



THE CLEANING RAG

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Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate, now what's going to happen to us with both a House and a Senate? - Will Rogers

If 'pro' is the opposite of 'con' what is the opposite of 'progress'? - Paul Harvey

Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; too severe, seldom executed. - Benjamin Franklin

Fish Fried!!

Well it was Friday, there was fish, they got fried.

We had 20 or so people show up for the dinner. Several salads and desserts were brought, and WE had plenty of fish. Very little left over's and we raised \$100.

I would like to thank Jim E., Walt H., Denny H., Vern H. and Dan H. for the fish and most of the same for the frying of the fish. I almost forgot ALL the ladies that helped out with the dinner, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP LA-DIES.....We had Rain-

bow Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Salmon, Perch, Blue Gill and maybe a few other Pan Fish it's hard to tell with the heads gone..

As always we had more food than people. For those that missed it well what can I say "YOU MISSED OUT". Now the question comes out....should this be a annual thing? Or maybe a quarterly? Do we mix it up with a Steak Dinner? Maybe next time we could get some entertainment or a guest speaker or something that will bring folks out.

This was a good event but it was the same old people with a few new faces that showed up. To keep things moving around the Club we need participation.

OK enough on food....I am getting hungry again..

If you have an idea on events or fundraisers show up to a meeting or grab an officer and bend their ear. I know most of them will listen to you and they normally pass along the information.

WE look forward to your ideas and participation at our next event.

Youth Day is here!

Just a quick reminder that if you have not been paying attention on August 15th is our Annual Youth Day. I am sure Earl and Dave still need a few help-

ers to make sure the day goes off without to many hitches. WE will need help on Friday the 14th to make sure that ALL is setup. So if your got a hour to spare

come on out around 6pm and lend a hand. There is tents to setup, targets to place, and probably a bunch of stuff I forgot about. See you there....

SHRGC GOES SMOKE FREE!

It seems that a few people have jumped on the "Politically Correct" band wagon and ask to have the Buildings at the Club made "Smoke Free".

Well you should have been at the meeting it was a fun 10-15 minutes anyway. A lot of discussion, a few bad jokes and then a vote. It went

something like 10 yeas and 6 nays (or something like that) and so now the Building is "Smoke Free" that is tobacco smoke.

Yes Dave, you can still use that stinky Clays Powder in your pistols but I wouldn't.

First the Club really does not have ALL that many members who smoke.

Second, most of them do it outside already. But it is over anyway. Look for the new "NO SMOKEING" signs coming to the SHRGC.

As an added note to smokers', if you don't want to see the property go "Smoke Free" then you had better watch your "butts".



Back in Business

Items for the next Meeting:

- Youth Day?
- Fun Shoot
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Banquet Info
- Info on City Ordinance
- Pending Laws update
- Fishing Report

Well after several months and several packages of paper work going back and forth, we have our NEW Federal Firearms License. WE are good until June of 2012.

What does this mean for you as a member? If you have not taken advantage of this benefit of the Club then you are missing out on one of our best assets. This license allows MEMBERS to purchase firearms and other things at a good cost savings. It also allows the

Club to receive firearms that YOU (a member) have purchased online and need to have someone act as a transfer agent. Most Retail shops charge up to \$50 for this service.

So how much can you save? Well that all depends on the item. On some firearms it maybe only a few dollars were on some of the higher end guns it can be hundreds.

Currently we are hard

pressed to get items as it seems there is a run on guns and ammo since last November but we can still get a few things and Distributors are taking backorders for items.

How does this work? Shop around, look at a catalog at the Club, figure out what you want and then contact the Prez (Dan H.) he is our main FFL Officer. Best to send him an email (hozy59@comcast.net) he can get current pricing and availability and then fill in the details.

AUGUST 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Trap 10am-12pm	3	4 Target Pistol Night	5 Action Pistol Night	6	7	8
9 Trap 10am-12pm	10 <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	11 Target Pistol Night	12 Action Pistol Night	13	14 Club Night	15 <i>Youth Day Shoot</i>
16 Trap 10am-12pm	17	18 Target Pistol Night	19 Action Pistol Night	20	21	22
23 / 30 Trap 10am-12pm	24 / 31	25 Target Pistol Night	26 Action Pistol Night	27 Club Night	28	29 <i>Summer all most gone!!</i>

Reminder!

If you need tables for an event please pre-arrange this at least a week ahead of the event (the sooner the better). DO NOT just show up and grab tables, someone else may have them reserved. To reserve tables send an email or call Dan (hozy59@comcast.net or 269-214-6727) He keeps track of the tables and things.

If you do get tables for your event , PLEASE return them right away. They may be reserved for someone else.

Tables are rented at a rate of \$5 per day per table. Bring them back clean and get some of your money back. Chairs are free with a table rental (6 chairs per table). ALL money collected goes towards the Building Fund.

Kazoo Action Pistol Picnic

Our "friends" to the east are having a picnic. They wanted us to help advertise, so here is the info:

KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

7533 N. Sprinkle Rd.

ACTION PISTOL PICNIC

When: Saturday Sept. 26th 2009 - 11:00 AM.

What: POTLUCK DINNER

Bring: PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS & Guns, ammo, and holsters....oh and \$\$\$\$\$

A few Simple Rules:

THE PICNIC IS OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS WHO CAN HANDLE THEIR GUNS SAFELY.

ALL GUN'S MUST BE HOLSTERED AT ALL TIMES !!!!

THIS IS A COLD RANGE- NO LOADED GUNS !!

Events:

THERE WILL BE REGULAR ACTION PISTOL SCENARIOS IN THE PIT.

ALSO SEVERAL SHOOTING GAMES FOR PRIZES.

Costs:

REG. ACTION PISTOL WILL BE \$5.00 W/ RAFFLE TICKET INCLUDED

SHOOTING GAMES WILL BE \$1.00 & \$2.00 EACH.

THERE WILL BE RAFFLES, AUCTION, 50/50 DRAWINGS,

DOORPRIZES, GIVEAWAY'S & MORE

DINNER AROUND 1pm.

Raffles & Door Prizes- 4pm.

MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11am. FOR THE EARLY-BIRD DRAWING !!

SET-UP FRIDAY SEPT. 25th @ NOON -HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED-THANK YOU .

QUESTIONS CALL:

STEVE PERKOWSKI-269-381-7841

EMAIL- kows2330@chartermi.net

Now with Steve's last name ending in "ski" and me being a "smart a\$\$" I had a few questions for Steve;

1. How do you know if a shooter can handle his guns safely? Is there a test? If so can I get a copy to study?
2. If "ALL GUN'S MUST BE HOLSTERED AT ALL TIMES!!!!" ; how do we shoot the targets without putting holes in our holsters? I guess this question is answered by Rule 3!!!
3. If "THIS IS A COLD RANGE - NO LOADED GUNS!!"; do we yell bang real load to knock the targets down?

I just figured out the answer to #1. With guns "UNLOADED" and "MUST BE HOLSTERED AT ALL TIMES" everyone can come because you are not handling your guns.....dah! I kinda feel stupid.....but then why do we need to bring ammo? Steve is going to get back to me on this. But questions not with standing it sounds like a fun time. So you have plenty of notice to set a side the date. It is not that far of a drive and the "Gang from the Zoo" are a good bunch of guys. They have supported shooting activities at our place in the past.....it's time we help support them.

Flyers for event are at the Club.

Next Meeting:
August 10th @ 7pm

Meal:

Orientation:

August 10th @ 6pm

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

Can't make it, email shrgc@comcast.net for weekend meeting.



"You know the one thing that's wrong with this country? Everyone gets a chance to have their fair say." - Bill Clinton, former U.S. President

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have. "
- Barry Goldwater
Senator AZ

Special Points Of Interest:

- *Youth Day is HERE! - August 15th*
- *Fun Shoot just around the corner - September 20th*
- *Banquet - October 3rd*
- *Sunday - Trap*
- *Wednesday - Action Pistol*
- *Club Night - 4th Thursday*
- *Club Night 2 - 2nd Friday*

BEHIND THE BADGE - From the desk of Detective Wm Daggett

I've been in the law enforcement business for over 27 years. I worked for a short time in Pentwater and Hart and 2 years in Hesperia before moving to South Haven in 1984. I have been with the South Haven Police Department for 25 years, the last 12 as the Department Detective.

I was asked to contribute to the Cleaning Rag and have so on two previous occasions. The stories are all true stories that I have personally been involved in. Occasionally the names will be changed for obvious reasons. I hope that some of you will enjoy the short stories that reflect the real life of a small town Police Officer and Detective.

"LIFE IS A BEACH"

Most of the people that visit South Haven "know" the town as a peaceful, quaint resort town. The white sand beaches are long and wide. The views are breath taking, the sunsets glorious. The F.I.P. (insert your own words), population rent cottages for weeks or purchase second homes so that they can be in paradise just 2 hours away from the hustle and bustle of their own reality. Their biggest concern is finding a parking space downtown so they can stand in line at Clem's for two hours waiting for a table. They have no idea what really happens in South Haven or who lurks in the shadows. I DO!

I was working the day shift in uniform back in the summer of 1988. We were still in the old PD at 250 Broadway back then. I was working with Sarge and one dispatcher on one of those glorious summer days when I was dispatched to a littering complaint on the North Beach. Sounds pretty boring you say? I thought so too as I drove leisurely across the Dykman Bridge enjoying some of the sights along the way. Summer was in full swing and there were a lot of people enjoying the day. Did I mention it was HOT? Let's just say it was difficult keeping my eyes on the road as I made my way towards the beach.

I made my way down onto Lakeshore Drive and parked along one of the cement walls there. I saw an elderly woman up on Kalamazoo Ave. with a broom

sweeping up some broken glass and assumed she was the caller. It was a short walk up from Lakeshore Drive to where she was sweeping and I left my patrol car parked along the lake. Most of the streets in this area are one-way.

I started talking with the woman and she said a white van had come by and the driver threw a beer bottle onto the street in front of her cottage. I asked her to describe the van and she started to tell me about the van. All of a sudden, she looked up and said "there's the van right there". A white van was coming down the street towards us. I stepped out into the roadway and put my hand up directing the driver to stop. Did he stop? No, he accelerated and drove right towards me! I had to jump out of the way or be hit. What the hell, this was a littering complaint. The van buzzed by me going about 40mph. I made eye contact with the driver and he looked crazy.

I ran back to my patrol car and the van turned onto Lakeshore until he saw me, then he started backing up the one way street which is Avery St., the main street to the North Beach. This guy is crazy; he definitely has other issues besides a littering citation. Now the chase is on. I got on the radio to dispatch to let them know what was happening. The Sarge was notified but who knows where he was, I think it was his nap time back at his house. We ended up going back across the bridge and right past the station with lights and sirens a blazing. When the suspect got to Phoenix and Broadway he had a red light but that didn't slow him down one bit; he never slowed down and turned left onto Phoenix. I thought the van was going to tip over as he made the turn. I had to slow down to avoid a collision with oncoming traffic and he got a pretty good gap between us. I kicked the Chevy hard to close the gap. When he got to Blue Star Hwy., he again had a red light and he was going at least 70 mph or more. He never touched the brakes as I held my and prayed that he wouldn't kill several people as he flew through the intersection. A couple of cars locked up their brakes and avoided the collision as I slowed down to about 30 to get through safely.

BEHIND THE BADGE - continued

I had to play catch up again as he flew over the overpass and out past Sherman Dairy Bar shocking many of the tourists enjoying their peaceful vacation in South Haven. He made the first turn to the left and nearly put the van into the ditch. I caught up about that time and tried going around him to slow him down. At that time he suddenly jerked the steering wheel to the left and run me off the road into the ditch. I kept the tires spinning and rooster tailed out of the ditch and again had to catch up. When the fool made it to the T at Baseline road, he turned right and nearly flipped. I caught up again. In the mean time, I was trying to communicate on the radio to let nearby County Deputies and State Police know where I was headed so I could get some help. I think Sarge finally woke up and was making his way to the patrol car.

When the suspect got to 70th St., he attempted a left turn but put the front of the vehicle partially into the ditch. I seized the opportunity and buzzed around him and blocked him in. He put it in reverse and somehow got out of the ditch backing up across Baseline Road. I also backed up and then jumped out of my car with my .357 Smith & Wesson in hand. I ran up towards the van with my gun pointed at the

driver. He was having trouble finding a forward gear as I approached the van. About the time I got near the front fender, he found a gear and floored the van and turned towards me again trying to take me out. I stepped back and fired one into the front tire and then 2 more (one missed), into the rear tire as he made it back onto Baseline westbound. He didn't go far with two flats and slammed hard into a large maple tree on the north side of the road not far from the intersection.

I started towards the van when the doors flew open and (4) Mexicans jumped out on the run across the field towards the woods. I took a moment to do a little calculation. Umm, I have 3 bullets left and there are 4, possibly armed Mexicans. I decided that I should take a moment and reload before I tried any heroics. By the time I got that task done with adrenaline soaked, shaky fingers, the four had disappeared into the wood line. I waited for backup to arrive. While I waited I heard Sarge on the radio. He said he looked "all the way down" Baseline road and couldn't find me. I guess he thought Baseline road ended at Blue Star Hwy.???

A little while later after the smoke

cleared, a farmer came by and asked me if I was looking for a Mexican. I said I was and he said there was one up the street hiding behind a tree. I drove up 70th St. and this is the best part of the story. As I pulled into the driveway where the guy was "HIDING", I spotted him crouched down behind a 3 foot tall pine tree and there was a 2 pound Chihuahua barking at his heels. He saw me and started running across a blueberry field. I caught up to him at last and put the habeas grabbous on him. He was the driver which made my day!

He was later identified as "Wanted" out of Holland PD for Kidnapping and Sexual Assault. He apparently used the same van to grab a young girl off the street and then he raped her. It's no wonder he didn't want to stop and have a conversation with me about his beer bottle. Mr. Gallegos was sentenced to 25 years to 50 years for his deeds and I was very thankful.

I hope that you all enjoy a nice quiet, peaceful time the next time you go to The Beach.

NEXT MONTH: "THAT'S GOTTA HURT"

Editors Note: I am wondering what Bill defines as "short". Not I problem We will just make room!

City of South Haven asks for help!

I have received word from a know source that the City is now asking for our good Friend, Member and State Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker's help in determining if their City Ordinance on firearm possession violates Michigan State law (PA 319 of 1990). The City has asked Tonya to go to our Attorney General Mike Cox for an opinion.

It seems that the law is written in a language that the City Officials and their lawyers can not understand. Heck I have read it. It seems to be written in plain English. Not sure

what the problem is. Could it be the definition of "Shall not" ? It seems to me that not to long ago another politician had a problem with the definition of "is".

Now it is my opinion (I know the saying), but it would seem that these higher educated folks running the government have a hard time understanding what is written in simple words. Maybe it is all that education that someone paid for. Or (now I am just thinking) that most of these people went to college in the 60's, 70's and now 80's. Could it be

all the "not inhaling" that went on? Makes you wonder.....

If you have not been keeping an eye on our Attorney General, you might want to look up his record. Mike Cox is one of the good guys. He seems to not put a personal twist on the law. He appears to be Pro-Gun or at least does not bend the law to the anti-Gun side.

It would seem that the City does not want to have the ordinances challenged in court. I do have a person ready and willing to be arrested!

My Rant! - Richard Pate

The outdoor range.....not a bad topic. Recently we had a group of people get together and pick up all the junk the floods left / moved on to the range. The tractor has recently been fixed and WE should start seeing the grass being mowed.

And now the issue.....YES there is an issue, after all this is the RANT!

It seems a few of our members thinks it's all right to get things out and just leave them on the range for the next guy to use. Seems like they are just trying to be nice. After all they dragged all the stuff out of the building, lugged it all the way down the range, set it all up, shot the crap out of it....well why should someone else do all that work....so they think "...I should just leave this stuff out for the next guy" WRONG!

What if the next guy is the guy on the tractor trying to mow.....and now he has to put away all the stuff you got out. If it were me trying to mow and had to move a bunch of stuff every time I tried to mow I would just chuck it into the weeds and let it float down river in the next flood! Boy, it is a good thing that it's not me doing the mowing.....

Think about it, the first guy was just being nice, right? Or was he just being lazy? I am thinking the latter. Ever go to the range and wonder who piled all the junk up

at 25 yards. By junk I mean pallets and boards to hold bowling pins and other stuff. It makes me wonder some times what some of our members are thinking.

Other clubs have fixed the issue by only allowing shooting when a range officer is present. This fixes the cleanup issue but not very user friendly. I would hate to see our Club do something like that.

It also is not fair for another group of people to pick up after the slob....just think if there were no slob (or nice people leaving stuff out for the next guy) the range would be a lot cleaner and more appealing.

This problem is not limited to the outdoor range. The indoor range gets it fair share of tables left up, used targets laying around. After all the targets are not that shot up someone else could use them but not me I need a new target to shoot at.

Would you believe there is actually one or two guys that shoot targets with a .22 pistol and then shoots the same target with a big bore gun.....he thinks he is being frugal. (I just think he's cheap :) But this makes sense instead of shooting a few times and leaving the target lay around he shoots the crap out of it and throws it away.....By The Way: This is not just a gun issue it is also an Archery issue.....OK I am done for now....can't wait till next month.

Classified Ad & Announcements

For Sale:

H&K USP Compact 2 Tone - .40s&w - Night sights, box, manual, 4-10 round Mags \$675

Norinco 1911 - .45acp - Like New \$350

Crimson Trace Grips - Full Size 1911 - Like New \$195

FNP-9 - 9mm - Like New, Box, papers, 3 mags \$525

Ruger MKII Target - 6 7/8" Barrel, 2x Tasco Scope, 2 Mags \$325

Ruger MKII Gov't Target - 6 7/8" Barrel, 2 mags \$350

Contact : Paul Ballard at 269-214-8260



Gun Facts, You should know:

Myth: Trigger locks will keep children from accidentally shooting themselves

Fact: 31 of 32 models of gun locks tested by the government's Consumer Product Safety Commission could be opened without the key. According to their spokesperson, "We found you could open locks with paper clips, a pair of scissors or tweezers, or you could whack them on the table and they would open."

Fact: 85% of all communities in America recorded no juvenile homicides in 1995, and 93.4% of communities recorded one or no juvenile arrests (not convictions) for murder.

Fact: In 1996, even though there were around 80 million people who owned a firearm, there were only 44 accidental gun deaths for children under age 10, or about 0.0001%.

Fact: California has a trigger lock law and saw a 12% increase in fatal firearm accidents in 1994. Texas doesn't have one and experienced a 28% decrease in the same year. Also: trigger-locks render a firearm inaccessible for timely self-defense.

Fact: Children as young as seven (7) years old have demonstrated that they can pick or break a trigger lock; or that they can operate a gun with a trigger lock in place. Over half of non-criminal firearm deaths for children over age seven are suicides, so trigger locks are unlikely to reduce these deaths.



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