

SOUTH HAVEN ROD & GUN CLUB

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Supporters of MUCC, Michigan Bow Hunters, MCRGO, NRA, and Pheasants Forever.

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Pheasants Forever 22nd Annual Banquet

The 22nd Annual Banquet of the Lake Michigan Chapter of Pheasants Forever will be held on March 14, 2007, at Lakeside Entertainment Center in South Haven. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. If you know of anyone that may want to join, but isn't a member, they can become a member that night! For a single person, the cost is \$20 for the meal and \$30 for the membership. If you would like to bring your significant other, the cost will be \$35 for two meals and \$30 for the membership fee. If you are already a member of this chapter or another PF Chapter, you pay only for the meal (single-\$20, double-\$35). One of the featured items this year will be an original print by Steve French. Steve is also donating a framed print of another original as well. They will accept all major credit cards this year for auction items. Please don't forget your membership card!

Lakeside Entertainment Center is located approximately 1 mile south of South Haven at the intersection of Blue Star Highway and M-140.

If you have any questions please call Mike Sroke at 637-2048. Hope to see you there!

MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Please Print and fill out completely

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone (_____) _____

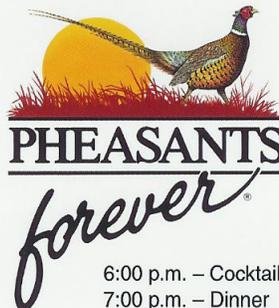
Email _____

___ Mbrshp Meal ___ Spouse Meal/Name _____

*___ Ringneck-Parent Name _____ DOB _____

___ Sponsor/Sponsor Mbr # _____

___ Life Member/Life Mbr # _____



March 14, 2007
Lake Michigan Chapter
Annual Banquet

Lakeside Entertainment
South Haven, Michigan

6:00 p.m. – Cocktails & Viewing 7:30 p.m. – Silent Auction
7:00 p.m. – Dinner 8:00 p.m. – Auction
Donation: \$50.00 Single / \$65.00 Couple
Includes 1 year Membership, Dinner and Door Prizes

Membership Dinner Spouse Dinner Ringneck Dinner (0-15 yrs.)



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TRAP MACHINE

It seems talk of a new trap machine got some attention. El Presidente Vern Hosier and Trustee Dan Hosier are rebuilding the spare. This will be installed in the trap house, and the existing one will get the same treatment. Somebody has done their homework and found the right kind of springs for the drop plate. This should help keep the machine running for quite a while. We had been using altered springs that were made by adapting some hardware store springs, that were close -- but too small. Thanks Dan and Vern.

Southwest Michigan Friends of the NRA Dinner Event

On Friday, March 30, 2007 the Southwest Michigan Friends of the NRA will hold its Fourth Annual Dinner Event. This event is a fund-raiser for the Friends of the NRA Foundation, which uses all funds raised to support shooting sports in the State of Michigan and Nationally. It will include a social hour at 5:00pm, a prime rib dinner (a meatless dinner is available on request at time of ticket purchase) at 6:00pm, which will be followed by raffles, silent auction, and a live auction of official NRA furnished items: prints, sculptures, NRA gun of the year, NRA knife of the year, rifles, optics, and more. This year's event will be held at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, MI. north of exit #52 off I-94. Dinner tickets are \$25 each. There is also a Big Shooter package for \$100, which includes one dinner ticket and \$160 of general raffle tickets and a Big Sportsmen's Package for \$150, which includes 2 dinner tickets, and \$220 of general raffle tickets. Event tickets may be paid for with a credit card and all tickets will be picked up at the door. Tickets must be ordered in advance to allow an accurate count for dinner. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to support shooting sports, recreational shooting, and our American tradition of lawful firearm ownership. To reserve a ticket call John Andrasi 269-925-0911, Greg Anderson 269-353-4867 or Bill LeBeau 269-468-6102.

NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2007

The next meeting will be in the middle of March. Spring is right around the corner. We are planning a revamping of the kitchen. We will be looking for volunteers.



Lake Michigan Chapter Membership Information

Interested in joining? [e-mail Bob Linderman](mailto:Bob.Linderman@rlinderman@yahoo.com) rlinderman@yahoo.com or call him at 269-637-0534.

They are still the best support organization for the Club. You can join at the banquet. See the front page.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards are late in coming out. Please bear with us, we are working on it. We have had a problem with the membership list, and have not yet started issuing membership cards. They will be coming out shortly

SAFETY INSPECTION

State Rep. Paul Opsommer (R-93) announced last week that he is putting the finishing touches on bills that will **remove the need for so-called firearm "safety inspections"**. These post-purchase "safety inspections" are a misnomer as no real inspection takes place and are nothing more than a bureaucratic hassle ...

After this new legislation was announced, many folks sent emails to MCRGO sharing personal experiences on "safety inspections". They confirmed what Rep. Opsommer had already known ... "that no real inspection takes place". If you want to share your experience, please send an email to webmaster@mcrgo.org. They expect the volume of emails to be high, so won't reply. They will consolidate the responses and forward them to our Legislators.

ATTABOYS

Thank you to Vern Hosier who cleaned the driveway during our recent blizzard conditions, while Dan was basking in sunny Texas. And thanks to Dave Wiatrowski for the press releases.

MUCC's 70th Anniversary

May 1, 2007, 6:30 PM
The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
55 S. Harrison Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48824

MUCC will honor many voices that have made Michigan United Conservation Clubs the First Voice for Michigan's Great Out-of-Doors since 1937. MUCC's Conservation and Hall of Fame Awards honor those individuals and clubs that have worked to conserve Michigan's natural resources, promote the rights of sportsmen, and encourage our youth to become more involved in our great outdoors. Jimmy Gretzinger and the crew of Michigan Out-of-Doors™ highlight 70 years of conservation in Michigan. Silent auction of exciting items for the outdoors is included. Please RSVP by April 23, 2007 by calling 517-346-6475. Ticket price is \$30 and payments may be made in advance or at the door.

MOST SWEEPING GUN BAN EVER

On Feb. 14, 2007, Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.) introduced H.R. 1022, a bill with the stated purpose, "to reauthorize the assault weapons ban, and for other purposes."

It bans: Every gun made to comply with the Clinton ban. Guns exempted by the Clinton ban. All semi-automatic shotguns. All detachable-magazine semi-automatic rifles. Some Target rifles. Any semi-automatic shotgun or rifle that an Attorney General one day claims isn't "sporting." 65 named guns. Semi-auto fixed-magazine pistols of over 10 rounds capacity. Frames, receivers and parts used to repair or refurbish guns.

H.R. 1022 would also ban importing magazines exempted by the Clinton ban, ban the sale of a legally-owned "assault weapon" with a magazine of over 10 rounds capacity, and begin backdoor

registration of guns, by requiring private sales of banned guns, frames, receivers and parts to be conducted through licensed dealers. Finally, H.R. 1022 would be a permanent ban, no expiration date.

Please be sure to contact your U.S. Representative and urge him or her to oppose H.R. 1022!

**Fred Upton (202) 225-3761
Locally (269) 982-1986**

SENATE BILLS 118 AND 119

Here in Michigan, we have SB 118 sponsored by Senators Scott and Jacobs and SB 119 sponsored by Senators Scott, Jacobs, and Brater. SB 118 is tied to SB 119 which is scary.

SB 119 penalizes the owner of a firearm if it falls into the hands of a minor who takes the firearm and shows it to his friends in public. Worse penalties apply to the owner if the minor does something bad with the firearm, even if he accidentally injures himself with it. The remedy to all this is that the firearm be locked up, or stored in a secure location (pretty hard to define), or locked with a trigger lock.

Exceptions are made in the bill for concealed carry on a person, or if a firearm is located on the premises in such a way to be quickly available. (Again, such a location would be difficult to define precisely.) Even if the "minor" is 17 years old, a serious delinquent that his parents can no longer control, and is smart enough to locate a firearm "in a location that a reasonable person would believe is secure," the penalty is on the parent, not the delinquent. This is nanny government at its worst.

These bills are first step toward requiring that all firearms be in a locked safe, and inspected by local police. Local State Senators to call are:

Patricia Birkholz 517-373-3447
Tom George 517-373-0793
Ron Jelinek 517-373-6960

Club Calendar for March 2007

New items on the Calendar are usually covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

25 Trap & Breakfast	26 4H	27 Pistol 6:00	28 Action Pistol 7pm	1 Archery 6:00	2	3 Michiana Archery
4 Trap & Breakfast	5	6 Pistol 6:00	7 Action Pistol 7pm	8 Archery 6:00	9	10
11 Trap & Breakfast	12 Meeting 7:00	13 Pistol 6:00	14 PF Banqt AP	15 Archery 6:00	16	17 Y. Archery Y.Rifle
18 Trap & Breakfast	19 4H	20 Pistol 6:00	21 Action Pistol 7PM	22 Archery Club Night	23	24
25 Trap & Breakfast	26 4H	27 Pistol 6:00	28 Action Pistol 7pm	29 Archery 6:00	30 Friends of the NRA	31 Y. Archery Y. Rifle

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Detach, or don't, and return to the Club, or any officer, with the appropriate remittance.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ SPORTING INTEREST _____

e-mail _____ NRA # _____ (or an application)
Dues enclosed \$50.00

Next Meeting – March 12, 2007 7:00 PM

Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loaders – Kalamazoo Fairgrounds – March 17-18

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