

MCSA NEWS

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SAD NEWS TO REPORT



We have some sad news to share. We've recently lost not one but two MCSA members.

Long time MCSA member Max Dean passed away quietly at home on Monday, September 13 at the age of 95. There will be a celebration of life that his friends and family are invited to at 11 am on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Christmas Village Club House, 2650 N. 13th St., Shelton WA.

Tiffani Prouty passed away earlier this week after completing throat cancer treatment. Tiffani moved to Friendship MD this summer with her husband Larry, to be closer to her family there. Tiffani's death was sudden and unexpected. There will be a memorial at the home of Tiffani's son in Friendship MD on Oct. 16th.

**Wherever a beautiful soul has been,
there is a trail of beautiful memories.**



MEMORIES OF MAX DEAN



(This is an article written by Lynn Ludeman after interviewing Max some years ago.)

I promised an article about the history of the club's indoor range but I find that I cannot tell that story without also giving you more information about the teller of this story! Max Dean, one of MCSA's founding members (although in 1947, the club was known as Shelton Rifle and Pistol Club), is an entertaining guy to talk to! His energy, enthusiasm and vitality is contagious and I always walk away from time spent with Max with a smile on my face. But I am getting lost in the woods, so back on track, here is a bit about one of our favorite members:



After Max got out of the Navy, he and his wife went to Colorado so that Max could attend a gunsmithing school. In 1950, after graduation, they returned to Shelton, where he opened Dean's Gun Shop at 81 E Connemara Way.

In the usual way of good stories, the timeline wanders throughout the telling – who can remember exactly what year something happened? But the general idea is this: The “club”, a small group of mostly WWII Veterans, started out shooting at the Shelton Airfield, in one of the barracks that had been granted for their use – free of charge. They had to create a backstop, because there wasn't one, but they did that by stacking up railroad ties. Max said that they started out with very little organization, it was just a small group of guys who wanted to shoot and were willing to do the work to create a place for them to do that. They shot .22 caliber rifles and pistols in the barracks. They shot at the National Guard range after the barracks at the air field, but there were limitations that weren't ideal. Shortly after they were at the National Guard location, they man-

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aged to acquire some property that was about where the Fred Meyer store is now. Other places they met to hold meetings were the old PUD Building on Cota & 3rd, the VFW Hall, The Armory and an old government building that I'm unclear of where it was exactly – something about it being used as a tank store after being de-commissioned as a government building. As to the VFW group, Max says that they had no involvement with the club until he went to them and asked for help, that was right around 1978, and they've been a help since, especially with the Jr Program.

In the 70's, they decided to sell the property they owned where the Fred Meyer is to pay for the indoor range. The small group of members had grown a little bit but not that much by the 70's, and they all pitched in to do the work required to build the indoor range that we enjoy shooting in now. They did all of the work themselves, except for the concrete walls, which were hired out. There was a guy then with a last name "Thompson", that Max called "Tommy", and he did the walls and was very complimentary about how helpful the then club members were. At that time, Max thinks he recollects that there were 22 or 23 members. Some members really pitched in to help a lot, the ones that Max remembered when we talked were: Calvin Chin, Ralph Irwin, Bob Meacham & his wife Pam, John Watkins and his son Brad, Vern Rosenburg, Allen Bragg and Steve Wellington.

They got the steel from somewhere in Aberdeen, and Simpson was very generous with them – allowing the use of a boom truck at no charge, and giving them a good deal on the plywood.

As an aside, Max remembers that the Army Corp of Engineers was really helpful, too, although more in the case of building the outdoor range,

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which is another story! One of the things I like best about stories like this are that I can now envision it as though I might have been there. As is true with good stories told from memory, there are some un-remembered elements to it but that is also part of what I like best, being able to ask questions of Max and others who may remember different missing parts of the history, so if any of you have some memories to add, please do so!

I will leave you with a little bit of explanation of the photos – Max made the montage that is hanging on the wall in the meeting room at the range, so you can get a better look at the photos there, but here are a few with the people identified.

- ♦ The top photo was taken in March, and shows the concrete being poured. Max is pretty sure that it is John Watkins and his son Brad on the right side of the photo.
- ♦ The second photo was taken in April and shows the Simpson Boom Truck.
- ♦ The third photo shows the members working on the roof – Max is up there, and so is Allen Bragg.
- ♦ The fourth photo, of course, is Max putting in the concrete floor. That was in August.



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And a few other facts about Max...

Max also started the Action Cowboy Matches in the 90's and they drew lots of shooters until we lost the outdoor range.

Max has held BOD offices, been Match Director and in fact, was our first PPC Match Director.



REMEMBERING TIFFANI PROUTY

This is an article from the January 2019 Newsletter



Meet the Board!

As of January 1ST, we have a new club VP! Here is a little bit about Tiffani!



“Hi. My name is Tiffani Prouty. I am married to Larry Prouty. We have three adult children and two grandchildren. I work for the City of Olympia as a Paralegal for the Prosecutor’s Office. I have been a member of MCSA for 4 or 5 years now. My mom, Jan Heck, is actually the person who told me about MCSA. She is a member too, and learned about it through Renegade. My husband and I came to a new member orientation and the rest was history. “

When asked how long she has been shooting, Tiffani responded “I did not grow up shooting guns, though I have shot them a bit, but I have always been interested in them; maybe even a little afraid of them. When I joined, I didn’t know a great deal about guns. I took a gun class for women about 8 years ago through Cabela’s and really wanted to own a gun then but the timing wasn’t right. The first time I really learned about a gun was through the MCSA’s Pistol for Beginners class several years ago. And just like that, I was hooked. The first gun I purchased was a Walther PPK 380. It has a blue camo grip and I love it. I feel it was a good gun to learn on along with a .22.”

Tiffani isn’t new to volunteering at MSCA. “Since joining MCSA, I have done quite a bit of volunteering. A few years back I completed a term for the sec-

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retary when the elected couldn't complete her term. I'll tell you, that is a hard, thankless job. -You all make sure to thank Lynn for the excellent job she does for this club! -I was the membership committee chair at one point. I currently help with the new member orientation once a month, and just recently became a card carrying RSO and volunteer when I can for RSO duties. I'll be taking the instructor's class in April. Wish me luck!"

When asked what she likes most about MSCA, she replied "I really love and appreciate this club for many, many reasons. This is a really safe place to learn about gun and gun safety. There are so many members that want you to succeed as a responsible gun owner. I have never felt that I didn't belong because I am a woman. I am encouraged by the long term members to grow with experience and knowledge. I love that there are so many opportunities to learn with all of the programs available to the members, non-members too for that matter. I love being around like minded people.



*MCSA VP Tiffani Prouty presents Lisa McHenry,
President, Adopt-A-Pet with donation check.*

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MASKS...AGAIN

Remember...per the state mandate, we are to wear masks again for all events and any gatherings of 2 or more at the range, regardless of vaccination status.

There is no requirement to disinfect everything, over and above the general cleaning, like we did before.

THAT DOES NOT CHANGE THE RANGE CLEANING PROCEDURES AFTER SHOOTING!!

Signs are posted at the range, which read:



"In Compliance with Washington State Mandate, Anytime 2 or more people are in the building Face Masks are required at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Effective Immediately, no exceptions."

BUT...

If you are planning to do some target practice in the range **with people who live in your same household**, you **do NOT** need to wear your mask.

Just be prepared to put your mask on if someone else comes in-to the building while you are there.

CURRENT CLASSES



~~NRA Basic Pistol Class October 9/10, 2021~~ **SOLD OUT!**

NRA Basic Pistol Instructor and Certification Course October 30/31, 2021

~~Pistol for Beginners Class November 13, 2021~~ **SOLD OUT!**

WINCHESTER PROGRAMS

No reservations are required for any of the Winchester programs.

You advance at your own pace, so you can start at any time!!

Winchester/NRA Pistol Marksmanship Program

First Thursday each month from 6:00—7:30 pm Develop the skills needed to participate in NRA Action Pistol competition, as well as the basic skills required for personal protection. The NRA Handgun Qualification Course provides the perfect self-paced shooting activity to help develop your skills and reward your achievements. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, \$1.00 for Juniors

Coordinator: Terry Miller (360) 229-9348



NRA Winchester Bullseye Program



Second Thursday each month from 6:00—7:30 pm One of the most popular shooting sports, these courses of fire emphasize the development of competition bullseye pistol shooting skills. The precision required in bullseye shooting helps to hone sight alignment, trigger control and concentration skills. These skills will be of great value when applied to ALL pistol shooting. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, \$1.00 for Juniors

Coordinator: Jack Fitch (360) 868-7041

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Winchester/NRA Rim Fire Rifle Marksmanship Program

Third Thursday of each month from 6:00—7:30 pm. In the Rim Fire Qualification Course, shooters develop Rim Fire rifle, 3-position and prone shooting skills. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, \$1.00 for Juniors

Coordinator: Dan McCarty

Winchester/NRA Defensive Pistol Marksmanship Program

Fourth Thursday of each month from 6:00—7:30 pm Defensive Pistol I is designed to supplement Personal Protection in the Home courses, while Defensive Pistol II is designed to supplement Personal Protection Outside the Home. These two courses help participants become familiar with the pistol/revolver, and enhance their ability to react in any defensive situation that might arise. \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, \$1.00 for Juniors

Coordinator: Terry Miller



LADIES OF CALIBER



This month's Guest Speaker – Mike Hudnell, retired police officer and Martial Arts Instructor, will present some self defense tactics so we can protect ourselves and only use a gun as a last resort.



~ For Next Month ~



We meet from 3 – 6 PM, 3rd Sunday of the Month, except for December.

Cost for each event is
\$8 MCSA member/ \$10 non-member.

Most meetings include range time for practice in addition to the program. Bring your unloaded firearm in a box or bag, at least 50 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection and a brimmed hat.

October 17, 2021 Agenda

Situational Drill

Guest Speaker – Matt Crane, will show us how to react in a situational drill.

Contact Kim 360-507-0009 or
Bonnie 360-490-7911, Bonniejubb@msn.com

Check out our Facebook group

Ladies of Caliber at MCSA






NEWSLETTER IDEAS



BY Suzy Sands

Are you wondering how you can earn some volunteer hours? I have good news for you!! Submitting an article, story and/or photos to the MCSA Newsletter will count for volunteer hours! No kidding!!

There are so many possibilities. You can write an article about a new gun you just bought. Members would love to hear about it; maybe someone is wondering about that particular firearm and your review could help them decide. How about sharing your knowledge about scopes, ammo, targets, carbines, etc. Pictures are always welcome! I would love to receive photos of target practice, events at the range, classes, and shots of members enjoying the range. Send in a Bio! It is great to get to know more about each other. How about a report on how you are doing in Winchester? Include pictures!



There are so many ideas that would make a better newsletter. You might think you don't have anything to share, but I bet you do!! I think there are a bunch of ideas rattling around in member's heads, just waiting to be included into the newsletter.

FREE THE IDEAS AND SHARE THEM WITH US!

If you have something for the newsletter, get it to me by the 15th of the month. If you miss the deadline, send it anyway...I might be able to still get it in that month or I will hold it for the next month's edition.

Send it to my email: suzysands@gmail.com.

I hope to hear from you soon!



ANSWER TO A BURNING QUESTION PART II

By Fred Nachbar

In the first "Answer to a Burning Question" I pointed out that all ammunition sold in the United States has to meet a minimum standard.

With available resources I decided to do practical comparisons of some 9 mm ammunition to demonstrate the validity of the statement "All ammunition sold (legally) in the United States meets a minimum standard". Also, the following comparisons point out other "truths" about fire arms using various ammunition.

The criteria:

1. All guns were clean prior to the demonstration.
2. Targets used were USPSA/IPSC Practice Targets.

To gain size of the bullet holes in photos the targets were trimmed down after shooting.

3. Firearms used were all 9mm
 - a. Smith/Wesson Shield Performance Center Ported 2" barrel with open sights.
 - b. Smith/Wesson M/P Performance Center Ported 5" barrel with Vortex Venom Red Dot sight.
 - c. Just Right 9 pistol caliber carbine 16" barrel with Vortex Spitfire Prismatic Red Dot sight.
4. Distance to Target
 - a. Both Smith/Wesson 10 yards
 - b. JR9 carbine 50 feet

This is due to safety on the range.

5. All ammunition was 9 mm Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) 115 grain round nose (RN)
6. Brands used:
 - a. Winchester U.S. made (circle on target)
 - b. CCI U.S. made (square on target)
 - c. Federal U.S. made (triangle on target)



d. Red Army Russian Made (arrow on target)

- 1 All shots fired in bench rest position using a Predator Plastic Rifle Rest.
- 2 All rounds taken from same respective box so each brand coming from same respective lot number.
- 3 Shooter, myself, has a dead spot exactly dead center of the field of vision with distance vision slightly blurred.
- 4 Due to Criteria 9 on the second set of targets a larger set of orange dots were used.

In both sets of targets the Smith/Wesson Shield was fired first to mitigate variables from eye fatigue. The Shield was also harder to hold on the shooting rest due to its small size.

As you can see that no matter which ammunition was used the windage pattern was wider. This was mainly due to my inability to properly see the orange dot and the difficulty of keeping the firearm in place on the rest due to its small size. Elevation was minimally affected.

The shots fired from the Smith/Wesson M/P and the JR9 with red dot significantly improved the patterns.

Two factors contribute to this improvement of the patterns. Seeing the target better and a longer barrel contribute greatly to accuracy.

Now let's concentrate on the elevations of the hits with the first three targets. In all cases the Red Army ammunition shot lower than the three other brands. But not significantly so! With the Shield it was fairly pronounced. However, as the barrel lengths increased the differences in elevation among the brands tighten up. Increase in barrel length contributes to increase in projectile speed, flattening the trajectory.

In all cases, at bench rest, the rounds fired hit the target within the "hurt zone" and with the longer barrels and better sights the difference in performance is insignificant with the different brands hitting virtually in the same spot.

The Red Army brand was hitting lower with the Shield but less so with the M/P and almost right on with the JR9 carbine.

I had NO jams, fail to feed or fail to eject with any of the brands.

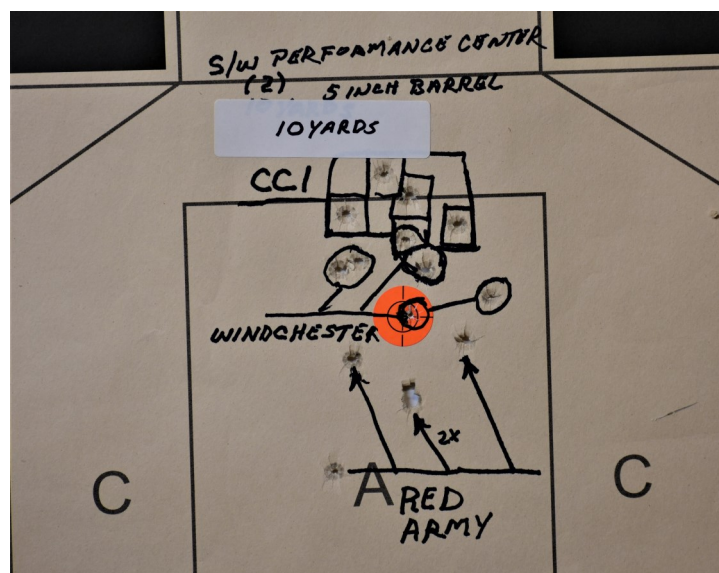
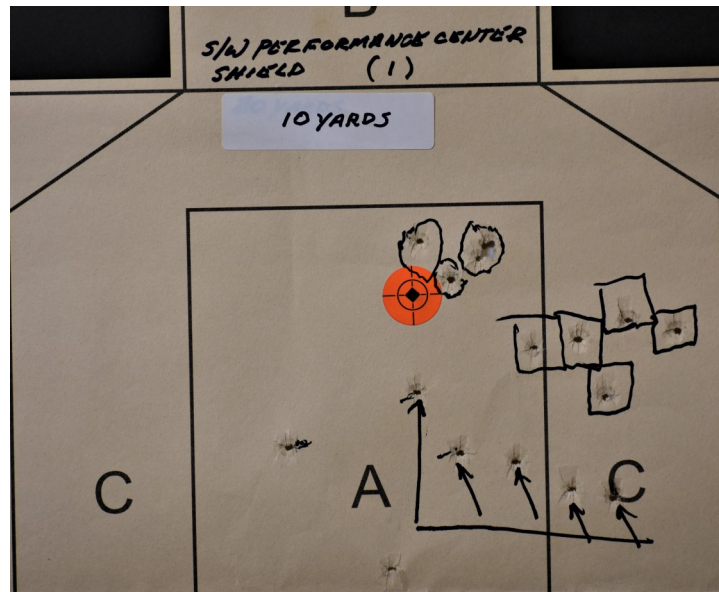
This test is narrow in scope as these are the brands I had on hand but I'm confident similar results would show up if the line up was Winchester (which I use as the constant as my firearms with adjustable sights, be they telescopic or 1:1 red dots, are adjusted for Winchester ammunition), Freedom Ammunition or Aquila (Mexican).

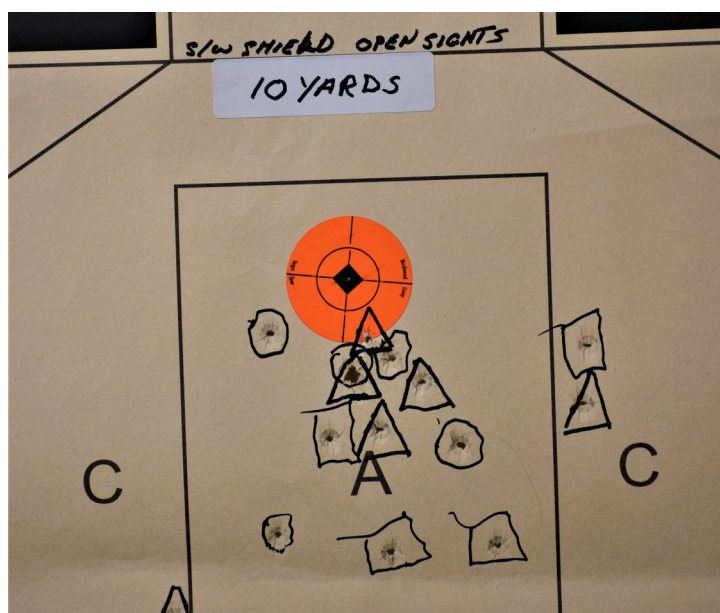
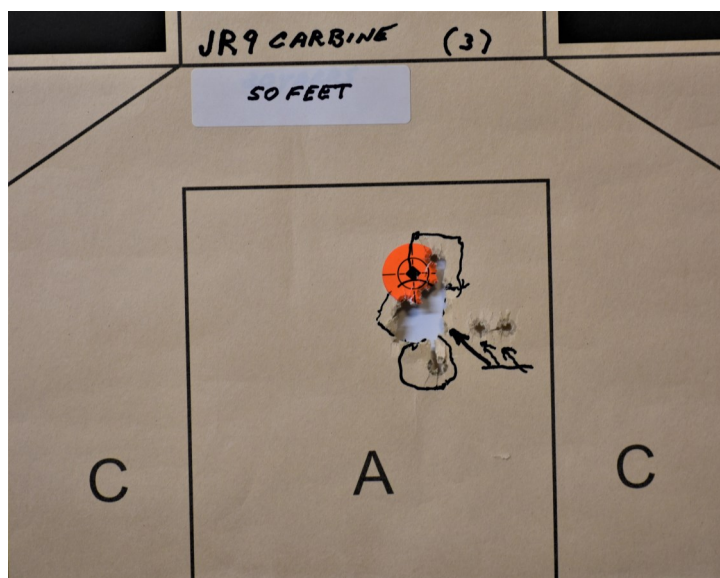
So from these test shots I would not be too concerned with performance from different ammunition manufacturers that legally sell ammunition in the United States.

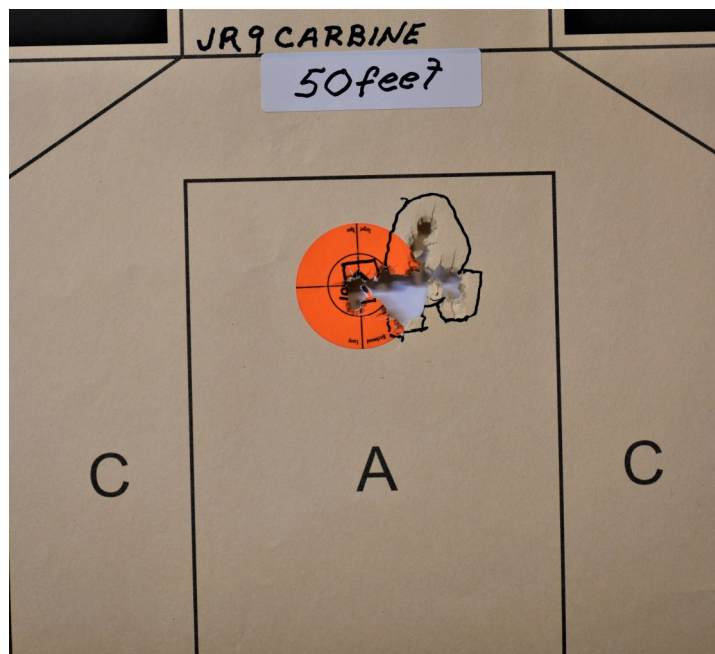
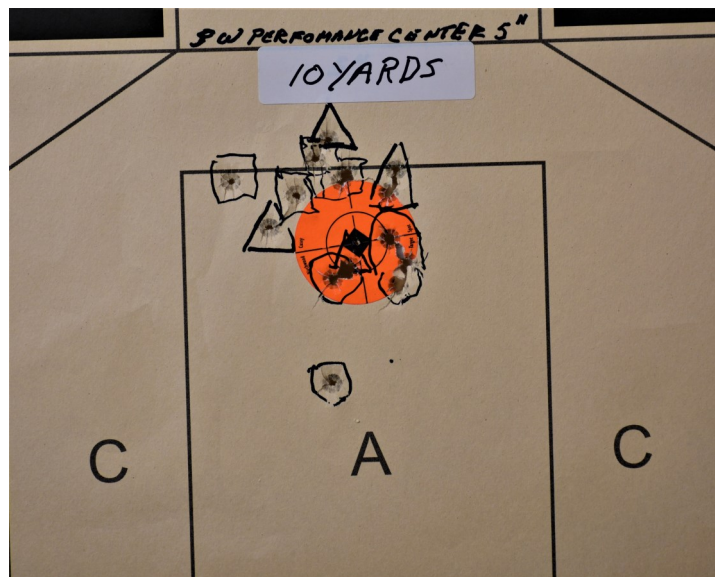
These test shots only cover accuracy of different brands. With semi-automatics one would be ahead by trying many brands and assess the performance in YOUR FIREARMS.

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THE RESULTS







Amazon Smile

We have mentioned Amazon Smile before, but a reminder can't hurt! What is it?

It is a program that will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity you choose. If you shop on Amazon, make sure you go to smile.amazon.com to make this work. Your Amazon account is used by both sites, but to get the donation you have to be on the Smile site. The donation is made and there is no extra cost to you! MCSA has been set up in the program, so you can choose the club as your charity. Every time you shop on the correct site money will be given to MCSA!! Easy Peasy!

- ◆ Go to smile.amazon.com
- ◆ At the top of the page, left side you can choose your charity. Search for MCSA
- ◆ Once you have it all set up, Amazon will keep track of the amount you donate to the club.

It is a pretty cool way to raise money! Every little bit helps!!

RAFFLE TICKETS



There are still tickets for sale, but they are going fast! Call Dave Kaufman Fundraising Chairman, 360-427-4003 or 360-229-6948, email daks4u@comcast.net.

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OUR NEWEST RSOs



Thank you Sue Albee for sharing this
great photo of MCOSA's newest RSOs!!
Good job everyone!!





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