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Michigan Gun Owners Mission Statement

Michigan Gun Owners is a not-for-profit grass roots organization committed to educating the public on safe, responsible gun ownership, preserving and defending the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and Article I, section 6 of Michigan's Constitution.

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WHAT A YEAR MGO HAD!

2013 was quite a year for MGO members, We had a board member resign, one defeated in a re-election bid, two new board members elected, a President resign, another board member resign, and then one more appointed to the board! We gained a West Side Coordinator and lost him almost as fast as he came on scene. The Board of Directors was reduced from 9 members to 7 and then shortly thereafter, our Vice-President resigned! Another BOD appointment was made and the newly formed board took the ball and ran with it, filling all vacant positions in order to proceed in our goals. When condensed like this, it looks like a disheveled situation but in reality MGO had some MAJOR accomplishments in 2013. Although it will be quite a challenge, we will work hard to make 2014 an even better year! There are many opportunities and plans on the horizon and we are in a good position to make them happen!



MGO Pro-Second Amendment Rally at the Michigan State Capitol

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The Presidential Podium

This is my first installment to the MGO newsletter as the New MGO president and I feel it is important to let members know in which direction I hope to move MGO.

Before I get into that, I want to personally thank **Rodney Shur**. He was a voice of reason on the board and always added insight and wisdom to the sometimes complex issues the board faced. He lead us though some very difficult times and I wish him well.

With Rodney's departure we have some new faces on the board. We have a new member in **Dave Dellinger**. He has a lot of energy and I feel that he brings a fresh perspective and a willingness to serve. I look forward to working with him. **Mike Borders** has stepped up to VP. Mike was elected to the board at the annual meeting and is also serving as membership chairman and treasurer.

The other appointment is **Tom Brown**, who has served in the past. Tom is a dedicated member and will bring energy and experience to the board.

I want to thank all of these guys for their willingness to help move MGO to the next level. Please welcome Mike, Dave and Tom to their leadership roles. In fact - I would invite you get to know all the board members! We would welcome your thoughts and ideas.

I look at the recent changes as an opportunity to turn the page and I want to take this time to share some of **my vision for MGO**.

First; we have a program to go and connect with kids to teach them gun safety and safe gun storage. I would like to reach out to groups that are open to learning about shooting sports and gun safety (such as 4H and Scouts) using alternative routes to get in front of the next generation of safe shooters. If we as Pro 2A defenders do not fight the negative anti-gun propaganda with the truth, we will lose a generation to those that would be happy to demonize a freedom and a way of life we hold dear.

As part of our education program, MGO has trained many RSO's across the state. I would like to see MGO partner trainers in pistol, rifle, and shotgun to offer classes from beginner, all the way to advanced. With this partnership MGO would have a voluntary program that would allow trainers to fill classes with MGO members in exchange for banner ad space and monthly promotions. This would bring training and savings to MGO members, and new students and customers to the trainers.

Secondly; Michigan has several strong gun organizations and I would like to see events that bring all the groups together (shooting events, camping, and cookouts.) As we rebuild these relationships we will all be better for it. We may have different missions and goals but one voice as it relates to gun issues.

All of this is just talk and wishful thinking without people. **I am asking for you to volunteer your time, an hour or two or as much as you can.** I believe in our country as founded, we have far too many that are willing participants in the leftist's anti-gun narrative. **It is up to you and me to save our freedoms!!**

If not us who!!!

John Rhodes



MGO Volunteers turned out in full force in 2013. Information booths were set up at multiple gun shows, Outdoorama, and **two** Woods and Water Outdoor Weekends!

We marched and rallied in our State capitol three times last year, letting our legislators know that they need to keep our interests in mind. We had five fun shoots (to make sure that MGO members kept up on their shooting skills,) two MGO meet and greet events ("oh, you're THAT guy?"), four MGO events and two MGO/MOC/MCRGO lunches (MGO members love to eat as much as they love to shoot!)

MGO volunteers put on a couple of New Shooter Clinics, and approximately ten MGO members passed a Range Safety Officer class!

Our MGO Board of Directors meetings were fairly well attended throughout the year and in July, MGO had the highest turnout in history for any regular membership meeting.

The West side of Michigan began to get very active and a new trailer was outfitted for that side of the state.

Please consider stepping up and helping out at an event in 2014, You don't have to be an expert, everyone has something to offer!



A NEW MGO TRAILER !!!

MGO Gun of the Year M&P15 Sport™

Each Year MGO rewards the volunteers from our membership by entering all their names in a drawing for the MGO Gun of the Year. The winner of the MGO 2013 GOTY is Carl M. (SeeTee)

Congratulations Carl !!!!!

A few words from the Activities Chairman;

To ALL who volunteered this past year and there were a lot of you (in fact too many to list, though Jack asked me to,) no matter how big or small the input, you really made MGO happen this year.

I think MGO had it's biggest year for the number of events and the area's covered through the state and the numbers of public introduced to MGO, it is because of the volunteers that stepped up in so many ways, and the members who came out to attend & support the events played a big part also to make it a success.

I have had the Honor of working along side many of you, some in the West and North part of the state, I did not get to meet, I hope in the future I get the opportunity to fix that.

I am not the greatest with words, For myself and on behalf of MGO I want to send out my deepest sincere regards & thanks to each and everyone of you through the state who made this past year of events possible.

SeeTee

Did You Know?

Lee Harvey Oswald purchased the rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy from a mail order ad in the NRA's AMERICAN RIFLEMAN magazine. NRA Vice President, Franklin Orth publicly supported banning mail-order rifle sales but nearly 5 years would go by before the Gun Control Act of 1968 came into effect. The NRA was accused by government officials as being obstructionists.

Marketplace Tips and Tricks

by Forum member and moderator "G22"

Creating a title for your firearm ad and what you should know about our forum software.

The template provided by MGO to fill out your firearm ad is actually an addon to the forum software. When it was created, the amount of characters allowed in the description area exceeded the standard vBulletin limit. The template allows about 80 characters to be entered into the description area while the vBulletin limit is much less. This has created some issues when editing the title of your firearm ads. By no fault of your own, the character limit reverts back to the standard vBulletin limit when editing your title. This has caused problems where members are unable to keep the price and or location included at the end of their ad.

The solution is simple. Shorten the description when you edit the title. There is really no need to list every single item the firearm may come with in the title.

For example:

Used / Glock model 22 with Trijicon Night Sights, Grip reduction and stippling, ATEi serrations on top and sides, with Safariland ALS holster and 300 rounds of ammo / Your Town / \$600

Can be shortened to:

Used / Glock Model 22 with many extras / Your Town / \$600

Once you are inside the standard vBulletin character limit, the software will accept your edited title. Doing this simple trick will save you the time and hassle of having to re-post your ad if it gets deleted, and save the Mods time as well.

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Michigan Gun Owners
February 2014 Board Meeting
Close Quarters Tactical
50485 Utica Drive
Shelby Township MI 48315
Saturday, February 8. 4:00 PM

Don't Forget!



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Hello from the " Cha Ching" area.

Well I have been learning the ropes as Treasurer of MGO for about 2 months now. I Thank everyone who has wished me well in this endeavor.

There have been many things to learn, and hopefully, as I become more familiar with the software the job will be a piece of cake!!

Some of the things I have noticed in the past few months that you as Members can help me with I will list below:

1) When you send in your Fees via Paypal, Please list in the Notes area whether it is a Renewal or New Membership. If it is a Renewal, if you note your Membership Number and your Screen Name in the Notes section it would save me a lot of time in Processing, as Paypal does not let me know this information.

MGO has again Purchased Two Elk Table Packages to the Benefit4Kids Banquet to be held January 25, 2014 in Shelby Township, Michigan.

Ten of these Tickets will be given away at our Holiday Fun Shoot at the Firing Line, in Westland, Michigan on December 20th starting at 6:00 P.M.

The other Ten tickets are available to purchase at a cost of \$110.00 each.

We have also just purchased 5 Guns to be given away during the coming year at various venues, as we continue our support of various Charities and Organizations.

I personally want to wish everyone a Glorious Holiday Season and I look forward to many fun activities this year and an opportunity to serve the Membership in my two capacities.

**Mike Borders
Vice President & Treasurer**



Activities Committee Summary & MGO events for 2013

January 26th MGO support of Benefit4Kids winter drawing.

Although not a MGO event per say, MGO once again supported B4K by buying 2 tables at this event and sold seats to it's members for one table and raffled off free seats in a drawing to MGO members to fill the second table in an effort to raise money for this group.

February 8, 2A Rally in Lansing

Was organized by Dave Pyzik, pyzik on the forum, reports are aprox. 150~200 showed up on a cold snowy day to show support for the 2A.

February 21,22,23,24 Outdoorama, Novi

MGO had a very good event, 19 members stepped up to man the booth all did an excellent job of representing Organization and had a good time doing it.

5 memberships were picked up, including 1-3yr. and 1-5yr. MGO merchandise sales were \$200 Winner of the .22 contest; was Larry Lee of Taylor, a MGO camo hat was the prize.



March 9th MGO Meet-n-Greet East & West

MGO held two events on the same day, one in Shelby Twp. and another in Wyoming MI. Both events went very well, with the west side edging out the east side in attendance 40 to 35

MGO member scottzcamero opened up his restaurant early to MGO to hold the event organized by right2bear.

Mopedman set up the east side event at the New York Deli, good time here also, smaller then then the west side event, but we will work on it! One interesting thing happened, one of the patrons at the restaurant, not part of our group came over to talk to us and signed up as a MGO member right on the spot!

A combination of both events added 4 new memberships and did about \$120 in MGO sales.

March 20th 2A March Lansing MI

MGO was a co-sponsor of the event along with other pro gun groups, on the part of MGO our president Barrettone was one of the many speakers on the capitol steps.

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AND MORE

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April 20th First Shots – Duncan's in Bay City,

MGO hosted its first, "First Shots" .22 only firearms training class in Bay City, at Duncan's. MGO members along with personal from Duncan's instructed new first time shooters, there were many ladies and Family's in attendance.

June 1, MGO / MOC / MCRGO coalition event, Kensington Metropark.

MGO alone with MOC and MCRGO held a combined group picnic to promote meeting of members in the various groups with an eye to furthering corporation among the groups to work together to further 2a rights in Michigan.

July 20th MGO /MOG/ MCRGO Coalition event held in Ingham County.

Another big 3 picnic held to get members of the groups & people in another area of the state a chance to attend a event in their local area.

July 27, MGO Annual members meeting and elections Post 46 Pickney

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MGO hosted it annual picnic & members meeting July 27 at Post 46 in Pickney.

We had aprox 60 members voting in the elections and even more attending as family and gusts.

A fine catered meal was served along generous additions of pot luck dishes brought by members. A drawing was held for one of the MGO guns of the year, all voting MGO members were entered, MGO member freakinhugebear won a gen 4 Glock 19

A fun shoot was help as a cap to day the at that location and a good time was had by all.

August 10 MOC/MGO/MCRGO 2nd Amendment BBQ in Grayling, MI

Another group event held in a more Northern part of the state to get people aware of the 3 groups and again promote corporation and support for the 2A in the area.

MGO president attended and 41 people from the area attended along with a state rep.



AND YET MORE

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August 10th Another MGO first shooter's program, held at Newago County Sportsman's club.

Another first shooter clinic was organized by MGO BOD member and west side coordinator, Righ2Bear a great event on the west side part of the state to introduce the public to shooting and the MGO organization, one first time shooter was a lady over 70 years old!

August 18th Free RSO class, Novi

MGO sponsored a free NRA certified RSO class taught by Jeff Lave for 11 MGO members to increase the ranks of certified RSO's for MGO fun shoots and to grow the ranks of RSO's in the general shooting community. Another class sponsored by MGO was also held on the west side of the state on the same day.

August 25th New shooter Clinic, at Howell gun club

MGO presented another free new shooter clinic, introducing the public to shoot shotguns, .22 rifle, .22 pistol and 9mm pistol in the course of they day, aprox. 25 in attendance.

September 7th MGO/Livingston FNRA Banquet, Hamburg, MI

MGO/Livingston FNRA Banquet was held at the Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club, This event raises money for the Friends of the NRA to support the shooting sports, half of the money raised stays in Michigan and is awarded to gun groups in the state, MGO has benefited by grants from this organization that have supported our New / First shooter programs and other projects.

September 6,7, 8 Woods -n-Water East 20,21,22

Once again MGO had a booth at the Woods & Water Outdoor Weekend in Imlay, City
10 members volunteered to staff the booth for the 3 day weekend.

For the first time in several years MGO had T-shirts, and in 3 colors and a new style to sell and sell they did, almost 40 were sold that weekend!

Sales were good for all merchandise along with several new memberships.



AND EVEN MORE!

Activities Committee Summary & MGO events for 2013

Sept. 20, 21,22, Woods-n-Water West

MGO participated in a first ever Woods & Water weekend held in Kalamazoo, this was a new show for the promoters and a first time for MGO to have a showing in that area of the state.

9 MGO members stepped up to volunteer to staff the booth for another 3 day weekend.

Sept. 21 Coalition picnic & BBQ in Belleville

Another picnic in the south of the Detroit metro area for the big 3, a good fun get together was had by all.

Sept. 28th MGO /MOC/ MCRGO Coalition Event Grand Rapids

A west side picnic, again to bring the big 3 groups to meet members and people in the area, 4 MGO members stepped up to staff the MGO table a great turn out of aprox. 200 showed up and received good news coverage by the local press.

October 9th Gun fair & Lobby Day Lansing

MGO /MOG/ MCRGO along with 2A march, Students for concealed carry on campus and a new group Young guns of Michigan staffed an event in Lansing to promote citizens to meet with with their local state representatives and present gun owners fall 2013 legislative priorities to them.

A large tent same as in the winter was set up along with volunteers with directories to assist the public to find their reps and offices.

Again MGO members stepped up to staff tables and to march along Michigan ave. carrying the large MGO banner, good press and pictures of the marchers was presented and shown by Lansing & Detroit TV stations, MGO in the forefront of the march with our banner was prominently displayed in the coverage.

2014- just a few things so far

Novi Gun and Knife Show- December 21 & 22

Membership information, T-shirts, hats and coffee mugs were available for purchase.

4 volunteers maned the table during this two day event

Benefit4Kids Winter Banquet- January 25th

MGO again is supporting this event, link

<http://www.migunowners.org/forum/showthread.php?t=271759>

Special thanks to Carl "SeeTee" for keeping excellent tabs and coordination of MGO activities!

Legislative Update

Over the first half of the Michigan Legislature's two-year term, many pro- and anti-firearm bills have been introduced but very little has moved forward. A few bills to watch out for going into 2014 are:

- **SB 213**, a re-introduced version of last year's vetoed SB 59, which transfer responsibility for CPL licensing to the Michigan Secretary of State, reduce the price of a CPL and repeal several of the Pistol Free Zones found in MCL 28.425o. Passage of this bill is our top priority going into 2014.
- **HB 4283**, which would allow the use of rifles with straight-walled cartridges in the "shotgun zone" for firearm deer season. The bill is stuck in committee, primarily due to DNR opposition. MGO is working along with MUCC and will be testifying in January supporting the bill.
- **SB 610** would lift Michigan's ban on the private ownership of short-barreled rifles and shotguns. MGO testified in support of the bill before the Senate Judiciary Committee in November, which unanimously passed the bill. The legislation now moves to the full Senate.

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Article I § 6

STATE CONSTITUTION (EXCERPT)
CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN OF 1963

§ 6 Bearing of arms.

Sec. 6.

*Every person has a right to keep and bear arms
for the defense of himself and the state.*

Amendment II Bill of Rights U.S. Constitution

*A well regulated Militia, being
necessary to the security of a
free State, the right of the
people to keep and bear Arms,
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