



# THE CLEANING RAG

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"Our enemies have made the mistake that America's enemies always make. They saw liberty and thought they saw weakness. And now, they see defeat."  
- George W. Bush, President of the United States

Am I the only one who has noticed the same people who complained that we didn't 'connect the dots' prior to 9-11, are now complaining that we connected the dots in Iraq?  
- Rush Limbaugh

## Youth Day a Big Success AGAIN!!

It all started on a blustery Fall day, the rain was gently falling....ooopps wrong story.

OK Saturday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>— 55 young People crowded in to the Club around 9am, registration began, Safety Briefing and then to the ranges for some shooting. Some attendees came from as far away as California. A first for us was a visually impaired child to go through the activities and loved it. One father told us that this was the only

thing his 17 yr old son wanted to do on their vacation to SW Michigan, the father called to check on how things were going during the day and his son told him "that this was the most fun he's had in a long time!".

As certificates, NRA pins and shirts, were being passed out, All was asked "if they had a good time?" they replied with a rousing shout "YES!"

This program could not have happened without the help of the following;

**Earl Akehurst**— Chairman, **Dave Wiatrowski**—Co-Chairman, **LaVern Hosier**, **Vern Hosier**, **Scott Vincent**, **Paul Ballard**, **Ted Jones**, **Craig Lewis**, **Dave Overhiser**, **Richie Harsch**, **Little Jonny Hosier**, **Josh Billings**, **Walt Harry**, **Beth Lewis**, **Sheri Wiatrowski**, and **Vicki Wilson**

A BIG Thank You to all and any one we missed!

## Club given Award!

Recently one of our members returned from a trip overseas. It seems our very own Craig Massey just could not stand it any longer and being the True Patriot he is. Went back into the Army after being retired for a while to lend a hand in the War on Terrorists.

His adventure took him to Afghanistan. In his leisure hours Craig would actually read Our Newsletter and thinking of us. He came up with an idea. His thought was that WE as a Club are Patriotic so....why not present the Club with a Flag and Certificate from a base in Afghanistan. Craig made

a formal presentation at the last meeting and will make another at the Club Banquet this October.

Now WE will need to clean off some wall space to but this award up. Maybe throw out them old Turkey Feathers! So come on out and see this Grand Award.

## New Range Committee Forms!

This fine group of individuals will be in charge of recommending what happens with our ranges. They are looking at improvements, standardizations and basically getting the ranges up to par. This will not only make

the place look better but also help provide us with a safe shooting environment. First item for the group is target stands. They are looking into several different ideas to improve our existing or should I say non-existing

stands. The problem is they need to be semi-portable but we also have to watch for flooding. Good Luck!

If you would like to help come to the next meeting and give your input.



## It's that time of year again.....

### Items for the next Meeting:

- Fun Shoot
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Banquet Info
- Pending Laws update
- Fishing Report
- Hunting season
- Dancing Girls

No body really reads this part do they?

The days are getting shorter, the nights are growing cooler, so this must mean that Fall is around the corner. And with that, Hunting Seasons and Our very own Banquet.

This is the Club's biggest Fund Raiser and it is also a Membership Drive. It all started in 2004 when some dummy said "We can do a Banquet too". This will be our 6th and since the humble start it has grown. The first year

we gave away 3 guns and last year we gave away 10.

Some of the old games were there along with a new "Let's Make A Deal" type game. This year promises to be just as good if not better.

So what is this all about, It is time for you to pitch in and help! You say "How can I help?", that's easy ATTEND, INVITE a friend as a new member, BRING your wife and girl-

friend (for the female members insert the proper pronouns) WE do not care if both attend, it could be more exciting that way.

So come on out and join the FUN! Dan says he has a new twist for the "Let's Make A Deal" game. It could get interesting or be a train wreck, you never know.

Look for the mailer coming soon and get it back in earlier to confirm your reservations.

## SEPTEMBER 2009

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

## THE UN AND TERRORISM EIGHT YEARS AFTER 9/11—from the web

- The UN still has no definition of terrorism.
- The UN has been unable to adopt a comprehensive convention against terrorism. The Organization of the Islamic Conference insists blowing up Israelis and Americans in the name of self-determination doesn't count.
- The UN's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) has never named a single state sponsor of terrorism, individual terrorist or terrorist organization.
- The Security Council serves as the conduit for Palestinian claims that terrorists are martyrs

For more info visit: [www.eyeontheun.com/](http://www.eyeontheun.com/)



### Up to Date on Firearms Laws?

The question comes up; How do I stay current on firearms laws? Well that is simple ....READ! There are a lot of good sources for information on current and pending firearm laws. My first source for what is going on is [www.mcrgo.org](http://www.mcrgo.org). This group got us Concealed Carry Reform in Michigan. Next stop [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov); here you can search on current law, pending bills, and read up on all information on pending bills. On the national front there is of course [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org). Need CCW Reciprocity info; [www.usacarry.com](http://www.usacarry.com); Info on Open Carry; [www.opencarry.org](http://www.opencarry.org) & [www.miopencarry.org](http://www.miopencarry.org). So if you need info on Gun Laws it is not hard to find, there is a lot of information on the internet.....and remember "everything on the internet MUST be true otherwise it would not be there..." right!

### Fall Fun Shoot is a GO! Sept 20th 10am??

Dave W. says The Fun Shoot is a go! It will consist of 50 bird Shotgun Shoot similar to what we have had in the past. However with a few changes, first the cost will be reduced from \$50 to \$25. You say How can we do that? That was the easy part, NO Steak Dinner. Instead we will have a much more simpler (cheaper) meal from the BBQ. Probably on the order of Dogs, Brats, or Burgers. Second; The course of fire will be changed. Not sure as to what, but Dave says he will make it interesting.

Earl has came up with a side game of some sort. He is supplying the guns and ammo for some sort of a 3 gun shoot. Those that attend the Fun Shoot the last time Earl came up with a side game will remember that it was shooting a deer target at 150 yards with an Open Sighted Elephant Gun. Richard Bodfish took the honors that day.

So come on out and meet the Challenge, Sept. 20th 10am.

### Reminder—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 \$\$\$\$\$**  
**DINNER AROUND 1pm.**

**Raffles & Door Prizes- 4pm.**

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

**QUESTIONS CALL:**

**STEVE PERKOWSKI-269-381-7841**

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**Next Meeting:**  
Sept. 14th @ 7pm

**Meal:**

**Orientation:**

Sept. 14th @ 6pm

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

Can't make it, email [shrgc@comcast.net](mailto:shrgc@comcast.net) for weekend meeting.



*"There is nothing common about common sense" - P.F. Bruce*

*"Owning a handgun doesn't make you armed any more than owning a guitar makes you a musician." - Col. Jeff Cooper*

*"Nothing can be made proof against a fool. The problem is keeping fools and gadgetry separate." - Col. Jeff Cooper*

### Special Points Of Interest:

- *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*

## I apologize - Ted Jones

I apologize to the members of the South Haven Rod & Gun Club. I felt the same way a lot of other members felt when I went down the hill to the rifle and pistol ranges. Targets were shot up, junk from home (satellite dishes, hub caps and game boards) were lying around. I thought "what a bunch of slob".

So during a bitching session with a few other members, a few ideas popped up. We thought that because all the targets were placed in holes in the ground and could not be moved, maybe portable targets, targets that could be placed anywhere, might be more useable. Then we thought maybe if we put them on sawhorses folks wouldn't have the need to bring trash from home. Soon after that Dave Obrecht called and said he had four sawhorses and a bunch of plywood that he would donate to the club (a BIG THANKS to you Dave).

The next thing I know I'm at the monthly meeting bitching about the whole

thing and suddenly I find I'm on the newly formed Outdoor Range Committee. Along with Earl Akehurst, Al Baerron and Dave Wiatrowski. Off to Menards I went.

The first thing I did was make new yard markers, (they ain't pretty but they work). The next thing I did was screw the donated plywood to the donated sawhorses and placed them out on the range. This was on a Wednesday. By The following Friday one of the sawhorses was so badly shot up that it could barely support its own weight. All of the damage was nowhere near the target area; in fact there was no evidence that a target had been attached to the plywood at all. Was I angry? You bet! I thought "why do I try?" Here is why the apology is necessary. As it turns out the person responsible WAS NOT A MEMBER! This person let themselves in, brought their own target, placed it between the shooting bench and the new target

and without care as to where their rounds were going, blasted away. This person was using a 45 ACP 1911 handgun on the rifle range. Their rounds passed thru their target and all but destroyed the newly placed sawhorse downrange.

Since then I have had some time to calm down, I went back out to the range and cobbled up a repair job on the sawhorse and removed some of the trash that couldn't fit into the burn barrel.

We, the Range Committee, will continue to try to make the range better; your suggestions are needed, please give them. Again, I'm sorry for bad mouthing you members that really care.

Sincerely, Ted Jones

### Editors Note:

*Our members do this also Ted! The problem sometimes is people do not look at the whole picture, they barely see the target in front of them, let alone what is beyond the target. If I remember right the first rule of NRA range Safety is to know your target and what is beyond it.*

## NON-MEMBERS USING RANGE?

Above Ted mentioned about Non-Members using the range. How is this possible? Well I can think of a few ways. **First;** Law Enforcement Officers, Our range is open for LEO's to use for training, NORMALLY this is done

in a FORMAL setting. Some of these LEO's are members also. **Second;** Your GUESTS, you brought a buddy out, used the range and now your buddy comes back without you. If you hear of this happening, SIGN

them up as a member!!! **Third;** General Public—This does happen, If you do not know them ask for a Membership Card, get a name & license plate number, explain this is a private club, be polite, ask them to leave or join the Club.

## BEHIND THE BADGE - From the desk of Detective Wm Daggett

### "THAT'S GOTTA HURT"

#### Wild Goose Chase

A "few years" ago when I was still in uniform, I was down at the barn fueling my patrol car along with Ofc. Baker. For those of you familiar with South Haven, the barn was the City of South Haven's DPW on Dunkley near Pero's Marina.

It was a nice quiet morning, just getting daylight, the birds were singing. We had just finished working the midnight shift and were just topping off our tanks when we heard the sound of a 2 cycle dirt bike going through the gears coming down East Wells onto Dunkley. It sounded like the guy had an expansion chamber on the bike and it was loud! A moment later he came screaming by and at that time we noted the guy wasn't wearing a helmet. He was headed west towards the Porthole about 50 mph.

Ofc. Baker jumped in his car and I in mine. Ofc. Baker went after the bike and I headed up the street towards Blue Star Hwy... Ofc. Baker and I were in radio contact as he tried catching up to the motorcycle. Baker advised he was in pursuit north on North Shore Drive in excess of 70 mph... I headed north on Blue Star Hwy. and Baker then advised the guy turned down Baseline Road and was heading my way.

By now the adrenaline was starting to kick in a little as I headed up the highway to cut the guy off as he came off Baseline Rd. As I neared Baseline, I saw the bike coming down the hill with Ofc. Baker in hot pursuit. I started to slow down and then realized I was still going too fast and slammed on the brakes. The motorcycle didn't even slow down for the STOP sign and flew across Blue Star. For a moment, I thought I was going to take him out. Everything went into slow motion as I skidded forward and the bike flew in front of me as I came to a stop. Ofc. Baker continued chasing the

guy. The guy soon realized he was going down a dead end street and spun around in Al Hosier's yard throwing up a rooster tail of dirt leaving Baker in his dust. The bike was back on Blue Star and accelerated south on Blue Star. It was my turn to take the lead pursuit and I soon caught up with the guy by the Blue Star Bridge. Just past the bridge, the guy slowed down almost to a stop to cross the curb so that he could escape down the Kal-Haven Trail. Just as he got the front tire up onto the curb, I took the opportunity to "nudge" his back tire with my bumper which suddenly flipped the bike sideways and the guy took quick header onto the pavement. Remember NO HELMET- "That's Gotta Hurt"

I jumped out of my patrol car with my mike to my radio still in hand to check on the guy. In my excitement, I had ripped the cord out of the radio and was wondering why dispatch wasn't responding. The guy was down for a short time as I applied his new bracelets. When I turned him over, I saw that he had a nice goose egg on his forehead, but he was drunk and on a stolen motorcycle and he didn't seem to notice as I escorted him to the patrol car.

#### Curly

I got the call early one morning as Detective. It was November, 1998. It was a horrendous situation where an elderly woman had been raped and then locked in her bathroom. Items had been stolen from her home along with her car. Some really good police work quickly led to the recovery of her car and the identification of some possible suspects.

While I was processing the scene wearing one of my other hats, that of CSI (Crime Scene Investigator), I located 2 dark pubic hairs in the woman's bed. I carefully collected the evidence to assist in identifying

the animal that committed this crime.

Fast forward. We now have one in custody and he's not being very cooperative with the investigation. I now have a search warrant for his DNA, hair Etc... Do you see where this is going?? I met with the jail nurse at Van Buren County Jail and filled her in on the particulars. So Glenda says to me, "How many pubic hairs do you need"? I let her know that the lab only needs a few to compare to the ones I located at the scene. They haul the guy down to our room and I showed him the warrant. Glenda tells the guy to drop his drawers. He wasn't too happy about that but I told him we would hold him down if necessary. He finally relented and pulled the front of his pants down. Ole Glenda, who goes around 250lbs. snapped her rubber glove on and then reached in with thumb and index finger and grabbed a pile and gave a yank!!!! The guy screamed. I held out my envelope and she dumped about 30 hairs into it and asked softly, "Do you think that's enough"? I looked in the envelope and told her I wasn't sure. I'm not sure if Mr. Reid saw it but I did. A big smile spread across Glenda's face as she reached back in for another sample. "That's Gotta Hurt" Mr. Reid was sentenced to 20-30 years and is currently in the Baraga Maximum Facility.

Editor's note:

If you like these stories let us know. We will keep Bill at it. Even though South Haven is small, I am sure we have enough Dumb Crooks to keep the stories coming for a while.

Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

Send it to  
SHRGC@comcast.net  
Looking for your input.

This month's rant has nothing to do with the Club....must have been a quite month at the club...Any way I recently went on a trip....to the land of Fruits and Nuts. Yes I visited the Left Coast. Did find a nice Gun Range! My Rant is about the travel....a friend once told me there are 2 types of luggage in the airlines industry, carry on and lost....well I have found that there are quite few types of people that travel and in my recent trip I think I seen ALL of them. Most of the people who travel have learned to live with some of the bothers of the airport like taking off your shoes, no liquids over 3 ounces in your carry on and such. But it seems there are a few that just don't get it.

**The Drama Queen;** this is the guy who after going through security is selected at the gate for one more inspection. Most people just walk over to the TSA officer open the carry on and move on with life, it takes all of 30 seconds and the plane is not going any where until this is done. But he throws his little fit and stomps over to the table and declares for all to see "I feel so much safer now..." only if I had a gun...The folks at TSA are only doing their job...get over it.

**The Fashion Statement;** These folks I will never understand. WE as a traveling people have been walking through metal detectors at airports for a few decades, since 2001 they have been fine tuned to catch that penny in your pocket. Why do these PEOPLE insist on wearing every piece of jewelry they own and look sur-

prised when the metal detector goes off? And then stand there and complain that they have to remove the junk to get through security. Once through the ol'metal detector they now stand with a TSA agent and explain why they need ALL the Beauty Store products in there carry on. They just do not understand what 3 ounces mean.

**Machine Illiterate;** In the past decade or so the airlines industry have had some cost cutting measures. Instead of people they have installed a box to help you with check-in and baggage check. Seems pretty simple, you have already purchased your ticket online and now you are going to use a computer to assist the check-in. This computer is simple, it asks a few straight forward questions with a multiple choice selection for the answers and they just can not figure it out. Are you checking any bags today? 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - more? Look down; do you have a bag to check? Dah! What is worst is the people standing in line waiting for someone to say "Next"....They do not get it! When someone walks away from a terminal....that's your turn to go. They stand there looking into space waiting for that "next" that will never be spoke. The airlines need to up date the box to say "Next" when the person is done. That will fix the problem....right!

**LINES:** Most of the airlines have two lines at the desk. The VIP line for the guys who live on airplanes and then the line for the rest of us, I feel they need a new line and a

screener before you even get in a line. The VIP guys can still have their line but give us a line where normal people can go. The screener's job is simple, they ask a couple of questions and then route you to your line..."Have you traveled on an airlines in the past 3 years? Can you check yourself in or do you need help? Pretty simple right, the people that can do it themselves move to a fast speedy line and the people that need help can go stand with the rest of the traveling illiterate....

Now Southwest Airlines has a new line, line up to board the plane. Southwest does not have seat assignments, they have a devil may care attitude and let you pick your seat as you board the plane. This way you can pick who you want to sit by. The problem is you must check in online 24 hours before your flight to get a low boarding number. If you happen to get that "C Group" Guess what? You get the middle seat! The problem is now people have to follow another simple direction...line up according to your Boarding pass number....A36 is before A56 and the "A" group boards before the "B" Group. Simple ....right? The bad thing with this Rant is the people that need it won't see it....does not really matter because they would not get it any way.

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

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