

August 2019 Newsletter

Membership Processing Updates

MGO recognizes that we fell short on Membership Processing (new and renewals) for the past year since Mike Borders, then President of MGO and Membership Manager, passed-away. It's a time-consuming, manual process and MGO is 100% volunteer run & operated.

We CAN and WILL do better! MGO's new Board of Directors will be focusing on improving the Membership Processing and providing for a much faster turn-around of forum perks for paid Members. Stay tuned for details! We hope that frustrated Members that have chosen not to re-join will give us another chance once we have process improvements implemented!

Your NEW MGO Board of Directors Are Excited to Announce

**New and improved Membership Processing that now grants you...
INSTANT FORUM PERKS upon signup!**

We recognize the frustrations of folks joining over the past year and have already taken steps to fix that!

We are now taking the process improvement a step further for those that are looking for forum perks!

We have improved the process to...INSTANT forum perks! We can't do much better than that!

Well, yes we can...

For the month of September, we are offering full price memberships for 20% off, when joining/renewing via the INSTANT forum perks option!

\$25 for one year is being offered for \$20

\$65 for 3 years is being offered for \$52

\$100 for 5 years is being offered for \$80

\$400 for LIFETIME Membership is being offered for \$320 (LIMITED QUANTITY - This offer will be removed after 6 sold)

On top of that, you get INSTANT upgraded forum perks!

Did you just recently join or renew at the full price? No problem! You can still take advantage of this sale price and add-onto your existing membership. You lose nothing since the additional months of membership are simply added onto your current

membership's expiration date.

This offer is limited to the month of September ONLY! Don't let the opportunity pass you by!

The Membership sale prices apply ONLY to those using the INSTANT forum perks join/renew option. Those joining/renewing via the traditional processing method will be charged the full price due to the additional manual processing.

Keep an eye out on the forums, as well as in the MGO Store for the "INSTANT FORUM PERKS" Membership Option, beginning September 1, 2019!

YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On July 21, 2019, MGO's Members elected the following candidates to the Board of Directors:

Matt (Matt11) Ayres
Tom (PhotoTom) DeRousie
Josh (Draken) Howley
Dan (DrScaryGuy) Huereca
Mike (Tallbear) Thiede continues to serve on the board as a "continuity" member through July/August 2020.

On August 3, 2019, the new board members voted to appoint two additional board members:

Tyler (thamm) Hamm
Mike (Kilt Guy) McKay

That brought the new board up to 7 members. From there, the board unanimously elected the following officers:

President: Mike (Kilt Guy) McKay
Vice President: Josh (Draken) Howley
Treasurer: Tyler (thamm) Hamm
Secretary: Matt (Matt11) Ayres

The remaining directors will serve as Trustees:

Tom (PhotoTom) DeRousie
Dan (DrScaryGuy) Huereca
Mike (Tallbear) Thiede

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS!
We look forward to seeing great things accomplished in the near future!

Bylaws Updates

On July 21, 2019, MGO's Members voted to amend the Bylaws.

The updated bylaws allow for the Election Committee (EC), an autonomous committee by design of the Bylaws to have an annual budget to work with for conducting the elections of MGO.

They also require the EC to submit a report of expenses to the Treasurer for review by the Members.

Further, they allow the EC to use their discretion in the event of an uncontested election, allowing the EC to forego a formal election (with associated costs) and declare the election candidates "elected by default".

Finally, the revised bylaws also require a minimum of 7 days, maximum of 30 days from the July Annual Meeting of the Members for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. This allows the EC time to review/finalize the vote results and it also gives clear separation and definition to the beginning and ending of each meeting. In the event that there are not sufficient "outgoing" board members to call the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors to order, the revised Bylaws allow for the EC representative present to call the meeting to order and conduct the Officer elections.

The Bylaws Committee also welcomes their newest member, Tom Lambert. Tom has already provided MGO with excellent insight and analysis of the Bylaws and potential changes/updates needed. Stay tuned for future Bylaws update proposals!

Second Amendment March

It's that time of year again! It is time to stand up for your RIGHTS!

The annual Second Amendment March is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the State Capitol in Lansing, MI.

WE NEED ALL GUN OWNERS TO SHOW UP AND JOIN IN SO THAT OUR LEGISLATORS KNOW WE COUNT!

It is scheduled for a weekday since that is when the Legislators are there!

We also need help (volunteers) to setup and man our booth, helping sell merchandise, sign up new members, etc. Many hands make light work! Please step up and help MGO make another successful showing at this great event!

More details can be found on our website:<https://home.migunowners.org/event/2nd-amendment-march-at-michigan-state-capitol-your-2a-march-invite/>

Also on our forums:

<https://www.migunowners.org/forum/showthread.php?423751-2nd-Amendment-March-Tuesday-September-10th-10am-2pm>

Print this poster and put them out everywhere!!



Tuesday, September 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Michigan Capitol Building, Lansing

Join us on the Capitol lawn to hear your elected officials, mingle with other Second Amendment advocates, visit vendor tables, and exercise your right to keep and bear arms. Open and concealed carry are welcome (but not required).

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Joel Fulton of Freedom Firearms. Speakers will be announced via our Facebook event page.

In Conjunction With:



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A grass roots effort means action on

YOUR part!

Thank you to Michigan Open Carry (MOC) for your support!

We would like to thank Michigan Open Carry (MOC) for their ongoing support! There was a suggestion by a former MGO Board Member that MGO should dissolve and donate all assets to MOC. Tom Lambert, President of MOC responded with the following letter:

Dear members of Michigan Gun Owners,

It has come to our attention that you are currently going through an unfortunate and unanticipated hardship and we would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our support for your great organization.

Since the early days of MOC, you have been there to support us, and over the years we have worked very well together to accomplish great things for the Michigan gun community.

Please know that today we stand ready, individually and as an organization, to support you as you rise to meet your current challenges.

*It has also come to our attention that it has been suggested that MGO dissolve and then convey all assets to MOC. **We flatly reject this idea.** To put it bluntly, we don't want your money, we want you.*

There is no question to us that not only does MOC benefit more from a healthy and effective MGO, more importantly so does the Michigan gun community as a whole. While we are separate organizations each with somewhat different focuses, we share the same ultimate goal - to protect and defend our right to keep and bear arms. We compliment each other very well while each of us works effectively in areas the other doesn't. The result is obvious; more people are served more effectively, and the rights that we cherish together are safeguarded more than they otherwise would be.

For the above reasons, as well as many more, please do not hesitate to let us know where we may help. We stand with you today and we look forward to standing with a stronger and more effective MGO in the future.

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of MOC,
Tom Lambert President, Michigan Open Carry, Inc. Member, Michigan Gun Owners*

THANK YOU, MOC, for your ongoing support. We were pleased to see your presence at our Annual Meeting of the Members on July 21, 2019 and we look forward to an ongoing, mutually beneficial relationship as we move forward together!

From The President of MGO

Members of MGO.

I am honored to be the President of MGO. I had no intention of being back on the BoD this year, but MGO was short staffed and I said that I would volunteer to help where needed and here we are. I am going to do my best, along with the rest of the BoD to help move MGO forward in the next year.

After a month of not being able to conduct business for the lack of a quorum your new board is underway and the wheels are turning once again. We have been in our positions now for about three weeks and we have had our first BoD meeting. One of the first things we addressed was membership processing.

At our August board meeting we voted in an automated process that vBulletin offers.

I had asked PhotoTom about this process and here is his reply.

What it DOES:

- 1. Allows the member to choose and pay for their applicable membership category (i.e., 1 year, 3 year, 5 years, Lifetime).***
- 2. Upon payment, instantly grants the member full forum perks with nothing more required on their part, nor anyone else (Membership Manager, Forum Admins, etc).***
- 3. When nearing expiration, automated renewal reminder messages are sent out of the forum software with no manual intervention needed.***
- 4. If the member renews, their expiration date is automatically extended/updated. If the member does not***

renew, their member perks are automatically removed upon expiration.

What it does NOT do:

1. Update the master roster with real name, address, etc.

2. Generate and email or mail membership cards.

This is a start to streamline the process and there may be a few hiccups along the way, so please be patient with us as we get this going. If we can find a better way to process membership information in the future we will implement those changes as well.

The Second Amendment March (SAM) is Tuesday September 10th in Lansing from 10am to 2pm.

Yes it is a work day but we need you there!!

Not just to help MGO with the booth, but to show our representatives that we will not stand down if they try taking away our 2nd amendment rights.

I have been informed that Governor Gretchen Whitmer has been invited to the SAM.

Let's show up by the hundreds and give her a big 2A welcome. Bring the family, relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors even your enemy's if they support our cause. Make sure you stop by and say hello and introduce yourself.

Members and non-members, volunteers are needed. We are looking for members to help set up, staff and tear down at events. Outdoorama is our next big event. We are also looking for members to become committee chairman. We will be posting for committee positions that we need to fill soon.

If you have a skill or talent that may help us in the future send

me a Private Message on the forums (forum name: Kilt Guy) or an email to President@migunowners.org and I will add your information to a sticky for future reference.

Please let me know how we can do better and what changes you feel we need to make either through email or PM. It may take a day or two but I will reply to all and I will pass your thoughts along to the rest of the BoD.

**Stay safe,
Mike "Kilt Guy" McKay**

Volunteers Needed!

Folks, MGO is run by 100% volunteers! **We NEED your help!** Some of the volunteer help that we need involves in-person volunteering, such as working various events like Outdoorama, Woods & Waters, Second Amendment March, etc.

However, we also need volunteers to help with our "virtual" efforts, as well. Examples include:

Website updates:

We launched our new MGO Website (www.migunowners.org) last year with very basic content. However, we need volunteers to help keep it "LIVE" with new/updated content such as "how-to" videos, articles, etc. We would like to see a rich resource library, a history of MGO (when founded, original and ongoing history of Directors and Officers, etc). There are LOTS of ways we can build-out the website, but we need your help! Please consider volunteering to help update/improve the content of the MGO website!

Newsletter:

These newsletters don't write themselves! We need volunteers to note things of interest to Members that don't necessarily come to the forums on a regular basis and/or read all new posts, etc. Please consider volunteering to help publish these newsletters and keep other Members informed!

MGO TAKING ACTION!

Letter sent to Wayne County Clerk's Office Regarding Inappropriate Practices

MGO's Board of Directors asked our Corporate Counsel, Jim Makowski to send a letter on behalf of MGO to the Wayne County Clerk, Cathy M. Garrett.

This letter was simply asking the Wayne County Clerk to review the practice of confiscating CPL's that were issued with clerical errors, thus leaving the licensee with no CPL to carry until the corrected CPL shows up in the mail.

If a licensee carries a concealed pistol but does not have their CPL on their person, they are subject to a \$100 civil infraction fine.

We asked the Wayne County Clerk to amend their policy to include giving the licensee some proof of CPL, either a temporary license or receipt to show if stopped while carrying concealed.

Hopefully, the Wayne County Clerk's Office will amend their practices and discontinue inconveniencing County CPL licensees when licenses are issued with errors on the part of the Clerk's Office.

Help us define MGO

MGO's Mission Statement

Michigan Gun Owners is a not-for-profit grass roots organization committed to educating the public on safe responsible gun ownership and preserving and defending the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and Article I, section 6 of Michigan's Constitution.

With the mission statement in mind...

What do YOU want to see MGO (the organization) be?

What have we done that YOU want to continue?

What have we NOT done that you want to see MGO do?

What do you want to see MGO NOT doing that we have done in the past?

Paid Members, please give your input in the following "Members Only" thread:

<https://www.migunowners.org/forum/showthread.php?423354>

Forums Administrator Resignation

As posted by Tom (PhotoTom) DeRousie on July 22, 2019:

As stated prior to the election, I am resigning my position as Forums Administrator since I have successfully been elected to the Board of Directors.

Although there is nothing "in writing" saying that a Board Member cannot be a Forum Staff member (Administrator, Super Moderator, etc), this organization has had a few degrees of separation between the Board and the Forum Staff in order to prevent

mistakes being made that another organization did prior to MGO's inception (and a big reason for MGO's inception). This wasn't fully possible "at first", but once the organization grew, Lance (former Administrator) created the separation for the above reasons, and I have upheld that separation since he left over a decade ago.

Last year, my Co-Admin (Zigziggityzoo) and I brought G22 onboard as a Forums Administrator in order to prepare for my exit as the Forums Administrator. Zig has always served as our Server Admin (behind the scenes and under the hood) while I have served as the Forums Administrator where policy, procedure, training, rules changes/updates, etc have been concerned. G22 will do an excellent job of fully replacing me now that I am resigning and taking on my new role as a Board Member, leading the organization while G22 and Zig lead/manage the forums.

I want to thank the members voting. I am honored and humbled by the unanimous support/votes, and I will do my absolute best to serve the Members of MGO as a Board Member.

Thank you, Tom, for your many years of volunteer work as MGO's Forums Administrator! We look forward to seeing you in your new volunteer role as a Director of the organization!

Firearms Legal Protection

While we all hope we NEVER have to be involved in a self-defense shooting, it CAN happen (and does, every day). Are you prepared for the aftermath? Do you know who to call for legal defense after having to use your firearm?

Check out Firearms Legal Protection! They have pre-screened lawyers that specialize in self-defense shootings.

For as little as 32 cents per day, you can rest assured that you have the needed legal defense lawyers and services at your fingertips, 24 hours a day.

Check it out at:

https://www.migunowners.org/forum/rbs_banner.php?id=19

AmazonSmile Donations

Do you like to shop at Amazon.com?

Did you know that if you go to smile.amazon.com, you can select Michigan Gun Owners as a charitable organization and MGO will receive a donation from Amazon?

It costs you NOTHING extra...all you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com and select Michigan Gun Owners!

Once you make that selection, each time you return to smile.amazon.com and order, MGO will receive a donation from Amazon!

To date, MGO has received \$3,649 from Amazon via our members shopping smile.amazon.com and directing the donations to Michigan Gun Owners!

Every little bit helps! THANK YOU!

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Looking for a new mortgage or possibly a refinance of your existing home?
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https://www.migunowners.org/forum/rbs_banner.php?id=33

AR15 Discounts

They are the builder's choice for deals on AR-15 parts, kits, accessories and more. All are competitively priced and backed by outstanding customer service!

Check them out at:

https://www.migunowners.org/forum/rbs_banner.php?id=34

MGO FFL List

Looking for a FFL? Check out our list of MGO Members that are FFLs at:

<https://www.migunowners.org/forum/showthread.php?180574>

You must be logged into the forums to access the above link.

"LIST YOUR BUSINESS" NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Find listed discounts from
Pro 2A Vendor's & MGO
supporting businesses
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- 1) **Members Only** [Benefits Sub - Forum](#)
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Have a business?
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Attention TapaTalk Users

*Effective 5-1-2019
The MGO forum will no longer
offer TapaTalk access*

[Link to details on the forum](#)

LEGAL NEWS FRONT LINE



DECISIONS

More discussion with details
on the MGO Forum [here](#)

GENERAL FIREARMS RIGHT'S

More discussion with details
on the MGO Forum [here](#)

For news on proposed and pending
firearms law check out the
[Legislative Lighthouse](#)
on the MGO forum



GET ON THE LISTS!

Our monthly newsletter is
now open to all
who provide an email address,
you can refer friends to the
MGO home page to sign up!
OPT-IN ONLY

"LATE BREAKING ACTION NEWS"

releases will be sent as determined by the MGO President



MOBILE PHONE ACCESS EASIER!

With so many now opening emails on mobile devices,
the Newsletter Team has made phone reading easier.

Note: If it doesn't seem to be all there,
scroll to the end and look for "show the rest of this message"
or some dots to click which will expand text.

CLICK on the LOGO to
Get on the volunteer mailing list
This is your opportunity
to get a heads up sent directly to
your inbox when there is a call



NEW MEMBERSHIP TIPS

We welcome you to ask questions & share by participating in discussion at the [MGO Forum](#) set up for Members Only.

MGO sponsors events which are posted at [MGO Event Announcements](#)

with upcoming events and activities, Open to all viewing this Newsletter.

MGO forum also has a [Members Only Events section](#) listing events we sponsor and classes and training on guns.

LET'S TALK TRAINING!

MGO has an abundance of training opportunities, classes and active shooting events posted in the forum at the [Training Talk Section](#).



new memberships
&

renewals
OPTIONS FOR DISCOUNTS

Member Service Announcement

It has come to our attention that some members have had issues in accessing articles that hot link in this newsletter.

Some content is by it's nature in the members only section. If you cannot access an article see below 1,2,3 to insure you have full access to content.

- 1 Be sure you are logged into the forum, check the box "Remember Me" under the login box to stay in.
- 2 Check to see that your membership has not lapsed, just click on "My Profile" link and next to your Avatar shows your current membership status.
- 3 Note that sometimes there is a delay between a membership renewal being sent in and it's update in the database.

Thank you for your patience.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP NOW

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