

## SCOPE is growing to Meet the Challenges

By Stephen Aldstadt

SCOPE's mission to protect and preserve the right to keep and bear arms here in New York is vital to preserving all of our civil rights. Once the Second Amendment is gone the rest will surely follow. With the passage of the NY SAFE Act, New York's ranking in the Freedom Index went from dead last to dead last and not even close.

It is imperative that we work to push back this law. It will not be easy. It will not happen quickly. It will require a stronger, larger, better organized SCOPE to meet this challenge. Our resolve is steadfast and we are growing to meet the challenge.

The real strength of our organization is our grassroots activists. Our county chapters and committees provide local representation, help us to identify and rate elected officials, and do the lion's share of membership recruitment that keeps the organization growing.

SCOPE started the year 2013 with twelve chapters. They are Central New York which covers Onondaga, Cortland, Oswego, and Madison Counties, Dutchess County, Erie County, Genesee County, Monroe County, New York City, Niagara County, Ontario County, Orange County, Orleans County, Wayne County, and Yates County. SCOPE added seven new local committees in 2013. The first was the new Capitol District committee, which encompasses Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties. We then added Alleghany County, Cattaraugus County, Chautauqua County, St. Lawrence County, Wyoming County, and a North Country Committee that includes Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties.

So far this year in 2014 the Capitol District Committee has been ungraded to a

full fledged chapter status, and we have added new committees in Steuben and Schuyler Counties. We expect by the time of this printing we will have graduated the Chautauqua County committee to a full fledged chapter and we will have an operating committee in Chemung County.

We have a larger job than we have ever been burdened with before. We will need to continue our growth in membership to meet the challenge. We will need to undertake a massive voter registration drive to make sure all six million legal gun owners get registered, educated, and motivated to get out and vote on Election Day. This will take a patriot army of volunteers to accomplish.

Local chapters and committees are the best way for our members to get involved and make things happen. If you go to the web-site [www.SCOPEny.org](http://www.SCOPEny.org) you can get the latest information on where and when your local chapter/committee meets. There you will find contact information for the officers and leaders in your area. Come to a meeting. Get involved. We cannot afford to sit back and let things happen to us anymore. If we let the NY SAFE Act stand it will be only the beginning. It will be just the beginning on the infringements on your rights, the beginning of the end of your liberty.

If you would like to get involved but don't have a chapter or committee in your county, contact us at 315-27-SCOPE. We are working to form new committees all the time. It only takes a few dedicated activists to get your local committee started. We have the experience and the resources to assist you in making it happen in your county.

The stakes are high. We cannot afford to lose this struggle. Join us. Get involved. Become part of the solution.

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target location of the month.  
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## SAFE Act Charges Thrown Out

By Ralph Esposito

Paul Wojdan, who was arrested in Lockport, (Niagara County) NY in October 2013 has had the charges dismissed.

What was his heinous crime? He had 10 bullets in the magazine of his legally owned handgun. Wojdan was a passenger in a car that was stopped for a routine traffic infraction. During the stop Wojdan told the officer he had his legal handgun with him. The gun was inspected by the officer, who removed the magazine and counted the bullets. Wojdan was arrested for having 10 rounds instead of 7 in the magazine, a violation of the NY SAFE Act.

After several appearances in court, Judge William Watson ruled in favor of the defendant and dismissed the charge. Hamburg, NY attorney James Tresmond represented Mr. Wojdan. Tresmond said "Tell everybody that we are still fighting the good fight. We have a victory in Lockport."

This case will be important in future cases where people are charged with a violation of the NY SAFE Act. The court did refuse to grant an injunction that would have delayed the enforcement of the NY SAFE Act. As of 3/24/2014 the police had not yet released Mr. Wojdan's gun.



"Confiscation could be an option..."

"...responsible people, law abiding people have to give up some of their liberty to make sure for the public safety of all..."

"...extremists spread fear and unrealistic theories of conspiracies that the citizenry needs to be armed because the government is possibly tyrannical..."

"...that is what laws are for. There are criminals who will not obey the law. You have to give up some sense for the greater good..."

6,000,000-plus gun owners in New York State can defeat the tyrants in Albany and New York City!  
 We have the power to win back our Civil and Constitutional Rights! We must all stand and fight together.  
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## YOU DON'T GET FAT OVERNIGHT

By Budd Schroder

A pro-gun sheriff had a good analogy. "You don't suddenly wake up and realize you are fat." He continued to talk about how weight is accumulated an ounce at a time, and all of a sudden you find you can no longer put your clothes on without some effort either by inhaling or letting out your belt another notch or two. The weight gain comes slowly but realization suddenly appears. The longer you delay the quest to regain your old slim shape, the harder it is to do.

He also talked about baldness and that you can notice that your hair is getting thin. If someone points it out, you can joke that "who wants fat hair?", but suddenly you realize you have a lot more face to wash than you ever had before. What is the point of these analogies?

Simple! It is the way Americans lose their freedoms. Little by little the politicians keep testing the political waters to see how much infringement of rights the public will stand for, and how long it takes them to get used to having less freedom than they had before.

The old analogy is about the frog in water. He is comfortable in cool water and when the pot is on the stove under a low flame, he doesn't notice the change in temperature until he is cooked. Then, it is too late. The damage is already done and you can't revive a dead frog.

This analogy is applicable to the gun control problem. For decades the politicians have been conning the public with the initial "All we want is....." and then when the ink is drying on the document the politicians come back with: "That's a good first step."

Gun control started in the South to keep the newly freed slaves from having guns and a viable means

to protect themselves against the attacks by the Ku Klux Klan. The SAFE act in New York has been likened to the old South Jim Crow Laws where one class of people was deprived of certain civil rights. In New York the laws are discriminating against the honest, law-abiding gun owners. The pro-gun activists claim that it is discrimination because nothing in the law affects criminals because they don't obey laws whatever they are, and there are enough gun laws already on the books to cover the criminal misuse of firearms.

Instead of raising penalties for the misuse of firearms, the politicians have placed bans on guns because of cosmetic features and on magazines because of capacity. They want to have everyone to have a background check for private sales, even between friends and relatives. Criminals don't get their guns at gun stores if they are ineligible to own a gun. The laws against straw purchases, which means having an eligible person buy the gun, and lying on the 4473 form at a gun shop is a federal offense and carries a heavy prison term.

Under Project Exile, a felon in possession of a firearm can be sent to a federal prison for ten years. Some states do not cooperate with the federal law enforcement agencies to put the felons away. This is the way a law should work. Laws should protect the public, not be written to make not having a piece of paper (permit) a criminal offence.

A person who has a semiautomatic rifle with a bayonet lug should not be charged with having an "assault rifle." By definition, an assault rifle is one capable of automatic fire which is one that keeps firing as long as the trigger is held back. For all practical purposes, machine guns have been prohibited since 1934.

The gun owners of New York have mobilized to fight back against the gun grabbing politicians. SCOPE, (Shooters Committee On Political Education) has begun an

aggressive drive to register voters who are gun owners and to get them to the polls in November to vote the anti-Second Amendment politicians out of office.

The organization also is holding rallies and seminars to educate the public on the stupidity of this type of legislation. Information on rallies and seminars can be obtained at SCOPENY.ORG. For those who value freedom, understand the definition of "infringed" and wish to protect their Second Amendment rights the time is ripe to get involved. Those who resent politicians who are insisting that the government should be more powerful than the people, can become active before the water boils and the freedom frog gets cooked.

Freedom isn't free and it takes time and effort to pay the price to keep it. New York residents are facing a crisis and it is up to them to change the situation and throw the despots out of office. We get the government we deserve, and we deserve better. Any revolution is better resolved with the ballot rather than

### NY SAFE Act News!

*A letter from NYS Senator George Maziarz To the Leader of the NYS Senate Republicans Senator Skelos requesting complete defunding of the NYS SAFE Act.*

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### NEW TIMES!

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Dear Senator Skelos,

As you know, adoption and implementation of the NY SAFE Act have prompted calls for its repeal—a difficult task given the stance and numbers of the assembly and the governor's championing of the measure. Pressure nonetheless continues on our conference, unabated.

Even so, we write to request that the senate's one-house budget resolution include the following key pieces:

1) Language that bars state funding for any component of the SAFE Act's roll out and enactment. We need to show that the senate Republican conference stands with our sportsmen and gun owners. We need it in our one-house resolution;

2) An explicit prohibition on any fees or charges to consumers, gun owners, or sportsmen for any part of the SAFE Act, whether it's the recertification of pistol licenses or the ammunition background check. This language, if part of the senate's resolution, should be a negotiating issue in final budget discussions.

We understand the challenges we face in repealing, modifying, and emasculating the most significant portions of the new law. However, we as a conference should take a stand and we urge you to include these provisions in the senate's budget resolution and, if possible, any final budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George D. Maziarz".

George D. Maziarz  
Senator, 62<sup>nd</sup> District

CC: Robert Mujica, Chief of Staff and Secretary, Senate Finance Committee

# Project Appleseed

By: Nick Cirillo / Josey Wales

How does a free people stay free? How did the American people even get free in the first place? You do know that America by design was created by people for people with the power to govern themselves. Though there are a few stipulations and requirements in order to take the idea and simple words off the page of a specific document and bring them to life in our world. So I ask what it will take to make the point to a people that their liberties past, present and future are being relied upon by their unvarying participation in government. Without participation there is no achievement. What will it take to combat the constant bombardment of distractions on a people in order to divert them from their inherent responsibilities to their government? Trying to get the attention of the American Citizen and inform him or her about the truth of our Nation and all that it implies is a daunting task. Project Appleseed has volunteered to take on that job. Project Appleseed has set into motion a program developed specifically in teaching the historic beginning of our Nation's birth. A Constitutional Republic supported by its body of citizenry. All the questions above and the examples of success are attributed to personal responsibility. Now take that personal responsibility and add it to the collective group in order to secure the Republic's liberties. That is what we need on a grand scale for the Republic's welfare. Please take this into account as we stand and watch yet another year go by with the unfortunate steady erosion of the idea of America. They say that time does not wait for anyone, but keeps on going. If you miss the bus well, then you walk. Has the American citizen missed the bus? How many buses have we missed and is the last bus quickly approaching? Will this be the last chance to ride the bus of liberty? Has time been kind to us, or has time been a bit obnoxious? Has time been kind to our Country, or has it slowly and steadily seen the erosion of the ideals of America as our politicians enacted unconstitutional legislation? In the same way an ocean wave progressively beats down upon the rocky coast, crashing wave upon crashing

wave until the jagged edges of our liberty and freedom are worn down and eroded. Worn down until all that is left is a submissive nonthreatening smooth surface that can and will be walked upon by the feet of oppression and tyranny. Those soiled feet shall trample upon the people now exposed and helpless. When those soiled feet now have their way they will dance with the devil. The once robust sharp rocks protecting the shores of America have nearly all withered away and have rendered her people defenseless.

Project Appleseed instructors have assembled the 2014 calendar of Project Appleseed events so that we can provide New York State citizens some refuge from the storm. Project Appleseed is part of the greater solution. Project Appleseed shall provide education on history, heritage & rifle marksmanship so that we can revitalize our Constitutional Republic. We will not quit nor falter until our job is done and liberty is restored. That is why we exist, so that others can know the truth, for it is in giving that we receive. So let us give to our Republic — give back to her all she has given since her birth on April 19th 1775. This proclamation is to the American citizen to awaken. Come to a Project Appleseed event and get educated on history, heritage, rifle marksmanship and civic involvement. Please visit our website homepage. [www.appleseedinfo.org](http://www.appleseedinfo.org)

## April

Apr 12 & 13 - Kinderhook, NY - Kinderhook Sportsman Club

Apr 26 & 27 - Saratoga Springs, NY - SaraSpa Rod & Gun Club

Apr 26 & 27 - Coxsackie, NY - Sportsman Club

## May

May 3 & 4 - New Bremen, NY - Fish & Game Club

May 3 & 4 - Otisco Lake, NY - Rod & Gun Club

May 10 & 11 - Westchester, NY - Blue Mountain Sportsman Center

May 10 & 11 - Livingston, NY - Kalicoontic Rod & Gun

May 24 & 25 - Saugerties, NY - Fish & Game Club

## June

Jun 7 & 8 - New Bremen, NY - Fish & Game Club

Jun 7 & 8 - Burlington Flats, NY - Fish & Game Club

Jun 21 & 22 - Hopewell Junction, NY - Whortlekill Rod & Gun

## July

Jul 12 & 13 - Westchester, NY - Blue Mountain Sportsman Center

Jul 19 & 20 - Rotterdam, NY - Iroquois Rod & Gun Club

Jul 26 & 27 - New Bremen, NY - Fish & Game Club

## August

Aug 2 & 3 - Lake George, NY - Dunham's Bay Fish & Game Club

## September

Sep 6 & 7 - Saugerties, NY (LadySeed) - Fish & Game Club

Sep 13 & 14 - Kinderhook, NY - Kinderhook Sportsman Club

Sep 20 & 21 - Saratoga Springs, NY - SaraSpa Rod & Gun Club

Sep 27 & 28 - Rotterdam, NY - Iroquois Rod & Gun Club

## October

Oct 11 & 12 - Westchester, NY - Blue Mountain Sportsman Center

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## SCOPE's SAFE Act VOTER App

By Jim Nowotny

With elections barely over S.C.O.P.E., (Shooters Committee on Political Education) is declaring a victory for gun owners in Western New York.

S.C.O.P.E. says, that despite all of Cuomo's bloviating, New York is still the most over taxed, most over regulated, least business-friendly, and anti Second Amendment democrat dominated state in the nation with the highest debt per capita. Now many are starting to realize that New York doesn't look like a state whose governor deserves a second term, much less a Presidential nomination.

This year we instituted the SCOPE's SAFE Act VOTER App.

The democrat party will have to deal with the facts that because of Governor Cuomo's late night antics of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Erie County Legislature is now Republican controlled. S.C.O.P.E. reminds its members that while not all democrats are gun control advocates, almost all gun control advocate are democrats.

S.C.O.P.E. notified its members of the candidates running for office and graded them A through F on their Second Amendment stance and their position on the so called NY S.A.F.E. Act. This rating is available to voters online, on an app, or printable by county.

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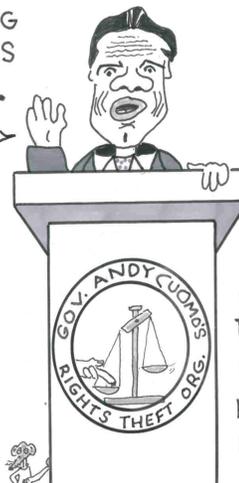
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## March 11, 2014, DEC meeting with Commissioner Joe Martins

By Larry Becker – President New York Sportsmen's Advisory Council.

The meeting was called by the commissioner and held at the Syracuse DEC office.

### Attendees:

DEC: Commissioner Martins, Doug Stang – Assistant Director, DFWMR, Chris Ballantyne – Special Assistant, Dan Bishop - Regional Natural Resources Supervisor

State Police: Kevin Bruen – Assistant Counsel

Sportsmen's Organizations: Sarah Fleming – Ducks Unlimited (DU) Regional Biologist, Andrew Weik – Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) Regional Biologist, Doug Little – National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) Conservation Field Supervisor (Northeast), Larry Becker – NY-SAC Chairman, Steve Aldstadt – SCOPE State President, Bud Schroeder- SCOPE Chairman

A note regarding those invited: The Commissioner is holding at least four of these meetings around the State and is inviting representatives from different organizations to each meeting. For example: I am aware there was a meeting held in Albany a week or so ago and there were leaders there representing the NYS Conservation Council and other Sportsmen's organizations.

Also note that these are not official meeting notes per se, I do not make a good secretary at meetings, and the notes do not cover every point discussed. My intent was to capture the "essence" of the meeting as accurately as I can remember. I have bounced this summary off a couple of others that were present to help make sure I have not distorted anything. Rather than try to quote a specific individual I will mainly refer to the person that made the statement in general terms such as "the DEC".

Overall I thought the meeting went well and was worth the time and effort. Glad to see the Commissioner willing to travel and listen to folks around the state. All the attendees were cordial and business like and there was a lot of good constructive conversation.

### Habitat

The DEC stated that there will be a premium on getting habitat work done, though the contracting process for agency staff is cumbersome. That's not a fault of the DEC but part of the overall state process for contracting.

A question was raised regarding the process to obtain habitat stamp funds to help leverage the dollars we spend on habitat projects. The process and explanation for distribution of the funds is good and understandable too. The DEC staff has the flexibility to recognize quality projects to utilize those funds to help make them bigger and better. It is an opportunity when conservation organizations are working with DEC staff on a solid habitat project idea to talk about whether it would be worthwhile to request stamp funds. It is also an opportunity to leverage funds related to larger multi-partner projects to allow for as much match as possible. Note: there is about \$256k in the Habitat Stamp account but money is only trickling in at about \$16k a year.

We also talked about the need to continue managing state lands. Improving habitat will positively benefit species diversity, abundance, and hunters. Opportunity can be increased simply by improving the habitat of existing public lands. A lot of habitat work is done on our WMAs, etc. The DEC recognizes a lot more work can and should be done on state lands and that they are encumbered by resource (labor and financial) constraints. They feel partnering with conservation organizations can help to a certain extent.

DU brought up the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding

(Federal EPA Dollars) which was discussed. It was pointed out the DU and NWTf representatives present were among a large group in DC last week that met with a number of Congressional staffers to encourage support of GLRI funding. And support from the Commissioner and Governor's office would be helpful to maintain the funding which results in improved water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat. The DEC indicated positive support.

### Access

Access was brought up. Specifically private land access programs and opportunities to publicize the general obligations law that provides protection to landowners for allowing free access to their property. We know the law exists but it would be helpful to strategically publicize the information in outlets that landowners receive. The governor has a proposal in his budget to close some deficiencies in the current law. There is push back on the part of lawyers who think that the revision is too broad. There will be changes but unclear as to how it will look once amended. Overall this is positive and there should be a public awareness campaign once the revision is in place. There are provisions in the proposed budget to create more and better access on state lands.

### Hunting & Fishing

It was mentioned that while we want to expand opportunity when and where ever possible, The NWTf State Chapter also will fully support reductions in fall turkey opportunity when the research has concluded and the next wild turkey management plan has being developed. This is based on the population decline of wild turkeys. The chapter has full confidence in the research and we look forward to working with the DEC staff on the pending regulations changes that will result from the work.

A great point was raised by RGS regarding the Pennsylvania Men-

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tored Youth Hunting Program. <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=622413&mode=2>  
The suggestion was to continue reducing the age barrier in NY through programs like P.A.'s it would have huge benefits. There was a comment that the NWTf also supports that program and would be glad to help carry the flag when appropriate.

General fund money is being committed to address fish hatchery problems in 2014. The intent is to appropriate more each year until the hatcheries are up to standard.

Crossbow – DEC supports the implementation of crossbow use after it is provided legal authority by state legislature. It will need to work through the regulatory change process after provided the legal authority.

#### Conservation Fund

The issue of the potential of the State to “sweep” the Conservation Fund was discussed and the problem is fixed for now. The DEC stated that it is not the Governor’s intent to sweep the fund now or in the future.

The issue of spending freezes was discussed and the fact that although there is a shortage in personnel in the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources there are salaries being paid out of the fund for personnel not directly related to that division. There was no denial or defense of this other than they have to live within current guidelines and constraints and there is money being spent out of the General Fund from some line items that offsets this.

#### SAFE Act

**Important note: The following is my recollection of what was said at the meeting and is not legal advice! It is your responsibility to confirm any of these issues that do or could impact you. Confirmation can be done by reviewing**

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- Purchases of ammo for clubs and not-for-profit events such as a youth pheasant or waterfowl hunt. The answer is that it is allowed and you can even order and receive through on-line suppliers. The NYS Safe Act website states “Anyone acting on behalf of an organization that runs and controls a shooting range, hunting club, training program, safety program, or competition club, where that organization provides ammunition for use on that range and not for retail purposes, can register as an Organizational Keeper of Ammunition. The rules are the same for not-for-profit and for-profit organizations.”
- Reporting the loss of ammo only applies to individuals if a gun and ammo is stolen. Dealers must report if ammo is stolen.
- Semi-auto shotguns with pistol grips are not considered assault weapons. Rifles with pistol grips are considered assault weapons. Any semi-auto that has a detachable magazine is considered an assault weapon.
- You can add a pistol grip or telescoping stock to any firearm that does not have a detachable magazine.
- Temporary loans of firearms are legal and not considered a transfer.
- Giving ammo to a friend is legal. Reloading ammo for a friend is legal as long as you are not in the business of making a profit in doing so.
- Purchase of reloading equipment and components is not covered under the safe act and can be done on-line.
- You can purchase ammo on line if it is delivered to a major outlet store. Example: You could order a case of ammo through Bass Pro and delivered to the store in Au-

burn for you to pick up.

- Permanent transfer of firearms is limited to spouse, partners, children, step-children. However, there are work-arounds. If you want to transfer a gun to your son-in-law you can transfer to your daughter and she can transfer to her spouse.
- If you have your pistol permit rescinded full confiscation of all firearms only applies if the pistol permit is rescinded because the pistol permit holder is legally banned from possessing any ammunition and any guns.
- There will not be any background checks related to ammo purchases until a data base is operational and certified. “The SAFE Act provides that background checks and record keeping requirements imposed on all retail sellers of ammunition are scheduled to take effect 30 days after the Superintendent of the New York State Police certifies that a statewide license and record database is operational for such a process. That certification has not yet been made as the system is being developed. Therefore, there is no set start date for that element of the law to begin. All sellers of ammunition will receive advance notice before the certification is made in order to ensure a smooth process.” The superintendent wants a system that will not be a time consuming imposition for either the buyer or the seller.
- Modifications can be made to remove the features that classify the popular AR-15 as an assault weapon. However, these modifications must be “gunsmith quality” and cannot be done in a manner that makes them easily reversible by the user.
- It was pointed out that we need to be careful about which cases we use to illustrate how the SAFE

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Act violates our second amendment rights. We lose credibility if we back people that are truly breaking the law over and above the onerous SAFE Act provisions that impact law abiding gun owners.

I think we all would have liked to spend some time at the end of the meeting allowing the Commissioner and other DEC staff the opportunity to let us know how we can help them. As well as discuss some other issues. The meeting was scheduled

from 2:30 – 4:30. We finally called a halt at 5:00 since most of us had a 2-3 hour drive home. Again, the meeting was worth the time and was constructive.



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Original cartoon by Rick Settembre

# NY Gov. Cuomo saves the day in Crimera!



by Rick Settembre '14

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## Genesee County Happenings

Hi all, just a note on what's been happening in Genesee County in the last month or so. We were at the summit meeting in Syracuse at the Clay Sportsmen club with all the other second amendment organizations in NY State. It was great to meet people from around the state who have the passion of saving our Constitutional and God given rights.

We formed what we call the Second Amendment Coalition. It doesn't cost a thing and any group can sign on. You can be a gun club or archery club etc., anyone is welcome to join. All of us need to be united in 2014 and fight as one. We are still going to gun clubs in Genesee County, Livingston County, Monroe County and Orleans County.

Our chapter also went to Niagara County to set up a table for a Gun Raffle at the Shawnee Fire Dept. I would like to thank Carl Hyde, Glenn Adams, John Zimber and newcomers, Dick Lewis and Scott Hutchenson, who have offered to help me at the Safe Act Presentations. We have been giving presentations at churches, fire departments and the Leroy VFW.

Terry McCulley has been organizing our tables at gun shows in our county - thanks Terry for heading this up. He has a bunch of good people that help him in Dave Moore, Larry Strobel, Ken Moore, Mo Davis, Corky and Pat Shaw, Anne Comosh, Bob Dash and Dick Lewis and last but not least Lynn Williams who drives from Ontario County to help out. We could not do what we do if it wasn't for all their help.

We had an Honor Flight from Rochester, NY at our March meeting with 4 World War II Vets to talk about their experiences in the war. Jack Foy, Jack Cippolla who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and D-Day and we had locals Jack Fay and Sherman Booten also there who fought in the war. Thanks to all who donated, we collected \$523.00 to send a war veteran to Washington.

Carl Paladino was at this meeting along with Steve Aldstadt and Budd Schroeder. It was long but well worth it. A thank you to Ken Moore and Kim Bauer for making phone calls for the chicken barbeque and the Albany Bus trip. Kim and

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Ken also go to the Reservation and sign up people to vote. Many thanks for all that you do.

Our chapter has some different money making projects going on. First is our Henry Golden Boy Raffle which is one of a kind Genesee County SCOPE Edition and the donation for this is \$2.00 for each; 3 for \$5.00 or 7 for \$10.00. You can contact John Zimber at 585-739-2765 for tickets. There will also be a cash raffle. All money that we collect goes to the Pac or the Defense Fund.

Let's get people signed up to vote so WE CAN TAKE NEW YORK STATE BACK. If you are interested in making a donation for the new lawn signs that we have, you can contact Tim Grooms at 585-201-

3009, or go to our website to find the locations that have them available. Lastly I would like to thank a special person who has been there for me ever since I took over in Genesee County. John Piczkur from Wayne County has guided me and at times I have probably driven him nuts. I can't thank you enough John for all your help and guidance. I hope that when you do leave on your next adventure that things go well.

Bill Fox Chapter Chair.



# The global gun control agenda

By Alfred W. Grimaldi

I was, like many on the front lines in defending the Second Amendment against infringements not particularly well-informed as to the international impetus of "gun control." I am part of the 43% of Americans that actually read one book or more per year and what I discovered is that the lobotomized political class is a manifestation of a more sinister and deeper problem: the United Nations. The United Nations? Yes the United Nations. The UN's NGO (nongovernmental organization) called the IANSA (International Network on Small Arms), Amnesty International and Oxfam constituent a triumvirate known as Control Arms, the premier international civilian disarmament organization that has its crosshairs on Our guns, ammunition, and by extension our Second Amendment. In matters of regulation all roads lead

back to the United Nations. But who's listening?

What is IANSA? It is an umbrella group of more than 500 civilian disarmament groups. Funding is provided by a motley crew of opulence, including the Hungarian born billionaire George Soros, the governments of the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Rockefeller foundation and others. Last year I was in charge of bringing a busload of my irate gun owning people to Albany to protest the SAFE Act. I had a captive audience and I had requested a bus with a DVD player. I showed them the 2004 televised debate in the library of George's College in London between Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the NRA and the chair IANSA, Rebecca Peters. It was called *The Great UN Gun Debate*. She had this to say:

**"I believe semiautomatic rifles and shotguns have no legitimate role in civilian hands. And not only that, handguns have no legitimate role in civilian hands... I think that American citizens from the rules that apply to the rest of the world. That's what we're (the UN through the IANSA) working for."**

Here's the IANSA's play-book: **Common Elements in Firearms and Ammunition Control Legislation: A Framework for the Strengthening of Regulations," in Small Arms and Light Weapons: Legal aspects of National and International Regulations, vol. 4, Arms Control and Disarmament Law, eds. Erwin Dahinden, Jule Dahlitz, and Nadia Fischer (Geneva: United Nations), 139-141.** Registration is the epicenter of all IANSA's "gun control." Besides this the UN does not recognize a right of self defense. But who's listening?

Anybody who knows firearms knows that all firearms are capable of firing beyond 100 meters. Further on in the debate she contradicts herself, saying that she would allow Americans to possess single shot rifles. Their agenda is a total ban on civilian ownership of

firearms. If you want to view the debate you can link to it here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAC2drbnfCg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAC2drbnfCg). Or buy the DVD rate and *The Great UN Gun Debate*.

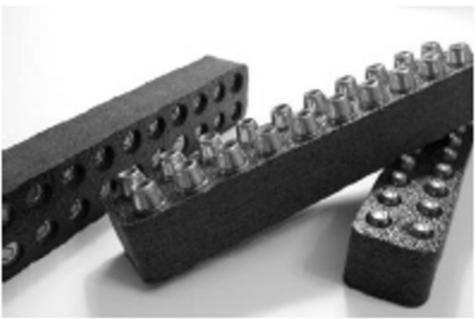
Who are the American proxy members of IANAS doing the work of the UN? These Include: LCAV (Legal Community Against Violence, a law firm based in San Francisco; this is a group lobbying state and local governments around the US giving willing governmental accomplices a copy of their model "assault weapon" bill which unfortunately we now have in New York courtesy of this group), the Violence Policy Center (VPC) and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV) to name just a few. But who's listening?

On the return trip from Albany to Dutchess County I showed my captive audience the movie *U.N. Me* by Amy Horowitz. Suffice to say that most were appalled and wanted to buy copies of the movie to distribute so that others would know about the UN. You can view real UN here in this 2 1/2 minute trailer from the movie *U.N. Me*. Where the head of the UN Counterterrorism committee, Javier Ruperez cannot even define terrorism as the UN is tasked to fight it under UN Resolution 1373, passed on 28 September 2001: <http://unmovieme.com/>. Better yet, buy the DVD and watch the whole film with a group of your buddies to see how the UN is involved in everything but "peacekeeping." You can watch an interview of Ami Horowitz, the film's producer here on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpHfmm5zWA>. Threatened with death if he released the movie, he definitely upset the establishment. If you do not want to watch the 60 minute CSPAN interview, you can read an interview by *The New American* magazine at: [www.thenewamerican.com/worldnews/item/13128-an-interview-with-ami-horowitz-the-producer-of-un-me](http://www.thenewamerican.com/worldnews/item/13128-an-interview-with-ami-horowitz-the-producer-of-un-me). The UN cannot even define terrorism, it wants to regulate the access and ownership of firearms by civilians. It would be like a global BATFE only worse with little to no accountability.

Firearm enthusiasts need to realize that we are facing an international effort to destroy the Second Amendment through proxy groups

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# GUN REGISTRATION LEADS TO CONFISCATION

By Budd Schroeder

The New York SAFE law, which does nothing to curb gun violence, is still in the forefront of sportsmen's discussions. The bill, which was passed with a "message of necessity" literally in the middle of the night has taken more than a year to be fully in effect. The provision regarding the process of ammunition purchasing needing a background check has been stalled because the State Police do not have a process to do so. Some necessity!

So called "assault weapons" are supposed to be registered by April 15<sup>th</sup> and there obviously has not been a rush to comply with the law. The number of registered guns is a deep, dark secret within the confines of the State Police. Even legislators are unable to get a count. Many believe it is because most of the gun owners are defying the order and are not registering their guns. Resentment of the gun owners is mounting.

SCOPE (Shooters Committee on Political Education) is organizing a voter registration drive to get more gun owners registered to vote. Depending on what data is considered the estimate of the number of people owning guns in New York State is between four and six million people. This is significant because in the last election, Governor Andrew Cuomo

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connected to the United Nations' IANSA. Two excellent books on this topic both by Wayne LaPierre. The first is *The Global War on Your Guns*. The second one is *America Disarmed: Inside the U.N. and Obama's Scheme to Destroy the Second Amendment*. An excellent electronic resource is *The Global War on Guns* at [www.I2I.org/gallantarchive.php](http://www.I2I.org/gallantarchive.php). We ignore such connections will own detriment.

won with less than three million votes. If the gun owners register and go to the polls to voice their objection to the SAFE law, Cuomo can be defeated.

The tempers of the hunters, target shooters and people who own guns for protection are starting to show. People are demonstrating against the law and against the people who voted for it. Some are initiating law suits against provisions of the law. The stupid provision regarding limiting a ten round magazine to only seven rounds has been struck down already by a federal court. More decisions are pending.

Gun owners know from history that registering guns is the prelude to gun confiscation. It has been strongly resisted on a federal basis, but some states have passed registration bills. Connecticut passed an "assault weapons" registration law in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting and the media have reported a very low compliance rate. The deadline has passed and it will be interesting to see how the state police will enforce the law.

Since only law abiding gun owners are affected by the law, the chances are that the guns belong to tax paying citizens who, if convicted and sent to jail, will then go off the rolls of contributing financially to society. They will then become a fifty to sixty thousand dollar per year expense (as a prisoner) to the state. Logically, this is a bad deal for the state. It will also break up a family if the father is no longer a breadwinner and the family may have to resort to public assistance.

Sociologists have determined that a child raised by a single mother has a much greater chance of becoming a criminal or a problem in society than one raised in a family with a mother and father present. The children are usually better educated and much better off financially.

So, if a father, whose only crime is having an unregistered gun is taken from a family and a productive

job, will the crime rate go down? Ask an anti-gun politician that question and see what kind of answer you will get.

In New York, this is a situation that can come up after the April 15 deadline. SCOPE is planning to hold a huge rally in Albany on April 1, to protest the law. The objective is complete repeal of this law. If not repealed, the efforts will be concentrated on defeating the politicians who voted for it. It will be done either with primaries or in the general election.

Gun confiscation is a major issue for New York gun owners upstate. New York City has had gun registration for decades and with the SAFE law in effect, many of those who had semi-automatic firearms registered are reporting that the police will not renew the registration on those guns. They have to sell those guns or surrender them. The guns were legal for more than 20 years and now with the stroke of the Cuomo pen, possession of the guns makes the honest gun owner a criminal.

Information on gun control can be obtained on line at [http://www.libertynewsonline.com/article\\_301\\_28420.php](http://www.libertynewsonline.com/article_301_28420.php) where the article describes how the 1968 Gun Control Act was patterned after the Nazi gun control law used by Adolph Hitler to disarm the Jews first, then the German people who were not with his party.

More information on how gun control was founded on racism in America can be obtained at <http://scope.org/short-history-of-gun-control-in-the-usa/> Both sites are very informative.

Freedom isn't free and we get the government we deserve. Americans deserve to keep their freedom and deserve better government. We need better politicians in office and the ballot is much better than the bullet to maintain and achieve both.

**SCOPEny.org**

# Not On My Watch

By Tim Gard

I am a veteran of the United States Air Force, I served as a Security Specialist in the 509th bomber squadron. One of our pilots by the name of Capt. Tibbets flew his ship, the Enola Gay to Japan. He flew that historic mission that sent a message in the form of a nuclear weapon to the Japanese government stating our insistence that they stand down in their attempt at world domination. Unfortunately, the group had to repeat themselves, but the 509th saved the lives of many of our brothers, sons and fathers in doing so, and helped us establish once again freedom from tyranny.

I would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to every American serviceman past and present for their defense against tyranny whether

it be foreign or domestic. Please, give a round of applause for those who have and do serve us and our American freedom. They give us the opportunity to live in love and peace because of their sacrifice of both in many cases.

We are once again facing an enemy of the free state of America. This time it is a domestic attack against our Constitution, not foreign. A hideous domestic attack against our American posterity, they started with abortion and it has grown to encompass freedom of speech (hate speech laws), even the free practice of religion in public. Now, they want our guns. Apparently our posterity was not enough. Well, "not on my watch brother, not on my watch."

Because we are men of peace, not war, we must attempt to defeat this hideous enemy in the fashion provided by our Constitution. A document our enemies claim to be aged and of no modern value. They are wrong. Our Constitution was de-

signed exactly to protect freedom loving people from the likes of them. Its purpose today is just as great and needed as in days past. We have defended many other nations from tyranny and paid a high cost. Now this time we must defend our homeland. But we will play by the rules of this Constitution. We will go to the polls and defeat them in the voting booth.

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# DOES THE LAW IGNORE JUSTICE?

By Budd Schroeder

When a bad law hits close to home, people start paying attention. As this column is being written we do not have a verdict on the case in Chautauqua County involving Benjamin Wassell, who sold an AR 15 rifle to an undercover agent of New York State. According to major media he is being charged with five felonies under the SAFE act.

Basically, Mr. Wassell is being charged with selling an illegal weapon. He tried to sell it to a Federal Licensed Dealer who told him that he couldn't buy the gun because it was illegal. Mr. Wassell was given incorrect information. According to a lawyer with whom I discussed the matter, a FFL dealer can legally purchase the gun and sell it out of state. Mr. Wassell could have registered the gun and by the stroke of a bureaucrat's pen and a piece of paper, the gun would be legal.

If found guilty of a crime Wassell can be sentenced to more than a year in jail under any of the felony charges because he tried to sell his private property that was perfectly legal before Governor Cuomo rammed down the worst gun control law in New York's history. It was passed in the middle of the night with a "message of necessity." Several Republican Senators under the "leadership" of Sen. Dean Skelos allowed this to happen. Most gun owners and people who believe in the Constitution, call them RINOs which is "Republicans In Name Only."

The majority of the votes came from southeast of the Tappan Zee Bridge which would be considered the heartland of the liberal philosophies. The cozy relationship between Cuomo and Skelos is making it difficult for Republican Chairmen in

upstate counties. They get the question of "why should we worry about a Republican majority in the Senate if they are going to vote like Democrats?"

The passage of this bill proved that all of New York is dominated by the corrupt political actions of the political power emanating from New York City and Long Island. New York City rules, at least so far.

The law was deficient from the start. It stated that a magazine could hold only seven rounds of ammunition until someone told the idiots that most semi-automatic guns came with ten round magazines. Then, after they found out that the police were not exempt from the law, they made a few adjustments like cops could carry ten rounds, but civilians could put only seven rounds in the magazine unless they were at a gun club range. The seven round limit applied even if the person wanted the gun for home defense.

Finally, a federal judge said that provision was not constitutional and the seven round limit was thrown out, but (according to an Onondaga County District Attorney) that decision was effective only in Western New York. Cross a county line and you are suddenly a criminal. Now that really doesn't seem like a good way to cut down on violent gun crime as a law is supposed to do.

But, back to Mr. Wassell and his problem. The SAFE law makes a semi-automatic gun illegal if it has certain cosmetic features like an adjustable stock, a pistol grip that extends below the frame, a thumbhole stock, a threaded barrel, flash suppressor or a bayonet lug.

First, they classify the semi-automatic rifles as assault weapons. This is a deliberate ploy to confuse the uneducated public. An assault weapon is one that is able to fire multiple rounds with one pull of the trigger. For all practical purposes, machine guns have been highly controlled by the federal government since 1934 and have been totally ille-

gal (except for police) in New York.

A semi-automatic firearm requires a trigger pull for each shot fired, the same way a double action revolver works. As for the cosmetic features that make a firearm illegal, those features have no bearing on its function. However, not allowing a pistol grip or thumbhole stock makes it much more difficult for a disabled person with one arm to fire the gun accurately. But, obviously some New York legislators don't think disabled people should be able to hunt or target shoot. When is the last time someone was murdered by a person wielding a bayonet on a gun? That is another feature that really doesn't have a high place in the murder statistics.

For Mr. Wassell the question comes up on whether putting him in prison for trying to sell his gun is really going to make society safer. Will leaving his family without a breadwinner improve the state? Will spending about \$60,000 a year to put him in prison help the police cut the violent crime rate? Perhaps this is a proper time to start a movement to make jury nullification a viable part of the criminal justice system. When the legal system stops being fair or logical, justice must come from the actions of the people.

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# Crazy Gun Owners and the First Amendment

By Ralph Esposito

We have all heard it, maybe not directly being called crazy because you own guns, but it was implied. What do you need a gun for, no one needs a gun that can fire blah, blah, blah. They use tragedy and lies to point fingers at us. As if we are in some way responsible.

When gun owners politely point out facts whether it be criminals with illegal guns, a history of mental illness, or as in the “fast and furious” gun running debacle our own government was selling the guns to criminals (in an effort to show why we need more restrictions on our rights). They ignore the facts. Bring up facts such as in John Lott’s book *More Guns, Less Crime* and they dismiss or worse laugh at the facts.

If you get upset that you are being used as a scapegoat for their gun control schemes they point again and say “it is dangerous for him/her to have a gun because they are angry.” Don’t even bother to mention the Constitution or Bill of Rights and they have a conniption on the spot. They are outdated for today’s society — only useful when it’s their freedoms and rights that are in question or when they use it to further their agenda.

One recent case in point professor Torcello, from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) (Rochester, NY), just released an essay on global climate change. In it he demanded that anyone who is engaged in “misinforming the public” should be considered “not only corrupt and deceitful, but criminally negligent.” Now he is writing this about “global climate change,” formerly known as “global warming.” (Perhaps this would not be the time to remind the good professor that a few centuries ago the prevailing scientific view said the earth was flat) The professor is saying that anyone who disagrees with the official state position is lying to the public and should be liable to

criminal charges.

RIT used the First Amendment to defend his right to free speech and express his views. Of course if Torcello’s suggestion were enacted, many peoples freedom of speech would be taken away. Albeit for the greater good of the world according to the professor.

But what about the First Amendment you ask? Don’t people have a right to disagree? He addresses this with, “We must make the critical distinction between the protected voicing of one’s unpopular beliefs, and the funding of a strategically organized campaign to undermine the public’s ability to develop and voice informed opinions.” In a nutshell — if you don’t like the official version of the truth you better keep quiet and not organize (anyone read Orwell’s *1984*?).

How does this relate to the Second Amendment? Imagine if this progressive’s (liberal) desire actually became law. Yes, at first they would shut down the dissension on global climate change, but then how easy would it be to move against any view that would be deemed to “undermine the public’s ability to develop and voice informed opinions.” In other words, stop any group from challenging the politically correct way of thinking that they demand. Organization’s like SCOPE, Gun Owners of America or the NRA to name but three would be ripe targets.

Of course, it could not possibly happen here? Does the name Abraham Lincoln ring a bell? He used the Sedition Act of 1798 to stop criticism of the Federalist government. In all 17 people were charged and 10 were convicted. Many of them were newspaper owners and even one congressman. Granted it was a time of war but it still had a chilling effect on freedom of speech and political dissent at the time.

Will it happen? Right now the political climate is not right for such a law. However both Governor Cuomo and President Obama do not tolerate those who disagree with them. Our Governor, Andrew Cuomo, has stated that those of us who believe in the Second Amendment when it comes to owning semi-auto rifles like the AR-15 “have no place in the state of New York.” Yes he meant both the guns and the gun owners. (to be fair to the governor he

also lumped in conservative Christians and those who are pro-life as persona non grata in NYS).

**This is a warning of things on the horizon and how some in our government are thinking. We, as freedom loving Americans, can fight back. But it means you must be registered to vote and vote in every election. Also, get your family and friends registered, make sure they are informed and they vote.**

## Are you registered?

By Ralph Esposito

By the time you read this the date for the NY SAFE Act registration of privately held “assault weapons” will be close or passed. If you have not registered you are considered a criminal by New York State, Get caught and you may lose more than your gun and have to pay a hefty fine, you may lose your right to vote. If you have registered your rifle they have you on their list.

NY City has had a long gun registration for a number of years, it has been turned into a de facto gun confiscation program. Will this happen in NYS? Odds are the governor and his anti-gun minions will lay low for a while but eventually will try to pass legislation requiring registration of all long guns. If any more democrats are elected to the NYS Senate it will be duck soup to get any anti-gun legislation passed.

The beauty of having all long guns registered is that they can then put restrictions such as renewing the registration, charging for the registration and renewals, perhaps even a per gun charge and confiscation if you don’t renew the registration on time (don’t expect the state to send you a reminder). How much can you afford to pay?

This is why we must get out to vote and get our family and friends registered and voting.

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