

## ***Happy Fourth of July - Independence Day***



**Be sure to come out for a celebration of *freedom***

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am to 5 pm**

**Lone Star Gun Range**

**3795 Dry Creek Road, Lockhart, Texas**

**512/801 2624**

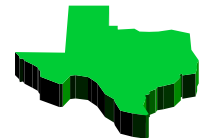
**Free range pass, BBQ while it lasts and free firearm rentals.** Purchase of ammo from range required for free firearm rental.

**Ross will be “barbequing” this week - brisket, pulled pork, and V&V sausage. We will start serving coffee and sausage wraps at 9 am.**

**Matt Billingsley, the owner of the Lone Star Gun Range, was recently killed in a heavy equipment accident. He was a special associate and probably the best friend Dottie and I ever knew. He will be**

**gravely missed by all who knew him.**

**His lovely wife and family are continuing Matt's dream and the Lone Star Range is open and going strong. In lieu of flowers and such, the family has requested donations be made to his unborn daughter's college fund - Haley Billingsley Fund and send to 3795 Dry Creek Road, Lockhart, Texas 78644.**



**Now to the Texas Legislature's**

**Changes to your right to carry. A couple of laws did get past and of course the session is open until June 30.**

**Senate Bill 321 "Employer Parking Lot" will require private employers to recognize their CHL holding employees' right to keep firearms or ammunition in their locked vehicle on employer property beginning September 1, 2011. This only applies to the parking lots and has the following exceptions:**

- 1) Where prohibited by state or federal law;**
- 2) Vehicle is owned or leased by the employer;**
- 3) Employer is a school district, charter school or private school;**
- 4) Possession is prohibited by an oil, gas or mineral lease on the property; or**
- 5) Property is in a secured area which contains the physical plant of a chemical manufacturer or oil and gas**

**refiner, whose primary business is the manufacture, use, storage or transportation of hazardous, combustible or explosive material.**

**The law appears to only apply to CHL holders and not to every lawful gun owner and there do not appear to be any specific remedies or causes of action for a CHL holder terminated for having a firearm in his locked vehicle.**

**House Bill 2560 is effective immediately and prevents the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services from prohibiting CHL holders from transporting foster children in a motor vehicle where a handgun is kept in the CHL holder's possession.**

**House Bill 423 is effective immediately an urban or rural transportation district is not allowed to make safety regulations effecting CHL holders.**

**House Bill 25 will become effective September 1, 2011. This will allow anyone who can lawfully possess a handgun to have one on a watercraft under the same conditions as handguns are allowed in motor vehicles - if you are not violating any law other than a Class C misdemeanor regulating boating, you are not prohibited from owning a**

**firearm or a member of a criminal street gang.**

**Another bill passed puts gun ranges under some protection as to frivolous law suits and harassment by neighbors and developers.**

**Thanks to all who took the time to register their beliefs to their representatives during this process.**

**The US Congress is still in session and there are several proposed bills that could affect your carry rights.**

**HR 1685 the Recreational Land Self-Defense Act would assure rights of gun owners on lands owned or managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.**

**HR 822 the National Right to Carry Reciprocity Act would enable permit holders to exercise their right to self defense while traveling outside their home states.**

**CHL-Texas and Ross and Dottie Bransford have just gone through a technological transition and hope that no one had too great a trauma with our web sites or telephones. Thankfully the web site stayed together while we were transferring it and rebuilding it to another host and we had another cell phone so**

**we could keep up with most of your calls. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

**All appears to be back working and even more secure. If you do have a problem the web site, please do let us know.**

**Ross' boat was called "Noah's Ark" as he has to have two of everything - Batteries, alternators, tools and on and on. But in an emergency, have to be thankful as we seem to always survive.**

**There are several "programs" out there that give some protection for attorney representation and funds in case you every have to use self defense. Some have been tried and come through with good results. Be sure you understand how they work.**

**Some are true insurance policies – they give you a certain amount of money to apply to attorney's fees, court cost and such. You find your own attorneys and submit bills and expenses to the company for payment.**

**Some are membership type organizations and they give you access to the organization's attorneys who are supposed to be up on this type of law.**

**Some are set up with attorneys who work with these types of cases throughout the area and work with these organizations. They will put up your bond, assign attorneys to represent you and pay court costs and such.**

**And finally, there are “prepaid legal services” who will get attorneys in your area to represent you in all types of legal work – wills, contracts, legal problems, tickets, etc. Just be sure that they have attorneys available who are criminal attorneys familiar with the use of force and concealed carry laws of Texas.**

**All have their purpose. Stay with a reputable company and keep up with how they are doing.**

***Hope to see you for the freedom celebration on Sunday, July 3.***

***Stay safe,***

***Ross and Dottie Bransford, Instructors***

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