



G.C.L.A. NEWS

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Member's meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM 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

Spring has finally arrived in Missouri. The time of year when the Missouri House and Senate are in full swing. HB1080 was introduced

This bill would have allowed an individual with a valid concealed carry permit to possess a firearm on any publicly funded transportation system, including systems providing bus or train service.

A permit holder may not be harassed or detained for carrying a concealed firearm on the property of the transportation system and may not be prohibited from acting in self defense or defense of others, while on the property of the transportation system.

Senate Bill 529 was practically the same wording.

This is so important. Thank you to those that wrote and called their Senator and House Representative in Jefferson City. GCLA will encourage this legislation to be introduced again next year. Your personal safety and civil liberties are important.

Once again the NRA Annual Meeting was a remarkable success. Held in Nashville Tennessee, there was record attendance at over 73,000. As in past meetings several GCLA members worked and attended to make it successful. In 2016 the NRA Annual Meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky.

To be mindful that all who were there were able to carry their personal safety will them and of course the result was the same as in the previous annual meetings, a very well behaved group with a bunch of bored security people.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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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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Missouri Update

During the Missouri 2015 Legislative Session, Governor Jay Nixon (D) signed numerous budget bills that included budgetary line items relating to school safety and security measures. Along with active shooter training and other measures already in place, these items address the issue of creating a safer school environment by making Missouri more compliant with the NRA's National School Shield Program.

NRA's National School Shield program was created to prevent school violence as an NRA Education and Training Emergency Response Program. For more information on the NRA's School Shield Program visit www.nraschoolshield.com.

Unfortunately, due to the use of rare legislative procedures and delays in a new subcommittee structure, many legislative provisions advocated by various interests, including GCLA supported legislation, were unable to progress before the session adjourned. Your GCLA will continue to work hard to advance positive pro-gun legislation that will promote and protect your Second Amendment rights.

Thank you to all of the GCLA members and Second Amendment supporters who contacted their legislators in support of pro-gun legislation this session.

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Judge Halts DC's Rule Requiring Justification for 2A Rights

The courts may have forced the District of Columbia to recognize its citizens' right to keep and bear arms, but the city did all it could to restrict the number of firearms. When journalist Emily Miller tried to get a gun in February, she was told she was only the 16th person the city deemed had a "good reason" to carry a handgun — probably because she was a journalist writing about the topic. On Monday May 18th, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ordered the city to stop enforcing the rule making citizens justify their rights, saying it violated the Second Amendment. "The District of Columbia's arbitrary

'good reason'/'proper reason' requirement ... goes far beyond establishing such reasonable restrictions," the court wrote in the ruling. "Rather, for all intents and purposes, this requirement makes it impossible for the overwhelming majority of law-abiding citizens to obtain licenses to carry handguns in public for self-defense, thereby depriving them of their Second Amendment right to bear arms." The fight's not over, though. The city is expected to appeal, and the issue of DC's gun laws could end up at the Supreme Court once again.

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Supreme Court Says Convicted Felons Can Sell Their Guns

A unanimous Supreme Court ruled that the government can't prevent a convicted felon who is barred from possessing firearms from trying to sell his guns after they are confiscated by authorities.

The justices sided with Tony Henderson, a former U.S. Border Patrol agent who agreed to turn over his collection of 19 firearms to the FBI as a condition of release after he was arrested and charged with distributing marijuana.

After he pleaded guilty, Henderson wanted to sell the weapons valued at more than \$3,500 to a friend, or transfer them to his wife. But lower courts found that doing so would technically give Henderson possession of the weapons in violation of the law. Prosecutors also said they were concerned that Henderson's friend or wife might give him access to the weapons.

Writing for the court, Justice Elena Kagan said letting a convicted felon sell or transfer guns is allowed as long as a court is satisfied that the person getting the weapons won't

give the felon control over them.

"A felon cannot evade the strictures of (the law) by arranging a sham transfer that leaves him in effective control of his guns," Kagan said.

Kagan said the district court could have ordered the guns turned over to a federally-licensed firearms dealer, who would sell them with proceeds going to Henderson. She said the lower court also could allow Henderson to transfer the guns to another person who will not allow him "to exert any influence over their use."

She said the government's reading of the law goes too far in saying Henderson would illegally "possess" the weapons just by being allowed to sell them.

The case had drawn the attention of gun-rights groups which argued that the government's attempt to prohibit any sale or transfer prevents law-abiding citizens who want to buy the guns from doing so.

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Drawing Winners

The most recent GCLA drawing was held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 5th, 2015.

Steve Marx of North St. Louis City (right) was the winner of the first prize, a Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle .223 Caliber, (2) 20 Round Magazines, Hard Case.

The second prize, a Red Cross Emergency Kit, was won by Mark Streeper.

The next GCLA drawing will be at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 3rd, 2015. First prize is a COLT 1991 Series Government Model 45 ACP, 5" Barrel, (1) 7 Rnd Mag, Colt Blue Finish.

Second prize is a OTIS Tactical Cleaning System. Tickets are available at the GCLA gun show table.



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DC loss for gun control puts New York City's laws at risk

The latest fight over gun control in Washington, DC, looks like one for New York to watch. It's on the question of whether the District of Columbia can require residents applying for pistol permits to show "good reason."

Short work was made of the question by US District Judge Frederick J. Scullin Jr. He struck down DC's requirement that gun-permit applicants provide a "good reason" to own a firearm. And he set an aggressive schedule to speedily resolve the granting of a permit to plaintiffs.

That national battle could very well come to New York City. The city's strict laws governing residents' ability to carry a concealed gun would be vulnerable to the same constitutional objection as the DC gun laws.

If Scullin's judgment were imposed on New York — either by a higher court or Congress — it would render unenforceable the city's demand that permit applicants show a good reason (usually a clear need for self-defense) before getting approved.

It's a big deal because the "good reason" hurdle is being used by municipalities to evade the Bill of Rights. What would be the reaction were Americans required to show "good reason" before they were allowed to pray in public, speak on a street corner, publish or read newspapers, to see a search warrant or to remain silent when arrested.

All are protected under the Bill of Rights. No questions asked.

This is an irony for New York. The most progressive state is one of the most regressive when it comes to the Second Amendment. And it's a far cry from New York's roots; the state ratified the Constitution only on the condition that it would protect the right to bear arms. It carefully marked that condition in a famous statement put out in Poughkeepsie at the time the Constitution was ratified.

It asserted that the "people have the right to keep and bear arms." It said nothing about them having to show good reason.

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Pending National Right-to-Carry Legislation

National Right-to-Carry bills have seen increases in co-sponsorships. Please continue to contact your elected officials and urge them to cosponsor and support these important bills:

S. 498 - Introduced by U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), this legislation would respect the rights of individuals who possess concealed carry permits from their home state, or who are not prohibited from carrying concealed in their home state, to exercise those rights in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry. This bill currently has 27 cosponsors.

H.R. 923 - Introduced by U.S. Representative Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.), this legislation is the House companion bill to S. 498. The legislation would also respect the rights of individuals who possess concealed carry permits from their home state, or who are not prohibited from carrying concealed in their home state, to exercise those rights in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry. This

bill currently has 29 cosponsors.

H.R. 986 - Introduced by U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (R-N.C.), this bill would allow any person with a valid carry permit or license issued by a state to carry a concealed firearm in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry. This bill would also provide legal protection for law-abiding concealed carry permit holders against states that violate the intent of this bill. This bill currently has 151 cosponsors.

H.R. 402 - Introduced by U.S. Representative Rich Nugent (R-Fla.), this bill would allow any person with a valid carry permit or license issued by a state to carry a concealed firearm in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry. The bill currently has 88 cosponsors.

You can contact your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative by phone at (202) 224-3121.

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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 & 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.

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Arnold Junior Shooters Pistol Team

The Scholastic Pistol Program, Midwest Regional Championship was held Friday April 17th and Saturday April 18th, 2015, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL. The Pistol Team competed in two divisions within the Junior Class (12-16 years old): Junior Rim-Fire and Junior Center-Fire. There were four individual recognition awards given for top performances.

The AJS Pistol Team took three of the four individual awards, as well as the Gold in each division in which they entered. These First Place wins included Gold Medals, with top prize money to be deposited into the team's Midway USA Endowment. (The Midway USA Endowment account allows each team to spend 5% per year of deposited funds.)

Red Squad: Junior Center-Fire - First Place, Gold Medals

Kate Yee — High Lady Center-fire

Ben Kokotovich — High Overall Center-Fire

Katie Loida

Sarah Webster

White Squad: Junior Rim-Fire - First Place, Gold Medals

Lydia Koetting — High Lady Rim-Fire

Danny Busch

Julia Koetting

Tijah Keil

These latest wins are the fifth and sixth Regional Championship wins since 2013, with four Midwest Regional Championship wins, and two Southeast Regional Championship wins (Kentucky in 2013, and Tennessee in 2014), with Second Place (Silver Medal) wins in the 2013 and 2014 in the Midwest Regional Championship.

The National Championships will be this July 13-18, 2015 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL. The AJS Pistol Team will be the defending champions in the Junior Rimfire division and will be seeking a gold in one or more divisions. Approximately 40 teams from all over the country complete in each division. Last year it was announced that this was the largest Youth Action Pistol Event ever held in the United States.

The AJS Pistol Team has had four wins at the National Championships in two years (2013 and 2014). One (Gold Medal) First Place win in each year as well as a (Silver Medal) Second Place win in 2013, and a (Bronze Medal) Third Place win in 2014. In our first competition (a regional competition in 2013) the team won a Silver Medal, but then brought home one or more Gold Medals from each of the next seven competitions, to bring the total to 9 Gold Medals, 4 Silver Medals, and 2 Bronze Medals.

Last August was the first SPP Missouri State Championship (at the COPS range outside of Rolla, MO). The AJS Pistol Team won First Place (Gold Medal), Second Place (Silver Medal) and Third Place (Bronze Medal), taking all the individual high honors, and all of the prize money (again, to be deposited into the Midway USA Endowment Fund account).

Mike SeEVERS — Head Coach

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Editor's Comment: GCLA supports the various Arnold Junior Shooters Teams and others through monetary contributions and with volunteers who help as coaches for the junior shooter teams. We at GCLA are very proud of the achievements of these young shooters.

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GCLA Gun Show Schedule

Show times are generally 9am To 4pm for Sat. And 9am to 3pm on Sun.
When a show has a Friday date it will be open from 4pm to 8pm

January 2-4 Orlando's Garden South, 4300 Hoffmeister

January 10,11 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

January 23-25 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

January 30-February 1 The Heart of St. Charles, 1410 Fifth St.

February 14,15 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

March 14,15 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

April 25,26 St. Charles Convention Center

May 2,3 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

May 16,17 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

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

June 27,28 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

July 11,12 St. Charles Convention Center

August 7-9 The Heart of St. Charles, 1410 Fifth St.

August 22,23 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

September 11-13 Stratford Inn, 800 S Highway Dr., Fenton

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

October 3,4 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

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November 27-29 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

December 19,20 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

* 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

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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 membership for \$25.00 per year 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 2016 elections.

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

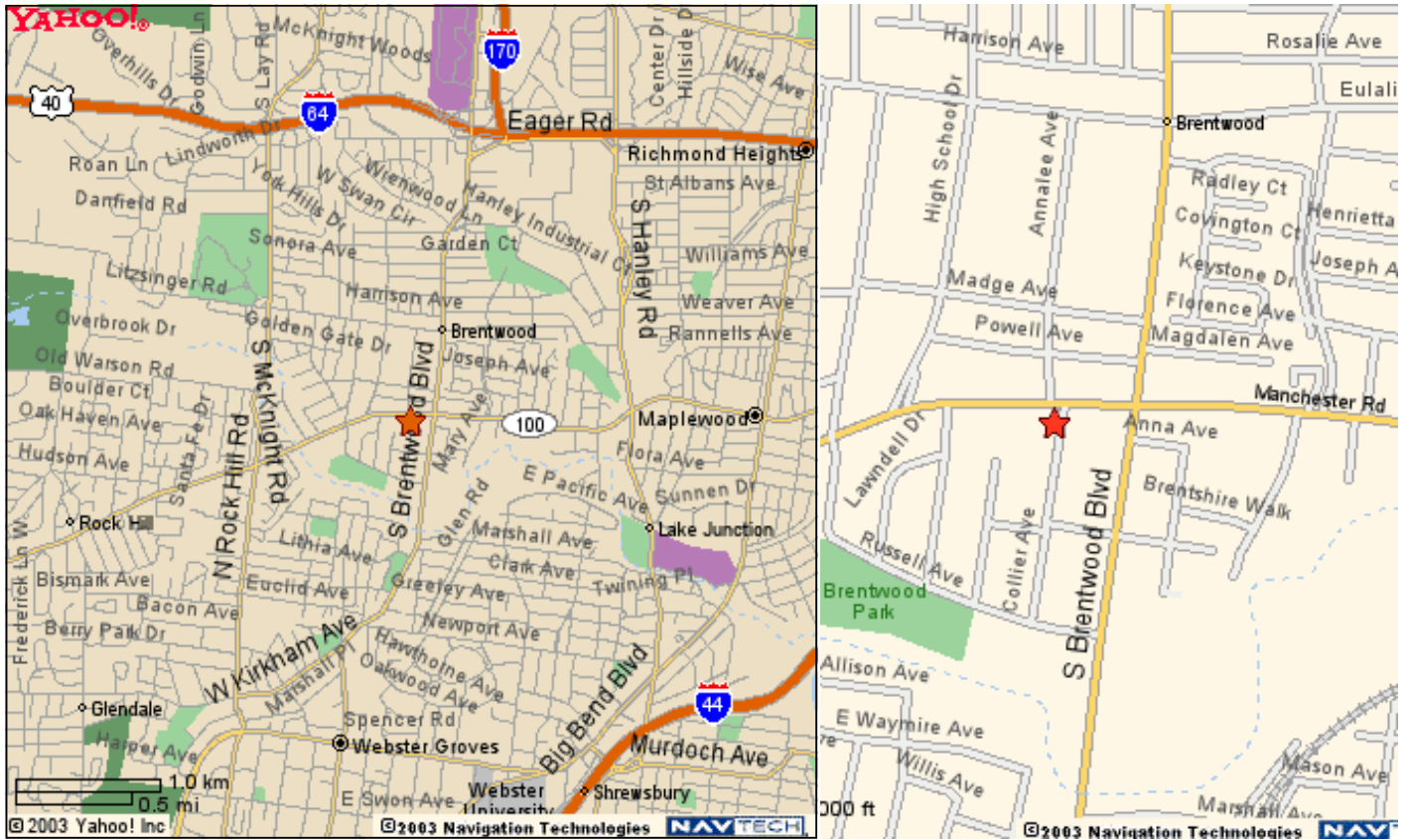
NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a COLT 1991 Series Government Model 45 ACP, 5" Barrel, (1) 7 Rnd Mag, Colt Blue Finish.. Second prize is a OTIS Tactical Cleaning System.

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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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