

MCSA NEWS

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Executive Officer Report - September 5, 2020

We received bids for the new fence at the back of the range and have scheduled a fence installer to make it happen. Our end price is right at the 6K mark for costs and it is on the schedule for September 16. We can expect them to set posts and pour concrete first and then return in a few days or a week to finish the fence. I don't anticipate this being a huge interruption to our shooting at the range, but we will post it on the web site if there will be an interruption of service.

Regarding DOE... the elephant in the room. Our legal team sent our reply to DOE one week before the deadline for a response. This was in the third week of July and we are now waiting for their reply. Having read over the letter sent to them I am happy with the wording and believe we will be in the clear as soon as we get a response. DOE is not the fastest train in town and with covid 19 and the furlough issues, this has slowed down the train even more. When we get word back, I will send an update to let everyone know what has been decided and what our next steps will be.

We have been taking reservations for range use and it has been working well. We have not overloaded our range, so feel free to contact Lynn Ludeman for your next shooting time with friends and other members! Please keep in mind we are still limited to only five shooters at a time, but members can bring a non-member guest. We have started a few classes on weekends, again with limited numbers and limited dates. Check the web site for more details if you're interested.

Stay safe, shoot straight! Remember... an unloaded carry gun is just a very short nightstick.

Mark Gardner Executive Officer MCSA

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From the Editor: THANK YOU to those who have faithfully provided material for the newsletter.
I love ya for it.

~ Carla

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Upcoming MCSA Meetings, Board and General

For the next MCSA Board meeting, we will be doing a kind of **hybrid virtual** (in person with less than 10 / virtual) meeting for our board meeting on Sept. 16.

A number of members volunteered to talk about their experiences with virtual meetings earlier this year, one of them is willing to facilitate in person as well as set up our account, so we're going to give it a try.

Our plan is to do a trial run for the Board meeting – inviting membership to attend as a prelude to doing the same thing for the Oct. General meeting on Oct. 7. If members are able to attend the board meeting, that would help figure out what will need to be adjusted going forward. The timing is slightly different for each meeting, the Board meeting begins at 6PM, the General meeting begins at 6:30PM.

Members could “attend”, either in person or virtually. There are very limited reservations for in person are still available, we are only allowed a max of 10. Members will need to sign up to attend, either in person or virtually by 6PM on Tuesday, September 15. That would give ample time prior to the meeting the 6PM meeting the next day, Wednesday, September 16 for the link to be sent out for those attending virtually. To sign up, just call or email Secretary Lynn Ludeman at 206-406-3562 or secretary@masoncountysa.com.

Thinking ahead to December BOD elections

Assuming that the meeting plans we have will work, next it's time to think about next year's board positions.

All board positions and 1 trustee position are open for nomination. Board positions are for 1 year, the Trustee position is for 3 years.

Just to be thorough, here are the board/trustee positions and a brief summary of what their function is:

President: Presides over all meetings, and can call special meetings as needed. The President also appoints all committee chairs, approves committee members, and is considered an ex-officio member of all committees. The President serves as the principal administrative officer and is the spokesman for the club.

Vice President: The VP will perform any of the Presidential duties that the President requests or requires because of absence. The VP also serves as a member of the Community and Charitable Activities Committee.

Secretary: handles correspondence, maintains official records of the club with the exception of the financial records. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at the membership and board meetings. The Secretary maintains the club calendars.

Treasurer: is responsible for managing the day to day finances; reporting the financial status to the board, trustees and membership. The treasurer is accountable to fiscal controls and serves as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee.

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Executive Officer: has over-all responsibility for range activities, works with the President to select and appoint committee chairs / members and is a member of the Maintenance and Operations Committee.

Jr Program Chair: supervises, coordinates and is responsible overall for the activities of the Jr Program. The Jr Program Chair also maintains written records for the Jr Program activities.

Trustee: The Board of Trustees are to act as and be an independent body from the Board of Directors and may make reports to membership regarding concerns of the club. In addition, they perform financial and inventory audits as necessary and are responsible for conducting any recall investigation, mediation and recommendation of final outcome. The Trustee term is 3 years, and the club elects 1 trustee every year, so that there is always at least 2 experienced Trustee on the Board of Trustees.

Winchester Programs Starting up

The Winchester programs are starting up again, beginning with Winchester Defensive Pistol on Thursday, September 24. Because we still need to follow the Washington State mandated Covid protocol, reservations are required for all of the Winchester programs and will be for 2 hour increments, from 6pm – 8pm. Reservations may be made by either emailing training@masoncountysa.com or calling Secretary Lynn Ludeman at 206-406-3562.

Winchester .22 Pistol will start back up on October 1 and Winchester Rim Fire Rifle will start up again on October 16. As with all Winchester programs, MCSA membership is not required to participate. Cost is \$8 for MCSA members, \$10 for non-members.

Mason County Sportsman's Association

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MCSA gets a contribution when you join or renew using our homepage link.



NRA

Letter to the Editor

Our standard of living has taken a huge hit and it may take years to recover, thanks to the Wuhan virus. You can blame Pres. Trump or you can blame the most ineffective US Congress we have had in any crisis in our history. You can blame the ineffective Governor of our state or the local politicians. But, the blame, without doubt, belongs to China. Don't forget that.

China has won the battle that they could never win using military might or economic power. They have unleashed an army of tiny soldiers that have reduced our standard of living to levels we have not seen in decades and decades. Unemployment is very high. Many adults will not be able to rejoin the work force because they are at home tending families of school age kids. Family incomes have reverted to a single worker income, or no income. Family and friends are separated and told to stay so. Small businesses, the life blood of our economic system, are dying or dead with little to look forward to in the near future. Crime is up in almost all major cities and riots continue to destroy our cities and our society. It has exposed our political leadership's inability to solve problems.

And now large cities, including Seattle and Portland are reducing money for the police. We have a shooting range in Shelton where members, family and friends can learn to protect themselves and to practice and increase their firearms knowledge and skills. Traditionally in America, we common folk have had to be the front line of protection for our family, home and neighborhoods.

Call or email Lynn Ludeman to reserve range time...

Phone: 206-406-3562 Email: secretary@masoncountysa.com.

Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance

July 1, Madison, Wisconsin: A woman acted in lawful self-defense when she fatally shot her ex-boyfriend during an altercation. The woman recently broke up with the man, who had a history of domestic violence. The woman was driving when the ex-boyfriend began following her car and she pulled into a parking lot. They got into an argument and the ex-boyfriend tried to force his way into her car. Fearing for her physical safety, she shot him.

July 10, Wesley Chapel, Florida: A homeowner successfully fended off three armed robbers, killing two and wounding the third. He was playing a video game when he heard glass shatter. He grabbed a firearm and saw a masked man in the hallway point a gun at him, so he shot the intruder. He saw other intruders further down the hall and shot at them, hitting one. Then his gun jammed and the third intruder fled. A neighbor heard the noise, caught the intruder running from the house and held him at gunpoint until police arrived.

July 14, Brownsburg, Indiana: A gunman's unprovoked attack on two cemetery workers ended when an armed passerby drew his firearm and killed the shooter. The attack started when a gunman approached workers, opened fire and killed one. He chased the other worker through a residential neighborhood, where the two got into a physical fight. A passing motorist saw what was happening, pulled over, and killed the gunman just as he pointed the firearm at the second cemetery worker's head, saving the worker's life.

July 20, Moss Hill, Texas: An armed motorist helped defuse a situation with a machete-wielding man in the midst of a mental health crisis. He was one of several who stopped to check on the man, who was walking in the middle of a highway and was nearly hit by a semi. The armed motorist drew his pistol to keep the man at bay after he began swinging his machete at the good Samaritans. One of them was able to talk the man into dropping the weapon. Law enforcement officers then arrived and took the man into custody.

July 25, Dallas, Texas: Armed patrons saved lives by stopping a gunman who opened fire on a crowded bar. The shooter was angry after being denied entry because of COVID-19 capacity restrictions and returned with a gun, police said. He began firing into the front of the building, injuring four; a bouncer locked the doors before the gunman could enter. He attempted to get in through a back door, but fled after armed patrons returned fire.

July 28, Dalton, Georgia: A truck driver protected himself from four would-be robbers who accosted him at a truck stop. The robbers approached the truck driver about buying tires, police said, then tried to hold him down while taking his money. The driver was able to grab his handgun and fire at his assailants, who immediately ran. The driver wasn't harmed, and police later arrested one suspect.

July 30, Troy, New York: An off-duty police officer came to a neighbor's aid when her estranged husband attacked her. He used his personal shotgun to kill the man as he stabbed her. Police received multiple calls related to the incident, but it was the armed, off-duty neighbor who heard the woman's screams and intervened to save her life.

Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance, part 2

Aug. 1; Nashville, Tennessee—A restaurant employee stopped an armed robber in his tracks by retrieving a co-worker's handgun and opening fire on the robber, causing him to flee the restaurant. No employees or patrons were injured, but the robber was struck by the employee's rounds and later died of his wounds.

Aug. 7; Lake City, Florida—A man used his firearm to protect his home against an intruder, attempting to hold the intruder at gunpoint while calling the police. The intruder fled but was later captured by law enforcement officers.

Aug. 8; Espanola, New Mexico—A woman called police to report that two men impersonating FBI agents trying to kick open her apartment door. Another tenant in the apartment repeatedly warned the fake agents that he was armed and tried to stop them from coming inside, but they nonetheless kicked down the door. The resident saw that one of the fake agents was armed and used his firearm to defend himself and those in the apartment, killing one intruder and sending the other running.

Aug. 14; Phenix City, Alabama—A jewelry store owner defended himself, his mother-in-law, his employees, and his family business by shooting at two armed men who tried to rob his store. Both men immediately fled the scene, and the only loss to the store occurred when one of the men accidentally knocked over a glass case in the process of fleeing.

Aug. 18; Spartanburg, South Carolina—A shopper protected himself outside of a Lowe's Home Improvement store, shooting and killing a man who appeared ready to attack him with a 4-foot-long piece of lumber. The attacker had been confrontational with the shopper inside the store, but appeared to leave after the shopper started walking down different aisles to avoid him. The attacker waited outside, taking lumber from his truck, and waited until the shopper came out of the store to threaten him again.

Aug. 20; Washington, D.C.—A concealed permit holder shot at two armed men who approached him at a bus stop, threatening to rob him. They blocked the permit holder's path, telling him not to move while brandishing a gun. The permit holder then drew his own firearm and fired several rounds, striking one assailant in the arm and both fled.

Aug. 21; Pasco County, Florida—A local community is hailing one of its own as a hero after a man intervened with his firearm to defend a neighbor from domestic violence. He was mowing his lawn when he heard a woman screaming in a nearby house and ran to assist her, first removing the children from the dangerous scene to ensure their safety and then attempting to de-escalate the situation. The domestic violence suspect ultimately tried to shoot the man and the woman, but was shot and killed by the Good Samaritan.

Aug. 27; Akron, Ohio—The house had been broken into just days earlier, and some of the homeowner's firearms and ammunition had been stolen. Since other valuable items had been left behind, the homeowner feared that the burglar might return to finish the job armed with one of the stolen guns. This time, however, the homeowner was ready and caught the burglar, who was held at gunpoint until police arrived.

Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance, part 3

Aug. 28; Dallas—An 84-year-old man protected himself and his wife by shooting an armed home intruder, who then fled the property. Burglars had targeted the couple in the past and the man told journalists that he had decided not to be a victim anymore. He explained that the police can't be everywhere at once, so "sometimes you've got to take responsibility of your own to protect your own."

CARRY A WEAPON, BECAUSE A POLICE OFFICER IS TOO HEAVY



The following link leads to the page where you can sign up for alerts regarding proposed 2A legislation in Washington state. This is a source of information on proposed legislation and is for educational purposes only.

<https://www.nraila.org/sign-up/>

The ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER Two Different Versions ... Two Different Morals

OLD VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

MORAL OF THE OLD STORY: Be responsible for yourself!

MODERN VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

The ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER part 2

CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, and ABC arrive to show pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to a video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. America is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so?

Kermit the Frog appears on Oprah with the grasshopper and everybody cries when they sing, 'It's Not Easy Being Green'. Occupy the Anthill stages a demonstration in front of the ant's house where the news stations film the group singing, "We Shall Overcome".

Then Reverend Al Sharpton has the group kneel to pray for the grasshopper while he damns the ants. He later appears on MSNBC to complain that rich ants do not care. Former President Obama condemns the ant and blames Donald Trump, both Presidents Bush, President Reagan, Christopher Columbus, and the Pope for the grasshopper's plight. Nancy Pelosi & Chuck Schumer exclaim in an interview on The View that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper and call for a tax hike to make the ant pay his fair share.

Finally, the EEOC drafts the Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the Government Green Czar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and given to grasshopper.

The story ends as we see the grasshopper and his free-loading friends finishing up the last bits of the ant's food while the government house he is in, which, as you recall, just happens to be the ant's old house, crumbles around them because the grasshopper doesn't maintain it.

The ant has disappeared in the snow, never to be seen again.

Grasshopper is found dead from drug overdose and the abandoned house is taken over by a gang of spiders who terrorize the once prosperous and peaceful, neighborhood. The entire Nation collapses bringing the rest of the free world with it.

MORAL OF THE STORY: Be careful how you vote in 2020.

Geography - 319 Square Miles

It will take you about 39 seconds to read this. Read and share.

Recently, the newly convened, House of Representatives introduced a bill to eliminate the electoral college. Here is an excellent explanation of why this is a very bad idea.

In their infinite wisdom, the United States' Founders created the Electoral College to ensure the States were fairly represented. Why should one or two densely populated areas speak for the whole of the nation?

The following list of statistics should finally put an end to the argument as to why the Electoral College makes sense. This needs to be widely known and understood.

There are 3,141 counties in the United States .

- Trump won 3,084 of them.
- Clinton won 57.

There are 62 counties in New York State

- Trump won 46 of them.
- Clinton won 16

Clinton won the popular vote by approximately 1.5 million votes.

- In the 5 counties that encompass NYC, (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan , Richmond & Queens) Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump (Clinton only won 4 of these counties; Trump won Richmond)
- Therefore these 5 counties alone, more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country.

These 5 counties comprise 319 square miles.

The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those who inhabit a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election.

Large, densely populated cities (NYC, Chicago , LA , etc.) DO NOT and SHOULD NOT speak for the rest of our country!

And It's been verified and documented that those 319 square miles are where the majority of our nation's problems foment.

To Brighten Your Day...

- I told my luggage there will be no vacation this year - now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.
- No matter how stupid you feel, remember, little red riding hood couldn't figure out a talking wolf in drag wasn't her grandmother.
- SOMEDAY I'LL START BEHAVING MYSELF. MAYBE TOMORROW...
- If you boil a funny bone, it becomes laughing stock. That's humorous.
- If they ever design pants for old guys, that combine the comfort of Dockers with the protection of Depends - they'll be called Dry Dockers.
- Does anyone know which page of the Bible explains how to turn water into wine? Asking for a friend...
- I only drink a little, but when I do I turn into another person, and that person drinks a lot.
- Lego store re-opened after lockdown. Folks were lined up for blocks.



**So you're against the private ownership of guns?
I'll bet you don't believe in fire extinguishers either.
I mean, you can always just call the fire department, right.**

**Nurse came in and said "Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible. What should I tell him?"
The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him today."**