



THE CLEANING RAG

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Special points of interest:

- Breakfast Jan. 4th
- Youth Shooting Jan. 3rd
- 4H - Mondays
- Target Pistol—Tuesday
- Action Pistol—Wednesday
- Archer Night - Thursday
- CCW Class - March 7th & 8th

Club Celebrates 93rd Birthday

The Club will have it's 93rd Birthday on February 24th. To think that a few brave souls, left the warm comfort of their homes and ventured out in to the Michigan winter to start a Rod & Gun Club. What were the thinking of? Surely there had to be something bet-

ter to do on a cold winter night. Must have been a dull night at home, no TV, no computers, and only a few radio's.

OUR hats should go off to our first Board of Officers without their insight we would not be here today. I am not sure what the original group had in

mind but I am sure they would be proud that we are still here. Few clubs can say they have been around this long.

So this month let's tip our hats to: President-Herbert Parker, Vice-President-John Sweet, Secretary-Ed Kagel, and Treasurer-James Chandler.

No More Safety Inspection for Handguns

Pistol Purchase laws changed on January 7th, 2009 for Michigan residents.

The so called Registration (Safety Inspection) has been eliminated. This means no more trips to the Cop Shop for them to inspect your firearm through the glass.

This does not mean they don't have your number!

Both the Pistol Purchase Permit and the Pistol Sales Record have changed to a 4 part form. The Seller keeps a copy, the Buyer keeps a copy and then Buyer sends 2 copies to their local Police agency, who then forwards a copy to the

MSP. One other requirement is for the Buyer to carry their copy of the form with them for the first 30 days after the sale when transporting/ carrying the handgun.

For more info go to:

www.mcrgo.org
or
www.michigan.gov/msp

One Man's Trash is Another's Treasure

As part of our on going efforts to raise money for the club, it was suggested that we hold a Sportsman's Sale. WE are looking for donations of your used hunting, fishing, or camping equipment.

Chairman Doug Perry - "Everyone has a few items that are laying around, here is a good way to get rid of them and help the club." The sale is in the planning stages but the tentative date will be some time in

April.

Currently Doug and his committee is trying to put a list together, so if you have anything you would like to donate send an email to Al Baerman at

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"It is wonderful to be here in the great state of Chicago"

Dan Quayle, former U.S. Vice-President



Walt's Breakfast is a HIT!!!!

Once again Walt and the kitchen crew is serving up breakfast. Beth's waffles were a hit last year so she is back with iron in hand ready to serve up the delightful treat.

Head Chef Walt - "This year we have a great crew but Customer turn out has been slow. The help is eating all the profits!"

So I guess what Walt is

saying is 'If you have nothing to do on a Sunday Morning come out and join us for breakfast'

Just like the Club, Walt's Breakfast is one of the best kept secrets in town. \$5.00 will get you two plates of food and if you complain about the portion size Walt may just give you more of the same to eat.

Next Meeting:
Feb. 9th @ 7pm

Orientation:
Feb. 9th @ 6pm

If we get fish to boil there will be a Fish Boil before the meeting. The first pot should come off the fire around 6:10pm

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 9am-11am Super Bowl 43	2	3 Target Pistol Night	4 Action Pistol Night	5 Archery Night	6	7
8 Breakfast 9am-11am	9 Meeting 7pm	10 Target Pistol Night	11 Action Pistol Night	12 Archery Night	13 Club Night	14 Youth: Archery - 10am Rifle - 1pm
15 Breakfast 9am-11am	16	17 Target Pistol Night	18 Action Pistol Night	19 Archery Night	20	21
22 Breakfast 9am-11am	23	24 Target Pistol Night	25 Action Pistol Night	26 Archery Night Club Night	27	28 Youth: Archery - 10am Rifle - 1pm

Question: Do we need a calendar in the news letter? Or should this space be used for other things?

Send responses to editor@shrgc.org

Revolutionary War Veterans Association

Recently a gentleman from the RWVA approached the Club. He was interested in hosting some marksmanship matches at our facility this summer.

You might say what is the RWVA? I said the same thing and visited their website. Here is an excerpt from that site;

What the RWVA (Revolutionary War Veterans Association) is all about:

The Appleseed Program is designed to take you from being a simple rifle owner to being a true rifleman. All throughout American history, the rifleman has been defined as a marksman capable of hitting a man-sized target from 500 yards away — no ifs, ands or buts about it. This 500-yard range is traditionally known as "the rifleman's quarter-mile;" a rifleman can hit just about any target he can see. This skill was particularly evident in the birth of our country, and was the difference in winning the Revolutionary War'.

So why me?

This country was founded and won by riflemen who fought and beat British forces. We invite all interested marksmen to learn the skills and techniques necessary to shoot proficiently; and then hope you'll participate in teaching and practicing with others so that together we can save this great land. Why you? Well, that's simple: if you're on this page we're betting you're a patriot, and we hope you answer the call.

If you would like to read more visit their website www.rwva.org. It looks interesting to me. Currently WE are planning on having someone come out and talk about this group at the next meeting.

Alert - Dues Reminder

If you have not paid your dues for 2009 this will be your last notice.

Doug Perry won the Meeting Drawing for a one year membership. Come to a meeting and learn how you can become the next winner.

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Once Doug's group has got things together you will be asked to drop your donations off at the club. Keep an eye out for further postings as the day of the big sale comes near.

Club President Dan Ho-

sier - "It has been a while since our last Rummage Sale, as I remember, it raised around \$500.00 for the Club."

It's not too early to think about spring cleaning. Start looking around the house, garage or any other place you might have something stashed

and donate it to the Club.

It has been suggested that we turn this into a Flea Market. The idea is to rent out tables to sellers and charge an admission to lookers. We would still have a club table for your donations. Any thoughts bring them to the next meeting.



*Stupid Facts,
You don't need
to know:*

A pig cannot stare up at the sky.

A cat can produce over 100 types of sounds, but a dog can only do 10.

Only 55% of Americans know that the Sun is a star



**"Too Dumb To
Be A Criminal**

A Florida man, who robbed two men at gunpoint in their homes, dropped his wallet as he left and then called police to ask if they found the wallet. They said they did. They asked him to come down and claim it. He did.

A Kansas City man, who robbed two Independence, Missouri, banks in quick succession, used a getaway car rented in his real name. Hoping to detach himself from the getaway car and the thefts, he called police to report the theft of the car. They told him to come down and file a report. He did.

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Have a few extra items that you would like to get rid of, maybe you're looking for a lost treasure or even just a message to someone. Place your ad here for a small donation your ad can run for a month or a year, you make the choice.

Classified Ads

Wanted:
Editor for monthly news letter. Some experience preferred but almost any warm body that can meet a monthly deadline is needed. If need you can remain anonymous and write under a pen name. Pay is none existent, Benefits are few, but you can report the news in your fashion with limited supervision. And if any one complains then you can have them as part of your staff or just give them the whole 9 yards. You need not do this alone, there is help, you can even corner some officers or members to write an article or two

Wanted:
Your old camping, hunting or fishing equipment. Will pay no \$\$ for your donation, but will give you a big thanks. Email your list of items for the Club's Sportsmen's Sale to; albaerron@cooper.net

On the Range:

Just a few things on Range Safety and Etiquette:

NRA Safety Rules

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction **(down range not up)**
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

Play nice with the other kids;

Just because someone is using the range does not mean that they have ear protection in. Some of you may be surprised to find out that Archers do not wear ear protection. Even the LOUDEST bow is well below the sound level that requires ear protection. Archers like to concentrate when they shoot, any LOUD noise will throw them off their game.

If someone is shooting a bow on the range, it is not OK to start shooting your pistol just because there is a target down range. You might want to ask before you shoot, so you don't get something chewed off!

Someone I respect once said;

"There is nothing common about common sense...."

Nuff said.....

UDR- .30— Seeks good times in the north woods. Look no further for your outdoor partner. Stay away from BBRs they will only hurt you in the end.
Email: notjustanotherpretty-gun@gunsrus.net

FYI: The waters have receded, I have no need for your boats right now. Thanks any way.
Signed Dock Master @ SHRGC

Abbreviations used in Classifieds include but not limited to:

- UDR = Used Deer Rifle
- BBR = Big Bore Rifle
- DNR = Don't kNow Rip

I would like to thank the Club Night Gang for helping with my daughter's college fund last month.

She will be moving to Ann Arbor in the fall and I will need ALL the \$\$ you can donate.

- William