



# THE CLEANING RAG

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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.net*

## IT MUST BE SPRING!!!

If you haven't noticed the snow is gone, the flowers are pushing up, the birds are back, so it must be spring. Well stop out to the club, spring has sprung out there also. At a recent gathering someone was over heard to say that "Now the bath-

rooms have been remodeled, the rest of the place looks like crap!" So an impromptu clean up party attacked the building, dust was flying, garbage cans were filling and the burning barrel was burning. The result a much cleaner Club Room, an

overstuffed range closet that you can walk into, and an over all much cleaner building.

But there is still work to be done. The Indoor Range is cleaner but needs some work. It has been a few years since the bullet trap has been

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## Sportsmen's Sale

The Clubs 1st Annual Sportsmen's Sale is scheduled for May 2nd & 3rd, 8am - 3pm. With a PREVIEW SALE scheduled May 1st 6pm - 8pm.

To grab up a bargain at the PREVIEW SALE will cost you a \$5.00 entry fee.

The group is still looking

for donations. Drop off starts Saturday April 25th until Friday May 1st 3pm.

So if you have a few items to donate or would like to rent a table to make a few dollars then call the gang at 269-277-9901 or 269-434-6577.

So far a large number of items have been donated

such as tools, fishing gear, and shooting equipment.

Table rental as follows;

4 ft(24" wide) = \$10

6 ft(30" wide) = \$15

8 ft(30" wide) = \$20

Rent covers ALL days.

Snacks and limited food will be available.

## Renovations

Bathrooms are done!! Building has been cleaned!! What's next?

Well it is nice that the Club has spent money on much needed renovations and that a few GOOD people have stepped up and spent some time and effort to make the place better but

to quote Chicken Little - "The sky is falling!"

During the national elections there was a quote about pigs and lipstick. Why is this being brought up. Well it is nice to focus on the thing that is right in front of us but sometimes you have to step back. Yes, the building looks

nice, yes, this may help get us members, there is a lot of YES's that can be applied. However what difference does a nice looking building do if the building is not there?

Can any one say "ROOF!"

Just a thought....



**Items for the next Meeting:**

- Youth Day Moves ?
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Fund Raisers
- Action Pistol Moves to new day?
- Garage Sale Report

**IT MUST BE SPRING!!!** (continued)

cleaned and sand replenished. And it could probably use a coat of paint. And it has been a while since the floor was sealed.

It has been suggested that the entry way is to BLUE! So we might see a bit of fresh paint there soon.

The next big task is the Outdoor Ranges and

grounds. We are looking at doing a clean up on the outdoor ranges May 9th & 10th. So bring your gloves, racks, shovels, and maybe a chain saw or two and we will see if we can get some of the outside looking as good as the inside.

Your help and thoughts are needed. This is YOUR Club!

**Next Meeting:**  
May 11th @ 7pm

**Meal: ??????**

**Orientation:**  
May 11th @ 6pm

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

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Garage Sale	2 Garage Sale
3 Garage Sale Trap ???	4	5 Target Pistol Night	6 Action Pistol Night	7	8 Club Night	9 Range Clean-up 8am - 12pm
10 Range Clean-up 8am - 12pm	11 Meeting 7pm	12 Target Pistol Night	13 Action Pistol Night	14	15	16
17 Trap 10am-12pm	18	19 Target Pistol Night	20 Action Pistol Night	21	22	23
24 / 31 Trap 10am-12pm	25	26 Target Pistol Night	27 Action Pistol Night	28 Club Night	29	30

## Stupid Crime Stories: by Detective Bill Daggett

### Lady and the Tramp

It was a beautiful spring morning, the birds were singing, the lawns had finally greened up and all the spring flowers and leaves were bursting forth. It had been a long cold winter and fairly quite at the SHPD (South Haven Police Department). Things usually started getting busy with the warm weather which was just around the corner. I was sitting in my office daydreaming about going fishing or walking the woods looking for morels, but first I was thinking about, what's for lunch?? My desk was clear and I was basically pretty bored. Then there was a tap at my door and when I woke up, Officer Mike Knizewski was standing there. Mike was one of our new officers that didn't have a lot of experience in law enforcement yet. Hey, what's up Mike I asked. Mike said that he had a lady down in the training room that just told him she had been raped!! Oh great I thought, there goes my lunch plans out the window. Mike said that after speaking with the lady, he felt like something wasn't quite right and wanted me to have a chat with her to see what I thought.

As we walked down the hallway towards the training room Mike mentioned, "oh by the way, the lady told me she had been kidnapped and taken to Indiana and she had been missing for three days. Mike said her husband was out in the lobby waiting for her. I stopped suddenly and gave that bit of information a little thought. Crap, I don't think we have ever had a kidnapping in South Haven before and she was taken across State lines. Do I need to call the FBI?? This could be my biggest case yet, a career case. I should probably make the call and activate the Major Crimes Task Force!!! I told Mike I would talk to the husband first and then I would meet him in the training room. I walked out into the lobby and the husband was sitting there bent at the waist with his head in his hands looking very dejected. I introduced myself and asked him what he could tell me. All he had to say was that his wife didn't come home the other day and was gone for three days. I asked him if she had ever come up missing in the past or left him for any reason. He said no, she has never taken off in the past and they haven't had any marital problems at all. He said that he hoped we would be able to find the guys that did this to his wife. Guys!! I assured him we would do our best to solve the case.

At that time I met with Mike and the lady in the training room. When I walked in the room, the lady was sitting there sobbing. She was a small woman in her early 20's. Heavy black mascara was streaking down her face from her tears. I noted that she had a few tattoos sprinkled here and there, dark hair roots showing in her bleached blond hair and she was dressed in dirty, shabby looking clothes. In our business, it's very difficult and always a battle not to judge people on your first impression. But, first impressions sometimes should be taken into consideration. Let's just say I doubt this "lady" taught Sunday school over at the Baptist Church.

I introduced myself and asked the lady to start from the beginning and tell me the whole story. I guess I should have brought my lunch. She went on into great detail about what happened to her. The lady said it all started about three days ago. She said she was down at Tucker Shell on Broadway when all of a sudden she was grabbed from behind and shoved into a vehicle. She said that three big black guys grabbed her, forced her into the vehicle and then fled the scene. She said they then drove south down into Indiana someplace and then repeatedly raped her in a corn field. Anyway, she spared NO details how the three black thugs took turns with her and then when they were through, they just left her on the side of the road. I thought I was reading a story from Penthouse Forum. I will skip the detail here as this is a family publication. I had taken a few notes but mostly I just listened to try and pick up any "clues" I could use in the investigation.

I asked her "So what kind of vehicle was it"? The lady answered a Chevy S-10, black. And after the attack where did you go? I found a Hospital, I think it was a Veterans Hospital. Did you get treated there? Oh yeah, I told them what happened and all. Did they call the police? No, I don't think they did. So, when did you call your husband? Well I didn't, I didn't want to tell him what happened over the phone. I just called a friend and they came and picked me up. After those few questions, my lunch plans started creeping back into my mind. This lady is full of S#@% but how can I get her off her story. At that time I drew a rough sketch of the Shell station and asked her to show me exactly where that S-10 had been parked. She showed me where the vehicle was when she got kidnapped and said it was right about 10PM. At that time I said to Officer Knizewski, "Hey Mike, take a drive down to Tuckers and get a copy of that tape, I'm sure that new video camera they have there on the corner of the building picked up everything. Maybe we can recognize one of those dudes that grabbed her. Mike gave me a quizzical look as he headed for the door. Mike was just turning the door knob when the LADY spoke up. I'm sorry, it didn't really happen. I have a drug problem and I was with my boyfriend for the last three days Blah Blah Blah. After that I completed her statement and escorted her out to the lobby where her husband was waiting. I told her she could explain everything to him. She was ultimately charged with a Felony for making a false report of a felony.

PS. They didn't have a video camera at Tucker Shell on the building. OOP's, and I had a great lunch!

**Editors Note:** Bill's stories can get long...It did fill a page ...Do you want to see more of these? Let us know!

## Should have invested in stocks?

Has your retirement plan gone down the tubes lately? Are you thinking I used to have enough money to live until I am 95 and now I have to start making early funeral arrangements?

Well you should have invested in the stock market! That is gun stocks.

If you haven't noticed lately it is slim pickings at the gun shows and everyone wants top dollar for the POS they are selling. It is a typical economic event; Supply and Demand.

Since the 2008 elections the demand is very high so the retail price goes up. You can't hardly find a used gun let alone a new one. WE have had several people looking to make that new gun purchase only to be told there are no guns out there. The distributors have NO guns or ammo. The Manufacturers in some cases working 3 shifts and still can't make enough. Just thinking again....maybe Ford, GM and Chrysler should switch from autos to semi-autos.....just a thought....now back to what I was doing.

The theory is that the New Powers are looking at taking our guns and taxing our ammo. Rumors are flying around ever where you look. Just scan the internet or listen to the news. My thoughts are they will not be trying to push any new laws until after the elections

## Classified Ads

### Wanted:

Pair of oars: I am looking for some used oars, not too old, but as long as they are in good shape and sturdy I will consider even old ones. I prefer them to be rather long but not too heavy and blonde or even brunette maybe one of each.

Call Charlie but not before 5pm that's when my wife leaves for work.

of 2010, no sense in losing a few seats in the House and Senate over a stupid thing like taking guns. But be prepared come November 2010.

If you are like most typical people, you will wait until then, If you are like a few then it is never too early to write a short note to the people who are supposed to be representing us. If you are a NRA member I am sure you have been getting a few reminders in the mail. Open them up, it won't hurt. You do not have to send money just because you opened it. But you can send a letter or email if you prefer.

Remember you do not have to send your comments to Washington alone. Let your local elected officials help. If you have been watching the news lately you have noticed a few voices being heard from the Capitals of a few States telling Washington "WE THE PEOPLE are your boss.....WE THE PEOPLE elected you.....WE THE PEOPLE are looking for change". I think the meaning is if Washington does not give us change then it is time to change Washington.

My last thought; I think it is funny that THEY say the radical right is screaming this stuff, but when you talk to people or listen to responsible news sources you find that it is the PEOPLE from both sides of the political fence and all walks of life joining together for a common cause. But what do I know.....

### For Sale:

Your stuff could be here!

Or another bad joke!

Look for items that did not get sold at the Sportsmen's Sale coming soon!

You might find a deal!



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

The Wright Brothers' first flying journey is shorter than a Boeing 747 airplane's wings.

Everyone drinks coffee to perk themselves up, but in fact an apple can perk one up more than a cup of coffee can.

You can pull a cow upstairs, but the cow will not know how to come down by itself.

Heating up a rock in the microwave oven will cause the rock to explode.

A human's ears and nose never stop growing bigger and bigger.

Only 30% of people can expand and contract their nostrils at will.

According to a British law passed in 1845, suicide is a very serious crime, a death sentence of hanging is the punishment. Those Brits are funny!



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