

MCSA NEWS

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UPDATES

by Bill Zeigler

- * I was reminded last week that in 2008 MCSA had about 100 members. As of last week we have 326 members. I am guessing growing pains are some of what we are experiencing.
- * A member told me last week that this forced social isolation might be God's way of giving us time to consider our lives and our interactions with others. I thought it was an interesting idea and it reminded me of a near death experience (NDE) I had 40 years ago; One of those heart stopped, live or die experiences. I had a lengthy talk with the son of a higher authority, and I don't mean Trump or Inslee. The result was a major change in ole Bill's behavior and a strong belief in showing kindness and assistance to all I come in contact with. Some have said that it was brain cells dying or the strong medication they gave me or swamp gas or something, but for me the experience was real and life changing.

The reason I relived this event is that I have enjoyed the time away from my usual daily schedule. I look at my daily planner every morning and it nearly blank for the first time in 50 years.

What are your thoughts on this period in our lives??

- * MCSA Trustees are independently elected to serve as a conduit for information and concerns from membership to the BOD and also the other direction. The By-Laws state "The Board of Trustees shall act as an independent review and advisory committee and may make reports to the general membership on concerns of the Club". Gene, Keith and I serve you so feel free to express your concerns either directly to the BOD or through the Trustees.

From The Editor: I'd love to hear from you... What are you doing? How are you filling your time? What have you discovered? Where did you bury the bodies? **

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** it's a joke folks - don't rush out to bury a body on my account

Updates from the MCSA Board of Directors

by Lynn Ludeman

For those who might be interested in how the board came to the decisions we have during this very interesting year so far.

First, because it's the elephant in the room, we are – like everyone else – anxiously awaiting the END of our “Stay Home – Stay Safe” orders set forth by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee. As for why the range is closed, whether each of us agrees with it or not, the fact is that we are not considered by the Governor of this state to be “Essential”, so we are closed as required by the Governor's mandate.

We are aware that even when the “Stay Home” order is lifted, the rumors are that there will be continued restrictions, so we'll have to come up with some kind of plan for how to work with that. But be assured: It serves no purpose to keep the range closed any longer than we have to, as far as we can see.

In other on-going discussions, there is the potential for virtual meetings. The board tried, with the help of Michael Bigelow, using someone else's license to do a virtual trial. (Thank You Michael!!!)

It was a mixed success, and one we'd like to continue to work through. However, after our various difficulties and problems are solved, we need to decide if this is something that a majority of members want, and if so, we'll need to add it to our budget. The free virtual meeting services do not accommodate our member count, so we're looking at a monthly cost of something – yet to be determined. In addition to the financial end of it, we'd need to adjust our By-Laws to reflect the acceptable practice and parameters of virtual meetings, whatever they might be. So it is a choice coming up for all members to make.

And then to return to the current status of inspections, you may remember, a complaint was registered with the State of Washington alleging that MCSA was mishandling lead. This complaint prompted 2 investigations with the State, the first one with Labor & Industries. The L & I Investigation is now completed and we've been verbally signed off by L & I with no violations. We expect a final written record as promised when things get back to normal again.

The second investigation, with the Department of Ecology is now in their hands. They issued a compliance report to us on March 10, gave a deadline, which they shifted just a little bit to April 13. We met their deadline and turned in our compliance within their deadline. We showed proof of acting on their list of compliance items, provided the supporting documentation & required forms and we do have an acknowledgement of receipt back from DOE. The agent led me to believe it would be quite a while before we'd hear back from them, because they are also pretty much shut down by the Governor's mandates.

The last bit of news relevant to members is that because of the demands of his Mason County Sheriff Chaplain position, Joel Harris has resigned as MCSA Vice President. I'm very happy to report that Joel intends to continue to participate as a member of MCSA, he just found he was being pulled in 2 directions and had to make a choice on which one to focus on. Please email or call if you'd like to volunteer to serve as VP, Raffle Chair, Air Pistol Booth Chair or Nominations Chair. We aren't quite able to meet yet but we will!

A bit of humor to brighten your day...

Brunch Bunch Ponderings

Shared by Bill Zeigler, from his friends, Dave and Sue.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"?
Where's that extra penny going? (taxes?)

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up into tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change??? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

How did the man who made the first clock know what time it was?

Why do we park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?

How To Help An Old Gentleman

Author Unknown

I talked to a man today. I talked with a man today, an 80+ year old man. I asked him if there was anything I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America.

He simply smiled, looked away and said:

"Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children...

I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies...that they respect what they've been given...that they've earned what others sacrificed for."

I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I sat there, quietly.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today.

And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way. Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent off to war...it wasn't less frightening than it is today. It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battle front news. We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped...you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things. Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort. And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation was the original recycling movement in America.

And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We

How To Help An Old Gentleman continued...

didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer. And do you know what? We persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today."

He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued:

"Today's kids don't know sacrifice. They think a sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. Today's kids are selfish and spoiled. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms who's husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can...no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made. So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus. But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you? Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak? Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your tv?"

I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own...now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man today. A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn about them...learn from them...to respect them.

Mason County Sportsman's Association

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Who would think of something like this, other than someone "cooped up and locked in"..... due to a Virus epidemic!



Washington: Police & Lawmakers Say Firearm Dealers Are Essential

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200328/washington-police-lawmakers-say-firearm-dealers-are-essential>

On March 27th, state Senator Lynda Wilson delivered letters to Governor Jay Inslee explaining why it is essential that citizens are able to access their Second Amendment rights during the COVID-19 crisis. One letter was signed by 46 state lawmakers and the other was signed by 15 law enforcement officials from across the state. You may click [here](#) (see below) to view the letters and see if your legislators, sheriff, or police chief signed.

“Some things don’t stop because of COVID-19, and unfortunately, one of those is crime. Governor Inslee can’t assume criminals will honor his stay-at-home order – he’s aware that a state trooper gave his life on Tuesday while trying to apprehend a suspected criminal who obviously wasn’t staying home,” said Senator Wilson.

Gov. Inslee’s March 23rd executive order directs all Washingtonians to stay home, except for “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.” This category does not include workers of firearm and ammunition businesses, meaning gun stores across the state could be shut down. Because Initiative 594 criminalized private sales of firearms and severely restricted transfers, the closing of gun stores will make it nearly impossible for citizens to give or sell a firearm to friends, extended family, or others seeking to exercise their right to self-defense.

Please stay tuned to www.nraila.org/coronavirus for further updates on our Second Amendment rights during COVID-19.

Details from Senator Wilson's webpage:

<http://lyndawilson.src.wastateleg.org/firearms-dealers-essential-public-safety-governor-told/>

Letter from legislators with list of signors:

<http://lyndawilson.src.wastateleg.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2020/03/Firearms-Dealers-Letter-to-Governor.pdf>

Letter from law enforcement with list of signors:

<http://lyndawilson.src.wastateleg.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2020/03/LEO-Firearms-Dealers-Letter-to-Governor.pdf>

**I just saw some red-breasted birds outside,
enjoying the sun and selling ice cream.**

I think they were basking-robins.



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The following link leads to the page where you can sign up for alerts regarding proposed 2A legislation in Washington state. This is a source of information on proposed legislation and is for educational purposes only.

<https://www.nraila.org/sign-up/>

Are you cooking more of your favorite recipes these days? Please feel free to share your best comfort foods...

WHAT'S COOKIN'

from Patricia Martin

SOUTHERN DUMP CAKE

15 OZ Can Cherry Pie Filling
14-15 OZ Can Pineapple Tidbits
Box Yellow Cake Mix (Name Brand Only... Generic will not produce the best results)
2 Sticks Butter

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

9X13 Glass Baking dish
Sifter
Spoons (2)

Butter knife
Can Opener
Batter Spatula

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat Oven to 375.
- Empty contents of both cans into 9x13 baking dish. Use batter spatula to scrape the inside of the cherry pie filling can.
- Use spoon to mix pineapple and cherry pie filling together.
- Empty cake mix into sifter and gently sift over the top of the fruit mixture make sure to get into corners.
- Use the back of a spoon and gently distribute cake mix evenly,
- Slice butter into thin pats and place in rows on top of the cake mix.
- Place into preheated oven. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until golden bubbly on top.



**My neighbor
knocked on my
door at 2:30 a.m.**

**Can you believe that?
2:30 a.m.?**

**Luckily for him I was
still up playing my
drums.**

Things To Think About

- ❖ What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- ❖ If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- ❖ Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned.
- ❖ Why is the letter W, in English, called double-u? Shouldn't it be called double-v?
- ❖ Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- ❖ Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- ❖ The word "swims" upside-down and backward is still "swims".
- ❖ Intentionally losing a game of rock-paper-scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

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GOOD GUYS-N-GALS, GUNS AND VIGILANCE

by Carla Baker

When I did the first article on this topic, it was easy to find information. Since then it's become harder even though I'm using a similar search. Now when I search all I get are anti-gun screeds. I suspect the search engine parameters for this topic have been changed. These are all older reports, but still interesting. **(if you hear of anything, please do share a link or information with me)**

In 2007, former cop and volunteer security worker, Jeanne Assam, saved the day at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Thousands of people were exiting from Sunday mass that day as the shooter opened fire. However, Assam ran toward the line of fire, killing the shooter and saving countless lives.

Alton Nolen of Moore, Okla., was charged with first-degree murder in the gruesome beheading of a Vaughan Foods worker. His rampage was halted by Mark Vaughan, a reserve sheriff's deputy and the company's chief operating officer, who used his personal firearm to wound Nolen.

In Garland, Texas, two gunmen opened fire outside of a Prophet Mohammed cartoon drawing contest in 2015. The swift reaction by police and security at the event prevented all but the two attackers from being killed.

In 2013, a shooter opened fire at Prince Middle School in Atlanta, Georgia. After wounding only one student, the suspect was disarmed by an armed guard stationed at the school.

An 18-year-old mother saved the life of herself and her baby in Blanchard, Oklahoma. There, a knife-wielding intruder was attempting to enter Sarah McKinley's mobile home shortly after her husband died of lung cancer in 2012. After breaking in, McKinley fired, killing one suspect and scaring the other intruder off.

A 71-year-old man saved the lives of many at an internet cafe in Florida in 2012. When robbers entered the cafe with weapons, Samuel Williams pulled out his gun and scared off the suspects.

A 69-year-old grandmother protected herself and her home in Alabama in 2010. After hearing a burglar break into her house, Ethel Jones fired three shots, wounding and scaring off the intruder, who was later arrested by police.

In 2012, a 14-year-old boy saved himself and his younger siblings after an armed intruder entered their home. After breaking into the home and pointing a gun at the 14, 12, and 8-year-olds, the 14-year-old fired, placing the intruder in the hospital and saving his family.

Good Guys-n-Gals, Guns and Vigilance continued...

A pregnant mother of two saved herself and her children after two intruders entered her home in Ashtabula, Ohio. After refusing to let the two intruders in, they broke down her back door. As they proceeded up the stairs, she shot at them, hitting one intruder and scaring them both off until police arrived.

A would-be robber was shot in 2006 by an employee at Media Madhouse in Indiana. After the suspect entered the building holding a gun on an employee and demanding money, a second employee jumped into action and shot the suspect, saving both employees and customers.

72-year-old Jan Cooper saved her life and the life of her 85-year-old World War II veteran husband, who is confined to a wheelchair. In 2013, a man was breaking into the Cooper's Southern California home, when the grandmother fired one shot from her .357 -Magnum Smith and Wesson revolver, which scared the burglar off.

Carry a weapon because a police officer is too heavy...

ARE YOU PREPARED?

by Patricia Martin - Trish155011@gmail.com

When thinking about emergency preparedness it is easy to become hyper-focused on one specific area of preparedness and forget about the rest. Yes, we need water, food, medical supplies, defense, items for barter, non-food items and we will discuss all of them and more, but this month's segment will focus on an item we do not think about until there is a problem. Shelter.

Our homes are our first line of defense when it comes to emergency preparedness. How solid is your home? When was the last time your septic system was looked at? How old is your breaker panel? How leak-proof is your roof? Are windows and exterior doors snug, reducing energy costs? Does the insulation in your attic need to be replaced? And what about the floor and the sub-floor. Does it sag in places? When was the last time you inspected your plumbing? Are there small leaks under the house? Are all the joints fitted together properly? Do you have supplies on hand to fix any issues? Do you have the financial resources set aside to address issues you are unable to fix yourself?

Without adequate shelter in the event of an emergency, the ability to survive diminishes rapidly. Of all the preparations we can make, shelter should be number one on our list. If you live in an apartment, make notes for maintenance personnel and have any issues you may find corrected.

Spring is the perfect time to give your house its yearly checkup and fix any issues before they become huge expensive problems. What do we do if our homes become uninhabitable?

Are You Prepared? continued...

I am so glad you asked!

Alternate forms of shelter range from low cost and portable to permanent and wildly expensive. For this article, we will look at low cost and portable. Most of us already have an alternate form of shelter in our garage or storage shed. We break it out and set it up beginning in the spring and do not store it again until the weather turns frigid.

The lowly, humble tent. Now don't get me wrong, some tents are extremely expensive, but for everyday-Joe, tents are an economical way to hide from the elements, protect our families, and relatively easy to defend. If our homes become uninhabitable, the camping gear stored in your garage or shed could save your life.

Below is a beginner's list of necessary gear if your home becomes uninhabitable and if you are able to remain on your property. (I will follow up with another article about necessary equipment if you are unable to remain on your property.) This is not an exhaustive list. What can you add? What do you have in your camping gear not listed? When you think of "camping" for an extended period, what items will you not be able to live without?

Shelter:

Tent(s), how many will depend on the number of people in your family.

Tarps, various sizes. They can be used for windbreaks/shade, ground cover, privacy and tent cover.

Tent repair kit

Bedding: sleeping bags, blankets, pillows. It is also a good idea to include an emergency foil blanket or two for each member of the family.

Food/Water/Cooking:

Camp Stove, extra fuel. Camp fire grate. Fire starter (matches, lighters, etc.).

1 gallon of water per person per day minimum. I would suggest 7 days emergency water storage. More is always better. But hopefully help will arrive/you will be able to move back into your home within 7 days.

7 days of meals, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks and drink mixes/coffee/tea for each member of your family. Use caution with overly salty foods/snacks as this will increase water needs. If you need help with meal ideas Pinterest is loaded with awesome campfire/camp cooking recipes. Or you can email me. Maybe create a notebook to hold all your camp cooking recipes. Keep it with your camping gear and update it periodically. Don't forget your seasonings. Salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder...and cooking oils.***

Cast Iron cookware. Invest in good quality American Made cast iron cookware. Dutch oven, casserole pan, saucepans, skillets, bread/pie pan, muffin pan.

Metal cooking utensils and protection. Slotted spoon, spatulas, solid spoon, ladle, tongs, high heat potholders/oven mitts.

Reusable dishes/silverware. Yes, this will increase water usage a bit, but reusable reduces the amount of storage space needed. They are less expensive, and each person even small children can be responsible for their own.

Are You Prepared? continued...

Cleanliness and Personal Hygiene:

Camping for survival and camping for fun, while the same in concept are totally different in execution. Within a survival camp cleanliness must take center stage. All activities must be accomplished with cleanliness at the focus. Long term survival camping can be a breeding ground for injuries, bacteria, food poisoning. Without proper camp cleanliness and personal hygiene, avoiding these issues becomes more difficult if not impossible.

Tubs for washing dishes (one for wash, one for rinse)

Dishwashing liquid, dish towels, dish cloths

Body soap, washcloths, towels, deodorant. Solar shower, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Emergency toilet, kitty litter, trash bags, toilet paper, Pinterest is loaded with emergency/survival toileting ideas.

Laundry: This article is for a 7-day survival camp. It is not likely you will need to do laundry within the 7 days, but if you do, you will need: Old fashioned rub board, Wash tub, and mild homemade detergent. Again, I am sending you to Pinterest for homemade laundry soap recipe. You should have extra water stored for "laundry only" or use a nearby lake or creek to rinse the clothing. You will also need a length of rope and clothe pins.

Medical:

First aid kit stocked with enough supplies to last each member of your family for 7 days.

Also include: Routine prescription medicines

Antibiotic ointments

Hydrocortisone cream

Wound cleanser (Bactine)

Over the counter pain relievers

Other/Convenience Items:

Paper towels

Duct Tape

Gorrilla glue

Hammer

Hand Saw

Work gloves

Rope/paracord

As always, if you have any questions about emergency preparedness, or if you simply want to chat. Shoot me an e-mail I look forward hearing from you.

**They said a mask and gloves were enough
to go to the grocery store.**

They lied... everyone else had clothes on.

10 Fun Facts

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No. 3
6. When you did No. 3 you realized it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is No. 5

Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too.

Have a Nice Day!

