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"The Importance of the Internet and Gun Rights, and Calguns.net"

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## Anti-Gun Mayors Hatch Scheme

Anti-gun New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg (R) convened a meeting with a cadre of like-minded mayors to discuss "reducing gun violence."

According to Bloomberg, NRA represents a minority of opinion when it comes to Americans' views on gun laws. "I think when you look at the numbers, when you do surveys, it's a very small number of people who actually believe that people should be carrying concealed weapons...on the streets of our cities..." Bloomberg said, "Those kinds of extremist positions are held by a very few people." Apparently, Bloomberg doesn't realize that Right-to-Carry is both popular and the law of the land in 40 of our 50 states, and only two states deny their citizens the right to protect themselves and their families outside the home.

Mayor Bloomberg created a "Bloomberg's Anti-Gun Mayors Coalition" that so far has enlisted 122 mayors.

In California the mayors so far are:

Mayor Robert Wasserman – Fremont  
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa – Los Angeles  
Mayor Jennifer Hosterman – Pleasanton  
Mayor Gayle McLaughlin – Richmond  
Mayor Jerry Sanders – San Diego  
Mayor Gavin Newsom – San Francisco  
Mayor Sheila Young – San Leandro  
Mayor Miguel Pulido – Santa Ana  
Mayor Marty Blum – Santa Barbara

If your mayor is on this list, please contact him or her to voice your opposition and ask that he or she reconsider his or her position.

Got to <http://www.nraila.org/Legislation/Federal/Read.aspx?id=2533> for more information.

## Gun Show Volunteers Needed !

The Crossroads of the West gun show has approximately 5 shows scheduled at the Cow Palace this year. ( <http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com/gunsched.htm> ) There is always an NRA recruiting booth set up outside ( "Join the NRA and get in the show for free!" ), but the memberships don't sell themselves. We need folks to volunteer for either a morning or afternoon 4 hour shift to staff the booth.

The benefits include a free pass to check out the show, the honor of representing the NRA to local shooting enthusiasts, and the thrill of recruiting more members to America's premier gun rights organization **PLUS** the absolute joy of promoting and signing up new members to the NRA Members' Councils of the Bay Area. Check our website for more info, or you can call our phone number (415-221-9333) and leave a message.

### Thanks for Your Valuable Support in 2006:

Jackson Arms Indoor Range 152 Utah St, SSF  
(650) 588-4209

City Arms 90 Eureka Square, Suite D, Pacifica  
(650) 738-6880

TAD Gear (tactical accessories) 660 22nd St.  
San Francisco (415) 318-8252

Tennessee Grill Restaurant 1128 Taraval St, SF  
(415) 664-7834

## Calendar of Events

### **NEW CALIFORNIA NRA NEWSLETTER!!**

A new state-wide NRA Members' Council is available at : [http://calnra.com/freedomsadvocate/freedomsadvocate\\_v1.1.pdf](http://calnra.com/freedomsadvocate/freedomsadvocate_v1.1.pdf)

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### **Crossroads of the West 2007 gun shows at the Cow Palace, Daly City, CA:**

March 10-11 ( pending)

May 5-6

August 18-19

Sept 22-23 (pending)

Nov. 17-18

<http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com>

<http://www.cowpalace.com/schedule.html>

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### **Bill Tidwell Firearms Safety classes :**

Bill and Cathy Tidwell teach basic NRA pistol classes, Hunter Education classes, NRA Instructor training classes, and many others.

See <http://train2besafe.com/> for a list of 2007 classes by Bill and Cathy Tidwell , or call (510) 713-8907

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### **BAYPROFS ( Bay Area Professionals for Firearms Safety and Education ) Firearms Classes :**

This is a not-for-profit organization that teaches NRA classes in Firearms Safety, Basic Pistol, and NRA Personal Protection in the Home. They use various San Jose area ranges for their classes.

See <http://www.bayprofs.org/> for information on their 2007 classes

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### **NRA 2007 Annual Convention :**

The NRA's 2007 annual convention will be held in St Louis, MO on April 13-17, 2007. See <http://www.nraila.org/News/Read/Releases.aspx?ID=6245> for more information, or read about it in your monthly NRA magazine.

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For information on Bay Area NRA events and meetings, see <http://www.ggnra.org/calendar>

## **Don't Just Do ... TEACH!**

Did you know that the National Rifle Association offers ELEVEN different types of basic firearms courses? You can learn to become an NRA certified instructor in any or all of these courses. That way, you don't just enjoy these aspects of the shooting sports, but you get to pass on your knowledge and skills to other people eager to learn.

These courses include basic pistol, rifle, shotgun, and the muzzle loading versions of each. You can also teach Home Firearm Safety, Personal Protection, and metallic cartridge and shot shell reloading.

If you enjoy competitive shooting, the NRA has an NRA / USA Shooting / CMP Coach training program. This program will equip you with the most up-to-date coaching methods for competitive shooting, especially the youth shooting programs.

There are hunter safety programs , advanced hunting training for young shooters, and even a beautiful 52 acre hunting and shooting facility, NRA Whittington Center in New Mexico. This world-class center is dedicated to the finest hunting and shooting experiences and training in North America.

For women, the NRA has many excellent programs. There is the Women On Target outreach program to encourage more women to get involved in the shooting and hunting sports. There is the Refuse To Be A Victim program that teaches awareness and prevention of criminal encounters. This fine program is now co-ed, although all-woman seminars are still presented and are very popular.

There are also numerous youth training programs, and even a children's gun-safe program called Eddie Eagle in which pre-K through 3rd grade kids are taught life-saving steps if they find a gun.

So share your love of the shooting sports with folks eager to learn. **Don't just do ... TEACH!**

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## The Internet is Our Friend!!

“Getting information off the Internet is like getting a drink off a fire hose” ( Mitch Kapor). Don’t believe that? Try using “Google” to look for information on the Colt M-16 rifle ( 340,000 results) or the National Rifle Association ( 1,390,000 results). Who has time to look at each and every page of information???

How do we start harnessing all that knowledge and information to protect our precious Second Amendment rights? How do we take that “fire hose” and turn it on all those who try to defeat our just cause?

How about another great quote: “Knowledge is Power” (Sir Francis Bacon, 1597). The Internet can be a powerful tool when we use it just right. Go to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com> and see how many proposed California anti-gun laws were stopped cold over the years by timely use of the “**One Click**” Internet e-mailing system. This e-mail program can send your e-mail to the entire California legislature with just “one click” of your computer keyboard.

The truly exciting aspect about the “**One click**” system is it’s timeliness. The Internet works at the speed of light and sends your message in the blink of an eye. Suppose the California State Legislature wants to vote on an anti-gun bill at 3AM. Our NRA lobbyist immediately sends a text message to the California NRA Members Council e-mail system. Diligent NRA members who are monitoring their e-mail during the session will get the message and rush to the “**One Click**” page and get their message out. By 3:15AM the lawmakers will be receiving hundreds of e-mails from concerned NRA members from all over California! That’s power in numbers AND speed!

Another powerful use of the Internet is the free exchange of ideas and opinions. A great example of this is the firearms web forum [www.calguns.net](http://www.calguns.net) Billed as “**The California Firearms Owner's Home On The Internet**”, this Internet forum is a place

where California gun owners, hunters, and enthusiasts' can ask questions, share ideas, and offer opinions on a vast range of firearms and hunting topics.

This forum, as of Feb 1, 2007, has over 283,000 posts with 6600 members. The topics range from handguns, to rifles, to shotguns, to 2nd Amendment issues, general gun discussions, hunting, shooting sports, and off-topic discussions. Often a question can be answered from many viewpoints within a few hours of being posted.

From a national standpoint, the NRA has 18 websites of its own. These cover legislation, hunting, merchandise, a Spanish language website, NRA publications, and many other firearms-related areas. Go to <http://www.nra.org/additionalsites.aspx?id=32> for a listing of all these websites.

In 1776, Thomas Paine wrote and printed the pamphlet “Common Sense”, which challenged the authority of the British Government. This stirring document fired up the colonists and helped to start the American Revolution, yet there were only 120,000 copies printed.

Today, we have the power of the Internet to spread our message of freedom to millions all over the Bay Area and California. You may even be reading this newsletter on your computer screen right now. Watch these pages over the coming year to see how you can use this power to save your gun rights here in California and the nation. The Internet is our friend, so lets use it wisely and often to stop heinous anti-gun laws, and promote 2nd Amendment freedoms.

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### NRA Websites

**NRA Homepage :** [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)  
**NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage :** [www.nraila.com](http://www.nraila.com)  
**NRA News :** [www.nranews.com](http://www.nranews.com)  
**Women On Target Program :** [www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp)  
**Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :**  
[www.nrahq.org/rtbv](http://www.nrahq.org/rtbv)  
**The NRA Online Store :** [www.nrastore.com](http://www.nrastore.com)

### California Legislative Alerts

To view the latest legislative alerts check here:  
<http://NRAMembersCouncils.com/legs.shtml>

To receive CAL-ERT email alerts derived from direct input of the Sacramento NRA-ILA lobbyist, Ed Worley, sign up at:  
<http://calnra.com/calerts-signup/index.shtml>

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**How To Stay Informed**

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Web Site	<a href="http://www.ggnra.org">HTTP://WWW.GGNRA.ORG</a>
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**NEXT GGUNRAMC MEETING :  
 TUESDAY, 7PM, ON FEB 20, 2007  
 TENNESSEE GRILL (UPSTAIRS)  
 1128 TARAVAL ST.  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116**

These private meetings are for NRA members, NRA Member's Councils members and invited guests only. NRA proof-of-membership and personal identification are required to attend these meetings. We reserve the right to refuse entry.