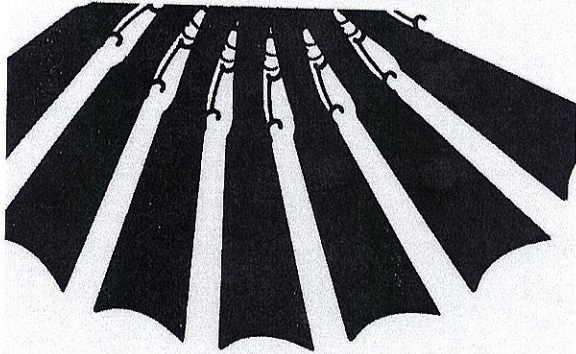


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

It has been some time since I last had the privilege of writing a President's letter and I look forward to doing this again. As I write this, we are in the throes of not only the heat of mid-summer but also the worst medical crises that many of us can remember. My sincere hope is that this finds each of you, and your families, in good health and taking proper precautions to remain healthy. It is also my misfortune to tell you that, due to the pandemic, we have cancelled the Newark show. The church has cancelled all events until further notice due to the mandates the virus has caused to be in place. I, and others, feel that everyone's health is more important than a show which can be re-scheduled. In that vein, however, an alternate site has been located at the Ashland county fairgrounds and if there is a significant change in the current circumstances, we will re-schedule the show for October 24. Please keep an eye on our website for further updates on this. By the time you read this our picnic/shoot will have come and gone. We decided to hold this due to it being a smaller more controllable group as well as being outdoors. We will have particulars on the website.

Turning to another matter, all or most of you received my letter some time ago regarding several issues, primary among them the issue of Marietta and whether or not to stay with a Saturday & Sunday show with Friday set up or go to a Friday Saturday show. The other issue was that of beginning a buy, sell, trade show. I feel that if we are to survive and begin to grow our show attendance we need to become more than an exhibit and join the rest of the show's around the country and create a reason for the public to beat a path to our door. It is not as the original members

intended but it is no longer 1973. This would require a commitment on everyone's part. The second issue is the days of the show. We represent a very limited part of the firearms community and need to cater to as much of that community as possible. I feel that although many of us are retired, many are not and time is at a premium. Consequently, I feel we are encroaching on that time by being open on Friday. We are also putting the same thing in front of them every year. We could increase our attendance by properly advertising a buy, trade, sell show /exhibit and welcome in the contemporary builders, without jeopardizing the integrity of the Association.

No decisions have been made or assumed and I would like to get your opinions to place before the board. It is your association and these are important decisions that you should have a say in. Please contact me with your thoughts.

I want to thank the board and past president Tom Oakes for the efforts they put into running the AOLRC for the past few years and look forward to their continued efforts as well as those of Bill Reynolds who has joined the board. I also want to thank Allen Corbett who has left the board but is continuing to man the website. If you have any thoughts regarding programming, fund raising or any other aspect of moving the association forward do not hesitate to contact myself or any board member.

As always, if you have any questions please let me know. I may not have an answer but I enjoy receiving cards, letters and emails.

*With Best regards, Mark*  
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