



# Chronicle

Kentucky Coalition to Carry Concealed, Inc.

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

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## You might be wondering...

What's going on with KC3? Where's the newsletter been? Why is it late? When's the web page going to be updated?

Well, the truth is, all of us on the board of directors are pretty beat. It's been a busy summer and like all the rest of you, we've had family and all kinds of other commitments that we've had to deal with. So what have we been doing?

We've attended gun shows, which tie up an entire weekend for those who work them, on our own time and at our own expense.

We've put in time doing radio shows and a TV appearance on Channel 32 in Louisville.

We've been answering your emails and messages, responding to your questions about concealed carry.

We've been keeping up with the places that have tried to post illegal signs against lawful concealed carry, and finding more all the time.

So what HAVE we, the board of directors and leaders of KC3, actually accomplished this year to date?

First, we forced the Kentucky Derby Festival organizers to take down the rule against concealed carry that has been posted on the 'Thunder Over Louisville' web site for the past several years. As you may know, they've had an illegal prohibition against firearms possession by CCDW permit holders in place for years, and the previous board of directors of KC3 never contested it directly. This year, we went straight at them and let them know that if the illegal rule wasn't deleted that legal action on our part would follow. PRESTO! In only 24 hours it was gone, and the Louisville Metro police department affirmed in a press conference that CCDW permit holders would be allowed to carry their firearms into the waterfront area

and everywhere but the beer tents, as provided by law. This was a significant victory for all of us because in the past Mayor Abrams and his crew basically ignored us. This time, they saw the writing on the writ and caved.

Second, we've been busy tracking down and taking down signs that local governments had put up against CCDW in their county parks.

The county judge-executives, and their county governments, in Scott and Harrison counties had posted illegal signs which we were told about by KC3 members. Emails and phone calls from us and from concerned citizens followed, and the signs came down. We're still following up to make sure that they stay down.

Other signs are still posted on some private businesses around the state, but we're working on getting those down, too, and we'll be telling you how you can help us with those when the time is right.

There were signs at General Butler state park near Somerset that said "no guns in the park" - clearly not permitted by Kentucky statutes. Thanks to Rep. Robert Damron, who took action after we alerted him to them, those signs are GONE after having been there for years.

We're getting ready to challenge the illegal prohibitions against firearms in some county buildings in some cities but we don't want to give them away just yet, so wait for more on that.

We're helping a citizen in their fight against a major employer that saw fit to terminate their employment in violation of the law. When that reaches fruition, we'll share that story with you.

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# President's Message June 2009

The KC3 Annual Members Meeting was held at The Open Range shooting facility in May and was well attended. Door prizes which were contributed by our sponsors and board members were awarded. We also raffled off one of the very popular Ruger LCP pistols at the meeting. I wish to thank Mr. Barry Laws and Open Range for allowing us the use of their meeting room. The meeting next year will be held at Open Range on May 15, 2010. Please mark your calendar and make plans now to attend.

Jerry Geise retired from the Board of Directors after nine years of service on the Board, which is a record for KC3. No one else has yet served so many years consecutively. We all will miss him greatly. He was presented with a plaque to thank him for his service, which was provided thanks to Joey Burke. There was a lot of discussion with the members who were present. We recounted the things KC3 had done this last year, and our plans for the future.

We welcome back Brock Hetherington, who was returned to the board of directors by the Membership. He had served on the board before, and we look forward to working with him again.

I was re-elected president, Doug Ringer was re-elected first vice-president, and Joey Burke was re-elected second vice-president. Bob Jaynes was re-elected secretary/treasurer. Charles Riggs was re-elected to the board at large. This board of directors has accomplished some significant things since last year, and we look forward to doing even more in this year to come.

Family and friends sometimes ask me why I choose to carry a gun for self defense. The answer is because acts of random violence and violent attacks can and do happen anywhere, when least expected, even inside your own home. I want to discuss two such violent attacks with two very different outcomes.

The first happened in California around Christmas of 2008. A family was having a very nice Christmas gathering at their home when someone rang the doorbell. Looking out, they could see it was Santa Claus! A little girl, excited to see Santa, opened the door. She was instantly shot in the face at point blank range three times! The killer was an ex-husband determined to kill everyone at the home of his former father-in-law for revenge. He killed nine members of his ex-wife's family and then burned down the house. No one had a gun to defend themselves against this killer. No one could stop him. All were totally helpless to defend themselves from this enraged monster. They were slaughtered without mercy.

Recently another attempted mass killing ended quite differently. Two violent thugs entered an apartment where a group of college friends were having a party. It became clear that the intruders planned to rape the women and then kill everyone there. One of the intended victims had a concealed carry license and was armed. At an opportune moment, he drew his firearm and shot one intruder, who fled. The second intruder was also shot in self-defense and later died from his wounds. All the students were unharmed.

When I am confronted by family and friends about why I am armed and ready to defend myself from a violent intruder, I tell them that violent attacks can happen anywhere, at any hour of the day or night. Being unarmed when confronted by a violent criminal is an awful thing. How terrible it must be to find yourself in such an encounter, watching family and friends being killed and you're powerless to intervene!

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## Wondering *Continued*

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We've started working with the Open Carry movement and the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus to help them in their efforts to expand our rights, and to spread awareness of those rights. KC3 is not just about concealed carry, but supports ALL of our rights, for all of our citizens.

And we've investigated one situation where another employer was supposed to be breaking the law, but we found that there was no basis for the complaint and so cleared the air on that case.

Last but not least, we continue to collect signatures on our petition that we intend to present to the General Assembly in 2010, hoping to change the law so that CCDW permit holders will be allowed to carry on school grounds. That is our great project, and that's what we're working on all the time.

So why is this issue of the newsletter late?

Basically, it's because the six guys on the KC3 board of directors are carrying the weight for THOUSANDS of you out there - all the members of KC3 and all the CCDW permit holders in Kentucky.

We're going to the gun shows and doing all the things that we've listed here, making the phone calls and going to meetings and firing off emails, all on YOUR behalf.

## President *Continued*

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You're unable to act, watching helplessly as people are being murdered, knowing that you might be next, and all you can do is call the police while you hide in a closet or another room.

Those of you who read this message who don't think it wise to carry a firearm for self defense should compare these two stories. No one wants to be the victim of an assault, defending oneself against violence. However, if an attack happens and you are not armed, you might die and those with you might die. If we are armed, at least we have a chance to defend ourselves.

The Second Amendment reads - "A well regulated militia, being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

What kind of state do you desire? A free state is preferred!

***Kraig Keller, President, KC3***

There should be HUNDREDS of you out here helping us, but you're not.

We'd love to have more people helping us pass out literature at gun shows, and helping us go to gun shows in cities where we don't go now because we don't have enough time for them all.

We need you to help us get signatures on our petitions, but not enough of you are passing them around and telling your friends. You're not helping us get the newsletters into your local gun stores and other locations so that we can spread the word about this effort.

We need to have more of YOU going to the buildings and county governments and companies that have illegal signage and telling them that it has to stop. When the citizens have helped us out, those things have been fixed. When you haven't, progress has been much slower.

So the next time that you want to know where the newsletter is, and when the raffle's done and to get answers to your questions and when WE are going to do SOMETHING about a sign or a policy that you don't like, ask yourself - what have I done to fix it? What have I done to challenge the people who are breaking the law and violating our rights? What have I done to contact our government officials and representatives to let them know where I stand on this issue?

It's going to be a long haul. The administration in Washington is plainly hostile to our cause. We have to remain vigilant for challenges to our rights every day, at every level of government.

And now, the governor has announced that he's selected as his running mate one of the most anti-gun mayors that Kentucky's ever seen. That means that our challenges in the months leading up to the elections are even greater than before. We have to be active and to get our message out to the world at large - we're here, we obey the law and we expect the laws that affect us to be obeyed by everyone else!

That's what the handful of guns who run KC3 for you have been doing this summer, and what we have planned for the months ahead.

Are you going to help us out and stand up with us in this fight, or are you going to sit around wondering where the newsletter is while we carry the load?

It's time to get active, friends. Our enemies aren't going to go away. Our freedoms will always require our dedication and our toil to protect them. Let's get to it.

# KC3's annual meeting and more

As president Kraig Keller has noted in his message, the annual meeting went off really well, and we had some excellent discussions about a variety of subjects.

We won't be posting the names of the raffle winners in order to protect their privacy, but we may in future put that information on the KC3 blog at <http://kc3blog.blogspot.com> with their permission.

The raffle for the S&W carbine and pistol ended in March and we're now in the midst of the raffle for the new AR 16 inch carbine that we told you about on our blog and have shown to you at the gun shows. People have emailed us wanting to know if they've won, and when the drawing was held. It seems that some people didn't understand the concept, though.

As we explain when you buy tickets, we're now going to hold raffles the year round, and when we sell the limited number of tickets for each raffle, we will then draw the winner's name and start another raffle. In this way we keep rolling and don't limit ourselves to just one prize per year. So if you bought tickets for the S&W carbine, that raffle has ended. If you bought tickets after March, that raffle is still in process and when it's done, we will notify the winner and put it on the blog. That's the only notification that there will be.

The newsletter that you're reading now was supposed to be published in June, but was delayed because of all the other commitments that we've had

to cover in the last few months. Expect to see a very slightly delayed September issue next month, with more content and more information.

For now, keep checking the blog for timely updates and current information.

And remember, if you're a concealed carry instructor and want newsletters to hand out at your classes, please get in touch with us via the blog or the web site contact page, and we'll get them out to you. We also have display boxes and newsletters that we can send to any member who requests them for placement in their local gun stores.

Thanks for your patience and your continued support.

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## Thanks a Bunch!

We want to extend a special THANK YOU! to the people at Sherwood's Guns in Bowling Green, Kentucky for their support of KC3 in this year's raffle.

These great people have given us bargain prices on a carbine and a Ruger LCP for our ongoing raffle, and the special raffle that we held at our annual meeting.

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These are the ONLY persons whom you should contact with questions about KC3 or concealed carry. Former members of the board are no longer involved with the organization.

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# Keep the shooting sports alive!

While those of us who are already shooters and hunters are passionate about what we do, the fact is that the shooting sports are facing significant challenges in the USA. Fewer people are taking up recreational shooting and hunting, which means that the culture is shrinking. And that means trouble for our future.

When fewer people are shooting there will be fewer voters who care about our rights, and that will make it easier for the anti-gunners to pass laws that infringe on where we can shoot, what we can shoot and what we're allowed to own. It's all very well to beat your chest and speak strong words about defending our rights, but the best way to win a fight is not to have it at all. Having a lot of voters who agree with us, and more young people who understand who we are and what we do, is the best way to safeguard our future.

Take the time to take kids out shooting, even if it's only just BB guns and paper plates. Find women who have questions about firearms and take them to the range to take the mystery and fear out of the issue, and show them how much fun it can be.

If we don't do the cheerleading for the things we know and love, who will? Most importantly, if we

don't work to advocate for our rights, how long will we enjoy them? We know that many in the government now are actively working night and day to find new ways to limit or revoke our liberties.

Time spent teaching and recruiting now will make it less difficult to fight those fights in the future. Take someone shooting today!

## We need more names!

Our drive to get more signatures on our petition is still in full swing, but we can always use a few thousand more names in order to make an impression on the legislature next spring.

So if you don't have a copy of the petition, please feel free to make one from the one in this issue and when they're filled up, mail them to us here in Frankfort.

With your help, we'll get this done just like we did to get House Bill 40 passed in 1996!

Time's a wastin'!

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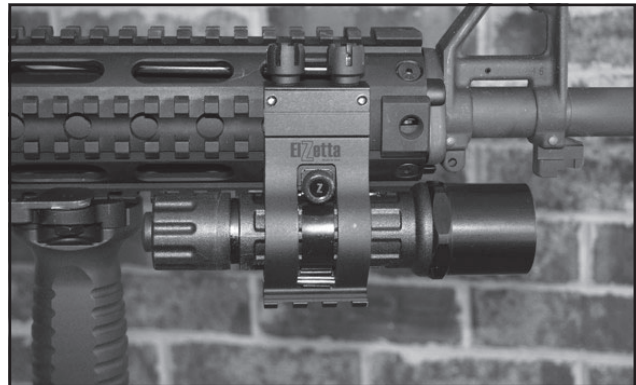
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If a referral, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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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