



KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter
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Ammunition Shortage Appears to Be Improving – But Slowly

While the current situation still has a long way to go before returning to what was previously considered “normal”, it does appear to be getting better. More and more of us are seeing ammunition (and firearms in general) available in stores. Prices for ammo are still far higher than they were several years ago, but they are coming down, albeit slowly. Just remember the situation six months ago, when shelves in sporting goods stores were bare of anything other than a few boxes of oddball calibers or wildly expensive luxury rounds. Very disappointing limits on the number of boxes someone could purchase were common for a while, these seem to be disappearing, or at the very least they are becoming more lax. The cost of ammunition at gun shows still remains very high in general, but more brick-and-mortar gun stores (and even some of the big box stores that sell shooting supplies) are enjoying more and more inventory. One glaring exception to this is reloading supplies, specifically primers, which remain very expensive and in short supply. Those who in previous years had the foresight to stock up are now very glad they did. This should be a lesson to us all – once again we have seen the timing of shortages and price hikes timed to the run up to a presidential election. The “off-year” elections don’t seem to be associated with as glaring an effect. But as stores’ supplies begin to fill out – and prices continue to fall – we would all do well to slowly start to rebuild our supply of whatever we use most. I’m not advocating anyone run out and panic buy all they can find. Rather, a consistent practice of picking up “just a little extra” every time we find something at a reasonable price can go a long way. This doesn’t go only for ammo; it holds true for any expendable item -- like batteries, band aids, TP (remember THAT fiasco??), coffee and filters, etc. If you want to know how to get through hard times, just think of grandma and grandpa. They went through much more difficult times than this, and if we want advice on how to get through this, maybe we should start acting a little more like them.

Bill Nichols, editor

For feedback, questions, or submissions, send an email to: kalamazoorodandgun@hotmail.com

Membership Renewal Reminder!!

By now, all Members should have received this year's Membership Renewal and Liability Waiver forms. Please be sure to complete and return both of these along with your dues ASAP. As always, the deadline for renewal is January 31st. If your paperwork AND dues are not received by the Membership Secretary on time, your membership will lapse, your gate card will be deactivated. **Don't wait until the last minute!**

Winter Is Here

Yes, winter is here. And that means that the road at the Club may on occasion be treacherous or even closed due to the weather.

Remember that the road is plowed by volunteers, so it may take a day or so after a heavy snowfall for the road to get cleared. If the road is ever deemed too unsafe for travel (such as after an ice storm), the gate will be locked closed until the road can be made safe again. Please understand that this is not meant as an inconvenience to you but is done for YOUR OWN SAFETY. We all owe a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who do the plowing!

Sighting In Day 2021

Great weather helped our turn out last year, with roughly 65 shooters attending. THANK YOU to all those who volunteered!

Bragging Board

Did you score big this season? Send your photos and a brief explanation to the Newsletter email. The best will be posted in future editions.

Newsletter Now Digital Only

As has been explained in previous editions, our Newsletter from now on will be published exclusively on our website, rather than as a printed edition mailed out via USPS. New editions will continue to be published on a quarterly basis, just as before. Plans are in the works to perform a major overhaul of the website to allow for the extra traffic and to provide improved functionality and performance. This will hopefully include the opportunity to sign up for email notifications of new Newsletter postings – stay tuned for further details of this project.

One notable exception to the “website only” Newsletter program will be a single extra edition planned for publication in early Spring. This will be mailed out to all Members as well as posted online. It is intended to provide an overview of the whole year's events (the vast majority of our Club's events start in the Spring) and will include a year-long calendar. Also, at the request of several new Members, we will include a short description of each event – what type of shooting is involved and what equipment is required. Hopefully this will encourage people to take part in the many events our Club has to offer!

MCRGO Article

The Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners recently linked to an interesting article on proposed new gun storage laws in Michigan. It's definitely worth a read. You can find it on their website: www.mcrgo.org

Winter Air Gun Shoot

Our winter air gun shoots will begin its weekly sessions the first Thursday of January (the 6th) and will continue every Thursday night through the last week in March (the 31st). Shooting starts at 7pm each night. The fee is \$3 per person (\$1 for kids under 12). Please note that only air guns shooting under 1000 FPS will be allowed. Also, calibers are limited to .22 and smaller. This is a great way to maintain your skills and get in some valuable trigger-time during the cold winter months. Come join in the fun!

Firing Line Safety

At a recent Board Meeting, it was reported that there have been several instances of people standing in front of the firing line when shooting (to shorten the distance to the target). Please note that this is strictly forbidden by Club rules. On all pistol, rifle, and archery ranges, the firing lines must be respected – this is for your own safety as well as others'. Failure to follow the Club's safety rules could result in a loss of Membership. Remember: Safety first!!



“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					1
2	3 Board Meeting 7:30pm	4	5	6 Air Gun	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Air Gun	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Air Gun	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Air Gun	28	29

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Air Gun	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10 Air Gun	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Air Gun	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Air Gun	25	26 New Member Orientation
27	28			Air Gun		

March 2022

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		1	2	3 Air Gun	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10 Air Gun	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Air Gun	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Air Gun	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Air Gun		

**Moving?
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