



Chronicle

Kentucky Coalition to Carry Concealed, Inc.

Because the right to protect yourself shouldn't stop at your front door.

It's been a long summer...

...with a great many things happening, but it was also a time to step back, take a deep breath and spend time with family and friends. So the members of the board of directors have been occupied with their personal lives and with work, and that's why there was no June issue of the newsletter. However, our advertisers and our members will get their money's worth with an extra pre-legislature issue this fall, in time to get set for the General Assembly in January.

There's work to do for all of us in KC3: the legislature, anti-CCDW signs in places where they shouldn't be, businesses and local governments that still don't trust honest concealed carry permit holders. Some things never change.

So what *has* changed? Well, last year was the Heller decision that affirmed that one's rights aren't suspended just for living in the District of Columbia, and this year's McDonald decision that puts an end to decades of political tyranny in Chicago. On every side, the legal tide is turning in favor of basic human rights, and especially the right to bear arms.

Here in Kentucky, we expect to hear any day that Michael Mitchell, the young man who was fired from the UK Medical center for having a pistol in his car half a mile away from his job, is going to win his lawsuit against UK and be reinstated. When that happens we'll let you know on the blog page, and probably throw a party for him! Keep your fingers crossed and Mr. Mitchell in your prayers as his lawsuit moves through the legal system, and victory!



We had hoped to hold a personal security seminar in October, even to the extent of announcing it at a gun show, but were unable to organize it to our satisfaction in time. We could have put on a seminar, but not in the manner we wished and not with the quality of presentation that we insist it's going to have so we've decided to hold off and have it next fall in 2011. We'll be announcing next spring what that will feature and what you can look forward to then.

There's more to tell you about what's been done and what's to come inside this issue, so head on inside and check it out, and please, please get in touch with us to tell us what YOU want YOUR organization to be working on in the months ahead and the years to come.

A word about a critical political race

As you know, since KC3 is a non-profit organization, we can't endorse political candidates in elections. However, we can discuss the races and give you information about the issues and the candidates.

Representative Robert Damron is running for re-election to the House of Representatives from the 39th district this year. As all of you who've been involved in the effort to pass concealed carry in Kentucky will know, since KC3 was founded in 1995 we've worked side by side with Rep. Damron, from the time HB40 was introduced to the present day. He's been a stalwart ally in support of our rights and has never flagged in his efforts to protect them from the attacks of our foes. Rep. Damron has done more than any other person in the legislature to establish concealed carry, improve it and protect it. He has never backed down when called upon to lend a hand.

His opponent in this election is a Republican named Peter Kerr. While nationally the GOP is a slightly better ally for the right to keep and bear arms, in Kentucky this hasn't always been the case. As we learned from the duplicity of Larry Forgy when he ran for governor, just being a Republican doesn't make a man a friend to CCDW permit holders. We're fortunate that many of the Democrats in Kentucky have much more traditional and conservative values than their fellows in other states.

Mr. Kerr has stated that he supports the right to bear arms, yet on his web site he says that he accepts that universities have the authority to prohibit firearms on campus. This is a strange contradiction, in our estimation. How can a man support the right to bear arms while actively supporting the idea that some entities deny grown men and women - educated, working adults, many of them - the ability to exercise that right just because they're on campus? This concerns us deeply because one of the causes most important to us has been our work to repeal this ridiculous ban, which is why we support Michael Mitchell in his lawsuit against UK.



Mr. Kerr is a veteran and no doubt a fine man in many ways, but in this particular issue he is grievously in error. He may be well educated, but his understanding of the basic rights of man as our Founding Fathers espoused them is deeply flawed.

As we've noted, KC3 can't endorse a candidate for public office but we most certainly can examine their beliefs and their record and report them to you. Mr. Damron has proven that he knows full well how vital the right to be armed for self defense is to Kentuckians - everywhere we go, and certainly not surrendered on a college campus! He has demonstrated his commitment to our safety time and time again.

Mr. Kerr, on the other hand, might say some of the things about the right to bear arms that gun owners want to hear, but based on the sum of those statements he's made, it seems plain that he just doesn't get it when it comes to our right to self defense.

We hope that you'll find this information helpful when you make your decision at the polls this fall. We at KC3 believe that this is all you need to know.

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2010 annual meeting report

The KC3 annual meeting was held once again at the outstanding Open Range shooting facility in Crestwood, Ky. courtesy of owner Barry Laws and while attendance was less than in some years past, enthusiasm was high among the attendees.

Our new president is Doug Ringer, with Joey Burke stepping up to 1st VP and Robby Robinson as 2nd VP. Bob Jaynes continues as secretary treasurer. Co-founder and past president Kraig Keller has stepped down in order to spend more time with his family, and we thank him for his stellar service to KC3 over the many years he's worked with us.

We welcome to the board two new members, Brian Sudduth of Frankfort and Eric Dean of Lawrenceburg. Both of them have extensive shooting experience and have been helpful to KC3 in the past in our efforts to protect our

rights. Brian is father of two young boys whom he's schooling in archery and shooting, as well as an accomplished competitive shooter and CCDW instructor. Eric is a US Army veteran who served in Iraq, a CCDW instructor and also runs his own shooting school, Tactical Solutions. We believe that their energy and experience will add a vital new dimension to the board and help KC3 to grow in the next year.

The drawing for the Del-ton AR15 raffle was held, and now we've embarked on a new raffle for a super combination of a Judge .45/.410 revolver paired with a Ruger LCP .380 pocket pistol. Tickets are on sale now at our table at the gun shows, and can be purchase by mail. See the blog online for details of that.

Bob Jaynes' run of luck continues and he was the winner of this year's meeting raffle of an LCP by Ruger. Next year we're going to keep him out of it so that the rest of us have a chance, otherwise Mr. Lucky will take it home again!

There was discussion of several potential projects for this year and the next, details of which will be in the newsletter and on the blog in future.

If you didn't make it to this annual meeting, please plan to join us in May of 2011 at the next one and in the meantime, dedicate yourself anew to our cause and to KC3.



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Our thanks to a special KC3 member

KC3 would like to take a moment to say a special thanks to member Liam Lang, who has gone above and beyond in his efforts to help spread the word about our group and our work here in Kentucky. Liam and his wife are transplants from Canada who truly appreciate the environment of freedom that we enjoy in the Commonwealth. Liam is a pilot with experience flying the bush country up north and if you meet him it's worth talking to him about his experiences there. You can also ask him about their two young daughters, whom they adopted from China.

Liam has taken on the task of seeing to it that our newsletters get out to some of the gunstores in Jefferson county and he distributes the countertop boxes which we have available for that purpose.

Despite a demanding work schedule and his duties with his family and his church, Liam finds time to give to our group because he believes so strongly in the cause of personal freedom and the right to self-defense, and KC3 wants to say a heartfelt THANK YOU! to him for his work on behalf of us all.

KC3's Email alert list is now online!

Not only is it online, but if you sign up for it you can get the newsletter sent to you in PDF form just as soon as it clears the printer, before the mail can drop it at your house.

We'll be using all of our electronic tools – blog, website and Facebook – to inform and alert KC3 members and allies in the months ahead. During the legislative session the ability to inform you instantly about what bill is in which committee, which committee is meeting where and what legislators to call is going to be critical to us. If you're on the email alert list and availing yourselves of these other resources you'll be on top of it all. If you're not, you'll be out of the loop and behind the curve, unable to make an impact on issues that are important to us all.

So get with the program! Go online and sign up today on the KC3 website at www.kc3.com or www.kc3.org today and sign up for our email alert list. It's the modern era and we need every one of you to be in it!



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KC3 Needs You! Volunteer! Stand tall!

Folks, we still need people to help out at gun shows, passing out flyer and newsletters and information. If you come and lend a hand at the shows, it can be for an hour or two or more, and might consist of nothing more than minding the store while the regulars get a meal or a bathroom break!

The more folks we have on hand, talking to the public and telling them what a great organization YOU belong to, the better impression we make on the public at large.

If you truly care about protecting your rights, and believe that KC3 is one of the groups that you support in this work, then give up a little of your time and donate it to one of the most worthy causes – the fight to preserve and defend your freedoms. You have a RIGHT to self defense – but what good will it be if you don't possess the MEANS because we all got lazy and didn't keep slugging away?

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Watch for polls on the blog site

Please be sure to monitor the blog at <http://kc3blog.blogspot.com> in the weeks ahead for polls that we'll be posting there every week.

We'll be putting out ideas and taking your votes as we start to formulate our strategies for the legislative session, as well as charting the course for KC3 in the future. Your timely input will go far to assist us in those decisions.

It's possible that we'll also start using more formal polling sites, such as what's done by Zogby and others, if we can find something that won't be a financial burden on KC3.

In any case, please check the blog every week from now on for polls and information.

And if you belong to Facebook, be sure to sign up with the KC3 page on there. We'll have announcements in real time as things happen that affect you and other gun owners. We can post links to stories and events, and can send out messages to our members to let them know about any crucial information that they need to have. Facebook can be a valuable tool for KC3, but only if you're on there with us.

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Where do we go from here?

Our last initiative, the one on which we worked for so many months soliciting signatures on petitions, was to change our law so that CCDW permit holders could carry legally on college campuses. That effort is on hold right now, since the lawsuit against UK could well render that effort moot if our side wins, and so we have to think about what other areas of Kentucky's law need our attention?

What needs to be changed in Kentucky? What can we fix in our laws that will enhance or preserve or expand our rights? Where are permit holders being hampered?

Do we need to pass statutes that establish criminal penalties for politicians and companies that put up illegal signs, or attempt to enforce illegal polices that discriminate against permit holders?

Do we need to clarify the restrictions on where permit holders can carry, and head off the efforts by some members to prevent the exercise of our rights in the judicial centers being built in Kentucky?

What would be positive, affirmative steps that we could take, as opposed to having to react to threats against our rights as they occur? How can we be pro-active? What will help us have more of an impact in the General Assembly when it meets? What can we do to improve our outreach?

These are questions that we have to address as a group, and we need to get on it NOW! Time passes, and the legislature will be in Frankfort in no time at all, ready to act for better or for worse and we need to have our ducks in a row so that we're heard in the halls of the annex and in the committees.

If you have a suggestion for an initiative or project or plan that KC3 should embrace, we need to know about it and the sooner the better. You're experienced adults for the most part, and your fellow citizens will all benefit from that experience but only if you choose to share it with us. Call, write or email us now!

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If you've never used Facebook and have resisted the move to online social networks, you should consider giving it a try. Millions of people are using it every day, making it a great outreach tool for us and a great way to spread the word about our work and Kentucky's accomplishments to all those other friends of freedom on the net.

Check it out by going to www.facebook.com today and searching for KC3. We'll be watching for you on the web.

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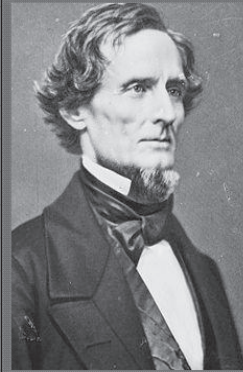
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It's only \$100 per year to get placement in the four quarterly issues of the newsletter. The new advertising year starts with this issue, but it's not too late for new businesses to join up and start getting their names out in front of our members and the gun-owning and gun-BUYING public.

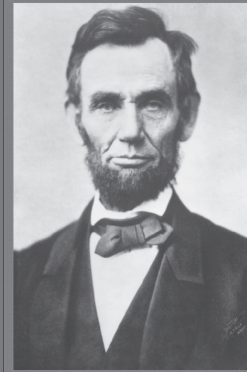
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Single Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Household Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> (Two voting members)
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WELCOME TO KC3!

Since 1994, KC3 has led the struggle to secure your right to carry a legally concealed weapon for your defense and the safety of your loved ones.

Starting with thousands of signatures on petitions in 1995 through the passage of HB40 in 1996 and on to the challenges in the General Assembly in 1998 and 2000, KC3 has been the leader of the effort to protect your ability to defend yourselves by the best means possible, and to preserve and improve our already outstanding CCDW law. We publish a semi-quarterly newsletter and maintain a web page (www.kc3.com) filled with vital information and updates.

In addition, we monitor the events that have an effect on CCDW in Kentucky, keeping abreast of changes so that you stay informed. Our e-mail alerts list will keep you posted on the latest developments in CCDW gun rights issues.

Thanks for joining the team that brought Concealed Carry to Kentucky, and for your support of the effort to preserve our rights and our freedoms! Individual memberships in KC3 are \$10 for one year or \$25 for three years. Household memberships – that's TWO adults in a single household and all dependents – are \$15 per year or \$40 for three years.

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