

Sam on the Road...

by Gwen Friesen, Speakers Bureau Coordinator

In the midst of summer the sun is high. In direct ratio to the escalating heat, the pace quickened for our Executive Director Sam Paredes as he was on the road again across California to speak out on behalf of the Second Amendment and GOC.

The activist groups: The Delta Tea Party Patriots of Rio Vista and also the Auburn Tea Party Patriots, booked Sam early in the month of July, while those of the Redding Tea Party were a little later on in the month. Sam gave a **Confrontational Politics** Presentation to the Corning Tea Party Patriots and also the Tea Party Activists in Carmichael, Citrus Heights, and Fair Oaks.

The last half of August is the most intense time for lobbying, and is a daily activity for all of us. This is the time when the bills are coming to fruition, so to speak. They are in the final lap of the process, coming to the floor of the Assembly or Senate for a whole house vote. This is the time, also, when Sam took others with him to the Capitol to spend a day with him, doing what he does, meeting legislators, watching and giving testimony in last minute committees. Sam spent three days with supporters of GOC, giving them the Education and Experience that is part of what GOC does. As Sam tells it, "their eyes were wide with amazement all day long."

September may have been the busiest month of the summer, as Sam started out the month speaking to the Yuba County Republican Party at their annual dinner. Four **Confrontational Politics** Presentations were given; the Sacramento Tea Party Patriots, the Merced Tea Party Patriots, the Loomis Basin Tea Party Patriots and the Golden State Second Amendment Council in San Jose. The Tea Party in Ramona, calling themselves the Ramona Tea'd as an expression of their T'd off anger to unconstitutional government activity, featured Sam as a speaker along with his good friend Assemblyman Brian Jones, who, had had an event the day before at which Sam spoke, also.

As fall sets in, Sam will be appearing in Anderson, California, for the Shasta County Republican BBQ, giving a **Confrontational Politics** Seminar in Turlock and another in San Jose.

Should your group or club want to give Sam a road trip, please call Gwen at the GOC office to check the calendar and reserve a date. 916 984-1400. Check the website and click on the calendar to see the entire schedule of speaking engagements and upcoming GOC events.

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We Need Your Help NOW!

California is the Center of the Firestorm on Gun Rights

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

If you haven't noticed, it's all happening right here, right now!

Just take a look:

The radical anti-gun government has banned the open carrying of unloaded handguns in public, leaving Californians no ability to protect themselves outside their homes. That's because the vast majority of residents live under a virtual ban on concealed weapons permits thanks to the policies of their Police Chiefs and Sheriffs.

The government wants to know who owns all of the rifles and shotguns in the state. To accomplish this they are forcing ALL future sales and transfers of long guns to submit to registration. There is only one reason for registration and that is for future confiscation. Too alarmist you say? Gun confiscation is already a part of California's tortured history. Anybody remember when the SKS rifles were confiscated by the California Attorney General when the courts invalidated the registration program? Oops, since they had the list they knew where to go.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATF) has informed all California firearms dealers that if they sell a firearm to someone *they should have known* was a user of California legal medical marijuana THEY (the dealer) are committing a federal crime!

This is the time where we need everybody to be a part of this epic fight for our Constitutional rights. We know we are in difficult economic times, we know that many are just giving up and moving away. That's all the more reason for everyone who

loves California and loves the Second Amendment to stand up and fight.

We have unprecedented opportunities in the courts and in the elections but only if we are willing and able to engage.

We are on the leading edge of a perfect storm that we will either conquer or drown in, defeated.

We are not talking pie-in-the-sky. It's happening all around us, just take a look. We have amazing examples of great triumphs where the odds were impossible and I want to focus on just one that is indicative of what can happen here in California. It's the 9th Congressional District of New York. Here is a district that is 57% Democrat to 18% Republican, a very liberal voting district that has not elected a Republican since 1921. Because of the change in tides and mood of its voters, totally disregarding party affiliation, in a district dominated Jewish, Italian and Irish populations, voters completely broke their long history of electing liberal Democrats and elected a guy named Bob Turner, he was Rush Limbaugh's television show producer! Impossible? It happened because groups and organizations were prepared to wage a serious fight in these especially troubled times.

Can it and will it happen here in California? Only if we are prepared to fight.

It's up to us!

Help us to lead the charge into the 2012 California elections so that we can replicate the results on NY-09 throughout the state. Go out and encourage your friends, neighbors and family members who are disheartened gun owners to join Gun Owners of California so that we can send a whole gaggle of new pro-gunners to the legislature to fight Governor Jerry Brown and the anti-gun left that presently run the legislature.

Join us as we implement our plan to take over the State Assembly. We can only do it with your help. Joining GOC is like investing in a life-preserver for the storm to come.

See Inside . . .

Gun Legislation Wrap-up for 2011

By Gwen Friesen Legislative Assistant

AB 144 Portantino (D – 44 Pasadena)

Open Carry Ban

Status: Signed into law. Becomes effective January 1, 2012.

GOC Position: Oppose - Makes carrying an unloaded gun in a public place a crime.

AB 809 Mike Feuer (D – 42 West Hollywood)

Rifle and Shotgun Registration

Status: Signed into law. Becomes effective January 1, 2014.

GOC Position: Oppose - Requires Rifles and Shotguns to be registered just like handguns.

SB 427 Kevin de Leon (D – 22 Los Angeles)

Ammunition Registration

Status: Vetoed

GOC Position: Oppose - Reaffirming and clarifying AB 962 (the ammunition registration law declared unconstitutional as vague and ambiguous by the courts.)

SB 610 Rod Wright (D – 25 Los Angeles)

Licence to Carry Concealed Weapons (CCW) Conformity Bill

Status: Signed into law

GOC Position: Support - CCW applicant not required to pay for classes or insurance until he knows his application is accepted.

SB 798 Kevin de Leon (D – 22 Los Angeles)

Pellet/BB Guns, Air Soft Guns,

Status: Failed in the Assembly Committee on Public Safety

GOC Position: Oppose – Deletes State preemption on the regulation airguns to allow city, county, local government entities may to individually regulate these products.

SB 819 Mark Leno (D-3 San Francisco)

DOJ Funding on the backs of gun owners

Status: Signed into law.

GOC Position: Oppose - Allows Department of Justice to utilize Dealer Record of Sales fees to fund activities unrelated to the purchasing of firearms and processing of background checks.

The status of these bills is final for 2011. Stand by for a whole new crop of anti-gun bills in 2012.



Anti-Gun Governor Brown

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director



Governor Jerry Brown can no longer brag about a good record on guns and the Second Amendment. He had every opportunity to maintain a clean record but his true colors came blazing through. As a candidate for Governor, he committed to various organizations that he would be “good on guns”. He also went on various sportsmen’s radio programs to reassure gun owners, hunters and shooters that he would support gun rights. **That was then...**

On Sunday night October 9th, the man behind the curtain was exposed. Under the cover of night, just before the clock struck midnight, Governor Brown wasted a clean record and joined the ranks of his fellow anti-gun governors including Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger. He chose to sign into law AB 144 – the Open Carry Ban, AB 809 - Rifle and Shotgun Registration, and SB 819 - Converts Dealer Record of Sales from fee to a tax (Creates a slush fund for the Attorney General).

He did veto SB 427 the ammunition registration scheme and he signed SB 610 a very minor improvement to the CCW application process, but that is very little consolation. This is like getting a kiss on the cheek from the Gov. while at the same time he shanks us in the stomach with an ice pick.

Now we know exactly what then-Attorney General Jerry Brown meant when he personally penned an amicus brief to the US Supreme Court asking it to grant certiorari to the *McDonald v Chicago* case which would incorporate the Second Amendment against state and local government intrusion. In his brief, Governor Brown discussed how the reasonable laws of California were not a violation of the Second Amendment. Obviously, he doesn’t believe that the reasonable laws are sufficient and more reasonable laws are needed.

Here is the bottom line. Governor Jerry Brown’s actions have placed him firmly in the anti-gun camp and anybody who says anything different must be basking under the light of a midnight moonbeam.

Fast and Furious

Scandal Reveals Cover-Up at the highest levels.

GOC Staff

Bigger than Water-gate is the description being given to the scandal engulfing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Department of Justice and the White House. Let’s remember, in Water-gate, it began as an investigation....what caused the Presidential down-fall was the exposure of the cover-up. It’s called lying!

Every day there is a new revelation...now we know that Kevin O’Reilly who was a White House national-security staffer for North American affairs, was getting emails from Phoenix ATF Agent William Newell, in 2010. They had a regular conversation going on about the ATF Gun Running Operation as one can see in the documents finally released by the feds to the congressional investigators. Wanting to speak to O’Reilly in person about the matter and of what he knew, the investigating committees were told that Kevin was working in Iraq and “unavailable.” That is serious exile!

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/furiously_unraveling_f6fpYY40XSJg62rFlrFiUl

Remember Attorney General Eric Holder saying that he had only known about the illegal ATF Operation of walking guns into Mexico a “few weeks ago?” That was asked by Congressman Darrell Issa’s investigative committee last May. Well, amongst the documents recently obtained from the administration is a memo proving the Attorney General knew about the ATF activity in July of 2010. The memo to the AG is from Michael Walther, Director of the National Drug Intelligence Center. It identified the Bureau of ATF&E as the leader in the Fast and Furious Operation...the name given to the Gun Running, Gun Walking enterprise. So, a little over a year ago, the AG knew. It is not hard to imagine that he knew even before that, most likely from the beginning...but that is yet to be verified...it is just not hard to imagine.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/oct/4/memo-holder-told-fast-and-furious-early-july-2010/>

An editorial in the Washington Times recently calls for accountability and notes that it appears that the White House, and the administration were “willing to sign off on just about anything to accomplish their ends....” We remember clearly the President saying that he did not know of any such activity as an illegal operation headed by the ATF, and that the President verified that his Attorney General did not know about it either. Both have stuck to that story. Now, the documents show that the truth is that the AG did know, so, it follows that the President knew as well. Would the Attorney General do something of this magnitude without the go-ahead from the President? Not likely.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/oct/3/fast-and-felonious/>

There is now a call going out to select a Special Counsel to investigate Attorney General Holder as to the exact time when he knew and what he knew of the ATF&E’s Fast and Furious Program. The AG’s office is covering for him by saying that he may have known of the ATF Operation but he didn’t know that anything illegal was going on...and now is seeking to defend his statement before the investigative committee last May by saying that “he didn’t understand the question.” Some are calling it perjury... <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/10/04/house-republicans-to-request-special-counsel-to-probe-holder-on-fast-and/>

As Congressman Darrell Issa’s investigation continues to peel away layer after layer of this onion, it gets smellier and smellier. This is just the beginning. We also want to ask our supporters to write a simple note of thanks to Congressman Issa to encourage him to stay strong and to thank him for his steadfast and determined efforts to uncover the truth. If you have been following this story you know that the mainstream media has done everything they can to disparage and distract Congressman Issa as he continues his efforts. His district address is 1800 Thibodo Rd. #310, Vista CA 92081.

Our friends at Ramona Tea’d (they’re a very active Tea Party group down in San Diego County) have compiled a supremely comprehensive chronology which they continue to update on the whole “Fast and Furious” scandal. To view the chronology, go to their website at:

<http://ramonatownhall.com/RTEAD/gunwalkerscandal.htm>

Fundraising Banquets

By Julie Benson, Director of Marketing

Whatever your reasons are for supporting the Second Amendment, the anti-gun bills signed into law by the Governor will affect you, in one way or another. They will affect your rights as a hunter, recreational shooter, open carrier, and even for personal protection. Maybe you called the Governor’s office to request a veto, or maybe you wrote a letter; in which case we are very grateful for your action. But there is more you can do; and I hope that now, given the state of the economy, the left leaning legislature, and the now proven anti-gun Governor, that you will go beyond making a phone call.

I know, we’re near drilling it into the ground, but when it’s the truth, it’s worth drilling a little bit deeper. Gun Owners of California needs your help. We need your time, your resources, and your network. This year alone, we added 2 new fundraising banquets to our calendar. Next year, we are looking at adding another two to our list of events; but that’s still not enough. Every banquet we have brings in new members and raises more money for the fight. Our impact in the political arena is dependent on just that; members and money. The bigger our numbers in both areas, the bigger voice we have.

That is where your action is vital. It’s your turn to make a play. Tell your friends about who we are. Let them know what we do and why we do it. People are frustrated with the legislature right now, so the doors are already open for you to bring it up. Invite them to a fundraising banquet in your area. Get you hunting buddies together and start a banquet planning committee in your town. Word of mouth advertising is still one of the most effective ways to spread a message; and we need your help to do it.

In 2012, we plan on holding more fundraising events than ever before; but we still need to do more! We need our message to be heard in the Central Valley and in Southern California; and all the way up to the Oregon border. We can do it, but only with your willingness to take up your arms and stand beside us. The fight isn’t ours alone; it’s our children’s and our grandchildren’s. It’s for our Founding Fathers and all that they stood for. Are you in?

If you are interested in joining a committee for an event in your area, or if you want to start a GOC Banquet where you live, contact us today! 916-984-1400 or Julie@gunownersca.com.