



ERGC Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

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
Muzzle Loaders Match	March 3
SASS Cowboys Match	March 4
ERGC Membership Meeting	March 6
IDPA	March 18 & 24
Black Powder Cartridge	March 25

Spectators are always welcome!!!

Check Range Assignments at the RSO Bldg.

Members last month: ?

Meeting Attendance: 0

Treasury Report: \$77,594.78 Checking \$66,996.57 CD

2017 Board of Directors &

General Membership Meeting

- Elections Procedures have begun for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors
(See more information below)
- Ronda Easley, a longtime member, will be working alongside the Treasurer to maintain the Clubs bookkeeping needs.
- 2016 Taxes have been paid \$600 + penalties
- The application for c7 status is still pending
- Tables and Benches for Ranges 6 & 7 will be installed within the next few weeks
- See article below concerning Range 1
- Future building projects
Sliding doors on both Connex'
Finish inside of old cowboy Connex
- We are now affiliated with CMP
- Range Report – 747 members & their guests attended the range in January 2018

***NEXT MEETING: March 6,
2018***

***Cokesbury Church
Asbury Meeting Room 6:30pm***

Love to see you there.

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons." -- General Douglas MacArthur

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

We would like to welcome **Luis Jimenez** as the Cg's 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 you have your own VIP parking spot at gun shows.
- if you hear someone say "it's about 9:45" and you think to yourself "good grief, the 9mm/.45 debate will never end!"
- if you sit through a violent movie and aren't bothered by gory violence, but flinch when someone drops a **firearm** (might scratch it)
- if you have been banned from a movie theater because you always stand up in the middle of the movie and tell everyone you can't fire 30 **rounds** from a revolver without **reloading**.
- if you ever took apart your Nintendo zapper and installed custom trigger, laser **sight**, scope, etc. for Duck Hunt
- if you have more firearms than friends
- if you have insurance covering your guns, but not you
- if Hillary Clinton makes your skin crawl.
- if you slide your paddle holster on to check your mail.
- if you slide your paddle holster on to take out the garbage.
- if you find yourself rapidly disassembling/re-assembling your handgun....in the dark.....on the toilet.
- if you drive to work with a \$1500 Kimber in a \$500 pick-up.

There's roughly 12 dozen of these in this series, this is your 7th dozen 🍌

\$500 REWARD

Identity of the Person or Persons

Who willfully vandalized Ranges 5 & 6

Upon examination of the berm tires and the roof on Range 6, it has been determined that whoever shot them did so deliberately, causing extensive damage. This cannot be allowed and the Board of Directors has authorized a search for the person or persons involved.

As a member of ERGC, This is your range, your membership fees paid for the improvements to the range and any person damaging or otherwise vandalizing YOUR range will be brought up for disciplinary actions. Your help in identifying these or other person(s) damaging range property is greatly needed and appreciated.



Guest Speaker

Law Enforcement and the CCW

Sheriff Lt. Henderson spoke at the February Meeting about how to handle situations where you might encounter law enforcement with a gun in your vehicle, such as traffic stops. Officer Lt. Henderson, 39 year career law officer has pretty much seen it all and has some sage advice for us.

For person(s) with a CCW license and a gun in the car. Let the officer know when he approaches your vehicle that you have a Concealed Weapons License and where you have your gun. Then wait for any instructions he may have for you. Don't reach for the gun until instructed. Every situation is different and every LEO has his own experiences, this is by far the safest way to handle things. Sounds mostly like common sense doesn't it?

Lt Henderson also went on to say that not every state reciprocates with Florida's CCW license (only about 39 states) and to be aware of various States gun laws. If you are traveling through several states, AAA has a Do's and Don'ts handbook on State Gun Laws.

How Lt Henderson feels about Florida's CCW permits? The CCW classes don't really provide enough information or instruction *after* the class to produce beginners with the knowledge of how to handle gun safely, and would like to see more instruction available in the area.

An informative question and answer period followed. Wish



Range Work Day – February 26th

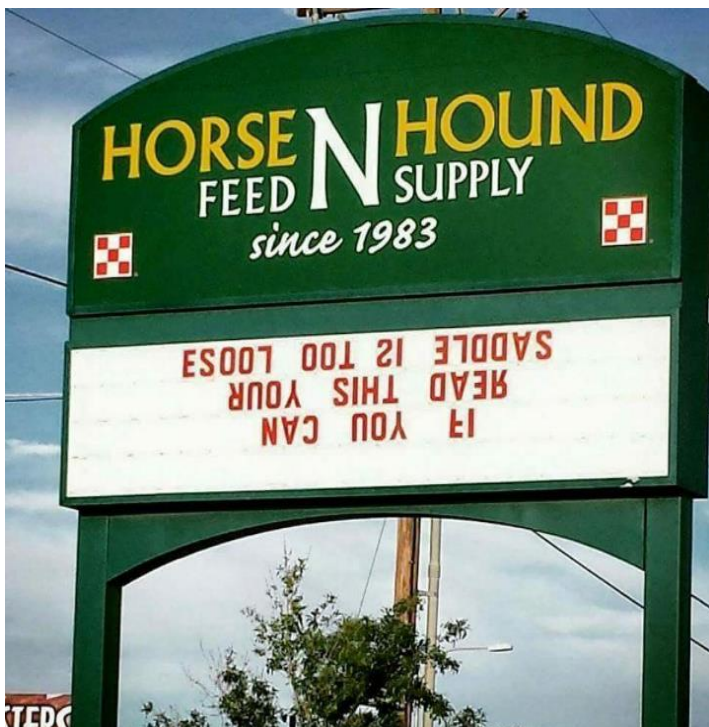
8 AM – Get 'er Done



Project: Running Wire & Conduit

We will be running wire & conduit for electrical service to the ranges. Clean up behind Range 3. Any help you can provide will be welcome. Come join us !!! Please bring rakes, shovels.

PLEASE contact Perry Byron 850-485-1749 for any questions.



RANGE 1

OPINION POLL

The Board has proposed and passed the installation of poles along the ground of range 1 to prevent vehicles from parking under the range cover in lieu of benches and tables as in ranges 3 & 5.

However, the Board did want to get the opinion and "wants" of the members that shoot on Range 1 regularly.

Please let the RSO on duty know your preference, so your voice can be heard.

3 Annual Election Procedures

These procedures assume that ERGC board and membership meetings are held bi-monthly, with meetings occurring in February and April. If this meeting schedule changes, the procedures will need to be adjusted accordingly.

1. At the February meeting, the ERGC President shall appoint an Election Committee, chaired by the Vice President and consisting of at least three (3) members (including the chair) to oversee the nomination of candidates for the BOD election as well as to oversee the entire election process. While the two additional committee members may be any active ERGC member, it typically makes sense for the Membership Secretary and Webmaster to fill the remaining roles due to the election process being dependent on their support.

2. Immediately following the February meeting, a call for nominations and by-law changes shall commence. This shall be accomplished using a combination of email and information posted at the ERGC range.

a. Within three (3) days of the February meeting, an email shall be sent to all ERGC members. This email shall outline (at a minimum) the following:

i. The fact that the ERGC election process has begun.

ii. The makeup of the Election Committee.

iii. A call for nominations to fill BOD positions for the next year. Members desiring to run for a BOD position or desiring to nominate another ERGC member for a BOD position must submit their nomination to the Election Committee. The nomination shall include the candidate's name and office/position being sought, as well as the nominating member's name, phone number, and email address (when available).

iv. A call for any by-law changes. Members desiring to propose a change to the ERGC by-laws must submit wording for the change to the Election Committee. Any proposed change to the ERGC by-laws shall be in writing and shall include the submitting member's name, phone number, and email address (when available). If frivolous by-law changes are proposed, the Election Committee shall consult with the current BOD (who are responsible for the bylaws) to determine whether the proposed change shall proceed or be rejected.

v. Nominations and/or proposed by-law changes shall be sent to the Election Committee either via email to webmaster, mhansen0123@gmail.com or via letter mailed to the ERGC PO box.

vi. The deadline for sending BOD nominations and proposed by-law changes to the Election Committee shall be by midnight on the third Sunday in February.

b. Flyers shall be posted at the ERGC range containing the same information as the all-members email. This allows members who do not have email addresses to obtain the election process information. If possible, flyers should be posted within three (3) days of the all-member email being sent. Flyers shall remain posted through the third Sunday in February, at which time the nomination period concludes. ERGC Policies and Procedures Manual April 2016 Page 6 3. After the nomination period concludes, the Election Committee will prepare the slate of BOD candidates and proposed bylaw changes. This information will be sent to all ERGC members via email no later than the fourth Sunday in February. Hard copies of the election slate will also be made available at the ERGC range for those members who do not have email.

4. Any candidate running for a BOD position may optionally submit a one-page biography/position paper outlining their qualifications for their nominated position and why they should be elected to the position.

a. Position papers shall be sent to the election committee via email at webmaster, hansen0123@gmail.com

b. Position papers shall focus on the candidate only and no other candidates. Any position paper containing derogatory or negative information about current BOD members, other nominated candidates, or ERGC as an organization shall be rejected. The Election Committee has sole discretion on rejecting a candidate's position paper based on its content.

c. The deadline for receiving these position papers is midnight on the second Friday in March.

d. As these position papers are received and validated by the Election Committee, they will be emailed to all ERGC members and posted to the ERGC website. Hard copies will NOT be created for dissemination at the range due to resource limitations, but the candidate may opt to create hard copies of *approved* position papers for dissemination at the range at his/her own expense.

5. Voting will commence mid-March.

a. On, or shortly after the second Sunday in March, an electronic ballot will be prepared for electing BOD positions and voting on proposed by-law changes. The electronic ballots shall be emailed to all ERGC members. Members with the ability to cast an electronic vote are highly encouraged to vote in this manner.

b. Paper ballots shall be made available at the ERGC range for members who cannot use, or choose not to use, electronic voting. Paper ballots will NOT be mailed to any member. Completed paper ballots may be mailed to the Election Committee at the ERGC PO box or may be submitted in-person at the April ERGC meeting.

c. The deadline for electronic voting and for receiving paper ballots at the ERGC PO box shall be midnight on March 29th.

6. The April ERGC membership meeting shall include the actual election proceedings.

a. Any member who has not previously voted electronically or via paper ballot may vote in-person using a paper ballot at the actual election.

b. Paper ballots must be submitted to the Election Committee no later than 10 minutes after the official start of the membership meeting.

c. Election Committee compiles the results of the election, recording results of all submitted ballots (paper and electronic). The committee shall ensure that no member voted more than once. If a member has been shown to have voted both electronically as well as via

paper ballot, the paper ballot shall be deemed invalid and that vote shall not count. If a member has voted more than once via paper ballot, all paper ballots from that member shall be deemed invalid and those votes shall not count.

d. Prior to the end of the meeting, the Election Committee Chairperson shall present the results of the election. Newly elected BOD members shall be announced and the results of by-law changes (pass or fail) shall be announced.

e. Handling of election issues.

i. Should there be a tie for any position on the BOD, the Election Committee Chairperson shall take those candidates involved in the tie aside and determine the winner by toss of coin or other method agreeable to candidates which can be accomplished during the election meeting.

ii. Should there be a tie vote on a by-law change, the issue fails.

iii. In the event a member wishes to contest the election said person shall make a request to the Election Committee Chairperson in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the election. The Election Committee Chairperson shall select two persons to recount contested items and schedule a time and place for recount to take place. The recount becomes the certified election results. Ballots shall not leave the possession of the Election Committee Chairperson.

7. If the slate of candidates is unopposed for all board positions, the election committee shall have the option to propose foregoing formal election procedures. The goal of this is to save time and resources conducting a meaningless election. The chair of the election committee shall inform the current BOD of the committee's intentions to forego the formal election process. The BOD must approve with a simple majority. When foregoing the formal election, sections 4, 5 and 6 ERGC Policies and Procedures Manual April 2016 Page 7 above are not applicable. The election committee shall send an email to all ERGC members informing them the unopposed slate of candidates has been elected by default. ERGC members shall be notified they have the option of protesting any elected candidate by submitting their opposition in-writing to the chair of the election committee by midnight, March 31st. Any opposition that is deemed warranted shall prompt an official vote for the opposed candidate's position at the April membership meeting.

8. Post-election procedures.

a. Certified election results along with a blank ballot shall be submitted to the ERGC Secretary for inclusion in official ERGC files.

b. Paper ballots shall be retained by the Election Committee Chairperson for a period of thirty (30) days, after which they shall be physically destroyed.

c. Results of the election shall be posted to the ERGC website.

9. The newly elected BOD shall take office starting May 1st.

If you have any additional questions regarding the Election process or how to submit your candidacy, please contact Melinda Hansen @ mhansen0123@gmail.com



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