

Bay Area MC News

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Presidents Column

There are several bills weaving their way through the legislature in Sacramento. Bill status changes almost on a daily basis however, have no fear! It is easy to stay up to date and active by checking the legislation page at <http://nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml> and reading the updated information, going to the bottom of the webpage and activating the "ONE CLICK" for each bill. DO THIS DAILY to tell the legislators your position. Remember when addressing the Senate it is "Dear Senator:" and if you are writing to the Assembly it is "Dear Assemblymember:" When you send your note it will be sent to everyone on that committee or floor as if you had individually typed each e-mail. That is why it is called "ONE CLICK". The \$19.95 charge is only for people using the system for anything OTHER THAN the right to keep and bear arms issue, so don't let that stop you. DO NOT CALL THE GOVERNOR WHILE THE BILLS ARE GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS. THE WEBSITE WILL GIVE YOU DIRECTION TO DO SO WHEN THAT IS NECESSARY.

Project Bore Snake is in full swing. GGUNRAMC has donated \$100 to this project and encourages everyone to get involved. Donations are combined to send "Snake Kits" to U. S. Soldiers currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The kits include a 5.50mm (M16) and a 9mm (sidearm) Bore Snakes with Hoppe's Elite Gun Cleaner and Hoppe's Elite Gun Oil (non-petroleum based, non-fouling) perfect for the fine gritty sand our soldiers have to work in. Go to ProjectBoreSnake.org or call (559) 222-4050. Project Bore Snake address is P. O. Box 28537, Fresno, CA 93729-4050.

See you at the meeting on July 19, 2005.

Gerard J. Cecchetti
President

Two *VERY* Bad Bills

If you want two excellent reasons why you should be getting involved with the NRA Members' Councils this year, look no farther than Senate Bill 357 and Assembly Bill 352. These two bills working their way through the California legislature will do much to smash the rights of gun owners of this state, possibly driving ammunition manufacturers to stop selling in this state, and may even make law-abiding citizens into felons with a simple repair to their firearm!

SB357, written by State Senator Dunn of Garden Grove and sponsored by Attorney General Bill Lockyer, as currently amended as of June 23, 2005, will require ALL handgun ammunition sold to be individually serialized by box or container by July 1, 2009. That means, every bullet shot at a tin can or paper target on a Sunday afternoon by plinkers all over California, each and every little .22 caliber bullet, each bullet used by law enforcement in training and combat, and even every bullet used by reloaders, must have a microscopic serial number engraved on it from the manufacturer.

You will have to register every time you buy handgun ammunition from a store. You will be paying at least ½ cent tax on every bullet to pay for this farce, with NO CAP provided for this tax so it can keep going up and up. You may have to pay many dollars more per box of ammunition to pay for the manufacturing costs. The penalty for possessing unnumbered bullets will be based on fifty rounds per criminal charge. It will be a crime to be in possession of unserialized ammunition in a public place.

Ammunition manufacturers have plainly stated that the technology to do this is not feasible at any cost. As a matter of fact, Sen. Dunn and Attorney General Lockyer only have the word of a Seattle skateboard barrier company that it can be done.

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, or SAAMI, is the firearms and ammunition companies' association since 1926. They have said

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Calendar of Events

MC meetings and general information can be found at <http://www.calnra.com/mc/mcprog1.shtml>

July 14-17: Reed's Gun Store Big Sale / MC recruiting booth, San Jose (650) 208-9366

July 15 : (Dixon) Solano Friends of NRA Banquet Tom Warren (530) 795-2159

July 16 : Silicon Valley MC Day @ Reed's Indoor Range 1100 Duane, Santa Clara (650) 208-9366
Refuse To Be A Victim (free) 9:30AM-1PM
Women On Target (\$20.00) 2:30PM-6PM

July 18: Monterey Bay MC meeting, Markley's Indoor Range, 14 Blanca Lane, Watsonville (831) 722-3298

July 19, 2005 7PM : GGUNRAMC Meeting. Round Table Pizza @ Geary St. and 16th Ave (Richmond district) San Francisco. NRA members and their guests are welcome. (415) 221-9333

July 19, 7PM : Marin Co. MC meeting, Bullseye Indoor Range, 1281 Anderson Dr., San Rafael, (415) 382-9601

July 21: West Contra Costa Co. MC meeting, Richmond Rod and Gun Club, 3155 Goodrick Ave., Richmond (510) 393-4444

July 23 : Marin MC Women On Target pistol course, (\$20.00) Bullseye Range, San Rafael 10:00AM - 12:30PM (415) 382-9601

July 26 7PM: Silicon Valley NRA MC meeting, Reed's Indoor Range, Santa Clara (408) 235-9175

July 30 - 31 : NRA Certified Pistol Instructor's class by Bill Tidwell, Reed's Indoor Range , Santa Clara (510) 713-8907

Aug 2 : Alameda Co. MC meeting, Sergio's Pizzeria, 151 West Juana, San Leandro (510) 614-0572

Aug 3: Vallejo MC meeting. Norman C. King Community Center, 545 Magazine St, Vallejo

Aug 3: South Valley MC meeting, Sunrise Café, 6120 Monterey St., South Gilroy (408) 235-9175

Aug 9: East Contra Costa Co. MC meeting, Aladino's Pizza, 1324 Sunset Dr., Antioch (925) 779-1075

Aug 15: Monterey Bay MC meeting, (see above)

Aug 16: GGUNRAMC meeting, (see above)

Aug 16: Marin Co. MC meeting, (see above)

Aug 18 : West Contra Costa Co. MC meeting, (see above)

Aug 19 : Stockton Friends of NRA Banquet , Barbara Kurilow (209) 931-3930

Aug 20-21 : TS Gun Show (w/ Refuse To Be A Victim class on Sunday 11AM - 3PM) Santa Clara Fairgrounds

Aug 30: Silicon Valley MC meeting (see above)

Sept 10-11: Refuse To Be A Victim Instructor Development Workshop (free) Vacaville; Marcia Gilbert (707) 447-7632



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Council activities!**

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that this bill amounts to a “defacto ammunition ban” for the state of California. This bill will add hundreds of millions of dollars to the cost of producing ammunition, with entirely new unproven machinery needed to implement this law. Ammunition companies may have no choice but to stop selling ammunition to ALL law enforcement and civilian shooters in California.

As for the so-called “crime fighting” aspects of this bill? Why won’t criminals just use bullets from out of state to commit their heinous crimes? Maybe they can file or polish off the serial numbers? Why would criminal use “legal” means to do their illegal deeds?

Had enough yet?

Well, here’s the scoop on another horrible bill that can make an unknowing law-abiding gun owner a felon for simply repairing their semi-automatic handgun. Assembly Bill 352, the Firearms Microstamping bill by Assemblyman Koretz of West Hollywood, will require that all semi-automatic handguns sold after January 1, 2007 have a microscopic array of characters that can be imprinted onto a cartridge every time a round is fired. These characters will be an identifying code that will identify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol being fired.

The fact is that there is only one electronics company claiming to have this technology. It is untested, unproven, and would require a complete reconstruction of the current firearms production process. This bad bill may, like SB357, add thousands of millions of dollars to the cost of producing firearms, thus raising the costs of buying one to impossible levels.

This bill may also make an unwitting felon of an otherwise law-abiding gun owner if he decides to replace a worn-out serialized part with one without the imprinting device on it. Conversely, why couldn’t a criminal replace these parts so he can commit his crimes without being traced? Maybe they could take used cartridges from a firing range to spread about their crime scene, leaving a false trail?

Outraged gun owners of California need to contact lawmakers in Sacramento right away to vote a resounding NO on these bills. There are many ways to let your voice be heard. Phone calls, letters, faxes, and e-mails are ALL important ways to share your thoughts. These methods should all work together, with no one method being better than the other.

An excellent, easy, and effective way that the California NRA Members’ Councils have devised is the “One-Click” link. By going to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml#contactinfo>, you will be directed to an e-mail page. This e-mail system will allow you to contact the entire committee with just ONE e-mail. It’s so simple and effective to use that you should make it a part of your daily routine to send a message asking the committee to vote NO on bad anti-gun bills each time you log on to the internet!

There are a total of EIGHT gun bills in California legislature that need our immediate and concerted input. They are : AB86: Serialized property, AB88: Assault weapon penalties, AB944: Dealer warnings posted, AB966: Ammunition storage and sales, SB48 : Ammunition sales to minors, and SB269: Unsafe firearms. All of the summaries of these bills and the NRA’s stand on them can be found at <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml>

The best way to get involved in the serious battle for your gun rights in this state is to attend an NRA Member’s Council near you. Go to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/mc/directory/> to find the Member’s Council nearest you.

If all concerned California gun owners don’t stand up for their Second Amendment rights at this very critical time, we stand to lose much of the freedoms we have fought so hard to preserve. Don’t be a spectator to this crucial battle, for as Edmund Burke has said,

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

NRA National Websites

NRA Homepage : www.nra.org

NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage : www.nraila.com

Women On Target Program: www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp

Refuse To be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar Program : www.nrahq.org/rtbav



Other SF Area NRA MCs :

Marin County NRA Members' Council

Marin's NRA Members' Council is going strong. One of our main goals is to show that shooting sports are safe, fun, inclusive, and family oriented. To that end we host NRA Women On Target Introductory Shooting Clinics, and we are planning to renovate the Tamarancho Boy Scout's shooting range. We meet at Bullseye Indoor Range in San Rafael, on the third Tuesdays of each month.

To get involved, contact Les Brown at nramc@sbcglobal.net or call (415) 382-9601

Silicon Valley NRA Members' Council

Representing the area known as "Silicon Valley", from San Jose north into southern San Mateo County, we meet at, have office space generously donated by, and host NRA Women On Target and Refuse To Be A Victim classes at Reed's Indoor Range, 1100 Duane Ave., (a frontage road beside HWY 101 just north of the San Jose Airport), Santa Clara, CA. MC info materials can be found on the counters there and in many ranges and gun stores in the area. 408 235-9175 is our info and message-taking line. We can use your help getting the word out. NRA members and guests are welcome last Tuesdays each month at 7PM. We need a webmaster to revive our site, www.calnra.com/siliconvalley, which still has much useful information. For more info send e-mail to : silval@ggnra.org

South Valley NRA Members' Council

South Valley is the historic name of the area due south of San Jose, from Morgan Hill south into San Benito County's heart, Hollister. We meet at the Sunrise Café, in front of the Motel 6, in South Gilroy, 7PM, first Wednesdays monthly, but we are likely to be found at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays on a weekend offering legislative action reports and NRA information, or doing the same at the entry of TS Gun Shows at the Santa Clara County fairgrounds off Tully Rd. in San Jose. Occasionally we hold guest speaker meetings at the Gilroy Senior Center, 408 235-9175 for more info. E-mail : InfoOnSouthValley@nramemberscouncils.com

Monterey Bay NRA Members' Council

Meeting third Mondays 7PM at Markley's Indoor Range & Gun Store, 14 Blanca Lane, in Watsonville. We are responsible for the area from Santa Cruz into Northern Monterey County, aptly described as Monterey Bay. We offer legislative and NRA information at gun shows in Monterey, and at the historic Watsonville Airport Fly-in event each year. We promote firearms training and issues discussion in an area where that might not be the usual topic, including efforts with women's groups at UC Santa Cruz. We have many members who are also active in the Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club and we strongly support the Friend's of NRA fund raising dinner there each year. We often have speakers at our meetings; NRA members and guests supporting our cause are always welcome. Call us at 831 722-3298 or e-mail us at clamper@direcway.com for more info.

Alameda County NRA Members' Council

If you live in Alameda County we invite you to attend the Alameda County NRA Members' Council meetings (see Calendar Listing). Although primarily involved in local and statewide pro-gun activism, we also represent the NRA at such diverse events as gun shows and the upcoming Rowell Ranch Rodeo, and we provide community services such as the air rifle range at the upcoming SF/Bay Area Boy Scout Scout-O-Rama. We meet first Tuesdays in San Leandro at Sergio's Pizzeria (510) 614-0572 or e-mail letsroll@AlamedaNRAMC.org
www.AlamedaNRAMC.org/index.html

Vallejo NRA Members' Council

One of the oldest NRA Members' councils in the state, we have members from Vallejo / Southern Solano County and the American Canyon / Southern Napa County area. Besides our meetings first Wednesdays of each month at the Norman C. King Community Center, 545 Magazine St., Vallejo, you've more likely met us at the Cow Palace (SF) and Vallejo / Solano Co. Fairgrounds gun shows, where we are one of NRA's top gun show recruiter organizations. We have been informing the gun owning public of their rights issues for over a decade and a half. NRA members and guests are encouraged to visit us. E-mail us at ronbabcock@ev1.net