The Cleaning Rag

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Legislative Alert!!!!

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Special points of interest:

- Trap is back! Sunday Trap 10am
- Next CCW Class June 6th & 7th for information email Dan at hozy59@comcast.n et

State Rep. Paul Opsommer introduces resolution, HCR 009, speaks directly to the many new federal firearm laws that are being introduced. "Even though I am only a State legislator, some of these federal proposals are so egregious that you really don't have a choice but to get involved," said Opsommer. "They would trample over our own Constitution and firearm laws, and I don't think we can sit idly by to just wait and see if and when these bills become law".

Opsommer said he will also be reintroducing his bill HB 6518 (2008) and expanding it so that it also addresses the new agenda Illinois Congressman Bobby Rush has added to his anti-firearm's wish list. The bill was introduced last year in reaction to coercive attempts by Mayor Bloomberg to create new

Sportsman's Sale is a GO!

The Club's first annual Sportsman's Sale is moving forward. This will be a combination Rummage Sale / Flea market.

The Club is looking for donations of sporting equipment and camping gear. But if you don't want to donate but have GOOD stuff you need to sell we will rent you a table to peddle your wears. So no matter how you look at it the Club makes money.

The dates for the sale will be May 2nd & 3rd.

The doors will open both days at 9am and close at 3pm. Vendors setup will be from 7am till 8:30am both days. Table rental as follows; 4 ft(24" wide) = \$10 6 ft(30" wide) = \$15

8 ft(30" wide) = \$20

Rent covers both days.

Kitchen Staff says snacks and limited food will be available.

So far we have a good selection of donated

Dumb Laws:

Ever wonder why Car Dealerships are closed on Sunday?

Well Michigan like other states have a few laws on the books that seem, for lack of a better word, DUMB!.

435.251 Motor vehicles; sale on Sunday unlawful, exception.

Sec. 1.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of buying, selling, trading or exchanging new, used or secondhand motor vehicles or offering to buy, sell, trade or exchange, or participate in the negotiation (Continued on page 3)

Breakfast - Closed for the season

Walt and his crew would like to THANK all who came out and enjoyed the Sunday Morning Breakfast.

Sometimes you get what you ask for!

Head Chef Walt - "The first few weeks were slow but now we are doing between 20 and 40 breakfasts every Sunday. Our customers are keeping us busy."

The Breakfast Give-Away is also going well going into the last month of Breakfast we have already given away 2 guns and working on our third.

At last look there was only a few tickets left on the shotgun, if they all do not get sold by the end of breakfast we will continue them at the meetings until all are sold.

Next Meeting: April. 13th @ 7pm

Meal: Road-Kill Stew

Orientation: Mar. 9th @ 6pm

Remember to get a key to the Building you must attend an Orientation.

	April 2009					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Action Pistol Night	2 Archery Night	3	4
5 Trap 10am-12pm	6	7 Target Pistol Night	8 Action Pistol Night	9 Archery Night	10 Club Night	11
<i>12</i> Trap 10am-12pm	13 Meeting 7pm	14 Target Pistol Night	15 Action Pistol Night	16 Archery Night	17	18
<i>19</i> Trap 10am-12pm	20	21 Target Pistol Night	22 Action Pistol Night	23 Archery Night Club Night	24	25
26 Trap 10am-12pm	27	28 Target Pistol Night	29 Action Pistol Night	30 Archery Night		

Items for the next Meeting:

- Spring wild • Game / Fish Fry
- Youth Day ٠ Moves?
- Range Clean-up
- **Building Repairs** •
- New Members .
- Fund Raisers
- The price of tea in China?

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video surveillance databases of gun purchases with Wal-Mart.

Other Legislative action pending includes;

Michigan's Taser Bills (HB 4155, HB 4156 & HB 4164) these bills would allow a person with a CPL to carry a less than lethal force Electric Stunning device.

HB4348 - would eliminate Michigan's victim disarmament zones (pistol free areas). Currently Michigan restricts certain areas where a person can carry a Concealed Pistol. These areas have been targeted by criminals to be safe zones (only criminals carry guns in these areas).

Several other states have removed these restrictive

areas after a violent confrontation were criminals took advantage of unarmed citizens.

For more information visit www.mcrgo.org

or www.legislature.mi.gov.



Stupid Facts, You don't need to know:

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Coca Cola is actually green before coloring is added to it.

Renovations

If you have stopped by the club lately you will notice some work has been happening. The bathrooms have been painted and new tile flooring has been done. Thanks to Bill Daggett, Vern hosier, and LaVerne Hosier for the work (and any body I missed). Look for more work to follow as we do some much need work at the Club!

Sportsman's Sale is a GO! continued

items including fishing poles, lures, holsters, downriggers and other items.

If you have items to donate or would like a table please email to AI Baerm (albaerrn@copper.net). He is putting together a list to determine how many tables the club will have available for Rent.

Dumb Laws: - continued

thereof, or attempt to buy, sell, trade or exchange any motor vehicle or interest therein, or of any written instrument pertaining thereto, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

History: 1953, Act 66, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1953

Seems strange to me but back in '53 there must have been a reason for it.

So, now the question comes up; how many of you have broken this law?

The next question is; How many of these types of laws are still on the books? Seems like a good reason for twilight clauses in laws.

I will do some more digging and find a few more. Maybe instead of new laws, people in Lansing should remove a few.



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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

Dumb Crooks: by Det. Bill Daggett

I was working the afternoon shift (3:30pm-11:30pm), one cold, fall evening when I was dispatched to our local hospital to take an assault complaint in the ER. When I walked in I immediately recognized the "victim" lying in the bed. I had several dealings with; let's call him Darrell, in the past, for various misgivings.

Darrell had a hard time talking as his bottom lip was swollen about three times the normal size and he was missing his two front teeth. Darrell then went into a long detailed story about how he was downtown, minding his own business when he was jumped by 3 very large individuals. Several reasons why someone would want to beat up Darrell went through my mind as he was telling me his story, but for some reason, I wasn't buying his story.

The place Darrell said the assault took place was right downtown in the business district of our small town. We hadn't received any calls about the assault taking place which would be highly unusual. After leaving the hospital, I went directly to the "scene of the crime". I looked all over the sidewalk where Darrell told me he had been throttled and was unable to find even one little drop of blood or any evidence of an assault taking place. About that time I overheard one of our other patrol units being dispatched to a stolen car report. Just a few minutes after that call, dispatch advised that a vehicle matching the stolen cars description had just been located in a deep ditch on the outskirts of town. I decided to go check out the vehicle in hopes of finding something to tie Darrell to the stolen car, like a set of front teeth.

The stolen car was smashed up pretty good in the front end and it was obvious that someone hit the driver's side windshield pretty hard with their head (or face). I checked all over the interior of that car looking for something to pin on Darrell but the only thing was the odor of intoxicants inside the car. I was a little frustrated because I just knew that Darrell had stolen this car and there was no way he was going to tell me he did. Just then a little light bulb went off in my head and I had an idea. I returned to our police station and went into the Training Room to gather what I needed to confront Darrell.

I went back into the room where Darrell was now sitting up in his bed. I proceeded to tell Darrell that I had investigated the scene of the crime and had spoken with several people who had been there at the time he reported the attack. I told him I was unable to find any evidence whatsoever that he had been assaulted at that location. I then told Darrell that we also had a report of a vehicle being stolen and then crashed just north of town. I reached into my coat pocket and pulled out a film canister. I shook the canister back and forth a few times and said "guess what I found on the floorboard of that stolen car Darrell". Darrell sunk back into the bed, his face flushed and he said "OK Daggett, I stole that damn car".

After that, I had Darrell tell me all about his little thievery incident and the accident. He confessed to his misdeeds but swore he would never to do it again. When his confession was complete, I opened the canister and poured a couple of pieces of chalk into my hand for Darrell to see. Back at the station, we had one of those old chalkboards in the Training Room and I found a couple of small chunks of chalk, about the size of a front tooth and put them in the 35mm film canister.

He looked up at me and said you S.O.B. Daggett, you lied to me. I told Darrell I didn't lie to him about anything, I merely asked him to guess what I had found in that stolen car. It was he who had assumed what I found and you know how that story goes.