HEADING WEST

In early October 2011, I wrote an e-mail to many of the MCSM helpers. The information should be memorialized - So here it is on the MCSM web site.

MCSM - Gun Show November - Wrapping it all up

Friends,

One more Gun Show to go!!

The last 2011 gun show that MCSM will be at, with its information table, is at the Frederick Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday November 12-13. Show times as usual are 9AM to 5PM Saturday and to 3PM on Sunday.

NOTICE:

This is most likely THE LAST SHOW I will do for MCSM. It has been a long haul with some interesting moments and a bit of progress - despite it being Maryland, a difficult state to fight for gun rights..

What has it been - 12 or 13 years, maybe more? Five shows a year, two days per show and most likely talking to 200 +/- people at each show? No wonder my voice is getting a bit gravely!

More importantly, Cathy and I will be moving to Wyoming in the near future. That means that if this Gun Rights fight is going to continue, if the MCSM information and Gun Club News effort will continue, a new paladin will have to step up and take charge. We will continue the Gun Rights effort in Wyoming, where it should be just a bit easier.

It will take someone with a bit of spare time, lots of dedication, access to information such as the web and e-mail, access to printing, the ability to write interesting and informative articles, and the knack to select interesting and motivating material to present to the Gun Rights troops. As an added bonus to convince some of you to take on this task, I can supply considerable show materials and expertise to get you started.

If you are looking for lots of personal satisfaction but no income, some expenses but very little encouragement, this is the job for you. Did I mention it can be personally very rewarding and satisfying? MCSM is your access to the shows, I have a good working relationship with Silverado Gun Shows. If you can maintain and build on that, things will be fine. MCSM is your vehicle to take Gun Club and other related information to the shows.

Contact me NOW to help in November and to take on the challenge for 2012 and beyond.

Bob Culver, MCSM

That's the message. Cathy and I are heading west and must leave the Maryland fight for gun rights to others. That is the important point - will others step forward? Below is an e-mail received from Phil Lee, another gun rights fighter here in Maryland. Phil, within his own ability and expertise, did some remarkable things in the fight. Phil and I are old enough to look forward to slowing down (by natural and physical forces, if not by choice) and we are looking to find those who will be following behind. IS THAT YOU?

I must again put forward one of my favorite quotes.

"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animated contest of freedom — go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen!" -- Samuel Adams --

Do you have what it takes to fight this animated contest of freedom, to fight for liberty? Step forward and take up the reins of MCSM and find out.

Finally, here is what Phil said. It really is nice to get such a fine "atta-boy" from a knowledgeable and knowing friend.

Back in 1996 or so, I first met Bob Culver at a gun show in Maryland. He was handing out RKBA literature and inviting interested people to meetings of the

Montgomery Citizens for a Safer Maryland (MCSM -- a strangely named, to my ears, pro-RKBA organization).

A few years earlier, alarmed by Bush I's executive order limiting imports of semi-automatic rifles and a temporary ban on so-called assault weapons by Clinton, I had decided to become politically active over these and other assaults on our civil liberties from federal and state restrictions of the ownership of firearms. I'd been so bold to approach Wayne LaPierre at an NRA meeting and told him of my interests to volunteer. He took my card and said I'd be contacted. I'm still waiting to hear from the NRA more than 15 years later.

But Bob seemed interested in volunteers, so I started attending meetings of his group. Pretty soon I was roped into helping and, in those days, many meetings were attended by politicians looking for endorsement and help from local pro-RKBA groups. Bob Culver with Stu Broad and Steve Rosenthal had created an active group of gun-lovers in the liberal heart of Maryland, Montgomery County. After about a year Bob's group paired us up with local candidates in the 1998 election for the Maryland House and Senate and we were off walking neighborhoods to distribute literature. The training we received from experiences in that election helped us mightily in the next election (2002) in selecting races for work, in developing literature targeted to those races and in strategies for working those races. Ir it weren't for Bob, many of us would be sitting home waiting for the NRA to handle it.

And Bob's group provided a web outlet for literature we created to advocate our position as well as an outlet via gun shows for us to deliver paper to people not on the web (hard to believe that time existed barely 15 years ago) and the experience of creating literature was invaluable to the electioneering in 2002. Bob paid from his pocket to print and distribute large quantities of literature he created or that he obtained from the NRA and other sources to educate and motivate support for RKBA.

In a state which seems to be plagued with RKBA activists who can't stand each other, Bob Culver has provided an example of steady work and dedication while getting along with everyone. His calm demeanor can serve as an example for us all to emulate.

There have been many changes to the RKBA scene and many people have come and gone, but the one constant has been Bob's table at gun shows

where he has engaged people in the fight for our rights. The NRAs and their Wayne LaPierres may be too large for the small fight we have in Maryland and to encourage individuals to act, but for more than 15 years Bob Culver has been a force to motivate action. I hope he takes a bit of pride for bringing us into the fight.

Enjoy Wyoming - enjoy the freedom there. Thank you for your work.

Phil

I will be in Maryland off and on for the next several months, perhaps a year or so and you can still reach me by the usual e-mail and phone numbers. You will still see me at various shows and gun club events, but eventually you will have to visit Wyoming to see us.

Take care and fight for Freedom. Bob and Cathy