

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

This is off-topic, but I have been asked. Covid has provoked a myriad of questions, rumors and fairy stories. I have done some basic research, for medical advice see your doctor. Politicians have been no help. Their position has been that we must do as we are told while they do as they please. People do not like to be ordered to do things, even if those things are good for them; especially when the people giving the orders act differently. One problem is that covid spread faster than our knowledge of it. It also changed. The current variant is more contagious than previous variants. Because 97% or more of the infected are unvaccinated the powers that be say we must do as we are told. We have seen how successful that has been. President Biden voiced the idea that health workers be sent door to door to present the facts about the covid vaccine. I doubt that these facts would include that it was developed by the Trump administration. This was turned into the fairy story that federal agents would go door to door forcing people to be vaccinated. This is not the case. If a federal agent comes to your door, you do not have to listen. The agent might have useful information. However, you do not have to let him/her/them in and certainly do not have to submit to a vaccination. There are many fairy stories about the vaccine. The argument against these stories is that 96% of doctors are vaccinated. I take my advice from doctors. Millions of people have been vaccinated and in the nature of these things some side effects have been reported. A common story is that they lead to sterility. At present this is only a fairy story. So far the only proven side effect is *not dying*. Consult your doctor if you have concerns.

It is possible to contract covid after being vaccinated. These are rare cases and light cases. It is possible to spread covid after being vaccinated. There is talk, only talk as of this writing, that booster shots of covid vaccine will be necessary. If booster shots become available, I will get one. I'm not going to die or spread death because a Chinese lab had poor quality control.

Companies are told they must require employees to be vaccinated or submit covid tests weekly. Failure to comply will mean being fired. So far there is the choice between vaccination or weekly tests. In Missouri, a company can do this. A company can fire an employee because of his choice of socks. I think it is Missouri's way of encouraging unions.

Masks are often rejected simply because we are told to shut up and use them. It seems that many masks are of marginal use. They protect other people from the user. As one of the other people I support their use. Effective masks have at least two layers of cloth. The masks given to visitors to courts and hospitals have one layer. The Center for Disease Control says that the most effective mask is the N-95 but we are not to use them because they must be available to hospital workers.

This is way off topic and beyond my experience. I have reason to believe the information is accurate. If you have questions consult your doctor. If you do not have a doctor, get one. Call a local hospital and ask for a list of primary care doctors. We want you to stay alive and vote. We will get through this if we work together.

I look forward to the day when my range has a Mass Mask Massacre. I had tentatively planned a Mass Mask Massacre for September. This will not happen. After covid is beaten back who knows what disease may rear its ugly head. I will keep a mask in reserve.

The usual suspects are preparing for the next election. That election is little more than a year away. Money is being raised and local activists trained. We can't raise more money than they can. They have an advantage in the media repeating their propaganda. Our advantage is in grassroots membership; we must work that advantage. They have local organizations which recite propaganda; that there are no background checks, the mentally ill can legally buy guns, people convicted of adult abuse can buy guns and no one can defend themselves with a gun. The massive lie told is that they are "gun safety organizations." They have never taught a gun safety class in their entire existence.

We must get our information out; in workplaces, letters to media, radio call-in shows and wherever people gather.

The Gun Rights Policy Conference will be held over computer links on 25 and 26 September, 2021; a "virtual" experience. Go to www.SAF.org to sign up. It costs nothing and is always a source of valuable information.

For my birthday my assistant made chili and corn bread. I should have her knighted. I am the President of this group and have checked the bylaws; they do not prohibit me from doing so. I spent the afternoon at Claycomo Shooters which is conveniently located in Claycomo across from the MacDonald's. They have a nice range and small gunshop. I test fired a Kahr .45 and Argentine copy of the Browning Hi-Power. Both shot better than I did. A nice afternoon in a nice facility. As a birthday present I bought myself a membership. That places me on "*a list*". I don't care. We are all on lists and I am going for a record.

While shooting the Hi-Power the slide locked to the rear after the last round. This is supposed to happen. I pressed the slide release and squeezed the trigger; BANG. The slide had locked to the rear on the next to last round instead of the last round as designed. The gun was pointed downrange so no harm done; but two important lessons. (1) The unexpected will happen. (2) *Keep the gun pointed downrange.* I do not know if this was an eccentricity of the gun or the magazine. It is something to keep in mind.

There is an article in the recent "Concealed Carry Magazine" on being armed while pregnant. The article advises moderation. Indoor ranges are a problem because of the danger of lead particles. After a certain point, no one is sure when, loud noises cause the baby stress. The article strongly advises consulting your doctor. I have been the interested observer of two pregnancies. This is all that I know. I'm a doctor of law not reproduction.

By this time next year we will have gone through the primaries and racing into the elections. We must have a network of people to communicate with. I still remember the lady who voted for President Biden and never heard that he was anti-gun. We have to reach such people.

Members of WMSA can get experience in reaching people by volunteering to work a few hours at a gun show. Paired with an experienced volunteer you will be astonished at how many of our own people do not know the issues.

There is an initiative petition on the ballot in Oregon to completely ban the killing or trapping of any animal. This would stop hunting, fishing and livestock raising for food. The right to hunt is guaranteed by the Missouri Constitution. The fact that such nonsense got on the ballot anywhere means that we have to be on the alert everywhere.

I received a "Presidential Preference Poll." It did not have a spot for "anyone but the incumbent." There will be a referendum on him in three years. We need to get ready.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.