

Boeing Employees Everett Gun Club Meeting Report

Meeting Name: Members Meeting

Date: April 8, 2009

Attending: 17 members including all elected officers, 1 non-member

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Officer Reports

President: None

Vice President: None

Secretary: The Secretary reported that the minutes for the April 1st Board meeting have been released and posted on the website.

Treasurer: The club now has 68 members. The checking and savings account balances (~\$1200 checking, ~\$1200 savings) are the same as reported at the April 1st Board meeting because the outstanding bills and deposits had not yet been taken care of.

Safety & Training: There will be a Basic Personal Protection in the Home course on April 18th and 19th. We have 9 confirmed students, and the list of instructors and waiting list students is being worked on. The club is considering changing policies regarding the training class sign-ups, perhaps requesting a deposit prior to being added to the class roster, Course fee increases are also being considered for next year. The March Action Pistol Shoot went well. Revised standings have been posted on the website. There was a math error on the 1st set of results, and the recalculation has caused some shooters to change position on the final rankings. There will be a Basic Rifle Course offered in May. There are currently 10 students on the roster and another 10 on the waiting list. Training Counselor Phil Murray is looking for candidates for a Basic Personal Protection in the Home Instructor course. Phil is also holding a Chief Range Safety Officer course on April 18th and 19th.

Webmaster: Fred is contacting the owners of very old classified ads that are on our website in an effort to clean up the page.

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Upcoming Activities:

Club Shoots in June & November

Trap Shooting in July & August

Old Business

The holster demonstration that was to be provided by Joe Roth has been postponed. The new date is TBD.

Fred related the "rest-of-the-story" regarding his purchase of a gun safe from the Wal-Mart website. Synopsis: Fred found a gun safe on the Wal-Mart website. When he tried to complete the purchase, the site tried to change him sales tax. The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) has a section that states that sales tax cannot be charged on the sales of gun safes. Fred made some phone calls and sent some emails explaining and problem and **quoting the specific section of the RCW**. A Wal-Mart representative told him to go ahead and order the safe via the website, and if he was charged tax she would take care of it and give him a refund. Fred ordered the safe, and when the credit card bill came later, he noticed that they did not charge him sales tax on the initial purchase. Fred felt that contacting Wal-Mart in a courteous manner and quoting the specific section of the RCW was key in getting a swift and satisfactory solution to this situation. At another member's request, he agreed to post the specific RCW section on the website for other members to reference.

New Business

There was a proposal to invite the South end club (Boeing Employees Rifle & Pistol Club) to our Freedom Shoot at the Holmes Harbor Gun Club on Whidbey Island on June 27th. The club will also have a barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages paid for by the club during/after the shoot and we will also invite BERPC to this free of charge. That weekend Holmes Harbor Gun Club is also having a Friends of the NRA (FONRA) banquet. Information on purchasing tickets will be coming soon.

There is a Boeing Safety Fair scheduled in Everett on July 15th. The club will participate with an information booth as it has many times in the past. Club Treasurer Sean is coordinating the activity. If you would like to volunteer to help set-up, man the booth for an hour or two, or tear-down, please contact Sean.

Boeing Family Day in Everett is scheduled for August 23rd. The club will be participating with a booth at this event also. More details and a request for volunteers will be made in a future club meeting.

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A member noted that there were two gun related accidents reported recently and it might be useful to discuss them during our training classes. Both involved drugs or alcohol, and one was fatal.

Since the November election, gun sales have increased 51%, and ammunition sales have increased 41 % over the same period last year. There have been 1,200,000 new gun owners since November 4th.

There was some general discussion and anecdotes on the shortage of ammunition and reloading supplies. One member noted that the reason Wal-Mart's shelves are always so bare is that their policy is not to ration items, so someone can (and usually does) buy all they have in stock of a particular caliber or calibers.

George presented some initial information on the Elmer Keith Shoot near Spokane. It is shot at a long distance, with pistols with a maximum barrel length of 10" and metallic sights. It is an invitation only shoot but the organizer has extended the invitation to any EGC member interested. George will be giving a presentation with more information at the next club meeting in May.

George also discussed his experiences selling some items on Gunbroker.com. The experience was very favorable and he now has a bit more spending money.

George will also report-out on his experience at the Boomershoot in Idaho at the next club meeting.

Wayne extended an invitation to all club members if they wish to attend the Law Officer and Lawyer lectures that are part of the Basic Personal Protection in the Home Class. The lectures are scheduled for April 18th. Contact Wayne at training@beegc.org if you plan on attending.

Show & Tell:

Fred showed us an old Civil War era rifle that has been in his family and was inherited by him. It is percussion primed with two (over & under) rifled barrels. He doesn't know the caliber but it appears both barrels are the same caliber.

Vern showed us his new FN AR. It is a .308 caliber semi-automatic, gas operated rifle with a 10 or 20 round detachable magazine. This model is being deployed with the US Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan, with two rifles issued to each 8 man squad – one for the sniper and one for the heavy gunner. If you have to ask what it costs, then your spouse probably wouldn't let you buy one.

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Raffle:

In order to generate some funds to donate to worthy gun related causes like the Boy Scouts, 4-H rifle teams, etc., the Board has decided to hold a raffle at the end of each meeting. A small shooting related item will be offered, with tickets costing \$1.00 each. This month's items was a copy of the book "Washington State Gun Rights and Responsibilities" by Dave Workman. Wayne was the winner. Congratulations Wayne!

The next club meeting will be on May 13th at 5:30 pm at Sam's Gun Shop & Range.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by: 
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