



ERGC Newsletter

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- Members last month: 1043

Meeting Attendance: 0

2017 Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting

- Range Report – 1042 members & their guests attended the range in November
- Remember** Membership Dues will increase from \$130.00 per year to \$140.00 per year effective January 1, 2018.

*NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2018
Cokesbury Church
Asbury Meeting Room 6:30pm*

Guest Speaker –

Howard Enderson

From the Escambia County Sheriff's Office

Please Join Us for an Interesting Evening

Upcoming Events:

SASS Cowboys Match	January 14
IDPA	January 21 & 27
Black Powder Cartridge	January 28
Muzzle Loaders Match	February 3
ERGC Membership Meeting	February 6
Gun Goddess Match	February 10
CCW Class (Pace Fire Dept.)	February 10
SASS Cowboys Match	February 11
IDPA	February 18 & 24
Range Open for President's Day	February 19

Spectators are always welcome!!!

Check Range Assignments at the RSO Bldg.



A Word from the President of The ERML Sportsmen's Foundation, Barney Conaghan.

We would like to welcome **Luis Jimenez** as the C3's newest Educational Director

Lu recently moved here from North Carolina and has an impressive firearms educational background. Lu's background as a 20 year veteran of North Carolina DOJ certified CCW instructor, NRA Instructor and Chief Range Safety Officer, and 42 years as US Army Flight Instructor and Examiner, with 16,000 Flight Hours and we are looking forward to his expertise applied to our CCW Classes and other Training opportunities.

If you have any questions, suggestions or wish to volunteer.

Please contact Lu at ljimenez@mindspring.com or his ph# [910-494-5696](tel:910-494-5696).



YOU MIGHT BE A GUN NUT.....

(Submitted by Gregg Ferguson)

- if your favorite paint color is "gun metal grey".
- if you break off on a dissertation on how badly congress screwed Bill Ruger.
- if you anticipate another shooting session while you are putting your guns away at the range.
- if you look at Shotgun News the way teenagers look at playboy
- if every street sign within 5 miles of your house looks like it came from Chechnya
- if you went to college, but owned more gun manuals than text books
- if the national guard armory has your phone number on "call block" because you keep making bids on their WWII artillery piece sitting out front
- if you carry a backup **gun** in case the backup for your backup fails.
- if you carry concealed at the beach
- if third world arms dealers consider you to be the largest **gun** runner in the world (but you keep all the stuff for yourself)
- if you were arrested/questioned about the sniper shootings
- if you've filled out more "yellow forms" than income tax forms

There's roughly 12 dozen of these in this series, this is your 6th dozen 🍌

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You don't have to be a club member to contribute. Ask your friends and family to choose **Erml Sportsmens Foundation Inc** as their favorite charity when ordering on Amazon and [**Give us a Smile**](#)

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GUN CONTROL
Buying one but you really want two



By **Brooke Singman** | Fox News

A Democrat-backed study meant to expose illicit online gun sales instead seemed to show the opposite -- with hardly any sellers taking the bait when undercover investigators tried to set up dozens of illegal firearm transactions. Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., as well as Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, had commissioned the Government Accountability Office report to look into how online private dealers might be selling guns to people not allowed to have them.

Their efforts were based on a 2016 report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which claimed that “anonymity of the internet makes it an ideal means for prohibited individuals to obtain illegal firearms.” Congressional requesters asked that GAO access the extent to which ATF is enforcing existing laws and investigate whether online private sellers sell firearms to people who are not allowed or eligible to possess a firearm,” the GAO report said.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., led the charge for GAO to commission the report. (AP) Over the course of the two-and-a-half year investigation, agents tried to buy firearms illegally on the “Surface Web” and the “Dark Web,” generally by sharing their status as “prohibited individuals” or trying to buy across state lines. But the [GAO revealed](#) that their 72 attempts outside of the dark web were all “unsuccessful.”

“Private sellers on Surface Web gun forums and in classified ads were unwilling to sell a firearm to our agents that self-identified as being prohibited from possessing a firearm,” the GAO reported, noting that in their “72 attempts ... 56 sellers refused to complete a transaction once we revealed that either the shipping address was across state lines or that we were prohibited by law from owning firearms.” In the other cases, the investigators’ website was frozen or they encountered suspected scammers.

On the dark web, GAO agents successfully purchased two guns illegally, as the serial numbers on the weapons were “obliterated” and “shipped across state lines.” But in the attempt to purchase, the GAO agents “did not disclose any information indicating they were prohibited from possessing a firearm.” Based on the findings of the study, the GAO said it is “not making recommendations in this report.”

Cummings, Warren and Schatz did not immediately respond to Fox News’ request for comment on the GAO’s findings. The National Rifle Association seized on the report to claim that online sales are in fact regulated, calling the study an “embarrassment” for the gun control lobby.

“GAO’s findings showed nothing so much as that private sellers advertising online are knowledgeable about the law, conscientious, and self-policing,” [The National Rifle Association](#) said, adding that online gun sales are “subject to the same federal laws that apply to any other commercial or private gun sales.”

The NRA described the study as an attempt to model the findings of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s 2015 report, titled “[Point, Click, Fire: An investigation of illegal online gun sales](#),” which found that 62 percent of private sellers were willing to proceed with a sale, even if the prospective purchaser could not pass a background check.

California Strikes Again

While most of America was busy preparing to celebrate the New Year, gun owners in California were scrambling to lawfully purchase ammunition while they still could. Beginning January 1, all ammunition sales were required go through a California licensed dealer or licensed ammunition vendor.

This new requirement is one of two new ammunition laws that were passed by the California legislature or adopted by California voters in 2016. The law that took effect on January 1 will generally prohibit gun owners from bringing ammunition into the Golden State or from purchasing their ammunition online.

California adopted these new laws in spite of significant evidence that they would only burden law-abiding gun owners and do nothing to promote public safety. Most notably, the reporting of ammunition sales has already been tried -- and failed -- at the federal level.