



THE CLEANING RAG

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Special points of interest:

- *Next CCW Class June 6th & 7th for information email Dan at hozy59@comcast.net*
- *Banquet Committee forming - Meeting June 13th 9am*

Sportsmen's Garage Sale success

The tables were full and believe it or not people actually lined up and paid \$5.00 for the Pre-Sale SALE on Friday night. Quite a few of the better treasures were purchased that evening netting the Club a first day Sale Total of \$750.00.

Saturday's turn out was just as good with a steady stream of eager potential customers. As the sun rose to the noon hour it was determined by one committee member to try and pull more customers in by having a 1/2 off Sale. Whether this

worked or not we do not know because the rush of customers stayed about the same. By 3pm all of the great stuff had been picked over and the few Vendors had started to pack their wares. Not sure if everyone decided to go to church on Sun-

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Boat People are Back!

Once again with summer approaching we are reminded that our South and West boarder is not only a river but it is also a Water Trail.

The Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail Association is a volunteer group working to open and establish a canoe and kayak trail

encompassing 21 miles of the South Branch of the Black River between the cities of Bangor and South Haven.

This Group has once again contacted us to use our land for parking and staging while they have there cleaning days. So do not be surprised if you see cars

parked and nobody is around. They are probably playing in the water. The group has several river work party days scheduled this year.

For more information and a schedule of events check out their website at www.vbco.org/watertrail.asp.

South Haven City has new Ordinance??

It seems the South Haven City Council was making some changes to an ordinance and one of our members realized that the ordinance had some wording that banned firearms from City parks.

Seems like a good idea until you start thinking Concealed Carry and

personal protection. So a quick review of City Ordinances and an email to the Council has them reviewing the situation with their Lawyer.

From my review I found two Ordinances (58-83 and 18-34) to be violation of State Law (MCL 123.1102). In light of the

recent Civil Lawsuit against Grand Haven for the arrest of the gentleman open carrying a pistol last year, at a festival the city might want to move forward and make some changes to comply with State Law before they are in court for violating Civil Rights.



Items for the next Meeting:

- Youth Day?
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Fund Raisers
- Gun Fire at the range
- Banquet Committee

Sportsmen's Garage Sale success *(continued)*

day or not but the turn out was lack luster. Could have been the thought that ALL the best items were snatched up by the early birds.

Thanks to ALL who donated and ALL who worked because of your efforts the Club cleared over \$1300 for the weekend. Not bad considering "one man's junk is another's treasure". From

rumors heard the Vendors did ok also.

With the great success we may see another sale some time this year or early next year, so if you think you missed a chance to clean out the closet think again. Remember just because you do not want it any more does not mean someone else will not pay \$\$\$ for it.

Next Meeting:

June 8th @ 7pm

Meal: Boiled Fish
with fresh fish!

Orientation:

June 8th @ 6pm

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

JUNE 2009

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

News Flash: Shooting heard at gun range??

It seems some magazines have their "Parting Shot" section and a recent email has prompted me to possibly come up with our version of it. Not sure what to call it maybe I will hold a naming contest for it. But for now I will just call it "My Rant!" (I will try to make the next one shorter)

The email I received (names removed, I left in the bad spelling) was forwarded to me from D*** with no comments.

Email:

D*** : This is G****..Just a note.....At about 2:45 today Thursday I definitely heard "full auto" rifle coming from the direction and distance of the club.....At the club I can't say.

Not a lot but the ones I heard was probably 5 - 10 shot bursts. If I heard it all the way over here????

My response to D*** cc: G*****

Can any one say LEO?

Just a reminder to help keep our Property Tax Status. The Michigan State Police, South Haven City Police and sometimes The Van Buren Sheriff use the facilities for training. I do know that the City had the M-4's out last week sometime for training. And I believe they will be back again sometime this summer.

One other thought (Thanks to our new AG Mike Cox).....WE do have a couple of people with the Curio and Relic license that now have some old WWII vintage guns that do shoot a lot of bullets with the single trigger pull.

RE: from D***

D**

Thanx for the info, it may be wise if we have some way of the board knowing what may be happening on the club property with some kind of monthly schedule or email update if arranged on short notice through one source point. That way the confusion and unknowing would be kept to a minimum.

D***

My RE:

OK...I am stepping off the deep end.....just let me rant.....for those of you tuning in late.....start at the bottom. (NOTE: do not go to bottom, remember email is upside down, I have all ready turned it around for you. No confusion.)

What confusion? WE have a gun range.....WE shoot guns at the gun range.....the confusion may be that some people are surprised that we shoot guns at a gun range. G**** has freaked out in the past when the LEO's have used the faculty. He also was confused when a member brought a group out to shoot on the weekend (about 10 people) and they had both the rifle range and the pistol range going at the same time. His confusion was that there was a lot of gun fire.....at a Gun Range. ALL the confusion is from, that WE do not use the range enough and PEOPLE get confused and surprised when they hear a lot of gun fire in the direction of the gun range.

OK, If I understand the monthly schedule thing....let's think about it. Do you want a schedule of the shooting activities at the Club? So when a surprised individual calls we can say "Oh that was just someone using the range". If so then we need to have a new rule stating that if you are going to shoot, Oh I don't know...more then 10 rounds in 30 minutes at the GUN CLUB you have to pre-schedule your shooting activities. Sounding a little Big Brother or silly now. Our ranges are open from 9am - 9pm for ALL members to use and LEO's. In the past Major activities have been scheduled so that people are not surprised when they show up and the range is being used. (has not happened in years) but the rule is to play nice with the other kids. My confusion is what is the purpose of the schedule?

And know on to more rant....

So someone hears gun fire in a west north west direction in the distance of 3 - 5 miles as the crow flies and I think that is the direction of the local gun club and I do not normally hear gun shots from the direction of the gun club at 2:45pm on Thursdays.....and I think I am hearing several shoots in rapid fire.....Just because a past member is wondering about what is happening at OUR Club or in the general direction of our Club then we need to schedule ALL activities.....

Using the same thinking....I heard a lot of loud car noises in a east north east direction in a distance of about 3 - 5 miles on Tuesday Morning. There was no race scheduled at Gingerman Raceway so there must be something wrong!!! I had better call someone....I know just getting silly again.....but there is a point all be it on the top of my head.

WE do not need to make hasty reactions to someone confused about gun fire from a Gun Range. What we could do to slow the confusion is have more people use the Range during the day so there is a lot of gun fire every day, or WE could

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News Flash: Shooting heard at gun range (continued)

install a big PA system and play clips from movies with gun fire to de-sensitize the people that live 3 - 5 miles from the range.

I think it is confusing that someone from 3 -5 miles away voiced a comment and the people right in the back yard has said nothing.....

OK I think I am done.....Well than I re-read G*****'s note....."I definitely heard "full auto" rifle coming from the direction and distance of the club.....**At the club I can't say.**"

Why are we even having this conversation for....He does not know where it came from..... deny deny..... deny.....Ok now I am done.

Slow morning at work....Have A nice day.

End of email

So what now. I once heard someone say "I have been around a Gun Club for over 25 years and the one thing I have learned..... there is nothing common about common sense". This comment and the email should make some of you think, I hope long and hard. Someone wondering about gun fire at a shooting range, good thing the person doing the wondering is Pro-Gun. But I also wonder about the hasty thinking. Instead of thinking about what is being said, we see an issue and now we have to fix it. But was there an issue? Or was the issue someone reported something they were not sure of. Heck, the gun

fire could have come from down the road...."coming from the direction"....gives a lot of room for error. Makes me wonder what people would think if we had a lot of use at the Club. Here's a thought, more noise at the Club attracts more attention, attracts more new members. Just thinking again, I should stop that (slow day at work).

I can not stop thinking about gun fire at a gun range, it is driving me towards more mindless ranting..... What about all those fishing boats on lakes, there has to be some thing wrong with that, or cars on streets, how can we have cars on streets, it's just wrong. What about cows in pastures? If it is wrong to have one thing / activity were it should be then it has to be wrong to have every thing else where it belongs. I say free the cows! Get the cars off the streets, the boats out of the lakes and the guns off the ranges! But where will they go? Cows on the range? Boats in the pastures? Cars in the lakes? And guns in the streets?

Yes it is silly now isn't it. So maybe next time someone says "I heard gun fire at the Gun Range" You can say "Really Imagine that, someone was using the range, GOOD!"

So I wonder what emails I will get or stupid stuff someone will do to give me a topic for next months rant.....I hope we have some more dumb criminals so the rant is shorter next month.

Have a nice day.

Classified Ads

Wanted:

Your stupidity! I need a bucket of your stupidity to help fuel my rant column. No need to send it to me, just bring it with you and use it. It helps to have blinders on so that you can not see the BIG Picture. The more narrow minded you are the better for me. So fill up that bucket and bring it with you the next time you are out and about. I am sure SOMEONE will come through!

Banquet Committee Forming:

Would you like to help out?

Have you attend the Banquet and have some ideas?

It is only 5 months away!!

Meeting June 13th 9am

Facts, You should know:

1. What percentage of the earth is covered by water?
2. What sorts of signals does the brain use to communicate sensations, thoughts and actions?
3. Did dinosaurs and humans ever exist at the same time?
4. What is Darwin's theory of the origin of species?
5. Why does a year consist of 365 days, and a day of 24 hours?
6. Why is the sky blue?
7. What causes a rainbow?
8. What is it that makes diseases caused by viruses and bacteria hard to treat?
9. How old are the oldest fossils on earth?
10. Why do we put salt on sidewalks when it snows?

Got you thinking? Maybe the answers next month or do you already know them?

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