

GUN COLLECTORS NEWS

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MAY / JUNE 2011

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NMGCA
Membership Dues:

Annual renewal for regular members, under age 62, is \$35.00.
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Annual Renewal for senior members, over age 61, is \$30.00.
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57th Anniversary Gun, Sword & Knife Show

Over 400 Tables
June 4th & 5th
New Mexico
State Fairgrounds
Manuel Lujan Buildings A & B
Central Ave. & San Pedro
Albuquerque
Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse

8 ft. Table \$80.00 (Member \$70.00)
Cost for electrical hook up is extra

For Table Reservations, Contact Our Show Host:

NMGCA Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.
Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.
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
NRA Members with Card \$5.00.

NMGCA members free with current membership card.
Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

Concealed Carry Restrictions Outlined

The New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act of 2003 delineates the rules of concealed carry. If you have a concealed carry license, the following includes places and/or conditions under which you aren't allowed to carry a firearm:

- Liquor establishments -- except by a person carrying a concealed handgun who is in possession of a valid concealed handgun license for that gun pursuant to the Concealed Handgun Carry Act, provided that the licensed establishment does not sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or is a restaurant licensed to sell beer and wine only and derives at least sixty-percent of its revenue from the sale of food for consumption on premises. (30-7-3 NMSA* 1978; 4th degree felony)
- Schools – except by a

person older than nineteen years of age on school premises in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance. (30-7-2.1 NMSA 1978; 4th degree felony)

- University premises – except by a person older than nineteen years of age on school premises in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance. (30-7-2.4 NMSA; petty misdemeanor)

- Courts – unless authorized by the presiding judicial officer for that courthouse or court facility (29-19-11 NMSA 1978)

- Tribal Land – unless authorized by the governing body of an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo (29-19-10 NMSA 1978)

- Public Buses – (30-7-13 NMSA 1978; misdemeanor)

- State Parks – except dur-



ing designated hunting seasons or in authorized areas. (19-5-2-20 NMAC**)

- Most Federal Properties – (Refer to the U.S. Interior rules and regulations relating to firearms possession on federal properties)

- Private property – where the owner has posted signs indicating that you may not carry or if the owner tells you that you cannot carry.

- While under the influence of alcohol or drugs – (30-7-4 NMSA 1978; petty misdemeanor)

*New Mexico Statutes Annotated

** New Mexico Administrative Code

LTC Frank Conway, Life Member

The NMGCA was saddened to learn of Life Member LTC (Ret.) Frank Conway's death. He died on 25 April at 92 years of age. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Christine; son Franz Conway, daughter-in-law Suzanne, grandsons Sean and Brett; and son Thomas Conway, daughter-in-law Jerrilyn; and grandsons Cole and Gage.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. 23 May 2011 at Baca's Funeral Home at 300 E. Boutz Road in Las Cruces. A graveside service will be held the morning of 24 May 2011 at the Ft. Bliss National cemetery, El Paso Texas.

Legislative Session Disappointing

By Paul C. Lisle

This was a very disappointing year in the Legislature for gun owners.

We have a pro gun Governor ready to sign our gun bills but none got to her desk for signature. We had a pro gun majority in both the House and Senate ready to pass our gun bills but none got to the floor of either chamber for a vote.

What caused our gun bills to not get passed? In both the House and Senate there is an anti-gun leadership problem. Coupled to this, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committees in both the House and Senate caused the gun bills to either stall and/or die.

Senate Bill 220 and House Bill 228 were the Castle Doctrine Bills that defined the use of lethal force. The Castle Doctrine Bills protect lawful users of deadly force from criminal & civil liability when defending their home, vehicle and business. SB 220 and HB 228 arrived in the Senate Judiciary and House Judiciary Committees with three weeks left in the session. Neither was ever granted a hearing in their respective committee. SB 220 was sponsored by Senator George Munoz (D-Gallup) and HB 228 was sponsored by state Representative Candy Spence Ezzel (R-Roswell).

Senate Bill 29 and House Bill 140 was legislation eliminating the two year refresher course for concealed handgun licensees. SB 29, sponsored by state Senator Steve Neville (R-Aztec), failed on a 5 to 5 tie vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Several attempts to revive the measure were unsuccessful. HB 140, sponsored by state Representative Nate Gentry (R-ABQ), languished in the House Judiciary Committee for over a month, and was finally considered on the day before the Legislature adjourned.

House Bill 136 sponsored by

state Representative Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso) and Senate Bill 542, sponsored by state Senator Tim Keller (D-ABQ), would allow Concealed Handgun Licensees to protect themselves in state parks.

House Bill 148, sponsored by state Representative Bill Rehm (R-ABQ), would allow New Mexico residents to purchase long guns in non-contiguous states. HB 136 would allow concealed handguns to be carried in schools, universities, buses, all licensed liquor establishments, state parks and recreation areas and eliminate the requirement that only one concealed handgun may be carried at any given time. All of these bills met their death in their respective Judiciary Committees.

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The Senators and Representatives who sponsored gun bills in the Legislature this year deserve a huge thank you. For your information and future ballot action, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee is Al Park (D-ABQ) and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee is Richard C. Martinez (D-Espanola).

Another issue that the Legislature failed to correct and is very important to gun dealers is the State of New Mexico issuing NM drivers li-

censes to illegal immigrants.

As directed by the BATF&E, gun dealers accept driver's licenses as proof of legal residence and US citizenship. The gun dealer requests permission from the FBI to transfer the gun to the prospective buyer biased on the information, including driver's license, that the prospective buyer has furnished the dealer.

If the FBI has no adverse information on the illegal prospective buyer, the gun dealer may receive permission to transfer the gun. By transferring the gun to an illegal the gun dealer commits at least one felony and there could be other felonies depending on the transfer details. Even with the driver's license and FBI permission to transfer the gun, the dealer could end up fighting to stay out of prison. Governor Martinez worked hard to end illegal's obtaining NM Drivers Licenses but the Leadership in the Legislature defeated her efforts. The Senate Majority Floor Leader, Michael S. Sanchez (D-Belen), had a large influence in keeping the status quo.

Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility the other. Ronald Reagan

Members Encouraged to Attend Board Meetings

The NMGCA Board of Directors meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Calibers. We encourage all members to attend and provide comments and suggestions.

2011 SHOW CALENDAR GUN SHOWS

June 4th and 5th October 1st and 2nd

Albuquerque Old West & Military Show:

August 6th & 7th

MINI SHOWS

June 22nd August 24th October 26th

*Mini Shows are free and open to the public.

For 2011 the NMGCA Mini Shows have a new location. The Mini Shows will be held at the Sandia Courtyard Conference Room (behind Sadie's on Eubank), 10300 Hotel Ave.

New Vendors Wanted

If you have never been a vendor at an NMGCA Gun, Sword and Knife show (or haven't been a vendor in at least in the last 10 years) we would like to invite you to be one.

The NMGCA is offering one discount table to new vendors at the introductory rate of \$25.00 (additional tables would be at the normal member or non-member rate per table,) at either our June 4th & 5th show or October 1st & 2nd show.

Contact us at, newmexicogca@aol.com or 505=262-1350, or NMGCA P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87193. We look forward to hearing from you.

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