may result in a fairly accurate list of the least qualified potential attorneys coming out of law school.

Hopefully, the anti-gun extremists at Giffords/March make the “Bad Lawyers” list available as a public service. .

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So Kamala Harris is the New Gun-Control Spokesperson?

President Joe Biden (D) and Vice President Kamala Harris (D) are seeking a second term, despite abysmal approval ratings. With that in mind, it's curious that Biden announced that Harris would be his "leading voice" in addressing what he calls "gun violence."

It's not that Biden and Harris don't agree on what they want to do with our freedom. Harris has not only expressed a desire to ban common semi-automatic firearms that gun-ban advocates call "assault weapons," but she has also spoken in favor of confiscating those firearms from the millions of Americans who legally own and use them.

Indeed, at a presidential campaign event in 2019, then-candidate Harris said that confiscation of commonly owned semi-automatic firearms like the AR-15 was "a good idea." When promoting a forced "buyback" program (of course, the government can't "buy back" something it never owned), Harris stated, "We have to work out the details—there are a lot of details—but . . . We have to take those guns off the streets."

Also, on June 2 of this year, as her first order of business representing the gun-ban aspect of Biden's 2024 campaign, Harris gave a speech at an event in Springfield, Ill. In the speech, Harris said that "on the subject of gun-safety laws, it is a false choice—it is a false choice to suggest that we have to choose between either supporting the Second Amendment or passing reasonable gun-safety laws. We can do both. We can do both."

Of course, those "gun-safety" laws she touched on during the speech—things she often calls "common-sense gun safety" laws—included gun bans, federal "red-flag" laws and "universal" background checks, all of which run afoul of the U.S. Constitution.

The thing is, this is a curious choice for a spokesperson from the White House on this topic, because all Harris can do is laugh nervously and spout dishonest talking points. If Biden really wanted to sell his bad policies on our Second

Amendment rights, wouldn't he choose a serious person who is capable of articulating the nuances of his policy positions, such as they are?

It would take a skilled orator and practitioner of rhetoric to have a chance to win debates predicated on the dishonest positions the Biden administration begins from.

While Harris and Biden like to talk about "common-sense gun-safety" legislation, it's no secret that what they both want is to ban firearms. Biden has spoken repeatedly about banning commonly owned and legally used semi-automatic rifles, and has repeatedly expressed support for banning popular 9 mm pistols used by millions of Americans for self-defense, sport shooting and competition.

"The idea you need a weapon that can have the ability to fire 20, 30, 40, 50, 120 shots from that weapon, whether it's a 9-millimeter pistol or whether it's a rifle, is ridiculous. I'm continuing to push to eliminate the sale of those things," said Biden at a July 21, 2021, presidential "town hall" appearance.

He has repeated his desire to ban what is arguably the most popular handgun caliber in America on other occasions.

Meanwhile, both Biden and Harris have repeatedly called for the repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), as they really do want to allow a flood of frivolous lawsuits to submerge America's gun makers and dealers.

In 2008, Harris joined an amicus brief filed in the landmark case *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) that argued that the Second Amendment does not protect our individual right to keep and bear arms, so, yes, like Biden she even wants to take away the basis of our rights.

If there's one positive thing about Harris being Biden's "leading voice" in his anti-gun efforts heading into the 2024 campaign, it's that as poor of job as she has done at most aspects of her job as vice president, it's likely she'll do an equally bad job pushing more unconstitutional restrictions on gun ownership leading up to election day.

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So Now What for Hunter Biden?

Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden (D), was recently charged with illegal possession of a firearm by the US Department of Justice (DOJ), according to a letter filed in U.S. District Court in Delaware.

So now what for Hunter Biden?

The letter indicates the younger Biden and his legal counsel have apparently negotiated with the DOJ to avoid an admission of guilt to the violation of federal gun laws, and Hunter has "agreed to enter a Pretrial Diversion Agreement"; a deal that will likely keep him out of jail. It will also remove the felony charge from his record if he successfully meets the to-be-determined conditions of the agreement, according to anonymous sources who spoke to the *Washington Post*.

In 2018, Hunter Biden appears to have purchased a handgun from a licensed dealer and filled out Form 4473 as is required by law. In doing so, he apparently answered "no" to the question of whether he was "an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or

any other controlled substance."

Joe Biden has led a crusade against the Second Amendment throughout his nearly half a century in federal office and continues to do so from the Oval Office, but in stark contrast from his earlier comments on this situation, the White House took a new tone following this breaking news.

"The President and First Lady love their son and support him as he continues to rebuild his life. We will have no further comment," said the White House in a statement.

Speaking on this development, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R) said, "It continues to show the two-tiered system in America. . . . If you are the president's son, you get a sweetheart deal."

In addition to the felony firearms charge, Hunter Biden will also plead guilty to multiple misdemeanor tax offenses as part of this same agreement.

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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.

April 1,2 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

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

June 10,11 Gladiator G S / Lions Club, Valley Park MO

June 23-25 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

June 24,25 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

July 8,9 St. Charles Convention Center

July 29,30 Pacific Eagles Hall, Pacific MO

August 26,27 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

Sept 29-Oct 1 MACA, Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold MO

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

October 20-22 StL Athletic Center, Fenton MO

November 4,5 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

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

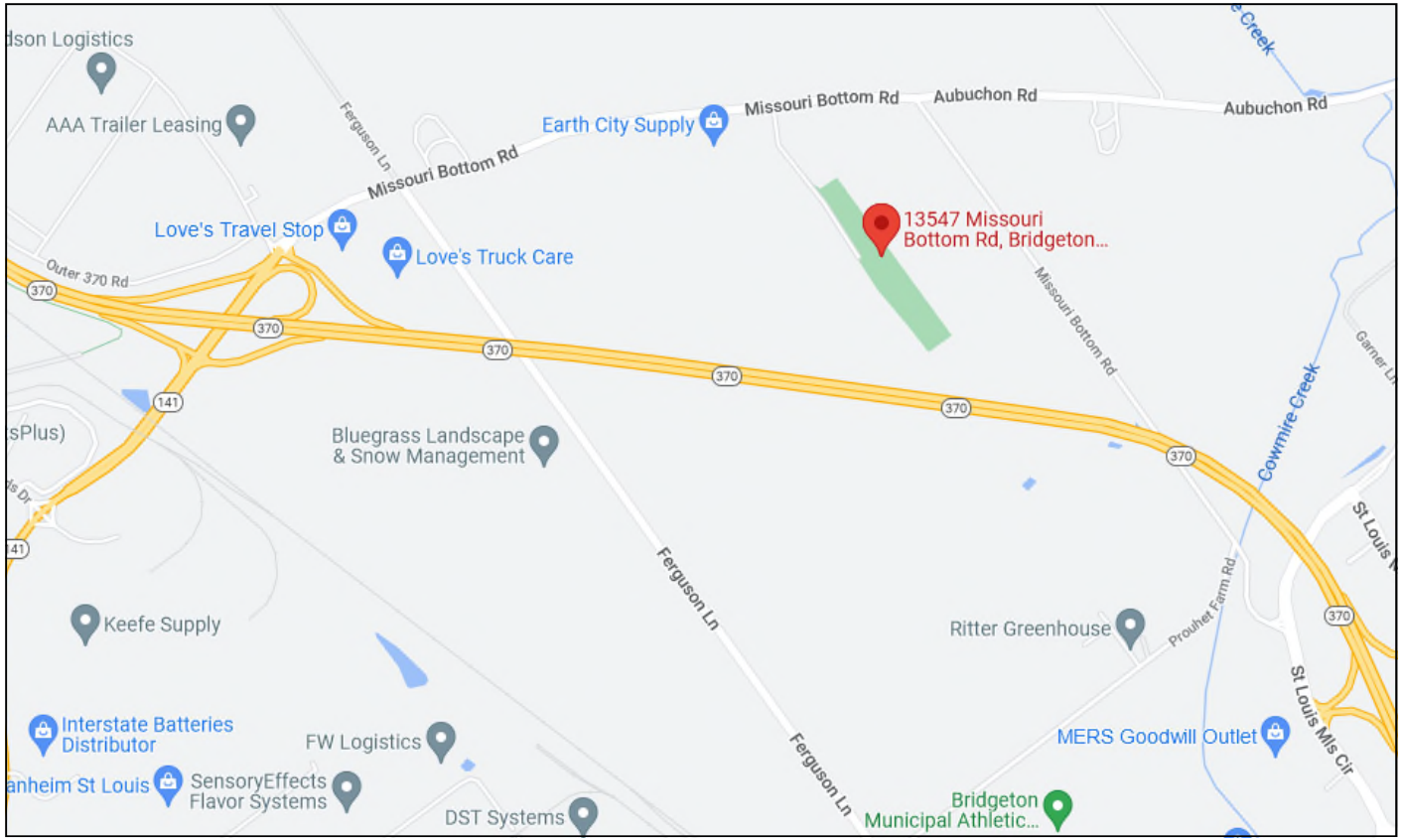
Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2024 elections.

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.

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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): _____

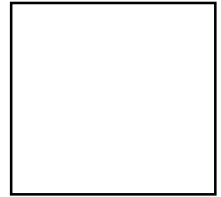
We are particularly interested in your comments.



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