

June 2013 President's Letter

EOT is now over for 2013. I haven't heard much about who won what, so I can't say much about it. I just hope you all did well. I did hear that it was hot, dry, and dusty.

TX Alline and I wanted to go, but things here at home would not permit it. In case you haven't heard, we are having a storm shelter installed here at the farm. The Spring storms have pretty well missed us this year, but in years past, we have had an Out House moved about five feet from it's foundation, and at another time, a lot of trees were blown down at the range and had to be cleaned up and burned, and another time, a large tree close to the house was twisted off at its base, and TX Alline said that the house was lifted up and gently put back down while she was in it. (I wasn't home) We just thought that now would be a good time.

Did you know? That participating in a gun buy back because you believe that the criminals have too many guns is like getting a vasectomy because you believe that the neighbors have too many kids.

You may have heard on the national news about a Southern California man was put under 72 hour psychiatric observation when it was found he owned 100 guns and allegedly had (by rough estimate) 100,000 rounds of ammunition stored in his home. The house also featured a secret escape tunnel. By southern California standards, someone owning 100,000 rounds would be labeled "mentally unstable." That terminology is far from a universal assessment. Just imagine if he lived elsewhere. In Arizona, he would be called "an avid gun collector." In Texas, he would be called "a novice gun collector." In Utah, he would be called "moderately well prepared", but they'd probably reserve judgment until they made sure that he and a corresponding quantity of stored food. In Montana, he'd be called "The neighborhood "go-to" guy. In Mississippi, he'd be called "a likely gubernatorial candidate." In Wyoming, he'd be called "an eligible bachelor." In Arkansas, they'd say he is "under armed." In Georgia, He'd be called a "deer hunting buddy." In Alabama, he'd be called "Bubba." In East Texas, we would simply call him "Peaceful and Prepared."

As Thomas Jefferson said,
"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

Be safe and shoot straight.

Justa Hand, President