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## ASSOCIATION GROWTH

- Antonio Orozco -

We are experiencing phenomenal growth this year due to efforts on several fronts; conservatively, I believe we have pretty much doubled in membership numbers since the start of 2007. The first front contributing to this phenomenal growth has to be membership participation of the effort. We can never say enough about how important it is for you, each individual member, to continue promoting TCHA to friends and acquaintances. The numbers will always show the results of those efforts.

On another front, there is the member Instructor's efforts. As they plod along certifying new concealed carry license holders opportunities arise, and acted upon, to present TCHA in a favorable light; even handing out applications to potential new members. This effort is crucial because Instructors can continue to "produce" new members which in turn can translate to increased sales of TCHA merchandise as well as producing additional new members. There is a plan to draft all member Instructors into a pool we will label "Instructor Reps." It is an unofficial pool, fellow Instructor member, Thomas Moran, whom I met at the Instructors Renewal Class, is the one to credit with this marvelous idea, as Clint Eastwood would say.

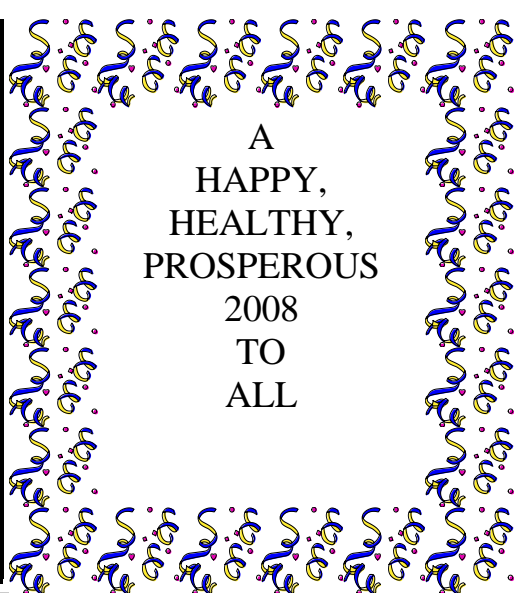
Simply, we put together a "packet" consisting of TCHA brochures, blank applications, extra copies of Newsletters, and even new business cards with our TCHA Logo and the Instructors' name plus their phone number. These packets are mailed out to the Instructors to hand out at their classes thus providing excellent growth potential. This is all volunteer work so any member Instructor not wishing to participate need only call to be removed from our "mailing" list.

Incidentally, have you noticed our new "Toll Free" number? Guess what else is new, yup, a live person answers 99.99 % of the time. The other .01 percent of the time I'm out taking a "rest" or in bed. Missed calls are being returned promptly. Got one call from a State Senator's office looking for an Instructor with which to renew his CHL license. Another call came in from a lady in West Virginia asking about our "traveling law" as she and her husband were driving into Texas for this Holiday time I also received a couple of inquiries from fellas reading our advertisement in the TSRA magazine; after a brief introduction they promptly requested membership applications to TCHA. What a deal.

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## Association Growth - continued from page 1

The final front is the one I've been writing about from time to time; though sometimes I did forget to submit the articles for inclusion in our Newsletter... I did write the articles though. Anyway, in short summary the effort consists of setting up our "vendor's" tables at any Gun Show we are able to attend PLUS at the current school of classes held by the TX DPS for recertifying all CHL Instructors; the classes are held in Georgetown while the Gun Shows have been all over South Texas. The effort has produced incredible growth as you may well guess; and a lot of "exposure" to many that had never heard of TCHA.

A typical week ran like this: Monday we wash clothes then we inventory TCHA merchandise, gear up and head out from Houston for Georgetown. After check in at the motel we then set up the tables and call it a day. Tuesday we start early with sales and membership signups lasting all day. We then put up everything, usually done around 6 pm. Wednesday is an off day so we either re-inventory or hang out. Thursday we do it over again. But this time we box it all then head to a Gun Show. Sometimes they are near and sometimes far; think Pharr and Port Arthur, then Conroe to Austin over and over again. We may go home to Houston Thursday evening or head to the next location to check in at a motel. Friday we set up our tables, Work them all day Saturday and Sunday then re-pack and head for Houston where we start all over again on Monday; again, we do take time on Monday to wash clothes, seems like Mondays are always 'wash-days.'

The stats? Here we go:

For 2006 we had \$5,665.50 in sales (includes new member's join up fees), \$300.00 in expenses, 70 new annual members, 3 -ThreeYear members, 1 conditional life, and 1 Life member. These figures are only from the events we personally manned and not from any other source mentioned early in this article.

For 2007 sales are \$ 29,508.86 and expenses ran \$ 9,259.56; there are 3 more DPS classes to go so I project additional figures of \$ 1,800 sales and \$ 470.00 in expenses. Membership wise we got 391 annual, 32 three year, 5 conditional life, and 5 Life members. Projected figures will add 21 new annual, 3 at 3 year, 1 conditional life and 1 Life.

Grand totals for the two efforts are: Sales of \$36,974.10 and expenses of \$10,159.56; memberships are 472 annual, 42 at three year, 9 conditional life, and 5 Life for a total of 528. All together now, WHAT A DEAL! Remember, these figure are only from events that we manned ourselves; we have yet to tally the figures from regular channels as mentioned early on in this article. 2007 was a great year; boosted by the 2006 figures. But 2008 is the year of "new beginnings", can you feel it? What a deal.



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## Laser Sights - Chris Bird

*The following is an excerpt from the fifth edition of **The Concealed Handgun Manual** which is due out before Christmas.*

A sighting accessory that is becoming increasingly popular is the laser sight. These sights put a red dot on the target where the bullets will impact at normal gunfight ranges. They work best in poor light conditions or indoors.

Crimson Trace makes laser sights that are molded into the left grip of a revolver or a semi-automatic. They are activated by a small button in the front of the grip just below the trigger-guard. When grasping the gun in a firm grip, the middle finger depresses the button and the laser comes on. It can be turned off by a small switch at the bottom of the grip but is normally left on. The laser is powered by two flat, round batteries about the size of quarters located in the grips. The laser is offset between half and three quarters of an inch to the right and slightly below the bore. It is usually zeroed at about fifty feet. This means that the gun will shoot slightly to the left of the red dot at ranges closer than fifty feet and to the right beyond fifty feet.

LaserMax makes a laser sight that fits under the barrel of many semi-automatics. The unit replaces the guide rod and spring assembly under the barrel of some pistols made by Beretta, Glock, SIG, Springfield Armory, Taurus, and many 1911 Government model clones. These units are turned on and off by an ambidextrous switch which replaces the slidelock lever and is within reach of the trigger finger. LaserMax also makes a unit that attaches to the accessory rail under the barrel found on some tactical pistols. Both LaserMax and Crimson Trace make models to fit small J-frame, five-shot, Smith & Wesson revolvers. Crimson trace lasers provide a constant beam while LaserMax units emit a pulsing beam. Both makes cost between \$250 and \$350 depending on the model and the retailer.

The first time I tried a Crimson Trace sight on a borrowed Glock. I didn't like it. I shot it at a rack of steel plates from about thirty feet in bright sunlight and found myself trying to find the red dot instead of looking at the regular sights. This of course was exactly the type of light condition where laser sights are least useful. Later on I fitted Crimson Trace sights to my CZ-75 semi-automatic and my Smith & Wesson Model 640 revolver. They are still there. After trying them indoors and in poor outdoor light I came to realize how useful they could be under typical gunfight conditions – in poor light at close range with movement of shooter and target.

Trainers like Bill Davison of Tac Pro Shooting Center stress that lasers are a good secondary sighting system.

“But they do not take over from the primary sighting system. You still have to work with your (regular) sights, get them working when you get into the fight. Then if for some reason, shooting around cover, or you're in an awkward position, or falling over, you need a secondary sighting system, that's when you need to go to the laser,” Davison says.

Gila Hayes of the Firearms Academy of Seattle refers to them as an adjunct sighting system and emphasizes that most practice on the range should still be with the shooter focusing on the front sight. You should not become too dependent on laser sights because any electrical system that uses batteries and wires can fail, particularly if not well maintained.

However, you should practice shooting at close range – between three and six feet – when you don't have the room to raise the gun to eye level. The laser provides a good check of where your bullets are going to impact.

Michael de Bethencourt of Northeastern Tactical Schools is a strong supporter of laser sights. “There is no downside – none. If you don't want it you can turn it off. The more I use it the more I like it.”

He teaches courses on the use of snubby revolvers many of which can be fitted with lasers. They are particularly appropriate for the short-barreled revolvers.

Davison agrees: “I think it makes the J-Frame a very usable tool because a lot of the J-Frames don't have good enough sights to see in low light conditions.”

It is hard to argue with success. Ed Lovette wrote a series of columns about laser sights for *Combat Handguns* in which he analyzed eight shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers. Of the eighteen shots fired by the eight officers, all hit their targets. This is an incredible hit ratio. Usually only about 25 percent of rounds fired by law enforcement officers in gunfights hit their targets.

Travis Noteboom of Crimson Trace says in the feedback the company has received about shootings involving laser sights, the hit ratio has been about 90 percent and the officers tend to fire fewer rounds.

“You've got fewer shots going down range because you're getting hits; you're not spraying and praying. That improves the ratio,” he said.

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## From the Desk of the President - George "Bulldog" Peña

Pistoleros,

Someone, I don't recall who, maybe it was you who sent me this little poster a few months ago and I just copied and saved it. When I first got it, I thought to myself, what a great little poster. Every business in town should have this on their front door. Well the more I thought about it, the more it makes sense to have it on business doors not only in my small little town, but throughout the state. Maybe our little newsletter is just the ticket this message needs. We go throughout the state and then some. Maybe this little poster will catch on better than the ones with lines through them. Take it and cut it out. If it's too small, copy and enlarge it. If you want me to send you a larger one, just e-mail me and I will. Let's just get it out there. I'll send a copy to Antonio and ask him to have them readily available at gun shows. Let's see where this takes us. [bulldog@gpena.net](mailto:bulldog@gpena.net)



Joining us at the February shindig will be some of the staff of the DPS office and Sgt. Jimmy Holmes who runs the show since Sgt. Riddle's retirement. And let me add that we are very fortunate to have someone like Jimmy who sincerely believes in our cause and is always ready with an answer to any question. He's just a down to earth great person. I'm honored to call him a friend.



Our membership has grown considerably. Mostly because of the hard work and commitment of our team in the field, Antonio and Erlinda Orozco. They have been at every recertification class and also the new instructor's class. So I know you've seen them signing up new member and selling our merchandise. In addition to this, they do gun shows throughout the state and sign up region representatives to do gun shows in their own region. Dedication like this only means pure love for our organization and our cause. Antonio and I haven't always gotten along, but that doesn't change the fact that he is one of this associations greatest assets. So when you see them at gun shows, or any other function they may be working, and it is work} be sure to stop and say hello. And tell them "the Dawg sent ya".



On another note, I certainly hope you, or most of you, will join us at the fun shoot at our get-together in February. This time we will be able to show off all our toys.

And, on a personal note, Kathy and I wish each of you...



A Safe and Happy New Year!

## **Laser Sights** - continued from page 5

Lovette thinks laser sights give the shooter the best of both worlds.

“That’s what works when you can’t acquire your (regular) sights; when you’re in an awkward position; when you’re totally focused on the threat as opposed to trying to get your eye back onto that front sight,” he says.

The laser also has a deterrent effect. Law enforcement officers have reported that often suspects have given up much more quickly than they would have otherwise after seeing that red dot on their chests.

But lasers are not a panacea. When the laser is on, the bad guy can see where you are. Things can become confusing when searching a darkened room with windows or mirrors. These glass surfaces can multiply the number of red dots you can see.

If a confrontation should happen to take place outside in bright sunlight, you are not going to be able to see that red dot easily even at ten feet particularly if your attacker is wearing a multi-colored shirt or jacket with some red in it.

Bill Davison recommends zeroing the laser to about an inch below where the regular sights are pointing. This means that if you are using your sights, you won’t be able to see the laser dot with your dominant eye.

“If you can see it when you’re looking at both your sights, what’s going to happen is you’re going to play, which one should I look at? And the only time you should be looking at the laser is when your sight picture is inoperable: like it’s too dark; it’s too shaded; you’ve just had a light flashed in your eyes; you’re scared so much that you’re looking at the target. These are times when a second sighting system allows you to carry on with the engagement.”

## **ROUNDUPS – a continuing saga... - Antonio Orozco -**

Beginning with the March-April newsletter and continuing in the May-June one, I have been reporting to you about our efforts at membership recruitment, those jumping in to take hold of the reins, new members gained, sales, etc. This is a report on the continuance of that effort, covering July & August.

This Roundup’s effort pits one type of strategy with another; Gun Shows and Instructor re-certification classes. Both produce great results and both offer their own unique slant to them; both types being vital to our growth, to our existence, and to our cause. From June till mid-December we manned Instructors classes. Nonetheless, for July & August, this effort produced 118 new members.

Again, I must reiterate how I measure “success.” It starts with public awareness. As I have mentioned often, “I didn’t even know there was a CHL association!” continues to be the most heard comment. A new one came in while in Pharr, a CHL enthusiast commented in an excited voice: “I heard about y’all and been waiting for a chance to join up!” He signed on for a 3 year enlistment; he heard of us through another CHL holder. For August, we signed up 62 new Instructors. Our gun shows branched out into previously uncharted territories; Pasadena and Pharr in particular. In September we did shows in Port Arthur, Conroe, and Belton; all are new areas never before exposed to TCHA through any recruitment effort. “Branching out” like this has been rewarding. In the Valley we signed on, as New Area Rep, Lt U.S. Army Retired Brent Fuller who runs a most successful high-end Gun Holster business. He does the Gun Shows all around that area and as far north as Corpus Christi/Robstown and even some in Austin. Mr. Fuller has enthusiastically agreed to represent TCHA at all the Gun Shows he attends.

Another enthusiastic addition to the Area Rep list is Mrs. Rhonda Lee of the Spring area. She did a show for us in Houston and will include future Conroe shows. In the meantime, Rhoda will also represent us at local Houston shows including Pasadena when she can. You cannot imagine how these new volunteers lighten our current recruiting effort load. Once they are up and running all I have to do is keep them supplied and gather the reports. And of course, with the Reps in place we no longer have to make trips to those locations ourselves. We also will be adding Carl Burton of the Round Rock area; he has volunteered to do the Belton show. This would be his first venture as a Rep so we will be there both to set him up and to walk him through the process; hopefully, he will then take up all the Austin shows (held every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month) as well. Establishing Area Reps saves TCHA huge sums of money because the Reps live in their areas thereby eliminating travel and lodging costs. We may have to pitch in a little towards some chow but for the most part our expenses for each show will drop dramatically with their volunteer efforts.

I cannot close without honorable mentions of Mike Kiefer of Copperas Cove and Victor Ortiz of Round Rock. Mike continues to encourage our efforts and Victor became such a friend that he and his wife Betty have put us up in their home at times; especially during layovers between DPS classes and Gun Shows in Austin... that has saved TCHA some money on food and lodging (Betty has cooked some magnificent dinners and Victor served some incredulous concoctions called “mimosas”). Finally, our gratitude is extended to Wyzell Lee, son of Rhonda Lee for volunteering his time and effort at the George R. Brown show, put on by High Caliber. I cannot forget the huge efforts by, and the welcome we receive from, DPS personnel: Sgt. Holmes, Lt. Derek, Sgt. Bobby Ripps, Marion Stahl, Lee (legal) and others that have been at the re-certification classes. Ms. Linda’s help has been above and beyond her duty. She has pulled in countless hours of hard work every week for months now. When new merchandise comes in she fluffs and folds them all. She counts and recounts all inventory. She has boxed, loaded up, unloaded and set up on tables of merchandise and applications. Enthusiastically she has chirped ‘will you join our organization today’ to hundreds of passersby. Can somebody offer her an “ooh-rah, hurrah, or an atta-girl?”

## **Gun Law Update — by Alan Korwin**

### **Gun-Free-Zone Liability Act Re-Introduced**

In the wake of recent public shootings, at least one state will again introduce the bill that says if you create a so-called “gun-free zone” you are liable for any harm it causes. <http://www.gunlaws.com/GFZ/GFZ-BillReview.htm>.

The Gun-Free-Zone Liability Act of 2008 doesn't prevent public places from posting signs that ban the civil right to keep and bear arms. The zones however are known to be dangerous, as recent shootings at Virginia Tech and an Omaha shopping mall have demonstrated. The proposed law only addresses the negligent nature of such zones, making those responsible for disarming innocent bystanders liable for damages. It has no direct cost to government.

According to leading experts, “gun-free zones” are fraudulent, because no alternate means of security is provided, and even FBI-certified firearms owners cannot enter. This leaves only the criminal element armed, and free to wreak havoc without a meaningful deterrent.

Concealed-weapon laws enacted in most states were designed to counteract random shootings, but are defeated by the recklessly created zones that are anything but gun free.

As if to demonstrate the bill's value, a private citizen with a CCW permit in Colorado shot and killed a madman intent on wiping out a congregation at church. The news media, behaving in a now-familiar manner, played down the incident, referring to the woman as a security guard. <http://instapundit.com/archives2/012740.php>

The Associated Press headline, “Megachurches expand use of security forces,” essentially hid what actually happened. The Uninvited Ombudsman, in a report due shortly, suggests a more descriptive headline of “CCW -Permit Holder Kills Murderer, Saves Lives.”

The bill language and background was mentioned and linked yesterday by Glenn Reynolds at Instapundit, and has increased interest in the bill, set to be introduced in Arizona in January. It was last introduced in Arizona in 2003, and Georgia also introduced a version of the personal-safety legislation.

You are encouraged to copy the model language at [gunlaws.com](http://www.gunlaws.com) and ask members of your state legislature to introduce this common-sense, life-saving bill. <http://www.gunlaws.com/GFZ/index.htm>

*Alan Korwin is the author of [Gun Laws of America](#).*

## **Election News**

The upcoming 11th annual TCHA Members' Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2008 will be election time for the Board of Directors. We currently have terms expiring for George “Bulldog” Pena, Judd Earley and Kathy Pena.

Anyone wishing to run for the Board should e-mail their intent with a short bio of themselves to [exqqme1@yahoo.com](mailto:exqqme1@yahoo.com)

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**GUN RAFFLE INFO...**

The Texas Concealed Handgun Association Board of Directors has approved a handgun raffle for members of the Association in conjunction with the 11th Annual TCHA Seminars/Banquet/Members' Meeting to be held in Kerrville, February 23-24, 2008.

The raffle begins with this edition of "The Concealed Handgun" newsletter and concludes with the drawing at the Association Banquet on February 24, 2008. Tickets will be sold through this newsletter, as well as at the conference. The tickets below are \$10/ea. for a chance for a Springfield Armory XD, (stands for extreme duty) HS2000. This gun is a sub-compact, 3" barrel. in 9mm with two magazines, one is 10 rounds and the other is 16 rounds. Comes with a holster, a double magazine pouch, and a magazine loader.

The handgun raffle will be conducted under the following rules and guidelines:  
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The TCHA Board of Directors will act as judges and all decisions of the Board are final. GOOD LUCK!

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## HISTORY LESSON - Merle Niemiec

A man whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude toward fanaticism.

"Very few people were true Nazis" he said, "but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories."

We are told again and again by "experts" and "talking heads" that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace.

Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the specter of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam. The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history.

It is the fanatics who march. It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave.

It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honor kill.

It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque.

It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals.

The hard quantifiable fact is that the "peaceful majority" the "silent majority" is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia comprised Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China's huge population, it was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

The average Japanese individual prior to World War 2 was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel and bayonet. And, who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were "peace loving"?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points:

Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence.

Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany, they will awake one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

As for us who watch it all unfold; we must pay attention to the only group that counts; the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

Lastly, at the risk of offending, anyone who doubts that the issue is serious and just destroys this letter without sending it on, can contribute to the passiveness that allows the problems to expand.

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