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may be sold to those on the waiting list.)

Open to Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Admission:

13 and up \$6.00 - Children under 12 - Free with Adult

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

A Call to Arms

No Pro-Gun Bills Seen in 2008 Legislature; Presidential Race Looks bad for Gun Rights

By Paul C. Lisle

For the first time in many years we will not have a pro-gun bill in the January Legislature. The five bills that I have been pushing for are:

1. The Castle Bill to give people the right to defend their homes with lethal force.
2. Be able to eat in a restaurant, carry and not drink even though the restaurant serves liquor.
3. Remove the two year concealed carry qualifying requirement.
4. Ban the City of Albuquerque from chopping up confiscated guns.
5. Eliminate the concealed carry one gun rule.

The Governor has put none of these bills on his January call and the NRA is not pushing for him to do so. One reason given is that the short 30-day session is dedicated to funding issues. A second reason given is the huge dispute over road money, which is sorely needed for road repair and instead, is being spent on the Road Runner train, which is expected to take up a large part of the session. There is always the 2009 60-day session to look forward to and plan for.

The 2008 Presidential race is looking very bad for gun our rights. Starting with front-runners Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, all the Democratic candidates, except Gov. Bill Richardson, are anti-gun.

Of the Republican candidates almost all appear anti-gun. Rudy Giuliani was an ardent gun control supporter as mayor of New York. Mitt Romney advanced and signed harsh anti-gun legislation as governor of Massachusetts. John McCain stabbed gun owners in the back by lending his name to banning gun people from advertising about anti-gun candidates prior to an election and pushing for restrictions on gun shows. One of the very few Republican candidates that are pro-gun is Sen. Ron Paul who believes that the BATFE should be abolished. There is little hope that things will change prior to the election.

The Supreme Court has agreed to

hear the Parker vs. Heller suit that was filled by the District of Columbia. The D.C. Petition is a four-part approach. First, it claims the Second Amendment is a collective, not an individual right. Second, it claims that the Second Amendment only restricts the federal congress, not state and local governments. Third, it claims that since the Second Amendment refers to the "security of a free stated," that it doesn't apply to D.C., which is not a state.

And finally, it claims that even if the Second Amendment really does refer to an individual right which is applicable to all individual citizens and binding on all federal state, and local governments including the District of Columbia, that banning the purchase or possession of an entire category of firearms (handguns) should not be considered an "infringement" but rather a reasonable restriction on a fight for the safety of the community. No wonder the Court of

Appeals through out the whole thing. By my calculations, the Supreme Court should agree with the lower court by a 5 to 4 decision. Lets hope I am right.

A closer look at the D.C. gun band shows that it was enacted in 1976. It forbids the possession of any rifle, shotgun or handgun unless it is registered, even in the home. The law forbids the registration of any handgun after 1976. Furthermore, a person must obtain a handgun-carrying license to carry a registered handgun in his home, but such licenses are never issued. Any rifle, shotgun, or handgun in the home must be kept unloaded and must be either disassembled or secured with a trigger lock. There is no exemption for self-defense or defense of others.

We need to contact our Washington representatives and urge them to support Congressman Phil

Semi-auto version of the AR-18

Armalite AR 180: History, Good, Bad, Ugly

History

A small unheralded rifle, the AR-18 and its civilian counterpart the AR 180 have an interesting and sometimes jaded past. The acronym that we all know as "AR" actually stands for the company that designed the Armalite Rifle. The AR-18 is a 5.56 mm/.223 folding-stock assault rifle with the upper and lower receivers made from folded steel. Offered to the U.S. and other countries as a cheaper alternative to the M-16, it was never adopted by any major military force. Thus the semi-auto version for the civilian population, the AR 180 was spawned.

Originally Armalite was a design department of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation between 1954 – 61. Eugene Stoner, best known for the lead designs on the AR15/ M-16, was also Fairchild's team member on the development of the AR-18. In 1959, the designs and patents on the M-16 were sold to Colt because of their manufacturing capabilities. Now Fairchild needed a competitive rifle

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Gingrey's bill, H.R. 1791, that will require BATFE to videotape test firings of guns they would like to claim as full automatics. This would prevent gun owners from prosecution because a gun is just malfunctioning and not a full auto.

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take every thing you have. Thomas Jefferson. The founding fathers were brilliant. Think about what will happen to taxes when universal medical insurance and coverage go into effect.

design, but without the patented Stoner systems sold to Colt.

Due to financial problems at Fairchild, the Armalite division was sold and became incorporated in 1962. The initial production of the AR 180 was started at its plant in Costa Mesa, California. There was a total of 4,018 AR 180's produced there between July 1969 and June 1972.

With such limited production capabilities, Armalite also went to Howa Machine Company of Nagoya, Japan. Considered to be the most collectable of the AR 180's due to its production number of only 3,927, political reasons limited manufacturing between October 1970 to February 1974.

Sterling Armament Company of Dagenham, England was then approached to make the AR 180. Making the largest number of these rifles from 1974 to 1983, Sterling models totaled 12,362.

The Good

The bolt has the same camming multi-lug design as the M-16, and the bolt carrier rides back on a dual rod and spring system. This allowed for the folding stock since there was no buffer system like the M-16. Stoner also went back to the gas piston system that has worked so well since the introduction of the semi-automatic rifle. There is a bolt handle (unlike the M-16), which allows direct manipulation of the bolt forward and rearward.

The Bad

In making the rifle as inexpensive as possible, there was no gas system adjustment for shooting accessory

ordnance; and no bolt hold-open device. The loose tolerances of the receivers' sheet-metal production were instrumental to the many malfunctions during the governments' test trials. The 30-round magazines were modified M-16 types, which also added to the misfeeding and jamming problem.

The Ugly

The Irish Republican Army (IRA) acquired a number of the rifles in the early 70's, which gave the AR 180 a bad reputation. Cosmetically, the Sterling production used a bluing solution that gave the gun a violet tint to many of the parts.

Minutes:

Nov. Board Meeting

The NMGCA Board of Directors met on 14 November 07 at Calibers.

The Gun Show Host reported that the Old West Show will be held this year during the second week in August to coincide with the large antique show at the fairgrounds.

The NMGCA Treasurer presented the treasurer's report and distributed Profit and Loss and Balance sheets and announced that the final payment of the NMGCA contribution to the NRA had been sent.

The NMGCA President announced that the Annual Banquet would be held at the Calico Café this year. Also, the nominating committee presented the slate of officers and board members to be voted on for 2008.

2008 Show Calendar

Gun Shows:

March 1 and 2, June 7 & 8,
and October 4 & 5

Old West Show:

August 9 & 10

Mini Shows:

January 23, March 26, April 23,
June 25, August 27,
and October 22

Rifle to be Ruffled

The Henry Repeating Arms Company has donated a Henry Golden Boy .22 LR to the NMGCA. The rifle retails for around \$400. The gun will be on display at the upcoming Gun Shows. Raffle tickets will be available at the shows and a drawing for the gun will be held at the October 2008 Show.

2008 Officers, Board Members

The following officers and board members were elected for 2008: President, Jim Covell; Vice President, Darlene Couchman; Secretary (still vacant); Treasurer, Dan Brovont; and board members, George Edgerly, Ken McCorkle, Ron Smith, and Larry Stepp.

New Members

The NMGCA welcomes the following new members: Stephen Bessinger and Alan Bengtson. We appreciate your membership and look forward to your support.

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